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## Positions Held

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| 2023–<br>present | <b>Associate Professor of Religious Studies</b><br><i>Secondary Faculty, Annenberg School for Communication</i><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:</i> 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 feeling/affect/emotion, religion, 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>Finalist for the 2023 Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Analytical-Descriptive Studies, from the American Academy of | Duke University Press.<br>328 pp. ISBN 978-1-4780-1825-4. |
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Religion.  
 Reviewed in *American Religion*; *Christian Century*; *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*; *Material Religion*; *Politics, Religion, and Ideology*; *Quarterly Review of Biology*; *Reading Religion*.  
 Review symposia in *Zygon* (forthcoming) and *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (forthcoming).  
 Conference/workshop symposia at 4S (2023), American Academy of Religion (2023 & 2024), Drew University (2022), Foundation for Creative Social Research/Jawaharlal Nehru University (2022).  
 Podcasts on *New Books Network*, *Recovering Truth Project* (Arizona State University).

**2019** ***The Evolution of Affect Theory: The Humanities, the Sciences, and the Study of Power.*** Cambridge University Press. 75 pp. ISBN 9781108765343.  
 Commissioned for the Cambridge Elements (short monographs) series “Histories of Emotions and the Senses.”

**2015** ***Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power.*** Duke University Press. 304 + xi pp. ISBN 0822359901.  
 Reprint 2016.  
 Reviewed in *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*.  
 Review symposia in *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* (2018) and *Syndicate* (2018).  
 Conference symposia at American Academy of Religion (2016) and Society for Biblical Literature (2018) annual meetings.

## Journal Articles

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>The Things of Order: Affect, Material Culture, <i>Dispositif</i>.</b>                               | <i>Cultural Critique</i> 124 (Summer): 1–30. Peer reviewed. DOI: 10.1353/cul.2024.a926818  |
| <b>2023</b> | <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              |
| <b>2022</b> | <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. Peer reviewed. DOI: 10.22387/CAP2022.58   |

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|      | <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 Law, and the Diversity of Desire.</b>                                   | <i>GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies</i> 27.4: 525–550. Peer reviewed. DOI 10.1215/10642684-9316824.   |
| 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. Peer reviewed. DOI 10.1080/14791420.2019.1667503.                                  |
|      | <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.   |

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| 2012 | <b>Our Peculiar Institution: 12 Years a Slave, 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 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>The Poverty of Excess: Religion, Affect, and the Unthinkable.</b>              | In: <i>The Unthinkable Body: Challenges of Embodiment in Religion, Politics, and Ethics</i> . Klein, Rebekka A. and Calvin D. Ullrich, eds. Mohr Siebeck. ISBN 978-3-16-163754-4. pp. 43–59. <i>Invited chapter.</i>  |
|      | <b>Emotion.</b>   | In: <i>Animals and Religion</i> . Aftandilian, David, Barbara Ambros, and Aaron Gross, eds. Routledge. ISBN 978-1032330181. pp. 48–57. <i>Invited chapter.</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</i>   |

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| 2018 | <b>Beautiful Facts: Religion, Secularism, and Affect.</b>               | <i>from Evolution of Affect Theory, above.</i><br>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 Press. ISBN 0198718403. pp. 89–107. <i>Invited chapter.</i> |
|      | <b>The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Reason, and the Limits of Science.</b> | In: <i>Are there Limits to Science?</i> Straine, Gillian, ed. Cambridge Scholars Press. ISBN 1443895814. pp. 61–79. <i>Invited chapter.</i>  |

### Invited Talks and Lectures

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| 2024 | <b>The Re-Disenchantment of the World: Thinking, Feeling, and Secularity.</b>                          | Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network annual lecture. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>Our Westminster: Race and Sacrality at Richmond’s Hollywood Cemetery.</b>                           | “Spiritual Powers” conference, Arizona State University. <i>Invited workshop participant.</i>   |
|      | <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: Rethinking the Role of Conspiracy Theory in the 2024 U.S. Election Cycle.</b> | University of Bonn. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>The Sense of Science: Feeling and Thinking after Darwin.</b>  | “Hopes and Fears: Emotions and Decision-Making in Historical Analysis of Science, Medicine, and Technology,” Johns Hopkins University. <i>Invited workshop participant.</i> |
|      | <b>Feeling Is Believing: A New Approach to Conspiracy Theory.</b>                                      | West Virginia University. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |
|      | <b>Feeling Is Believing: A New Approach to Conspiracy Theory.</b>                                      | Washington and Lee University. <i>Invited lecture.</i>  |
|      | <b>Is a Monument a Text?</b>   | Material Texts Seminar, UPenn. <i>Invited lecture.</i>  |
|      | <b>Is a Monument a Text?</b>   | University of Richmond. <i>Invited lecture.</i>   |

2023

- Religious Animal Bodies.** West Chester University. “Sustainability and Spirituality” colloquium. *Invited lecture.*
- The Affective Academic: Reflecting on Embodied Research and Emotional Pedagogy.** Columbia University. *Invited workshop leader.*
- The Affective Academic: Reflecting on Embodied Research and Emotional Pedagogy.** West Virginia University. *Invited workshop leader.*
- The Affective Academic: Reflecting on Embodied Research and Emotional Pedagogy.** Duke Kunshan University. *Invited workshop leader.*
- The Re-Disenchantment of the World: Thinking, Feeling, and Secularity.** McLester Lecture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. *Invited lecture.*
- Forging Feeling: The Downfall of the Confederate Monument.** University of Richmond. *Invited speaker.*
- Longing to Believe: Feeling, Thinking, and Secularity.** “Religion and Emotions” workshop, Humboldt University, Berlin. *Invited participant.*
- Feeling Is Believing: Conspiracy Theory, Apocalypticism, and Affect.** Louisiana State University. *Invited speaker.*
- Feeling Is Believing: Conspiracy Theory, Apocalypticism, and Affect.** Kahn Lecture, Franklin and Marshall College. *Invited lecture.*
- Hard Feelings: Power, Secularity, and Public Material Culture.** “Material Secularities” workshop. University of Leipzig. *Invited workshop participant.*
- Longing to Believe: Feeling, Thinking, and Secularity.** “Affectivity, Religion, and Theology” digital workshop. University of Basel, Switzerland. *Invited keynote speaker.*
- Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.** Discussing Atheism and the Study of Atheism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century workshop, Georgetown. *Invited participant.*
- 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.*

2022

**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.*

**Feeling Is Believing.**

Penn homecoming weekend. *Invited public lecture.*

**Feeling Is Believing.**

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

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

Universität Leipzig. *Invited lecture, presented digitally.*

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|      | <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 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>   |



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|      | <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> |
|      | <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,</b>  | College of the Holy Cross, "Religion,   |

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|      | <b>Race, and the World Trump Built.</b>   | 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 Universität Berlin. <i>Plenary speaker.</i>                             |
|      | <b>It’s Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism.</b>                        | 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,</b>   | Harvard Center for the Study of World   |

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|      | <b>Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.</b>                                      | 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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| 2024 | <b>Review of Grant Bollmer's <i>The Affect Lab: The History and Limits of Measuring Emotion.</i></b> | <i>Isis. Forthcoming.</i>  |
| 2023 | <b>Review of Anthony B. Pinn's <i>Interplay of Things: Religion, Art, and Presence Together.</i></b> | <i>Material Religion.</i> 19.1: 91–3. DOI: 10.1080/17432200.2023.2170105 |
|      | <b>Review of Jason Bivins's <i>Embattled America: The Rise of Anti-politics and</i></b>              | <i>American Religion.</i> 5.1: 172–174. DOI: 10.2979/amerreli.5.1.14     |

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|      | <i>America's Obsession with Religion.</i>  |  |
| 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.<br>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>Belief without Borders: Inside the Minds of the Spiritual but Not Religious.</i>            | <i>Secularism and Nonreligion.</i> 4.1: Art. 9.<br>DOI 10.5334/snr.bb  |
| 2011 | On Dictionaryism: The Good News and Maledictions of Religious Literacy.  | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion.</i> 40.2: 3–8. (Review of Stephen Prothero's <i>God Is Not One.</i> )                   |

2009 **The Shape of the Field: Bruce Lincoln's *Discourse and the Construction of Society*.**

*Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin*. 38.3: 58–60.

### Selected Online Writings

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2024 **“To Perpetuate a False Image of History”: Perspectives on Confederate Commemoration from the Black Press.**

*Introductory essay for online project “A False Image of History’: Perspectives on Confederate Commemoration from the Black Press.”* April 2024.

**For 150 Years, Black Journalists Have Known What Confederate Monuments Really Stood For.**

*The Conversation*. Republished by the *New Pittsburgh Courier*, *Philadelphia Tribune*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Yahoo News*, and more than a dozen other platforms. February 2024.

**Dialogue with Kevin Schilbrack.**

*Here’s an Idea* blog. Forthcoming.

2023 **The City’s Salvation: Frank Rizzo and White Christian Nationalism in Philadelphia.**

*Religion, Race, and Democracy Lab* blog, *University of Virginia*. February 2023.

2022 **Buying into Conspiracy Theories Can Be Exciting – That’s What Makes Them Dangerous.**

*The Conversation*. Republished by *Salon*, *Religion News Service*, the *Harvard Nieman Lab*, *Neuroscience News*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, and more than 50 other platforms. July 2022.

**Hiding in Horror: Feeling and Believing Climate Science.**

*Counterpoint: Navigating Knowledge* blog. July 2022.

**Feeling Science, Thinking Religion.**

*International Society for Science and Religion* blog. August 2022.

**Secular Rationality/Secular Affects.**

*Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network* blog. August 2022.

**Atheists, Social Media, and American Politics.**

Interview of Chris Stedman. *The Revealer*. November 2022.

**Faithless Feeling: Does a Lack of Religion Really “Knock Color out of Life”?**

*OnlySky Media*. Invited contribution. December 2022.

2021 **How Do Words Work? A Response to Craig Martin.**

*The Religious Studies Project*. Invited response to Craig Martin’s *Discourse and Ideology*. December 2021.

2020 **Affect.**

*The Immanent Frame*. Invited contribution to “A Universe of Terms.” April 2020.

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| 2019 | <p><b>The Codex of Feeling: Affect Theory and Ancient Texts.</b></p> <p><b>The Face of the Sovereign.</b></p> <p><i>Credulity</i>, or Science as an Intoxication.</p> <p><b>The Monograph as Laboratory.</b></p>  | <p><i>Ancient Jew Review</i>. January 2019.</p> <p><i>Political Theology</i>. February 2019.</p> <p><i>The Immanent Frame</i>. Part of the “Modernity’s Resonances” symposium. Response to Emily Ogden’s <i>Credulity</i>. February 2019.</p> <p><i>The Philosophers’ Cocoon</i> blog. April 2019.</p>                              |
| 2018 | <p><b>Material Mourning in the Secular Sculpture Garden.</b></p>  | <p><i>The Immanent Frame</i>. March 2018.</p>   |
| 2017 | <p><b>Rational Passions.</b></p> <p><b>The Trembling Hive: A New Fable of the Bees.</b></p> <p><b>The Stickiness of Classification.</b></p> <p><b>White Winter Blues.</b></p> <p><b>The Material Foucault.</b></p> <p><b>Ideology Becomes an Addiction.</b></p>   | <p><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.</p> <p><i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, April 11, 2017.</p>  |
| 2016 | <p><b>It’s Not What You Think: Affect Theory and Power Take to the Stage.</b></p> <p><b>Trump’s Evangelical Support in the Gut, Not the Theology.</b></p> <p><b>Affect Theory Is an Animalism.</b></p> <p><b>Smelling the Sacred: Better Lived Religion through Chemistry.</b></p> <p><b>Animal Dress-up: On Hiroshi Watanabe.</b></p> <p><b>The Shared Fantasy of Redemptive Violence between ISIS and the Islamophobic Right.</b></p> | <p>Duke University Press blog. February 15, 2016.</p> <p><i>Religion Dispatches</i>. March 21, 2016.</p> <p><i>WTF Affect</i> blog. (With Maya Pindyck.) May 2016.</p> <p><i>Religion Dispatches</i>. May 24, 2016.</p> <p><i>Capilano Review</i>. 3.29 (Summer 2016): 92–94.</p> <p><i>Religion Dispatches</i>. July 18, 2016.</p> |
| 2015 | <p><b>Dad Wanted a Boy: Feminism, Transcendence, and Cuarón’s <i>Gravity</i>.</b></p> <p><b>Did Pope Francis Just Change the Course of the Science–Religion Dialogue?</b></p>   | <p><i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, January 30, 2015.</p> <p><i>Religion Dispatches</i>. June 18, 2015.</p>  |
| 2014 | <p><b>Partisan Science: Evolution and Creationism in Postsecular American</b></p>   | <p><i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. April 4, 2014.</p>   |

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|      | Politics.   |  |
|      | <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, and Reductionism.</b>                                   | Interview with Jessica Frazier. The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies.  |

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| <b>2016</b> | <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 Religious Affects.</b>   | Interview with Christian von Scheve, Freie Universität Berlin. November 28, 2016.                   |

### Conference Papers

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>Feeling Is Believing: Affect, Cognition, Cogency.</b>   | “Cognitive Representations in Religion” conference, Oxford, UK.   |
|             | <b>Feeling Faithless: Cognitive Emotions and the Affective Life of Atheism.</b>                                    | “Atheism Explained?” conference, Oxford, UK.  |
|             | <b>The Re-Disenchantment of the World: Weber’s “Science as a Vocation” and the Affects of <i>Wissenschaft</i>.</b> | Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Free University of Amsterdam.                                       |
|             | <b>Academic Affects and Cruel Optimism.</b>  | Society for Social Studies of Science annual meeting, Free University of Amsterdam. <i>Panel co-organizer</i> .           |
|             | <b>“Our Westminster”: Sacralizing White Supremacy at Richmond’s Hollywood Cemetery.</b>                            | American Studies Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD. <i>Forthcoming</i> .  |
|             | <b>The Work of Bad Writing.</b>  | Society for the Study of Affect, Promises/Impasses/Threats/Settlings conference, Lancaster, PA. <i>Stream organizer</i> . |
| <b>2023</b> | <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>When Do We Love (a) Theory Too Much?</b>   | AAR, San Antonio, TX. <i>Invited participant at roundtable on "History and Theory."</i>                             |
| <b>2022</b> | <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.  |
| <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 Zahl. 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</b>  | Society for the Scientific Study of   |

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|      | Science, Cognition, and Religion.  | 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 Johnson'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: 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>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 in Aaron S. Gross' <i>The Question of the Animal and Religion</i>.</b> | AAR, Atlanta, GA.   |
|      | <b>Imaging Postsecular Sacrifice: <i>Calvary</i> and Economies of Attachment.</b>                              | AAR, Atlanta, GA.   |

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| 2014 | <p><b>Let's Be Queer about Darwin: Teleology, Desire, and Religion.</b></p>  | <p>“Evolution and Historical Explanation” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>Dad Wanted a Boy: Gender, Embodiment, and Transcendence in <i>Gravity</i> and <i>2001</i>.</b></p>                 | <p>AAR, San Diego, CA.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>Being and Noneness: Post-atheism, Religion, and the Intransigence of Data.</b></p>                                 | <p>AAR, San Diego, CA.</p>  |
| 2013 | <p><b>Heavenbeast: Affect, Accident, and Animality in Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i>.</b></p>                                    | <p>Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Toronto, ON.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>The Limits of the Text: Affect, Undecidability, and Embodiment in <i>Infinite Jest</i> and <i>Ulysses</i>.</b></p> | <p>“Return of the Text” conference, Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.</p>                                     |
|      | <p><b>Theses on Guns, Apocalypticism, and American Religion.</b></p>   | <p>AAR, Baltimore, MD.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>Animalism: Religion, Affect, and Non-Sovereign Bodies.</b></p>   | <p>AAR, Baltimore, MD.</p>  |
| 2012 | <p><b>What Does It Feel Like to Be an Atheist? Affective Disciplines and Atheism after Darwin.</b></p>                   | <p>AAR, Chicago, IL.</p>  |
|      | <p><b>Compulsory Affectivity: Affect, Animality, and the Nonhuman Turn.</b></p>  | <p>“The Nonhuman Turn in 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Studies” conference, Center for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Studies, UW-Milwaukee.</p> |
|      | <p><b>Embodied Disbelief: Poststructural Feminist Atheism.</b></p>   | <p>“The Varieties of Continental Thought in Religion” conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON.</p>                              |
| 2011 | <p><b>Blessed, Precious Mistakes: Deconstruction, Evolution, and the New Atheism.</b></p>                                | <p>“The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion,” Postmodernism, Culture, and Religion conference, Syracuse University.</p>    |
|      | <p><b>Dances of Awe: Embodiment, Affect, and the Animal Religions.</b></p>   | <p>“Animals as Religious Subjects” conference, European Forum for the Study of Religion and Ecology, Chester University, UK.</p>    |
|      | <p><b>The Irreducibility of Affect: Nietzsche, Foucault, and Frustration.</b></p>  | <p>“Anatomy of Affect” symposium, SU Humanities Center, SU.</p>   |
|      | <p><b>Songs of Love and Hate: Religion, Affect, and the Park51 Controversy.</b></p>                                      | <p>“Self Among Selves: Emotion and the Common Life” conference, SU.</p>   |
|      | <p><b><i>Se Plastiquer</i>: Freedom and</b></p>  | <p>Society for Phenomenology and</p>  |

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|             | <b>Metaphysics in Catherine Malabou's <i>What Should We Do with Our Brain?</i></b>   | 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 <i>Ramakrishna</i>: 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>                         |
| <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

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| <b>Penn, graduate</b>      | <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) |
| <b>Penn, undergraduate</b> | <b>Science and Religion</b><br><b>Religion and Evolution</b><br><b>Sacred Stuff: Religious Bodies, Places, and Objects</b>   |
| <b>Oxford,</b>             | <b>Science and Religion</b> (seminars and tutorials)   |

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| graduate                                     | Global Christianity (tutorials)  |
| Oxford,<br>undergraduate                     | Religion and Religions<br>Sociology of Religion<br>Science and Religion<br>Introduction to the Study of Religion<br>Nature of Religion<br>Psychology of Religion<br>God, Christ, and Salvation<br>Christian Doctrine of Creation |
| Scholarship and<br>Christianity in<br>Oxford | Bridging the Two Cultures Program (tutorials)  |
| Haverford<br>College                         | Philosophy of Religion<br>Religion, Sex, and Power<br>Religion, America, and the Science of Life<br>Religion, Emotion, and Global Cinema   |
| Le Moyne<br>College                          | Gender, Sexuality, and Religion  |
| Syracuse<br>University                       | Religions of the World<br>Animal Religion  |

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

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| 2016–2024 | Tyler Tully       | Oxford |
| 2016–2021 | Matthew Pritchard | Oxford |
| 2016–2020 | Justine Ellis     | Oxford |
| 2015–2018 | Marek Sullivan    | Oxford |
| 2015–2020 | Stefani Ruper     | Oxford |

### Doctoral Students (Committee Member/Examiner)

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| 2024–present | Mackenzie Oglesby        | UNC-Chapel Hill  |
| 2023–present | Penelope Lusk            | Penn             |
| 2023         | Ritu Varghese            | NTT Rourkela     |
| 2021–present | Amiel Wayne              | Drew Univ.       |
| 2021–present | Kirby Sokolow            | Penn             |
| 2020–2022    | Mari Ovsepyan            | Oxford           |
| 2020–2024    | Rawad Wehbe              | Penn             |
| 2020         | Brian Carwana            | Univ. of Toronto |
| 2019         | Ali Noori                | Penn             |
| 2019–2024    | Max Dugan                | Penn             |
| 2019–2023    | Erez DeGolan             | Columbia         |
| 2016–2020    | Jonathan Sparks-Franklin | Indiana          |

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| 2018–2024 | Angela Xia       | Penn           |
| 2018–2019 | Alex Weisberg    | New York Univ. |
| 2017–2018 | Susanne Kerekes  | Penn           |
| 2017–2018 | Venise Adjibodou | Penn           |

### Undergraduate Theses Supervised

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| 2023–2024 | 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 | Virginia Public Humanities Fellow   | Virginia Humanities.<br>(\$15000)  |
|      | Visiting Scholar  | Department of English,<br>University of Richmond.                                      |
|      | International Collaborative Research Grant for “The Material Secular: A Cross-Continental Research Project”           | American Academy of Religion. (\$3258)   |
|      | Grant for Faculty Mentoring Undergraduate Research  | Provost’s Office and Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Penn. (\$8000) |
|      | Finalist, Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Analytical-Descriptive Studies (for <i>Wild Experiment</i> ) | American Academy of Religion   |
| 2023 | Ludwik Fleck Prize (for <i>Wild Experiment</i> )  | Society for Social Studies of Science.   |
|      | Annual Book Prize, “For Professionals and Educators” Category (for <i>Wild Experiment</i> )                           | International Society for Science and Religion   |
|      | Humanities, Urbanism, and Design Colloquium Membership  | University of Pennsylvania.<br>(\$4500)  |

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|                  | <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)         |
|                  | <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>2022</b>      | <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)                             |
| <b>2019–2020</b> | <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)  |
| <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  |

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|                  |  | Oxford (~£1000)                                  |
|                  | <b>Short-term Research Fellowship</b>  | Freie Universität<br>Berlin (€2500)              |
|                  | <b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions<br/>Seal of Excellence</b>   | European<br>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<br/>Corrigan, Florida State) “How Do We Study<br/>Religion and Emotion?”</b> | American<br>Academy of<br>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<br>University<br>(\$21,000)             |
| <b>2008–2010</b> | <b>Teaching Fellow/Mentor</b>  | Syracuse<br>University                           |
| <b>2009</b>      | <b>Outstanding TA Award</b>  | Syracuse<br>University                           |
| <b>2008</b>      | <b>Graduate Paper Competition Prize</b>  | AAR-EIR<br>Conference                            |
| <b>2007</b>      | <b>Summer Fellowship</b>   | Syracuse<br>University                           |
| <b>2003–2006</b> | <b>Syracuse University Fellowship</b>  | Syracuse<br>University<br>(\$15,000/a)           |
| <b>2001</b>      | <b>Belle Mulholland Memorial Prize in Religious<br/>Studies</b>  | University of<br>British Columbia<br>(\$500 CDN) |

### Conferences, Workshops, and Other Events Organized

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| <b>2023</b> | <b>The Scholar of Religion in the<br/>Public Sphere.</b> | <i>Co-organizer.</i><br>Designed and implemented 1.5-day symposium<br>at Penn with Jolyon Thomas.  |
|             | <b>Making Theory Accessible.</b>                         | <i>Workshop leader.</i><br>Co-designed with Michael Shea at Penn for<br>grad student-oriented workshop in the<br>Comparative Literature program. |
| <b>2022</b> | <b>Virtual Book Launch for Justin</b>                    | <i>Organizer.</i>  |



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|             | <b>McDaniel's <i>Wayward Distractions</i>.</b>                         | Coordinated virtual book launch for Justin McDaniel's <i>Wayward Distractions: Ornament, Emotion, Zombies, and the Study of Buddhism in Thailand</i> at Penn.   |
| <b>2020</b> | <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> |
| <b>2018</b> | <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.  |
| <b>2017</b> | <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>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.  |
| <b>2016</b> | <b>A Postsecular Age?</b>  | <i>Co-organizer.</i><br>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><br>Interdisciplinary Seminars in the Study of Religion series, Hilary Term. Supported by a grant from the Ian Ramsey Centre.   |
| <b>2015</b> | <b>The Human Difference?</b>   | <i>Co-organizer.</i><br>Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, July 22–25.   |
|             | <b>Secularism and Sacrifice: Embodied Economies of Value.</b>          | <i>Co-organizer.</i><br>Panel for the Philosophy of Religion group of the American Academy of Religion for the 2015 annual meeting.   |
| <b>2014</b> | <b>Visceral Nation: Religion/Affect in Postsecular America.</b>        | <i>Organizer.</i><br>Day-long conference at Haverford College, March 28.  |
| <b>2013</b> | <b>Religion, Affect and Emotion Unit.</b>                              | <i>Founder.</i><br>Created new program unit at American Academy of Religion. Granted permanent unit   |

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| <b>2012</b> | <b>Embodied Pedagogy: Affect in the Classroom.</b>                | <i>Organizer &amp; presenter.</i><br>Graduate workshop for the SU Religion Department, March 23, 2012.   |
|             | <b>The Affective Turn in Religious Studies.</b>                   | <i>Organizer &amp; presenter.</i><br>Exploratory Session at AAR (four-paper panel).  |
| <b>2011</b> | <b>The Anatomy of Affect: New Approaches to Embodied Emotion.</b> | <i>Organizer.</i><br>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><br>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.</i><br>Religion Graduate Students Organization Bi-Annual Retreat. Syracuse, NY, May 2006.  |

### Other Research Supervised

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| <b>2024</b> | <b>Olivia Haynie and Justin Seward</b> | Summer undergraduate research students, through the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, Penn.       |
| <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  |

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

### Professional Service

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| 2024–2025    | Ludwik Fleck Prize Committee, Society for Social Studies of Science              | <i>Committee member.</i>  |
| 2024–present | Science, Technology, and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion             | <i>Co-chair.</i>  |
| 2024         | NAASR Conversation Series, North American Association for the Study of Religion. | <i>Interviewer for Christopher Brey on In Defense of Sex.</i>     |
| 2022–present | Science and Religion as Critical Discourse Book Series, Lexington Press.         | <i>Editorial board member.</i>                                    |
| 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. |

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| 2015–2017 | <b>B.A. Theology and Religion Board of Examiners</b>   | <i>Examiner.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.  |
| 2015–2017 | <b>Master of Studies in Study of Religion Board of Examiners</b>                                 | <i>Examiner.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.  |
| 2015–2017 | <b>Study of Religion Group</b>   | <i>Secretary.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.                                       |
| 2015–2017 | <b>Post-Graduate Diploma Program</b>   | <i>Director of Studies.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford.                             |
| 2015–2021 | <b>Animals and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion</b>                                   | <i>Steering committee member.</i>   |
| 2013–2018 | <b>Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit, American Academy of Religion</b>                          | <i>Co-chair and co-founder.</i>   |
| 2011      | <b>Humanities Dissertation Fellow Selection Committee, Syracuse University Humanities Center</b> | <i>Graduate Representative.</i>   |
| 2010–2011 | <b>Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University</b>         | <i>Graduate Representative.</i>   |
| 2010–2011 | <b>Faculty Search, Department of Religion, Syracuse University</b>                               | <i>Graduate Representative.</i>   |
| 2010–2013 | <b>Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory</b>   | <i>Assistant Editor.</i>  |
| 2009–2017 | <b>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</b>  | <i>Associate Editor.</i>  |
| 2008–2011 | <b>Teaching Fellowship Program, The Graduate School, Syracuse University</b>                     | <i>Teaching Fellow/Teaching Mentor.</i> Planned and organized TA Orientation Program for new TAs. |
| 2005–2006 | <b>Graduate Admissions Committee, SU Department of Religion</b>                                  | <i>Graduate Representative.</i>   |
| 2005–2006 | <b>SU Religion Grad Students Organization</b>  | <i>Co-president.</i>  |

### Service to the University of Pennsylvania

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| 2024–present | <b>Religious Studies Graduate Group</b> | <i>Chair of the Graduate Group</i> |
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| 2024–<br>present | Penn Psychedelics Collaborative  | <i>Faculty advisory board member.</i>   |
| 2024             | Quaker Days 60-Second Lecture Series   | <i>Invited speaker.</i>   |
| 2024             | Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Innovation                            | <i>Invited workshop leader, “Teaching a Combined Graduate and Undergraduate Class.”</i> |
| 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   | <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>   |
| 2020             | Material Secularisms Conference  | <i>Co-organizer (with Jolyon Thomas).</i>   |
| 2018–2019        | Faculty Search, Department of Religion, Penn   | <i>Search Committee Member.</i>   |
| 2018–2019        | Wolf Humanities Center   | <i>Fellows Selection Committee.</i>   |
| 2018             | Quaker Days Collegepalooza, Penn   | <i>Invited faculty lecture “What Is Religion and How Do We Study It?”</i>               |
|                  | Penn Career Services, “Interviewing for Faculty Jobs” panel                            | <i>Invited Panelist.</i>  |
|                  | Race, Rights, and Religion Conference  | <i>Session Chair and Moderator.</i>   |
| 2017–<br>present | Graduate selection committee, Department of Religious Studies                          | <i>Selection Committee Member.</i>  |
| 2017             | CURF Undergraduate Advisory Board, “Clash of Art and Science? Unexpected Unions” panel | <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  
Fordham University Press  
Palgrave Macmillan  
Polity Press  
Routledge  
Yale University Press

## **Professional Memberships**

- American Academy of Religion
- American Studies Association
- 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
- Society for the Study of Affect

- Theta Chi Beta

## **Research Languages**

Reading level French, German, and Japanese

## **Citizenship**

Dual: Canadian & US