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## EDUCATION

### Syracuse University

*Ph.D.*, Religion, (July 1, 2022)

Dissertation: *Catastrophic Christianity: An Iconological Study of the Messianic Idea in American Protestant Christianity Circa 1900-1940*, directed by Dr. Zachary Braiterman

*M.Phil.*, Religion, (2015)

*Certificate of Advanced Studies*, Women's and Gender Studies (2013)

### Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University

*Th.M.*, History and Theology, (2011).

Thesis: *Archaeological Theology: ~~God~~ Beyond God*, directed by Dr. Namsoon Kang.

*Graduate Certificate*, Women and Gender Studies, (2011)

*M.T.S.*, Theology and Culture, (2009)

Thesis: *A Critical Study of Postmodern Theologizing: Examining Myth and Theology in The Little Prince*, directed by Dr. Namsoon Kang.

### Warner University

*B.A.*, History and Biblical Studies, (2006)

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

American Religion, Indigenous Religions, Christian Studies and Theology, Women's and Gender Studies, Religion and Media

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Austin Peay State University, Adjunct Instructor**
  - Religion and the World (Spring and Fall 2023, Fall 2024)
  - Western Religions (Fall 2023)
- **Middle Tennessee State University, Adjunct Instructor**
  - Religion and Society (Fall 2024)
  - Introduction to World Religions (Spring 2023)
- **Syracuse University, Adjunct Instructor**
  - Religion and Sports, Online, (Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Summers, 2022, 2020, 2019)
    - Accelerated and semester length versions along with asynchronous and synchronous versions.
  - Religions of the World, Online, (Winter 2021, Summer 2022)
  - Religion and Science Fiction, (Fall 2020 Online synchronous, Fall 2014)
  - Introduction to the Study of Religion, Campus, (Fall and Spring 2015-16)

- **American Baptist Churches of New York State (ABC-NYS), Co-Instructor**
  - New Testament Lay Studies Course, hybrid, (Spring 2019)
- **Syracuse University, Teaching Assistant**
  - Religion and Sports, (Spring 2020, Spring 2019)
  - Native American Religions, (Fall 2019, Fall 2015, Fall 2012)
  - Indigenous Religions, (Fall 2018)
  - Lincoln, Religion, and the Civil War, (Spring 2016)
  - Faith and Reason in Islamic Thought and Civilization, (Spring 2015)
  - Christianity, (Fall 2014)
  - Introduction to the Bible, (Spring 2014, Spring 2012)
  - Judaism, (Fall 2013)
  - Buddhism, (Spring 2013)
  - Introduction to the Study of Religion, (Fall 2011)

## ACADEMIC AND SELECTED PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- **Grant & Events Coordinator**, Syracuse University Department of Religion, (July 2022-present)
- **International Research Associate**, American Indian Law Alliance (aila.ngo) (2016-present)
- **Adjunct Instructor**, Middle Tennessee State University, (2023-present)
- **Adjunct Instructor**, Austin Peay State University, (2023-present)
- **Director of Digital Connections**, Eileen Campbell-Reed, (2016-present)
- **Assistant Executive Secretary**, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR) (2015-present)
- **Web Developer, Writer, and Social Media Specialist**, Freelance (2002-present)
- **Web Production Specialist**, Syracuse University College of Arts and Sciences, (Summer 2019)
- **Web Developer**, Syracuse University, Department of Religion (religion.syr.edu), (2015-2019)
- **Web Developer**, Syracuse University, Jewish Studies (jsp.syr.edu) (2015-2019)
- **Research Assistant**, Syracuse University Department of Religion (Prof. Philip P. Arnold) (2018 & 2019)
- **Teaching Mentor**, Syracuse University Teaching Assistant Orientation Program, (Summer 2017)
- **Research Assistant**, Syracuse University Department of Religion (2016-2017)
- **Web Developer** for *The Place of Religion in Film* conference organized by Dr. M. Gail Hamner (2016)
- **Copyeditor**, Syracuse University School of Architecture, *Thesis* (Summer 2016).
- **Graduate Assistant**, Belfer Audio Archive, Syracuse University Libraries, (Summers 2012-16)
- **Web Developer**, Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion (www.eiraar.net) (2013-15)
- **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Religion, Syracuse University (2011-2019).
- **Web Developer**, *Unfinished Lives: Remembering LGBT Hate Crime Victims* a book and blog by Dr Steve Sprinkle (unfinishedlivesblog.com) (2008-2011).
- **Web Developer**, World Conference of Association of Theological Institutions (WOCATI), (2008-2020)
- **Graduate Assistant**, Prof. Dr. Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School, (2008-2011)
- **Student Assistant**, Technology Resources, Brite Divinity School, (2008-2011)

- **Web Administrator**, Warner University (2004-2006)

## GRANTS

- 2023 — "From the Doctrine of Discovery to Religious Racism: Understanding and Contesting White Christian Nationalism in the 21st Century" project. (\$30,000) Event Coordinator.
- 2022-24 — "200 Years of Johnson v. McIntosh: Indigenous Responses to the Religious Foundations of Racism," a 3 year grant from the Henry Luce Foundation. (\$250,000) Grant & Events Coordinator.
- 2021-22 — Mapping the Doctrine of Discovery: A Podcast with the Indigenous Values Initiative in partnership with the American Indian Law Alliance. Syracuse University, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University Engaged Humanities Mini-Grant (\$5,000). Co-Producer and Graduate Intern.
- 2020 — "Virtual Onondaga Video Game Project." Syracuse Library Grant for Innovative Research. Syracuse University, Bird Library (US \$1500).
- 2011–2019: Teaching Assistantship (tuition and stipend). Syracuse University Department of Religion.
- 2013: Travel funding for the *Global Ecumenical Theological Institute* and Tenth Assembly of the *World Council of Churches*, Busan, Korea.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 1 article under review for the *International Journal For Responsibility*
- 1 article under review for *CrossCurrents*.
- 1 article under review for *JCREOR*
- Author, "Digital Humanities as Preserving Inherently Ephemeral Information," *The Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, accepted.
- Co-author, "Introduction to the 200 Years of *Johnson v. M'Intosh*: Law, Religion, and Native American Lands Series." March 10, 2023. <https://canopyforum.org/2023/03/10/introduction-to-the-200-years-of-johnson-v-mintosh-law-religion-and-native-american-lands-series/>.
- Co-author, "However, Extravagant The Pretensions Of *Johnson V. M'Intosh*" March 23, 2023. <https://canopyforum.org/2023/03/23/however-extravagant-the-pretensions-of-johnson-v-mintosh/>.
- Co-author, 200 Years of *Johnson v. M'Intosh*: Law, Religion, and Native American Lands A Canopy Forum Thematic Series March – April 2023, <https://canopyforum.org/200-years-of-johnson-v-mintosh-law-religion-and-native-american-lands/>.
- "Reavers ain't men [sic]—or they forgot *how* to be:" Teaching Religion in Science Fiction, *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 46, no. 4 (Winter 2019): 421-430.
- Joint Book Review: "Religion and Culture: Contemporary Practices and Perspectives" and "The World's Religions: A Contemporary Reader." *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 42, no. 1 (Spr. 2015): 92–94.
- Book Review: *Religious and Sexual Nationalisms in Central and Eastern Europe — Gods, Gays and Governments*, written by Sremac, Srdjan and R. Ruud Ganzevoort (eds.) (2015), *Journal of Empirical Theology*, 29(1), 133-134. [doi: 15709256-12341335](https://doi.org/10.1177/1570925612341335).

## Public Scholarship

- Trump’s Dangerous Rhetoric of Dehumanization, *Good Faith Media*. ([link.adjb.co/gfm](http://link.adjb.co/gfm))
- Lacrosse Legends: LaxCon 2023 interview ([link.adjb.co/ll](http://link.adjb.co/ll))
- Quoted in Gabriel Pietrorazio’s “Why Hasn’t The Pope Denounced The Doctrine Of Discovery?” *Sojourners* (Oct. 4, 2022) <https://sojo.net/articles/why-hasn-t-pope-denounced-doctrine-discovery>.

## COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL HUMANITIES RESEARCH PROJECTS

An \* indicates I have also done content writing and editing for the project.

- **Executive Producer**, Doctrine of Christian Discovery Podcast Limited Series, ([link.adjb.co/docd](http://link.adjb.co/docd))
- **Academic Collaborative Member, Web Developer**, Doctrine of Discovery Project\* ([doctrineofdiscovery.org](http://doctrineofdiscovery.org)), (2017-present)
  - **Co-Producer**, Mapping the Doctrine of Discovery: A Podcast\* ([podcast.doctrineofdiscovery.org](http://podcast.doctrineofdiscovery.org)), (2022-present)
- **Web Developer**, Then and Now Project: three case studies of dispossession (2020-present)
  - Then and now Project ([thenandnow.us](http://thenandnow.us))
  - Sullivan-Clinton Campaign\* ([sullivanclinton.com](http://sullivanclinton.com))
  - Derry Veagh Evictions ([derryveagh.com](http://derryveagh.com))
  - Staked Plains/Palo Duro Canyon ([stakedplains.com](http://stakedplains.com))
- **Creator**, Religion Call for Papers ([relcfp.com](http://relcfp.com)), (2011-present)
- Data Analysis of the Syracuse University Department of Religion Undergraduate Program. Research Assistant to Dr. Gareth Fisher (2016)
- **Web Developer**, World Conference of Associated Theological Institutions (WOCATI)\* ([wocati.org](http://wocati.org)), (2011-19)
- **Research Assistant** to Dr. Namsoon Kang and WOCATI for the open access book: *Challenges and Promises of Quality Assurance in Theological Education: Multicontextual and Ecumenical Inquires* ([wocati.org/challenges](http://wocati.org/challenges)) (2013).

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024-April: panelist for “From Land Theft to Land Back,” A side event of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Sponsored by the American Indian Law Alliance.
- 2023-Fall: “Documenting the Doctrine of Discovery,” Sponsored by Phi Alpha Theta and Philosophy Club, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN. Fall 2023.
- 2022-Fall: “Good Treaties Make Good Neighbors,” Honors College Lecture Series, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.
- 2022-Fall: “Beyond the Classroom: Visiting The Native American and Indian Association of TN Pow Wow,” MTSU, Nashville, TN. The presentation was for UH 3000: Friendship, RS 2030: Religion and Society, and RS 3030: Mapping Religious Diversity.
- 2022-Summer: The Doctrine of Discovery and Religious Freedom, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

- 2021-Spring: MTSU: Tennessee History class invited lecture on “Cherokee Ball Game, Treaties and Indigenous Resistance”, taught by Dr. James V. Holton, 2x.
- 2020-Fall: MTSU: Modern U.S. History class invited lecture on “Religion, Racism, and The Olympics”, taught by Dr. James V. Holton, 2 sections, Fall 2020. 2x
- 2015-Fall: A Survivor’s Guide to teaching Religion 320, a roundtable with Seren Gates Amadour, Daniel Moseson, Courtney O’Dell-Chaib for the Syracuse University Department of Religion.
- 2014-Spring: “Theologians Without Passports: An Ethic of Ecumenical Difference,” invited lecture at United Church in Fayetteville, Fayetteville, NY.
- 2014-Fall, 2015-Spring: “The Art of Effective (Science) Presentations.” Women in Science and Engineering, response by Shobha K. Bhatia, Future Professionals Program (WiSE-FPP) at Syracuse University.
- 2013-Spring, 2015-Spring: “Aimee Semple McPherson and the Development of Radio,” in the course Pop Culture Studies: Radio, Musics & Audio Cultures taught by Dr. Jenny Doctor, Syracuse University.

### **SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (2015-Present)**

- “The Doctrine of Discovery Podcast and Virtual Onondaga,” co-presented with Philip P. Arnold and Jordan Brady Loewen-Colón, Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit, 2022 American Academic of Religion, Denver, CO.
- “Selling the Iron Cage: Bruce Barton and Mass Marketing of the Spirit of Capitalism,” Church History panel, 2022 NABPR Annual Meeting, Belmont University.
- “The Protestantization of the Doctrine of Discovery in Colonial America,” Church History panel, 2021 NABPR Annual Meeting, Online.
- “The Importance of Repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery for Baptists,” Church History panel, 2019 NABPR Annual Meeting, Campbell University, Raleigh, NC.
- “Reavers Ain’t Human, or They Forgot How to Be: Teaching Religion in Science Fiction.” Religion and Popular Culture Unit. Theme: Popular Pedagogy: Enhancing Student Learning through Popular Culture, American Academy of Religion, Denver Meeting, 2018.
- “Dispensational Catastrophic-Utopianism in the Early 20th Century United States,” Transformations and Their Religious-Cultural Landscape panel, Flourish and Decay: Exploring Religion in Process, Syracuse University Graduate Student Conference, 2018.
- “The Monstrosity of Messianism in Zack Snyder’s Man of Steel and Batman vs. Superman,” 2017 Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston. Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit Theme: Superheroes, Where Is Thy Sting? #deathbeyond panel.
- “Teaching the Effective History of the Enlightenment,” Engaged Pedagogy and Social Justice Education panel, 2017 NABPR Annual Meeting, Belmont University.
- “It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s Messianism, or Superman and the Limits of Weak Messianism,” Theology IV section, NABPR Annual Meeting, Baylor University, 2016.
- “Messiahs in America: The return of Superheroes and the development of a modern American mythology,” Uninvited Guests & Atemporal Returns panel, Encountering the Unexpected: Glitches, (Dis)placements, & Marginalia, Syracuse University Religion Graduate Student Conference, 2016.

- “The Failure of the Messianic in *Man of Steel*,” Desire and Devotion in Pop Culture panel, Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, McGill University, Friday May 1, 2015.
- “What is Queer about Queer Christian Theology?,” co-presented with Samuel Castleberry in the Queer Theology and “Deviance” panel, “*ReligionInterruptus: The Affects of Sex, Politics, and Bodies*,” Syracuse University Religion Graduate Student Conference, 2015.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Selected Conferences and Events Organized

- Global Indigenous Peoples Caucus (2024, 2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017)
- Global Indigenous Women’s Gathering (2024, 2023, 2019, 2018, 2017)
- The Religious Origins of White Supremacy: *Johnson v. M’Intosh* and the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, Syracuse University (2023)
- Mother Earth's Pandemic: The Doctrine of Discovery, (2020)
- Ways of Knowing, A Fundraising Gala for the Skä·noñh - Great Law of Peace Center (2020)
- Deyhontsigwa’ehs- The Creator’s Game, Wooden Stick Lacrosse Festival and The First Annual Randy Hall Masters Wooden Stick Lacrosse Tournament (2022, 2019, 2018, 2017)
- Web Developer/Social Media Coordinator, Flourish and Decay: Exploring Religion in Process, Syracuse University Graduate Student Conference, (2018)
- Taking on the Doctrine of Discovery, What are our Next Steps?, August 18-19, 2018, Skä·noñh—Great Law of Peace Center, Liverpool NY in Onondaga Nation Territory, (2018)
- Encountering the Unexpected: Glitches, (Dis)placements, & Marginalia, Syracuse University Religion Graduate Student Conference, March 25-26, 2016.
- Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, McGill University, May 1-2, 2015.

### Selected Conference Panels Organized

- **Chair**, “The Religious Origins of White Supremacy: *Johnson v. M’Intosh* and the Doctrine of Christian Discovery,” (2023)
  - Conference organizing, video editing, closed captioning, Thematic Discussion Group Moderator, panel chair for “New Books in the Study of Domination.”
- **Organizer and Chair**. Graduate Training and Scholarly Formation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. November 22, 2014 (Panelists: Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame; David Harrington Watt, Temple University; Kathryn Lofton, Yale University; Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida; Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA; Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo)
- **Chair**. “Placing the Apocalypse (And Other Genres): Reading Religion across film genre” and “Ecce Homo: the body makes the man,” The Place of Religion in Film, March 30-April 1, 2017, Syracuse University
- **Organizer and Roundtable Chair**. “Roundtable, Teaching Religion in America across Institutional Contexts,” Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University, Saturday May 3, 2014.

- **Panel Chair.** “Gender and Sexuality in the Oneida Community,” Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University, Saturday May 3, 2014.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- **National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR)**
  - Assistant Executive Secretary (2015-present)
- **American Academy of Religion**
  - **Interim Graduate Student Director**, Eastern International Region, (2019-20)
  - **Graduate Student Committee**, American Academy of Religion (2013-15)
  - **Graduate Student Director**, Eastern International Region (2013-15)
- **Syracuse University**
  - Graduate Student Admissions Committee Representative (2015-16)
  - University Senate, Senator-at-Large (2012-13)
  - Graduate Student Organization, Senator-at-Large (2012-13)
  - Religion Graduate Student Organization, Co-president (2012-13)
- **Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University**
  - **Member**, Theory Group (2008-11)
  - **Treasurer**, Advanced Program Student Association (2010-11)
  - **Vice Moderator**, Brite Student Association (2010-11)
  - **General Secretary**, Brite Student Association (2008-2010)
- **Warner University**
  - Member, Student Congress, Student Government Association (2003-06)
  - President Pro Tempore, Student Government Association (2003-06)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023: Phi Alpha Theta ( $\Phi\text{A}\Theta$ ), National History Honor Society, Austin Peay State University
- 2013: Theta Chi Beta Chapter, Theta Alpha Kappa, Religious Studies Honor Society
- 2010: Book Award for Asian (Korean) Church Studies Program, Brite Divinity School
- 2009: Book Award for Theology, Brite Divinity School
- 2006: Alpha Chi, National College Honor Society and Pi Gamma Mu. Social Science Honor Society.
- 2002: Alpha Lambda Delta, Honor Society

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- **Participant**, THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) at AAR/SBL Unconference, 2022
- **Participant**, Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts Workshop at the AAR/SBL, 2022
- **Participant**, THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) at Syracuse University, (2019)
- **Participant**, THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) at AAR/SBL, (2016-18)

- **Participant**, *Global Ecumenical Theological Institute of the World Council of Churches*, in conjunction with the Tenth General Assembly of the *World Council of Churches*, Seoul and Busan, Korea, (2013)
- **Participant**, Syracuse University, Future Professoriate Program, (2011-2021)
- **Participant**. Overcoming Barriers to Underrepresented Scholarship: A Strategy and Action Workshop, Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA., (November 18, 2011)
- **Participant**. Learning Goals for Teaching the Bible in the Liberal Arts Curriculum, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA., (November 20, 2010)

## LANGUAGES

- French (Reading Knowledge)
- German (Reading Knowledge)
- Koine Greek (Reading Knowledge)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- AAR (American Academy of Religion)
- SBL (Society of Biblical Literature)
- NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion)
- NABPR (North American Association for the Study of Religion)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Responsive Web Design (HTML5/CSS/JS)
- Accessibility Remediation
- Metadata: (Schema.org/JSON-LD, XML)
- Static Site Generators (Jekyll)
- WordPress
- Linux (Ubuntu)
- Search Engine Optimization
- Digital Analytics
- Social Media and Web Strategy
- Python (Beginner)