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EDUCATION

- 2011–present
 - **Ph.D. Candidate**, Religion. Syracuse University, Department of Religion.
Dissertation: *Fundamentalists and Superheroes: The Failure of the Messianic in American Culture (1900-45)*
- 2014
 - **M.Phil**, Religion. Syracuse University, Department of Religion.
- 2013
 - **Certificate of Advanced Studies**, Women's and Gender Studies. Syracuse University, Women's and Gender Studies.
- 2011
 - **Th.M.**, History and Theology. Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University.
Thesis: *Archaeological Theology: G-d Beyond God.*
- 2011
 - **Graduate Certificate**, Women's and Gender Studies. Texas Christian University, Women's and Gender Studies.
- 2009
 - **M.T.S**, Theology and Culture. Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University.
Thesis: *A Critical Study of Postmodern Theologizing: Examining Myth and Theology in The Little Prince.*
- 2006
 - **B.A.**, History and Biblical Studies, Warner University.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- American Religion; American Religious History
- Critical Theories of Religion
- Christian Studies and Theology
- Women's and Gender Studies
- Religion, Media, Culture
- Religion and Science-Fiction

DOCTORAL EXAMS

My exams focused on the ways that aesthetic spaces provide a compelling location for analyzing the power/knowledge relationships between religion and visual culture. These exams were organized around:

- **Person:** Michel Foucault as a Religious Thinker.

- **Text:** From *The Fundamentals* to Fundamentalisms.
- **Movement:** The Byzantine Iconoclastic Controversy: Exploring the Religious Dimension of Images.
- **Problem:** Imagining Messianism in American Religion & Visual Culture.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Syracuse University, Instructor**
 - 2015-Fall: Introduction to the Study of Religion (Religion 120)
 - 2015-Spring: Introduction to the Study of Religion (Religion 120)
 - 2014-Fall: Religion in Science Fiction (Religion 320)
- **Syracuse University, Teaching Assistant**
 - 2018-Fall: Indigenous Religions (Religion 244, Anthropology 273; Native American Studies 244)
 - 2016-Spring: Lincoln, Religion and the Civil War (Religion 300)
 - 2015-Fall: Native American Religion (Native American Studies/Religion 142)
 - 2015-Spring: Faith and Reason in Islamic Thought and Civilization (Religion 261)
 - 2014-Fall: Christianity (Religion 156)
 - 2014-Spring: Introduction to the Bible (Jewish Studies/Religion 114)
 - 2013-Fall: Judaism (Jewish Studies/Religion 135)
 - 2013-Spring: Buddhism (South Asian Studies/ Religion 186)
 - 2012-Fall: Native American Religions (Native American Studies/Religion 142)
 - 2012-Spring: Introduction to the Bible (Jewish Studies/Religion 114)
 - 2011-Fall: Introduction to the Study of Religion (Religion 120)
- **Tutorials**
 - Pop Culture Studies: Radio, Musics & Audio Cultures (Television Radio Film 530) taught by Dr. Jenny Doctor, Spring, 2015. I lectured on “Aimee Semple McPherson and the Development of Radio.”
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OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- **2018-present**
 - Editor
 - Jugaad: A Material Religions Project (jugaad.pub)
 - Freelance Web Developer
 - American Indian Law Alliance (aila.ngo)
 - Broadly Textual Pub (broadlytextual.com/)

- Eileen Campbell-Reed (eileencampbellreed.org/)
 - State of Clergywomen in the U.S.: A Statistical Update (stateofclergywomen.org/)
 - Three Minute Ministry Mentor (threeminuteministrymentor.org)
 - Doctrine of Discovery Working Group (doctrineofdiscovery.org/)
 - Indigenous Values Initiative (indigenousvalues.org)
 - Jugaad: A Material Religions Project (jugaad.pub)
 - RCDP: The Realists & Responsible Caring Congolese Diaspora Patriots (rcdp.co)
 - Syracuse University Women in Science and Engineering (suwise.syr.edu)
 - West Baptist Church, Oswego, NY (westbaptistchurch.org)
 - Webmaster
 - Syracuse University, Department of Religion (religion.syr.edu)
 - Syracuse University, Jewish Studies (jsp.syr.edu)
- **2018**
 - Webmaster and Social Media Coordinator
 - Flourish and Decay: Exploring Religion in Process: Syracuse University, Religion Graduate Student Conference (religionconference.syr.edu)
- **2016-17**
 - Webmaster and Research Assistant, Syracuse University Department of Religion.
 - Dr. Virginia Burrus, Director of Graduate Studies
 - Dr. Marcia C. Robinson, Director of Undergraduate Studies
 - Freelance Copyeditor, Syracuse University School of Architecture, Thesis 2016.
- **2015-present**
 - Assistant Executive Secretary, Social Media Coordinator and Web Administrator, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR)
- **2012-16**
 - Graduate Assistant, Belfer Audio Archive, Special Collections, Syracuse University Libraries, Summers.
- **2011-present**
 - Teaching Assistant, Department of Religion, Syracuse University.
- **2008-2011**
 - Webmaster and Social Media Manager, *Unfinished Lives: Remembering LGBT Hate Crime Victims* a book and blog by Dr Steve Sprinkle.
- **2008-present**
 - Webmaster, World Conference of Association of Theological Institutions (WOCATI).
- **2008-11**

- Graduate Assistant, Prof. Dr. Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School.
- Student Assistant, Technology Resources, Brite Divinity School.
- **2004-06**
 - Web Administrator, Warner University

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **2018**
 - Web Developer/Social Media Coordinator, Flourish and Decay: Exploring Religion in Process, Syracuse University Graduate Student Conference, April 13th, 2018 (<http://religionconference.syr.edu>)
 - Co-Organizer, Web Developer/Social Media Coordinator. Taking on the Doctrine of Discovery, What are our Next Steps?, August 18-19, 2018, Skā·noñh—Great Law of Peace Center, Liverpool NY in Onondaga Nation Territory. (<https://indigenousvalues.org/taking-on-the-doctrine-of-discovery-what-are-our-next-steps/>)
 - Co-Organizer, Web Developer/Social Media Coordinator. Deyhontsigwa'ehs- The Creator's Game, Wooden Stick Lacrosse Festival and The First Annual Randy Hall Masters Wooden Stick Lacrosse Tournament [#laxweekend18](#)
- **2017**
 - Co-Organizer, Web Developer/Social Media Coordinator. Deyhontsigwa'ehs- The Creator's Game, Lacrosse Weekend and Wooden Stick Festival featuring an International Lacrosse Scrimmage between the Iroquois Nationals, Team Israel, and University of Albany Great Danes [#laxweekend17](#).
- **2016**
 - Co-Organizer, Web Developer/Social Media Coordinator, and Panel Chair. Encountering the Unexpected: Glitches, (Dis)placements, & Marginalia, Syracuse University Religion Graduate Student Conference, March 25-26, 2016.
- **2015**
 - Organizing Committee. Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, McGill University, May 1-2, 2015.
- **2014**
 - Co-Organizer and Presider. 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)

- 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.
- **2011**
 - World Conference of Associated Theological Institutions (WOCATI) Executive Committee Meeting, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, March 17-20 2009.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- **American Academy of Religion**
 - 2013-15
 - Graduate Student Committee, American Academy of Religion, 2013-15
 - Graduate Student Director, Eastern International Region, 2013-15
- **Syracuse University**
 - 2015-16
 - Graduate Student Admissions Committee Representative.
 - 2013–present
 - Syracuse University, Department of Religion Listserv Manager.
 - 2012-13
 - University Senate, Senator at Large.
 - Graduate Student Organization, Senator at Large.
 - Religion Graduate Student Organization, Co-president.
- **Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University**
 - 2008-11
 - Member, Theology Theory Group
 - Treasurer, Advanced Program Student Association
 - 2010-11
 - Vice Moderator, Brite Student Association
 - 2008-10:
 - General Secretary, Brite Student Association
- **Warner University**
 - 2003-06: Resident Assistant
 - 2003-06: Member, Student Congress, Student Government Association
 - 2003-06: President Pro Tempore, Student Government Association

PUBLICATION

- Book Review *Religious and Sexual Nationalisms in Central and Eastern Europe — Gods, Gays and Governments*, written by Sremac, Srdjan and R. Ruard Ganzevoort (eds.) (2015), [@doi: 15709256-12341335](https://doi.org/10.15709256-12341335).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- **2018**
 - “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. November 18, 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, April 13, 2018.
- **2017**
 - “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, November 20, 2018.
 - “Teaching the Effective History of the Enlightenment,” Engaged Pedagogy and Social Justice Education panel, 2017 Annual Meeting of The National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Belmont University, May 22-24, 2017.
- **2016**
 - “It’s a Bird, It’s a Plane, It’s Messianism, or Superman and the Limits of Weak Messianism,” Theology IV section, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (NABPR), Baylor University, May 23-25, 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, March 26, 2016.
- **2015**
 - “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.
 - A Survivor’s Guide to teaching Religion 320, a roundtable with Seren Gates Amadour, Dan Moseson, Courtney O’Dell-Chaib for the Syracuse University Department of Religion, December 4, 2015.

- The Art of Effective (Science) Presentations.” Women in Science and Engineering, response by Shobha K. Bhatia, Future Professionals Program (WiSE-FPP) at Syracuse University, July 17, 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 Graduate Student Conference, sponsored by the Religion Graduate Organization at Syracuse University, February 27, 2015.
- **2014**
 - “The Art of Effective (Science) Presentations.” Women in Science and Engineering, response by Shobha K. Bhatia, Future Professionals Program (WiSE-FPP) at Syracuse University, November 7, 2014.
 - “Remove Not The Ancient Landmark, Which Thy Fathers Have Set”: Masculinity in The Fundamentals, in Gender in 19th Century New York Religions panel, Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion, Syracuse University, Saturday May 3, 2014.
 - “I Still Belong to Jesus? The Rise of Christian Agnosticism and Religious Nones,” Religious Belonging and Exclusion Panel, “Should I Stay or Should I Go?’: Journeys of Belonging and Exclusion,” Syracuse University Department of History Graduate Student Conference, March 21, 2014.
 - “Theologians Without Passports: An Ethic of Ecumenical Difference,” invited lecture at United Church in Fayetteville, Fayetteville, NY, February 9, 2014.
- **2013**
 - “Monstrous Bodies: Theologizing the Posthuman,” Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) Baylor University, May 21, 2013.
 - “River & Reavers ain’t human—or they forgot how to be. Monstrous Bodies, Animality, and Religion in *Firefly & Serenity*,” “The Monstrous, the Marginalized, and Transgressive Forms of ‘Humanity’” Syracuse University Graduate Conference, Sponsored by The Religion Graduate Organization at Syracuse University, April 5th & 6th 2013.
- **2012**
 - “Developing a Pedagogy of Transgression: Teaching Religion Today,” Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) Belmont University, May 21, 2012.
- **2011**
 - “Playing with Negative Theology: Reading Derrida’s ‘Structure, Sign, and Play,’” Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) Gardner–Webb University, May 22, 2011.
 - Advanced Program Student “Getting a Job Workshop,” co-presented with Loren D.J. Baxter, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, March, 26, 2011.

- Sticks And Stones Will Break Your Bones But iPhones Will Kill You: A Response to Dr. Kwok Pui Lan's "Fishing The Asia Pacific: Transnationalism And Feminist Theology," Student Colloquy with Kwok Pui Lan, Brite Divinity School Texas Christian University, March 7, 2011.
- **2010**
 - "The Little Prince as Theologian," Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Atlanta, Ga, May 23-26, 2010.
 - "Making Mornings That They'll Remember: God, Ethnicity, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in William P. Young's *The Shack*," Co-presented with Rodney A. Thomas, Jr., Annual meeting of NABPR (National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion) McAfee School of Theology (Mercer University), Atlanta, Ga., May 23-26, 2010.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- **2010–present**
 - Graduate Teaching Assistantship (full tuition and stipend). Syracuse University Department of Religion.
- **2013**
 - Travel Grant and Funding for the Global Ecumenical Theological Institute of the World Council of Churches, Tenth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Busan, Korea, 2013.
 - Theta Chi Beta: Religion Honor Society (**ΘXB**). Syracuse University Religion Honor Society and chapter of National Honor Society Theta Alpha Kappa (**ΘAK**).
- **2010**
 - Book Award for Asian (Korean) Church Studies Program, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, 2010.
- **2009**
 - Book Award for Theology, Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, 2009.
 - Alpha Chi (National College Honor Society), Warner University, 2009.
- **2006**
 - Pi Gamma Mu (International Social Science Honor Society), Warner University, 2006.
- **2002**
 - Alpha Lambda Delta (Honor Society), Warner University, 2002.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- 2018: Participant, THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) at AAR/SBL Unconference #tcSBLAAR18

- 2017: Participant, THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) at AAR/SBL Unconference #tcAARSBL17
- 2016: Participant, THATCamp (The Humanities and Technology Camp) at AAR/SBL Unconference #thatcampaarsbl
- 2013: 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, October 25-November 13, 2013.
- 2011-present: Syracuse University, Future Professoriate Program
- 2011: Workshop 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.
- 2010: Workshop 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 ASSOCIATIONS

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

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Responsive Web Design
- HTML5/CSS/JS
- Schema.org
- WordPress
- Linux (Ubuntu)
- Google Search Console
- Google Analytics
- Social Media and Web Strategy