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Positions Held

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

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

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. 75 pp. ISBN 9781108765343.
2015	<i>Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power.</i> Reprint 2016. Reviewed in <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Cultural Studies,</i>	Duke University Press. 304 + xi pp. ISBN 0822359901.

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.

Journal Articles

2019	Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Rhetoric of Donald Trump.	<i>Journal of Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies</i> . DOI 10.1080/14791420.2019.1667503. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .
	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> . (Invited contribution to symposium on Jessica Johnson's <i>Biblical Porn</i> .)
	The Secular Twist: Nonreligion in the World Religions Classroom.	<i>Implicit Religion</i> . 22.1: 86-93. (Invited response to symposium on my podcast with <i>The Religious Studies Project</i> "Is Secularism a World Religion?")
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. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .
	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. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .
	Embodied Disbelief: Poststructural Feminist Atheism.	<i>Hypatia</i> 29.2: 371-387. <i>Peer reviewed</i> .

	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.
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. <i>Peer reviewed.</i>

Book Chapters

2019	The Secular Experiment: Science, Feeling, and Atheist Apocalypticism.	In: <i>Affect and Emotion in Multi-Religious Secular Societies</i> . von Scheve, Christian, Anna Lea Berg, Meike Haken, and Nur Yasemin Ural, ed. Routledge. ISBN 9780815354345. pp. 211-227. <i>Invited chapter.</i>
	The Animality of Affect: Religion, Emotion, and Power.	In: <i>Religion, Emotion, Sensation: Affect Theories and Theologies</i> . Bray, Karen, and Stephen D. Moore, ed. Fordham University Press. ISBN 9780815354345. pp. 19-37. <i>Invited chapter (peer-reviewed).</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

2020	Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.	University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Sensory Cultures of Religion, Fourth Annual Graduate Conference. <i>Keynote address, forthcoming.</i>
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2019	From Creationism to Climate Change Denial: An Affective Approach to Science Skepticism.	Australian Catholic University. <i>Public lecture.</i>
	Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.	Macquarie University, Faithful Bodies: Affect Theory and Religion symposium. <i>Keynote address.</i>
	Feeling Faithless: Taking the Affective Turn in Secularism Studies.	Australian National University, Sacred Histories symposium. <i>Keynote address.</i>
	The Lust to Believe: Affect, Conspiracy Theory, and Race.	Australian Catholic University, Affect, Politics, and Knowledge workshop. <i>Invited speaker.</i>
	Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Alt-Right in the Age of Trump.	University of Toronto, Centre for Diaspora and Transnational Studies. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	Only Better Beasts: Emotion, Material Religion, and the Scopes Trial.	Georgetown University, Religion, Politics, and Culture Workshop. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	Affects and Publics.	Lehigh University, "Religion and Its Many American Publics." <i>Invited symposium participant.</i>
	Parochial Enchantment: The Affects and Ethics of <i>Vibrant Matter</i>.	Union Theological Seminary, Insight Project Colloquium. <i>Invited symposium participant.</i>
	The Sentiments of Rationality: Feeling, Science, and Secularism after Darwin.	University of Oxford, Faculty of Theology and Religion. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	The Sentiments of Rationality: Feeling, Science, and Secularism after Darwin.	University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity. <i>Invited lecture.</i>
	Desire, Power, and Digital Media.	UPenn, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, South x Southeast Conference. <i>Invited respondent.</i>
	The Materiality of Choice.	UPenn, Wolf Humanities Seminar on "Stuff." <i>Invited respondent to Sophia Rosenfeld.</i>
	Affect and Objects.	UPenn, Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Sites of Passage: Domestic Materials in Jewish Contexts. <i>Invited respondent.</i>
2018	Whiteness and Civilization: Shame, Race, and the Alt-Right in the Age of Trump.	Lancaster, PA, "Capacious: Affect Inquiry/Making Space." <i>Plenary speaker.</i>
	The Wild Experiment: Emotion,	University of Dayton, "Once More

2017

Science, and Secularism.

with Feeling: Affect and the God of the Philosophers” conference. *Invited speaker.*

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

Bucknell University. *Invited lecture.*

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

Albright College. *Invited lecture.*

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, and Bryn Mawr College, TriCo Religion Senior Colloquium. *Daylong visiting scholar event.*

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”

2016

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

symposium. *Invited respondent.*

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

Freie Universität Berlin. *Invited lecture.*

Rethinking Science and Religion.

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

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

North London Collegiate School, "Creation: A Dialogue between Science and Religion," interfaith conference. *Plenary speaker.*

You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.

Drew University Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, "Affectivity and Divinity." Drew University. *Plenary speaker.*

The Wild Experiment: Emotion, Secularism, and the Limits of Science.

Society for the Study of Christian Ethics annual conference, Cambridge University. *Plenary speaker.*

Secular Affects: Emotional Elements of Religion and Non-Religion.

Science and Religion Forum, Birmingham. *Plenary speaker.*

It's Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism.

"Inside Out: Affect(s) in Multi-Religious Secular Societies," Freie Universität Berlin. *Plenary speaker.*

It's Not What You Think: Affect, Politics, and American Racism.

Georgetown University. *Invited lecture.*

You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.

Emory University, Oxford College. *Invited lecture.*

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. *Invited lecture.*

You Don't Know What Pain Is: Affect, Animal Religion, and the Violence of Confinement.

University of Florida. *Invited lecture.*

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

Wesleyan University. *Invited lecture.*

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

Sewanee University. *Invited lecture.*

2015

Beautiful Facts: Secularism, Religion, and Affects.

Syracuse University. *Invited lecture.*

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>
	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

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>Secularism and Nonreligion.</i> 4.9.

	<i>Belief without Borders: Inside the Minds of the Spiritual but Not Religious.</i>	
2011	On Dictionaryism: The Good News and Maledictions of Religious Literacy.	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> . 40.2. (Review of Stephen Prothero's <i>God Is Not One</i> .)
2009	The Shape of the Field: Bruce Lincoln's <i>Discourse and the Construction of Society</i>.	<i>Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin</i> . 38.3.

Selected Online Writings

2019	The Codex of Feeling: Affect Theory and Ancient Texts.	<i>Ancient Jew Review</i> . January 2019.
	The Face of the Sovereign.	<i>Political Theology</i> . February 2019.
	<i>Credulity</i>, or Science as an Intoxication	<i>The Immanent Frame</i> . Part of the "Modernity's Resonances" symposium. Response to Emily Ogden's <i>Credulity</i> . February 2019.
	The Monograph as Laboratory	<i>The Philosophers' Cocoon</i> blog. April 2019.
2018	Material Mourning in the Secular Sculpture Garden.	<i>The Immanent Frame</i> . March 2018.
2017	Rational Passions.	<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.
	The Trembling Hive: A New Fable of the Bees.	
	The Stickiness of Classification.	
	White Winter Blues.	
	The Material Foucault.	
	Ideology Becomes an Addiction.	<i>Bulletin for the Study of Religion</i> blog, April 11, 2017.
2016	It's Not What You Think: Affect Theory and Power Take to the Stage.	Duke University Press blog. February 15, 2016.
	Trump's Evangelical Support in the Gut, Not the Theology.	<i>Religion Dispatches</i> . March 21, 2016.
	Affect Theory Is an Animalism.	WTF Affect. (With Maya Pindyck.) May 2016.
	Smelling the Sacred: Better Lived Religion through Chemistry.	<i>Religion Dispatches</i> . May 24, 2016.

	On Hiroshi Watanabe.	<i>Capilano Review</i> . 3.29.
	The Shared Fantasy of Redemptive Violence between ISIS and the Islamophobic Right.	<i>Religion Dispatches</i> . July 18, 2016.
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

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.

**An Interview with Donovan Schaefer
on Religious Affects.**

November 28, 2016.

Interview with Christian von Scheve,
Freie Universität Berlin. November 28,
2016.

Conference Papers

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 Zabl. 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.
	From Secular Bodies to Secular Affects: Understanding Cultures of Unbelief through Affect Theory.	Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network conference, Rome, Italy.
	Feeling Is Believing: Emotion Science, Cognition, and Religion.	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO. <i>Invited panel participant.</i>
2018	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>
	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>
2017	The Lust to Believe: Paranoia, Conspiracy Theory, and Apocalypticism.	AAR, Boston, MA.
	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.
2013	Heavenbeast: Affect, Accident, and Animality in Joyce’s <i>Ulysses</i>.	Annual Meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Toronto, ON.
	The Limits of the Text: Affect, Undecidability, and Embodiment in <i>Infinite Jest</i> and <i>Ulysses</i>.	“Return of the Text” conference, Le Moyne College and Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.
	Theses on Guns, Apocalypticism, and American Religion.	AAR, Baltimore, MD.

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

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

Doctoral Students (Primary Supervisor)

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)

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

2019–2020	School of Arts and Sciences Conference Support Grant for “Material Secularisms” conference	University of Pennsylvania (\$2000)
2019–2020	University Research Foundation Research Grant for “Material Secularisms” conference	UPenn (\$3000)
2019–2020	Regional Development Grant for “Material Secularisms” conference	American Academy of Religion (\$2000)
2018–2019	Wolf Humanities Center Faculty Fellow	UPenn
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	American

2012–2014	Corrigan, Florida State) “How Do We Study Religion and Emotion?”	Academy of Religion
2013	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship	Haverford College
2010–2011	Student Research Assistant Grant	Haverford College
2010	Humanities Center Dissertation Fellow	Syracuse University (\$21,000)
2008–2010	Certificate in University Teaching	Syracuse University
2009	Teaching Fellow/Mentor	Syracuse University
2008	Outstanding TA Award	Syracuse University
2007	Graduate Paper Competition Prize	AAR-EIR Conference
2003–2006	Summer Fellowship	Syracuse University
2001	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

2020	Material Secularisms.	<i>Co-organizer.</i> Designed and implemented 2.5-day symposium at UPenn.
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-

2017	<p>Religion and the Science of Life.</p> <p><i>Cloud of the Impossible: Darkening Horizons, Deepening Entanglements.</i></p> <p>An Introduction to the Academic Job Market.</p>	<p>11, Lancaster, PA.</p> <p><i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, Oxford, July 19-22.</p> <p><i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Catherine Keller's visit to Oxford.</p> <p><i>Organizer and presenter.</i> Created and led graduate student workshop for the UPenn Religious Studies Department Colloquium.</p>
2016	<p>A Postsecular Age?</p> <p>Secularism and Sacrifice.</p>	<p><i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, July 27-30.</p> <p><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.</p>
2015	<p>The Human Difference?</p> <p>Secularism and Sacrifice: Embodied Economies of Value.</p> <p>On Hunting.</p>	<p><i>Co-organizer.</i> Conference hosted by the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, July 22-25.</p> <p><i>Co-organizer.</i> Panel for the Philosophy of Religion group of the American Academy of Religion for the 2015 annual meeting.</p> <p><i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker Kevin Lewis O'Neill's visit to University of Oxford.</p>
2014	<p>Visceral Nation: Religion/Affect in Postsecular America.</p> <p>On Not Settling for an Abridged Edition of Postmodernism.</p>	<p><i>Organizer.</i> Symposium at Haverford College, March 28.</p> <p><i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker John D. Caputo's visit to Haverford College.</p>
2013	<p>Religion, Affect and Emotion Group.</p> <p>Affect, Transcendence, Citizenship: Sensing Religion in <i>Children of Men</i>.</p>	<p><i>Founder.</i> Created new program unit at American Academy of Religion. Granted permanent unit status January 2018.</p> <p><i>Organizer.</i> Coordinated guest speaker M. Gail Hamner's visit to Haverford College.</p>

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

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>
2013-2018	Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit.	<i>Steering committee member.</i> American Academy of Religion.
2016-present	<i>Capacious: The Journal for Emerging Affect Inquiry.</i>	<i>Editorial board.</i>
2015-2017	<i>The Oxford Theologian</i> 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.

2013-2018	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

2018-2019	Global Christianity Faculty Search.	<i>Selection committee for Department of Religious Studies.</i>
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
Religion Compass
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
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 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