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## 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

- "'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.
- 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**

*Foundations for Ministry*, CDSP, Summer Intensive 2016.

*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 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Evangelical Lutheran Church Glocal 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 Network Coordinator for Lifelong Formation, 2014-present.

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