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EDUCATION

Northwestern University

PhD, Department of Religious Studies (2018) Evanston, IL
Dissertation: *Practicing Atheism: Culture, Media, and Ritual in the Contemporary Atheist Network*
Qualifying Exams (2014-2015)
Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
Religion, Media, and Technology
American Religion and Culture

Northwestern University

MA, Department of Religious Studies (2014) Evanston, IL

Bowdoin College

BA, Religious Studies and English Literature (2010) Brunswick, ME
Honors Thesis: *Born Again in Second Life: Exploring the Religiosity in and of Virtual Experience*

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Lake Forest College

Lecturer, Department of Religion (2019-2020) Lake Forest, IL

AWARDS and DISTINCTIONS

Selected for American Examples cohort, 2018-2019
The Department of Religious Studies at the University of Alabama
Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellow, 2017-2018
The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

“The Fleshless Future: A Phenomenological Perspective on Mind Uploading.” In *Religion and Transhumanism: The Unknown Future of Human Enhancement*, edited by Calvin Mercer and Tracy Trothen. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2014.
“Review: *Atheists in America*, ed. Melanie Brewster.” *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network*, June 5, 2015.

PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

“Autonomy or Authority?: Leadership, Gender, and the Cult of Personality.” Graduate-Faculty Colloquium Presentation, Department of Religious Studies, Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. March 6, 2018.

- “Atheism in Definition and Practice.” Guest Lecture for Introduction to Religion, Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. November 21, 2017.
- “Christianity & Secularism.” Guest Lecture for Introduction to Christianity, Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. February 24, 2016.
- “Authorizing Atheism: Leadership, Gender, and the Cult of Personality.” Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network International Meeting 2016, “Approaching Nonreligion: Conceptual, methodological, and empirical approaches in a new research field.” Zurich, Switzerland. July 7-9, 2016.
- “Keeping the History of Christianity Contemporary: Canvas Pages and Yellowdig in Introduction to Christianity Religious Studies,” with Katherine Dugan. TeachX Conference. Evanston, IL. May 16, 2016.
- “Atheism is the New Black: Religion and Irreligion in Netflix’s *Orange is the New Black*.” Presented at Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference 2015. New Orleans, LA. April 1-4, 2015.
- “New Atheism and Moral Contestation in the Mediasphere.” Presented at International Society for Media, Religion and Culture Conference 2014. Canterbury, England. August 4-6, 2014.
- “The Four Horsemen of New Atheism: Meanings and Mechanisms of Celebrity in the Battle for Reason.” Presented at Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference 2014. Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2014.
- “Virtually Alive: The Digital Death of Internet Martyr Aaron Swartz.” Presented at Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association National Conference 2014. Chicago, IL. April 16-19, 2014.
- “The Fleshless Future: A Phenomenological Perspective on Mind Uploading.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2013. Baltimore, Maryland. November 23-36, 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Northwestern University)

Introduction to Christianity. Teaching Assistant to Katherine Dugan. Winter 2016.
Religion, Medicine, and Suffering. Teaching Assistant to Robert Orsi. Fall 2015.
Introduction to Religion. Teaching Assistant to Richard Kieckhefer. Fall 2014.
Introduction to Buddhism. Teaching Assistant to George Bond. Spring 2014, Spring 2015.
Introduction to Hebrew Bible. Teaching Assistant to Mira Balberg. Winter 2014.

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Graduate Student Conference Committee, *Public Relations* (2015-2016)
Religious Studies Graduate Student Association, *Secretary* (2015-2016)
Religious Studies Graduate Student Association, *President* (2014-2015)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion
American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association

LANGUAGES

Reading Proficiency in German

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Connections for the Homeless

Volunteer Employment Tutor (2012-current)

Evanston, IL

Assist shelter clients with resume building, job searches, online job applications, interview preparation, and computer literacy at weekly meetings.