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**Education:**

Emory University  
Ph.D., with distinction, Historical Studies, Graduate Division of Religion

Harvard Divinity School  
M.T.S., concentration in Religion and Culture

Georgetown University  
B.A., *magna cum laude*, Theology Major, Religion and Culture concentration

**Teaching Experience:**

North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC (2012-present)  
Associate Professor of Religious Studies, School of Humanities  
Religious Studies Program Coordinator  
Academic Director, Youth Theology Institute  
*Introduction to Religion, Old Testament, New Testament, Religion in U.S. Culture, Christian Ethics, Contemporary Christian Thought, Indigenous Religions of the Americas, Sacred Art, Church History I and II, Professional and Business Ethics, Seminar in Religion and Philosophy*

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC (Summer, 2015)  
Instructor - *Church History and Leadership: Ministry from the Apostolic Age to the Dawn of Modernity*

Craven Community College, New Bern, NC (2010-2012)  
Instructor – *World Religions*  
Instructor – *Introduction to Ethics*

Southern Catholic College, Dawsonville, GA (2006-2010)  
Department of History  
*World Religions, American Indian Religions, American Religious History, Introduction to Judaism, Introduction to Islam, U.S. Politics, History of the South, Western Civilization I and II*

Peace College, Raleigh, NC (Fall 2007)  
Instructor – *American Religious History*

Emory University, Atlanta, GA (2003-2005)  
Candler School of Theology  
Instructor – *Christian Heritage, Early and Medieval* (Spring 2004)  
Teaching Associate – *Introduction to Christian Thought* (Spring 2003, 2004, 2005)  
Department of Religion  
Instructor – *Introduction to American Religious History* (Fall 2005)  
Co-instructor – *Introduction to American Religious History* (Fall 2004)

Teaching Assistant – *Death and Dying in America* (Fall 2003)

Duke University, Continuing Education Program

Instructor – *Beyond the Bible Belt – Religion in the South* (Fall 2007)

#### Online Teaching Experience:

North Carolina Wesleyan College (2012-present)

Instructor – *Introduction to Religion, Profession and Business Ethics*

Grand Canyon University (2009-2012)

Instructor – *World Religions, History of Japan*

Craven Community College (2010-2012)

Instructor – *World Religions, Introduction to Ethics*

#### **Publications:**

##### Book:

*Southern Cross, Southern Crucifix: Protestant-Catholic Relations in the Old South*. University of Alabama Press, 2012.

##### Articles:

“Joseph Smith,” in *The Rutledge Encyclopedia of Mormonism*. Forthcoming.

“Author Reflection,” *Journal of Southern Religion* (18) (2016)

“Narratives of Persecution: History and Mythology,” *History of Christianity* (online, September, 2014)

“Roman Catholicism: Catholics in the Atlantic Colonies,” *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, Charles Lippy and Peter Williams, eds. (CQ Press, 2010)

“Southern Harmony: Catholic-Protestant Relations in the Antebellum South,” *Religion and American Culture* (September, 2007)

“Menerva Carcaño,” “Laura Haygood,” “Ruby Modesto,” “Aurelia Rogers,” “Maria Solares,” and “Emmeline Wells,” *The Westminster Handbook to Women in American Religious History*, Susan Lindley and Eleanor Stebner, eds. (Westminster John Knox Press, 2008)

“Elizabethan Catholicism as a Model of Syncretic Pluralism,” *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa*, 2001

##### Book reviews:

Review of Gracjan Kraszewski, *Catholic Confederates: Faith and Duty in the Civil War South* (Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 2020), in the *Journal of American History*

Review of Robert Emmett Curran, *For Church and Confederacy: The Lynches of South Carolina* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2019), in the *Journal of Southern Religion*, April, 2020

Review of Mark Newman, *Desegregating Dixie: The Catholic Church in the South and Desegregation, 1945-1992* (Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 2018), in *Church History*, June, 2019

Review of Adam Tate, *Catholics' Lost Cause: South Carolina Catholics and the American South, 1820-1861* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2018), in *American Catholic Studies*, Fall, 2019

Review of David C.R. Heisser and Stephen J. White, Sr, *Patrick Lynch, 1817-1882: Third Catholic Bishop of Charleston* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2015), in *The Journal of Southern Religion*, Fall, 2015

Review of Bryan Giemza, *Irish Catholic Writers and the Invention of the American South* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2013), in *The Journal of Southern Religion*, Fall, 2014

Review of Timothy Wesley, *The Politics of Faith During the Civil War* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State

University Press, 2012), in *The Catholic Historical Review*, Summer, 2014  
Review of Peter Gardella, *American Angels: Useful Spirits in the Material World* (Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2007), in *The Journal of American History*, September, 2008  
Review of John Dichtl, *Frontiers of Faith: Bringing Catholicism to the West in the Early Republic* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky), in *Ohio Valley History*, Fall, 2008  
Review of Debby Applegate, *The Most Famous Man in America: The Biography of Henry Ward Beecher* (New York: Doubleday, 2006), in *The Christian Century*, October 17, 2006

### **Conference Papers:**

“Care for ‘Our Common Home’: Laudato Si’ and the Catholic Ecological Tradition,” American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Annual Meeting, March, 2022.  
“Reconciling to the Reformation: Catholic Understandings of the Reformation after 500 Years,” Legacy of the Reformation Conference, Liberty University, September, 2017.  
“Scarlett O’Hara and Pauline Heyward: Catholic Confederates in History and Imagination,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, October, 2010  
*Charity and Authority: Women Religious in the Old South*, Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, March, 2008  
“When in Rome...”: *American Protestant Encounters with European Catholicism in the Early Nineteenth Century*, American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, January, 2008.  
“Those Ministering Angels”: *Catholic Women Religious in Antebellum America*, Conference on the History of Women Religious, University of Notre Dame, June, 2007  
*Southern Harmony: Catholicism and Freedom in the Antebellum South*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2005  
*Princes of the Church, Champions of Dixie: Catholic Leadership and Integration in the Antebellum South*, Florida State University Religion Symposium, April, 2005  
*Southern Cross, Southern Crucifix: Catholic-Protestant Relations in the Antebellum South*, Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, March, 2005

### **Grants and Honors:**

Sharp Religion in Life Lecture, Barton College (2021)  
Wilkinson Professional Development Award (2019)  
Mauldin Professional Development Fund Award (2016)  
Lilly Endowment Grant to establish a Youth Theology Institute (2015)  
Council of Independent Colleges “Teaching Interfaith Understanding” seminar participant (2013)  
University of Alabama Press McMillan Prize for Southern History (2012)  
*In Trust* Writer Workshop participant (2007-2010)  
A. Worley Brown Southern Studies Dissertation Fellowship (2006-2007)  
Filson Historical Society of Louisville research grant (2005)  
Emory University travel grants for summer research (2003-2006)  
Slovak Seminar on the Free Society grant to attend summer conference in Bratislava (2003)  
Harvard University Divinity School Baker-Martin Scholarship  
Georgetown University Brennan Medal for most outstanding student of Theology  
Theta Alpha Kappa (National Religious Studies Honor Society)  
Phi Beta Kappa

### **Additional Professional Service:**

North Carolina Wesleyan College  
Religious Studies Program Coordinator (2012-) – scheduled all Religious Studies courses, selected textbooks, credentialed and supervised adjunct instructors.  
Chair of Faculty Council (2020-2021)  
T.L.C. Advisory Group (2017-)

Honors Program Committee (2017-)  
Study Abroad Coordinator (2016-) – directed college’s study abroad programs  
Technology Committee (2015-)  
ASPIRE Advisory Committee (2014-)  
Faculty Council (2014-17, 2019-)  
Professional Development Committee (2013-15)  
Curriculum Committee (2013-14)

Southern Catholic College  
Retention Committee (2008-2010)  
Faculty sponsor, student government (2008-2010)

Emory University  
Candler School of Theology Writing Center (2002-2004): Assisted international students with term papers and other written assignments.  
Editor, Women’s Genre Fiction Project, Woodruff Library Center for Technology Initiatives, Emory University (2003-2004): Selected, digitally converted, proofread, and encoded nineteenth century genre fiction from Woodruff Library special collections.

American Society of Church History  
Executive Council (2011-2014)

Peer reviewer for *The Georgia Historical Quarterly*, *The Journal of the Early Republic*, *American Catholic Studies*, and *Practical Matters*

### **Research Experience:**

Research Assistant to Dr. E. Brooks Holifield, Emory University, for a project on the clergy in American history (Fall 2002-Spring 2004), published as *God’s Ambassadors: A History of the Christian Clergy in America*. New York: Eerdmans, 2007.

Research Assistant to Dr. Edith Turner at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University for a project on religion and urban healing (Fall 2001)

Research Assistant to Dr. Julie Nelson at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life, Harvard University for a project on feminism, religion, and economics (Spring 2001), published as *Economics for Humans*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2006.

### **Professional Organizations:**

American Academy of Religion  
American Society of Church History  
Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion