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## Positions Held

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| 2023–<br>present | <b>Associate Professor of Religious Studies</b><br><i>Core Faculty, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies</i><br><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><br><i>Organizing Tutor in Theology and Religion, Trinity College</i>   | University of Oxford       |
| 2012–2014        | <b>Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow</b><br><i>Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religion</i>  | Haverford College          |

## Education

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| 2012 | <b>Ph.D., Religion</b><br><i>Committee: John D. Caputo, M. Gail Hamner, Patricia Cox Miller, Joanne Punzo Waghorne, R. Gustav Niebuhr.</i> | 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><br>Winner of the 2023 Ludwik Fleck prize from the Society for Social Studies of Science.<br>Winner of the 2023 International Society for Science and Religion book prize.<br>Reviewed in <i>American Religion; Christian Century; Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture; Material Religion; Politics, Religion, and Ideology; Reading Religion.</i> | Duke University Press.<br>328 pp. ISBN 978-1-4780-1825-4. |
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| 2019 | <p>Conference/workshop symposia at 4S (2023), American Academy of Religion (2023), Drew University (2022), Foundation for Creative Social Research/Jawaharlal Nehru University (2022).<br/>Podcasts on <i>New Books Network</i>, <i>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><br/>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><br/>Reprint 2016.<br/>Reviewed in <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>; <i>Cultural Studies</i>; <i>Times Literary Supplement</i>; <i>The Atlantic</i>; <i>Material Religion</i>; <i>Marginalia Review of Books</i>; <i>Reading Religion</i>; <i>Journal of the British Association for the Study of Religion</i>; <i>Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory</i>; <i>Critical Research on Religion</i>; <i>Journal of Religion and Popular Culture</i>; <i>Humanimalia</i>; <i>Religious Studies Review</i>; <i>Relations</i>; <i>Animal Studies Journal</i>; <i>ESSSAT News and Reviews</i>; <i>Affectsphere</i>.<br/>Review symposia in <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> (2018) and <i>Syndicate</i> (2018).<br/>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 | <b>The Things of Order: Foucault’s <i>Dispositif</i>, Affect, Material Culture.</b>                            | <i>Cultural Critique</i> . Peer reviewed. Forthcoming.   |
| 2023 | <b>Voracious Secularism: Emotional Habitus and the Desire for Knowledge in Animal Experimentation.</b>         | <i>Religion</i> . 54.4: 700–723. (Invited contribution to “Animal Spirits” special issue.) Peer reviewed. DOI: 10.1080/0048721X.2023.2258710 |
|      | <b>Feeling Material Culture: Affect, Power, Sensation.</b>   | <i>Material Religion</i> . 19.1: 82–84. (Invited contribution to “In Conversation” section.) DOI: 10.1080/17432200.2023.2170110              |
| 2022 | <b>Visions of Contempt: Emotion and the Visual Culture of the Scopes Trial.</b>                                | <i>Material Religion</i> . 18.2: 250–276. DOI: 10.1080/17432200.2022.2048604 Peer reviewed.  |
|      | <b>Rationalist Nostalgia: A Critical Response to Ruth Leys’ <i>The Ascent of Affect</i>.</b>                   | <i>Capacious</i> . 2.4: 115–135. DOI: 10.22387/CAP2022.58 Peer reviewed.   |
|      | <b>The Territories of Thinking and Feeling: Rethinking Religion, Science, and Reason with Alister McGrath.</b> | <i>Zygon</i> . 57.1: 200–222. DOI 10.1111/zygo.12766 (Invited contribution to forum on the work of Alister McGrath.)                         |
| 2021 | <b>Darwin’s Orchids: Evolution, Natural</b>  | <i>GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay</i>   |

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|      | Law, and the Diversity of Desire.  | <i>Studies</i> . 27.4: 525–550. DOI 10.1215/10642684-9316824. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .   |
| 2020 | Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Rhetoric of Donald Trump.                               | <i>Journal of Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies</i> . 17.1: 1–18. DOI 10.1080/14791420.2019.1667503. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .                          |
|      | Talal Asad’s Challenge to Religious Studies.   | <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 | The Secular Twist: Nonreligion in the World Religions Classroom.   | <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?”) |
|      | Mere Science: Mapping the Land Bridge between Emotion, Politics, and Ethics.                             | <i>Zygon</i> . 54.2: 382–6. (Invited contribution to symposium on Lisa Sideris’ <i>Consecrating Science</i> .)   |
|      | An Extension of Saturday Night: Affect and Downfall at Mars Hill.  | <i>Religious Studies Review</i> . 45.3: 287–89. (Invited contribution to symposium on Jessica Johnson’s <i>Biblical Porn</i> .)                                |
| 2018 | Precopulatory Sexual Cannibalism and Other Accidents: Evolution, Material Trans Theory, and Natural Law. | <i>Studies in Gender and Sexuality</i> . 19.1: 28–35. DOI 10.1080/15240657.2018.1419685.   |
| 2017 | You Don’t Know What Pain Is: Affect, the Lifeworld, and Animal Ethics.                                   | <i>Studies in Christian Ethics</i> 30.1: 15–29.  |
|      | Animal Politics: Species, Evolution, and Religious Affects.  | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 46.3–4: 40–45. (Invited response to symposium on <i>Religious Affects</i> .)   |
| 2016 | Heavenbeast: A New Materialist Approach to <i>Ulysses</i> .  | <i>Angelaki</i> 21.2: 119–137. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .  |
|      | The Fault in Us: Ethics, Infinity, and Celestial Bodies.   | <i>Zygon</i> 51.3: 783–796.  |
| 2014 | Blessed, Precious Mistakes: Evolution, Deconstruction, and New Atheism in America.                       | <i>International Journal for Philosophy of Religion</i> 76: 75–94. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .  |
|      | Embodied Disbelief: Poststructural Feminist Atheism.   | <i>Hypatia</i> 29.2: 371–387. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .   |
|      | Our Peculiar Institution: <i>12 Years a Slave</i> , American Protestantism, and the Erotics of Racism.   | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 43.1: 34–36.   |

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| 2013 | <b>The Promise of Affect.</b>   | <i>Theory &amp; Event</i> 16.2.   |
| 2012 | <b>Do Animals Have Religion? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Religion and Embodiment.</b> | <i>Anthrozoös</i> 25.S1 (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Supplemental Issue): S173–S189. <i>Peer reviewed.</i> |

### Book Chapters

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| 2024 | <b>Emotion.</b>   | In: <i>Animals and Religion</i> . Aftandilian, David, Barbara Ambros, and Aaron Gross, eds. Routledge. <i>Invited chapter. Forthcoming.</i>   |
| 2023 | <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>  |
| 2022 | <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>                                 |
| 2019 | <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>         |
| 2018 | <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>  |
| 2017 | <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  |

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

Press. ISBN 0198718403. pp. 89–107. *Invited chapter.*

In: *Are there Limits to Science?* Straine, Gillian, ed. Cambridge Scholars Press. ISBN 1443895814. pp. 61–79. *Invited chapter.*

### Invited Talks and Lectures

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>Feeling Is Believing: A New Approach to Conspiracy Theory.</b>             | Duke Kunshan University, China. <i>Invited lecture as part of week-long scholar-in-residence event.</i>                        |
|             | <b>Feeling Is Believing: A New Approach to Conspiracy Theory.</b>             | West Virginia University. <i>Invited lecture. Forthcoming.</i>   |
|             | <b>Feeling Is Believing: A New Approach to Conspiracy Theory.</b>             | University of Richmond. <i>Invited lecture. Forthcoming.</i>   |
|             | <b>Religious Animal Bodies.</b>   | West Chester University. <i>Invited lecture. Forthcoming.</i>  |
| <b>2023</b> | <b>The Re-Disenchantment of the World: Thinking, Feeling, and Secularity.</b> | McLester Lecture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. <i>Invited lecture.</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 lecture.</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> |

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- The Affective Academic: Reflecting on Embodied Research and Emotional Pedagogy.** Collegium Institute, UPenn. *Invited workshop leader.*
- Hard Feelings: Power, Emotion, and Confederate Commemoration.** Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond. *Invited speaker.*
- God or Nature? Investigating the Evolutionary Origins of Humanity.** Veritas Forum, UPenn. *Invited speaker.*
- CharismaTech: The Charisma Playlist.** The Vinyl Church gallery, Lancaster, PA. *Invited speaker.*
- How Reason Gets Racialized: Affect and Queer of Color Theory.** “Aesthetics and Affects of Power in the Context of Religion” workshop, University of Erfurt, Erfurt. *Invited keynote speaker, presented digitally.*
- Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, and the Secular.** Princeton University. *Invited speaker.*
- Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.** Drew University. Theology & Philosophical Study of Religion group. *Invited speaker.*
- 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.*

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|      | <b>Feeling Is Believing.</b>   | Penn homecoming weekend. <i>Invited public lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>Feeling Is Believing.</b>   | Penn Perspectives series. <i>Invited lecture delivered to graduating seniors at Penn.</i>   |
| 2021 | <b>Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.</b>                     | Universität Leipzig. <i>Invited lecture, presented digitally.</i>   |
|      | <b>Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.</b>                     | University of Oxford, “God, Science, and the Rise of No Religion: Towards New Principles of Constructive Engagement” workshop. <i>Invited participant, presented digitally.</i> |
|      | <b>Religious Animal Bodies: Notes on an Affect Theory of Religion.</b>                         | Union Theological Seminary. <i>Invited public lecture, presented digitally.</i>   |
|      | <b>Response to Teya Brooks Pribac’s <i>Enter the Animal</i>.</b>                               | Counterpoints Navigating Knowledge Series. <i>Invited respondent, presented digitally.</i>  |
| 2020 | <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>                           |
| 2019 | <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</b>  | Union Theological Seminary, Insight   |

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|      | and Ethics of <i>Vibrant Matter</i> .  | 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>                  |
| 2018 | <b>Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Alt-Right in the Age of Trump.</b>   | Lancaster, PA, “Capacious: Affect Inquiry/Making Space.” <i>Plenary speaker.</i>  |
|      | <b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.</b>  | University of Dayton, “Once More with Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers” conference. <i>Invited speaker.</i>                          |
|      | <b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b>   | Bucknell University. <i>Invited lecture.</i>  |
|      | <b>Darwin’s Orchids: Queerness, Natural Law, and the Diversity of Desire.</b>  | Albright College. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>Discussant for Cassie Adcock’s “The Heads or Tails of Cow Protection in India: Religious Freedom or Secular Agriculture?”</b> | Penn, Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism faculty workshop series. <i>Invited discussant.</i>                                  |
| 2017 | <b>Darwin, Queerly: Teleology, Nature, and the Diversity of Desire.</b>  | New York University, “Queer Humanimalities” colloquium. <i>Keynote speaker.</i>   |
|      | <b>You Don’t Know What Pain Is: Emotion, the Lifeworld, and Animal Ethics.</b>   | Le Moyne College, “The Future of Being Human” series. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>Animal Religion: Evolution, Embodiment, and Affect.</b>   | Yale-National University of Singapore, “Explaining Religion: Anthropology, Social Cognition, and Phenomenology” colloquium. <i>Plenary speaker.</i> |



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|      | <b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b>                  | Queen's University, "Unraveling Religion 4: Bodies and Objects" conference. <i>Keynote speaker.</i>   |
|      | <b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b>                  | University of Manchester, Theory and Method in the Study of Religion Seminar Series. <i>Invited lecture.</i>                                |
|      | <b>Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the World Trump Built.</b>                    | College of the Holy Cross, "Religion, Protest, and Social Upheaval" conference. <i>Plenary speaker.</i>                                     |
|      | <b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.</b>                                 | Swarthmore College, Haverford College, and Bryn Mawr College, TriCo Religion Senior Colloquium. <i>Daylong visiting scholar event.</i>      |
|      | <b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.</b>                                 | Eastern University, Templeton Honors Forum. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>Animality, Evolution, and Theory in the Humanities.</b>                                    | Philadelphia Seminar in Christian Origins. "Thinking with Ancient Animals" symposium. <i>Invited speaker.</i>                               |
|      | <b>Jewish Perspectives on Religion and Science: A Response.</b>                               | Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies. "Jews and the Natural World: Bodies, Animals, and Evolution" symposium. <i>Invited respondent.</i> |
|      | <b>Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.</b>                  | Freie Universität Berlin. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.</b>                                 | Freie Universität Berlin, "Governing by Affect" conference. <i>Plenary speaker.</i>   |
|      | <b>Rethinking Science and Religion.</b>   | North London Collegiate School, "Creation: A Dialogue between Science and Religion Interfaith Conference." <i>Plenary speaker.</i>          |
| 2016 | <b>The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.</b>                                 | Drew University Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, "Affectivity and Divinity." Drew University. <i>Plenary speaker.</i>              |
|      | <b>You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.</b> | Society for the Study of Christian Ethics annual conference, Cambridge University. <i>Plenary speaker.</i>                                  |
|      | <b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Secularism, and the Limits of Science.</b>                   | Science and Religion Forum, Birmingham. <i>Plenary speaker.</i>   |
|      | <b>Secular Affects: Emotional Elements of Religion and Non-Religion.</b>                      | "Inside Out: Affect(s) in Multi-Religious Secular Societies," Freie   |

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|      | <b>It's Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism.</b>                        | Universität Berlin. <i>Plenary speaker.</i><br>Georgetown University. <i>Invited lecture.</i>                 |
|      | <b>It's Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism.</b>                        | Emory University, Oxford College. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.</b> | Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions and the Harvard Islamic Law Project. <i>Invited lecture.</i>  |
|      | <b>You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.</b> | University of Florida. <i>Invited lecture.</i>  |
|      | <b>You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.</b> | Wesleyan University. <i>Invited lecture.</i>  |
|      | <b>The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.</b>                                 | Sewanee, the University of the South. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.</b>                                 | Syracuse University. <i>Invited lecture.</i>  |
| 2015 | <b>Beautiful Facts: Secularism, Religion, and Affects.</b>                                    | Religion and Emotion NEH Working Group, National Humanities Center, Duke University. <i>Invited speaker.</i>  |
|      | <b>Biology, History, and Metaphysics: Science in Nineteenth-Century Christian Thought.</b>    | "Dimensions in Nineteenth Century Christian Thought" colloquium, Oxford. <i>Invited workshop participant.</i> |
| 2014 | <b>The Order of Affects: Power, Knowledge, and Materiality.</b>                               | Theory and Things Symposium, Syracuse University. <i>Invited speaker.</i>                                     |
| 2013 | <b>Animal Bodies Are Not Digital</b>  | Lightning Talks Series, Haverford College. <i>Invited speaker.</i>  |
|      | <b>Post-Atheism</b>   | Cross-listed Series, Haverford College. <i>Invited speaker.</i>   |
| 2012 | <b>Political Affect: The American Case.</b>   | Religion and Media Workshop, AAR, Chicago, IL. <i>Invited session leader.</i>                                 |
| 2010 | <b>Cognitive Science and Religion: A Way In and a Way Out.</b>                                | Syracuse University Dept. of Religion Biennial Retreat, Cazenovia, NY. <i>Invited speaker.</i>                |

## Book Reviews

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>Review of Grant Bollmer's <i>The Affect Lab: The History and Limits of</i></b> | <i>Isis. Forthcoming.</i> |
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|      | <i>Measuring Emotion.</i>  |  |
|      | 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.   |
| 2023 | 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  |
| 2017 | A Thinking Heart: A Review of John P. Gluck's <i>Voracious Science and Vulnerable Animals.</i>                                 | <i>PsycCRITIQUES.</i> 62.14. (Selected for <i>PsycCRITIQUES</i> "Spotlight" series.)   |
| 2016 | The Modern Mosaic of Science and Religion.   | <i>Marginalia Review of Books.</i> Sept. 2016. (Review essay on Peter Harrison's <i>Territories of Science and Religion.</i> ) |
|      | Review of James William Jones's <i>Can Science Explain Religion? The Cognitive Science Debate.</i>                             | <i>Religious Studies Review.</i> 42.2: 93.   |
|      | Review of Christian Smith and Richard P. Cimino's <i>Atheist Awakening: Secular Activism and Community in America.</i>         | <i>American Studies.</i> 50.2: E31.  |
|      | Review of Aaron S. Gross's <i>The Animal Question in Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications.</i>                 | <i>Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture.</i> 10.4: 516–518.  |
| 2015 | How Not to Do What We Always Do: A Review of Hector A. Garcia's <i>Alpha God.</i>  | <i>The Revealer.</i> Oct. 2015.  |
|      | Review of Linda A. Mercadante's  | <i>Secularism and Nonreligion.</i> 4.1: Art. 9.  |

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|      | <i>Belief without Borders: Inside the Minds of the Spiritual but Not Religious.</i>              | DOI 10.5334/snr.bb   |
| 2011 | <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> ) |
| 2009 | <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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| 2024 | <b>Historic Black Perspectives on Confederate Commemoration.</b>                           | <i>Introductory essay for online project “‘To Perpetuate a False Image of History’: Historic Black Perspectives on Confederate Commemoration.</i> January 2024.                           |
|      | <b>Dialogue with Kevin Schilbrack.</b>   | <i>Here’s an Idea blog.</i> Forthcoming.  |
| 2023 | <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.   |
| 2022 | <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.</i> Invited contribution. 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   |

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|      |   | 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><i>Credulity</i>, 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 Gut, Not the Theology.</b>                          | <i>Religion Dispatches</i> . March 21, 2016.  |
|      | <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</b>  | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. April   |

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|      | <b>Creationism in Postsecular American Politics.</b>                            | 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</i> blog.   |
|      | <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,</b>   | Interview with Jessica Frazier. The   |

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| 2016 | and Reductionism.   | Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.  |
|      | <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

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| 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 Right.</b>                | Political Theology Network conference, Villanova University.                            |
|      | <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>When Do We Love (a) Theory Too Much?</b>   | AAR, San Antonio, TX. <i>Invited participant at roundtable on "History and Theory."</i> |
| 2022 | <b>The Longing to Believe: Rationality, Secularity, and Conspiracy Theory.</b>          | Political Theology Network conference, Arizona State University.                        |
|      | <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.  |

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| 2021 | <p><b>Re-Disenchanting Weber: Looking again at “Science as a Vocation.”</b></p> <p><b>Secular Páthos: Religion, Pathology, and Belief in the Work of William James.</b></p> <p><b>Longing to Believe: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.</b></p>  | <p>Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network conference. <i>Presented digitally.</i></p> <p>AAR, San Antonio, TX. <i>Invited participant in roundtable on “The Pathological and Religion in North America.”</i></p> <p>Psychology and the Other conference. <i>Presented digitally.</i></p>  |
| 2020 | <p><b>The Charisma of Bad Prose: Feeling Writing in Theory.</b></p>  | <p>AAR. <i>Presented digitally.</i></p>  |
| 2019 | <p><b>The Faith of the Enlightenment: Theology, Religious Studies, and the Affective Science of Cognition.</b></p> <p><b>Science as an Intoxication.</b></p> <p><b>From Affect Theory to Science and Religion.</b></p> <p><b>From Creationism to Climate Change Denial: An Affective Approach to Science Skepticism.</b></p> <p><b>From Secular Bodies to Secular Affects: Understanding Cultures of Unbelief through Affect Theory.</b></p> <p><b>Feeling Is Believing: Emotion Science, Cognition, and Religion.</b></p> | <p>AAR, San Diego, CA. <i>Co-presenter with Simeon Zabl. Panel organizer.</i></p> <p>AAR, San Diego, CA. <i>Invited participant in roundtable on “Modernity’s Resonances.”</i></p> <p>Annual meeting of the International Society for Science and Religion, San Diego, CA. <i>Invited participant.</i></p> <p>Annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Cork, Ireland.</p> <p>Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network conference, Rome, Italy.</p> <p>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO. <i>Invited panel participant.</i></p> |
| 2018 | <p><b>Mere Science: Mapping the Land Bridge between Emotion, Science, and Ethics.</b></p> <p><b>An Extension of Saturday Night: Affect, the Pornopticon, and the Downfall of Mars Hill.</b></p> <p><b>The Codex of Feeling: Affect Theory and Ancient Texts.</b></p>   | <p>AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Lisa Sideris’ Consecrating Science.</i></p> <p>AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Jessica Johnson’s Biblical Porn.</i></p> <p>AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Maia Kotrosits’ Rethinking Early Christian Identity.</i></p>  |
| 2017 | <p><b>The Lust to Believe: Paranoia, Conspiracy Theory, and Apocalypticism.</b></p> <p><b>Precopulatory Sexual Cannibalism and Other Accidents: Desire,</b></p>  | <p>AAR, Boston, MA.</p> <p>“Religion, Society, and the Science of Life” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre,</p>   |



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|      | Evolution, and Natural Law.   | Oxford.   |
| 2016 | Is Secularism a World Religion?   | British Association for the Study of Religion annual conference, Wolverhampton.                             |
|      | Animal Politics: Species, Evolution, and Religious Affects.   | AAR, San Antonio, TX. <i>Invited response to session on Religious Affects.</i>                              |
|      | Only Better Beasts: On the Animality of Secularism.   | “A Postsecular Age?” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.   |
|      | The Mat of Matter.  | “Human Transcendence: Philosophies beyond Mere Materialism” symposium, The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies. |
|      | Unbecoming: Considering the Bio-Logic of Affect.  | Society for European Philosophy annual conference, London.  |
| 2015 | Secular Animacy Hierarchies: Violence and Reason after “Faith and Knowledge.”                               | “Re-Reading Derrida’s ‘Faith and Knowledge’” conference, University of Nottingham.                          |
|      | Affect and the Animality of Religion: Toward a Theory of the Waterfall Dance.                               | “The Human Difference?” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.  |
|      | Animal Method: The Materialist Shift in Aaron S. Gross’ <i>The Question of the Animal and Religion</i> .    | AAR, Atlanta, GA.   |
|      | Imaging Postsecular Sacrifice: <i>Calvary</i> and Economies of Attachment.                                  | AAR, Atlanta, GA.   |
| 2014 | Let’s Be Queer about Darwin: Teleology, Desire, and Religion.   | “Evolution and Historical Explanation” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.                               |
|      | Dad Wanted a Boy: Gender, Embodiment, and Transcendence in <i>Gravity</i> and <i>2001</i> .                 | AAR, San Diego, CA.   |
|      | Being and Noneness: Post-atheism, Religion, and the Intransigence of Data.                                  | AAR, San Diego, CA.   |
| 2013 | Heavenbeast: Affect, Accident, and Animality in Joyce’s <i>Ulysses</i> .                                    | Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Toronto, ON.                             |
|      | The Limits of the Text: Affect, Undecidability, and Embodiment in <i>Infinite Jest</i> and <i>Ulysses</i> . | “Return of the Text” conference, Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.                    |
|      | Theses on Guns, Apocalypticism, and   | AAR, Baltimore, MD.   |

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|      | <b>American Religion.</b>   |  |
|      | <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: Nietzsche, Foucault, and Frustration.</b>  | “Anatomy of Affect” symposium, SU 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.                         |
| 2010 | <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.  |
| 2009 | <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.   |
| 2008 | <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.<br><i>Graduate Paper Competition Prize.</i>  |

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| 2007 | <b>New Critical Perspectives on Teaching World Religions.</b>                        | AAR-EIR, Waterloo University, Waterloo, ON. <i>Panel organizer.</i> |
| 2006 | <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> |
| 2005 | <b>Theoretical Foundations for a Zoocentric Ethics.</b>                              | AAR-EIR, McGill University, Montreal, QC.                           |

## Teaching Areas

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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

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| Penn, graduate                         | <b>Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion</b><br><b>Affect Theory and Power</b><br><b>Religion and Cinema</b><br><b>Deleuze and Affect Theory</b> (independent study, four students)<br><b>Material Secularisms</b> (independent study, three students)                           |
| Penn, undergraduate                    | <b>Science and Religion</b><br><b>Religion and Evolution</b><br><b>Sacred Stuff: Religious Bodies, Places, and Objects</b>   |
| Oxford, graduate                       | <b>Science and Religion</b> (seminars and tutorials)<br><b>Global Christianity</b> (tutorials)   |
| Oxford, undergraduate                  | <b>Religion and Religions</b><br><b>Sociology of Religion</b><br><b>Science and Religion</b><br><b>Introduction to the Study of Religion</b><br><b>Nature of Religion</b><br><b>Psychology of Religion</b><br><b>God, Christ, and Salvation</b><br><b>Christian Doctrine of Creation</b> |
| Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford | <b>Bridging the Two Cultures Program</b> (tutorials)   |
| Haverford College                      | <b>Philosophy of Religion</b><br><b>Religion, Sex, and Power</b><br><b>Religion, America, and the Science of Life</b><br><b>Religion, Emotion, and Global Cinema</b>   |
| Le Moyne                               | <b>Gender, Sexuality, and Religion</b>   |

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

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| 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)

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|--------------|--|------------------|
| 2023–present | Penelope Lusk                                    | Penn             |
| 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

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

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

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| 2024 | Visiting Scholar | Department of<br>English,<br>University of<br>Richmond. |
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| 2023      | <b>Ludwik Fleck Prize (for <i>Wild Experiment</i>)</b>  | Society for Social Studies of Science.   |
|           | <b>Annual Book Prize, “For Professionals and Educators” Category (for <i>Wild Experiment</i>)</b>                     | International Society for Science and Religion   |
|           | <b>Humanities, Urbanism, and Design Colloquium Membership</b>   | University of Pennsylvania. (\$4500)   |
|           | <b>Coolidge Fellowship</b>  | Association for Public Religion and Intellectual Life/Auburn Media Summer program on “Memory.” |
|           | <b>Mellon Research Fellowship</b>   | Virginia Museum of History and Culture. (\$1000)   |
|           | <b>Grant for Faculty Mentoring Undergraduate Research</b>   | Provost’s Office and Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Penn. (\$8000)         |
| 2022      | <b>“Building a Public-Facing Overview of Historic Black Perspectives on Confederate Commemoration” Research Grant</b> | Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race, and Immigration, Penn (\$4000)                        |
|           | <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)  |

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|                  | <b>Regional Development Grant for “Material Secularisms” Conference</b>  | American Academy of Religion (\$2000)              |
| <b>2018–2019</b> | <b>Wolf Humanities Center Faculty Fellow</b>   | Penn   |
| <b>2018–2020</b> | <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) |
| <b>2017</b>      | <b>Award for Excellence</b>  | University of Oxford (~£1000)                      |
|                  | <b>Short-term Research Fellowship</b>  | Freie Universität Berlin (€2500)                   |
|                  | <b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence</b>   | European Commission                                |
| <b>2015</b>      | <b>Fellow of the Higher Education Academy</b>  | United Kingdom                                     |
| <b>2013–2015</b> | <b>Collaborative Research Grant (with PI John Corrigan, Florida State) “How Do We Study Religion and Emotion?”</b>             | American Academy of Religion                       |
| <b>2012–2014</b> | <b>Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship</b>  | Haverford College                                  |
| <b>2013</b>      | <b>Student Research Assistant Grant</b>  | Haverford College                                  |
| <b>2010–2011</b> | <b>Humanities Center Dissertation Fellow</b>   | Syracuse University (\$21,000)                     |
| <b>2008–2010</b> | <b>Teaching Fellow/Mentor</b>  | Syracuse University                                |
| <b>2009</b>      | <b>Outstanding TA Award</b>  | Syracuse University                                |
| <b>2008</b>      | <b>Graduate Paper Competition Prize</b>  | AAR-EIR Conference                                 |
| <b>2007</b>      | <b>Summer Fellowship</b>   | Syracuse University                                |
| <b>2003–2006</b> | <b>Syracuse University Fellowship</b>  | Syracuse University (\$15,000/a)                   |
| <b>2001</b>      | <b>Belle Mulholland Memorial Prize in Religious Studies</b>  | University of British Columbia (\$500 CDN)         |

### Conferences, Workshops, and Other Events Organized

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| 2023 | <b>The Scholar of Religion in the Public Sphere.</b>                                | <i>Co-organizer.</i><br>Designed and implemented 1.5-day symposium at Penn with Jolyon Thomas.  |
|      | <b>Making Theory Accessible.</b>  | <i>Workshop leader.</i><br>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><br>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><br>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><br>Coordinated guest speaker Simeon Zahl's visit to Penn.   |
|      | <b>The Politics of Modern Yoga.</b>   | <i>Organizer.</i><br>Coordinated guest speaker Andrea Jain's visit to Penn.   |
| 2018 | <b>Once More with Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers.</b>              | <i>Co-organizer.</i><br>Conference hosted at the University of Dayton, February 24–25.  |
|      | <b>Charismatic Affects.</b>   | <i>Organizer and leader.</i><br>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><br>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><br>Coordinated guest speaker Catherine Keller's visit to Oxford.  |
|      | <b>An Introduction to the Academic Job Market.</b>                                  | <i>Organizer and presenter.</i><br>Created and led graduate student workshop for the Penn Religious Studies Department Colloquium.  |
| 2016 | <b>A Postsecular Age?</b>   | <i>Co-organizer.</i><br>Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre,   |

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|      | <b>Secularism and Sacrifice.</b>   | Oxford, July 27–30.<br><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.  |
| 2012 | <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).  |
| 2011 | <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 and presenter.</i> Graduate workshop for the SU Religion Department, April 4, 2011.  |



**2006** **The Role of the Scholar of Religion in the Public Sphere.**

*Organizer.*  
Religion Graduate Students Organization Bi-Annual Retreat. Syracuse, NY, May 2006.

### Other Research Supervised

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| <b>2023</b> | <b>Justin Seward</b>                   | Summer undergraduate research student, funded by Mellon Summer Fellowship, Price Lab for Digital Humanities, Penn. |
|             | <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 student, Penn.   |
| <b>2019</b> | <b>Scheherazade Khan</b>               | Graduate student translator of Latin text, Penn.   |
| <b>2013</b> | <b>David Roza</b>                      | Summer undergraduate research student, Haverford College.  |

### Professional Service

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| <b>2024–2025</b>    | <b>Ludwik Fleck Prize Committee, Society for Social Studies of Science</b>  | <i>Committee member.</i>       |
| <b>2024–present</b> | <b>Science, Technology, and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion</b> | <i>Co-chair.</i>               |
| <b>2022–present</b> | <b>Science and Religion as Critical Discourse Book Series,</b>              | <i>Editorial board member.</i> |

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|              | Lexington Press.  |   |
| 2021–2024    | 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   | <i>Graduate Representative.</i>                                       |

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|                  | <b>Religion, Syracuse University</b>   |  |
| <b>2010–2013</b> | <b>Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory</b>                             | <i>Assistant Editor.</i>   |
| <b>2009–2017</b> | <b>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</b>                                    | <i>Associate Editor.</i>   |
| <b>2008–2011</b> | <b>Teaching Fellowship Program, The Graduate School, Syracuse University</b> | <i>Teaching Fellow/Teaching Mentor.</i><br>Planned and organized TA Orientation Program for new TAs. |
| <b>2005–2006</b> | <b>Graduate Admissions Committee, SU Department of Religion</b>              | <i>Graduate Representative.</i>  |
| <b>2005–2006</b> | <b>SU Religion Grad Students Organization</b>                                | <i>Co-president.</i>   |

### Service to the University of Pennsylvania

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

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| 2017–<br>present<br><br>2017 | <b>Race, Rights, and Religion<br/>Conference</b>  | <i>Session Chair and Moderator.</i> |
|                              | <b>Graduate selection committee,<br/>Department of Religious Studies</b>                                  | <i>Selection Committee Member.</i>  |
|                              | <b>CURF Undergraduate Advisory<br/>Board, “Clash of Art and<br/>Science? Unexpected Unions”<br/>panel</b> | <i>Invited Panelist.</i>            |

## Journals and Publishers Served as Peer Reviewer

*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