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Academic Positions

- 2013- Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy
University of West Georgia
- 2008-2013 Graduate Student Instructor and Teaching Assistant
The Florida State University

Education

- Ph.D., Religion, The Florida State University 2013
Field: Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy
Exams: Theory and Method in the Study of Religion; Islamic Ethics; Christian Ethics;
Political Theory, *passed with distinction*
Dissertation: Responsibility for the Just War: A Pragmatist-Feminist Approach to
the Study of Religious Ethics, *defended with distinction*
Committee: John Kelsay (chair), Aline Kalbian, Martin Kavka, Sumner B. Twiss,
David McNaughton
- M.A., Religion, The Florida State University 2009
- B.A., International Studies, *summa cum laude with honors*, The Ohio State University 2007
- B.A., Comparative Studies, *summa cum laude with honors and research distinction*,
The Ohio State University 2007
Minor: French
Thesis: Contemporary American Protestant Attitudes toward the War on Terror:
Authority, Theology, and Political Beliefs (Project advisors: Hugh B. Urban
and Tanya Erzen)
- Summer Intensive French Language Program, Université de Bourgogne (Dijon, France) 2005

Research and Teaching Interests

Theory & Method in Comparative Religious Ethics and in the Study of Religion
Islamic Ethics
Christian Ethics
Moral Philosophy (Feminist Ethics; American Pragmatism)
Political Theory and Ethics
Ethics of War

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2014 "Impure Agency and the Just War: A Feminist Reading of Right Intention." Forthcoming in *Journal of Religious Ethics*.
- 2010 Co-authored with Shannon Dunn. "At the Intersection of Scripture and Law: Qur'an 4:34 and Violence against Women." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 26.2: 11-36.
❖ Winner of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award

Review Essays

- 2012 "Studying and Advocating: Response to G. Scott Davis's *Believing and Acting*." *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 95.3: 187-95.
- 2009 "Connections, Confusions, Colonialism and the Construction of Religion: Making Sense of Fitzgerald's *Discourse on Civility and Barbarity*." *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 21.3: 361-78.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2012 "Dissent." *The Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, ed. Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- 2012 "Republicanism." *The Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, ed. Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
- 2012 Co-authored with Devin Stewart. "Military." *The Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, ed. Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Essay Under Review

- 2013 "Tradition, Authority, and Immanent Critique in Comparative Ethics." In second review.

Presentations

- 2013 "Situating Moral Injury within Just War Reasoning." Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group; American Academy of Religion national meeting; Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 "Impure Agency and the Just War: A Feminist Reading of Right Intention." Society of Christian Ethics national meeting; Chicago, IL.
- 2012 "Making the Politics of Pragmatism Explicit." Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group; American Academy of Religion national meeting; Chicago, IL.
- 2012 "Tradition, Authority, and Immanent Critique in Comparative Studies of Muslim Ethics of War." Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics national meeting; Washington, DC.
- 2011 "Feminism and Imperialism as Just Causes for War? Assessing the Justice of the War in Afghanistan." Gender Theory, Intersectionality, and Justice panel; American Academy of Religion national meeting; San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 "Finding a Space for Religious Minorities in Modern Europe: A Comparison of Moses Mendelssohn and Tariq Ramadan." Religion and Politics Section; American Academy of Religion national meeting; Montreal, QC.

Presentations *cont.*

- 2009 "Reappropriations and Renegotiations: Moses Mendelssohn and the Dissenting Discourse of Religion and State." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion conference; Chapel Hill, NC.
❖ *Winner of Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award*
- 2009 Co-authored with Shannon Dunn. "Examining the Intersections between Scripture and Law: Muslim Women and Qur'an 4:34." Florida State University Graduate Symposium.
- 2007 "Contemporary American Protestant Attitudes toward the War on Terror: Authority, Theology and Political Beliefs" (poster). Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, The Ohio State University.
- 2007 "Contemporary American Protestant Attitudes toward the War on Terror: How Theology Shapes Political Beliefs" (poster). College of Humanities Undergraduate Research Colloquium, The Ohio State University.

Teaching Experience

University of West Georgia

Introduction to World Religions (PHIL 2130): Fall 2013 (2 sections)
Religious Texts (PHIL 3205): Fall 2013

The Florida State University

As Instructor of Record:

Gender and Religion (REL 3145): Spring 2013
Cinematic Courage (REL 1001): Summer 2011
Introduction to World Religions (REL 1300): Spring 2010, Fall 2009
Religious Ethics and Moral Problems (REL 3170): Spring 2009, Fall 2008

As Teaching Assistant:

Cinematic Courage (REL 1001/3180): Spring 2011, Summer 2010
Introduction to World Religions (REL 1300): Summer 2009
Religious Ethics and Moral Problems (REL 3170): Fall 2008, Summer 2008

Awards and Fellowships

- 2012 Finalist, Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Completion Fellowship competition
- 2011 Chapter Nominee, P.E.O. Scholar Award, Philanthropic Educational Organization
- 2010 Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award
- 2010 Department of Religion Endowed Graduate Fellowship, The Florida State University
- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Conference
- 2007-11 Presidential Fellowship, The Florida State University

Awards and Fellowships *cont.*

- 2007 Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Certificate for Excellence in Outstanding Scholarship, The Ohio State University
- 2007 President's Salute to Undergraduate Academic Achievement, The Ohio State University
- 2006 Phi Beta Kappa

Scholarships and Grants

- 2011 Ermine M. Owenby Jr. Fund to Promote Excellence Award, The Florida State University
- 2009-12 Florida State University Congress of Graduate Students Academic Conference Travel Grants, \$100-\$500
- 2006 Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Scholarship, The Ohio State University
- 2005 John F. Wolfe Study Abroad Scholarship, The Ohio State University
- 2005 Humanities Alumni Scholarship, The Ohio State University
- 2004, 05 Family Scholarship, The Ohio State University
- 2003-07 Distinguished Scholarship, The Ohio State University
- 2003-07 National Merit Scholarship, The Ohio State University

Service

- 2012-13 Florida State University Student Health Committee
- 2012 Student Representative, Graduate Policy Subcommittee for Review of Department of Religion
- 2011- Reviewer, *Journal of Religious Ethics*
- 2009 Review Committee, Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, The Florida State University
- 2008 Transportation and Catering Committees, Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, The Florida State University
- 2006-07 Undergraduate Student Representative, Comparative Studies Faculty Committee, The Ohio State University
- 2006-07 College of Humanities Student Representative, Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Honors Committee, The Ohio State University
- 2005-07 Writer for Buckeyes Blog, The Ohio State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Professional Experience

- 2011- Editorial Assistant, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*
2009 Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Religious Ethics*
2004-07 Telecounselor, The Ohio State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions
2006-07 Summer Reading Assistant, Columbus Metropolitan Library

Languages

French (*Advanced*); Modern Standard Arabic (*Intermediate*); German (*Reading Knowledge*)

Memberships

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics

References

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Richard L. Rubenstein Professor of Religion
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