

## Andrew B. Gardner

I began as Visiting Faculty Associate of American Religious History and Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Hartford Seminary and Hartford Institute for Religion Research on October 6, 2020. My position designates that I allocate 60% of my time toward Research in the Hartford Institute, 30% toward my own personal research and writing, and 10% towards teaching and other faculty functions as needed.

### 1. Teaching

- a. Taught “American Religion History” in Spring 2021 with a class of twelve students including eight from Hartford Seminary, three from Boston University, and one from Harvard Divinity School.
- b. Participated in two sessions of the Wabash Collaborative Learning and Teaching Consultation in January and February.

### 2. Research

#### a. Hartford Institute for Religion Research

- i. Helped composed the *Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC)* grant proposal in collaboration with the Hartford Institute’s project team.
- ii. Tracked congregational responses to COVID-19 across the country and at regional sites: Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Washington DC, Hartford, Waco, Denver, and Indianapolis.
- iii. Organized and submitted a panel proposal to the American Academy of Religion entitled “Pandemic Congregations” with papers from Patricia Tevington, Allison Norton, and Brandon Vaidyanathan (Catholic University).
- iv. Researched congregational responses to the 1918 Influenza Pandemic and composed content for the *EPIC* research project comparing historical responses to contemporary responses to COVID-19

#### b. Personal

- i. Published “Students and the Study of Religion: The Extra-Curricular Origins of the World Religions Paradigm” *Implicit Religion* 23 (1), 54-62.
- ii. Published a variety of “Analysis” articles with *Baptist News Global*, an online Baptist news publication.
- iii. Continued researching and composing a book proposal for a congregational history of the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, tentatively titled *Binkley: A Congregational History*.

### 3. Service

#### a. Seminary

- i. Composed a first-person essay for the Seminary’s Magazine and Annual Report in January.
- ii. Led Community Pray on March 31<sup>st</sup>

**b. Faith Communities**

- i. *The Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty*: Serving on the Board of BJC, a paradenominational institution representing over fifteen Baptist bodies dedicated to support religious freedom for all people, I worked on Special Committee on Race and Religious Liberty, where I conducted research and prepared a report on the organization's history related to racial justice, racial representation, and white supremacy.
- ii. *The Alliance of Baptists*: Serving on the Board of the Alliance of Baptists, a small progressive Baptist denominational body, I worked on the organization's Racial Justice Task Force, serving as a member on the subcommittee on Storytelling and Intersectionality.