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Academic Positions

- 2018– Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion
 Director, Philosophy Program (2019–22)
 Department of English and Philosophy
 University of West Georgia
- 2013–18 Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion
 Department of English and Philosophy
 University of West Georgia
- 2016 Visiting Research Fellow
 Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
 University of Notre Dame

Education

- 2013 Ph.D., Religion, Florida State University
 Field: Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy
dissertation and comprehensive exams defended with distinction
- 2009 M.A., Religion, Florida State University
- 2007 B.A., Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University
 Minor: French
summa cum laude with honors and research distinction
- 2007 B.A., International Studies, The Ohio State University
summa cum laude with honors

Publications

Book (Monograph)

- 2019 *Expanding Responsibility for the Just War: A Feminist Critique*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Articles

- 2015 "Seeing Power in Just War Reasoning." *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 98.3: 398–427.
- 2015 "Impure Agency and the Just War: A Feminist Reading of Right Intention." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43.2: 317–41.
- 2014 "Tradition, Authority, and Immanent Critique in Comparative Ethics." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 42.4: 713–41.

- 2010 Co-authored with Shannon Dunn. "At the Intersection of Scripture and Law: Qur'an 4:34 and Violence against Women." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 26.2: 11-36.

Review Essays

- 2020 "Justice, Virtue, and Power in Democratic Conflict." Response to Jason Springs's *Healthy Conflict in Contemporary American Society*. *Journal of Religious Ethics*. (forthcoming)
- 2015 "Texts and Traditions in the Comparative Study of Religion, Morality, and Violence." *Journal of Religion and Violence* 3.3: 357-63.
- 2014 "Character and Critique in the Ethics of War: Response to Nigel Biggar's *In Defence of War*." *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 97.2: 174-85.
- 2012 "Studying and Advocating: Response to G. Scott Davis's *Believing and Acting*." *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 95.2: 187-95.
- 2009 "Connections, Confusions, Colonialism and the Construction of Religion: Making Sense of Fitzgerald's *Discourse on Civility and Barbarity*." *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 21.3: 361-78.

Handbook and Encyclopedia Contributions

- 2020 "Gender Discrimination." *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, edited by William Schweiker. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell. (forthcoming)
- 2018 Co-authored with Nahed Artoul Zehr. "Tradition-Based Approaches to the Study of the Ethics of War." *Routledge Handbook of Ethics and International Relations*, edited by Eric Heinze and Brent Steele, 208-20. Abingdon: Routledge.
- 2012 "Dissent, Opposition, Resistance," "Military" (co-authored with Devin Stewart), and "Republicanism." *The Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Blog Posts and Online Publications

- 2019 "Why Does Counting Civilian Casualties Matter?" *FifteenEightyFour* (blog), Cambridge University Press, July 2. <http://www.cambridgeblog.org/2019/07/why-does-counting-civilian-casualties-matter>.
- 2016 "'Modern War' in Catholic Peacebuilding Discourse." *Contending Modernities* (blog), University of Notre Dame, July 13. <https://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/07/13/modern-war-in-catholic-peacebuilding-discourse>.
- 2015 "Educating Students as Immanent Critics of Religious-Moral Traditions." *Spotlight on Teaching in Religious Studies News*, American Academy of Religion, October 28. <http://rsn.aarweb.org/node/317>.

Book Reviews

- 2017 *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence*, edited by Mark Juergensmeyer, Margo Kitts, and Michael Jerryson (Oxford, 2013). *Religious Studies Review* 43.4: 335-36.
- 2016 *Chinese Just War Ethics: Origin, Development, and Dissent*, ed. Ping-cheung Lo and Sumner B. Twiss (Routledge, 2015). *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 36.2: 226-27.

Public Talks

- 2018 "The Ethics of Killing in War." UWG School of the Arts *The Other Night School* series at the Inn at Serenbe, Chattahoochee Hills, GA.
- 2016 "Expanding Responsibility in Just War Reasoning." Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

Conference Activity

Paper Presentations

- 2019 "'Spiritual Fitness' and Individual Responsibility in the Contemporary U.S. Military." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 2019 "Empathy and Anger as Democratic Virtues, Vices, or Violence." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 2018 "Hospitality and Vulnerability in Responses to the Refugee Crisis." Society of Christian Ethics national meeting. Portland, OR.
- 2017 "Empathy and the Politics of Virtue." American Academy of Religion national meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2017 "From Feminist Just War Reasoning to Feminist Peacebuilding." Feminist Approaches to Conflict Resolution Conference. George Mason University, Arlington, VA.
- 2016 "The State, the Relational Person, and Moral Injury." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 "Punishment in Just War Tradition and International Law." International Conference on Religion, Violence, and Peace. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
- 2015 "Comparative Religious Ethics as a Conversation about Normativity." Society of Christian Ethics national meeting. Chicago, IL. (*did not attend*)
- 2014 "Religious Ethics after the Critical Turn in Religious Studies." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.
- 2014 "Seeing Power in Just War Reasoning." Comparative Religious Ethics Conference. Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2013 "Situating Moral Injury within Just War Reasoning." American Academy of Religion national meeting; Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 "Impure Agency and the Just War: A Feminist Reading of Right Intention." Society of Christian Ethics national meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 "Making the Politics of Pragmatism Explicit." American Academy of Religion national meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2012 "Tradition, Authority, and Immanent Critique in Comparative Studies of Muslim Ethics of War." Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics national meeting. Washington, DC.
- 2011 "Feminism and Imperialism as Just Causes for War? Assessing the Justice of the War in Afghanistan." American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Francisco, CA.

- 2009 "Finding a Space for Religious Minorities in Modern Europe: A Comparison of Moses Mendelssohn and Tariq Ramadan." American Academy of Religion national meeting. Montreal, QC.
- 2009 "Reappropriations and Renegotiations: Moses Mendelssohn and the Dissenting Discourse of Religion and State." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion conference. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2009 Co-authored with Shannon Dunn. "Examining the Intersections between Scripture and Law: Muslim Women and Qur'an 4:34." Florida State University Graduate Symposium. Tallahassee, FL.

Respondent/Discussant Presentations

- 2018 Panelist, *Healthy Conflict in an Era of Trump*. American Academy of Religion national meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2017 Discussant, *Moral Victories: The Ethics of Winning Wars*. International Studies Association national meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 Panelist, *Distinguished Scholars Panel: James Turner Johnson*. International Studies Association national meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- 2014 Respondent, *Religions and the Cultural Regulation of Violence: A Comparative Dialogue*. American Academy of Religion national meeting. San Diego, CA.

Awards and Fellowships

- 2016 Visiting Research Fellowship, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2010 Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza New Scholar Award, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*
- 2010 Department of Religion Endowed Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University
- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion conference
- 2007-11 Presidential Fellowship, Florida State University
- 2006 Phi Beta Kappa

Teaching Experience

University of West Georgia

- Christian Thought
- Ethics, Religion, and War
- Feminist Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics (face-to-face and online)
- Introduction to World Religions (face-to-face and online)
- Islamic Thought
- Philosophical Responses to the Holocaust (senior seminar)
- Philosophy of Religion
- Religion, Public Reason, and Democracy (senior seminar)

Religious Texts
Theories of Religion

Florida State University

Cinematic Courage
Gender and Religion
Introduction to World Religions
Religious Ethics and Moral Problems

Teaching Certifications

2017 Quality Matters Peer Reviewer
2017 UWG Online Course Developer

Service

To the Profession

2019 Reviewer, *Ethics and International Affairs* (1)
2018 Reviewer, *Journal of International Political Theory* (1)
2011–18 Reviewer, *Journal of Religious Ethics* (9)
2016–18 Reviewer, *Horizons, the Journal of the College Theology Society* (2)
2017 Reviewer, *Social Theory and Practice* (1)
2016 Reviewer, *Journal of Religion and Violence* (1)
2014–15 Reviewer, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* (2)
2014–16 Membership Committee, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics

To the University

2019–22 Program Director, Philosophy Program
2019–22 College of Arts and Humanities (COAH) Chairs' Committee
2019–22 Faculty Senate, COAH Senator At-Large
2019–22 Faculty Senate Core, Honors, and Interdisciplinary Programs Subcommittee
2019– Core Area E Assessment Work Group
2018–20 COAH Promotion & Tenure Committee
2018– UWG Interfaith Council
2018 Presidential Task Force on Accessibility
2017–18 Faculty Advisor for Phi Sigma Tau
2017–18 Chair, COAH Online Learning Subcommittee

- 2015- University System of Georgia Board of Regents Advisory Committee for Philosophy & Religion
- 2015-17 Faculty Senate Undergraduate Programs Committee
- 2015-16 Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation Committee
- 2015 COAH Graduate Studies Subcommittee
- 2014-17 Faculty Advisor for West Georgia Philosophical Society
- 2012-13 Student Health Committee (Florida State University)
- 2012 Graduate Policy Subcommittee for Review of Department of Religion (Florida State University)
- 2006-07 Comparative Studies Faculty Committee (The Ohio State University)
- 2006-07 Colleges of the Arts and Sciences Honors Committee (The Ohio State University)

Professional Experience

- 2011-13 Editorial Assistant, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*
- 2009 Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Religious Ethics*

Languages

French (*Advanced*); Modern Standard Arabic (*Intermediate*); German (*Reading Knowledge*)

Memberships

- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Christian Ethics
- Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics