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Experience

- 2013-2016 Chair, Department of Religion, Wabash College
2021-2023
- 2009-present Associate Professor of Religion, Wabash College
- 2004-2009 Assistant Professor of Religion, Wabash College
- 2005-2006 Affiliate Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
- 2002-2004 Byron K. Trippet Assistant Professor of Religion, Wabash College
- 2001-2002 Editorial Assistant, _____, Yale University
- 1996-1998 Teaching Assistant, American Religious History, Yale University
- 1991-1994 Director, Member Benefits and Services, Department of Alumni Affairs, Duke University
- 1991 Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs, Duke University

Publications

Articles

- “The Soil of the Prosperity Gospel.” Published online by 9Marks.
<http://www.9marks.org/blog/soil-prosperity-gospel>. December 20, 2013.
- “Holiness and Pentecostalism.” In _____ .
Ed. Philip Goff. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010, 569-86.
- “Health, Disease, and Medicine.” In _____ . 4 vols. Eds.
Peter W. Williams and Charles H. Lippy. CQ Press, 2010. V. 2: 954-65.
- “American Dispensationalism’s Perpetually Imminent End Times,” _____ , 87
(April 2007): 248-64.
- “Sacred Bodies: Religion, Illness, and Healing.” In _____ , v. 2:
_____. Ed. Charles H. Lippy. Westport, CT:
Praeger, 2006, 237-59.
- “Original Sin in America: Says Who?” Review article on _____
(2003), by Mark Ellingsen.

, 37 (Summer/Fall 2005), 38 (Winter/Spring 2006): 211-15.

“Confessions of a Non-Evangelical,” , 12 (April 2005): 213-21.

“Redeemed Bodies: The Functions of Divine Healing in Incipient Pentecostalism,” , 70 (December 2001): 735-71.

“Rhode Island Charter.” In . Ed. Paul Finkelman. New York: Garland Publishing, 2000, 421-23.

Book Reviews

Review of Frances FitzGerald. . New York: Simon & Schuster, 2017. 740 pages.
<https://www.9marks.org/review/book-review-the-evangelicals-by-frances-fitzgerald/>

Review of Melani McAlister. . Oxford University Press, 2018. 394 pages.
<https://www.9marks.org/review/book-review-the-kingdom-of-god-has-no-borders-by-melani-mcalister/>

Review of Timothy P. Carney. . New York: Harper, 2019. 348 pages Published online at www.9marks.org.

Review of Daryn Henry. . McGill-Queen’s Studies in the History of Religion, ser. 2, vol. 87. Montreal: McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2019. 403 pages. , 46 (December 2020): 549.

Review of . By Thomas S. Kidd and Barry Haskins. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. Published online at www.9marks.org.

Review of . By Candy Gunther Brown. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. , v. 96 (April 2016): 261-63.

Review of . By Timothy E. W. Gloege. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2015. Published online at <http://9marks.org/review/book-review-guaranteed-pure-by-timothy-gloege/>.

Review of . By Larry Eskridge. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. Published online at <http://9marks.org/review/book-review-gods-forever-family-by-larry-eskridge/>.

Review of . By Joseph W. Williams. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. , v. 83 (December 2014): 1076-1079.

Review of . By Kate Bowler. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. Published online in 2013 by 9Marks.

<http://www.9marks.org/books/book-review-blessed-history-american-prosperity-gospel-kate-bowler>.

Review of _____ (2012). By Candy Gunther Brown.
H-Pentecostalism. Published in 2013 at <https://networks.h-net.org/node/9663/reviews/11406/baer-brown-testing-prayer-science-and-healing>.

Review of _____ . By Kathryn Lofton. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011. Published online at <http://9marks.org/review/book-review-oprah-the-gospel-of-an-icon/>.

Review of _____ (2010). By Margaret M. Poloma and John C. Green.
_____. v. 82 (March 2013): 247-50.

Review of _____ (2008) By Paul D.
Simmons. _____, 80 (December 2011):
971-72.

Review of _____ (2008)
By Randall J. Stephens. _____, 80
(September 2011): 705-708.

Review of _____ (2007),
by Claire Hoertz Badaracco. _____
, 33 (2011): 116-117.

Review of _____, by Peter J.
Thuesen (2009). _____ . Published online in 2010 at
<http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/2010/04/the-american-career-of-predestination>.

Review of _____ (2007), by Heather D. Curtis. _____, 83 (Summer
2009): 407-408.

Review of _____ (2007), by Eric Metaxas. _____, 124 (November 13, 2007): 39-41.

Review of _____ (2005), by D. Bruce Hindmarsh. _____, 13
(2006): 205-10.

Review of _____ (2003), by James A. Herrick. _____, 37 (Summer/Fall 2005), 38
(Winter/Spring 2006): 284-87.

Review of _____ (2004), by Charles A. Israel. _____, 85 (October 2005): 665-66.

Review of _____ (2003), eds. Richard J. Mouw and Mark A. Noll. _____, 85 (April 2005):
322-23.

Review of
(2003), by Mark A. Noll. , 12 (February 2005): 56-59.

Review of
Clarke Garrett. (1998), by
, 25 (April 1999): 218-19.

Book Manuscript in Preparation

Presentations and Conferences

“The Prosperity Gospel,” Rock Point Church, Crawfordsville, IN, November 17, 2019.

“Random Tales from the Teaching Front,” Wabash College Chapel, March 5, 2015.

“Seeking Your Vocation,” Wabash College Chapel, October 3, 2013.

“Christianity, Marriage, and Fatherhood,” Wabash College Newman Center,
March 21, 2011.

“Victory in Defeat,” Wabash College Chapel, October 22, 2010.

Conference on Faculty Mentoring, Wabash College, December 4-5, 2009.
Co-organized, led, and presented at conference of 23 faculty and administrators
representing seven liberal arts colleges.

Conference on New Faculty Orientation, Wabash College, May 8-9, 2009.
Co-organized, led, and presented at conference of 24 faculty and administrators
representing seven liberal arts colleges.

“The Episcopal Church and Slavery,” St. John’s Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville,
IN, October 18, 2009.

“The Results of the Reformation,” St. John’s Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville, IN,
April 19, 2009.

“The Great Awakening in the American Colonies,” St. John’s Episcopal Church,
Crawfordsville, IN, January 11, 2009.

“The Diversity of Christianity,” Montgomery County Leadership Academy,
Crawfordsville, IN, October 24, 2008, October 19, 2007, October 13, 2006.

“Faith Healing and the Law: Early Pentecostal Conflict,” Policy History
Conference, St. Louis, May 31, 2008.

“Faith Healing and the Law: Early Pentecostal Conflict,” Humanities Colloquium,
Wabash College, April 22, 2008.

“The Value of Church History,” guest scholar in church history, Lay Worship

Leadership Program, Indiana-Kentucky Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Wallace, IN, February 3, 2007.

“The Expansive Faith of Charles Cullis,” Religion and Culture Workshop, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, February 24, 2006.

Respondent to various presentations, Religion and Culture Workshop, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, March 3, 2006, November 18, 2005, September 28, 2005.

“Sacred Bodies: Religion, Illness, and Healing,” Young Scholars in American Religion Conference, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, October 2005.

History Session Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies Conference, Virginia Beach, VA, March 2005.

“Playing to Mixed Reviews: Early Twentieth-Century Pentecostal Healing and the Fundamentalist Response,” presented at the American Society of Church History Conference, Chicago, January 2003.

“Embodied Salvation: Divine Healing Among Higher Life Evangelicals,” presented at the American Society of Church History Conference, New Haven, CT, March 2001, as part of a session which I organized, entitled “Transforming the Body: Religious Healing in Modernizing North America.”

“Perfect Bodies: The Functions of Divine Healing in Incipient Pentecostalism,” presented at the Pew Program in Religion and American History Fellows Conference, Yale University, May 2000.

“Humanitarian Charity and Scientific Philanthropy: The Civil War and the Christian and Sanitary Commissions,” presented to the John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, Seminar on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Associations, Yale University, July 1996.

“Scottish Common Sense and Free Agency in the Theology of Nathaniel William Taylor,” presented to the Yale Seminar on American Intellectual and Cultural History, April 1995.

Manuscript Referee

Oxford University Press
New York University Press

Professional Service

Director, Scroll: The Wabash Institute of Theology for Youth
Co-Director, Callings: Exploring Vocational Identity and Purpose
Board of Trustees, Coram Deo Academy, Carmel, IN

Academic Advisory Committee, Indiana Historical Society (HIS) in Indianapolis, for the Exhibit “You Are There 1839: Religion and the Divided Frontier,” Associate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.
H-Net Pentecostalism

Consultant

Consultant to Arthur E. Farnsley III, sociologist of religion, on a book project, (2012)

Teaching Experience

Religion in America	Anthropology of Religion
Religion and Health in America	Sociology of Religion
African-American Religious History	Sects and Cults in America
Christian Lives	The Christian Church in the Modern Era
Religion and the American Dream	Cultures & Traditions (core sophomore course)
Projects in American Religion	Freshman Tutorials:
Puritanism	Christianity and Twentieth-Century Fiction
Religion and Sports in America	Indiana Writers and Literature
The Christian Tradition of Vocation	Callings
Christianity and Mental Health in America	Senior Seminar: The Nature & Study of Religion
Jesus in America	Lew Wallace and American Religion
History of Christianity to the Reformation	Theological Ethics
History of Christianity from the Reformation to the Modern Era	

Committee and College Service

Religion Department Chair (2013-16, 2021-23)	Chaired Several Departmental Search Committees
Faculty Athletics Representative	Business Minor Committee
Faculty Development Committee (chair)	Callings: Exploring Vocational Identity and Purpose (founder and chair)
Faculty Athletics Committee (chair)	Co-leader of Immersion Course to Greece, 2004
Football Stadium Planning Committee	Community Service Committee (chair)
New Faculty Orientation (co-chair)	Athletic search committees for football, swimming, track & field, volleyball coaches, Assoc. AD, etc.
Tuttle Chapel Organizer and Leader	Faculty and Staff Prayer Lunch (founder)
Gavit Award Committee (chair)	International Studies Committee
Sphinx Club (honorary member)	Lecture Planning & Implementation Committees
Theta Delta Chi (faculty advisor)	Inter-Fraternity Council Advisory Committee
Lilly Grant Steering Committee	Fringe Benefits Committee
Lilly Scholarship Selection Committee	Honorary Degree Committee
Faculty Admissions Committee	Alumni-Faculty Symposium Organizing Committee
Institutional Review Board	
Senior Colloquium	
New Orleans Spring Break Katrina Rebuild Organizer and Leader, 2008-2013	
Academic Organizer and Co-leader of Basketball Team Trip to Ireland, 2019	

Education

Ph.D. Yale University, 2002
American Religious History, Department of Religious Studies
Dissertation: “Perfectly Empowered Bodies: Divine Healing in

Modernizing America”
 Comprehensive Fields: American Religious History, 1500-1865
 American Religious History, 1865-1995
 European Reformation
 Sociology of Religion

- M.Phil. Yale University, 1998
 M.A. Yale University, 1995
- M.Phil. Queens’ College, University of Cambridge, 1990
 Social and Political Theory
 Thesis: “Burke and Paine: The French Revolution and the Nature of Political Authority”
- A.B. Duke University, 1989
 History & Political Science
 Magna cum Laude; Dean’s List with Distinction
 Senior Thesis: “Fighting Dry: Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and the South’s Repudiation of Al Smith in the Election of 1928”

Fellowships and Research Grants

- 2017-2023 Scroll: The Wabash Institute of Theology for Youth: \$530,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment to establish and direct a Youth Theology Network summer institute for high school young men at Wabash
- 2013-2014 NetVUE (Network on Vocation in Undergraduate Education) two-year program development grant for Callings: Exploring Vocational Identity and Purpose
- 2013-2014 New Directions Initiative Grant, Great Lakes Colleges Association
- 2006-present Associate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- 2009 Know Indiana Course Development Grant, freshman tutorial on Indiana Writers and Literature
- 2005-2006 Affiliate Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
- 2005 John J. Coss Faculty Development Grant, Wabash College
- 2004-2005 Young Scholars in American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- 2003-2004 Byron K. Trippet Research Fund Summer Grants, Wabash College
- 2003 John J. Coss Faculty Development Grant, Wabash College
- 2000 John Perry Miller Fund Summer Research Grant, Yale University

- 1999-2000 Pew Dissertation Fellowship, Pew Program in Religion and American History, Yale University
- 1999 John F. Enders Summer Research Grant, Yale University
- 1999 Department of Religious Studies Summer Research Grant, Yale University
- 1998 Pew Summer Fellowship, Pew Program in Religion and American History, Yale University
- 1996 John D. Rockefeller, 3rd, Fellowship, Program on Non-Profit Organizations, Yale University
- 1994-1998 University Fellowship, Yale University

Academic Societies

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
Society for Pentecostal Studies
Conference on Faith and History
H-Net Pentecostalism