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EDUCATION

Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion, Ph.D., American Religious History, 2007

Dissertation: "Missionary Images in America, 1945-2000" Advisor: Dr. Grant Wacker

Duke Divinity School, Master of Theological Studies (Summa Cum Laude), 2002

Thesis: "Protestant, Reformer, Heretic: Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Constructive Use of Christianity, 1880-1902"

Seattle Pacific University, Bachelor of Arts in History (Summa Cum Laude), 1999

Thesis: "Free Methodist Mission in South Africa, 1891-1960: Social Conformity or Prophetic Challenge?"

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

History of Religion in the United States

Protestant Christianity; Evangelicalism; Gender; Christian Missions

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Gustavus Adolphus College

Associate Professor of Religion (2013-Present)

Assistant Professor of Religion (2007-2013)

Courses Taught: Religion in America; World Religions in America; Insiders and Outsiders in American Religion; The Missionary Impulse in America; Religion in 21st Century Minnesota; Losing My Religion: Unbelief in America; Religious Lives; Christian Theologies; Evil, Sin, and Suffering.

Duke University, Divinity School

Visiting Instructor (Fall 2006)

Courses Taught: American Christianity, co-taught with Dr. Grant Wacker

Teaching Assistant (Fall 2003-Spring 2005)

Courses: American Christianity; Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.; Christian Ethics; Early and Medieval Christianity

Research Assistant For Dr. Richard Heitzenrater, 2002-2003 and 2005-2006

Editing letters of Charles Wesley for publication.

Duke University, Department of Religion
Visiting Instructor (Spring 2007)
Protestant Christianity and Social Conflict

Seattle Pacific University, School of Theology
Visiting Instructor (Summer of 2002, 2003, and 2005)
Course Taught: Introduction to Christian Theology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

“Preaching in Christ Chapel on Yom HaShoah: Reflections on Interfaith Relations at a Lutheran College,” *Intersections*, Spring 2021, 13-16.

“Religious—A Historiographical Survey,” in *The Routledge History of the 20th Century United States*, eds. Darren Dochuk and Jerald Podair. Routledge, 2018.

“American Missionaries and Race” in *The Oxford Handbook to Religion and Race in American History*, eds. Kathryn Gin Lum and Paul Harvey. Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Evangelism, Mission, and Crusade in American Religion,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. John Corrigan. Oxford University Press, 2017.
DOI:10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.438 (Print Copy, 2018).

“Missionaries” in *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, ed. John Stone et. al. Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.

“The Lutheran Vocation in America: Past, Present, and Future,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 42 (2015): 265-272.

Review of *The Christian Century and the Rise of the Protestant Mainline* by Elesha J. Coffman. *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 112 (2014): 312-314.

Review of *Missionary Positions: Evangelicalism and Empire in American Fiction* by Albert H. Tricomi. *Religion & Literature* 45 (2013): 261-263.

The Gospel of Freedom and Power: Protestant Missionaries in American Culture After World War II. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2012.

"Packaging" in *Living Witness: Explorations in Missional Ethics*, ed. Andy Draycott and Jonathan Rowe, 137-155. London: InterVarsity Press UK, 2012.

“Gender” in *The Blackwell Companion to American Religion*, ed. Philip Goff, 147-162. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2010. (Published as Sarah E. Johnson)

The Cambridge Companion to Christianity. Daniel Patte, General Editor. Cambridge:

Cambridge University Press, 2010. Entries on Ann Lee, Aimee Semple McPherson, Phoebe Palmer, and Rebecca Cox Jackson. (Published as Sarah E. Johnson)

Review of *The Fortress Introduction to the History of Christianity in the United States* by Nancy Koester. *Word & World* 29 (2009): 94, 96, 98. (Published as Sarah E. Johnson)

Review of *Citizen: Jane Addams and the Struggle for Democracy* by Louise W. Knight. *Christian Century*, 2 May 2006, 40-41. (Published as Sarah E. Johnson)

Review of *North American Foreign Missions, 1810-1914: Theology, Theory, and Policy* edited by Wilbert R. Shenk. *Church History* 74 (2005): 396-398 (Published as Sarah E. Johnson)

“The Man Behind the Missions.” Review of *Occupy Until I Come: A.T. Pierson and the Evangelization of the World* by Dana L. Robert *Christian History and Biography On-Line* (Posted June 10, 2005) (Published as Sarah E. Johnson)

“Free Methodist Mission in South Africa, 1891-1960: Social Conformity or Prophetic Challenge?” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 35 (2000): 194-229. (Published as Sarah E. Johnson)

PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECT

“A History of Race and Christianity in the United States,” Video-based adult Sunday School curriculum (Expected completion Spring 2020)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Response to Panel on “Race and the Other in American Mission History,” American Society of Church History, Winter 2019

Moderator on Panel on “Teaching American Religion in the Age of Trump,” American Society of Church History, Winter 2018

“Using Peer Mentors for Advising in the First Term Seminar,” National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition, Winter 2017. Co presented with Kate Knutson

Response to Panel on “Evangelicals,” American Society of Church History, Spring 2015

“Packed with Joyous People: *Christianity Today*, American Foreign Policy, and Christians Abroad,” American Society of Church History, Winter 2014

Response to Panel on "Conflict and Compromise: Reappraising the History of Gender in Southern Baptist Battles," American Society of Church History, Winter 2012.

"Packaging," Missional Ethics Conference, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University
2011

Response to Panel on "Making Evangelical Men" American Society of Church History
Spring, 2011

"Protestant Missionaries and American Power, 1945-2000." Saving the World? Institute
for the Study of American Evangelicalism Conference on Missions, Spring 2011
(Invited Presentation)

"Stygian Darkness No More: American Missionaries' Post-War
Portrayals of Christians Abroad," American Society of Church History, 2010

"Goals Realized and Lessons Learned," American Society of Church History, 2010

Response to Panel on "Missions in America and American Missions: Episodes in the
American Experience of Missions and Empire," American Society of Church
History, Spring 2009.

"The Three Gifts of Richard Heitzenrater," American Society of Church History, Winter
2008

"Is the Good Missionary Bad for Missions?: Missionary Representations in Popular
Novels," Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion,
Spring 2006

"Cruelly Bound...Or Free Enough?": Competing Images of the Church in China, 1990
2000," American Society of Church History, Winter 2005

"Mothers of the World Unite!: Frances Willard's Rhetorical Use of Gender," American
Society of Church History, Winter 2004

"Free Methodist Mission in South Africa: Social Conformity or Prophetic Challenge?"
Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting, Spring 2002

GRANTS

"Strengthening Interfaith Understanding at a Lutheran College: Assessing and Learning
From an Innovative Approach to Teaching Judaism," Wabash Center, 2017.
Collaborated with Marcia Bunge and Marian Broida.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Higher Learning Commission, Peer Reviewer (2018-present)

Guest Lecturer, L.I.F.E. Program, Rochester, MN (2009-present)

American Society of Church History Membership Committee (2015-2018)

American Society of Church History Spring 2015 Program Committee.

American Society of Church History Winter 2010 Program Committee.

Manuscript Reviewer for Oxford University Press and Alabama University Press.

SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

Gustavus Adolphus College
Faculty Research and Development Grant (2010)

Gustavus Adolphus College
Curriculum Initiative Grant (2008)

Duke University, Graduate School
Award for Summer Research (2006)
James B. Duke Fellowship (2002)

SERVICE

Grade Appeal Board (2018-present)
Faculty Director of Assessment (2017-present)
Religion Department Chair (2015-2018)
Curriculum Committee (2015-2017; Co-Chair 2016-2017; *Ex officio* 2017-present)
Mentor to New Faculty Member (2015-2016; 2019-2020)
Religion Department Program Assessment Liaison (2011-present)
Program Assessment and Development Committee/CASL (2011-13; Chair 2014-2015)
Board of Trustees Student Life Committee (2010)
Mentoring for Student Success Faculty Mentor (2008-2012)
Faculty Committee on Student Life (2008-2011; Chair 2010-2011)
Mayday! Committee (2008-2011)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
American Society of Church History (ASCH)