

EDUCATION

- Columbia University* 1998-2003
Ph. D., Religion, specialization in American Religious History
Dissertation: *A Border Made of Righteousness: Protestant Missionaries, Asian Immigration, and Ideologies of Race, 1850-1924*
Advisor: Randall Balmer, Ph. D.
Nominated for Bancroft Prize, Best Dissertation in American History, 2003-2004
- Boston University* 1994-1997
M.A., Religion and Modern Culture
Department of Religious and Theological Studies
Thesis: *What if it Were Today? An Investigation of Premillennial Dispensationalism*
- University at Albany, State University of New York* 1992-1994
B.A., Religious Studies
Senior Thesis: *Survey of Feminist Spirituality in America*
- Wells College, Aurora, New York* 1990-1992

PUBLICATIONS

- "Immigration and Asian American Religions," *Encyclopedia of Asian American Religious Cultures* (ABC-CLIO, 2015).
- "Religion and Immigration, 1924-1965," *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, 2010.
- Protestant Missionaries, Asian Immigrants, and Ideologies of Race in America, 1850-1924*. (Routledge Press, 2007).
- "From Alleged Buddhists to Unreasonable Hindus: Assessing First Amendment Jurisprudence in the Post-1965 Period." Co-Authored with Courtney Bender. In *A Nation of Religions: The Politics of Pluralism in a Multireligious America*, (University of North Carolina Press, 2006).
- "'The Civilization of White Men': The Race of the Hindu in United States vs. Bhagat Singh Thind." In *Race, Religion and Identity Formation in the Americas*, ed. Henry Goldschmidt and Elizabeth McAlister (Oxford University Press, 2004).
- "War without end," review of *Women of the Afghan War* by Deborah Ellis, *The Women's Review of Books*, January 2001, pg. 1.

"On Learned Ignorance: Science and Unknowability in the Religious Enterprise."
Journal of Faith and Science Exchange 1:1997, 99-102.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"The Personal Becomes Professional: The Transformation of the Christian Home in the Global Ecumenical Project," presented at American Society for Church History, Berkeley, April 2017.

"'Making One Flesh': Walter Trobisch, the Lutheran World Federation, and Missionary Theologies of Sexuality in Africa," presented at American Academy of Religion, Montreal, November 2009.

"Food, Faith, and Farming: Faithful Choices for Our Bodies, Our Neighbors, and Our Planet," Eighth Day Project Ecumenical Gathering, April 26, 2008.

"Sacramentalism and Civic Religion," response to Robert Orsi, presented at Conference on Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, May 5, 2005.

"The Evolution of the Japanese: Scientific Racism and Missionary Responses to Japanese Immigration, 1900-1924," presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 22-26, 2003.

"Caste, Conversion, and Citizenship: Missionary Discourse and Comparative Religion in U.S. vs. Bhagat Singh Thind," presented at the New England American Studies Association Regional Meeting, Hartford, Connecticut, April 25-27, 2003.

"Christianizing American Immigration: Missionaries and the Chinese Exclusion Act," presented at the Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 5-9, 2003.

"The Many Enemies of Jehovah's Kingdom: The Jehovah's Witnesses as an Example of Millenarian Paranoia," presented at "The Apocalyptic *Other*: Millennial Views of Unbelievers among Christians, Jews, and Muslims," Boston, November 2-4, 1997.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Conant Grant, 2016, to visit WCC and LWF archives in Geneva, Switzerland.

National Council of Churches Young Adult Eco-Justice Fellow, 2007.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, 2003-2004.

Mary Kelley Prize for Best Paper by a Non-Tenure-Track Scholar, New England American Studies Association, April 2003.

Columbia University Faculty Fellowship, 1998-2002.

Sikh Foundation Grant. To attend conference on the Sikh Diaspora. April, 2001.

Summer Research Grant, Columbia University Religion Department. To research late nineteenth-century naturalization and immigration archives in Albany, New York. May-Sept, 2000.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mission: Christianity. CDSP, Spring 2017.

Foundations in Ministry, required course for all incoming MDiv students, intensive and residential formats. CDSP, summer and fall terms annually.

Organizing for Public Ministry, CDSP, Winter 2016.

Practicing Christian: Theology and Practice of Formation with Youth, CALL online course, Fall 2014.

Four-workshop series on community organizing and evangelism, Western Christian Educators Conference, October 2012.

Christ and Community Transformation, intensive course designed for pastors on community organizing; taught as independent study, McCormick Theological Seminary, 2009

Short Term Mission in the 21st Century, Evangelical Lutheran Church Global Mission Gatherings, 2009-2010

The Eighth Day Project: Faith and Environmental Justice, taught in ecumenical small groups throughout Los Angeles (2007-2008)

Research seminars (graduate and undergraduate), 2003-2004.

Introduction to Islam, Fall 1999 and Spring 2001, assistant.

Religion in American Culture, Fall 2000.

Theory and Method in Religious Studies, Spring 2000, assistant.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Missiology and the creation of the global Christian community; historic and modern ecclesiology; sexuality, marriage, and church discipline.

EMPLOYMENT

Director of Extended Learning and Assistant Professor in Practical Theology, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2015-present.

Associate for Discipleship Ministries, Episcopal Diocese of California, San Francisco, 2011-2015.

Consultant: Glocal Mission Gatherings, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Chicago, 2008-2014.

Deputy Director, Progressive Christians Uniting, Los Angeles, 2006-2008.

VOLUNTEER LAY MINISTRY

Province VIII Executive committee, 2015-present.

Province VIII Network Coordinator for Lifelong Formation, 2014-2015.

Province VIII Network Coordinator for Youth Ministries, 2012-2014.

Co-host, Way of Grace ecumenical faith community, 2012- present.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Sustainability Task Force, 2009-2010.

Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, Task Force on New Monasticism, 2009-2010.

Episcopal Ecological Network Leadership Team, 2007-2011.

Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, Program on Ministry in Higher Education, Leadership Team, 2008.

College Student/Young Adult Ministry Leader, All Saints Pasadena, 2004-2006.

Memberships

American Academy of Religion

American Society for Church History