

HANNAH SCHEIDT

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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate (*Current*)

Department of Religious Studies, Northwestern University Evanston, IL
Qualifying Exams Passed 2014-2015
Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
Religion, Media, and Technology
American Religion and Culture

Master of Arts (2012-2014)

Department of Religious Studies, Northwestern University Evanston, IL

Bachelor of Arts (2006-2010)

Religious Studies and English Literature, Bowdoin College Brunswick, ME
Honors Thesis: "Born Again in Second Life: Exploring the Religiosity in and of Virtual Experience" received High Honors

AWARDS and HONORS

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

"Authorizing Atheism: Leadership, Gender, and the Cult of Personality." To be presented at Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network International Meeting 2016, "Approaching Nonreligion: Conceptual, methodological, and empirical approaches in a new research field." Zurich, Switzerland. Forthcoming July 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

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.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SCOTTEVEST

2011-2012

Public Relations and Web Operations Coordinator: Plan and implement public relations campaigns (promotions, partnerships, etc.); design, write, and send mass marketing emails; update website content; worked with Miva Merchant ecommerce software, Netsuite business suite, coding in HTML. Sun Valley, ID.

Personal Assistant

2010-2011

Personal Assistant to Prudence Beidler, Chicago Community Trust: Assist with a wide range of personal and professional tasks for private philanthropist and Interim Chair of the Management Committee at the Chicago Community Trust. Lake Forest, IL.

Center for Learning and Teaching, Bowdoin College

2008-2010

Academic Mentor: Mentor peers on organizational skills, time management, written work, motivation, scheduling, study habits. Brunswick, ME.

Columbia University School of the Arts, Communications Office

2009

Editorial Assistant: Write and edit viewbook material, which includes staff/alumni bios, program descriptions, admissions/student affairs info. (Summer). New York, NY.

Communications and Events Assistant: Plan, publicize, and run events, research marketing tools, write brief news/publicity blurbs, organize and maintain contact rosters. New York, NY.

Bowdoin Magazine

2008-2009

Advertising and Data Archiving Intern: Communicate with advertisers, organize ad requests and payments, archive past issues, write occasional interest pieces. Brunswick, ME.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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

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

2012-2015

Volunteer Employment Tutor

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