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Currently

I'm a Ph.D. Student at Syracuse, in the department of religion, where I study American religion, media, and culture.

Education

2011–Current	Syracuse University , Department of Religion, Ph.D. Candidate
2014	Syracuse University , Department of Religion, M.Phil.
2013	Syracuse University , Women and Gender Studies, Certificate of Advanced Study
2011	Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University , Th.M. in History and Theology (Thesis: Archaeological Theology: G-d Beyond God.)
2011	Texas Christian University , Women's Studies, Graduate Certificate
2009	Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University M.T.S in Theology and Culture (Thesis: A Critical Study of Postmodern Theologizing: Examining Myth and Theology in <i>The Little Prince</i> .)
2006	Warner University B.A. in History and Biblical Studies
2013	Global Ecumenical Theological Institute of the World Council of Churches , in conjunction with the Tenth General Assembly of the <i>World Council of Churches</i> , Seoul and Busan, Korea, October 25–November 13, 2013. Participant.

Areas of Specialization

American Religion; American Religious History	Critical Theories of Religion Religion, Media, Culture	Religion and Cultural Studies
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Areas of Competence

Women and Gender Studies Christianities in the Americas	Christian Studies and Theology Religion and Science-Fiction
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Doctoral Exams

My exams focused on the ways that aesthetic spaces provide a compelling location for analyzing the power/knowledge relationships between religion and visual culture. These exams were organized around:

Person: Michel Foucault as a Religious Thinker.

Text: From *The Fundamentals* to Fundamentalisms.

Movement: The Byzantine Iconoclastic Controversy: Exploring the Religious Dimension of Images.

Problem: Imagining Messianism in American Religion & Visual Culture.

Teaching Experience

Syracuse University, Instructor

2015–Fall	Introduction to the Study of Religion (Religion 120)
2015–Spring	Introduction to the Study of Religion (Religion 120)
2014–Fall	Religion in Science Fiction (Religion 320)

Teaching Assistant:

2016–Spring	Lincoln, Religion and the Civil War (Religion 300)
2015–Fall	Native American Religion (Native American Studies/Religion 142)
2015–Spring	Faith and Reason in Islamic Thought and Civilization (Religion 261)
2014–Fall	Christianity (Religion 156)
2014–Spring	Introduction to the Bible (Jewish Studies/Religion 114)
2013–Fall	Judaism (Jewish Studies/Religion 135)
2013–Spring	Buddhism (South Asian Studies/ Religion 186)
2012–Fall	Native American Religions (Native American Studies/Religion 142)
2012–Spring	Introduction to the Bible (Jewish Studies/Religion 114)
2011–Fall	Introduction to the Study of Religion (Religion 120)

Tutorials:

Pop Culture Studies: Radio, Musics & Audio Cultures (Television Radio Film 530) taught by Dr. Jenny Doctor, Spring, 2015
I lectured on "Aimee Semple McPherson and the Development of Radio."
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Other Academic and Professional Positions

2016	Webmaster and Research Assistant, Syracuse University Department of Religion, to Dr. Virginia Burrus, Director of Graduate Study and Dr. Gareth Fisher, Director of Undergraduate Study.
2016–Spring	Freelance copyeditor, Syracuse University School of Architecture, Thesis 2016.
2015–Current	Webmaster and Social Media Manager, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR)
2012–Current	Graduate Assistant, Belfer Audio Archive, Special Collections, Syracuse University Libraries, Summers.
2011–Current	Teaching Assistant, Department of Religion, Syracuse University.
2011	Webmaster and Social Media Manager, <i>Unfinished Lives: Remembering LGBT Hate Crime Victims</i> a book and blog by Dr Steve Sprinkle, 2008-2011.
2008–Current	Webmaster, World Conference of Association of Theological Institutions (WOCATI), 2008-Current
2008–2011	Graduate Assistant, Prof. Dr. Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School, 2008-2011
2008–2011	Student Assistant, Technology Resources, Brite Divinity School, 2008-2011
2004–2006	Web Administrator, Warner University, 2004-2006

Selected Academic and Professional Activities

2016	Co-Organizer, website/social media coordinator, and panel chair, Encountering the Unexpected: Glitches, (Dis)placements, & Marginalia, Syracuse University Religion Graduate Student Conference, March 25-26, 2016.
2015	Organizing Committee, Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, McGill University, May 1-2, 2015.
2014	Co-Organizer and Presider, Graduate Training and Scholarly Formation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. November 22, 2014 1:00-3:30 p.m. (Panelists: Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame; David Harrington Watt, Temple University; Kathryn Lofton, Yale University; Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida; Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA; Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo) Organizer and Roundtable Chair, "Roundtable, Teaching Religion in America across Institutional Contexts," Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University, Saturday May 3, 2014. Panel Chair, "Gender and Sexuality in the Oneida Community," Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University, Saturday May 3, 2014.
2011	WOCATI Executive Committee Meeting, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, March 17-20 2009.

Service to the Profession

American Academy of Religion

2013–2015	Graduate Student Committee, American Academy of Religion, May 2013-May 2015 Graduate Student Director, Eastern International Region, May 2013-May 2015
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Syracuse University

2015–2016	Graduate Student Admissions Committee Representative.
2013–Current	Syracuse University, Department of Religion Listserv Manager.
2012–2013	University Senate, Senator at Large.
2012–2013	Graduate Student Organization, Senator at Large.
2012–2013	Religion Graduate Student Organization, Co-president.

Brite Divinity School at Texas

Christian University

2008–2011	Member, Theology Theory Group
2008–2011	Treasurer, Advanced Program Student Association
2010–2011	Vice Moderator, Brite Student Association, — 2010-2011
2010–2011	General Secretary, Brite Student Association — 2008-2010

Warner University

2003–2006	Resident Assistant
2003–2006	Member, Student Congress, Student Government Association
2003–2006	President Pro Tempore, Student Government Association

Academic Presentations

2016	"It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Messianism," or Superman and the Limits of Weak Messianism," Theology IV section, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR), Baylor University, May 23-25, 2016. "Messiahs in America: The return of Superheroes and the development of a modern American mythology," Uninvited Guests & Atemporal Returns panel, Encountering the Unexpected: Glitches, (Dis)placements, & Marginalia, Syracuse University Religion Graduate Student Conference, March 26, 2016.
2015	"The Failure of the Messianic in <i>Man of Steel</i> ," Desire and Devotion in Pop Culture panel, Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, McGill University, Friday May 1, 2015.
2015	A Survivor's Guide to teaching Religion 320, a roundtable with Seren Gates Amadour, Dan Moseson, Courtney O'Dell-Chaib for the Syracuse University Department of Religion, December 4, 2015.
2015	The Art of Effective (Science) Presentations." Women in Science and Engineering, response by Shobha K. Bhatia, Future Professionals Program (WiSE-FPP) at Syracuse University, July 17, 2015.
2015	"What is Queer about Queer Christian Theology?," co-presented with Samuel Castleberry in the Queer Theology and "Deviance" panel, "ReligionInterruptus: The Affects of Sex, Politics, and Bodies," Syracuse University Graduate Student Conference, sponsored by the Religion Graduate Organization at Syracuse University, February 27, 2015.
2014	"The Art of Effective (Science) Presentations." Women in Science and Engineering, response by Shobha K. Bhatia, Future Professionals Program (WiSE-FPP) at Syracuse University, November 7, 2014.
2014	"Remove Not The Ancient Landmark, Which Thy Fathers Have Set": Masculinity in The Fundamentals, in Gender in 19th Century New York Religions panel, Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse

- University, Saturday May 3, 2014.
- 2014 "I Still Belong to Jesus? The Rise of Christian Agnosticism and Religious Nones," Religious Belonging and Exclusion Panel, "Should I Stay or Should I Go?: Journeys of Belonging and Exclusion," Syracuse University Department of History Graduate Student Conference, March 21, 2014.
- 2014 "Theologians Without Passports: An Ethic of Ecumenical Difference," invited lecture at United Church in Fayetteville, Fayetteville, NY, February 9, 2014.
- 2013 "Monstrous Bodies: Theologizing the Posthuman," Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) Baylor University, May 21, 2013.
- 2013 "River & Reavers ain't human—or they forgot how to be. Monstrous Bodies, Animality, and Religion in *Firefly & Serenity*," "The Monstrous, the Marginalized, and Transgressive Forms of 'Humanity'" Syracuse University Graduate Conference, Sponsored by The Religion Graduate Organization at Syracuse University, April 5th & 6th 2013.
- 2012 "Developing a Pedagogy of Transgression: Teaching Religion Today," Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) Belmont University, May 21, 2012.
- 2011 "Playing with Negative Theology: Reading Derrida's 'Structure, Sign, and Play,'" Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) Gardner–Webb University, May 22, 2011.
- 2011 Advanced Program Student "Getting a Job Workshop," co-presented with Loren D.J. Baxter, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, March, 26, 2011.
- 2011 Sticks And Stones Will Break Your Bones But iPhones Will Kill You: A Response to Dr. Kwok Pui Lan's "*Fishing The Asia Pacific: Transnationalism And Feminist Theology*," Student Colloquy with Kwok Pui Lan, Brite Divinity School Texas Christian University, March 7, 2011.
- 2010 "*The Little Prince* as Theologian," Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Atlanta, Ga, May 23-26, 2010.
- 2010 "Making Mornings That They'll Remember: God, Ethnicity, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in William P. Young's *The Shack*," Co-presented with Rodney A. Thomas, Jr., Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Atlanta, Ga., May 23-26, 2010.

Academic Honors and Awards

- 2010–Current Graduate Teaching Assistantship (full tuition and stipend). Syracuse University Department of Religion.
- 2013 Travel Grant and Funding for the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute of the World Council of Churches, Tenth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Busan, Korea, 2013.
- 2013 Theta Chi Beta: Religion Honor Society (ΘXB). Syracuse University Religion Honor Society and chapter of National Honor Society Theta Alpha Kappa (ΘAK).
- 2010 Book Award for Asian (Korean) Church Studies Program, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, 2010.
- 2009 Book Award for Theology, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, 2009.
- 2009 Alpha Chi (National College Honor Society), Warner University, 2009.
- 2006 Pi Gamma Mu (International Social Science Honor Society), Warner University, 2006.
- 2002 Alpha Lambda Delta (Honor Society), Warner University, 2002.

Specialized Training

- 2011– Syracuse University, Future Professoriate Program
- 2011 Workshop participant. Overcoming Barriers to Underrepresented Scholarship: A Strategy and Action Workshop, Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA., November 18, 2011.
- 2010 Workshop participant. Learning Goals for Teaching the Bible in the Liberal Arts Curriculum, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA., November 20, 2010.

Languages (Reading Knowledge)

French

German

Koine Greek

Professional Associations

AAR (American Academy of Religion)

SBL (Society of Biblical Literature)

NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion)

Technical skills

Responsive Web Design
HTML5 and CSS3
Schema.org

Wordpress
XML
Linux (Ubuntu)

Google Search Console
Google Analytics

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References

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