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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Religion, **Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ
Department of Religion, Fall 2010 – present

Adjunct Faculty Member, **Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL
Department of Religion, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010

Adjunct Faculty Member, **Florida A&M University**, Tallahassee, FL
Department of Visual Arts, Humanities, and Theatre, Fall 2006 – Spring 2010

Graduate Student Instructor, **Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL
Department of Religion, Spring 2004 – Fall 2008

EDUCATION

December 2008 **Ph.D., Florida State University**, Tallahassee, FL
Areas of Concentration: American Religious History, the Pentecostal-Charismatic Tradition, Religion and Modernization, Religion and Healing, Islam
Dissertation: *The Transformation of Pentecostal Healing, 1906-2006*
Committee: Amanda Porterfield, John Corrigan, Frederick Davis, Grant Wacker (Duke Divinity School)

August 2002 **M.A., Wheaton College**, Wheaton, IL
Areas of Concentration: History of Christianity, Eighteenth-Century Evangelicalism, Pentecostalism

December 1998 **B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, Wheaton College**, Wheaton, IL
Areas of Concentration: History, English, Communication

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Book Projects:

Spirit Cure: A History of Pentecostal Healing. Forthcoming in the fall of 2012 with Oxford University Press.

Book Chapters:

“Religion in the Practice of Daily Life in North America after 1492,” in *Religion in the Practice of Daily Life*, edited by Richard D. Hecht and Vincent F. Biondo (Praeger, 2010), 427-49.

“Modernity Baptized in the Spirit: Early Pentecostal Rhetoric in America,” in *Agency in the Margins: Stories of Outsider Rhetoric*, edited by Anne Stockdell-Giesler (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2009), 241-60.

Book Review Essays and Reviews:

Review of *Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Healing*, edited by Candy Gunther Brown, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (forthcoming).

Review of *Divine Healing: The Formative Years, 1830-1890*, by James Robinson, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (forthcoming).

Review of *Pentecostalism in America*, by R. G. Robins, *Christian Century*, Vol. 128, no. 17 (August 2011), 37-39.

Book Review Forum on *The Fire Spreads: Holiness and Pentecostalism in the American South*, by Randall J. Stephens, *Journal of Southern Religion*, Vol. 12 (2010).

Review of *Latino Pentecostal Identity: Evangelical Faith, Self, and Society*, by Arlene Sánchez-Walsh, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly* Vol. 113, no. 2 (October 2009): 279-80.

Review of *Memories of the Branch Davidians*, by Bonnie Haldeman, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 112, no. 3 (January 2009): 358-59.

Review of *A.J. Tomlinson: Plainfolk Modernist*, by R.G. Robins, *Journal of Southern Religion* Vol. 9 (2006).

Review of *Seeking the Secret Place: The Spiritual Formation of C.S. Lewis*, by Lyle W. Dorsett, *SEVEN: An Anglo-American Literary Review* Vol. 22 (2005): 103-04.

Review of *Christmas Unwrapped: Consumerism, Christ, and Culture*, edited by Richard Horsley and James Tracy, *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* Vol. 7 (2004).

Encyclopedia Articles:

“Third Wave,” *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, edited by George T. Kurian (Oxford: Blackwell, 2011).

“A.B. Simpson” and “Oral Roberts,” *The Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*, edited by George T. Kurian and James D. Smith III (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow, 2010).

“Roger Williams” and “John Winthrop,” *Encyclopedia of North American Colonial Conflicts to 1775*, edited by Spencer Tucker (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2008), 822-23, 826-27.

“Buddha,” “Buddhism,” and “Missionaries,” *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*, 2d edition, edited by William A. Darity (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008), 205-6, 379-85.

“Just War Theory,” *Encyclopedia of the Cold War*, edited by Spencer Tucker (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2007), 690-91.

“Charles Chauncy,” *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America*, edited by Michael McClymond (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006), 102-04.

Presentations/Invited Lectures

- 1 March 2012 Moderator, “Islamic Contemplative Traditions,” part of a 2011-2012 series of public forms sponsored by the Rutgers Religion Department, New Brunswick, NJ
- 9 July 2011 “The Transformation of Healing in the United States since 1960,” at the Historians of the Twentieth Century United States Annual Meeting, hosted by the Rothermere American Institute and St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford, UK
- 22 April 2011 “Classic Ambivalence: Psychology and Psychotherapy in Evangelical Fiction,” in the Mental Health and Mental Illness in Popular Culture section at the Popular Culture Association / American Culture Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 6 April 2011 Moderator, “Religion and Violence: The American Scene,” part of a 2010-2011 series of public forms sponsored by the Rutgers Religion Department and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, New Brunswick, NJ
- 19 March 2011 “Healing and the ‘Off-Modern’ in American Religion,” presented at the German Historical Institute conference on “Secularization and the Transformation of Religion: The U.S. and Germany after 1945,” Washington, D.C.
- 20 February 2011 “Life After Grad School: Post-Grad Prospects—A Roundtable Discussion with Recent Florida State University Graduates,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL
- 31 October 2010 “Religion in the Practice of Daily Life in North America after 1492,” in the Religion and Daily Life Project session at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA
- 21 February 2009 Respondent for panel on “New Movements in American Religion,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL
- 21 February 2009 “Publish, Don’t Perish: Professional Pointers from a Panel of Professors,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL

- 9 March 2008 “‘Natural Healing’ in the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement,” the History of Christianity section at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 12 April 2007 “Jews and Muslims in American Evangelical Prophecy,” Middle East Center Lecture Series, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 17 March 2007 “The Business of Pentecostal Healing,” in Dress, Diet, and the Production of American Religion, the Religion in America section at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN
- 21 November 2006 “Medicine and Psychology in Pentecostal Healing: The Impact of Modernization on Pentecostalism,” in the North American Religions section at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C.
- 13 October 2006 “Technology in Early Pentecostal Testimonies,” in Pentecostals, Feminists, and Nerds: Technology and Identity at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Las Vegas, NV
- 11 March 2006 “Modernity Baptized in the Spirit: Early Pentecostal Rhetoric in America,” in Religion in America at the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 12 March 2005 “Psychology and Medicine in Pentecostal Healing Practices,” in Religion and Culture at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Virginia Beach, VA
- 20 March 2004 “Early Pentecostals and the Pragmatism of William James,” at the Florida State University Graduate Symposium, Tallahassee, FL

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Religion in America
 Religions of the Western World
 Religious Healing in the U.S.
 American Evangelicalism
 Religion and Globalization
 Illness and Healing: Spiritual Approaches vs. Western Medicine (Byrne Seminar)
 Insiders and Outsiders: Religious and Political Identity in the United States (Byrne Seminar, Fall 2012)

New Course Development

Religious Pluralism in America (proposed MA course)
 Religious Fundamentalism and Modernism in America (proposed MA course)

Doctoral Dissertation Supervisory Committee

Marcus Woods, Childhood Studies (anticipated graduation 2014)

SERVICE

Reviewer for Refereed Presses

Routledge (2012)

Rutgers University

- Fall 2012-Spring 2013 Co-Coordinator, public forums on Religious Pluralism, sponsored by the Religion Department
- Spring 2012 Rutgers Day Coordinator, Religion Department
- Fall 2011 Search Committee Member, Comparative Monotheisms Position, Religion Department
- Spring 2011 Search Committee Member, ACLS New Faculty Fellows, Religion Department

Service to Professional Organizations and Associations

- Jun. 2006 – present Listserv Editor, H-Pentecostalism (associated with H-net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, <http://h-net.org>)
- Fall 2005 – Spring 2007 Coordinator, American Religious History Colloquium (Florida State University)

Professional Employment

- Jan. 2006 – Jan. 2007, Summer 2008 Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*
- Oct. 2006 – April 2007 Copyeditor, *Religion and Politics in France and the United States*, edited by Alec G. Hargreaves, John Kelsay, and Sumner B. Twiss (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007).
- Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001 Assistant to the Editors, *SEVEN: An Anglo-American Literary Review*

GRANTS & AWARDS

Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, Alternate Finalist (2009-10)
Edward H. and Marie C. Kingsbury Fellowship (2007-8)
Florida State University Department of Religion Presentation Grant (2006)
Florida State University Dissertation Research Grant (2006)
Florida State University Congress of Graduate Students Presentation/Travel Grants (2003-8)
Society for the History of Technology Presentation Travel Grant (2006)
Wheaton Grant (2000-2001)
Wheaton President's Award (1996-98)
Virginia Wesleyan Presidential Scholarship (1995-96)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Church History
American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi