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Education:

- 2019-present Yale University: Religious Studies PhD, Theology
Dissertation Title: *Shadows of Grace: Theology, Race, and Conceiving Christian Difference*
Committee: Willie Jennings, Kathryn Tanner (co-directors), Linn Tonstad,
Eboni Marshall Turman, Nancy Levene
- 2019 Yale Divinity School: MAR, Theology Concentration
2018 Berkeley Divinity School: Certificate in Anglican Studies
2011-2012 Oxford University, Department of Education: Postgraduate Certificate of Education
2008-2011 Oriol College, Oxford University: BA, Philosophy and Theology, 2:1

Publications

Articles

- Forthcoming “Reframing ‘Natural Theology’: Karl Barth, Emil Brunner, and Ludwig Wittgenstein’s Logical Machine,” *Scottish Journal of Theology*
- Forthcoming “Differential Grace: Tracing the Affective Salience of Second-Order Theological Reflection,” *Harvard Theological Review*
- 2025 “Having the Lord’s Body to Give: John Keble, Eucharistic Warrant, and the Colonizing Logics of Property,” *Anglican and Episcopal History* 94.2, 240-49
- 2024 “‘Fear the Old Blood’: Bloodborne, Christian Concepts of Communion, and Theological Reflection,” *Gamevironments* (IASGAR Workshop Reports) 20, 169-178
- 2022 “Rethreading the Fabric of Mystery: Thinking Myth, Counter-Myth, and Christian Theology With Hortense Spillers,” *Literature and Theology* 36.2, 137-164
- 2021 “Another Nature of Doctrine: George Lindbeck, Kathryn Tanner and Christian Identities,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 74.3, 262-273
- 2021 “The Sacred Fire: Wittgenstein, Pseudo-Denys, and Transparency to the Divine,” *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* 82.2, 136-154

Reviews

- 2025 Review of Andrew Shamel, *Theology and the Mythic Sensibility: Human Myth-Making and Divine Creativity*, in *The Heythrop Journal*, Early View

Other Writing

Forthcoming 'Preface,' in Kathryn Tanner, *Experiments in Christian Theology*

Teaching Experience

Yale Divinity School

- 2025 Anglican Theology and History II, Instructor of Record, graduate seminar.
- *Designed syllabus, to be taught in Fall 2025*
- 2024 Hebrew Bible Interpretation II, Teaching Fellow for Molly Zahn, graduate survey course.
- *Led sections, graded exams and assignments, met with students for office hours.*
- 2023 Research Methods in Practical Theology, Teaching Fellow for Mary Moschella, graduate seminar
- *Assisted students with IRB submissions, led weekly drop-in discussions*
- 2023 Systematic Theology, Teaching Fellow for Willie Jennings, graduate survey course
- *Led sections, graded assignments, met with students for office hours*
- 2021 and 2022 Introduction to Theology, Teaching Fellow for Willie Jennings, graduate survey course
- *Led sections, graded assignments, delivered lecture, met with students for office hours*
- 2022 Body and Land, Teaching Fellow for Willie Jennings, graduate seminar
- *Led breakout discussions*
- 2021 Sacrifice, assisted Andrew McGowan, graduate seminar
- *Led breakout discussions, met with students for office hours, online teaching*
- 2019 Work, Debt, and Christian Witness, assisted Kathryn Tanner, graduate seminar
- *Led breakout discussions*

Yale College

- 2022 Neighbors and Others, Teaching Fellow for Nancy Levene, undergraduate seminar
- *Led seminar discussions, graded assignments, met with students for office hours*

Honors and Awards

- 2019 Julia A. Archibald High Scholarship Prize, for highest ranking in scholarship, Yale Divinity School
- 2017 Harriet Jackson Ely Prize, for excellence and promise in theology, Yale Divinity School
- 2007 Lloyd Davies Philosophy Prize, Oriel College

Papers Given

- 2024 “Saying What We Cannot Say: Grace and Possibility in Barth and Barmen,” *Graduate Student Colloquium*, The Center for Barth Studies (June)
- 2024 “Ideas Incarnate: Deleuze, Carter, and Transcendental Differentiation,” *Christianity and Identity*, The Koinonia Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary (March)
- 2023 “Use Your Illusion: John Keble, Apostolic Succession, and the Eucharist as Property,” *The Apostolic Ministry: History, Theology, and Ecumenicism*, Berkeley Divinity School (October)
- 2023 “‘Fear the Old Blood’: Bloodborne, Christian Concepts of Communion, and Cultural Critique,” *Study of Gaming and Cultural Values Summer Workshop*, Online (July)
- 2023 “Zilpha Elaw, Marguerite Porete, and Chaotic Reconfigurations of Christian Order,” *Christianity Amidst Chaos*, The Koinonia Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary (March)
- 2022 “Figura, Providence, and Concept: A Response to Katherine Sonderegger,” *Generous Orthodoxy: Hans Frei and the Future of Theology*, Yale Divinity School (October)
- 2021 “Doctrine and the Uncalculable: R.A. Judy, Number Theory, and Theological Abstraction,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*, Online (November)
- 2020 “Conceiving Nothingness: Karl Barth, Calvin Warren, and Total Depravity as Antiblackness,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*, Online (November)
- 2017 “The Sacred Fire: Wittgenstein, Pseudo-Denys, and Transparency to the Divine,” *Divinity Colloquium*, Yale Divinity School (November)
- 2017 “Divine Rule and White Supremacy,” *Graduate Student Colloquium*, The Center for Barth Studies (August)

Academic Employment and Service:

- 2023-present YDS Mid-Degree Reviews
- *Invited by students to participate in mid-degree meetings with three or four vocationally significant figures, offered collaborative reflections on students’ sense of calling*
- 2022-present Divinity Doctoral Fellow, Yale Divinity School
- *Assisting YDS students with PhD applications, including logistics of applying, crafting statements of purpose, interview preparation, and pastoral support*
- 2022-present Academic Support Associate, Berkeley Divinity School
- *Providing academic and pastoral support for Anglican seminarians at BDS*
- 2020-2021 Religious Studies Graduate Student Council
- *Organized student support through COVID, sat on RLST PhD admission committee*
- 2019-2020 Research Assistant, Professor Emeritus David Kelsey
- *Indexed and edited manuscript for Human Anguish and God’s Power*

2016-2019 Research Assistant, Professor Andrew McGowan
 - *Editorial Assistant for The Journal of Anglican Studies*
 - *Archival Researcher*

Relevant Work Experience:

2023-Present Contributing Writer, 'God Here and Now,' The Center for Barth Studies
 - *Writing monthly posts for The Center for Barth Studies' online magazine fostering public theological engagement.*
 - *Notable Posts: 'Some Words for Those Beginning Seminary,' 'Ludwig Wittgenstein's Pastoral Theology,' 'The Fissures of "Inclusive Orthodoxy."'*

2015-2016 Missioner-in-Residence, Saint John's Cathedral, Denver, CO
 - *Organized grassroots homeless and hunger ministries*
 - *Started and led congregational formation groups*
 - *Fostered institutional relationships with local non-profits*

2012-2015 5th Grade Teacher and Graduate Support Assistant, Saint Martin de Porres Academy, New Haven, CT
 - *Taught 5th Grade Social Studies, Maths, and English*
 - *Provided Emotional and academic mentorship for middle school graduates*
 - *College application support*

2012-2015 Intern, Saint Hilda's House (Episcopal Service Corps), New Haven, CT
 - *Lived in intentional community, participating in communal prayer and formation.*
 - *Worked as Social Media Missioner for Forward Movement (2013-14)*
 - *Ran social media and the Saint Hilda's House Blog for the community (2014-15)*

Professional Memberships

2017-present American Academy of Religion

Recommender Contact Details

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