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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Duke University, 2008
Dissertation: "Constituting the Protestant Mainline: *The Christian Century*, 1908-1947"; Advisor, Grant Wacker

M.A., Duke University, 2006

B.A., Wheaton College (IL), 1997
Summa cum laude

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Non-resident scholar, Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, 2013-

Visiting fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2011-2012

Communitas Fellowship, Calvin College, 2010

Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, 2007-2008

Gurney Harris Kearns Fellowship, Duke University, 2002-2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
Assistant Professor of Church History, 2012-

Courses taught: Early and Medieval Church History, Reformation and Modern Church History, Introduction to Reformed Theology, John Calvin

Waynesburg University, Waynesburg, PA
Assistant Professor of History, 2008-2012

Courses taught: U.S. History to 1865, U.S. History since 1865; Twentieth Century World History; Colonial History; Women's History; Church History; American Religious History; Public History

Duke University, Durham, NC
Instructor, University Writing Program, 2007
Instructor, Department of Religion, 2006

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC
Preceptor, 2003-2007

English Language Institute/China
English teacher, summer 1996

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

The Christian Century and the Rise of the Protestant Mainline
Oxford University Press, May 2013

“The Measure of a Magazine: Assessing the Influence of *The Christian Century*”
Religion and American Culture, Winter 2012

“Harry Emerson Fosdick”
Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2012)

“*The Chicago Call* and Responses,” in *Evangelicals and the Early Church*, ed. George Kalantzis (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2011)

“The ‘Religious Issue’ in 1928, 1960, and 2004”
American Catholic Studies 119.4 (Winter 2008)

“George Cadbury” and “George Eliot”
Encyclopedia of Protestantism, ed. Hans Hillerbrand (New York: Routledge, 2003)

PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

“Postwar Protestantism: The Contested Center”
Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion, February 17, 2014

“I had not yet learned to read books”: The role of texts in liberal Protestant conversion narratives
American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, 2014

“‘You Cannot Fool the Electronic Eye’: Billy Graham and Media”
Worlds of Billy Graham Conference, Wheaton College, September 27, 2013

“Beyond the Protestant Establishment?” panel presentation
American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, 2013

- “‘You Can’t Enlist the Laymen’: *The Christian Century* and the Logic of Mainline Churchliness”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 2012
- “Three Cheers for Public History”
Council on Undergraduate Research Conference, “Creating a Culture of Research on Campus,” Williamsburg, VA, October 2010
- “*The Chicago Call* and Responses”
Wheaton Center for Early Christian Studies, March 2010
- “Missionaries as Interpreters of the Orient in the 1920s”
American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, 2010
- “Mapping the Mainline Community: A Cultural Approach to *The Christian Century*”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 2009
- “Faith in Quest of a Philosophy: Charles Clayton Morrison, the University of Chicago, and *The Christian Century*”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 2008
- “Mainline vs. Mainstream”
American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, 2008
- “Church History for the Educated Non-Specialist”
American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, 2005
- “Evangelism, Ecumenism, and Engagement among North Carolina Catholics under Bishop Vincent S. Waters, 1945-1971”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 2003

REVIEWS AND SELECTED ARTICLES

- Review of Molly Worthen, *Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism*
Journal of American History, forthcoming
- Review of David A. Hollinger, *After Cloven Tongues of Fire: Protestant Liberalism in Modern American History*
Journal of Religion, forthcoming
- “Mainline Protestantism: Numbers Count, but Prestige Matters More”
Huffington Post, April 8, 2013
- “The Forgotten Woman of Evangelical History” (review of Catherine A. Brekus, *Sarah Osborn’s World: The Rise of Evangelical Christianity in Early America*)

Christianity Today online, March 14, 2013

Review of Fay Botham, *Almighty God Created the Races: Christianity, Marriage & American Law*
Christian Scholar's Review, Winter 2011

"Smaller Families, Bigger Dreams" (review of Susan E. Klepp, *Revolutionary Conceptions: Women, Fertility, and Family Limitation in America, 1760-1820*)
Books & Culture, May/June 2010

"A Long Ride on the Mainline": 100 Years of *The Christian Century*
Books & Culture, November/December 2008

"Ain't Misbehavin'" (review of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History*)
Books & Culture, March/April 2008

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Gory" (review of Mark Noll, *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis*, and Harry Stout, *Upon the Altar of the Nation: A Moral History of the Civil War*)
Christianity Today, August 2006

Review of Barry Hankins, *The Second Great Awakening and the Transcendentalists*
Journal of Religion 86.2 (April 2006)

"Myths of the Faith-Based Campus" (review of Naomi Shaefer Riley, *God on the Quad*)
Christianity Today, May 2005

"The Historian as Latter-day Saint" (review of Richard Lyman Bushman, *Believing History*)
Books & Culture, November/December 2004

"Lost in America: Arab Christians in the U.S."
Christianity Today, April 2004

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

UDTS Worship & Spiritual Life and Institutional Advancement Committees, 2013-2014

UDTS Distance Learning and Institutional Advancement Committees, 2012-2013

Waynesburg University representative, Council on Undergraduate Research, 2010-2011

Faculty sponsor, Phi Alpha Theta, Waynesburg University, 2009-2010

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Contributor, Religion in American History, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/>

Coordinator, Graduate Program in Religion “Teaching & Learning” seminars, 2005-2006

Duke University, Durham, NC

Managing editor, *Christian History*, 2000-2002

Christianity Today International, Carol Stream, IL

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

REFERENCES

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University

Mark Noll, University of Notre Dame

Grant Wacker, Duke University

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