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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. Affiliate faculty, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

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

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

SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

Love in Time (book manuscript under review)

Rereading Sabbath: Heschel's Politics of Time (book manuscript in preparation)

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Justice in Time: Heschel’s Sabbath and Temporality in Justice-Seeking.” (article manuscript in progress).

“Optimism and Accountability in Political Inaction.” (article manuscript in progress).

“Incredulity and the Realization of Vulnerability, or, How it Feels to Learn from Wounds.” (under review at *Political Theology*).

“The Problem of Inclusion: Feminist Critique in Religious Ethics.” 50th Anniversary Special Issue, *Journal of Religious Ethics* (forthcoming, 2023).

“The Happiness of Promise: Alexander Nehamas on Love and Care.” In *Faith, Hope, and Love: The Theological Virtues and Their Opposites* (Boston Studies in Philosophy, Religion, and Public Life), David Eckel, ed (Springer, New York, 2022), 235–252.

“Vulnerability and Time.” In *Exploring Vulnerability*, H Springhart and G Thomas, eds (Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, Göttingen, 2017), 215–228.

SHORT ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

“Relationality” Political Theology Network (2022). <https://politicaltheology.com/relationality/>

“Preparation, Preservation, and Possibility Under Title IX.” Political Theology Network (2020). <https://politicaltheology.com/preparation-preservation-and-possibility-under-title-ix/>

“Inclusion, exclusion, and accountability.” With Molly Farneth, *The Immanent Frame* (2019). <https://tif.ssrc.org/2019/01/10/inclusion-exclusion-and-accountability/>

“Response to Douglas Hedley’s *The Iconic Imagination*.” *Modern Theology* 33(3) (2017), 468–471.

“Vulnerability, Violence, and the Cultivation of Community: A Response to Sarah Coakley’s *God, Sexuality, and the Self*.” In *Syndicate Theology* (2015).

<https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/sarah-coakley-god-sexuality-and-the-self/>

INVITED LECTURES

“Uncertainty in Love: An Abolitionist Investigation” Incarceration and Decarceration Project (University of Rochester, October 2022).

“Victims, A Briefing: Regendering Victims, Displacing Martyrs in American Politics after Unite the Right.” Religion, Secularity, and Public Life after Charlottesville (University of Virginia, September 2022).

“The Happiness of Promise: Ferdinand Hodler and Alexander Nehamas on Love and Care.” Religion and Critical Thought Colloquium (Brown University, December 2019).

“Optimism and Accountability: On failing to learn from wounds.” Keynote lecture, Inaugural Notre Dame Workshop on Political Philosophy and Religion (South Bend IN, November 2019).

“Optimism and Accountability: On failing to learn from wounds” Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society (Washington University in St. Louis, October 2019).

“Love, Inquiry, and Other Unfinished Projects.” Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Induction Address (Washington University in St Louis, April 2019).

“Domination and Inclination: Adriana Cavarero and the Problem of Domination in Care.” Living with Others: Conscience, Coercion, and Freedom, an Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities (Washington University in St Louis, January 2019).

“What is Love of Country Now?” A Conference in Honor of Jeffrey L. Stout: Scholar, Teacher, Citizen (Princeton University, September 2018).

“Vulnerability in Feminist Religious Ethics.” Danforth Center Colloquium (Washington University in St Louis, April 2018).

“Vulnerability in Religious Ethics: Revisiting Barbara Hilkert Andolsen’s ‘Agape in Feminist Ethics’ after Thirty-Five Years.” Religious Studies Departmental Colloquium (Florida State University, April 2018).

“The Happiness of Promise: Alexander Nehamas on Love and Care.” Boston University Institute for Philosophy & Religion (Boston University, March 2018).

“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).

“Just Time: Vulnerability, Structural Injustice, and Heschel’s Temporal Prophetics.” Danforth Center Colloquium (Washington University in St Louis, February 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, November 2016).

“Indeterminacy.” Political Concepts Conference (Brown University, December 2015).

“Vulnerability and Time.” Vulnerability: a new focus for theological and interdisciplinary anthropology. IWH Symposium (Heidelberg, September 2015).

“Adriana Cavarero and the Recovery of Vulnerability.” Cogut Center for the Humanities Fellows’ Seminar (Brown University, February 2015).

“Relationality and Asymmetry: Power Critiques in the Feminist Ethics of Vulnerability.” Brown-Yale-Princeton Ethics Colloquium (Yale Divinity School, September 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, January 2013).

- “Vulnerability: Empty and Realized.” Gender, Sexuality, and Religion Working Group (Princeton University, December 2011).
- “The Particularity of the Beloved: Love and Value in Harry Frankfurt’s Reasons of Love.” Colloquium on Religion and Critical Thought (Brown University, March 2011).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Feminist Solidarity and Religious Freedom After Dobbs” *Religious Freedom: Dobbs and Beyond Panel*. Society of Jewish Ethics Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL, January 2023)
- “Community and Delight: Balthrop-Lewis’s Political Asceticism.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (San Antonio, TX, November 2021).
- “Imperatives of Vulnerability: Responsibility, Understanding, and Blame.” *Against Healing Panel*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Women and Religion Unit (Virtual Meeting, December 2020).
- Roundtable on Tami Yaguri’s *Unraveling Life’s Riddle*, Virtue Ethics Group. American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting (San Francisco CA, April 2020) (Canceled due to COVID-19).
- “Present Asymmetries and Future Uncertainties: Setting the Maternal Relationship in Time.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting (San Diego CA, December 2019).
- “Justice.” Religion, Law, USA Panel. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (San Diego, November 2019).
- Patriarchy and Political Theology Workshop (Invited participant). (Villanova University, March 2019).
- “Is Kenoticism Quietism? Sarah Coakley’s Wordless Prayer and the Problem of Political Quiet.” Society for Christian Ethics Annual Meeting (Portland OR, January 2018).
- “Justice in Time: Sabbath, Reparations, and Temporality in Justice-Seeking.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philosophy of Religion Unit (Boston, November 2017).
- “Response to ‘The Political Worlds of Hannah Arendt’ Panel.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philosophy of Religion Unit (Boston, 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, January 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, November 2016).
- “Strategy, Susceptibility, and Submission.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Feminist Thought and Religious Reflection Group (Chicago, November 2012).
- “Value and Evaluation: Frankfurt and Nehamas on the Value of the Beloved.” Reasons of Love, an International Conference (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, May 2011).

SHORT PRESENTATIONS

- “Origin Stories and the Naturalness of Emotion.” A Response to Jessica Rosenfeld’s “Just Feeling: On Natural Law and the Nature of Emotions.” Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society (Washington University in St Louis, April 2022).
- “Love and Obligation.” Approaching Millennium: Reflecting on 40 Years of AIDS and Tony Kushner’s Angels in America. (Washington University in St Louis, February 2019).
- “Social Practices of Sincerity: A Response to Amy Gais’s ‘The Politics of Hypocrisy: Baruch Spinoza and Pierre Bayle on Hypocritical Conformity.’” Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society (Washington University in St Louis, September 2018).
- “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).

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

- “The Worldly Weil: Simone Weil and Political Theology.” Organized with Ben Davis to occur at the John. C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics (Saint Louis, Summer 2023)
- “Hegel and Theology: A Summer Colloquy.” Aided Professor Grant Kaplan in organization (Saint Louis University, June 2022).
- “Environmental Justice and Political Asceticism: A Panel on Thoreau’s Religion by Alda Balthrop-Lewis.” Organized for the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Political Theology Unit and Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit (Virtual Meeting, November 2021).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Faculty Fellowship, Center for the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2023)
- Paula Hyman Memorial Mentorship Fellowship, Association for Jewish Studies (2021–22)
- 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)

GRANTS

- “Citizenship and Freedom,” The Teagle Foundation Knowledge for Freedom Program (2021–23). \$250,000 grant for intensive summer humanities seminars and academic year programming for underserved rising high school seniors in the St Louis area. Assumed the role of Principal Investigator in December 2021.

COURSES TAUGHT

INTRODUCTORY LECTURE COURSES

- Love and Reason (Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2023)
- The Good Life between Religion and Politics (Fall 2019 and Fall 2021)
- Citizenship and Freedom: from Plato to Maya (Summers 2021–23)
- Vulnerability and Violence in Religion and Politics (Fall 2018)
- Thinking About Religion (Fall 2016)

INTRODUCTORY AND INTERMEDIATE SEMINARS

- Modern Political Thought (Spring 2019, Spring 2023)
- Theories and Methods in Religious Studies (Spring 2017)
- Freshman Seminar: Vulnerability (Fall 2016)
- Methods in Religious Studies (Fall 2015)

ADVANCED SEMINARS

Sabbath Politics (Fall 2022)
Solidarity and Silence (Fall 2017, Spring 2022)
Gender and Power in Religious Thought (Spring 2017, Fall 2018)
The Ethics of Vulnerability (Spring 2016)
Gender and Relation in Religious Thought (Fall 2015)

PEDAGOGY

“The Principle of Charity.” In *The Pocket Instructor: Writing*, Amanda Irwin Wilkins and Keith Shaw, eds (forthcoming from Princeton University Press, February 2024).
“How and Why I Teach This Text: Plato’s Allegory of the Cave” The Teagle Foundation (invited lecture, March 2023).

SENIOR THESIS ADVISING, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST LOUIS

Gwyneth Henke
“I am sorry for this language”: Thomas Merton, Contemplation, and the Writing Life, 2019–20.
Ismene Vedder
The Personal is not Political: A Feminist Interpretation of Hannah Arendt, 2019–20.

GRADUATE THESIS ADVISING

Committee Member for Safwan Khatib, MFA candidate in Creative Writing (Poetry), defending April 2023.
External dissertation committee member for Nick Schuster, Department of Philosophy, defended April 2020.

OTHER ADVISING, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST LOUIS

Independent Study with Micah Sandman, “The Jewish Left, 1945 to the Present,” Spring 2023.
Independent Study with Sophie Adams, “Love and its Reasons in Christian Thought and Analytic Philosophy,” Spring 2023.
Advisor to a Summer Undergraduate Research Award Project by Ismene Vedder, Summer 2019.
Advisor to a Summer Undergraduate Research Award Project by Gwyneth Henke, Summer 2019.
Independent Study with Emily Cosgrove, “Power Critique in Feminist Theology and Political Thought,” Spring 2019.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST LOUIS

Co-sponsor of “Realist Ecstasy and the Disappearing Christ,” a lecture by Lindsay Reckson (Haverford College), February 2020.
“Religion and Ethics to Support Survivors.” Lecture and workshop for the Sexual Assault and Rape Anonymous Helpline student organization at Washington University in St Louis. January 2020.
Director of Postdoctoral Fellows and Colloquium Coordinator, 2019–20 and 2021–22.
“Faculty Spotlight.” Lecture, Fall 2019.
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society Selection Committee, January 2019.
“Preparing for Grad School.” Panel Discussion, William Greenleaf Eliot College. January 2019.
Scholarly consultant for *Angels in America* staff and cast. November 2018.
Faculty Associate, William Greenleaf Eliot College. Fall 2018–Spring 2020.
Common Readings Program Discussion Leader. Fall 2018 and 2019.

Boniuk–Tanzman Memorial Lecture on Jewish Medical Ethics Committee. 2018–20.
Program in Religious Studies Advisory Board, Washington University in St Louis. Since Fall 2017.
Senior Capstone/Thesis Seminar Leader. Spring 2017
Faculty Advisor to Theta Alpha Kappa. 2016–17
Faculty Advisor to Religious Studies Minors and Secondary Concentrators. 2016–17.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE, BROWN UNIVERSITY

Major Fellowships Committee. 2011–16
Honorary Degrees Committee. 2012–13
Religious Studies Graduate Workshop. 2010–11

EXTERNAL ADVISORY, EDITORIAL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Anonymous peer reviewer for *The Journal of Religious Ethics* and *Political Theology*.
Founder and editor, FeministReligion.com. With Molly Farneth. Since August 2018.
Founded site, listserv, and social media feed to gather announcements, opportunities, and other news for the scholarly community of interested in gender and sexuality in the study of religion, ethics, political theory, and theology. Ongoing site editor with Molly Farneth. Site, listserv, and Twitter feed serve over 700 regular viewers and subscribers.
Teaching and Learning Committee, American Academy of Religion. Jan 2018 through Dec 2021.
Department of Religion Advisory Council, Princeton University. 2012–18
Member of the external council charged with conducting biannual departmental reviews.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

“A Conversation with Michelle Alexander.” Public Interview in Graham Chapel, The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in St Louis (February, 2023).
“Perspectives on Love.’ In the Panels on Life Series, Office for Religious, Spiritual and Ethical Life, Washington University in St Louis (February, 2023).
Consultation with the editorial board and staff writers of *Jewish Currents* on Sabbath politics (Fall 2022).
“Sabbath Politics and Civil Rights.” Invited lecture at the Ethical Society of Mid-Rivers (August 2022).
Consultation with Martin Doblemaier and Carrie Snyder of *Journey Films* for upcoming PBS documentary on Sabbath (May 2022).
“Jewish Time.” MaTovu Jewish Community Education Course.(Saint Louis MO, March 2022).
“The Study,” a weekly podcast of Torah study and contemporary American politics, available on all major platforms. Inaugural guest, October 2020, and co-host, January-April 2021.
“Wanting to Be Surprised,” in Scholars of Religion Respond to the Capitol Insurrection. *Religion and Politics* (online journal, January 2021). <https://religionandpolitics.org/2021/01/12/scholars-of-religion-and-politics-respond-to-the-capitol-insurrection/>
“Reparations and Sabbath Politics.” Invited lecture at Second Presbyterian Church. (Held virtually due to COVID-19, St Louis MO, October 2020).
“Sabbath as Critique.” Invited lecture at MaTovu Jewish Community Center. (Held virtually due to COVID-19, St Louis MO, July 2020).
“Is Anybody Out There? Friendship, Anxiety, and Vulnerability.” Veritas Forum. (Washington University in St Louis, February 2019).
“Heschel’s Sabbath Politics and Civil Rights.” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Lunch and Learn Lecture, Congregation Bais Abe. (St Louis MO, January 2019).
“Outrage and Comprehension in Hannah Arendt’s *Origins of Totalitarianism*.” Interfaith Breakfast Dialogue Group. (St Louis MO, November 2018).

“Breaking the Silence: Past and Present Perspectives on #MeToo from Jewish History and Religious Ethics” The Sheila Michaels Memorial Lecture. (St Louis MO, May 2018).

“Sabbath Politics: Reading Heschel’s Sabbath for Contemporary Political Thought and Work.” Jewish Federation of St. Louis Community Education Course. (St Louis MO, Spring 2018).

“What Pope Francis Means When He Talks about the Ethics of Care: An Interview with Anna Bialek” by Chloe Angyal and Ryan Grim. (The Huffington Post, September 28, 2015).

Languages: French and German

Memberships: American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Ethics, Society of Jewish Ethics, and Association for Jewish Studies.

References upon request