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### **EDUCATION**

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Princeton University	
Ph.D. in Religion in the Americas, Department of Religion	Spring 2018
Dissertation: "A Loftier Race: American Liberal Protestants and Eugenics, 1877-1930." Advisor: Judith Weisenfeld	(anticipated)
M.A. in Religion	2014
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia	
S.T.M., Church History. Advisors: Jon Pahl and Katie Day	2010
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital	
Clinical Pastoral Education (Extended Unit)	1998
Supervisor: Joseph Leggieri	
Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York	
M.Div.	1996
Bryn Mawr College	
A.B. with departmental honors in English, minor in Chemistry	1991

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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Religion and Public Life/Religion and Culture Fellowships	2011-2017
Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University	
Graduate Prize Fellowship	2015-2016
Center for Human Values, Princeton University	
American Studies Program Summer Research Prize	2012
Princeton University	
Presidential Award	2008
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia	
Union Scholarship	1991
Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York	

## **SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS**

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“Beautiful Babies: Eugenic Display of the White Infant Body, 1854-1922.” Conference proceedings, *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (March 2014).

“Pound for Pound: The Social Impact of Small Churches,” co-authored with Dr. Katie Day. In Katie Day, *Faith on the Avenue: Religion on a City Street* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).

## **SELECTED REVIEW ARTICLES**

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Review of *Eating Fire: My Life as a Lesbian Avenger*, by Kelly Cogswell, *Gay City News*, March 5, 2014.

Review of *Kinship by Design: A History of Adoption in the Modern United States*, by Ellen Herman, *Journal of the History of Children and Youth*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (Winter 2013).

Review of *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*, by Kathleen Norris, *The Women’s Review of Books*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (October 1998), pp. 17-18.

Review of *Katie’s Canon: Womanism and the Soul of the Black Community*, by Katie Geneva Cannon, and *Mujerista Theology: A Theology for the Twenty-First Century*, by Ada Maria Isasi-Díaz, *The Women’s Review of Books* Vol. 14, No. 12 (September 1997), pp. 24-25.

Review of *The Accidental Activist*, by Candace Gingrich, *The Women’s Review of Books* Vol. 13, No. 3, (December 1996), pp. 18-19.

Review of *Virtual Equality: The Mainstreaming of Gay and Lesbian Liberation* by Urvashi Vaid, *The Women’s Review of Books* Vol. 13, No. 9 (June 1996), pp. 7-8.

Review of *Long Road to Freedom: The Advocate History of the Gay and Lesbian Movement* by Mark Thompson, Dom Alan Romesburg, Masha Gessen, Suzanne K. Benson, Jennifer M. Finlay, and David Paul Nelson, and *My American History: Lesbian and Gay Life During the Reagan/Bush Years*, by Sarah Schulman, *The Women’s Review of Books* Vol. 12, No. 2 (November 1994), pp. 5-6.

Review of *To Make and Make Again: Feminist Ritual Theology* by Charlotte Caron, *Women at Worship: Interpretations of North American Diversity*, by Marjorie Proctor-Smith and Janet Walton, and *The Telling* by E.M. Broner, *The Women’s Review of Books* Vol. 11, No. 9 (June 1994), pp. 11-12.

Review of *Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras*, by Diana Eck, *The Women’s Review of Books* Vol. 11, No. 6 (March 1994), pp. 24-25.

Review of *Lesbian and Gay Marriage: Private Commitments, Public Ceremonies*, by Suzanne Sherman, *The Women’s Review of Books* Vol. 10 No. 9 (March 1993), pp. 20-21.

## **OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

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*You! A Faith That Fits*, official youth ministry curriculum of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (Abilene, TX: UFMCC, 2007).

“Out of the closet, out of the pulpit,” *Los Angeles Times* Op Ed, November 6, 2005, p. M4.

“Faith and Life (and Death) in ACT-UP,” *Christianity and Crisis* Vol. 52, No. 19 (January 4, 1993), pp. 420-421.

“The Wilderness Generation,” *Christianity and Crisis* Vol. 52, No. 4 (March 16, 1992), pp. 76-77.

**ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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“Reproducing Respectability: Liberal Protestants and Eugenic Charity in the United States, 1877-1890,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association/American Society of Church History, Denver, CO, January 9, 2016.

“Beautiful Babies: Eugenic Display of the White Infant Body, 1854-1922,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 20, 2012.

“Rituals of Middle-Class Motherhood: Emily Post’s Christening Etiquette,” Tenth Annual Graduate Student Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, February 19, 2011.

“Urban Religious Pathways: Mapping Storefront Congregations on Germantown Avenue,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, ON, November 8, 2009.

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND COURSES TAUGHT**

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**ACPE, Inc./Emory University** 2017-present  
Research Fellow/Senior Research Administrative Coordinator

**Princeton University** 2017-present  
Graduate Fellow, Scholars Institute Fellows Program  
Programs for Access and Inclusion, Office of the Dean of the College

University Administrative Fellow, Office of the Dean of the College 2016-2017

Research Assistant to Dr. Albert J. Raboteau 2015-2016

Assistant in Instruction (Department of Religion, unless otherwise indicated)  
Hustles and Hustlers (Department of Sociology, assisting Dr. Rachael Ferguson) 2017  
Business Ethics and Modern Religion (assisting Dr. David Miller) 2016  
Christian Ethics and Modern Society (assisting Dr. Eric Gregory) 2014

Instructor, Prison Teaching Initiative, Garden State Correctional Facility  
Introduction to World Religions 2013  
English Composition I 2012-2013

Research Assistant to Dr. Judith Weisenfeld 2010

**The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia**  
Research Assistant to Dr. Katie Day 2008-2010

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

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American religious history from colonial encounter to the present; religion, science, and health; religion, race, and sexuality in American culture; religious diversity in the United States; African American religious history; ethnographic methods; contextual education for professional ministry.

## **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA Student Religious Life Consultant	2008-2010
Self-Employed Public Speaker and Curriculum Writer	2006-2008
First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA Pastoral Assistant	2006-2008
Associate Pastor	1999-2006
West Chester United Methodist Church, West Chester, PA Associate Pastor	1997-1999
Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Narberth, PA Outreach Director	1996-1997
LGNY (Lesbian and Gay New York, now Gay City News), New York, NY Founding Editor	1994-1995
Monthly Review Press, New York, NY Editorial Assistant	1993-1994
Christianity and Crisis, New York, NY Assistant Editor	1992-1993

## **SELECTED SERMONS AND COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

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“Don’t You Know Me? Interoperability: A Patient Narrative.” Joint presentation with Max Stroud, Lead Consultant, Galen Health Care Solutions. HIMSS Annual Conference and Exhibition, Orlando, Florida, February 21, 2017.

“A Service of Hope and Justice,” panel discussion with Frank Schaefer and Jimmy Creech, Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., January 26, 2014.

“Almost Daybreak,” St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, New Orleans, LA, December 1, 2013.

“A King Like No Other,” Turning Point United Methodist Church, Trenton, NJ, November 25, 2012.

“A Personal Journey,” Fairlington United Methodist Church, Fairlington, VA, March 11, 2012.

“Building With Rejected Stones,” Calvary United Methodist Church, Philadelphia, PA, October 2, 2011.

“Strange Resurrections,” Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, April 23, 2009.

“We Too Are Called,” panel discussion, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO, May 14, 2008.

“Break Every Yoke,” The Riverside Church, New York, NY, March 30, 2008.

“Don’t Be Afraid,” St. Mark United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA, June 21, 2007.

“Loving a Broken Church,” Methodists in New Directions annual meeting, New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Hempstead, NY, June 8, 2007.

“Trial by Church,” Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, March 20, 2007.

“A Place to Stand,” St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, New Orleans, LA, May 21, 2006.

Interfaith Panel on Queer Clergy, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA, April 10, 2006.

“Coming Out to the Church,” Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA, March 27, 2006.

“Continuing Faith as an Out Lesbian Pastor,” Penn State University, State College, PA, March 17, 2006.

“Journey of Truth-Telling,” Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, February 27, 2006.

“Committing to Compassion,” Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, Chicago, IL, February 12, 2006.

“In Ministry With All God’s Children: Building Congregations of Faithfulness and Witness,” keynote address for training weekend, Reconciling Ministries Network of the Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church, Downers Grove and Glenview, IL, February 11 and 12, 2006.

“Seeking Faithful Witness in a Fragmented Church,” panel discussion, and “Holy Uncertainty: Wisdom for Christian Community,” sermon, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, February 9, 2006.

“Reflections on a Church Trial,” Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, November 28, 2005.

“Telling the Truth, Seeking Justice,” Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, MA, November 15, 2005.

“Hope for a Divided Church,” Reconciling Ministries Network of The New England Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, Arlington, MA, November 2005.

“Following a Calling,” Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, October 11, 2005.

“God Calling: It’s Not About You,” Eden Theological Seminary, Webster Groves, MO, September 29, 2005.

“A Sound of Sheer Silence,” keynote sermon, Reconciling Ministries Network National Convocation, Lake Junaluska, NC, September 2005.

“An Unexpected Calling,” Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA, April 14, 2005.

“Hope: In Community,” Princeton University Chapel, Princeton, NJ, April 10, 2005.

“Jesus Walks With Us,” Yale Divinity School, New Haven, MA, April 7, 2005.

“Expanding the Conversation: Finding Common Ground,” Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, October 5, 2004.

“Beyond Newsweek: Young & Gay in 1993,” Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches Youth Assembly, Phoenix, AZ, July 18, 1993.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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Interim Ministry Team member Turning Point United Methodist Church, Trenton, NJ	2016
Co-chairperson, Education Committee Turning Point United Methodist Church, Trenton, NJ	2014-present
Member, Board of Directors Childspace Early Learning Centers, Philadelphia, PA	2009-2010
Board member, Camping and Retreat Ministries Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church	1998–2006
Board member, Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry, Philadelphia, PA	1999–2003
Volunteer chaplain, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA	1998–2002
Community Board member, West Chester YMCA, West Chester, PA	1997–1999

### **SELECTED TELEVISION AND RADIO COVERAGE**

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Featured on PBS gay and lesbian newsmagazine “In the Life,” December 2006.

Featured in PBS documentary “The Congregation,” produced by Emmy Award–winning filmmakers Alan and Susan Raymond, December 2004.

Interviewed by Barbara Bradley Hagerty, *Morning Edition*, National Public Radio, November 29, 2004.

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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American Academy of Religion. Steering Committee, Religion and Cities Group.

American Historical Association.

American Society of Church History.

### **LANGUAGES**

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German (reading and speaking proficiency), French (basic reading knowledge).