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## Positions Held

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2023– present	<b>Associate Professor of Religious Studies</b> <i>Core Faculty, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies</i> <i>Member of the Graduate Group, Comparative Literature</i>	University of Pennsylvania
2017–2023	<b>Assistant Professor of Religious Studies</b>	University of Pennsylvania
2014–2017	<b>Departmental Lecturer in Science and Religion</b>	University of Oxford
2014–2017	<b>Organizing Tutor in Theology and Religion</b>	Trinity College, Oxford
2012–2014	<b>Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow</b> <i>Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religion</i>	Haverford College

## Education

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2012	<b>Ph.D., Religion</b> Committee: John D. Caputo, M. Gail Hamner, Patricia Cox Miller, Joanne Punzo Waghorne, R. Gustav Niebuhr.	Syracuse University
2007	<b>M.Phil., Religion</b>	Syracuse University
2005	<b>M.A., Religion</b>	Syracuse University
2003	<b>B.A., Religion, Literature, and the Arts</b>	University of British Columbia

## Research Areas

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Theory and philosophy of embodied religion, religion and emotion, material culture, science, and secularisms.

## Books

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2022	<b><i>Wild Experiment: Feeling Science and Secularism after Darwin.</i></b> Winner of the 2023 Ludwik Fleck prize from the Society for Social Studies of Science. Winner of the 2023 International Society for Science and Religion book prize.	Duke University Press. 328 pp. ISBN 978-1-4780-1825-4.
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2019	<p>Reviewed in <i>American Religion; Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture; Material Religion; Politics, Religion, and Ideology; Reading Religion</i>. Conference/workshop symposia at 4S, American Academy of Religion, Drew University, Foundation for Creative Social Research/Rishikesh Dialogue on Consciousness (Jawaharlal Nehru University). Podcasts on <i>New Books Network, Recovering Truth Project</i> (Arizona State University).</p> <p><b><i>The Evolution of Affect Theory: The Humanities, the Sciences, and the Study of Power.</i></b> Commissioned for the Cambridge Elements (short monographs) series “Histories of Emotions and the Senses.”</p>	<p>Cambridge University Press. 75 pp. ISBN 9781108765343.</p>
2015	<p><b><i>Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power.</i></b> Reprint 2016. Reviewed in <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion; Cultural Studies; Times Literary Supplement; The Atlantic; Material Religion; Marginalia Review of Books; Reading Religion; Journal of the British Association for the Study of Religion; Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory; Critical Research on Religion; Journal of Religion and Popular Culture; Humanimalia; Religious Studies Review; Relations; Animal Studies Journal; ESSSAT News and Reviews; Affectsphere</i>. Review symposia in <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> (2018) and <i>Syndicate</i> (2018). Conference symposia at American Academy of Religion (2016) and Society for Biblical Literature (2018) annual meetings.</p>	<p>Duke University Press. 304 + xi pp. ISBN 0822359901.</p>

### Journal Articles

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2024	<p><b>The Things of Order: Foucault’s <i>Dispositif</i>, Affect, Material Culture.</b></p>	<p><i>Cultural Critique</i>. Peer reviewed. <i>Forthcoming</i>.</p>
2023	<p><b>Feeling Material Culture: Affect, Power, Sensation.</b></p>	<p><i>Material Religion</i>. 19.1: 82–84. (Invited contribution to “In Conversation” section.) DOI: 10.1080/17432200.2023.2170110</p>
2022	<p><b>Visions of Contempt: Emotion and the Visual Culture of the Scopes Trial.</b></p> <p><b>Rationalist Nostalgia: A Critical Response to Ruth Leys’ <i>The Ascent of Affect</i>.</b></p> <p><b>The Territories of Thinking and Feeling: Rethinking Religion, Science, and Reason with Alister McGrath.</b></p>	<p><i>Material Religion</i>. 18.2: 250–276. DOI: 10.1080/17432200.2022.2048604 <i>Peer reviewed</i>.</p> <p><i>Capacious</i>. 2.4: 115–135. DOI: 10.22387/CAP2022.58 <i>Peer reviewed</i>.</p> <p><i>Zygon</i>. 57.1: 200–222. DOI 10.1111/zygo.12766 (Invited contribution to forum on the work of Alister McGrath.)</p>
2021	<p><b>Darwin’s Orchids: Evolution, Natural Law, and the Diversity of Desire.</b></p>	<p><i>GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies</i>. 27.4: 525–550. DOI 10.1215/10642684-9316824. <i>Peer reviewed</i>.</p>

2020	<b>Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Rhetoric of Donald Trump.</b>	<i>Journal of Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies</i> . 17.1: 1–18. DOI 10.1080/14791420.2019.1667503. Peer reviewed.
	<b>Talal Asad’s Challenge to Religious Studies.</b>	<i>Religion and Society</i> . 11: 20–23. DOI 10.3167/arrs.2020.110102. (Invited contribution to “Portrait” section on the work of Talal Asad.)
2019	<b>The Secular Twist: Nonreligion in the World Religions Classroom.</b>	<i>Implicit Religion</i> . 22.1: 86–93. (Invited response to symposium on podcast with <i>The Religious Studies Project</i> “Is Secularism a World Religion?”)
	<b>Mere Science: Mapping the Land Bridge between Emotion, Politics, and Ethics.</b>	<i>Zygon</i> . 54.2: 382–6. (Invited contribution to symposium on Lisa Sideris’ <i>Consecrating Science</i> .)
	<b>An Extension of Saturday Night: Affect and Downfall at Mars Hill.</b>	<i>Religious Studies Review</i> . 45.3: 287–89. (Invited contribution to symposium on Jessica Johnson’s <i>Biblical Porn</i> .)
2018	<b>Precopulatory Sexual Cannibalism and Other Accidents: Evolution, Material Trans Theory, and Natural Law.</b>	<i>Studies in Gender and Sexuality</i> . 19.1: 28–35. DOI 10.1080/15240657.2018.1419685.
2017	<b>You Don’t Know What Pain Is: Affect, the Lifeworld, and Animal Ethics.</b>	<i>Studies in Christian Ethics</i> 30.1: 15–29.
	<b>Animal Politics: Species, Evolution, and Religious Affects.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 46.3–4: 40–45. (Invited response to symposium on <i>Religious Affects</i> .)
2016	<b>Heavenbeast: A New Materialist Approach to <i>Ulysses</i>.</b>	<i>Angelaki</i> 21.2: 119–137. Peer reviewed.
	<b>The Fault in Us: Ethics, Infinity, and Celestial Bodies.</b>	<i>Zygon</i> 51.3: 783–796.
2014	<b>Blessed, Precious Mistakes: Evolution, Deconstruction, and New Atheism in America.</b>	<i>International Journal for Philosophy of Religion</i> 76: 75–94. Peer reviewed.
	<b>Embodied Disbelief: Poststructural Feminist Atheism.</b>	<i>Hypatia</i> 29.2: 371–387. Peer reviewed.
	<b>Our Peculiar Institution: <i>12 Years a Slave</i>, American Protestantism, and the Erotics of Racism.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 43.1: 34–36.
2013	<b>The Promise of Affect.</b>	<i>Theory &amp; Event</i> 16.2.
2012	<b>Do Animals Have Religion? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on</b>	<i>Anthrozoös</i> 25.S1 (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supplemental Issue): S173–S189. Peer

## Book Chapters

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| <b>2023</b> | <b>Myth: Science and Religion Naturally Conflict.</b>                             | In: <i>Stereotyping Religion: Critiquing Clichés, Vol. 2</i> . Martin, Craig and Brad Stoddard, eds. Bloomsbury. ISBN 978-1350263598. pp. 83–94. <i>Invited chapter.</i>                                                                                                              |
|             | <b>Emotion.</b>                                                                   | In: <i>Animals and Religion</i> . Aftandilian, David, Barbara Ambros, and Aaron Gross, eds. Routledge. <i>Invited chapter. Forthcoming.</i>                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>2022</b> | <b>Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Rhetoric of Donald Trump.</b> | In: <i>Religion, Protest, and Social Upheaval</i> . Guth, Karen, Matthew Eggemeier, and Peter Fritz, eds. Fordham University Press. ISBN 978-0823299751. pp. 93–111. <i>Invited chapter, reprint of journal article of same title, peer-reviewed.</i>                                 |
| <b>2019</b> | <b>The Secular Experiment: Science, Feeling, and Atheist Apocalypticism.</b>      | In: <i>Affect and Emotion in Multi-Religious Secular Societies</i> . von Scheve, Christian, Anna Lea Berg, Meike Haken, and Nur Yasemin Ural, eds. Routledge. ISBN 9780815354345. pp. 211–227. <i>Invited chapter, reprinting material from chapter “The Wild Experiment,” below.</i> |
|             | <b>The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.</b>                     | In: <i>Religion, Emotion, Sensation: Affect Theories and Theologies</i> . Bray, Karen, and Stephen D. Moore, eds. Fordham University Press. ISBN 9780815354345. pp. 19–37. <i>Invited chapter, peer reviewed, reprinting material from Evolution of Affect Theory, above.</i>         |
| <b>2018</b> | <b>Beautiful Facts: Religion, Secularism, and Affect.</b>                         | In: <i>Feeling Religion</i> . Corrigan, John, ed. Duke University Press. ISBN 0822370379. pp. 69–92. <i>Invited chapter, double-blind peer reviewed.</i>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>2017</b> | <b>The Science of Life.</b>                                                       | In: <i>The Oxford Handbook of Nineteenth-Century Christian Thought</i> . Rasmussen, Joel, Judith Wolfe, & Johannes Zachhuber, eds. Oxford University Press. ISBN 0198718403. pp. 89–107. <i>Invited chapter.</i>                                                                      |
|             | <b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion,</b>                                              | In: <i>Are there Limits to Science?</i> Straine,                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Reason, and the Limits of Science.

Gillian, ed. Cambridge Scholars Press. ISBN 1443895814. pp. 61–79. *Invited chapter.*

### Invited Talks and Lectures

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2024	<b>Longing to Believe: Feeling, Thinking, and Secularity.</b>	West Chester University. <i>Invited lecturer. Forthcoming.</i>
2023	<b>Hard Feelings: Power, Secularity, and Public Material Culture.</b>	McLester Lecture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. <i>Invited lecturer.</i>
	<b>Forging Feeling: The Downfall of the Confederate Monument.</b>	University of Richmond. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
	<b>Longing to Believe: Feeling, Thinking, and Secularity.</b>	“Religion and Emotions” workshop, Humboldt University, Berlin. <i>Invited participant.</i>
	<b>Feeling Is Believing: Conspiracy Theory, Apocalypticism, and Affect.</b>	Louisiana State University. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
	<b>Feeling Is Believing: Conspiracy Theory, Apocalypticism, and Affect.</b>	Kahn Lecture, Franklin and Marshall College. <i>Invited lecturer.</i>
	<b>Hard Feelings: Power, Secularity, and Public Material Culture.</b>	“Material Secularities” workshop. University of Leipzig. <i>Invited workshop participant.</i>
	<b>Longing to Believe: Feeling, Thinking, and Secularity.</b>	“Affectivity, Religion, and Theology” digital workshop. University of Basel, Switzerland. <i>Invited keynote speaker.</i>
	<b>Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.</b>	Discussing Atheism and the Study of Atheism for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century workshop, Georgetown. <i>Invited participant.</i>
2022	<b>God or Nature? Investigating the Evolutionary Origins of Humanity.</b>	Veritas Forum, UPenn. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
	<b>CharismaTech: The Charisma Playlist.</b>	The Vinyl Church gallery, Lancaster, PA. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
	<b>How Reason Gets Racialized: Affect and Queer of Color Theory.</b>	“Aesthetics and Affects of Power in the Context of Religion” workshop, University of Erfurt, Erfurt. <i>Invited keynote speaker, presented digitally.</i>
	<b>Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, and the Secular.</b>	Princeton University. <i>Invited speaker.</i>

2021

**Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.**

Drew University. Theology & Philosophical Study of Religion group. *Invited speaker.*

**A Book Discussion on *Wild Experiment: Feeling Science and Secularism after Darwin.***

Rishikesh Dialogue on Consciousness, Foundation for Creative Social Research. *Invited workshop participant and respondent, presented digitally.*

**Voracious Secularism: Knowledge, Violence, and Desire.**

University of California, Irvine. Knowing Life: The Ethics of Multi-Species Epistemologies. *Invited speaker.*

**Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.**

Columbia Affect Studies Seminar. *Invited seminar speaker, presented digitally.*

**Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.**

“Thinking of the Body—The Body as Unthinkable” workshop, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum. *Invited workshop participant.*

**Longing to Critique: Thinking, Feeling and Secular Disenchantment.**

Creative Theory Association, “Future of Thinking: Crisis and Possibilities” colloquium, Jawaharlal Nehru University. *Invited speaker, presented digitally.*

**Feeling Is Believing.**

60-Second Lecture series, Penn. *Invited public lecture.*

**Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.**

Department of History and Sociology of Science Workshop, University of Pennsylvania. *Invited speaker.*

**Feeling Is Believing.**

Penn homecoming weekend. *Invited public lecture.*

**Feeling Is Believing.**

Penn Perspectives series. *Invited lecture delivered to graduating seniors at Penn.*

**Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.**

Universität Leipzig. *Invited lecture, presented digitally.*

**Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.**

University of Oxford, “God, Science, and the Rise of No Religion: Towards New Principles of Constructive Engagement” workshop. *Invited participant, presented digitally.*

**Religious Animal Bodies: Notes on an Affect Theory of Religion.**

Union Theological Seminary. *Invited public lecture, presented digitally.*

**Response to Teya Brooks Pribac’s *Enter the Animal.***

Counterpoints Navigating Knowledge Series. *Invited respondent, presented digitally.*

<b>2020</b>	<b>Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.</b>	University of North Carolina–Charlotte, Sensory Cultures of Religion, Fourth Annual Graduate Conference. <i>Keynote address, presented digitally.</i>
<b>2019</b>	<b>From Creationism to Climate Change Denial: An Affective Approach to Science Skepticism.</b>	Australian Catholic University. <i>Public lecture.</i>
	<b>Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.</b>	Macquarie University, Faithful Bodies: Affect Theory and Religion symposium. <i>Keynote address.</i>
	<b>Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.</b>	Australian National University, Sacred Histories symposium. <i>Keynote address.</i>
	<b>Longing to Believe: Affect, Conspiracy Theory, and Race.</b>	Australian Catholic University, Affect, Politics, and Knowledge workshop. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
	<b>Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Alt-Right in the Age of Trump.</b>	University of Toronto, Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	<b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b>	Georgetown University, Religion, Politics, and Culture Workshop. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	<b>Affects and Publics.</b>	Lehigh University, “Religion and Its Many American Publics.” <i>Invited symposium participant.</i>
	<b>Parochial Enchantment: The Affects and Ethics of <i>Vibrant Matter</i>.</b>	Union Theological Seminary, Insight Project Colloquium. <i>Invited symposium participant.</i>
	<b>The Sentiments of Rationality: Feeling, Science, and Secularism after Darwin.</b>	University of Oxford, Faculty of Theology and Religion. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	<b>The Sentiments of Rationality: Feeling, Science, and Secularism after Darwin.</b>	University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	<b>Desire, Power, and Digital Media.</b>	Penn, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, South x Southeast Conference. <i>Invited respondent.</i>
	<b>The Materiality of Choice.</b>	Penn, Wolf Humanities Seminar on “Stuff.” <i>Invited respondent to Sophia Rosenfeld.</i>
	<b>Affect and Objects.</b>	Penn, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Sites of Passage: Domestic Materials in Jewish Contexts. <i>Invited respondent.</i>

<b>2018</b>	<p><b>Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Alt-Right in the Age of Trump.</b></p> <p><b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.</b></p> <p><b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b></p> <p><b>Darwin's Orchids: Queerness, Natural Law, and the Diversity of Desire.</b></p> <p><b>Discussant for Cassie Adcock's "The Heads or Tails of Cow Protection in India: Religious Freedom or Secular Agriculture?"</b></p>	<p>Lancaster, PA, "Capacious: Affect Inquiry/Making Space." <i>Plenary speaker.</i></p> <p>University of Dayton, "Once More with Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers" conference. <i>Invited speaker.</i></p> <p>Bucknell University. <i>Invited lecture.</i></p> <p>Albright College. <i>Invited lecture.</i></p> <p>Penn, Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism faculty workshop series. <i>Invited discussant.</i></p>
<b>2017</b>	<p><b>Darwin, Queerly: Teleology, Nature, and the Diversity of Desire.</b></p> <p><b>You Don't Know What Pain Is: Emotion, the Lifeworld, and Animal Ethics.</b></p> <p><b>Animal Religion: Evolution, Embodiment, and Affect.</b></p> <p><b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b></p> <p><b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b></p> <p><b>Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the World Trump Built.</b></p> <p><b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.</b></p> <p><b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.</b></p> <p><b>Animality, Evolution, and Theory in</b></p>	<p>New York University, "Queer Humanimalities" colloquium. <i>Keynote speaker.</i></p> <p>Le Moyne College, "The Future of Being Human" series. <i>Invited lecture.</i></p> <p>Yale-National University of Singapore, "Explaining Religion: Anthropology, Social Cognition, and Phenomenology" colloquium. <i>Plenary speaker.</i></p> <p>Queen's University, "Unraveling Religion 4: Bodies and Objects" conference. <i>Keynote speaker.</i></p> <p>University of Manchester, Theory and Method in the Study of Religion Seminar Series. <i>Invited lecture.</i></p> <p>College of the Holy Cross, "Religion, Protest, and Social Upheaval" conference. <i>Plenary speaker.</i></p> <p>Swarthmore College, Haverford College, and Bryn Mawr College, TriCo Religion Senior Colloquium. <i>Daylong visiting scholar event.</i></p> <p>Eastern University, Templeton Honors Forum. <i>Invited lecture.</i></p> <p>Philadelphia Seminar in Christian</p>



2016

the Humanities.

**Jewish Perspectives on Religion and Science: A Response.**

**Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.**

**The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.**

**Rethinking Science and Religion.**

**The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.**

**You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.**

**The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Secularism, and the Limits of Science.**

**Secular Affects: Emotional Elements of Religion and Non-Religion.**

**It's Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism.**

**It's Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism.**

**You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.**

**You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.**

**You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.**

**The Animality of Affect: Religion,**

Origins. "Thinking with Ancient Animals" symposium. *Invited speaker.*

Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies. "Jews and the Natural World: Bodies, Animals, and Evolution" symposium. *Invited respondent.*

Freie Universität Berlin. *Invited lecture.*

Freie Universität Berlin, "Governing by Affect" conference. *Plenary speaker.*

North London Collegiate School, "Creation: A Dialogue between Science and Religion Interfaith Conference." *Plenary speaker.*

Drew University Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, "Affectivity and Divinity." Drew University. *Plenary speaker.*

Society for the Study of Christian Ethics annual conference, Cambridge University. *Plenary speaker.*

Science and Religion Forum, Birmingham. *Plenary speaker.*

"Inside Out: Affect(s) in Multi-Religious Secular Societies," Freie Universität Berlin. *Plenary speaker.*

Georgetown University. *Invited lecture.*

Emory University, Oxford College. *Invited lecture.*

Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions and the Harvard Islamic Law Project. *Invited lecture.*

University of Florida. *Invited lecture.*

Wesleyan University. *Invited lecture.*

Sewanee, the University of the South.

	Emotion, and Power.	<i>Invited lecture.</i>
	The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.	Syracuse University. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
2015	Beautiful Facts: Secularism, Religion, and Affects.	Religion and Emotion NEH Working Group, National Humanities Center, Duke University. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
2014	The Order of Affects: Power, Knowledge, and Materiality.	Theory and Things Symposium, Syracuse University. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
2013	Animal Bodies Are Not Digital	Lightning Talks Series, Haverford College. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
	Post-Atheism	Cross-listed Series, Haverford College. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
2012	Political Affect: The American Case.	Religion and Media Workshop, AAR, Chicago, IL. <i>Invited session leader.</i>
2010	Cognitive Science and Religion: A Way In and a Way Out.	Syracuse University Dept. of Religion Biennial Retreat, Cazenovia, NY. <i>Invited speaker.</i>

### Book Reviews

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2023	Review of Jason Bivins's <i>Embattled America: The Rise of Anti-politics and America's Obsession with Religion.</i>	<i>American Religion.</i> Forthcoming.
	Review of Anthony B. Pinn's <i>Interplay of Things: Religion, Art, and Presence Together.</i>	<i>Material Religion.</i> 19.1: 91–3. DOI: 10.1080/17432200.2023.2170105
2022	Review of Alec Ryrie's <i>Unbelievers: An Emotional History of Doubt.</i>	<i>Religion and Its Publics</i> blog. April 21, 2022.
2021	Review of Teya Brooks Pribac's <i>Enter the Animal: Cross-Species Perspectives on Grief and Spirituality.</i>	<i>Animal Studies Journal</i> 10.2: 201–206. DOI: 10.14453/asj.v10i2.9
	Review of Andrew Jewett's <i>Science Under Fire: Challenges to Scientific Authority in Modern America.</i>	<i>Isis.</i> 112.3: 655–656.
2019	Review of David Chidester's <i>Religion: Material Dynamics.</i>	<i>Reading Religion.</i> February 2019.
	American Mania: A Review of Lawrence Grossberg's <i>Under the Cover of Chaos: Trump and the Battle for the American Right.</i>	<i>Cultural Studies.</i> 34.1: 169–71. DOI: 10.1080/09502386.2019.1584904

<b>2017</b>	<b>A Thinking Heart: A Review of John P. Gluck's <i>Voracious Science and Vulnerable Animals</i>.</b>	<i>PsycCRITIQUES</i> . 62.14. (Selected for <i>PsycCRITIQUES</i> "Spotlight" series.)
<b>2016</b>	<b>The Modern Mosaic of Science and Religion.</b>	<i>Marginalia Review of Books</i> . Sept. 2016. (Review essay on Peter Harrison's <i>Territories of Science and Religion</i> .)
	<b>Review of James William Jones's <i>Can Science Explain Religion? The Cognitive Science Debate</i>.</b>	<i>Religious Studies Review</i> . 42.2: 93.
	<b>Review of Christian Smith and Richard P. Cimino's <i>Atheist Awakening: Secular Activism and Community in America</i>.</b>	<i>American Studies</i> . 50.2: E31.
	<b>Review of Aaron S. Gross's <i>The Animal Question in Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications</i>.</b>	<i>Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture</i> . 10.4: 516–518.
<b>2015</b>	<b>How Not to Do What We Always Do: A Review of Hector A. Garcia's <i>Alpha God</i>.</b>	<i>The Revealer</i> . Oct. 2015.
	<b>Review of Linda A. Mercadante's <i>Belief without Borders: Inside the Minds of the Spiritual but Not Religious</i>.</b>	<i>Secularism and Nonreligion</i> . 4.1: Art. 9. DOI 10.5334/snr.bb
<b>2011</b>	<b>On Dictionaryism: The Good News and Maledictions of Religious Literacy.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> . 40.2: 3–8. (Review of Stephen Prothero's <i>God Is Not One</i> .)
<b>2009</b>	<b>The Shape of the Field: Bruce Lincoln's <i>Discourse and the Construction of Society</i>.</b>	<i>Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin</i> . 38.3: 58–60.

### Selected Online Writings

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<b>2023</b>	<b>The City's Salvation: Frank Rizzo and White Christian Nationalism in Philadelphia.</b>	<i>Religion, Race, and Democracy Lab blog, University of Virginia</i> . February 2023.
	<b>Dialogue with Kevin Schilbrack.</b>	<i>Here's an Idea blog, Forthcoming</i> .
<b>2022</b>	<b>Buying into Conspiracy Theories Can Be Exciting – That's What Makes Them Dangerous.</b>	<i>The Conversation</i> . Republished by Salon, Religion News Service, Nieman Lab (Harvard), Neuroscience News, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and more than 50 other platforms. July 2022.

	<b>Hiding in Horror: Feeling and Believing Climate Science.</b>	<i>Counterpoint: Navigating Knowledge blog.</i> July 2022.
	<b>Feeling Science, Thinking Religion.</b>	<i>International Society for Science and Religion blog.</i> August 2022.
	<b>Secular Rationality/Secular Affects.</b>	<i>Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network blog.</i> August 2022.
	<b>Atheists, Social Media, and American Politics.</b>	Interview of Chris Stedman. <i>The Revealer.</i> November 2022.
	<b>Faithless Feeling: Does a Lack of Religion Really “Knock Color out of Life”?</b>	<i>OnlySky Media. Invited contribution.</i> December 2022.
2021	<b>How Do Words Work? A Response to Craig Martin.</b>	<i>The Religious Studies Project.</i> Invited response to Craig Martin’s <i>Discourse and Ideology.</i> December 2021.
2020	<b>Affect.</b>	<i>The Immanent Frame.</i> Invited contribution to “A Universe of Terms.” April 2020.
2019	<b>The Codex of Feeling: Affect Theory and Ancient Texts.</b>	<i>Ancient Jew Review.</i> January 2019.
	<b>The Face of the Sovereign.</b>	<i>Political Theology.</i> February 2019.
	<b>Credulity, or Science as an Intoxication.</b>	<i>The Immanent Frame.</i> Part of the “Modernity’s Resonances” symposium. Response to Emily Ogden’s <i>Credulity.</i> February 2019.
	<b>The Monograph as Laboratory.</b>	<i>The Philosophers’ Cocoon</i> blog. April 2019.
2018	<b>Material Mourning in the Secular Sculpture Garden.</b>	<i>The Immanent Frame.</i> March 2018.
2017	<b>Rational Passions.</b>	<i>Syndicate.</i> Five essays in dialogue with five responses to <i>Religious Affects</i> from Pamela Klassen, Devin Singh, Yasemin Ural, Christopher Carter, Jason Blum. October–December 2017.
	<b>The Trembling Hive: A New Fable of the Bees.</b>	
	<b>The Stickiness of Classification.</b>	
	<b>White Winter Blues.</b>	
	<b>The Material Foucault.</b>	
	<b>Ideology Becomes an Addiction.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, April 11, 2017.
2016	<b>It’s Not What You Think: Affect Theory and Power Take to the Stage.</b>	Duke University Press blog. February 15, 2016.
	<b>Trump’s Evangelical Support in the</b>	<i>Religion Dispatches.</i> March 21, 2016.

	<b>Gut, Not the Theology.</b>	
	<b>Affect Theory Is an Animalism.</b>	<i>WTF Affect</i> blog. (With Maya Pindyck.) May 2016.
	<b>Smelling the Sacred: Better Lived Religion through Chemistry.</b>	<i>Religion Dispatches</i> . May 24, 2016.
	<b>Animal Dress-up: On Hiroshi Watanabe.</b>	<i>Capilano Review</i> . 3.29 (Summer 2016): 92–94.
	<b>The Shared Fantasy of Redemptive Violence between ISIS and the Islamophobic Right.</b>	<i>Religion Dispatches</i> . July 18, 2016.
2015	<b>Dad Wanted a Boy: Feminism, Transcendence, and Cuarón’s <i>Gravity</i>.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, January 30, 2015.
	<b>Did Pope Francis Just Change the Course of the Science–Religion Dialogue?</b>	<i>Religion Dispatches</i> . June 18, 2015.
2014	<b>Partisan Science: Evolution and Creationism in Postsecular American Politics.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. April 4, 2014.
	<b>Defining Postsecularism.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. April 16, 2014.
	<b>Religion as Little Something: Kathleen Stewart’s <i>Ordinary Affects</i></b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. June 23, 2014.
	<b><i>Calvary</i>: Imaging Postsecular Sacrifice.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. August 25, 2014.
2013	<b>An Institution Is Not a Text: Pope Francis, Affect, and Power.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. December 13, 2013.
2012	<b><i>A Separation</i>: Religion, Class, Secularism.</b>	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, March 30, 2012.

## Interviews

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2023	<b><i>Wild Experiment: Feeling Science and Secularism after Darwin.</i></b>	Interview with Alison Renna for the <i>New Books Network</i> podcast.
	<b><i>The City’s Salvation: Frank Rizzo and White Christian Nationalism in Philadelphia.</i></b>	Podcast written and recorded for the Religion, Race, and Democracy Lab, University of Virginia.
2022	<b>Knowledge, Feeling, and Belief.</b>	Interview with Charlie McCrary, Tracy Fessenden, and John Carlson for the “Recovering Truth” podcast, Arizona State University.

	<b>What Role do Feelings Play in Conspiracy, Racism and Climate Denial?</b>	Interview with Megan Goodwin. <i>Religion Dispatches</i> .
	<b>Cognition Feels.</b>	Interview with Katelyn Silva. <i>Omnia</i> .
	<b>Q&amp;A with Author Donovan O. Schaefer.</b>	Interview with Jessica Covil-Manset. <i>Duke University Press blog</i> .
	<b>Why Are There So Many Conspiracy Theories Out There?</b>	Interview with Aaron Rand and Natasha Hall. <i>CJAD Montreal</i> .
2021	<b>The Classical Ideas Podcast.</b>	Interview with guest host Brian Carwana. Episode 191.
	<b>Fear and Loathing in Science Podcast.</b>	Interview with Penn Arts and Sciences, season 3, episode 1, "Facts vs. Feelings."
	<b>CreatureKind Podcast.</b>	Interview with Shea Watts.
2017	<b>Debating Religion: Science, Religion, and Reductionism.</b>	Interview with Jessica Frazier. The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.
2016	<b>Trauma Makes You: An Interview with Donovan O. Schaefer.</b>	Interview with Nathan Rein and Matthew Sheedy. <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 45.2.
	<b>In the Beginning Was Not the Word: Why Belief in the Primacy of Language Leads to a Misunderstanding of Richard Dawkins, Islamophobia, and Politics.</b>	Interview with Andrew Aghapour and Michael Schulson. <i>Religion Dispatches</i> . Feb. 11, 2016.
	<b>Interview with the Author: <i>Religious Affects</i>.</b>	Interview with Tenzan Eaghll. <i>Practicum</i> blog. March 3, 2016.
	<b>Writing Space Interview.</b>	Interview with Greg Seigworth. <i>WTF Affect</i> blog. April 2016.
	<b>Is Secularism a World Religion?</b>	Interview with Christopher Cotter. <i>The Religious Studies Project</i> podcast. November 28, 2016.
	<b>An Interview with Donovan Schaefer on <i>Religious Affects</i>.</b>	Interview with Christian von Scheve, Freie Universität Berlin. November 28, 2016.

### Conference Papers

2023	<b>The Anatomy of Meaning: A Historical-Philosophical Account.</b>	Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network conference, Ottawa, ON.
	<b>Hard Feelings: Power, Public Monuments, and the Global Far</b>	Political Theology Network conference, Villanova University.

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	<b>Response to Author Meets Critics Session on <i>Wild Experiment</i>.</b>	Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Honolulu, HI.
	<b>Response to Author Meets Critics Session on <i>Wild Experiment</i>.</b>	American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.
<b>2022</b>	<b>The Longing to Believe: Rationality, Secularity, and Conspiracy Theory.</b>	Political Theology Network conference, Arizona State University.
	<b>The Sense of Science: Cognition, Emotion, and Knowledge Production.</b>	International Society for Research on Emotion conference, University of Southern California. <i>Paper accepted; declined due to scheduling conflict.</i>
	<b>Power-Knowledge-Pleasure: Rethinking the Religious/Secular Binary with Foucault.</b>	AAR, Denver, CO.
	<b>Craving for Rationality: Relinking Feeling and Thinking in James.</b>	AAR, Denver, CO.
<b>2021</b>	<b>Re-Disenchanting Weber: Looking again at “Science as a Vocation.”</b>	Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network conference. <i>Presented digitally.</i>
	<b>Secular Páthos: Religion, Pathology, and Belief in the Work of William James.</b>	AAR, San Antonio, TX. <i>Invited participant in roundtable on “The Pathological and Religion in North America.”</i>
	<b>Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.</b>	Psychology and the Other conference. <i>Presented digitally.</i>
<b>2020</b>	<b>The Charisma of Bad Prose: Feeling Writing in Theory.</b>	AAR. <i>Presented digitally.</i>
<b>2019</b>	<b>The Faith of the Enlightenment: Theology, Religious Studies, and the Affective Science of Cognition.</b>	AAR, San Diego, CA. <i>Co-presenter with Simeon Zabl. Panel organizer.</i>
	<b>Science as an Intoxication.</b>	AAR, San Diego, CA. <i>Invited participant in roundtable on “Modernity’s Resonances.”</i>
	<b>From Affect Theory to Science and Religion.</b>	Annual meeting of the International Society for Science and Religion, San Diego, CA. <i>Invited participant.</i>
	<b>From Creationism to Climate Change Denial: An Affective Approach to Science Skepticism.</b>	Annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Cork, Ireland.
	<b>From Secular Bodies to Secular Affects: Understanding Cultures of Unbelief through Affect Theory.</b>	Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network conference, Rome, Italy.

	<b>Feeling Is Believing: Emotion Science, Cognition, and Religion.</b>	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO. <i>Invited panel participant.</i>
2018	<b>Mere Science: Mapping the Land Bridge between Emotion, Science, and Ethics.</b>	AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Lisa Sideris' Consecrating Science.</i>
	<b>An Extension of Saturday Night: Affect, the Pornopticon, and the Downfall of Mars Hill.</b>	AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Jessica Jobson's Biblical Porn.</i>
	<b>The Codex of Feeling: Affect Theory and Ancient Texts.</b>	AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Maia Kotrosits' Rethinking Early Christian Identity.</i>
2017	<b>The Lust to Believe: Paranoia, Conspiracy Theory, and Apocalypticism.</b>	AAR, Boston, MA.
	<b>Precopulatory Sexual Cannibalism and Other Accidents: Desire, Evolution, and Natural Law.</b>	"Religion, Society, and the Science of Life" conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.
2016	<b>Is Secularism a World Religion?</b>	British Association for the Study of Religion annual conference, Wolverhampton.
	<b>Animal Politics: Species, Evolution, and Religious Affects.</b>	AAR, San Antonio, TX. <i>Invited response to session on Religious Affects.</i>
	<b>Only Better Beasts: An Essay on the Animality of Secularism.</b>	"A Postsecular Age?" conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.
	<b>The Mat of Matter.</b>	"Human Transcendence: Philosophies beyond Mere Materialism" symposium, The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.
	<b>Unbecoming: Considering the Bio-Logic of Affect.</b>	Society for European Philosophy annual conference, London.
2015	<b>Secular Animacy Hierarchies: Violence and Reason after "Faith and Knowledge."</b>	"Re-Reading Derrida's 'Faith and Knowledge'" conference, University of Nottingham.
	<b>Biology, History, and Metaphysics: Science in Nineteenth-Century Christian Thought.</b>	"Dimensions in Nineteenth Century Christian Thought" colloquium, Oxford.
	<b>Affect and the Animality of Religion: Toward a Theory of the Waterfall Dance.</b>	"The Human Difference?" conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.
	<b>Animal Method: The Materialist Shift</b>	AAR, Atlanta, GA.



	in Aaron S. Gross' <i>The Question of the Animal and Religion</i> .	
	<b>Imaging Postsecular Sacrifice: <i>Calvary</i> and Economies of Attachment.</b>	AAR, Atlanta, GA.
2014	<b>Let's Be Queer about Darwin: Teleology, Desire, and Religion.</b>	"Evolution and Historical Explanation" conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.
	<b>Dad Wanted a Boy: Gender, Embodiment, and Transcendence in <i>Gravity</i> and <i>2001</i>.</b>	AAR, San Diego, CA.
	<b>Being and Noneness: Post-atheism, Religion, and the Intransigence of Data.</b>	AAR, San Diego, CA.
2013	<b>Heavenbeast: Affect, Accident, and Animality in Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i>.</b>	Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Toronto, ON.
	<b>The Limits of the Text: Affect, Undecidability, and Embodiment in <i>Infinite Jest</i> and <i>Ulysses</i>.</b>	"Return of the Text" conference, Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
	<b>Theses on Guns, Apocalypticism, and American Religion.</b>	AAR, Baltimore, MD.
	<b>Animalism: Religion, Affect, and Non-Sovereign Bodies.</b>	AAR, Baltimore, MD.
2012	<b>What Does It Feel Like to Be an Atheist? Affective Disciplines and Atheism after Darwin.</b>	AAR, Chicago, IL.
	<b>Compulsory Affectivity: Affect, Animality, and the Nonhuman Turn.</b>	"The Nonhuman Turn in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Studies" conference, Center for 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Studies, UW-Milwaukee.
	<b>Embodied Disbelief: Poststructural Feminist Atheism.</b>	"The Varieties of Continental Thought in Religion" conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON.
2011	<b>Blessed, Precious Mistakes: Deconstruction, Evolution, and the New Atheism.</b>	"The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion," Postmodernism, Culture, and Religion conference, Syracuse University.
	<b>Dances of Awe: Embodiment, Affect, and the Animal Religions.</b>	"Animals as Religious Subjects" conference, European Forum for the Study of Religion and Ecology, Chester University, UK.
	<b>The Irreducibility of Affect:</b>	"Anatomy of Affect" symposium, SU

	<b>Nietzsche, Foucault, and Frustration.</b>	Humanities Center, SU.
	<b>Songs of Love and Hate: Religion, Affect, and the Park51 Controversy.</b>	“Self Among Selves: Emotion and the Common Life” conference, SU.
	<i>Se Plastiquer: Freedom and Metaphysics in Catherine Malabou’s What Should We Do with Our Brain?</i>	Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy conference, Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA.
<b>2010</b>	<b>The Metaphysics of the Metaphysical: The New Age Body in <i>What the Bleep Do We Know!?</i></b>	Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion (AAR-EIR), University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.
	<b>Tight Genes: Feminism, Evolutionary Theory and the Dancing Religious Body.</b>	AAR, Atlanta, GA.
<b>2009</b>	<b>Modern Society is Dead: The Politics and Poetics of Religious Nostalgia.</b>	AAR-EIR, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY. <i>Panel organizer.</i>
	<b>Love/FOXP2: Language, Genetics, and the Ethical Relation in Levinas.</b>	AAR, Montreal, QC.
<b>2008</b>	<b>Vivekananda, Müller, and Ramakrishna: Scholarship, Devotion, and Indian Nationalism in the Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century.</b>	AAR-EIR, McGill University, Montreal, QC. <i>Graduate Paper Competition Prize.</i>
<b>2007</b>	<b>New Critical Perspectives on Teaching World Religions.</b>	AAR-EIR, Waterloo University, Waterloo, ON. <i>Panel organizer.</i>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Resources for Theorizing an Animal-Oriented Ethics in Badiou’s <i>Ethics</i>.</b>	AAR-EIR, Laval University, Quebec City, QC. <i>Panel organizer.</i>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Theoretical Foundations for a Zöocentric Ethics.</b>	AAR-EIR, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

## Teaching Areas

Material religion; science and religion; theory and method in the study of religion; American religion; religion and film; continental philosophy of religion; religion, gender, and sexuality; religion and globalization.

## Courses Taught

**Penn, graduate**

**Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion**

**Affect Theory and Power**

**Religion and Cinema**

**Deleuze and Affect Theory** (independent study, four students)

**Material Secularisms** (independent study, three students)

Penn, undergraduate	Science and Religion Religion and Evolution Sacred Stuff: Religious Bodies, Places, and Objects
Oxford, graduate	Science and Religion (seminars and tutorials) Global Christianity (tutorials)
Oxford, undergraduate	Religion and Religions Sociology of Religion Science and Religion Introduction to the Study of Religion Nature of Religion Psychology of Religion God, Christ, and Salvation Christian Doctrine of Creation
Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford	Bridging the Two Cultures Program (tutorials)
Haverford College	Philosophy of Religion Religion, Sex, and Power Religion, America, and the Science of Life Religion, Emotion, and Global Cinema
Le Moyne College	Gender, Sexuality, and Religion
Syracuse University	Religions of the World Animal Religion

### Doctoral Students (Primary or Co-Supervisor)

2018–present	Angela Xia	Penn
2016–present	Tyler Tully	Oxford
2016–2021	Matthew Pritchard (successfully defended)	Oxford
2016–2020	Justine Ellis (successfully defended)	Oxford
2015–2018	Marek Sullivan (successfully defended)	Oxford
2015–2020	Stefani Ruper (successfully defended)	Oxford

### Doctoral Students (Committee Member/Examiner)

2023	Ritu Varghese (successfully defended)	NIT Rourkela
2021–present	Amiel Wayne	Drew Univ.
2021–present	Kirby Sokolow	Penn
2020–2022	Mari Ovsepyan (successfully defended)	Oxford
2020–present	Rawad Wehbe	Penn
2020	Brian Carwana (successfully defended)	Univ. of Toronto

2019–present	Ali Noori	Penn
2019–present	Max Dugan	Penn
2019–2023	Erez DeGolan (successfully defended)	Columbia
2016–2020	Jonathan Sparks-Franklin (successfully defended)	Indiana
2018–2019	Alex Weisberg (successfully defended)	New York Univ.
2017–2018	Susanne Kerekes (successfully defended)	Penn
2017–2018	Venise Adjibodou (successfully defended)	Penn

### Undergraduate Theses Supervised

2022–2023	Cole Fairchild	Penn
2021–2022	Madison Hynson	Penn
2020–2021	Zovinar Khrimian (Rose Prize winner)	Penn

### Grants, Awards, and Fellowships (selected)

2023	Ludwik Fleck Prize	For <i>Wild Experiment</i> . Society for Social Studies of Science.
	Humanities, Urbanism, and Design Colloquium Membership	University of Pennsylvania. (\$4700)
	Coolidge Fellowship	Association for Public Religion and Intellectual Life/Auburn Media Summer program on “Memory.”
	Mellon Research Fellowship	Virginia Museum of History and Culture. (\$1000)
	Grant for Faculty Mentoring Undergraduate Research	Provost’s Office and Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Penn. (\$8000)
	“Building a Public-Facing Overview of Historic Black Perspectives on Confederate Commemoration” Research Grant	Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, and Immigration,

		Penn (\$4000)
2022	<b>Learning with Charlottesville: Narratives on Religion, Race &amp; Democracy Summer Institute Fellowship</b>	Religion, Race, and Democracy Lab, University of Virginia (\$2000)
	<b>Penn Undergraduate Research Mentor Award</b>	Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Penn (\$10,000)
2019–2020	<b>School of Arts and Sciences Conference Support Grant for “Material Secularisms” Conference</b>	Penn (\$2000)
	<b>University Research Foundation Research Grant for “Material Secularisms” Conference</b>	Penn (\$3000)
	<b>Regional Development Grant for “Material Secularisms” Conference</b>	American Academy of Religion (\$2000)
2018–2019	<b>Wolf Humanities Center Faculty Fellow</b>	Penn
2018–2020	<b>Co-investigator (with PI Simeon Zahl, Cambridge) on “Affect and Knowledge-production in Theology and Religious Studies”</b>	Templeton World Charities Foundation (£146,313.47)
2017	<b>Award for Excellence</b>	University of Oxford (~£1000)
2017	<b>Short-term Research Fellowship</b>	Freie Universität Berlin (€2500)
2017	<b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence</b>	European Commission
2015	<b>Fellow of the Higher Education Academy</b>	United Kingdom
2013–2015	<b>Collaborative Research Grant (with PI John Corrigan, Florida State) “How Do We Study Religion and Emotion?”</b>	American Academy of Religion
2012–2014	<b>Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship</b>	Haverford College
2013	<b>Student Research Assistant Grant</b>	Haverford College
2010–2011	<b>Humanities Center Dissertation Fellow</b>	Syracuse University (\$21,000)
2010	<b>Certificate in University Teaching</b>	Syracuse University
2008–2010	<b>Teaching Fellow/Mentor</b>	Syracuse

2009	<b>Outstanding TA Award</b>	University Syracuse University
2008	<b>Graduate Paper Competition Prize</b>	AAR-EIR Conference
2007	<b>Summer Fellowship</b>	Syracuse University
2003–2006	<b>Syracuse University Fellowship</b>	Syracuse University (\$15,000/a)
2001	<b>Belle Mulholland Memorial Prize in Religious Studies</b>	University of British Columbia (\$500 CDN)

### **Conferences, Workshops, and Other Events Organized**

2023	<b>The Scholar of Religion in the Public Sphere.</b>	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Designed and implemented 1.5-day symposium at Penn with Jolyon Thomas.
	<b>Making Theory Accessible.</b>	<i>Workshop leader.</i> Co-designed with Michael Shea at Penn for grad student-oriented workshop in the Comparative Literature program.
2022	<b>Virtual Book Launch for Justin McDaniel's <i>Wayward Distractions</i>.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated virtual book launch for Justin McDaniel's <i>Wayward Distractions: Ornament, Emotion, Zombies, and the Study of Buddhism in Thailand</i> at Penn.
2020	<b>Material Secularisms.</b>	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Designed and implemented 3-day symposium at Penn with Jolyon Thomas. Curated permanent archive of grad student responses to the event at <a href="http://web.sas.upenn.edu/material-secularisms/">web.sas.upenn.edu/material-secularisms/</a>
2019	<b>Salvation as Affective Pedagogy in the Theology of Martin Luther.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Simeon Zahl's visit to Penn.
	<b>The Politics of Modern Yoga.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Andrea Jain's visit to Penn.
2018	<b>Once More with Feeling: Affect and the God of the</b>	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted at the University of Dayton,

	<b>Philosophers.</b>	February 24–25.
	<b>Charismatic Affects.</b>	<i>Organizer and leader.</i> Workshop at “Capacious: Affect Inquiry/Making Space” conference, August 8–11, Lancaster, PA.
2017	<b>Religion, Society, and the Science of Life.</b>	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, Oxford, July 19–22.
	<b><i>Cloud of the Impossible: Darkening Horizons, Deepening Entanglements.</i></b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Catherine Keller’s visit to Oxford.
	<b>An Introduction to the Academic Job Market.</b>	<i>Organizer and presenter.</i> Created and led graduate student workshop for the Penn Religious Studies Department Colloquium.
2016	<b>A Postsecular Age?</b>	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, July 27–30.
	<b>Secularism and Sacrifice.</b>	<i>Presenter and co-organizer of series of 8 seminars.</i> Interdisciplinary Seminars in the Study of Religion series, Hilary Term. Supported by a grant from the Ian Ramsey Centre.
2015	<b>The Human Difference?</b>	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, July 22–25.
	<b>Secularism and Sacrifice: Embodied Economies of Value.</b>	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Panel for the Philosophy of Religion group of the American Academy of Religion for the 2015 annual meeting.
	<b>On Hunting.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Kevin Lewis O’Neill’s visit to University of Oxford.
2014	<b>Visceral Nation: Religion/Affect in Postsecular America.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Day-long conference at Haverford College, March 28.
	<b>On Not Settling for an Abridged Edition of Postmodernism.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker John D. Caputo’s visit to Haverford College.
2013	<b>Religion, Affect and Emotion Unit.</b>	<i>Founder.</i> Created new program unit at American Academy of Religion. Granted permanent unit status January 2018.

	<b>Affect, Transcendence, Citizenship: Sensing Religion in <i>Children of Men</i>.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker M. Gail Hamner's visit to Haverford College.
<b>2012</b>	<b>Embodied Pedagogy: Affect in the Classroom.</b>	<i>Organizer &amp; presenter.</i> Graduate workshop for the SU Religion Department, March 23, 2012.
	<b>The Affective Turn in Religious Studies.</b>	<i>Organizer &amp; presenter.</i> Exploratory Session at AAR (four-paper panel).
<b>2011</b>	<b>The Anatomy of Affect: New Approaches to Embodied Emotion.</b>	<i>Organizer.</i> Symposium at the SU Humanities Center, April 2011. Speakers: Kimerer LaMothe, Karmen MacKendrick, M. Gail Hamner, Donovan Schaefer.
	<b>Embodied Pedagogy.</b>	<i>Organizer &amp; presenter.</i> Graduate workshop for the SU Religion Department, April 4, 2011.
<b>2006</b>	<b>The Role of the Scholar of Religion in the Public Sphere.</b>	<i>Organizer, moderator.</i> Religion Graduate Students Organization Bi-Annual Retreat. Syracuse, NY, May 2006.

### Other Research Supervised

<b>2022</b>	<b>Justin Seward</b>	Summer undergraduate research student, funded by Mellon Summer Fellowship, Price Lab for Digital Humanities, Penn.
<b>2023</b>	<b>Olivia Haynie and Liv McClary</b>	Summer undergraduate research students, through the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Penn.
<b>2022</b>	<b>Olivia Haynie and Justin Seward</b>	Summer undergraduate research students, through the Penn Undergraduate Research Mentorship award, Penn.
	<b>Nina Quynh Pham</b>	Summer undergraduate research student, Penn.
<b>2021</b>	<b>Liesl Dietrich</b>	Summer undergraduate research student, Penn.
<b>2020</b>	<b>Jack Kiyonaga</b>	Summer undergraduate research student, Penn.
	<b>Luis Juarez Ortiz</b>	Summer undergraduate research



2019	Scheherazade Khan	student, Penn. Graduate student translator of Latin text, Penn.
2013	David Roza	Summer undergraduate research student, Haverford College.

### Professional Service

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2022–present	Science and Religion as Critical Discourse Book Series, Lexington Press.	<i>Editorial board member.</i>
2021–present	Science, Technology, and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion	<i>Steering Committee Member.</i>
2020	German Research Foundation	<i>External Reviewer.</i>
	Macquarie University Research Fellowship	<i>Independent Reviewer.</i>
2019	Society for the Study of Affect Summer School	<i>Selection Committee Member.</i>
2018–present	<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>	<i>Editorial Board Member.</i>
2018–present	Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit, American Academy of Religion	<i>Steering Committee Member.</i>
2016–present	<i>Capacious: The Journal for Emerging Affect Inquiry</i>	<i>Editorial Board Member.</i>
2015–2017	<i>The Oxford Theologian</i> alumni magazine	<i>Managing Editor.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.
2015–2017	B.A. Theology and Religion Board of Examiners	<i>Examiner.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.
2015–2017	Master of Studies in Study of Religion Board of Examiners	<i>Examiner.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.
2015–2017	Study of Religion Group	<i>Secretary.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.
2015–2017	Post-Graduate Diploma Program	<i>Director of Studies.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.
2015–2021	Animals and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion	<i>Steering Committee Member.</i>

2013–2018	Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit, American Academy of Religion	<i>Co-chair and Co-founder.</i>
2011	Humanities Dissertation Fellow Selection Committee, Syracuse University Humanities Center	<i>Graduate Representative.</i>
2010–2011	Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University	<i>Graduate Representative.</i>
2010–2011	Faculty Search, Department of Religion, Syracuse University	<i>Graduate Representative.</i>
2010–2013	Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory	<i>Assistant Editor.</i>
2009–2017	Bulletin for the Study of Religion	<i>Associate Editor.</i>
2008–2011	Teaching Fellowship Program, The Graduate School, Syracuse University	<i>Teaching Fellow/Teaching Mentor.</i> Planned and organized TA Orientation Program for new TAs.
2005–2006	Graduate Admissions Committee, SU Department of Religion	<i>Graduate Representative.</i>
2005–2006	SU Religion Grad Students Organization	<i>Co-president.</i>

### Service to the University of Pennsylvania

2023	MindCORE Summer Fellowship Program	<i>Invited speaker.</i>
2022–2023	Wolf Humanities Center	<i>Fellows Selection Committee.</i>
2021–2022	Religious Studies Graduate Group, University of Pennsylvania	<i>Interim Chair of the Graduate Group.</i>
	Colloquium Committee, Department of Religious Studies, Penn	<i>Interim Chair.</i>
2021	Center for Teaching and Learning Grad Student Workshop Series, Syllabus Workshop	<i>Invited speaker.</i>

<b>2020</b>	<b>Material Secularisms Conference</b>	<i>Co-organizer (with Jolyon Thomas).</i>
<b>2018–2019</b>	<b>Faculty Search, Department of Religion, Penn</b>	<i>Search Committee Member.</i>
<b>2018–2019</b>	<b>Wolf Humanities Center</b>	<i>Fellows Selection Committee.</i>
<b>2018</b>	<b>Quaker Days Collegepalooza, Penn</b>	<i>Invited faculty lecture “What Is Religion and How Do We Study It?”</i>
	<b>Penn Career Services, “Interviewing for Faculty Jobs” panel</b>	<i>Invited Panelist.</i>
	<b>Race, Rights, and Religion Conference</b>	<i>Session Chair and Moderator.</i>
<b>2017–present</b>	<b>Graduate selection committee, Department of Religious Studies</b>	<i>Selection Committee Member.</i>
<b>2017</b>	<b>CURF Undergraduate Advisory Board, “Clash of Art and Science? Unexpected Unions” panel</b>	<i>Invited Panelist.</i>

## **Journals and Publishers Served as Peer Reviewer**

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*Capacious*  
*Critical Research on Religion*  
*Early American Studies*  
*Emotions: History, Culture, Society*  
*Feminist Scholarship*  
*Feminist Studies*  
*Hypatia*  
*Implicit Religion*  
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion*  
*Journal of Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies*  
*Journal of Extreme Anthropology*  
*Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies*  
*Journal of Religious History*  
*Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*  
*Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*  
*Philosophy, Theology, and the Sciences*  
*Political Theology*  
*Religion and Society*  
*Religion Compass*  
*Secularism and Nonreligion*  
*Society and Animals*  
*Zygon*

Bloomsbury  
Cambridge University Press  
Duke University Press  
Palgrave Macmillan  
Routledge  
Yale University Press

### **Professional Memberships**

- American Academy of Religion
- European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment
- International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
- International Society for Science and Religion
- North American Association for the Study of Religion
- Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network
- Political Theology Network
- Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Theta Chi Beta

### **Research Languages**

Reading level French, German, and Japanese

### **Citizenship**

Dual: Canadian & US