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EDUCATION

Brown University. PhD in Religious Studies (May 2016).

Dissertation: "Vulnerability and Its Power: Recognition, Response, and the Problem of Valorization." Committee: Mark Cladis, Thomas A. Lewis, Stephen Bush, Kevin Hector, and Bonnie Honig.

Princeton University. AB in Religion, *summa cum laude* with Highest Departmental Honors (2009). Certificate in Creative Writing.

Senior Thesis: "The Particularity of the Beloved: Frankfurt, Cavarero, and Nehamas on Love." Advisor: Jeffrey Stout. Second reader: Eric Gregory.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor. The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in Saint Louis. Since 2017.

Lecturer. Program in Religious Studies, Washington University in Saint Louis. 2016–17.

Visiting Assistant Professor. Department of Religious Studies, Brown University. 2015–16.

SCHOLARSHIP

WORK IN PROGRESS

Vulnerability and Power: The Promise of Relational Ethics (book manuscript in preparation)

"Vulnerability in Religious Ethics: Revisiting Barbara Hilkert Andolsen's 'Agape in Feminist Ethics'" (article manuscript in preparation)

"The Happiness of Promise: Alexander Nehamas on Love and Care" (article manuscript in preparation)

"Justice in Time: Heschel's *Sabbath* and Temporality in Justice-Seeking" (article manuscript in preparation)

"How should we respond to wounds? Doubting Thomas, 'A Rape on Campus,' and the false choice between inquiry and care." (article manuscript in progress)

PUBLICATIONS

"Response to Douglas Hedley's *The Iconic Imagination*." *Modern Theology*, Volume 33, Issue 3 (July 2017).

"Vulnerability and Time." In *Exploring Vulnerability*, H Springhart and G Thomas, eds (Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, Göttingen, 2017).

"Vulnerability, Violence, and the Cultivation of Community: A Response to Sarah Coakley's God, Sexuality, and the Self." In *Syndicate Theology* November 13, 2015.

INVITED LECTURES

"Vulnerability in Religious Ethics: Revisiting Barbara Hilkert Andolsen's 'Agape in Feminist Ethics' after Thirty-Five Years." Religious Studies Departmental Colloquium (Florida State University, invited for April 2018).

"Vulnerability in Feminist Religious Ethics." Danforth Center Colloquium (Washington University in St. Louis, invited for April 2018).

- “The Happiness of Promise: Alexander Nehamas on Love and Care.” Boston University Institute for Philosophy & Religion (Boston University, invited for November 2017).
- “How should we respond to wounds? Doubting Thomas, ‘A Rape on Campus,’ and the false choice between inquiry and care.” The Nancy Hardesty Memorial Lecture (Clemson University, October 2017).
- “Collapsing Justice: A Response to Rhaisa Williams’s ‘When I can find the time, I’ll cry’: Emmett Till’s Wake and Black Maternal Grief.” Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Colloquium (Washington University in St. Louis, September 2017).
- “Just Time: Vulnerability, Structural Injustice, and Heschel’s Temporal Prophetics.” Danforth Center Colloquium (Washington University in St. Louis, Feb 2017).
- “How should we respond to wounds? Doubting Thomas, ‘A Rape on Campus,’ and the false choice between inquiry and care.” Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Invited Lecture (Haverford College, Nov 2016).
- “Indeterminacy.” Political Concepts Conference (Brown University, Dec 2015).
- “Vulnerability and Time.” Vulnerability: a new focus for theological and interdisciplinary anthropology. IWH Symposium (Heidelberg, Sep 2015).
- “Adriana Cavarero and the Recovery of Vulnerability.” Cogut Center for the Humanities Fellows’ Seminar (Brown University, Feb 2015).
- “Relationality and Asymmetry: Power Critiques in the Feminist Ethics of Vulnerability.” Brown-Yale-Princeton Ethics Colloquium (Yale Divinity School, Sep 2014).
- “Value and Valuing: Eros and Agape in 20th Century Christian Ethics.” Mellon Workshop on Aesthetics and Morality (Brown University, May 2013).
- “Correlates of Perception: Representation in Hegel, Adorno, Brandom, and Butler.” The Pembroke Research Seminar, Economies of Perception (Brown University, Jan 2013).
- “Vulnerability: Empty and Realized.” Gender, Sexuality, and Religion Working Group (Princeton University, Dec 2011).
- “The Particularity of the Beloved: Love and Value in Harry Frankfurt’s Reasons of Love.” Colloquium on Religion and Critical Thought (Brown University, Mar 2011).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Is Kenoticism Quietism? Sarah Coakley’s Wordless Prayer and the Problem of Political Quiet.” Society for Christian Ethics Annual Meeting (Portland OR, accepted for January 2018).
- “Justice in Time: Reparations, Sabbath, and Temporality in Justice-Seeking.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philosophy of Religion Unit (Boston, accepted for November 2017).
- “Response to ‘The Political Worlds of Hannah Arendt’ Panel.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philosophy of Religion Unit (Boston, invited for November 2017).
- “Structural Injustice, Vulnerability, and the Temporality of Perpetration.” Joint Session of the Society of Jewish Ethics and Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meetings (New Orleans, Jan 2017).
- “Imagination and the Problem of Suffering.” Roundtable on Douglas Hedley’s *The Iconic Imagination*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Wildcard Session (San Antonio, Nov 2016).
- “Strategy, Susceptibility, and Submission.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Feminist Thought and Religious Reflection Group (Chicago, Nov 2012).
- “Value and Evaluation: Frankfurt and Nehamas on the Value of the Beloved.” Reasons of Love, an International Conference (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, May 2011).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Fellowship for Dissertation Completion, American Association of University Women (2014–15)
- Honorary Graduate Fellowship, Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University (2014–15)
- Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, Brown University (2013)

Pembroke Fellowship, Brown University (2012–13)
Chancellor Thomas A. Tisch Fellowship for Graduate Studies, Brown University (2009–10)
Senior Thesis Prize, Department of Religion, Princeton University (2009)
Thesis Prize in Religion, Ethics, and Politics, Department of Religion, Princeton University (2009)
Phi Beta Kappa (2009)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Love and Reason (Fall 2017)
Introductory undergraduate lecture course in modern Western religious thought.

Solidarity and Silence (Fall 2017)
Advanced undergraduate seminar on 20th and 21st century non-violence movements and their theoretical underpinnings.

Gender and Power in Religious Thought (Spring 2017)
Senior seminar on 20th and 21st century existentialism, feminism, and relational theology.

Theories and Methods in Religious Studies (Spring 2017)
Required for undergraduate majors and minors in Religious Studies.

Freshman Seminar: Vulnerability (Fall 2016)
Introductory undergraduate seminar on vulnerability in contemporary ethics and politics.

Thinking About Religion (Fall 2016)
Gateway undergraduate lecture course on approaches to the study of religion, required for Religious Studies majors.

Love and Reason (Spring 2016)
Introductory undergraduate lecture course in modern Western religious thought.

The Ethics of Vulnerability (Spring 2016)
Upper-level undergraduate seminar in social, relational, and religious ethics.

Gender and Relation in Religious Thought (Fall 2015)
Graduate seminar in the Religion and Critical Thought subfield.

Methods in Religious Studies (Fall 2015)
Theory and methods seminar required for undergraduate concentrators in Religious Studies.

Cycles of Sexual Assault and Trauma (Sp 2013)
Advisor to independent study by an undergraduate (full course credit). Included weekly readings, written responses, and discussion sessions; supervision of a community internship; midterm and final papers.

On Being Human (Teaching assistant, Sp 2013)
Guest lecture: “Mary Wollstonecraft, *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*”

Love: The Concept and Practice (Teaching assistant, F 2012 & Sp 2010)
Guest lectures: “Harry Frankfurt’s Volitional Architecture” (F 2014)
“Frankfurt on Self-Love and Unity of the Will” (F 2014)
“Simone Weil’s Theology of Affliction” (F 2012)
“Harry Frankfurt, *Reasons of Love*” (F 2012)
“Love and Justification in Harry Frankfurt” (Sp 2010)

Religion and Torture (Teaching assistant, Sp 2012 & F 2010)
Guest lectures: “Elaine Scarry, *The Body in Pain*” (Sp 2012)
“Robert Adams, *Finite and Infinite Goods*” (F 2010)

Modern Problems of Belief (Teaching assistant, Sp 2011)
Guest lecture: “G. W. F. Hegel, *Reason in History*”

Princeton University Writing Program (Writing Center Fellow, 2007–09; Head Fellow, 2008–09)
Conducted individual consultations with undergraduate and graduate students on writing projects in progress. As Head Fellow, directly supervised fifteen graduate and undergraduate fellows, coordinated training of all fellows, and led training sessions for faculty teaching in writing seminars required of all Princeton undergraduates.
Course Fellow: ENG 205, Introduction to English Literature: 14th to 18th Century (J Dolven, Sp 2008); REL 222, Religion in Modern Thought and Film (J Stout, Sp 2007 & 2009). Collaborated with faculty to develop writing projects, worked individually with students, and consulted with faculty and teaching assistants on evaluation and feedback.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Academy of Religion Teaching and Learning Committee. Starting January 2018

Senior Capstone/Thesis Seminar Leader. Spring 2017

Advised senior Religious Studies majors in the completion of their independent work, including seminars on research methods, writing techniques, and draft workshops.

Faculty Advisor to Theta Alpha Kappa, Washington University in Saint Louis. 2016-17

Restarted and advised Washington University's chapter of ΘAK, the Religious Studies honor society, as a site of community for undergraduates interested in religion.

Faculty Advisor to Religious Studies Minors and Secondary Concentrators, Washington University in Saint Louis. 2016-17.

Department of Religion Advisory Council, Princeton University. Since 2012

Member of the external council charged with conducting biannual departmental reviews.

Major Fellowships Committee, Brown University. 2011–16

Member of nominating committee for Rhodes and Marshall Fellowships. Advised nominated students on application preparation and interviews.

Honorary Degrees Committee, Brown University. 2012–13

Sole graduate student member of faculty committee charged with recommending honorary degree candidates to the University Corporation.

Religious Studies Graduate Workshop, Brown University. 2010–11

Founder and organizer of semi-weekly workshop for graduate students in the Department of Religious Studies, Religion and Critical Thought subfield.

Languages: French and German

Member, American Academy of Religion and Society of Christian Ethics

References upon request