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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*
received High Honors

AWARDS and HONORS

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2017
Phi Beta Kappa
Summa cum laude
Sarah and James Bowdoin Scholar (Dean's List)

PUBLICATIONS

Scheidt, Hannah. "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.

Scheidt, Hannah. "Review: *Atheists in America*, ed. Melanie Brewster." *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network Blog*, 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. 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.

RELEVANT COURSEWORK (Northwestern University)

Independent Study: Atheism in America. Winter 2014.
Research Methods: Internet Skills. Winter 2014.
Research Methods in Internet and Society. Fall 2013.
Sociology of Religion. Spring 2013.
Contemporary Theories of Religion. Winter 2013.
Theories of Practice of Computer Mediated Communication. Fall 2012.
Storying American Religion. Fall 2012.
Classical Theories of Religion. Fall 2012.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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)
Wrote and disseminated Call for Papers, designed and maintained conference website, designed conference posters and programs. As committee member also involved in theme development, paper selection, event logistics.

Religious Studies Graduate Student Association, *Secretary* (2015-2016)

Responsible for taking minutes at quarterly meetings.
Religious Studies Graduate Student Association, *President* (2014-2015)
Scheduled meetings and set agendas. Point-person for visiting student events.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association for the Sociology of Religion
American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association
Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network

LANGUAGES

Reading Proficiency in German

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Connections for the Homeless

Volunteer Employment Tutor (2012-current)

Evanston, IL

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