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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, Theology and Peace Studies, <i>with distinction</i>	2017
M.T.S. Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Ethics and Society, <i>first honors</i>	2012
B.A. Azusa Pacific University, Biblical Studies and Theology, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2005

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024– Associate Professor of Ethics, Virginia Theological Seminary  
2024– Director of the Saint Nicholas Center for Faith and Justice, Virginia Theological Seminary  
2020–2024 Assistant Professor in the Practice of Theology and Ethics, Candler School of Theology, Emory University  
2018–2024 Director of Formation Communities, Candler School of Theology, Emory University  
2017–2020 Postdoctoral Fellow, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

## GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTED)

2023–2024 Scholarly Writing and Publishing Fund Award, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University, \$3,000  
2023–2024 Candler Teaching and Research Award, Emory University, \$2,725.95  
2021–2023 Formation Communities scaling grant, The William I. H. and Lula E. Pitts Foundation, \$190,000  
2019–2022 “Political Theology Network,” The Luce Foundation, steering committee member and grant drafting committee, \$350,000  
2019–2022 “Forming Christian Conflict Workers,” The Louisville Institute, co–project director with Ellen Ott Marshall for a Collaborative Inquiry Team Grant, \$45,000  
2018–2020 Postdoctoral Fellowship, The Louisville Institute  
2018 Religion and Its Publics Emerging Scholars Workshop, University of Virginia  
2016–2017 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The Louisville Institute  
2014–2016 Doctoral Fellowship, The Louisville Institute  
2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Notre Dame  
2013–2014 Mullen Family Fellowship, University of Notre Dame  
2012–2017 Kroc Excellence Scholarship, University of Notre Dame  
2012 Founder’s Medal for First Honors, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
2009–2012 Carpenter Scholarship, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
2005 Paul and Marie Ronald Most Outstanding Graduating Senior, Azusa Pacific University  
2005 Most Outstanding Theology Major, Azusa Pacific University

2001–2005 Board of Trustees Fellowship, Azusa Pacific University

## BOOK

- 2019 *¡Presente! Nonviolent Politics and the Resurrection of the Dead* (Washington DC: Georgetown University Press).  
Reviewed in: [Christian Century](#), [Horizons](#), [Journal of Religious Ethics](#), [Journal of Social Encounters](#), [Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics](#), [Peace & Change](#), [Reading Religion](#), [Studies in Christian Ethics](#), [Syndicate Network](#)

## PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024 “Apocalyptic Praxis in Apocalyptic praxis in Evagrius of Pontus and Francis of Assisi,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0036930624000279>.
- 2022 “A Spirituality of Conflict Work: Impasse, Apophasis, Imitatio,” *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* <https://doi.org/10.1353/scs.2022.0036>.
- 2021 “Nonviolent Struggle between Norm and Technique,” *Journal of International Political Theory* <https://doi.org/10.1177/17550882211039747>.
- 2021 “The Lure of the Apocalypse: Ecology, Ethics, and the End of the World,” *Studies in Christian Ethics* <https://doi.org/10.1177/09539468211031352>.
- 2021 “Becoming Allies: Friends, Enemies, and the End of the World at Camp Oceti Sakowin,” *Practical Matters Journal* <http://practicalmattersjournal.org/2021/05/06/becoming-allies/>.
- 2021 “Redemption Contests: The Presence of the Dead and Imperial Salvation,” *Social Analysis* <https://doi.org/10.3167/sa.2020.640406>.
- 2019 “Nonviolence as a Tradition of Moral Praxis,” *Expositions* <https://expositions.journals.villanova.edu/article/view/2487/2441>.
- 2019 “Mourning the Dead, Following the Living,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* <https://doi.org/10.1111/jore.12279>.
- 2019 “Conflict as Communion: Toward an Agonistic Ecclesiology,” *Journal of Anglican Studies* <http://doi.org/10.1017/S1740355319000135>.
- 2018 “Taking a Stand (or a Seat) in the Peace Studies Classroom,” *Peace Review* <https://doi.org/10.1080/10402659.2018.1495865>.
- 2018 “Lovers of God’s Law: The Politics of the Higher Law and the Ethics of Civil Disobedience,” *Political Theology* <https://doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2018.1467662>.

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER ESSAYS

- 2024 “Response: Or, Affective and Somatic Reading Field Notes; Or, Prefatory Exhortations on How to Read this Special Issue on Theological Ethnography and Genre,” *Ecclesial Practices* <https://doi.org/10.1163/22144471-20240107>.
- 2021 “Introduction: Finding God in the Fieldnotes,” with Jon Kara Shields for a co-edited special issue of *Ecclesial Practices* <https://doi.org/10.1163/22144471-bja10009>.
- 2020 “My Grandmother’s Oil Well” in *Words for a Dying World: Stories of Grief and Courage from the Global Church* (London: SCM Press).
- 2020 “Translating Paulo Freire,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* <https://doi.org/10.2979/jfemistudreli.36.1.21>.

- 2020 “Viral Sovereignty,” *Political Theology*  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2020.1754059>.
- 2019 “Counting on Apocalypse,” *The Other Journal*  
<https://theotherjournal.com/2019/11/04/counting-on-apocalypse/>.
- 2019 “Taking a Stand (or a Seat) in the Peace Studies Classroom,” in *Teaching Peace and War: Pedagogy and Curricula* (New York: Routledge).
- 2019 “How Long O Lord? Lamentation and Political Agency,” in *Bridging Scripture and Moral Theology: Essays in Dialogue with Yiu Sing Lúcas Chan, S.J.* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books).

## REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS

- 2023 “Anti-Black Original Sin and the Unnarratable Catastrophe of Modernity,” an interview with Andrew Kaplan, *Political Theology Network*  
<https://politicaltheology.com/anti-black-original-sin-and-the-unnarratable-catastrophe-of-modernity/>.
- 2021 Review of Méadhbh McIvor, *Representing God: Christian Legal Activism in Contemporary England*, in *Religion and Its Publics* <http://relpubs.as.virginia.edu/representing-god-christian-legal-activism-in-contemporary-england-a-review-by-kyle-b-t-lambelet/>.
- 2020 “Being ¡Presente! An Interview with Diana Taylor,” in *Political Theology*  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1462317X.2020.1861174>.
- 2019 “Sanctuary in a Small Southern City: An Interview with Anton Maisonet-Flores,” in the *Radical History Review* <https://doi.org/10.1215/01636545-7607896>.
- 2019 Review of Lilian Calles Barger, *The World Come of Age*, in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfz020>.
- 2017 Review of Cathleen Kaveny, *Prophecy without Contempt: Religious Discourse in the Public Square*, in the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*  
<http://doi.org/10.1353/sce.2017.0043>.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*To Renounce the World: Apocalyptic Praxis for a Climate Changed Planet* (book manuscript, three of eight chapters drafted)

Abstract: Discourse about climate change often veers toward the apocalyptic, and uses the intensity of this strange, dangerous language to goad emergency action. Yet this intensity often has unexpected consequences as some respond by simply throwing up their hands in resignation to the dawning reality that there is nothing we can do. My book engages this whiplash of agency to suggest that apocalyptic praxis—modes of living forged in the ending of worlds—offers tools and resources for enabling meaningful, creaturely agency in the Anthropocene.

“Acts of God? Divine violence, climate catastrophe, and the end of the world” (given as a paper at the Society of Christian Ethics, revising for submission)

## INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Careful Struggle: A Call Beyond Contingency,” Political Theology Network conference plenary panel, Pendle Hill (September)

- 2021 “Liturgical Protest: From Ft. Benning to Ferguson,” Curran Center for American Catholic Studies, Fordham University (March)
- 2020 “Ecoapocalypse Now!?” Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, Florida State University (April – Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Featured author, Moral Theology Colloquium, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame (March – Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Religion and Social Movements with Ruth Braunstein, Villanova Political Theology Project, Villanova University (February)
- 2019 “¡Presente! The UCA Martyrs after 30 years,” Department of Theology, Office of Campus Ministry, Office of Mission, Saint Louis University (November)
- 2019 “Following the Martyrs,” Graduate Theology Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies, Duke University (November)
- 2019 “Nonviolent Praxis: Scholarship and Practice,” Peace and Justice Studies Program, Pace University (October)
- 2019 “Nonviolent struggle between norm and technique,” Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Colloquium, Graduate Department of Religion, Emory University (March)
- 2017 “Communities of Resistance: The Power of Nonviolence in a Context of Pluralism,” Peace Research and Education Seminar, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (May)
- 2015 “A Dark Theme Revisited: Reading John Howard Yoder’s Sexualized Violence,” with Brian Hamilton, Moral Theology Colloquium, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame (March)

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Anglican Ethics from the Messy Middle,” Anglican Ethics Interest Group, Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (January)
- 2023 “‘indifferent to every created thing’ Vicious Care, Indifference to Man, and the Possibilities of Freedom Amid Catastrophe,” Spiritualities of Renunciation and Care Stream, Political Theology Network conference (September)
- 2022 Panelist for “Moral and Spiritual Formation in Institutions,” Contemplative Ethics Interest Group, Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (January)
- 2022 Panelist for “Moral Authority and the Church: an Anglican Way?” Anglican Theological Ethics Interest Group, Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (January)
- 2022 Conversation with an author, Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (January)
- 2021 Panelist for “Publishing Roundtable,” Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November)
- 2020 Panelist for “Political Theology and the Pandemic,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (December)
- 2020 Respondent to Authors and Critics panel on *¡Presente!* Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (December)
- 2020 “Acts of God? Divine violence, climate catastrophe, and the end of the world,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (January)
- 2019 “Teaching in Times of Crisis: Practices and Promises of Liberative Pedagogies,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November)

- 2019 “Counting on Apocalypse,” Conference of the Political Theology Network (October)
- 2019 “Transdisciplinarity: The Elephant in the Room,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (March)
- 2019 “¡Presente! Liturgical Protest and Practical Reason,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (January)
- 2018 “The End is Nigh! Taking Ecoapocalyptic Talk Seriously,” Inaugural conference of the Political Theology Network, Emory University (February)
- 2018 “Just Peacemaking: Practices, Norms and Ends after Twenty-five Years,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (January)
- 2017 “Lovers of God’s Law: Politics of the Higher Law and Ethics of Civil Disobedience,” Annual Meeting of the Fellowship for Protestant Ethics (June)
- 2017 “A Just War on Climate Change?” Annual Convention of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Moral Theology Group (June)
- 2017 “Strategic Nonviolence and the Eclipse of Ethics,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Peace Studies Group (February)
- 2017 “Conflict and Communion: Anglicanism’s Crisis as Transformative Opportunity,” World without End: The New Shape of World Christianity, Georgetown College (January)
- 2016 “Iconography of Peace: Motivating Movement Participation through Rituals of Lament,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November)
- 2016 “Mourning the Dead, Following the Living: Exemplary Dead and Charismatic Leadership,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November)
- 2016 “How Long O Lord? Lamentation and Political Agency,” Biblical Ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Marquette University (April)
- 2015 “Crossing the line: Liturgical Protest and the Tasks of Deliberation,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November)
- 2015 “Gospel Obedience: Transgression, Affirmation and Appropriation of the Law at the Gates of Fort Benning,” Beyond Boundaries: Shifting Dynamics in Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Notre Dame (November)
- 2015 “Strategic Nonviolence and the Eclipse of Ethics” Annual Conference of the Peace and Justice Studies Association (October)
- 2014 “How Long O Lord? Practices of Lamentation and the Restoration of Political Agency,” Duke Graduate Conference in Theology, Duke Divinity School (October)
- 2014 “¡Presente!: Eschatological Memories and Political Praxis,” Eschatology and Moral Order, University of Chicago (March)
- 2013 “Human Rights in Pacem in Terris: Universal Order, Lingua Franca, Unicorn, or Diagnostic Tool?” Conference on the Catholic Social Tradition, University of Notre Dame (March)

#### POPULAR PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- [“Whose Apocalypse?”](#) *Political Theology Network* (2023)
- [“Narrating Catastrophe”](#) ed. with Elizabeth Phillips, *Political Theology Network* (2023)
- [“Reasoning about \(Non\)violence in the Hong Kong Protests”](#) *Political Theology Network* (2021)
- [“The UCA Massacre at 30 Years”](#) *Aquinas Emory Thinks* (2019)
- [“The End is Nigh!”](#) *Political Theology Network* (2018)
- [“A One to One on the Road to Emmaus”](#) *Daily Theology* (2017)

[“What’s ethical about popular casuistry?”](#) *Contending Modernities* (2016)

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Spanish (intermediate)  
 French (reading)  
 Biblical Hebrew (reading)  
 Latin (reading)

## ACADEMIC TEACHING

Virginia Theological Seminary

CHWT685: Politics and Christian Ethics (Fall 2024)

Candler School of Theology, Emory University

DM711: Understanding Community (Spring 2022)

CE511: Contextual Education Integrative Seminar (Spring 2022)

DS 533: Anglican Theologians (Spring 2020, Spring 2023)

ST 698: Theologies of the Salvadoran Martyrs (Fall 2019)

ES 665: Ecoapocalypse (Spring 2019, Fall 2021)

ES 669: Theology and Ethics of Reconciliation (Fall 2018)

SR 620 / CC 619: Nonviolent Strategies of Social Change (Summer 2018, Summer 2019, August 2020)

ST 664 / ES 664: Political Theology and Community Organizing (Spring 2018, Spring 2021)

ES 673: Voices of Nonviolence (Fall 2017)

University of Notre Dame

IIPS 93100: Dissertation Writing Seminar (Fall 2017–Spring 2018)

THEO 20659: Christian Perspectives on War, Peace, and Revolution (Fall 2016)

## ECCLESIAL TEACHING

- 2024 “How to Hold Difficult Conversations,” with the Rev. Kim Jackson, Episcopal Diocese of New York, Zoom webinar (July 23)
- 2024 “The Vocation of Conflict Work,” Community at the Crossing, Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, New York City, New York (May 13-14)
- 2024 “Following Jesus into Conflict,” Quiet Day Retreat with the Julian of Norwich Center, Saint Bede’s Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia (Lent)
- 2022 “Getting Comfortable with Being Uncomfortable: Renunciation in the Way of Jesus,” Saint Catherine’s Episcopal Church, Marietta, Georgia (Epiphany)
- 2021 “Ecoapocalypse,” Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia (Season of Creation)
- 2021 “Ecoapocalypse,” Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta, Georgia (Season of Creation)
- 2021 “The Challenge of Stories of Us,” Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross and North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia (Lent)
- 2020 “An Ambivalent Cloud of Witnesses,” Montview Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado (All Saints)
- 2020 “The Gift of Lament,” Cathedral of Saint Philip, Atlanta, Georgia (Lent)

- 2019 “Listen, Organize, and Act like Jesus,” Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Decatur, Georgia (Lent)
- 2019 “The Gift of Lament,” Saint Patrick’s Episcopal Church, Dunwoody, Georgia (Lent)
- 2019 “Conflict as Communion,” Saint Bede’s Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia (Season after Pentecost)
- 2019 “Practicing Resurrection,” Highpoint Episcopal Community Church, Atlanta, Georgia (Easter)
- 2018 “Conflict as Communion,” Saint David’s Episcopal Church, Roswell, Georgia (Season after Pentecost)
- 2018 “Practicing Resurrection,” Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Atlanta, Georgia (Easter)
- 2018 “Getting Free to Love: Ignatian wisdom for today,” Cathedral of Saint Phillip, Atlanta, Georgia (Lent)
- 2016 “Lament as Gift and Challenge,” Cathedral of Saint James, South Bend, Indiana (Lent)
- 2015 “Radical Welcome,” Cathedral of Saint James, South Bend, Indiana (Season after Pentecost)

## STUDENT RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Honors Program, Swarthmore College

Tristan Alston, Honors Examiner (2022)

Department of Sociology, Emory University

Katalia Alexander, Honors Thesis Committee (2022)

Candler School of Theology, Emory University

Jin Kim, “The Ecological Apocalyptic Imagination for Identity Formation and Resistance,” ThM Thesis, first reader (2024)

Sarah Bueter, “*La Crista* in Honduras,” MDiv Thesis, second reader (2023)

David Runyon, MTS Integrative Essay (2023)

David Kim, “Spirit-Filled, Loving Community that Makes Disciples,” DMin Thesis Project Consultant (2023)

Elvyn Hamilton, “The Racial Wealth Gap and the Black Church,” DMin Thesis Project Consultant (2022–2023)

Thomas McPhail Ubaldo, MTS Portfolio (2022)

Junia Baker, MTS Portfolio (2022)

J. Derrick Cattenhead, DMin Thesis Project Consultant (2021–2022)

Forming Christian Conflict Workers research team supervision (2020–2022)

Kathryn L. Harper, “The Prophetic Pastor: The Role of the Pastor in Conflict Transformation in South Africa,” MDiv Thesis, second reader (2021)

Marisa Sifontes, “Caring for the Flock: Examining the Emotional Labor of African American Clergy in the Episcopal Church,” MDiv Thesis, second reader (2021)

Lori Walke, “Progressive Political Theology for Policy Advocacy,” DMin Thesis (2019–2020)

Tina Spencer Smith, “Ecojustice and Environmental Ethics,” MDiv Senior Thesis (2019)

Jennifer Arnold, “Political Theology and Community Organizing,” Women, Theology, and Ministry integrative project (Spring 2019)

## PEDAGOGICAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Backward Design and Practical Reasoning,” Office of Student Programming, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (October 2019)
- “Teaching as Formation,” Episcopal and Anglican Studies Contextual Education, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (September 2019)
- “Conflict in the Classroom,” Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity, Laney Graduate School, Emory University (August 2019)
- “Info Circles for Student-led Discussions,” Innovative Pedagogy Presentations, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (August 2019)
- “Peace and Conflict Studies: An Introduction to the Field,” Graduate Certificate in Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding, Graduate Department of Religion, Emory University (November 2017)

## ADDITIONAL FORMATION, TRAININGS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Non-degree Certificate in Spiritual Direction, Saint John’s University (expected 2024)

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Referee, Cambridge University Press, *Journal of Law and Religion*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Modern Theology*, *Political Theology*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *Studies in Christian Ethics*
- Stream co-convenor, Spiritualities of Renunciation and Care, Political Theology Network conference (2023)
- Stream co-convenor, Climate Change and Apocalypticism, Political Theology Network conference (2022)
- Managing editor, Political Theology Network (2017–2020)
- Steering committee member, Political Theology Network (2017–2022)
- Board member, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics (2017–2020)
- Research associate, Contending Modernities, University of Notre Dame (2013, 2016–2017)

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- Co-convenor, Climate Justice Academic Learning Community, Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, Emory University (2023)
- Member, Emory Climate Research Initiative, Emory University (2022–present)
- Co-convenor, Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding Concentration, Graduate Division of Religion, Laney Graduate School, Emory University (2021–present)
- Director of Formation Communities, Candler School of Theology (2018–present)
- Chair, Committee to draft a constitution for the Kroc Doctoral Student Organization (2013)
- Member, working group to draft the Vanderbilt University Divinity School Commitment on Poverty, Class, and Economic Justice (2011)
- Member, Honor Council, Vanderbilt University Divinity School (2009–2011)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion
- Political Theology Network
- Society of Christian Ethics



REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Gerald McKenny, Walter Professor of Theology, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 130 Malloy Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556  
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