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Education

- 2013 Ph.D., Religion, Florida State University
 Field: Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy
dissertation and comprehensive exams defended with distinction
- 2009 M.A., Religion, Florida State University
- 2007 B.A., Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University
 Minor: French
summa cum laude with honors and research distinction
- 2007 B.A., International Studies, The Ohio State University
summa cum laude with honors

Academic Positions

- 2023– Associate Professor of Religion
 Department of Religion
 Florida State University
- 2018–23 Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion
 Department of Art, History, and Philosophy
 University of West Georgia
- 2013–18 Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion
 Department of English and Philosophy
 University of West Georgia
- 2016 Visiting Research Fellow
 Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
 University of Notre Dame

Publications

Book (Monograph)

- 2019 *Expanding Responsibility for the Just War: A Feminist Critique*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Book (Edited Volume)

- 2024 Co-edited with Shannon Dunn. *Solidarity and Power: Feminist Approaches to Religious Ethics*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. (*under contract*)

Articles

- 2024 "Spiritual Fitness and Moral Responsibility in the Contemporary United States Military." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. (forthcoming)
- 2021 "The Critical Power of an Expanded Concept of Moral Injury." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 49.3: 442–61.
- 2015 "Seeing Power in Just War Reasoning." *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 98.3: 398–427.
- 2015 "Impure Agency and the Just War: A Feminist Reading of Right Intention." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43.2: 317–41.
- 2014 "Tradition, Authority, and Immanent Critique in Comparative Ethics." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 42.4: 713–41.
- 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.

Book Chapters

- 2024 "Solidarity and Feminist Religious Ethics." In *Solidarity and Power: Feminist Approaches to Religious Ethics*, edited by Rosemary Kellison and Shannon Dunn. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield. (under contract)
- 2018 Co-authored with Nahed Artoul Zehr. "Tradition-Based Approaches to the Study of the Ethics of War." *Routledge Handbook of Ethics and International Relations*, edited by Eric Heinze and Brent Steele, 208–20. Abingdon: Routledge.

Review Essays

- 2020 "Justice, Virtue, and Power in Democratic Conflict." Review essay on Jason Springs, *Healthy Conflict in Contemporary American Society*. *Journal of Religious Ethics* 48.2: 279–88.
- 2015 "Texts and Traditions in the Comparative Study of Religion, Morality, and Violence." Review essay on Gregory M. Reichberg, Henrik Syse, and Nicole M. Hartwell, eds., *Religion, War, and Ethics: A Sourcebook of Textual Traditions*. *Journal of Religion and Violence* 3.3: 357–63.
- 2014 "Character and Critique in the Ethics of War." Review essay on Nigel Biggar, *In Defence of War*. *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 97.2: 174–85.
- 2012 "Studying and Advocating." Review essay on G. Scott Davis, *Believing and Acting*. *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 95.2: 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 Articles

- 2022 "Gender Discrimination." *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, edited by William Schweiker, Maria Antonaccio, Elizabeth Bucar, and David A. Clairmont, 1359–65. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2012 "Dissent, Opposition, Resistance" (600 words), "Military" (co-authored with Devin Stewart, 500 words), and "Republicanism" (500 words). *The Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Scholarly Blog Posts and Online Publications

- 2020 "Decolonial Ethics and Just War Reasoning." *Contending Modernities*, University of Notre Dame, April 24. <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/theorizing-modernities/decolonial-just-war>.
- 2019 "Why Does Counting Civilian Casualties Matter?" *FifteenEightyFour*, Cambridge University Press, July 2. <http://www.cambridgeblog.org/2019/07/why-does-counting-civilian-casualties-matter>.
- 2016 "'Modern War' in Catholic Peacebuilding Discourse." *Contending Modernities*, University of Notre Dame, July 13. <https://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/07/13/modern-war-in-catholic-peacebuilding-discourse>.
- 2015 "Educating Students as Immanent Critics of Religious-Moral Traditions." *Spotlight on Teaching in Religious Studies News*, American Academy of Religion, October 28. <http://rsn.aarweb.org/node/317>.

Book Reviews

- 2023 *Modernity, the Environment, and the Christian Just War Tradition*, by Mark Douglas (Cambridge University Press, 2022). *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. (forthcoming)
- 2022 *Blessed Are the Peacemakers: Pacifism, Just War, and Peacebuilding*, by Lisa Sowle Cahill (Fortress Press, 2019). *Reading Religion*, July 23. <https://readingreligion.org/9781506431659>.
- 2017 *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence*, ed. Mark Juergensmeyer, Margo Kitts, and Michael Jerryson (Oxford, 2013). *Religious Studies Review* 43.4: 335–36.
- 2016 *Chinese Just War Ethics: Origin, Development, and Dissent*, ed. Ping-cheung Lo and Sumner B. Twiss (Routledge, 2015). *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 36.2: 226–27.

Public Talks

- 2018 "The Ethics of Killing in War." UWG School of the Arts *The Other Night School* series at the Inn at Serenbe, Chattahoochee Hills, GA.
- 2016 "Expanding Responsibility in Just War Reasoning." Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

Conference Activity

Paper Presentations

- 2020 "The Critical Power of an Expanded Concept of Moral Injury." American Academy of Religion national meeting. Online.
- 2019 "'Spiritual Fitness' and Individual Responsibility in the Contemporary U.S. Military." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 2019 "Empathy and Anger as Democratic Virtues, Vices, or Violence." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 2018 "Hospitality and Vulnerability in Responses to the Refugee Crisis." Society of Christian Ethics national meeting. Portland, OR.
- 2017 "Empathy and the Politics of Virtue." American Academy of Religion national meeting. Boston, MA.

- 2017 "From Feminist Just War Reasoning to Feminist Peacebuilding." Feminist Approaches to Conflict Resolution Conference. George Mason University, Arlington, VA.
- 2016 "The State, the Relational Person, and Moral Injury." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 "Punishment in Just War Tradition and International Law." International Conference on Religion, Violence, and Peace. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
- 2015 "Comparative Religious Ethics as a Conversation about Normativity." Society of Christian Ethics national meeting. Chicago, IL. (*did not attend*)
- 2014 "Religious Ethics after the Critical Turn in Religious Studies." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 2014 "Seeing Power in Just War Reasoning." Comparative Religious Ethics Conference. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2013 "Situating Moral Injury within Just War Reasoning." 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." 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." 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." American Academy of Religion national meeting. Montreal, QC.
- 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.
- 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. Tallahassee, FL.

Respondent/Panelist Presentations

- 2023 Respondent and Organizer, *Feminism, Decoloniality, and Solidarity in Comparative Religious Ethics*. American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Antonio, TX. (*panel accepted for presentation*)
- 2023 Panelist, *Distinguished Scholars Panel: John Kelsay*. International Studies Association national meeting. Montreal, QC.
- 2018 Panelist, *Healthy Conflict in an Era of Trump*. American Academy of Religion national meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2017 Discussant, *Moral Victories: The Ethics of Winning Wars*. International Studies Association national meeting. Baltimore, MD.

- 2017 Panelist, *Distinguished Scholars Panel: James Turner Johnson*. International Studies Association national meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- 2014 Respondent, *Religions and the Cultural Regulation of Violence: A Comparative Dialogue*. American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2016 Visiting Research Fellowship, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2010 Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*
- 2010 Department of Religion Endowed Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University
- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion conference
- 2007-11 Presidential Fellowship, Florida State University
- 2006 Phi Beta Kappa

Teaching Experience

University of West Georgia

- Christian Thought
- Ethics, Religion, and War
- Feminist Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics
- Introduction to Gender Studies
- Introduction to World Religions
- Islamic Thought
- Philosophical Responses to the Holocaust (*senior seminar*)
- Philosophy and Ethics of Love and Sex
- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion, Public Reason, and Democracy (*senior seminar*)
- Religious Texts
- Theories of Religion

Florida State University

- Cinematic Courage
- Gender and Religion
- Introduction to World Religions
- Religious Ethics and Moral Problems

Teaching Certifications

- 2017 Quality Matters Peer Reviewer
- 2017 UWG Online Course Developer

Service

To the Profession

- 2023–28 Co-Chair, Comparative Religious Ethics Unit, American Academy of Religion
- 2022–23 Article Reviewer, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2)
- 2021–27 Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Religious Ethics*
- 2019–22 Article Reviewer, *Ethics and International Affairs* (2)
- 2018–22 Article Reviewer, *Journal of International Political Theory* (3)
- 2011–22 Article Reviewer, *Journal of Religious Ethics* (11)
- 2020 Book Proposal Reviewer, Palgrave Macmillan (1)
- 2017–20 Article Reviewer, *Social Theory and Practice* (2)
- 2018 Book Proposal Reviewer, Hackett Publishing (1)
- 2016–18 Article Reviewer, *Horizons, the Journal of the College Theology Society* (2)
- 2016 Article Reviewer, *Journal of Religion and Violence* (1)
- 2014–15 Article Reviewer, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* (2)
- 2014–16 Membership Committee, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics

To the University

- 2023–25 Faculty Senate Faculty Development Committee
- 2021 College of Arts, Culture, and Scientific Inquiry (CACSI) Working Group on Language Requirements for the B.A.
- 2020–24 CACSI Promotion & Tenure Committee
- 2020–22 Faculty Senate Undergraduate Programs Committee (Chair, 2020–21)
- 2020–21 UWG General Education Redesign Committee
- 2020–21 CACSI Program Coordinators Committee
- 2020–21 Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- 2019–25 Faculty Senate, College of Arts and Humanities (COAH) Senator At-Large (2019–21), Philosophy Program Senator (2021–25)
- 2019–22 Core Area E Assessment Work Group
- 2019–21 Program Director (2019–20)/Program Coordinator (2020–21), Philosophy Program
- 2019–20 Faculty Senate Core, Honors, and Interdisciplinary Programs Subcommittee
- 2019–20 COAH Chairs Committee
- 2018–20 COAH Promotion & Tenure Committee
- 2018–19 UWG Interfaith Council
- 2018 Presidential Task Force on Accessibility

- 2017-18 Faculty Advisor for Phi Sigma Tau
- 2017-18 COAH Online Learning Subcommittee (Chair, 2017-18)
- 2015- University System of Georgia Board of Regents Advisory Committee for Philosophy & Religion
- 2015-17 Faculty Senate Undergraduate Programs Committee
- 2015-16 Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation Committee
- 2015 COAH Graduate Studies Subcommittee
- 2014-17 Faculty Advisor for West Georgia Philosophical Society
- 2012-13 Student Health Committee (Florida State University)
- 2012 Graduate Policy Subcommittee for Review of Department of Religion (Florida State University)
- 2006-07 Comparative Studies Faculty Committee (The Ohio State University)
- 2006-07 Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Honors Committee (The Ohio State University)

Professional Experience

- 2011-13 Editorial Assistant, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*
- 2009 Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Religious Ethics*