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POSITIONS

2019 - Assistant Professor of Religion, Florida State University

2017 - 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Franklin & Marshall College

EDUCATION

2017 **Ph.D.** in Religion, Duke University Major field: American Religion

Minor fields: Art History and Critical Theory

Dissertation: "The Touch of the Word: Evangelical Cultures of Print in Antebellum America"

2017 **Certificate** of Proficiency, Rare Book School, University of Virginia

Specialization: Printed Books Since 1800

2010 **M.T.S.**, Harvard Divinity School

Area of focus: History of Christianity

2008 **B.A.** *summa cum laude*, Macalester College

Majors: Religious Studies and Art History

Minor: American Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2023 Building Evangelical America: How the American Tract Society Laid the Groundwork for a

Religious Revolution, New York: Oxford University Press (under final contract since March 2022

and expected in 2023).

Articles

2022 "The Politics of Media Format: Printing *Poor Sarah* During the Removal Crisis in Cherokee

Nation," Church History (accepted in March and forthcoming December 2022). Peer reviewed.

2021 "How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," Religion and

American Culture 31, no. 2 (2021), 137-92. Peer reviewed.

2020 "Evangelical Encounters: The American Tract Society and the Rituals of Print Distribution in

Antebellum America," Journal of the American Academy of Religion 88, no. 1 (2020), 200-234.

Peer reviewed.

2020	"The American Tract Society and the Refinement of the Evangelical Book, 1825-1861," <i>The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America</i> 114, no. 2 (2020), 127-94. Peer reviewed.
2018	"Thing," Early American Studies 16, no. 4 (2018), 792-800. Peer reviewed.
2013	"The Material Turn in the Study of Religion," Religion and Society 4 (2013), 58-78.

Under review

"Document, Trace, Act: Aspects of Marginalia at a Scene of Missionary Contact," chapter in *American Contact: Intercultural Encounter and the History of the Book*, edited by Rhae Lynn Barnes and Glenda Goodman (submitted in April 2021 for book under contract with Penn Press).

Edited special issues

2021	Guest editor, "Religion and Material Texts in the Americas," special issue of Material Religion
	17, no. 2 (2021). Introduction on pp. 141-46.

Guest editor with Marcy J. Dinius, "Keywords in Early American Literature and Material Texts," special issue of *Early American Studies* 16, no. 4 (2018). Introduction on pp. 579-83.

Invited short essays

2019

2017	"Do my socks respond to my caress?" in Tenth Anniversary Forum on "Is this all there is?" for <i>The Immanent Frame</i> , Courtney Bender and Nancy Levene, eds. (November 27, 2017)
2015	"Agency, the Idea of Agency, and the Problem of Mediation in <i>America's God</i> and <i>Secularism in Antebellum America</i> ," <i>Church History</i> 84, no. 3 (2015), 610-15.

"Two Ways of Thinking about New Materialism," Material Religion 15, no. 5 (2019), 629-31.

Book reviews

2022	Review of Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, When the Medium Was the Mission: The Atlantic Telegraph
	and the Religious Origins of the Network (New York: NYU Press, 2021) in American Religion 3,
	no. 2 (2022), 162-65.

2022	Review of Michael Hubbard MacKay, Mark Ashurst-McGee, and Brian M. Hauglid, eds.,
	Producing Ancient Scripture: Joseph Smith's Translation Projects in the Development of
	Mormon Christianity (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2020) in Mormon Studies Review
	9 (2022), 135-39.

- Review of Peter Coviello, *Make Yourselves Gods: Mormons and the Unfinished Business of American Secularism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019), in *History of Religions*, in progress.
- Review of Stephen T. Kissel, *America's Religious Crossroads: Faith and Community in the Emerging Midwest* (Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2021), in *Journal of Religion*, in progress.

- 2022 Review of Scott McLaren, Pulpit, Press, and Politics: Methodists and the Market for Books in Upper Canada (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2019), in Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America, in progress. Review of William L. Davis, Visions in a Seer Stone: Joseph Smith and the Making of the Book 2022 of Mormon (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2020), in Reading Religion, in progress. Review of Brett Malcolm Grainger, Church in the Wild: Evangelicals in Antebellum America 2021 (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019) in *The Journal of Religion* 101, no. 4 (2021), 543-44. 2021 Review of Jordan Alexander Stein, When Novels Were Books (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2020) in Studies in the Novel 53, no. 2 (2021), 200-202. Review of William Mazzarella, The Mana of Mass Society (Chicago: University of Chicago 2018 Press, 2017) in *Religion* 48, no. 4 (2018), 737-40. 2018 Review of Tisa Wenger, Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017) in Journal of Unitarian Universalist History 41 (2018), 217-20. "The Anxiety of Religious Studies," contribution to symposium on Thomas Lewis, Why 2018 Philosophy Matters for the Study of Religion—and Vice Versa (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016) in *Syndicate* (2018) 2017 "Bibles, American Style," review of John Fea, The Bible Cause: A History of the American Bible Society (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016) in Common-place 17, no. 2.5 (2017)2017 Review of T.J. Tomlin, A Divinity for All Persuasions: Almanacs and Early American Religious Life (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) in Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography 141, no. 2 (2017), 199-200. 2016 Review of John Modern, Secularism in Antebellum America (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015) in *Reading Religion* (2016) Review of Thomas Tweed, America's Church: The National Shrine and Catholic Presence in the 2013 Nation's Capital (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011) in Religious Studies Review 39 no. 1 (2013), 46. Reference book entries
- 2016 "Robert Baird," "Censorship," "Floral Art," "Frederick Manfred," and "Mason Locke Weems" in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport, eds. (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016), 191-93, 476-77, 899-900, 1406-7 and 2443-44.
- 2016 "Icons" and "Shroud of Turin" in *Miracles: An Encyclopedia of People, Places and Supernatural Events from Antiquity to the Present,* Patrick Hayes, ed. (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2016), 1878-79 and 359-61.

2013 "Elizabeth Burgin" and "Anna 'Nancy' Smith Strong" in *An Encyclopedia of American Women at War: From the Home Front to the Battlefields,* Lisa Tendrich Frank, ed. (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2013), 112-13 and 521-23.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Major external fellowships

2019 - 2020	NEH Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia, nine months (declined)
2019	American Antiquarian Society-NEH Fellowship, six months
2016 - 2017	Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2016 - 2017	Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellowship, National Museum of American History (declined)
2016 - 2017	Josephine de Karman Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
2016 - 2017	Winterthur Dissertation Fellowship, four months
2015 - 2017	Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School
2015 - 2016	Greenfield Dissertation Fellowship, four months, Library Company of Philadelphia
2014 - 2015	Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in Early American Literature and Material Texts, McNeil Center
	for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania

Internal awards (FSU)

2021	Committee on Faculty Research Support Award (\$20K)
2021	Humanities Area Book Subvention
2021	Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Materials Grant
2020	First Year Assistant Professor Award (\$20K)
2019	Arts and Sciences Dean's Faculty Travel Award
2019	Bradley Research Grant

Other external awards

2017	Last Fellowship in Visual Culture, American Antiquarian Society (declined)
2016 - 2022	Invited Fellow, "Material Economies of Religion in the Americas: Arts, Objects, Spaces, and
	Mediations," directed by Sally Promey and Sarah Rivett, Center for the Study of Material and
	Visual Cultures of Religion, Yale University
2016	Reese Fellowship in American Bibliography and the History of the Book in the Americas,
	Huntington Library
2015	New York Public Library Research Fellowship
2015	Taylor Visiting Fellowship in American Literature, Harrison Institute for American History,
	Literature, and Culture, University of Virginia
2015	McCorison Fellowship for the History and Bibliography of Printing in Canada and the United
	States, Bibliographical Society of America
2015	American Congregational Association-Boston Athenaeum Fellowship
2014	Isaiah Thomas Scholarship, Program in the History of the Book in American Culture, American
	Antiquarian Society
2014	Director's Scholarship, Rare Book School
2013	School of Criticism and Theory Fellowship, for "A Political Ecology of Things" with Jane
	Bennett, Cornell University
2013	Last Fellowship in Visual Culture, American Antiquarian Society
2008	Phi Beta Kappa

CONFERENCE PAPERS, PANELS & LECTURES

Keynote lecture

2021 Keynote lecture, "The Case of the 'Gold Plates': How Ordinary Religious Objects Sparked a

Religious Revolution," for the conference "Religious Materials," Dynamiken religiöser Dinge im Museum (REDIM) project, Center for Interdisciplinary Religious Research, Philipps-Universität

Marburg, Marburg, Germany [virtual due to COVID] (June 3)

Invited public lecture

2022 "The Politics of Format: Forced Migration and the Printing of *Poor Sarah* in Cherokee Nation," Oklahoma Humanities Center, University of Tulsa (April 14)

Conferences organized

2017 Organizer (with Holly Borham), "Protestantism and the Materiality of Texts: An Interdisciplinary

Symposium," Princeton University (April 20-22)

2016 Organizing committee member, "Early American Literature and Material Texts," University of

Pennsylvania and the Library Company of Philadelphia (May 25-27)

Panels and lectures organized

2017

2016

2022	Organizer and presider, "When Rituals Don't Feel Good: A Conversation about Dana W. Logan's
	Awkward Rituals: Sensations of Governance in Protestant America," Religion, Affect, and
	Emotion Unit and Ritual Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO (November
	18-22)

Organizer and presider, Mellon/Rare Book School Symposium, "A Celebration and Presentation of 'Religion and Material Texts in the Americas,' a Special Issue of *Material Religion*" (September 20) [virtual]

Organizer (with Dana Logan) and presider, "Do I Love My Subjects? A Roundtable about Pleasure, Paranoia, and Care in American Religious Studies," Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 20)

Organizer (with Dana Logan) and panelist, "Author-Meets-Critics: A Roundtable on Finbarr Curtis's *The Production of American Religious Freedom*," Religion and Economy Unit and

Secularism and Secularity Unit, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA (November 19) Organizer, Mellon/Rare Book School Symposium, featuring Pamela Klassen, "Protest on the

Page: Print as an Affordance for Revolutionary Spirits," Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA (October 25)

Organizer and panelist, "Keywords in Early American Material Texts," Early American Material Texts Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (May 25)

Organizer (with Karen Bray) and panelist, "Between Philosophy and a Phenomenological Hard Place: New Materialism as a Methodology in the Study of Religion," Philosophy of Religion

Section, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 21)

Organizer (with Dana Logan and Caleb Maskell) and panelist, "Futures of the American Religious Past: A Conversation about Mark Noll's *America's God* and John Lardas Modern's *Secularism in Antebellum America*," American Society of Church History, New York, NY (January 3)

Organizer (with Brendan Pietsch) and panelist, "Religious Change and Technological Mediation in Modern America," North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD (November 25)

Conference papers

2014

2022	Invited paper, "M-OOO-rmonism? Scripture and Joseph Smith's New Materialisms," Mormon
	Studies Conference: A Plurality of Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
	(April 30)
2022	"The Political Economy of Format: Books, Tracts, and the American Tract Society's Complicity
	in Slavery," for the panel "Material-Textual Approaches to the Study of US Protestantism,"
	SCRIPT at the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO (November 22-25), resubmitted to
	AAR after the original panel was cancelled due to COVID at the American Society for Church
	History, New Orleans, LA (January 8)
2021	"The Sovereignty of <i>Poor Sarah</i> : A Christian Revival in Print During the Removal Crisis in
	Cherokee Nation," Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts
	(SCRIPT) at the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 22)
2019	"Getting Real, Nineteenth-Century Style: The Case of Joseph Smith's Gold Plates, in "Debunked:
	Fakes and Their Investigators," American Academy of Religion, Secularism and Secularity Unit,
	San Diego, CA (November 23)
2018	"How Joseph Smith Discovered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," American Academy
	of Religion, Mormon Studies Unit, Denver, CO (November 19)
2018	"Evangelical Encounters: Affect and the Rituals of Print Distribution in Antebellum America," in
	"Beyond Circulation: Material Texts and Their Movements, Distributions, and Networks"
	(organized with John Garcia), C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists Conference,
	Albuquerque, NM (March 25)
2018	"What Does Benevolence Feel Like? The American Tract Society and the Rituals of Print
	Distribution in Early America" in "Media Histories of Evangelicalism," Religion and Politics in
	Early America Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, MO (March 1)
2018	"Are We Doing American Religious Studies Yet?" in "Revisiting 'The Study of American
	Religions: Critical Reflections on a Specialization," American Society for Church History,
	Washington, DC (January 4)
2017	"How Joseph Smith Discovered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," Society for
	Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts and the Society for Biblical Literature,
	Boston, MA (November 19)
2017	"Em are's tracts ain't they? They don't want 'em here": En Class and the Evangelical Politics of
	Tracts and Books in the Nineteenth-Century United States," Harvard-Yale Book History
2015	Conference, Cambridge, MA (April 28)
2017	"Em are's tracts ain't they? They don't want 'em here": Class and the Evangelical Politics of
	Tracts and Books in the Nineteenth-Century United States," Symposium on Protestantism and the
2016	Materiality of Texts, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (April 22)
2016	"The Pilgrim's Parlor: Gilt, Bookcloth, Steel, and the Making of the Evangelical Middle Class,"
2015	North American Conference on British Studies, Washington, DC (November 12)
2015	"How to Do Things with Tracts: The American Tract Society and the Burdens of Circulation,
	1825-1850," Material Religion: Embodiment, Materiality, and Technology Conference, Duke
2014	University, Durham, NC (September 11)
2014	"The Construction of Agency as a Category in the Study of Religion," in "Key Concepts in the
	Study of Religion," Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, American Academy of
	Religion, San Diego, CA (November 25)

"Reassembling Religions: A New Materialist Method for Studying People and Things in

	Religious Studies," Remixing Religion Conference, University of Texas at Austin (April 5)
2014	"A Life of Its Own: A New Materialist's Look at Religious Imagery," Perceiving Religion: The
	Production, Consumption, and Reception of Religious Imagery Conference, McGill University,
	Montréal, Québec (March 22)
2013	"The Education of the Eye: Seeing God's Kingdom in Nineteenth-Century Print Culture,"
	American Society of Church History, New Orleans, LA (January 3)

Panels and roundtables

2022	Book panelist, for Charlie McCrary's <i>Sincerely Held: American Secularism and Its Believers</i> , American Academy of Religion, Law, Religion, and Culture Unit, Denver, CO (November 22-
	25)
2021	Book panelist, for Peter Coviello's Make Yourselves Gods: Mormons and the Unfinished
	Business of American Secularism, American Studies Association [virtual] (October 13)
2019	Panelist, "#CaptioningReligion: Characterizing the Material Economies of Religion in the
	Americas," American Academy of Religion, North American Religions Unit and Religion and
	Economy Unit, San Diego, CA (November 24)
2015	Panelist, "Books in the Larger World of Objects in the Long Eighteenth Century," American
	Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Los Angeles, CA (March 19)
2013	Panelist, "Materialisms: New Materialism and Historical Materialism in Dialogue," convened by
	Jane Bennett, Cornell School of Criticism and Theory, Ithaca, NY (July 22)

Invited seminars, guest lectures, and workshops

2020	"The Agency of Tracts," Religious Studies Seminar, University of Southern California (September 16) [virtual]
2019	"How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," New Materialism Seminar, Williams College, Williamstown, MA (April 26)
2019	"Makers of the Sensible," for the course "The Mediated Book," Harvard History Department, Cambridge, MA (March 25)
2019	"How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," Nineteenth Century US History Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI (February 8)
2018	"America's Cargo Cult: How Joseph Smith Discovered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," Workshop in the History of Material Texts, Kislak Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (March 19)
2017	Workshop Leader, "Classroom and Public Pedagogies in Critical Bibliography: The Americas," Annual Meeting of the Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Charlottesville, VA (May 23)
2017	"How to Do Things with Tracts: The American Tract Society and the Burdens of Circulation, 1825-1861," for the course "The Mediated Book," Harvard History Department, Cambridge, MA (March 20)
2017	"Bibliography and the Reception of Evangelical Print Media in Antebellum America," for the course "Book Production and Social Practice in Early Modern Europe and America," Rare Book School, Houghton Library, Cambridge, MA (January 12)

Panels, as chair or respondent

2021	Chair, "Affective Thinkers in Dialogue," American Studies Association (October 14) [virtual]
2021	Respondent and chair, "Made to Move: Small-Format Print and its Uses in Nineteenth-Century
	West Africa and the United States," Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and
	Publishing" (July 27) [virtual]

2020	Respondent, "The Visual Politics of Redaction," C19: The Society for Nineteenth-Century
	Americanists, Coral Gables, FL (October 23) [virtual]
2020	Chair, "Religious Minorities and the Paths to Power in the Early United States," American
	Society for Church History, New York, NY (January 4)
2018	Chair, "Mormonism and Its Institutions," American Society for Church History, Washington, DC
	(January 7)
2018	Chair, "Digitization, Representation, and Access," Bibliography Among the Disciplines
	Conference, Philadelphia, PA (October 14)

TEACHING & ADVISING

Florida State University, Assistant Professor

Graduate

American Religion, 1791-1861 (Spring 2020, Fall 2022) Religion and Material Culture (Spring 2021)

Christianity and the Book in the Atlantic World, 1500-1900 (for Fall 2020, delayed due to COVID)

Undergraduate

What is Religion? What is Religious Studies? (Spring 2022) Religion in the United States (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022) Evangelicalism in America (Spring 2020)

Dissertation Committee Member

Taylor Dean (prospectus passed Spring 2020)
Michael McLaughlin (prospectus passed Spring 2020)
Tim Burnside (prospectus passed Fall 2021)
Haley Iliff (prospectus passed Fall 2021)
Jesse Lee (prospectus passed Spring 2022)

Doctoral Comprehensive Exams Committee Member

America Wolff (Fall 2022)

Lisa MacKay-Ring (Spring 2022)

Nick Austin (Spring 2022)

Devin Burns (Fall 2021)

Darryl Hunter (Fall 2021)

Haley Iliff (Fall 2020)

Jesse Lee (Spring 2020)

Taylor Dean (Fall 2019)

Michael McLaughlin (Fall 2019)

Franklin & Marshall College, Visiting Assistant Professor

African American Religions (Spring 2018)
Religion and Material Culture (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
The Cultural History of American Religion (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)
Gender, Sexuality, and the Body in Christianity (Spring 2018)
Introduction to Religious Studies (Spring 2018)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Committees, external

2020 -	Section Chair, Religions in America, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
2019 - 2021	Selection Committee Chair and Council Member, Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical
	Bibliography, Rare Book School
2017 - 2019	Selection Committee, Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School
2016 - 2017	Planning Committee, Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School
2014 - 2015	Mentor, Undergraduate Research Workshop, McNeil Center for Early American Studies

Committees, FSU

2020 - 2022	Faculty Advisor, Religion Graduate Student Conference
2021 -	Graduate Admissions Committee
2021	Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee
2021	Faculty Advisor, Publishing Workshop Committee
2020 - 2021	Executive Committee, Religion Department
2019 -	History of Text Technologies (HoTT) Steering Committee
2019 - 2021	Religion Library Committee

Manuscript and proposal reviews

Yale University Press, Routledge, Journal of the Early Republic, Journal of Material Culture, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Material Religion (x2), William and Mary Quarterly, American Anthropologist, Method and Theory in the Study of Religion, Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Open Theology, Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, Journal of Southern Religion, Material and Visual Cultures of Religion (MAVCOR) Journal

Fellowship reviews

Library Company of Philadelphia NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee (2021) FSU Committee on Faculty Research Support Review Panel (2021-22) New York Public Library NEH Fellowship Committee (2021) Winterthur Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowship Review Committee (2018)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2015 - 2017	Rare Book School, University of Virginia: "Printed Books to 1800" with David Whitesell; "American Publishers' Bookbindings, 1800-1900" with Todd Pattison; "History of 19 th - and 20 th - Century Typography and Printing" with John Kristensen and Katherine Ruffin; "The Printed
	Book in the West Since 1800" with Eric Holzenberg; "Book Illustration to 1900" with Terry
	Belanger; and "Advanced Seminar in Critical Bibliography" with Michael Suarez
2014	Summer Seminar on the History of the Book in American Culture, American Antiquarian
	Society: "Books in the Larger World of Objects" with Lynn Festa and David Brewer
2013	Cornell School of Criticism and Theory: "A Political Ecology of Things" with Jane Bennett

LANGUAGES

French (reading)
German (reading)

ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography (Inducted Senior Fellow in 2017)
Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (Board of Trustees since 2020)
C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing
American Studies Association