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Positions Held

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| 2017– | Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. | University of Pennsylvania. |
| 2014–2017 | Departmental Lecturer in Science and Religion. | University of Oxford. |
| 2014–2017 | Organizing Tutor in Theology and Religion. | Trinity College, Oxford. |
| 2012–2014 | Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow. | Haverford College. |
| 2012–2014 | Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion. | Haverford College. |
| 2011–2012 | Adjunct Professor of Religion. | Le Moyne College. |
| 2008–2011 | Instructor of Religion. | Syracuse University. |

Education

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| 2012 | Ph.D., Religion. Committee: John D. Caputo, M. Gail Hamner, Patricia Cox Miller, Joanne Punzo Waghorne, R. Gustav Niebuhr. | Syracuse University. |
| 2007 | M.Phil., Religion. | Syracuse University. |
| 2005 | M.A., Religion. | Syracuse University. |
| 2003 | B.A., Religion, Literature, and the Arts. | University of British Columbia. |

Research Areas

Theory and philosophy of embodied religion, religion and emotion, material culture, science, and secularisms.

Books

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| 2019 | <i>The Evolution of Affect Theory: The Humanities, the Sciences, and the Study of Power.</i> Commissioned for the Cambridge Elements (short monographs) series “Histories of Emotions and the Senses.” | Cambridge University Press. ISBN 9781108765343. |
| 2015 | <i>Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power.</i> | Duke University Press. |

Reprint 2016.

Reviewed in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Cultural Studies*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *The Atlantic*, *Material Religion*, *Marginalia Review of Books*, *Reading Religion*, *The Journal of the British Association for the Study of Religion*, *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, *Critical Research on Religion*, *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, *Humanimalia*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Relations*, *The Animal Studies Journal*, *ESSSAT News and Reviews*. Review symposia in *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* (2018) and *Syndicate* (2018). Conference symposia at American Academy of Religion (2016) and Society for Biblical Literature (2018) annual meetings.

304 + xi pp. ISBN
0822359901.

Journal Articles

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| 2019 | Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Rhetoric of Donald Trump. | <i>Journal of Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies</i> , forthcoming. |
| | Mere Science: Mapping the Land Bridge between Emotion, Politics, and Ethics. | <i>Zygon</i> . 54.2: 382-6. (Invited contribution to symposium on Lisa Sideris' <i>Consecrating Science</i> .) |
| | An Extension of Saturday Night: Affect and Downfall at Mars Hill. | <i>Religious Studies Review</i> . Forthcoming. (Invited contribution to symposium on Jessica Johnson's <i>Biblical Porn</i> .) |
| 2018 | Precopulatory Sexual Cannibalism and Other Accidents: Desire, Evolution, and Natural Law. | <i>Studies in Gender and Sexuality</i> . 19.1: 28-35. DOI 10.1080/15240657.2018.1419685. |
| 2017 | You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, the Lifeworld, and Animal Ethics. | <i>Studies in Christian Ethics</i> 30.1: 15-29. |
| | Animal Politics: Species, Evolution, and Power. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 46.3-4: 40-45. (Invited response to symposium on <i>Religious Affects</i> .) |
| 2016 | Heavenbeast: A New Materialist Approach to <i>Ulysses</i>. | <i>Angelaki</i> 21.2: 119-137. |
| | The Fault in Us: Ethics, Infinity, and Quantum Bodies. | <i>Zygon</i> 51.3: 783-796. |
| 2014 | Blessed, Precious Mistakes: Evolution, Deconstruction, and the American New Atheism. | <i>International Journal for Philosophy of Religion</i> 76: 75-94. |
| | Embodied Disbelief: Poststructural Feminist Atheism. | <i>Hypatia</i> 29.2: 371-387. |
| | Our Peculiar Institution: 12 Years a Slave, American Protestantism, and the Erotics of Racism. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 43.1: 34-36. |

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| 2013 | The Promise of Affect. | <i>Theory & Event</i> 16.2. (N.P.) |
| 2012 | Do Animals Have Religion? Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Religion and Embodiment. | <i>Anthrozoös</i> 25.S1 (25 th Anniversary Supplemental Issue): S173-S189. |

Book Chapters

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| 2019 | The Secular Experiment: Emotion, Reason, and the Limits of Science. | von Scheve, Christian, Hubert Knoblauch, and Yasemin Ural, ed. Proceedings of the “Inside/Out: Affects in Multireligious Secular Societies” conference, under contract with Routledge. <i>Invited chapter, forthcoming.</i> |
| | The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power. | In: <i>Religion, Emotion, Sensation: Affect Theories and Theologies</i> . Moore, Stephen, and Karen Bray, ed. Fordham University Press. <i>Invited chapter (peer-reviewed), forthcoming.</i> |
| 2018 | Beautiful Facts: Religion, Secularism, and Affect. | In: <i>Feeling Religion</i> . Corrigan, John, ed. Duke University Press. ISBN 0822370379. Pp. 69-92. <i>Invited chapter (double-blind peer-reviewed).</i> |
| 2017 | The Science of Life. | In: <i>The Oxford Handbook of Nineteenth-Century Christian Thought</i> . Rasmussen, Joel, Judith Wolfe, & Johannes Zachhuber, ed. Oxford University Press. ISBN 0198718403. Pp. 89-107. <i>Invited chapter.</i> |
| | The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Reason, and the Limits of Science. | In: <i>Are there Limits to Science?</i> Straine, Gillian, ed. Cambridge Scholars Press. ISBN 1443895814. Pp. 61-79. <i>Invited chapter.</i> |

Invited Talks and Lectures

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| 2019 | From Creationism to Climate Change Denial: An Affective Approach to Science Skepticism. | Australian Catholic University. <i>Invited public lecture.</i> |
| | Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies. | Macquarie University, Faithful Bodies: Affect Theory and Religion |

2018

Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.

symposium. *Keynote address.*

The Lust to Believe: Affect, Conspiracy Theory, and Race.

Australian National University, Sacred Histories symposium. *Keynote address.*

Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Alt-Right in the Age of Trump.

Australian Catholic University, Affect, Politics, and Knowledge workshop. *Invited speaker.*

Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.

University of Toronto, Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies. *Invited lecture.*

Affects and Publics.

Georgetown University, Religion, Politics, and Culture Workshop. *Invited speaker.*

Parochial Enchantment: The Affects and Ethics of *Vibrant Matter*.

Lehigh University, Religion and Its Many American Publics. *Invited symposium participant.*

The Sentiments of Rationality: Feeling, Science, and Secularism after Darwin.

Union Theological Seminary, Insight Project Colloquium. *Invited symposium participant.*

The Sentiments of Rationality: Feeling, Science, and Secularism after Darwin.

University of Oxford, Faculty of Theology and Religion. *Invited lecture.*

Desire, Power, and Digital Media.

University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity. *Invited lecture.*

The Materiality of Choice.

UPenn, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, South x Southeast Conference. *Invited respondent.*

Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Alt-Right in the Age of Trump.

UPenn, Wolf Humanities Seminar on "Stuff." *Invited respondent to Sophia Rosenfeld.*

The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.

Lancaster, PA, "Capacious: Affect Inquiry/Making Space." *Plenary speaker. Forthcoming.*

Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.

University of Dayton, "Once More with Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers" conference. *Invited speaker.*

Darwin's Orchids: Queerness, Natural Law, and the Diversity of Desire.

Bucknell University. *Invited lecture.*

Albright College. *Invited lecture.*

2017

Discussant for Cassie Adcock's "The Heads or Tails of Cow Protection in India: Religious Freedom or Secular Agriculture?"

UPenn, Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism faculty workshop series. *Invited discussant.*

Darwin, Queerly: Teleology, Nature, and the Diversity of Desire.

New York University, "Queer Humanimalities" colloquium. *Plenary speaker.*

You Don't Know What Pain Is: Emotion, the Lifeworld, and Animal Ethics.

Le Moyne College, "The Future of Being Human" series. *Invited lecture.*

Animal Religion: Evolution, Embodiment, and Affect.

Yale-National University of Singapore, "Explaining Religion: Anthropology, Social Cognition, and Phenomenology" colloquium. *Plenary speaker.*

Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.

Queen's University, "Unraveling Religion 4: Bodies and Objects" conference. *Keynote speaker.*

Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.

University of Manchester, Theory and Method in the Study of Religion Seminar Series. *Invited lecture.*

Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the World Trump Built.

College of the Holy Cross, "Religion, Protest, and Social Upheaval" conference. *Plenary speaker.*

The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.

Swarthmore College, Haverford College, Bryn Mawr College. *Daylong visiting scholar colloquium.*

The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Science, and Secularism.

Eastern University, Templeton Honors Forum. *Invited lecture.*

Animality, Evolution, and Theory in the Humanities.

Philadelphia Seminar in Christian Origins. "Thinking with Ancient Animals" symposium. *Invited speaker.*

Jewish Perspectives on Religion and Science: A Response.

Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies. "Jews and the Natural World: Bodies, Animals, and Evolution" symposium. *Invited respondent.*

Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.

Freie Universität Berlin. *Invited lecture.*

The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.

Freie Universität Berlin, "Governing by Affect" conference. *Plenary speaker.*

Rethinking Science and Religion.

North London Collegiate School,

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| 2016 | The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power. | “Creation: A Dialogue between Science and Religion,” interfaith conference. <i>Plenary speaker.</i> Drew University Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, “Affectivity and Divinity.” Drew University. <i>Plenary speaker.</i> |
| | You Don’t Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement. | Society for the Study of Christian Ethics annual conference, Cambridge University. <i>Plenary speaker.</i> |
| | The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Secularism, and the Limits of Science. | Science and Religion Forum, Birmingham. <i>Plenary speaker.</i> |
| | Secular Affects: Emotional Elements of Religion and Non-Religion. | “Inside Out: Affect(s) in Multi-Religious Secular Societies,” Freie Universität Berlin. <i>Plenary speaker.</i> |
| | It’s Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism. | Georgetown University. <i>Invited lecture.</i> |
| | It’s Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism. | Emory University, Oxford College. <i>Invited lecture.</i> |
| | You Don’t Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement. | Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions and the Harvard Islamic Law Project. <i>Invited lecture.</i> |
| | You Don’t Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement. | University of Florida. <i>Invited lecture.</i> |
| | You Don’t Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement. | Wesleyan University. <i>Invited lecture.</i> |
| | The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power. | Sewanee University. <i>Invited lecture.</i> |
| | The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power. | Syracuse University. <i>Invited lecture.</i> |
| 2015 | Beautiful Facts: Secularism, Religion, and Affects. | Religion and Emotion NEH Working Group, National Humanities Center, Duke University. <i>Invited speaker.</i> |
| 2014 | The Order of Affects: Power, Knowledge, and Materiality. | Theory and Things Symposium, Syracuse University. <i>Invited speaker.</i> |
| 2013 | Animal Bodies Are Not Digital | Lightning Talks Series, Haverford College. <i>Invited speaker.</i> |

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| | Post-Atheism | Cross-listed Series, Haverford College. <i>Invited speaker.</i> |
| 2012 | Political Affect: The American Case. | Religion and Media Workshop, AAR, Chicago, IL. <i>Invited session leader.</i> |
| 2010 | Cognitive Science and Religion: A Way In and a Way Out. | Syracuse University Dept. of Religion Biennial Retreat, Cazenovia, NY. <i>Invited speaker.</i> |

Book Reviews

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| 2019 | Review of David Chidester's <i>Religion: Material Dynamics.</i> | <i>Reading Religion.</i> February 2019. |
| | American Mania: A Review of Lawrence Grossberg's <i>Under the Cover of Chaos: Trump and the Battle for the American Right.</i> | <i>Cultural Studies.</i> DOI: 10.1080/09502386.2019.1584904 |
| 2017 | A Thinking Heart: A Review of John P. Gluck's <i>Voracious Science and Vulnerable Animals.</i> | <i>PsycCRITIQUES.</i> 62.14 (2017). (Selected for <i>PsycCRITIQUES</i> "Spotlight" series.) |
| 2016 | The Modern Mosaic of Science and Religion. | <i>Marginalia Review of Books.</i> Sept. 2016. (Review essay on Peter Harrison's <i>Territories of Science and Religion.</i>) |
| | Review of James William Jones's <i>Can Science Explain Religion? The Cognitive Science Debate.</i> | <i>Religious Studies Review.</i> 42.2. |
| | Review of Christian Smith and Richard P. Cimino's <i>Atheist Awakening: Secular Activism and Community in America.</i> | <i>American Studies</i> 50.2. |
| | Review of Aaron S. Gross's <i>The Animal Question in Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications.</i> | <i>Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture.</i> 10.4. |
| 2015 | How Not to Do What We Always Do: A Review of Hector A. Garcia's <i>Alpha God.</i> | <i>The Revealer.</i> Oct. 2015. |
| | Review of Linda A. Mercadante's <i>Belief without Borders: Inside the Minds of the Spiritual but Not Religious.</i> | <i>Secularism and Nonreligion.</i> 4.9. |
| 2011 | On Dictionaryism: The Good News | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion.</i> 40.2. |

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| 2009 | <p>and Maledictions of Religious Literacy.</p> <p>The Shape of the Field: Bruce Lincoln's <i>Discourse and the Construction of Society</i>.</p> | <p>(Review of Stephen Prothero's <i>God Is Not One</i>.)</p> <p><i>Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin</i>. 38.3.</p> |
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Selected Online Writings

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| 2019 | <p>The Codex of Feeling: Affect Theory and Ancient Texts.</p> <p>The Face of the Sovereign.</p> <p><i>Credulity</i>, or Science as an Intoxication</p> <p>The Monograph as Laboratory</p> | <p><i>Ancient Jew Review</i>. January 2019.</p> <p><i>Political Theology</i>. February 2019.</p> <p><i>The Immanent Frame</i>. Part of the "Modernity's Resonances" symposium. Response to Emily Ogden's <i>Credulity</i>. February 2019.</p> <p><i>The Philosophers' Cocoon</i> blog. April 2019.</p> |
| 2018 | <p>Material Mourning in the Secular Sculpture Garden.</p> | <p><i>The Immanent Frame</i>. March 2018.</p> |
| 2017 | <p>Rational Passions.</p> <p>The Trembling Hive: A New Fable of the Bees.</p> <p>The Stickiness of Classification.</p> <p>White Winter Blues.</p> <p>The Material Foucault.</p> <p>Ideology Becomes an Addiction.</p> | <p><i>Syndicate</i>. Five essays responding to five responses to <i>Religious Affects</i> from Pamela Klassen, Devin Singh, Yasemin Ural, Christopher Carter, Jason Blum. October-December 2017.</p> <p><i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, April 11, 2017.</p> |
| 2016 | <p>It's Not What You Think: Affect Theory and Power Take to the Stage.</p> <p>Trump's Evangelical Support in the Gut, Not the Theology.</p> <p>Affect Theory Is an Animalism.</p> <p>Smelling the Sacred: Better Lived Religion through Chemistry.</p> <p>On Hiroshi Watanabe.</p> <p>The Shared Fantasy of Redemptive Violence between ISIS and the</p> | <p>Duke University Press blog. February 15, 2016.</p> <p><i>Religion Dispatches</i>. March 21, 2016.</p> <p>WTF Affect. (With Maya Pindyck.) May 2016.</p> <p><i>Religion Dispatches</i>. May 24, 2016.</p> <p><i>Capilano Review</i>. 3.29.</p> <p><i>Religion Dispatches</i>. July 18, 2016.</p> |

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| | Islamophobic Right. | |
| 2015 | Dad Wanted a Boy: Feminism, Transcendence, and Cuarón's <i>Gravity</i>. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, January 30, 2015. |
| | Did Pope Francis Just Change the Course of the Science-Religion Dialogue? | <i>Religion Dispatches</i> . June 18, 2015. |
| 2014 | Partisan Science: Evolution and Creationism in Postsecular American Politics. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. April 4, 2014. |
| | Defining Postsecularism. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. April 16, 2014. |
| | <i>Calvary</i>: Imaging Postsecular Sacrifice. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. August 25, 2014. |
| 2013 | An Institution Is Not a Text: Pope Francis, Affect, and Power. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog. December 13, 2013. |
| 2012 | <i>A Separation</i>: Religion, Class, Secularism. | <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, March 30, 2012. |

Interviews

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| 2017 | Debating Religion: Science, Religion, and Reductionism. | Interview with Jessica Frazier. The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies. June 2017. |
| 2016 | Trauma Makes You: An Interview with Donovan O. Schaefer. | Interview with Nathan Rein and Matthew Sheedy. <i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> 45.2. |
| | In the Beginning Was Not the Word: Why Belief in the Primacy of Language Leads to a Misunderstanding of Richard Dawkins, Islamophobia, and Politics. | Interview with Andrew Aghapour and Michael Schulson. <i>Religion Dispatches</i> . Feb. 11, 2016. |
| | Interview with the Author: <i>Religious Affects</i>. | Interview with Tenzan Eaghll. <i>Practicum</i> blog. March 3, 2016. |
| | Writing Space Interview. | Interview with Greg Seigworth. WTF Affect. April 2016. |
| | Is Secularism a World Religion? | Interview with Christopher Cotter. <i>The Religious Studies Project</i> podcast. November 28, 2016. |
| | An Interview with Donovan Schaefer | Interview with Christian von Scheve, |

Work in Progress and under Review

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| Darwin's Orchids: Teleology, Natural Law, and the Diversity of Desire. | Under review. |
| The End of Persuasion: Common Sense, Affect, and Social Media Bubbles. | In progress. |
| Only Better Beasts: Race, Affect, and the American Controversies over Darwinism. | In progress. |
| Monograph: <i>The Wild Experiment: Feeling Science and Secularism after Darwin.</i> | In progress. |

Conference Papers

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| 2019 | The Faith of the Enlightenment: Theology, Religious Studies, and the Affective Science of Cognition. | Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. <i>Co-presenter with Simeon Zahl. Panel organizer.</i> |
| | Science as an Intoxication. | AAR, San Diego, CA. <i>Invited participant in roundtable on "Modernity's Resonances."</i> |
| | From Creationism to Climate Change Denial: An Affective Approach to Science Skepticism. | Annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Cork, Ireland. |
| 2018 | From Secular Bodies to Secular Affects: Understanding Cultures of Unbelief through Affect Theory. | Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network conference, Rome, Italy. |
| | Mere Science: Mapping the Land Bridge between Emotion, Science, and Ethics. | AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Lisa Sideris' Consecrating Science.</i> |
| | An Extension of Saturday Night: Affect, the Pornopticon, and the Downfall of Mars Hill. | AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Jessica Johnson's Biblical Porn.</i> |
| 2017 | The Codex of Feeling: Affect Theory and Ancient Texts. | AAR, Denver, CO. <i>Invited discussant for roundtable on Maia Kotrosits' Rethinking Early Christian Identity.</i> |
| | The Lust to Believe: Paranoia, Conspiracy Theory, and | AAR, Boston, MA. |

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| | Apocalypticism. | |
| | Precopulatory Sexual Cannibalism and Other Accidents: Desire, Evolution, and Natural Law. | “Religion, Society, and the Science of Life” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford. |
| 2016 | Is Secularism a World Religion? | British Association for the Study of Religion annual conference, Wolverhampton. |
| | Animal Politics: Species, Evolution, and Religious Affects. | AAR, San Antonio, TX. <i>Invited response to session on Religious Affects.</i> |
| | Only Better Beasts: An Essay on the Animality of Secularism. | “A Postsecular Age?” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford. |
| | The Mat-eriality of Matter. | Human Transcendence: Philosophies beyond Mere Materialism symposium, The Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies. |
| | Unbecoming: Considering the Bio-Logic of Affect. | Society for European Philosophy annual conference, London. |
| 2015 | Secular Animacy Hierarchies: Violence and Reason after “Faith and Knowledge.” | Re-Reading Derrida’s “Faith and Knowledge” conference, University of Nottingham. |
| | Biology, History, and Metaphysics: Science in Nineteenth-Century Christian Thought. | Dimensions in Nineteenth Century Christian Thought colloquium, Oxford. |
| | Affect and the Animality of Religion: Toward a Theory of the Waterfall Dance. | “The Human Difference?” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford. |
| | Animal Method: The Materialist Shift in Aaron S. Gross’ <i>The Question of the Animal and Religion</i>. | AAR, Atlanta, GA. |
| | Imaging Postsecular Sacrifice: <i>Calvary</i> and Economies of Attachment. | AAR, Atlanta, GA. |
| 2014 | Let’s Be Queer about Darwin: Teleology, Desire, and Religion. | “Evolution and Historical Explanation” conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford. |
| | Dad Wanted a Boy: Gender, Embodiment, and Transcendence in <i>Gravity</i> and <i>2001</i>. | AAR, San Diego, CA. |
| | Being and Noneness: Post-atheism, Religion, and the Intransigence of Data. | AAR, San Diego, CA. |

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| 2013 | <p>Heavenbeast: Affect, Accident, and Animality in Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i>.</p> <p>The Limits of the Text: Affect, Undecidability, and Embodiment in <i>Infinite Jest</i> and <i>Ulysses</i>.</p> <p>Theses on Guns, Apocalypticism, and American Religion.</p> <p>Animalism: Religion, Affect, and Non-Sovereign Bodies.</p> | <p>Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Toronto, ON.</p> <p>"Return of the Text" conference, Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.</p> <p>AAR, Baltimore, MD.</p> <p>AAR, Baltimore, MD.</p> |
| 2012 | <p>What Does It Feel Like to Be an Atheist? Affective Disciplines and Atheism after Darwin.</p> <p>Compulsory Affectivity: Affect, Animality, and the Nonhuman Turn.</p> <p>Embodied Disbelief: Poststructural Feminist Atheism.</p> | <p>AAR, Chicago, IL.</p> <p>"The Nonhuman Turn in 21st Century Studies" conference, Center for 21st Century Studies, UW-Milwaukee.</p> <p>"The Varieties of Continental Thought in Religion," Ryerson University, Toronto, ON.</p> |
| 2011 | <p>Blessed, Precious Mistakes: Deconstruction, Evolution, and the New Atheism.</p> <p>Dances of Awe: Embodiment, Affect, and the Animal Religions.</p> <p>The Irreducibility of Affect: Nietzsche, Foucault, and Frustration.</p> <p>Songs of Love and Hate: Religion, Affect, and the Park51 Controversy.</p> <p><i>Se Plastiquer</i>: Freedom and Metaphysics in Catherine Malabou's <i>What Should We Do with Our Brain?</i></p> | <p>Postmodernism, Culture, and Religion, "The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion," Syracuse University.</p> <p>"Animals as Religious Subjects" conference, European Forum for the Study of Religion and Ecology, Chester University, UK.</p> <p>Anatomy of Affect Symposium, SU Humanities Center, SU.</p> <p>"Self Among Selves: Emotion and the Common Life" conference, SU.</p> <p>Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy conference, Villanova University, Philadelphia.</p> |
| 2010 | <p>The Metaphysics of the Metaphysical: The New Age Body in <i>What the Bleep Do We Know!?</i></p> <p>Tight Genes: Feminism, Evolutionary Theory and the Dancing Religious Body.</p> | <p>Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion (AAR-EIR), University of Ottawa, Ottawa, ON.</p> <p>AAR, Atlanta, GA.</p> |

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| 2009 | Modern Society is Dead: The Politics and Poetics of Religious Nostalgia. | AAR-EIR, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY. <i>Panel organizer.</i> |
| | Love/FOXP2: Language, Genetics, and the Ethical Relation in Levinas. | AAR, Montreal, QC. |
| 2008 | Vivekananda, Müller, and <i>Ramakrishna</i>: Scholarship, Devotion, and Indian Nationalism in the Late 19th Century. | AAR-EIR, McGill University, Montreal, QC. <i>Graduate Paper Competition Prize.</i> |
| 2007 | New Critical Perspectives on Teaching World Religions. | AAR-EIR, Waterloo University, Waterloo, ON. <i>Panel organizer.</i> |
| 2006 | Resources for Theorizing an Animal-Oriented Ethics in Badiou's <i>Ethics</i>. | AAR-EIR, Laval University, Quebec City, QC. <i>Panel organizer.</i> |
| 2005 | Theoretical Foundations for a Zöocentric Ethics. | AAR-EIR, McGill University, Montreal, QC. |

Teaching Areas

Material religion; science and religion; theory and method in the study of religion; American religion; religion and film; continental philosophy of religion; religion, gender, and sexuality; religion and globalization.

Courses Taught

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| UPenn, graduate | Methods and Theories in the Study of Religion Affect Theory and Power Religion and Cinema Deleuze and Affect Theory (independent study, four students) Material Secularisms (independent study, three students) |
| UPenn, undergraduate | Science and Religion Religion and Evolution Sacred Stuff: Religious Bodies, Places, and Objects |
| Oxford, graduate | Science and Religion (seminars and tutorials) Global Christianity (tutorials) |
| Oxford, undergraduate | Religion and Religions Sociology of Religion Science and Religion Introduction to the Study of Religion Nature of Religion Psychology of Religion God, Christ, and Salvation Christian Doctrine of Creation |

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| Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford | Bridging the Two Cultures Program (tutorials) |
| Haverford College | Philosophy of Religion |
| | Religion, America, and the Science of Life |
| | Religion, Emotion, and Global Cinema |
| | Religion, Sex, and Power |
| Le Moyne College | Gender, Sexuality, and Religion |
| Syracuse University | Religions of the World |
| | The Animal Religion |

Doctoral Students (Primary Supervisor)

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| 2019–present | Kirby Sokolow | UPenn |
| 2018–present | Angela Xia | UPenn |
| 2016–present | Matthew Pritchard | Oxford |
| | Tyler Tully | Oxford |
| | Justine Ellis | Oxford |
| 2016–2017 | Francesca Po | Oxford |
| 2015–2018 | Marek Sullivan (successfully defended) | Oxford |
| 2015–present | Stefani Ruper | Oxford |

Doctoral Students (Committee Member)

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| 2019-present | Max Dugan | UPenn |
| 2016-present | Jonathan Sparks-Franklin | Indiana |
| 2019-present | Erez Golan | Columbia |
| 2018-2019 | Alex Weisberg (successfully defended) | New York Univ. |
| 2017-2018 | Susanne Kerekes (successfully defended) | UPenn |
| 2017-2018 | Venise Adjibodou (successfully defended) | UPenn |

Awards and Fellowships

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| 2019-2020 | School of Arts and Sciences Conference Support Grant for “Material Secularisms” conference (\$2000) | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2019-2020 | University Research Foundation Research Grant for “Material Secularisms” conference (\$3000) | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2019–2020 | Regional Development Grant for “Material Secularisms” conference (\$2000) | American Academy of |

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| | | Religion |
| 2018–2019 | Wolf Humanities Center Faculty Fellow | University of Pennsylvania |
| 2018–2020 | Co-investigator (with PI Simeon Zahl, Cambridge) on “Affect and Knowledge-production in Theology and Religious Studies” | Templeton World Charities Foundation (£146,313.47) |
| 2017 | Award for Excellence | University of Oxford (~£1000) |
| 2017 | Short-term Research Fellowship | Freie Universität Berlin (€2500) |
| 2017 | Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Seal of Excellence | European Commission |
| 2015 | Fellow of the Higher Education Academy | United Kingdom |
| 2013–2015 | Collaborative Research Grant (with PI John Corrigan, Florida State) “How Do We Study Religion and Emotion?” | American Academy of Religion |
| 2012–2014 | Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship | Haverford College |
| 2013 | Student Research Assistant Grant | Haverford College |
| 2010–2011 | Humanities Center Dissertation Fellow | Syracuse University (\$21,000) |
| 2010 | Certificate in University Teaching | Syracuse University |
| 2008–2010 | Teaching Fellow/Mentor | Syracuse University |
| 2009 | Outstanding TA Award | Syracuse University |
| 2008 | Graduate Paper Competition Prize | AAR-EIR Conference |
| 2007 | Summer Fellowship | Syracuse University |
| 2003–2006 | Syracuse University Fellowship | Syracuse University |
| 2001 | Belle Mulholland Memorial Prize in Religious Studies | University of British Columbia (\$500 CDN) |

Conferences, Workshops, and Other Events Organized

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| 2019 | Salvation as Affective Pedagogy in the Theology of Martin Luther. | <i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Simeon Zahl's visit to UPenn. |
| | The Politics of Modern Yoga. | <i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Andrea Jain's visit to UPenn. |
| 2018 | Once More with Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers. | <i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted at the University of Dayton, February 24-25. |
| | Charismatic Affects. | <i>Organizer and leader.</i> Workshop at the "Capacious: Affect Inquiry/Making Space" conference, August 8-11, Lancaster, PA. |
| 2017 | Religion and the Science of Life. | <i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, Oxford, July 19-22. |
| | <i>Cloud of the Impossible: Darkening Horizons, Deepening Entanglements.</i> | <i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Catherine Keller's visit to Oxford. |
| | An Introduction to the Academic Job Market. | <i>Organizer and presenter.</i> Created and led graduate student workshop for the UPenn Religious Studies Department Colloquium. |
| 2016 | A Postsecular Age? | <i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, July 27-30. |
| | Secularism and Sacrifice. | <i>Presenter and co-organizer of series of 8 seminars.</i> Interdisciplinary Seminars in the Study of Religion series. Supported by a grant won from the Ian Ramsey Centre. |
| 2015 | The Human Difference? | <i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, July 22-25. |
| | Secularism and Sacrifice: Embodied Economies of Value. | <i>Co-organizer.</i> Panel for the Philosophy of Religion group of the American Academy of Religion for the 2015 annual meeting. |
| | On Hunting. | <i>Organizer.</i> |

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| 2014 | Visceral Nation: Religion/Affect in Postsecular America. | Coordinated guest speaker Kevin Lewis O'Neill's visit to University of Oxford. <i>Organizer.</i> Symposium at Haverford College, March 28. |
| | On Not Settling for an Abridged Edition of Postmodernism. | <i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker John D. Caputo's visit to Haverford College. |
| 2013 | Religion, Affect and Emotion Group. | <i>Founder.</i> Created new program unit at American Academy of Religion. Granted permanent unit status January 2018. |
| | Affect, Transcendence, Citizenship: Sensing Religion in <i>Children of Men</i>. | <i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker M. Gail Hamner's visit to Haverford College. |
| 2012 | Embodied Pedagogy: Affect in the Classroom. | <i>Organizer & presenter.</i> Graduate workshop for the SU Religion Department, March 23, 2012. |
| | The Affective Turn in Religious Studies. | <i>Organizer & presenter.</i> Exploratory Session at AAR (four-paper panel). |
| 2011 | The Anatomy of Affect: New Approaches to Embodied Emotion. | <i>Organizer.</i> Symposium at the SU Humanities Center, April 2011. Speakers: Kimerer LaMothe, Karmen MacKendrick, M. Gail Hamner, Donovan Schaefer. |
| | Embodied Pedagogy. | <i>Organizer & presenter.</i> Graduate workshop for the SU Religion Department, April 4, 2011. |
| 2006 | The Role of the Scholar of Religion in the Public Sphere. | <i>Organizer, moderator.</i> Religion Graduate Students Organization Bi-Annual Retreat. Syracuse, NY, May 2006. |

Professional Service

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| 2019 | Selection Committee. | <i>Selection committee for Society for the Study of Affect Summer School.</i> |
| 2018-present | <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion.</i> | <i>Editorial board.</i> |
| 2016-present | <i>Capacious: The Journal for Emerging Affect Inquiry.</i> | <i>Editorial board.</i> |

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| 2015-2017 | The Oxford Theologian alumni magazine. | <i>Managing editor.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford. |
| 2015-2017 | B.A. Theology and Religion Board of Examiners. | <i>Examiner.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion. |
| 2015-2017 | Master of Studies in Study of Religion Board of Examiners. | <i>Examiner</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion. |
| 2015-2017 | Study of Religion Group. | <i>Secretary.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion. |
| 2015-2017 | Post-Graduate Diploma Program. | <i>Director of Studies.</i> Faculty of Theology and Religion. |
| 2014-present | Animals and Religion Unit. | <i>Steering Committee Member.</i> American Academy of Religion. |
| 2013-present | Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit. | <i>Co-chair and co-founder.</i> American Academy of Religion. |
| 2011 | Humanities Dissertation Fellow Selection Committee. | <i>Graduate Representative.</i> Syracuse University Humanities Center. |
| 2010-2011 | Promotion and Tenure Committee. | <i>Graduate Representative.</i> College of Arts and Sciences, SU. |
| 2010-2011 | Faculty Search (Cont. Phil. of Religion – Asst. Professor) | <i>Graduate Representative.</i> Department of Religion, SU. |
| 2010-2013 | Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory. | <i>Assistant Editor.</i> |
| 2009-present | Bulletin for the Study of Religion. | <i>Associate Editor.</i> |
| 2008-2011 | The Graduate School, Syracuse University. | <i>Teaching Fellow (later “Teaching Mentor”).</i> (Fellowship that organizes TA Orientation Program for new TAs.) |
| 2005-2006 | Graduate Admissions Committee. | <i>Graduate Representative.</i> SU Department of Religion. |
| 2005-2006 | SU Religion Grad Students Organization. | <i>Co-president.</i> |

Service to the University of Pennsylvania

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| 2018-2019 | Global Christianity Faculty Search. | <i>Selection committee for Department of Religious Studies.</i> |
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| 2018-2019 | Graduate Selection Committee. | <i>Selection committee for Department of Religious Studies.</i> |
| 2018-2019 | Fellows Selection Committee. | <i>Wolf Humanities Center.</i> |
| 2018 | What Is Religion (and How Do We Study It)? | <i>Invited faculty lecture, April 19.</i> Quaker Days Collegepalooza. |
| | Interviewing for Faculty Jobs. | <i>Invited panelist, October 15.</i> Penn Career Services. |
| | Race, Rights, and Religion Conference. | <i>Session chair and moderator, April 20.</i> |
| 2017-2018 | Graduate selection committee. | <i>Selection committee for Department of Religious Studies.</i> |
| 2017 | Panel on “Clash of Art and Science? Unexpected Unions.” | <i>Invited panelist, October 26.</i> CURF Undergraduate Advisory Board. |

Journals and Publishers Served as Peer Reviewer

Journal of the American Academy of Religion
Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
Capacious
Hypatia
Secularism and Nonreligion
Philosophy, Theology, and the Sciences
Feminist Scholarship
Political Theology
Feminist Studies
Journal of Religious History
Early American Studies
 Duke University Press
 Routledge

Professional Memberships

- American Academy of Religion
- North American Association for the Study of Religion
- Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network
- International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
- European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment
- Theta Chi Beta

Research Languages

Reading level French, German, and Japanese

Citizenship

Dual: Canadian & US

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