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### EDUCATION

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| 2009 | Ph.D. (Religious Studies), Yale University, with distinction                           |
| 2003 | M.A.R. (Philosophy of Religion), Yale Divinity School, <i>summa cum laude</i>          |
| 2001 | B.A. (Religious Studies/Philosophical Studies), La Sierra University, <i>cum laude</i> |

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| 2017-     | Associate Professor of Systematic Theology (on term), Yale Divinity School                           |
| 2012-2017 | Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Yale Divinity School                                     |
| 2011-2012 | Assistant Professor of Christian Theology, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University |
| 2009-2011 | Lilly Fellow in the Humanities and Theology, Valparaiso University                                   |

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

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| 2018 | <i>Queer Theology: Beyond Apologetics</i> , Cascade Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CHOICE review, recommended, 56:7 (March 2019), <a href="http://choicereviews.org/review/10.5860/CHOICE.212278">http://choicereviews.org/review/10.5860/CHOICE.212278</a></li><li>• reviewed by Paul Griffiths in <i>Marginalia</i>, an imprint of the <i>LA Review of Books</i>, January 18, 2019, <a href="https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/queer-theology/">https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/queer-theology/</a>, response published February 1, 2019, <a href="https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/queer-theology-revisited/">https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/queer-theology-revisited/</a></li><li>• review symposium in <i>Syndicate</i> forthcoming (panelists: Kent Brintnall, Leonard Curry, Peter Mena, Thelathia Young)</li></ul> |
| 2016 | <i>God and Difference: The Trinity, Sexuality, and the Transformation of Finitude</i> , Routledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• listed in best new books in theology and best new books in ethics in spring 2017 issue of <i>Christian Century</i></li><li>• review symposium in <i>Syndicate</i> available at <a href="https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/god-and-difference/">https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/god-and-difference/</a> (panelists: Sarah Coakley, Paul DeHart, Karen Kilby, Gerard Loughlin, Eboni Marshall Turman)</li></ul>   |

- reviewed by Susannah Cornwall, “God and Difference: The Trinity, Sexuality, and the Transformation of Finitude,” *Theology & Sexuality* 23:3 (2017), 263-265.
- also reviewed in: *ARC* 44 (2016), 175-177; *Anglican Theological Review* 99:3 (2017), 642-644; *Religious Studies Review* 43:3 (2017), 268; *Marriage, Families, and Spirituality* 23:1 (2017); *Theological Studies* 78:4 (2017), 999-1000; *Journal of Analytic Theology* 6 (2018), 710-715; *Word and World* 38:3 (2018), 325-327; *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 21:2 (2019), 223-225.

### Edited volumes

- 2021 Co-editor, with Rhiannon Graybill and Kent Brintnall, *Nothing to Lose: Lee Edelman and the Study of Religion*, with essays from 14 contributors and a response from Lee Edelman, under contract with Routledge, slated for delivery to publisher in spring 2020.

### Journal articles

- 2019 In press: “(Un)wise Theologians: Systematic Theology in the University,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 21.4.
- 2017 “Ambivalent Loves: Christian Theologies, Queer Theologies,” *Literature & Theology* 31.4: 472-489.
- 2016 “Everything Queer, Nothing Radical?” *Svensk Teologisk Kvartalsskrift* 92: 118-129.
- 2016 “Debt Time is Straight Time,” *Political Theology* 17.5: 434-448.
- 2015 “The Limits of Inclusion: Queer Theology and its Others,” *Theology & Sexuality* 21.1: 1-19.
- 2015 “Pannenberg, Particularity, and Eschatology: Shifting the Debate,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 17.2: 194-211.
- 2014 “The logic of origin and the paradoxes of language: a theological experiment,” *Modern Theology* 30.3: 50-73.
- 2010 “Sexual Difference and Trinitarian Death: Cross, Kenosis, and Hierarchy in the *Theo-Drama*,” *Modern Theology* 26.4: 603-631.
- 2009 “‘The ultimate consequence of his self-distinction from the Father...’: Difference and Hierarchy in Pannenberg’s Trinity,” *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* 51: 383-399.

## Book chapters

- 2019 In press: "On Vulnerability," in Karen Kilby and Rachel Davies, eds., *Suffering and Diminishment in the Christian Life*, Bloomsbury, 175-188.
- 2019 In press: "Bodies that Speak," in Joseph Drexler-Dreis and Kristien Justaert, eds., *Beyond the Doctrine of Man*, Fordham, 193-216.
- 2017 "The Entrepreneur and the Big Drag: Risky Affirmation in Capital's Time," in Kent Brintnall, Joseph Marchal, and Stephen Moore, eds., *Sexual Disorientations: Queer Temporalities, Affects, Theologies*, Fordham, 218-239.
- 2017 "The Weight of the Past in the World of Love," in Matthew Croasmun, Zoran Grozdano, and Ryan McAnnally-Linz, eds., *Envisioning the Good Life: Essays on God, Christ, and Human Flourishing in Honor of Miroslav Volf*, Cascade, 223-237.
- 2013 "Sarah Coakley," in Staale Johannes Kristiansen and Svein Rise, eds., *Key Theological Thinkers: Modern and Postmodern*, Ashgate, 547-557.
- 2007 "Bearing true witness," with Miroslav Volf, in Roger Van Harn, ed., *The Ten Commandments for Jews, Christians, and Others*, Eerdmans, 179-193.

## Invited journal contributions

- Forthcoming Response to Karen Kilby, special issue of *Modern Theology* on negative political theology
- 2019 "Gendering Genesis, Looking for the Human," response to Joy Ladin, *The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective*, *TSQ: Trans Studies Quarterly* 6.3: 418-423.

## SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018-2020 Whitney Humanities Center Fellow, Yale University
- 2014-2015 Member of Wabash workshop for pre-tenure faculty at theological schools
- 2011-2012 Fellowship offer from *Women's Studies in Religion Program*, Harvard Divinity School (declined)
- 2010 Participant, *Research Seminar in Religion and Sexuality*, Emory University, June 9-17
- 2008-2009 *Robert M. Leylan Prize Dissertation Fellowship*, Yale University
- 2007-2008 *Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg Fellowship* in residence at Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen, Germany
- 2003-2005 *A. Bartlett Giamatti Fellowship*, Yale University Graduate School
- 2002 *Tew Prize*, Yale Divinity School

## GRANTS

- 2016-17 With David Newheiser and Vincent Lloyd, *Australian Catholic University* research grant in the amount of AUD 50,000 for project on hope
- 2015 *Wabash Center Summer Fellowship* in the amount of \$5,000 for project on queer performance and Christian life
- 2014 *Fund for Lesbian and Gay Studies* Research Award, LGBT studies, Yale University, in the amount of \$2,100 for *God and Difference*

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited talks and papers

- 2021 Title TBD, European Society of Women in Theological Research, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, August 26-29 (keynote).
- 2020 Title TBD, European Forum on Religion and the Environment, Manchester, UK, May 15-17 (keynote).
- 2020 Title TBD, lecture on gender and sexuality in the study of religion, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, February 10.
- 2020 “Questioning the Human,” Claremont Philosophy of Religion conference, Claremont, CA, February 6-8 (keynote).
- 2019 “Gratitude, Debt, and Life,” symposium on Gratitude: Love, Power, and Indebtedness in Christian-Muslim traditions, Yale Divinity School/University of Edinburgh, New Haven, CT, August 28-30.
- 2019 “Desire and Transgression in the Study of Religion,” Transgressive Religions symposium for European researchers in religion and sexuality, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, June 18 (keynote).
- 2019 “The Real Problem of Abstraction in Systematic Theology,” plenary panel on the limits of systematic theology, Society for the Study of Theology (UK) annual meeting, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK, April 9.
- 2019 “Queering Theology: God, Sex, and Money,” public lecture at the University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, March 13.
- 2018 “The Object of Gratitude,” symposium on Gratitude: Hope or Burden? in Christian-Muslim traditions, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, December 10-11.

- 2018 “The place, and problems, of truth,” *Literature and Theology Annual Lecture 2018*, International Society of Religion, Literature and Culture biennial meeting, Uppsala, Sweden, September 28-30 (keynote).
- 2018 “Saying Less About God?,” symposium on God’s names and attributes in Christian-Muslim theological exchange, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 15-16 (keynote).
- 2018 “Disciplining the Moment,” Political Theology and the Contemporary Moment: Beyond the Religious and the Secular, Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, Germany, July 5-6.
- 2018 “Affirming Vulnerability,” University of Göteborg, Gothenburg, Sweden, April 23.
- 2018 “Vulnerabilities, not Vulnerability: Considering Some Differences,” Suffering, Diminishment, and the Christian Life, Durham University, Durham, UK, January 8-10 (plenary).
- 2017 “Gender, Personhood, and the Trinity in Recent Theology,” lecture co-sponsored by Pilgrim Theological College and the Network of Australian Collaborators in Feminist Theologies, Melbourne, Australia, December 8.
- 2017 “Looking Backward,” workshop on Theology, Sexuality, and Culture, Villanova University, February 24.
- 2016 “Everything Queer, Nothing Radical?” Tradition is the New Radical: Remapping Masculinities and Femininities, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, December 12-14 (keynote).
- 2016 “On the Conceiving of Change in Relation to Catholic Homophobia,” Australian Catholic University-Durham University Research Seminar, Rome, Italy, September 13-16.
- 2016 “Ambivalent Love: Christian Theologies, Queer Theologies,” Durham University, Durham, UK, March 15.
- 2016 Seminar on *God and Difference*, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, March 12.
- 2016 “Queer Prophecy: Religion, Performance, and Social Change,” Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME, February 18.
- 2015 “Bodies that Speak,” symposium on Beyond the Doctrine of Man: Perspectives on Enfleshment, K.U. Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, December 18-19.

- 2015 “‘I have to be against that too!’: Reparation, Aggression, and Ambivalence in Queer Theory and Theology,” Center for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia, November 4.
- 2015 “The Reeducation of Desire,” conference on economic inequality and theology, Trinity Institute, New York City, NY, January 21.
- 2014 “Debt Time, Straight Time, Prophetic Time,” Drew Theological Transdisciplinary Colloquium, Drew University, Madison, NJ, September 26-28.

### **Selected conference presentations**

- 2019 Invited panelist, session on “Patriarchy and Political Theology,” Political Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion, November 23-26.
- 2019 “On Vulnerability,” New Haven Theological Discussion Group, New Haven, CT, April 12.
- 2019 Respondent, symposium on Protestant Theology and Islam, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, April 5.
- 2019 Invited presenter, workshop on intersectionality (on occasion of the publication of Jennifer Nash, *Black Feminism Reimagined: After Intersectionality*), Villanova University, Philadelphia, PA, March 29.
- 2019 Socialist Aspirations workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 6-7.
- 2017 With David Newheiser and Vincent Lloyd, seminar on hope, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia, December 12.
- 2017 Invited panelist, session on the significance of Lee Edelman’s work for religious studies, co-sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, November 18-21.
- 2017 Respondent, colloquium on Apophatic Political Theology, Rome, Italy, July 23-26.
- 2016 Respondent, Author-Meets-Critics session on *God and Difference*, co-sponsored by Theology and Religious Reflection and Queer Studies in Religion, American Academy of Religion, November 19-22.
- 2016 “Queering Hope,” Hope in Marginalized Communities, Philosophy of Religion section, American Academy of Religion, November 19-22.

- 2016 Respondent, “Re-engaging Karl Barth on Race, Gender & Sexuality: Is there More To Be Said?” Wildcard Session, American Academy of Religion, November 19-22.
- 2015 “Touching Across Time: Performance as Queer Prophetic Practice,” conference on Religion, Gender, and Body Politics: Post-secular, Post-Colonial and Queer Perspectives, Utrecht, the Netherlands, February 13-14.
- 2015 Respondent, conference on “New Matters and Queer Life,” Yale University, January 21.
- 2014 “The Sovereignty of the Sacrificial Self: Kenotic Discontents,” American Academy of Religion, November 22-25.
- 2014 “Performative Differences and the Limits of Subjection,” International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture, Leuven, Belgium, September 18-20.
- 2013 “Divine Foolishness and Theological Failures,” conference on 1. Corinthians 1-2: The Wisdom and Foolishness of God, University of Geneva, Switzerland, May 23-25.
- 2012 “Ecclesial Distributions of Christ’s Present-Absent Body,” International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture, Copenhagen, Denmark, October 19-21.
- 2011 “Queer Apocalyptic: Temporality, Futurity, and the Reproduction of God’s Body,” Midwest Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, April 1-2.
- 2010 “Waging Peace by Means of War: Theological Rhetoric and the Rhetoric of Theology,” Midwest Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 20-21.
- 2008 “Queering the Trinitarian Family: A Cultural Politics of the Divine Imaginary,” American Academy of Religion, November 1-3.

### **Selected other presentations**

- 2019 Participant, roundtable with Ron Athey in honor of his 2019 AAR Religion and the Arts award, American Academy of Religion, November 23-26.
- 2019 “Beyond Inclusion: Queering Theology,” lecture and discussion organized by BGLASS (organization for queer students and allies), Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, March 27.

- 2018 “A Queer We,” public lecture followed by panel with Swedish bishop and church leaders at *Vetenskapsfestivalen* (The Science Festival), Gothenburg, Sweden, April 20.
- 2017 Panelist, “Specter Spectrum: Exploring Trans Theologies,” *Mx’d Messages* curated by Mx Justin Vivian Bond, *New York Live Arts Ideas Festival 2017*, New York, NY, March 16.
- 2016 “God the Sodomite,” *International Queer Symposium* convened by Carlos Motta, Museo de Arte Latinoamericano de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 15.
- 2016 Panelist, Election 2016: An Intersectional Discussion, convened by WGSS and RITM, Yale University, September 21.
- 2015 “God, Nature, and the Nature of God,” audio letter presented at the *Manufacturing of Rights Colloquium*, organized by House of Council, Beirut, Lebanon, May 16.
- 2013 “STOP: Queer Prophecy and the Reproduction of Time,” *ritual of queer rituals*, convened by AA Bronson, Museum Witte de With, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, November 2.
- 2013 “The Sexuality of God,” *Messy Sex*, organized by Women’s Gender and Sexuality Studies at Yale University, October 4.
- 2013 “The Sexuality of God,” teleconference organized by the Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, September 11.
- 2013 “Queer Apocalyptic,” Boston Queer Theology Forum, Boston, MA, September 5.
- 2013 “Heaven for Queers: Visions of a Different Future,” *Godfull: Shapeshifting God as Queer*, performative symposium convened by Carlos Motta, Institute for Art, Religion, and Social Justice at Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, April 12.
- 2012 “Sex, Salvation, and Slaying the Beloved: God the Father and Buffy the Vampire Slayer,” Brent House, the Episcopal Ministry at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 11.
- 2010 “‘Through a Critical Mimesis’ to God: A Butlerian Topography of the Trinitarian Imaginary,” University of Chicago Theology PhD Colloquium, Chicago, IL, December 1.



## COURSES TAUGHT

Yale Divinity School	Introduction to Theology; Systematic Theology; God and Difference; Queer Theology (cross-listed with WGSS); Current Topics in Theology; Eschatology, Apocalypse, Utopia; Special Topics in Gender and Sexuality Studies; Questioning the Human; Finitude, Vulnerability, and Risk
Yale University Perkins School of Theology	Theology Doctoral Seminar Introduction to Theology; Doctrine of God; Contemporary Theology: Schleiermacher, Barth, Tanner
Valparaiso University	The Christian Tradition (honors college and theology department); Muslim Women's Autobiographies; Social Justice in Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer, and King; Christian Theology in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Centuries; Christian Theology in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century

## SERVICE

### Professional

2019-2024	Co-chair, Theology and Religious Reflection Unit, American Academy of Religion
2019-	Editorial board member, <i>Svensk Teologisk Kvartalsskrift</i>
2017-	Associate editor, <i>Political Theology</i> journal
2016-2019	Steering committee member, Theology and Religious Reflection Unit, American Academy of Religion
2015-	Steering committee member, Queer Studies in Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion

Manuscript or proposal reviewer: *Journal of Religion*, *Modern Theology*, *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Political Theology*, *Theology & Sexuality*, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Virginia Press, Routledge, Bloomsbury, and Palgrave Macmillan

### Institutional

2018-2020	Diversity Committee, Yale Divinity School
2018-	Advisory council member, Women Faculty Forum, Yale University
2016-	Faculty coordinator for WGSS MAR concentration, Yale Divinity School
2016-2017	Task force on Diversifying Theological Education, Yale Divinity School
2013-2015	Faculty advisor to Yale Divinity School Coalition (for LGBTQ students)
2013-2015	Admissions Committee, Yale Divinity School
2013-2015	Evaluated 3 <sup>rd</sup> year MAR applications, Yale Divinity School
2013-2016, 2019	Evaluated MARc applications (Theology and WGSS), Yale Divinity School
2012-2013	Curriculum Committee, Yale Divinity School

- 2012- Organizer, annual professionalization curriculum for theology doctoral students, Yale University
- 2012 Search Committee for Director of Public Affairs, Perkins School of Theology
- 2011-2012 Committee on Academic Programs, Perkins School of Theology
- 2011 Steering committee, Graduate Program in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University

### **Organizing and mentoring**

- 2019 Co-organizer and mentor, with Kathryn Lofton, Sarah Pettit Doctoral Fellowship in Lesbian Studies, Yale University, May 13-17.
- 2019 Co-organizer, with Vincent Lloyd, workshop on patriarchy and political theology, Villanova University and the Political Theology Network (funded by the Lilly Foundation), March 30-31.
- 2018 Mentor, Political Theology Mentoring Dinner at the American Academy of Religion meeting, November 18.
- 2016 Workshop on professionalization for graduate students, Boston University Graduate Student Conference, Boston, MA, October 1.
- 2015, 2019 Mentor, Status of LGBTQI Members in the Profession lunch, American Academy of Religion, November.
- 2011 Wabash workshop on teaching and professionalization, Graduate Program in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, November 11.

### **NON-ACADEMIC WRITING**

- “Thinking, Willing, Blaming,” *An und für sich* book event, <https://itself.blog/2017/04/19/thinking-willing-blaming-the-prince-of-this-world-book-event/>
- Monthly blog posts for *Feminism and Religion*, January 2013-April 2014 <http://feminismandreligion.com/author/linntonstad/>
- “Ryan Bell’s Atheist Bet,” *Religion Dispatches*, <http://religiondispatches.org/gambling-with-god-ryan-bells-atheist-bet/>
- “The Romance of Incarnation: Religion in the Hundred Thousand Kingdoms,” <http://www.fantasy-matters.com/2011/10/romance-of-incarnation-religion-in.html>
- “Living Sacrifices,” <http://spectrummagazine.org/article/sabbath-school/2007/12/17/living-sacrifices>

### **OTHER**

Affiliate faculty, WGSS and LGBT studies, Yale University, 2012-

Visiting Researcher, Center for Theology and Religion, Lund University, Lund, Sweden, April 2018.

Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Center for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia, November 2015.

**LANGUAGES**

Fluent Norwegian and German, intermediate French (good reading knowledge), elementary Arabic

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
New Haven Theological Discussion Group  
International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture