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PROFESSIONAL

Pacific Lutheran University, Department of Religion
Assistant Professor, 2011 – present
Duke University, Thompson Writing Program
Associate Director, 2008 – 2011
Lecturing Fellow, 2007 – 2011

EDUCATION

Duke University
Ph.D. (2007), Graduate Program in Religion (American Religion)
Dissertation: “Defending Manhood: Gender, Social Order, and the Rise of the Christian Right in the South, 1965-1995”
M.A. (2004), Graduate Program in Religion (American Religion)
University of Virginia
B.A. with distinction (2001), College of Arts & Sciences
Majors: Religious Studies, History

BOOK

Family Values and the Rise of the Christian Right (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, October 2015)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Making Sense of Twentieth-century American Evangelicalism,” *Reviews in American History* (forthcoming March 2016)
“War, Sports, and the Construction of Masculinity in American Christianity,” *Religion Compass* 5.7 (July 2011): 355-364
“Family Values and the Formation of a Christian Right Agenda,” *Church History* 78.3 (September 2009): 606-631

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Preserving Morality in an Urban Nation: Christian Reform Movements in the Progressive Era,” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and American Politics*, ed. Barbara McGraw (London: Wiley-Blackwell, in press, forthcoming 2016)
“Billy Graham’s New Evangelical Manhood,” in *American Pilgrim: The Worlds of Billy Graham*, eds. Grant Wacker, Anne Blue Wills, and Andrew Finstuen (New York: Oxford University Press, under review)
“The Costs of Prestige: E.J. Carnell’s Quest for an Intellectual Orthodoxy,” in *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Authority of Scripture*, ed. Carlos Bovell (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2011), 71-90
“Conservative Christians and Environmentalism, 1970-2005,” in *Diversity and Dominion: Dialogues in Ecology, Ethics, and Theology*, ed. Kyle S. Van Houtan and Michael S. Northcott (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2010), 157-165. Co-authored with Brantley W. Gasaway
“A New Kind of Patriarchy: Inerrancy and Masculinity in the Southern Baptist Convention, 1979-2000,” in *Southern Masculinity: Perspectives on Manhood in the New South*, ed. Craig T. Friend (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2009), 246-268

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Karen Hille Phillips Regency Advancement Award, Pacific Lutheran University (2015-16)
Kelmer-Roe Faculty-Student Research Award, Pacific Lutheran University (with Clayton Bracht) (2013-14)

Award for Excellence in Teaching Writing, Duke University (2009)
Research Travel Grants, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University (2008, 2009, & 2010)
Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship (2006-07)
Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School (2006)
Mellon Dissertation fellow, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University (2005-06)
Preparing Future Faculty fellow, Duke University/Elon University (2005-06)
Duke University Graduate Fellowship (2001-2006)
Phi Beta Kappa (2001)
College of Arts & Sciences Fellowship for Undergraduate Research, University of Virginia (2000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pacific Lutheran University, Department of Religion

Courses taught: American Church History, Islam in America, Modern Church History, Religion & Politics in American History, Gender & Religion in American History, Capstone Research Seminar

Pacific Lutheran University, First-Year Experience Program

Courses taught: First-year Writing (Topic: Religion & Gender in America), First-year Inquiry Seminar (Topic: Jesus in America)

Pacific Lutheran University, Women & Gender Studies Program

Course taught: Gender & Religion in American History

Duke University, Department of Religion

Courses taught: Religion in American Life, Religion and American Politics, Religious Faith in the American South

Duke University, Thompson Writing Program

Courses taught: Religion & Politics, Religion & Popular Culture, Religious Theory & Experience, American Religious Autobiography, Jesus in America, The Portrayal of a Christian America

Duke Divinity School

Course taught: History of Religion & Politics in America

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Respondent: "American Evangelicals Looking Abroad" panel, American Historical Association, January 2015 (New York)

"Evolving Notions of Christian Manhood in the YMCA," American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, May 2014 (Calgary) (co-presenter Clayton Bracht)

"Southern Baptist Apostate: Bill Clinton's Fight with the Religious Right," American Society for Church History Spring Meeting, April 2013 (Portland)

Respondent: "How the Bible Works: Scripture and the Body in Nineteenth Century Religion" panel, American Society for Church History Spring Meeting, April 2013 (Portland)

"Go, Fight, Win: Masculinity, Sports, and War in the 1919 Inter-Allied Games," American Society for Church History, January 2012 (Chicago)

"A Surprising Advocate for Disarmament: Billy Graham's Opposition to 'Peace through Strength,'" Southern Historical Association, November 2010 (Charlotte)

Respondent: "Changing Attitudes Towards Women" panel, American Society of Church History, January 2010 (San Diego)

"Conservative Christian Activists and Coal Miners in the Kanawha County (WV) Textbook Controversy of 1974," American Historical Association, January 2009 (New York)

"Focusing on the Family: How the Religious Right Defined the Common Good," American Academy of Religion, November 2007 (San Diego)

"Gender Battles in Southern Schools, 1967-1975," American Academy of Religion, Southeast Region Meeting, March 2006 (Atlanta)

- “Is this the religion of my adorable Master Jesus?” James Meacham and the Tensions of Southern Methodism, 1788-1797,” American Society of Church History, January 2005 (Seattle)
- “Moral Majority and the Mobilization of White Evangelicals in Alabama,” American Academy of Religion, November 2003 (Atlanta)

INVITED LECTURES

- “Gender and Christianity in America: 4 Stories,” 4-part lecture series, Mt. View Lutheran Church, April 2015 (Edgewood, WA)
- “Same-Sex Marriage and Christianity, 200 Years Ago,” Women’s Center Sex-Positive lecture, Pacific Lutheran University, March 2015 (Tacoma, WA)
- “Family Values and the Rise of the Christian Right,” St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, March 2015 (Lakewood, WA)
- “Church History,” 2-part lecture series, Tacoma First Presbyterian Church, January 2015 (Tacoma, WA)
- “Family Values and the Rise of the Christian Right,” Bethany of the Northwest Pastor’s Lecture, November 2014 (Everett, WA)
- “Family Values,” 3-part lecture series, Mt. View Lutheran Church, February 2014 (Edgewood, WA)
- “Billy Graham’s New Evangelical Manhood,” Worlds of Billy Graham Conference, Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, September 2013 (Wheaton, IL)
- “Religious Outsiders and the Making of Presidential Candidates,” University House Lunchtime Talk, November 2012 (Tacoma, WA)
- “God and Caesar in America,” 2-4 part lecture series, Mt. View Lutheran Church (Edgewood, WA); Creator Lutheran Church (Bonney Lake, WA); Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Port Angeles, WA), Fall 2012
- “From Civil Rights to the Christian Right: King, Neuhaus, and Christian Political Action,” Lutheran Studies Conference on Political Life, Pacific Lutheran University, September 2012 (Tacoma, WA)
- “Christian Political Activism in America,” Bethany of the Northwest Pastor’s Lecture, November 2011 (Everett, WA)
- “Peace with God, Peace through Strength: Billy Graham and the Struggle for Nuclear Disarmament,” Aurora University Chaplain’s Forum, October 2010 (Aurora, IL)
- “Religion and Politics in the Twentieth Century,” Divining America Lecture Series, Durham County Library, November 2008 (Durham)
- “Christianity and Politics: the Example of Martin Luther King, Jr.,” St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, October 2008 (Houston)
- “Gender, Social Order, and the Rise of the Christian Right in the South,” Louisville Institute Winter Seminar, January 2007 (Louisville)
- “Christian Academies and the Reordering of Southern Conservatism, 1965-1975,” Southern Studies Seminar, University of North Carolina, April 2006 (Chapel Hill)

PRESENTATIONS ON TEACHING

- “Grading with iPads,” Instructional Technology workshop, Pacific Lutheran University, February & November 2014 (Tacoma, WA)
- “Teaching with Interactive Lectures,” Provost Workshop on Teaching, Pacific Lutheran University, September 2012, 2013, & 2014 (Tacoma, WA)
- “Teaching in 21st Century Learning Spaces,” Faculty Fall Conference, Pacific Lutheran University, August 2013 (Tacoma, WA)
- “Using WordPress to Facilitate Multi-Modal Writing,” Duke Center for Instructional Technology Faculty Showcase, April 2010 (Durham) (with Susanne E. Hall)
- “Teaching Religion and Politics through Blogging,” American Academy of Religion, November 2008 (Chicago)

ARTICLES & BOOK REVIEWS

- Book Review: Michael J. McVicar, Christian Reconstruction: R.J. Rushdoony and American Religious Conservatism, *Political Science Quarterly* 130, Winter 2015 (forthcoming)
- “A Hard-Edged Gospel: The Rise and Fall of Mark Driscoll,” *Religion in the News*, March 2015

- “Billy Graham,” *Dictionary of American History, Supplement: America in the World, 1776 to the Present*, ed. Edward J. Blum, Charles Scribner’s Sons, forthcoming
- Book Review: Rachel Hope Cleves, *Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America*, *Religion in American History* blog, 13 March 2015
- Book Review: Brian Steensland and Philip Goff, eds., *The New Evangelical Social Engagement*, *Religion in American History* blog, 12 March 2014
- “Government End Times? Pray for the Individual,” *The [Toronto] Globe & Mail*, 23 October 2013. Co-authored with Kate Bowler. Reprinted in the *Raleigh News & Observer*.
- Book Review: Carol Howard Merritt, *Reframing Hope: Vital Ministry in a New Generation*, *Religion in American History* blog, 26 September 2013
- “The New Dominionist Politics,” *Religion in the News* 14.1, Spring 2012
- “The Christian Right,” in *The Oxford Companion to American Politics*, ed. David Coates, Oxford University Press, 2012
- Book Review: Darren Dochuk, *From Bible Belt to Sunbelt: Plain Folk Religion, Grassroots Politics, and the Rise of Evangelical Conservatism*, *Church History* 81, 2012
- Book Review: Gastón Espinosa, ed., *Religion and the American Presidency*, *Journal of Church & State* 52, 2010
- “Benjamin Lawson Hooks,” in *African American National Biography*, ed. Henry Louis Gates and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Oxford University Press, 2008
- Book Review: Michael Lienesch, *In the Beginning: Fundamentalism, the Scopes Trial, and the Making of the Antievolution Movement*, H-Net Review, H-Law, 2007
- “Judgment Days: Two New Books Find Good and Evil in the Rev. Billy Graham’s Presidential Politics,” *Asheville Mountain Xpress*, 10 October 2007
- Book Review: Donald G. Mathews and Beth Barton Schweiger, eds., *Religion in the American South*, *Journal of Presbyterian History* 84, 2006
- “Moral Majority,” in *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, ed. Hans J. Hillerbrand, Routledge, 2004
- Book Review: D.G. Hart, *That Old Time Religion in Modern America*, *Journal of Presbyterian History* 81, 2003

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Postdoctoral Seminar in Teaching Writing, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University (2007)
- Wabash Pedagogy and Cultural Diversity Seminar Fellow, Duke Divinity School (2005-06)
- Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Duke University/Elon University (2005-06)
- Duke Digital Initiative/Using iPods in the Classroom (2005-06)
- Teaching in Religion Program, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University (2002-06)
- Introduction to College Teaching (6-week seminar), Duke University (2005)

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION & SERVICE

- Faculty Affairs Committee, Pacific Lutheran University (2014-)
- Women & Gender Studies Committee, Pacific Lutheran University (2014-)
- First-Year Experience Program Executive Committee, Pacific Lutheran University (2013-)
- Blog Contributor, *Religion & American History*, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com> (2009-)
- Women’s Center Advisory Board, Pacific Lutheran University (2013-15)
- Search Committee for History of Christianity faculty position, Pacific Lutheran University (2013-14)
- Secretary, Humanities Division, Pacific Lutheran University (2012-14)
- Webmaster, Religion Department, Pacific Lutheran University (2011-14)
- Editor, *Deliberations: A Journal of First-Year Writing at Duke University* (2010-11)
- Steering Committee, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University (2008-11)
- Search Committee for Postdoctoral Fellows, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University (2009-10)
- Associate Director of First-year Writing, Thompson Writing Program, Duke University (2008-11)
- Program for Teaching & Learning coordinator, Duke University Graduate Program in Religion (2004-05)
- Graduate Student Advisory Board, Duke University Graduate Program in Religion (2003-05)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- American Society of Church History