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EMPLOYMENT

2017–, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University
2012-2017, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University

VISITING POSITIONS

2015, Visiting Professor, *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales*, Paris

EDUCATION

2012, PhD, Religious Studies, Stanford University
2010, Visiting Student, Philosophy Faculty, Albert-Ludwigs Universität Freiburg
2004-5, Visiting Student, Rhetoric Department, UC Berkeley
2005, BA, Chinese, Williams College, *magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Common Thought: Prefaces to an Alternate Philosophical Present (in preparation)

The Religion of Existence: Asceticism in Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Sartre
(University of Chicago Press, 2016)

Reviewed in: *Religious Studies* (Simon Podmore, 2017); *Reading Religion*
(William McBride, 2018); *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
(Sarah Hammerschlag, forthcoming).

Conference Sessions and Journal Issues:

November 2016 meeting of the North American Sartre Society, Wilmington, NC; Panelists: Elizabeth Butterfield and Matt Eshleman.

February 2018 meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division (joint session Karl Jaspers/Gabriel Marcel Societies), Chicago; Panelists: Antony Aumann, Dawn Eschenauer Chow, Ryan Kemp, Sara Shady. Papers to be published in forthcoming issue of *Existenz*.

November 2018 meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philosophy of Religion Unit.

Forthcoming 2018 Forum in *Syndicate Theology*; Contributors: Michael Behrent, Christopher B. Barnett, Kate Kirkpatrick, Jason Josephson Storm.

Forthcoming 2019 Forum in *The Journal of Religion, Politics, and Ideology*; Contributors: Edward Baring, Molly Farneth, Vincent Lloyd.

Articles

- “Toward a Critique of Authenticity” (under review at *Critical Inquiry*).
- “The Unbounded Confession,” in *Transparency, Society and Subjectivity: Critical Perspectives*, ed. Emmanuel Alloa and Dieter Thomae (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, June 2018), 105-131.
- “Father Kierkegaard,” in *Kierkegaard Reconsidered: The Existential Approach*, ed. Arne Grøn, René Rosfort, and K. Brian Söderquist (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017), 153-170.
- “Religious Truth and Secular Scandal: Kierkegaard’s Pathology of Offense,” *Philosophy Today* 59, no. 4 (2015): 627-640.
- “Heidegger’s Kierkegaard: Philosophy and Religion in the Tracks of a Failed Interpretation,” *Journal of Religion* 95, no. 3 (2015): 295-317.
- “Intensity/Extensity” in *Kierkegaard’s Concepts*, vol. 15/IV of *Kierkegaard Research*, ed. Jon Stewart (Farnham, UK: Ashgate 2013), 17-24.
- “Karl Löwith: In Search of a Singular Man,” in *Kierkegaard’s Influence on Philosophy*, vol. 8/I of *Kierkegaard Research*, ed. Jon Stewart (Farnham: UK: Ashgate, 2012), 163-186.
- “Heidegger on the Essence of Poetry and the Fate of Form,” *Mantis: A Journal of Poetry and Translation* 7 (Winter 2008).
- “A Subtle Butcher—On the Question of Grace in the *Zhuangzi*,” *Atopia*, <http://www.atopia.tk/index.php/gratia12/>, Issue 11 (July 2008).

Reviews

- Review of Kevin Hector, *The Theological Project of Modernism: Faith and the Conditions of Mineness*, in *Journal of Religion* 98, no. 2 (April 2018): 277-279.
- “Jacques Colette: *Chrétien Incognito. La Neutralité armée*” in *Kierkegaard Secondary Literature, Tome IV: Finnish, French, Galician, and German*, ed. Jon Stewart (New York: Routledge, 2017), 61-64.
- Review of Mary-Jane Rubenstein, *Worlds without End: The Many Lives of the Multiverse*, in *Syndicate Theology* (March 2016). <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/worlds-without-end/>
- Review of William Desmond, *The Intimate Strangeness of Being* and *The William Reader*, in *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 75, no. 1 (February 2014): 67-72.

INVITED TALKS

- November 2018, Response to panel on my book *The Religion of Existence*, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, Philosophy of Religion Unit
- November 2018, “Philosophy of Religion and the Challenge of Thinking in Time,” Religious Studies Department Colloquium, Stanford University
- October 2018, “Rebel, Nomad, Outsider: Romantic Figures in the History of Theory,” Intellectual History Workshop, NYU/Columbia, New York
- August 2018, “Ontology and Alterity,” Varieties of Atheism Conference, Australian Catholic University in Rome, Italy.
- May 2018, “Schleiermacher and Said on the University,” Theology and Religious Studies Department, King’s College, London.
- February 2018, Response to panel on *The Religion of Existence*, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, joint session of Karl Jaspers Society of North America and Gabriel Marcel Society.
- April 2017, “Philosophy, Theory, History,” Philosophy of Religion Colloquium, Divinity School, University of Chicago
- November 2016, Response to panel on *The Religion of Existence*, North American Sartre Society, Wilmington, NC
- May 2016, “The Ironist’s Confession: Beginning Again with Rousseau,” Transparency Workshop, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland
- February 2016, “Phenomenology of Religion” Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- February 2016, “Theology and Danish Politics of Offense,” Center for the Study of Religion, UC Berkeley
- May 2015, “La Confession comme mode de communication dans la culture du XXe siècle,” *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* [EHESS], Paris
- May 2015, “Phénoménologie, lucidité, et examen de conscience,” EHESS, Paris
- May 2015, “Rousseau et Kierkegaard: écriture et vérité,” EHESS, Paris
- May 2015, “La Confession et la réforme protestante,” EHESS, Paris
- April 2015, “Authenticity and Conversion” Religion and Critical Thought Colloquium, Brown University
- May 2014, “Freiheit, Verwandlung – Phantom Concepts?” Heidegger Gesellschaft, Meßkirch, Germany
- July 2013, “Vitalism and Asceticism,” Theology Department, Copenhagen University
- May 2013, “Le Présent de conversion chez Heidegger et Kierkegaard,” Archives Husserl, École Normale Supérieure, Paris
- April 2013, “The Religion of Existentialism,” Philosophy Colloquium, Southern Connecticut State University

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- November 2018, "Affirmation and the Work of Death," Book Panel on David Kangas' *Errant Affirmations: On the Philosophical Meaning of Kierkegaard's Religious Discourses*, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture unit
- November 2015, "The Existential Ethic: Reconsidering the Secular in Modern European Thought," American Academy of Religion, Secularism and Secularities Unit
- August 2015, "Father Kierkegaard," University of Copenhagen
- May 2013, "Seduction and Inwardness," Kierkegaard Reconsidered in a Global World, University of Copenhagen.
- August 2011, "The Secret Life of the Fatal Leap: *Salto Mortale* from Lessing to Lukács," Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen.
- March 2011, "The Aesthetics of Authenticity," American Comparative Literature Association, Vancouver, BC.
- April 2010, "Presupposition and the Logos of Change," Kierkegaard's Upbuilding Discourses Conference, Oxford Centre for Theology and Modern European Thought
- December 2009, "Kierkegaard and Heidegger on Authenticity," Kierkegaard Circle Group Meeting at the American Philosophical Association (Eastern).
- June 2008, "The Apparent Conversion of Zhuangzi," Colloquium on Violence and Religion Conference, University of California, Riverside.

COLLOQUIA AND SEMINARS

- April 2017, "History of Consciousness: A History," Post-Utopian Utopias Workshop at Yale University
- October 2016, "The Fact of Value? Normativity and the Humanities," Faculty Panel at Yale University, Closing Remarks
- July 2016, "The Religion of Existence," book presentation at Porto Design Summer School, Portugal
- March 2016, "Semantics of Authenticity," presentation of current research at Cognitive Science Lab, Yale University
- February 2016, "Authenticity and the Really Real," Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University
- April 2015, Book Colloquium, Yale Seminar in Religious Studies
- October 2013, "Kierkegaard and the Problem of Repetition," Textual Unities Colloquium, Yale University
- July 2010, "Die Frage der Disziplinarität in Heideggers Kierkegaard-Auslegung [The Question of Disciplinarity in Heidegger's Interpretation of Kierkegaard]," Paper Presented to Seminar on Heidegger and German Idealism, Freiburg, Germany
- May 2009, "The Philosophical Secularization of Conversion," Aesthetics Project, Stanford University

January 2008, “Heidegger on the Essence of Poetry,” Workshop in Literature,
Philosophy, and the Arts, Stanford University
June 2007, “Socrates, World-Historical Existentialism, and Sin,” Workshop in
Literature, Philosophy, and the Arts, Stanford University

PRIZES

2017 *Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion* (Constructive-Reflective)
American Academy of Religion
2017 *Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Publication*
Yale University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015-2017, Whitney Humanities Center Fellow (Yale)
2016, Griswold Faculty Research Grant (Yale)
2015, Hilles Research Grant (Yale)
2014, Griswold Faculty Research Grant (Yale)
2013-2014, Morse Junior Faculty Research Fellowship (Yale)
2011-2012, Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2010-2011, G.J. Lieberman Fellow in the Humanities (Stanford)
2010, DAAD Visiting Research Fellow (Freiburg, Germany)
2009, Centennial Teaching Award (Stanford)
2009, Graduate Research Opportunity Grant (Stanford)
2009, Summer Fellow, The Kierkegaard Library (St. Olaf College)
2008–2010, Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship (Stanford)
2005–2006, Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Humanistic Studies

COURSES TAUGHT

Yale University

2018-19

RLST 017 Authenticity
RLST 890 Advanced Topics in Religion and Modernity
RLST 490 Religion and Society
RLST 892/ENGL 959 Interdisciplinary Philosophy

2016-17

RLST 017 Authenticity
RLST 890 Advanced Topics in Religion and Modernity
RLST 277/PHIL 202 Existentialism
RLST 510 Seminar in the Study of Religion

Yale University, *cont'd*

2015-16

RLST 017 Authenticity
RLST 510 Seminar in the Study of Religion
RLST 440/GMAN 317/PHIL 414 Martin Heidegger
RLST 308 The Death of God

2014-15

RLST 017 Authenticity
RLST 904 The Problems of Secularization (co-taught with Eliyahu Stern)
Directed Readings on Phenomenology
RLST 163 Religion and Enlightenment
RLST 490 Approaches to the Study of Religion
Directed Readings on Heidegger's *Being and Time*

2012-13

RLST 510 Methods and Theory
RLST 163/920 Modern Christian Thought: The Enlightenment
RLST 490 Approaches to the Study of Religion
RLST 277 Existentialism

Stanford University

Winter 2011

RELIGST 139, Nihilism

Spring 2008

RELIGST 290, Majors Seminar

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2018-19

Medieval Theology Faculty Search Committee
Co-Organizer, WHC Working Group in Religion and Modernity
Freshman Adviser (Carlos Carillo-Gallegos, Jingwei Chai)
Qualifying Exam Committee (Henry Clements)
Doctoral Advising (Lucia Hulsether, Mie Inouye, Jack Hanson, Alison Renna)

2017-18 (on leave)

ADGS Religion and Modernity (Fall)
Dissertation Prospectus Defense co-chair (Mie Inouye)
Doctoral Advising (Lucia Hulsether, Mie Inouye, Jack Hanson)

2016-17

Yale Seminar in Religious Studies, co-organizer
Qualifying Exam Committees (Janna Gonwa, Mie Inouye, Alex Ozar, James Dunn, Sam Martinez)
Senior Thesis Advisor in Philosophy (Abigail Schneider)
Sophomore Advisor (Nicolas Jimenez, Nitya Rayapati, Monica McDonough, Dana Rust, Lamia Priestley)
Freshman Advisor (Cameron Martel, James Carrabino)

2015-16

Humanities Publicity Committee
Islamic Studies Faculty Search Committee, Religious Studies
Graduate Admissions Committee, Religious Studies
Qualifying Exam committee member (Lucia Hulsether, Sam Martinez)
Senior Thesis Advisor (James Woodall)
Freshman Advisor (Lamia Priestley)
Sophomore Advisor (Elizabeth Karron, Margaret Lee, Katherine Horvat)
Senior Paper Advisor, Philosophy (Petr Vitkovsky)

2014-15

ADGS Philosophy of Religion, Religious Studies
East Asian Buddhism Faculty Search Committee, Religious Studies
Ethics Search Proposal Review Committee, Religious Studies
Graduate Admissions Committee, Religious Studies

2012-13

Junior Research Fellowships Committee
Senior Thesis Advisor (Eian Katz, Malik Jenkins)
Supervised departmental reading group on secularization with RS PhD students

LANGUAGES

German, Advanced reading, speaking ability
French: Advanced reading, speaking ability
Danish: Reading ability
Attic Greek: Reading ability
Mandarin Chinese Advanced reading, speaking ability
Classical Chinese: reading ability

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy