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EDUCATION

- 2023 **Ph.D.**, Theology, University of Chicago
2014 **M.Div.**, University of Chicago
2012 **Ph.D.**, English Language & Literature, University of Michigan
2004 **M.St.**, English Literature 1900-Present, University of Oxford
2003 **B.A.**, English, Mount Holyoke College (*Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude*)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023- Teaching Fellow in the Divinity School, the College, and the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2024 “The Spirit as Plural Person,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology*,
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ijst.12719>.
2017 “Autism and Christianity: An Ethnographic Intervention,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85.3: 653-681.

Encyclopedia & Dictionary Entries

- 2018 “Analytic Philosophy of Religion,” “Continental Philosophy of Religion,”
“Eschatology,” “Queer Theology,” “Karl Rahner,” and “Schleiermacher,” in *A Dictionary of Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Charles Taliaferro and Elsa Marty, 2nd ed. (New York: Bloomsbury).

Book Reviews

- 2024 Amy Kenny, *My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church*, in *Reading Religion*, <https://readingreligion.org/9781587435454/>.
2023 Peter Comensoli, *In God’s Image: Recognizing the Profoundly Impaired as Persons*, in *Reading Religion*, <https://readingreligion.org/9781625646323/>.
2020 Kay Ryan, *Synthesizing Gravity: Selected Prose*, in *Christian Century* 137.11: 44.

- 2019 Karen Olsson, *The Weil Conjectures: On Math and the Pursuit of the Unknown*, in *Christian Century* 136.22: 47-48.
- 2018 Michelle Voss Roberts, *Body Parts: A Theological Anthropology*, in *Reading Religion*, <http://readingreligion.org/9781506418568/>.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Spirit: A Brief Systematic Theology*
NeuroChurch: Reimagining Theology with AuDHD Christians
Queer Joy: An Archive of Sacred Worldmaking
 An article on disability and axiology
 An article on queer theological method

Public Writing

- forthcoming* “The Wisdom of Devotion,” *Syndicate*
- 2017 “Tropes vs. Autism in Religious Studies,” *OUPblog*, Oxford University Press, <https://blog.oup.com/2017/03/tropes-autism-in-religious-studies/>.

Poetry

- 2020 “Five for J—,” *Stone Fruit Magazine* 3: 5.
- 2016 “Angela at the End of the World,” *Bombay Gin* 42: 59-62.
- 2013 “Ruth 1:16,” *DIAGRAM* 13.5, http://thediagram.com/13_5/bustion.html.
- 2012 “See in How Neat a Hand I Am Writing to You,” *VOLT* 17: 22-23.
- 2009 “Catechumen Knitting,” *Ninth Letter* 6.1: 64.
- 2008 “Eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven,” *AGNI* 68: 94-99.

SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2021-2023 Divinity School Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2021-2022 Divinity School Inclusive Pedagogy Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2019-2020 Martin Marty Junior Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2014 George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory University (declined)
- 2012 Perrin Fund Travel Grant, University of Chicago
- 2011 Sweetland Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2011 Mueschke Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2009 Carl Braun Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2009 Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan
- 2008 Rackham Dissertation Research Travel Grant, University of Michigan
- 2008 Rackham Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2003 John N. Wall Scholar, Sewanee Writers’ Conference, University of the South

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

- 2024 “Disidentification and/as Queer Theological Method,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (San Diego, CA), 23-26 November.
- 2018 “Axiology without Ableism (or, On Using Theology in Disability Studies),” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Denver, CO), 17-20 November.
- 2018 “The Bond of Love as Agent: A Friendship Pneumatology,” Theology of Joy and the Good Life Consultation Series: Temporality & Desire, Yale Center for Faith & Culture (New Haven, CT), 19-20 October.
- 2015 Particularity without Provincialism: Public Theology as Dramaturgy,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA), 19-24 November.
- 2015 “‘God Speaks Aspergian’: An Online Ethnography of Autistic Christians,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA), 19-24 November.
- 2012 “Epistemology of the Belly: *σπλαγγνιζομαι* in Luke 7:11-17 (or, A Widow’s Silence and the Lord’s Guts),” Ways of Knowing: A Graduate Conference on Religion, Harvard Divinity School (Cambridge, MA), 26-27 October.
- 2011 “Saint Wistan’s Shame,” The Society for Textual Scholarship, Penn State University (State College, PA), 16-18 March.
- 2009 “The Theological Ethics of Democracy in W. H. Auden’s ‘New Year Letter,’” Religion, Secularism, and Nationhood: British Modernities Graduate Student Conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IL), 3-4 April.
- 2007 “Gender and Literary Priority in Three Early Poems by Marianne Moore,” The Society for Textual Scholarship (New York, NY), 14-17 March.
- 2005 “T. S. Eliot’s ‘Marina’ in Context,” The Society for Textual Scholarship (New York, NY), 16-19 March.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2024 Panelist, “Christianity & the Queer Community,” CULT (Critical Understanding of Liturgies and Traditions) and OLS (Organization of LGBTQ+ Students), University of Chicago, 12 April.
- 2022 Co-presenter, “Personal Experience in the Religious Studies Classroom,” Craft of Teaching Program, Inclusive Pedagogy Series, University of Chicago, 19 April.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Chicago

Instructor of record

Abolitionist Theologies (Autumn 2024)

Religion: Cosmos, Conscience, and Community (Winter 2024)

Queering God (Autumn 2023)

Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations (Autumn 2023, Autumn 2024, Winter 2025)

M.Div. Thesis Seminar, co-instructor with Cynthia Lindner (Autumn 2021-Spring 2022)

Introduction to Theology, co-instructor with Kevin Hector (Spring 2019)

Teaching assistant

Bioethics (Spring 2022)

Truth (Spring 2021)

Philosophical Perspectives (Autumn 2020)

Introduction to the Study of Religion (Autumn 2018)

Media Aesthetics (Winter 2018)

Lewis University

Introduction to Christian Theology (Spring 2021)

University of Michigan*Instructor of record*

Argumentative Writing (Autumn 2009, Winter 2010)

College Writing (Autumn 2007, Winter 2008, Spring 2010, Summer 2011)

Writing and Literature (Autumn 2006, Winter 2007)

Teaching assistant

The Modern Novel (Winter 2005)

Three Modern Poets (Autumn 2005)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan

- 2007 Research assistant for George Bornstein's monograph, *The Colors of Zion: Blacks, Jews, and Irish from 1845-1945*
- 2006 Research assistant for Julian Levinson's monograph, *Exiles on Main Street: Jewish American Writers and American Literary Culture*
- 2005-2006 Research assistant for George Bornstein's scholarly edition, *The Collected Works of W. B. Yeats Volume IV: Early Essays*

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2023- Peer reviewer, *Neurodiversity*

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Departmental Service

2019-2020 Student member, Committee on Degrees, Divinity School, University of Chicago

NON-ACADEMIC WORK & SERVICE

2023- Librarian, 57th Street Meeting of Friends, Chicago, IL
2021-2023 Prompt, Writing coach, Chicago IL (remote)
2014 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Level 1, Urban CPE, Chicago IL
2014 Chaplain, Bonaventure House, Chicago IL
2012-2013 Student pastor, Urban Village Church, Chicago IL
2009-2010 Executive board member, Prison Creative Arts Project, Ann Arbor MI
2008-2010 Poetry workshop facilitator, Parnall Correctional Facility, Jackson MI

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Modern: French, German
Ancient: Koine Greek, Latin

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Fellowship for Protestant Ethics
Society for Textual Scholarship