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Current Position

Hartford Seminary 2020 – Present
Visiting Faculty Associate of American Religious History and Louisville Institute
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Education

PhD, Florida State University 2020
Area: American Religious History
Dissertation Title: “‘To Awaken the Song of Transport’: The Development of Theological Seminaries and Divinity Schools in Antebellum America”

MDiv, Wake Forest University School of Divinity 2015

BA, College of William and Mary, 2012
Major: Religious Studies and History
Cum Laude

Publications

Books

Reimagining Zion: A History of the Alliance of Baptists, (Macon, Georgia: Nurturing Faith, 2015).

Book Chapters

“Locating the Intersections of Baptist Identity: Utilizing GIS and the Spatial Humanities in Baptist Scholarship,” in *Baptists and Intersectionality*, Eileen Campbell Reed ed., (Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, Submitted)

Articles

“Students and the Study of Religion: The Extra-Curricular Origins of the World Religions” *Implicit Religion*, (Forthcoming).

“‘Peculiar Feelings’ and the Life of Henrietta Hall Shuck,” *Baptist History and Heritage*, 52 no. 2, (Summer 2017).

“The Theological Virtues According to Bruce Springsteen,” *The Biannual Online Journal of Springsteen Studies*, 2 no. 1, (August 2016).

"Reversing Roles: Denominational Community among the American Baptist Churches USA and the Alliance of Baptists," *The American Baptist Quarterly*, 35 no. 2, (Summer 2016).

"Extracting Abolitionist Abstraction: The Sectional Crisis Through Virginia and North Carolina Print-Culture," *CrossCurrents*, 64 no. 3, (September 2014): 353-368.

"Toward A More Compassionate Society," *Compassionate Churches*, (Richmond, VA: Center for Baptist Heritage & Studies, 2011), 11-29.

Reviews

Review of Mandy McMichael, *Miss America's God: Faith and Identity in America's Oldest Pageant*, (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2019), in *Baptist History and Heritage*, Forthcoming.

Review of Adam Laats, *Fundamentalist U: Keeping the Faith in American Higher Education* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2018), in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, August 2018.

Review of Heath Carter, *Union Made: Working People and the Rise of Social Christianity in Chicago*, (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2015), in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, January 2018.

Review of Joshua Guthman, *Strangers Below: Primitive Baptists and American Culture*, (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2015), in *The Journal of Southern Religion*, February 2017.

Review of Andrew Smith, *Fundamentalism, Fundraising, and the Transformation of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1919-1925*, (Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 2016), in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*, August 2016.

Review of *Between Fetters and Freedom: African American Baptists Since Emancipation*, edited by Edward R. Crowther and Keith Harper, (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2015) and *The Exiled Generations: Legacies of the Southern Baptist Convention Holy War*. edited by Carl Kell, (Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 2014), in *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 44 no. 1 (Spring 2017): 141-143.

Other Academic Writings

"Lott Cary" and "Baptists in Higher Education," in *Religion in America*, 9th edition, John Corrigan and Winthrop Hudson eds., (New York, NY: Routledge, 2018).

Presentations

Refereed Papers

- 2020 "Students and the Study of Religion: The Extracurricular Origins of the World Religions Paradigm," *Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion*
- 2019 "Pastoring the Nation: The 'Theo-Spatial' Politics of an Antebellum Seminary Education," to be presented at The North American Religions Unit of the *American Academy of Religion*
- 2019 "Slavery, Racism, and Theological Education: A Response to Southern Seminary's Report on Slavery and Racism," to be presented at the *National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion*
- 2019 "Seminaries of Democracy," presented at the University of Virginia Religion and Democracy Graduate Student Conference
- 2019 "Women's Benevolence and the Clothing of the Ministerial Body in Early-Nineteenth Century America," to be presented at the *Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion*
- 2019 "Jedidiah Morse and the Theo-Spatial Politics of the Early Republic," Paper presented at the Florida State University Religion Department's Graduate Symposium
- 2018 "Women and the Shaping of the Alliance of Baptists," Paper presented at the *Baptist History and Heritage Society*
- 2018 "Baptist Theological Education and the Politics of Space," Paper presented at the *National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion*
- 2017 "'Peculiar Feelings': The Life of Henrietta Hall Shuck," Paper presented at the *Baptist History and Heritage Society*
- 2017 "Crawford Toy and the Baptist Roots of the World Religion Paradigm," Paper presented at the *National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion*
- 2017 "A Catholic on the Court," Paper Presented at the *Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion*
- 2016 "Baptist Identity and the Alliance of Baptists," Paper presented at the *Baptist History and Heritage Society*
- 2016 "Space, Place, and the Birth of American Seminaries," Paper Presented at the *Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion*
- 2016 "From Horney Bachelor to Content Husband, The Michael Wigglesworth Story: Puritan Sympathy and Marriage in Seventeenth Century New England," Paper presented at the Florida State University Religion Department's Graduate Symposium.

- 2015 "Reversing Roles: Denominational Community among the American Baptist Churches USA and the Alliance of Baptists," Paper presented at the *American Baptist Theologians Conference*
- 2014 "Extracting Abolitionist Abstraction: A Study of Antebellum Virginia and North Carolina Print Culture," Paper presented at the *Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion*

Invited Talks

- 2020 "Institutions in Crisis: The Theological Seminary," at the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion-Southeast
- 2020 "The World Religions Paradigm," at The Florida State University Society of Fellows
- 2019 "Christian 'Missions' in the 21st Century," at Hampton Baptist Church Hampton, VA.
- 2019 "A Tale of Two Seminaries: The Challenge of Finding Middle Ground," at Faith Presbyterian Church Tallahassee, FL.
- 2018 "Repositioning Women in the History of American Higher Education: A Paper Delivered in honor of Dr. Amanda Porterfield," at Florida State University
- 2017 "Martin Luther: A Troubled Conscience," at Faith Presbyterian Church Tallahassee, FL.
- 2016 "Breach Menders: From At Ease in Zion to Reimagining Zion," at Knollwood Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, NC.
- 2015 "The History and Mission of the Alliance: Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry Partnership," at Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering in Atlanta, GA.

Academic Grants

Wake Forest University Z. Smith Reynolds Library Travel Grant (2019)
Center for the Study of Religion and the City Research Grant (2019)
Congregationalist Library and Archives Travel Grant (2018)
Conference Travel Grant, Florida State University (2016, 2017, 2018)
Graduate Assistantship, Florida State University Department of Religion (2015-2020)
Samuel and Sarah Wait Fellowship, Wake Forest University School of Divinity (2012-2015)
Roy R. Charles Center Grant, The College of William and Mary (2011)
Dunn Civil Liberty Fellow, The College of William and Mary School of Law (2011)

Academic Awards

Florida State University Graduate School's Student Research and Creativity Award (2019)
Florida State University Department of Religion's Walter and Marian Moore Travel Award (2019)

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Dissertation Fellowship (2018)
Torbet Prize, American Baptist Historical Society (2015)
Margaret Woodford Guthrie Prize, Wake Forest University School of Divinity (2015)
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, The College of William and Mary (2012)

Select Op-Ed Writings

"Drinking our way through the pandemic and out of temperance," *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 28 September 2020.

"Do Southern Baptists need a rebranding?" *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 17 September, 2020.

"Understanding the gray/green divide in American church life," *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 11 September 2020

"Why are Christians so susceptible to conspiracy?" *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 31 August 2020.

"Q&A with Leslie Dorrough Smith on American attitudes about sex scandals," *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 21 August, 2020.

"What about the science, faith and ethics of a coming coronavirus vaccine?" *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 11 August, 2020.

"Ideals for churches studying the need for reparations," *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 5 August, 2020.

"Is beach revival a public health threat or a Jesus movement," *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 28 July 2020.

"Racism and the evolution of Protestant support for private education," *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 23 July 2020.

"California and the making of American evangelicalism," *Analysis*, Baptist News Global, 13 July 2020.

"What has this pandemic revealed about your congregational aesthetic," *Baptist News Global*, 11 July 2020.

"The Role Your Church Can Play in the Ongoing 'War' with Covid-19," *EthicsDaily*, 26 June, 2020

"The First Black Seminaries and remedying the legacy of white supremacy in theological education," *Baptist News Global*, October 25, 2019.

"Andrew Yang's case for a universal basic income echoes Baptist voices of the past," *Baptist News Global*, October 2, 2019.

"The Most Dangerous Subject in a Seminary's Curriculum," *Baptist News Global*, August 1, 2019.

"CBF hiring practice illuminates continued colonialism," *Baptist News Global*, February 19, 2018.

"Preaching is Inherently Political—but not partisan," *Baptist News Global*, May 15, 2017.

"Remembering Frederick Douglass," *Baptist News Global*, February 3, 2017.

"Give the King your Justice, O God," *Baptist News Global*, January 6, 2017.

"A Christmas wish list to enact social justice," *Baptist News Global*, December 9, 2016.

"But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'" *Baptist News Global*, November 11, 2016.

"Will 'reconciliation' after a divisive election abandon key moral issues?" *Baptist News Global*, October 14, 2016.

"How do we define the circle of we," *Baptist News Global*, September 16, 2016.

"Do we know how to listen to one another," *Baptist News Global*, August 20, 2016.

"Vote with our actions, and love with our voices," *Baptist News Global*, July 22, 2016.

"When will there be enough women ministers," *Baptist News Global*, June 24, 2016.

"When sexual intercourse is seen as male entitlement," *Baptist News Global*, May 27, 2016.

"Wealth inequality and the struggle of Baptist polity," *Baptist News Global*, April 29, 2016.

"It's Opening Day — for baseball and maybe for life," *Baptist News Global*, "April 1, 2016.

"Springsteen and Easter: 'The Rising'" *Baptist News Global*, March 25, 2016.

"Springsteen and Lent: 'Born in the USA,'" *Baptist News Global*, March 21, 2016.

"Springsteen and Lent: 'We Are Alive,'" *Baptist News Global*, March 9, 2016.

"Springsteen and Lent, part 4: 'Hungry Heart,'" *Baptist News Global*, February 29, 2016.

"Springsteen and Lent, part 3: Fear and Love," *Baptist News Global*, February 22, 2016.

"Springsteen and Lent Part 2: First Sunday of Lent," *Baptist News Global*, February 15, 2016.

"Springsteen and Lent Part 1: Ash Wednesday," *Baptist News Global*, February 8, 2016.

"Deconstructing and Reconstructing Soul Freedom," *Baptists Today*, July 2014.

"Finding new meaning in 'blood' language," *Associated Baptist Press*, February 14, 2014.

"Reflections from New York: History as Song," *The Religious Herald*, August 23, 2013.

"Reflections from New York: Realizing the Kingdom" *The Religious Herald*, July 29, 2013.

"Reflections from New York: Prayers for all peoples" *The Religious Herald*, July 03, 2013.

"Reflections from New York: Christian Partnership" *The Religious Herald*, June 19, 2013.

"Reflections from New York: Imagining new places" *The Religious Herald*, June 5, 2013.

"Returning to Schleithem" *The Religious Herald*, April 26, 2013.

"Finding victory in a response, not a vote" *The Religious Herald*, March 25, 2013.

"A Place for Panamanian Pandemonium," *The Religious Herald*, January 21, 2013.

"On this I take my stand," *The Religious Herald*, November 16, 2012.

"Vote Today – November 7," *The Religious Herald*, November 7, 2012.

"A Church of Sinners or a Church of Saints," *The Religious Herald*, October 26, 2012.

"A Different Kind of Accountability" *The Religious Herald*, June 27, 2012.

"The Rich and the Rest," *EthicsDaily*, May 3, 2012.

"Why Denver's Tebow Trade Isn't a Bad Thing" *EthicsDaily*, March 30, 2012.

"Cooperate or Fold, " *Associated Baptist Press* March 6th, 2012.

"Why God Doesn't Recognize Your Plans" *EthicsDaily*, February 7, 2012.

"Why We Want the Easy Way to Follow Christ" *EthicsDaily*, January 12, 2012.

"Exercising the Virtues Requires Much More than Courage" *EthicsDaily*, September 27, 2011.

"Scriptural Reasoning- Beyond Interfaith Dialogue" *EthicsDaily*, August 10, 2011.

"75 Years of Religious Liberty for All," *Associated Baptist Press*, August 9, 2011.

Article reprinted in the Baptist Joint Committees for Religious Liberty's *Report from the Capital*. Vol. 66 No.10 (December 2011).

"A Public Prayer – Whether You Like It Or Not" *EthicsDaily*, June 9, 2011.

"An Ethical Reflection on Osama bin Laden's Death" *EthicsDaily*, May 5, 2011.

"In God's Eyes, Multiculturalism Isn't Dead" *EthicsDaily*, November 23, 2010.

"Glee Gets Religious" *EthicsDaily*, October 12, 2010.

Teaching Experience

Introduction to World Religions

Fall '16, Spring '17, Summer '17, Spring '18, (Online) Fall '19, Spring '20

The Christian Tradition

Fall '17
American Protestant Thought in Historical Context
 Fall '18
Religion, Race, and Ethnicity
 Spring '19

Languages

German (Academic Reading Knowledge)
 French (Academic Reading Knowledge)

Service to the Profession

Graduate Representative – <i>Graduate Policy Subcommittee</i> <i>Florida State University</i>	Spring 2018
President - <i>National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion</i> <i>Southeast Region</i>	Spring '18 – Spring '20
Vice-President - <i>National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion</i> <i>Southeast Region</i>	Spring '17 – Spring '18
Co-Director - <i>Florida State University Religion Departments Graduate</i> <i>Symposium</i>	Fall '16 – Spring '17
Organizer - <i>Florida State University's American Religious History</i> <i>Graduate Colloquium</i>	Fall '16 – Fall '17
Co-Chair - <i>Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion</i> History of Christianity Section	Spring '16 – Spring '18

Additional Experience/Work History

Board of Directors, The Alliance of Baptists	Fall '20 - Present
Board of Directors, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty	Nov '14 - Present
Research and Teaching Assistant to Amanda Porterfield - Robert T. Spivey Professor of Religion, Florida State University	Fall '15 – Spring '16
Research and Teaching Assistant to Bill Leonard - Dunn Professor of Baptist Studies and Church History, Wake Forest School of Divinity	Fall '14 – Spring '15
Research Assistant to Stephen Boyd and the Religion and Public	Spring '14

Association Memberships

The American Academy of Religion

The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

The Baptist History and Heritage Society

Florida State University Fellows Society