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Education

- Ph.D., 2019 The University of Chicago Divinity School
Religious Ethics
Chicago, IL
Dissertation: *Christian Realist Environmental Ethics*
- M.A.R., 2012 Yale Divinity School
Christian Ethics
New Haven, CT
- B.A., 2006 The University of Chicago
Environmental Studies
Chicago, IL

Appointments

- 2021- Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion
Berry College
Rome, GA
- 2019-21 Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow
University of Chicago Divinity School
- 2017-19 Preceptor
University of Chicago Program on the Global Environment
- 2018 Humanities Graduate Teaching Fellow
University of Chicago
- 2013-2016 Writing Instructor in the Undergraduate Humanities Core
University of Chicago
- 2008-2010 7th-10th Grade Math, Science, Biology, and Humanities
Trinity School At Meadow View
Falls Church, VA
- 2006-2008 6th Grade Math
Gaston Middle School
Gaston, NC

Courses taught

- Berry College Race and Religion in America, Environmental Ethics, Biomedical
Ethics, Introduction to Christian Ethics.

Univ. of Chicago God and the Good Life, Is Humanity Doomed?, Philosophical Perspectives I & II, Thesis Colloquium (for Environmental and Urban Studies), Writing Seminars

Awards and Honors

2016 [Karen DiNal Memorial Award](#)
University of Chicago
(Prize for excellence in the teaching of undergraduate writing, given annually to one instructor in the university.)

2012 M.A.R. *summa cum laude*
Yale Divinity School

2006 B.A. *with Honors*,
The University of Chicago

Publications

Books

In Process *The Irony of Human History: A Christian Realist Environmental Ethics*

Articles

In Process “How to Teach When Nobody is Listening: Paulo Freire and a Niebuhrian Pedagogy of the Polarized”
Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics

Encyclopedia Entries

2018 "H. Richard Niebuhr" and "Reinhold Niebuhr" In *A Dictionary of Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Charles Taliaferro and Elsa J. Marty. Second edition. New York: Bloomsbury, 2018.

Book Reviews

2018 “*The Violence of Climate Change: Lessons of Resistance from Nonviolent Activists* by Kevin J. O’Brien (review).” *Reading Religion* (the American Academy of Religion), 2018

2016 "Sacred Mountains: A Christian Ethical Approach to Mountaintop Removal by Andrew R. H. Thompson (review)." *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, vol. 36 no. 2, 2016

Public Facing Scholarship

- 2023-24 Invited contributing columnist.
[*Sightings*](#)
Publication of the Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago
- 2023 [Church Potluck Podcast](#) (frequent guest)
Berry College
- 2019 “[Human Goods, Environmental Evils](#)”
Sightings
- 2018 “[Evangelical Support for Trump as a Moral Project: Description and Critique](#)”
Religion and Culture Forum of the Martin Marty Center
- 2017 “[The Irony of Environmental History](#)”
The American Conscience June, 2017
Republished in *Political Theology Today*, August, 2017

Lectures and Papers Given

Invited Presentations

- 2024 “The Role of the Physician in Medicine: A Protestant response”
UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion
Jerusalem
- 2022 “Christian Realist Resources for Communicating in a Polarized Context”
Niebuhr Society
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion
Denver, Colorado
- 2022 “Protestant Approaches to the Environment”
UNESCO Workshop on Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion
Bangkok, Thailand
- 2018 “Christian Realism and Planetary Ethics”
Developing Planetary Sustainability Conference
Bern, Switzerland

Conference papers

- 2024 “The Pedagogy of the Polarized”
Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics
Chicago, IL
- 2019 “The Challenge of Moral Realism in Environmental Ethics”
Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics

Louisville, KY

2017 “Eschatological Expectations and Environmental Responsibility”
Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics
New Orleans, LA

2014 “Ecological Responsibility as Infralapsarian Reality.”
Eschatology and the Moral Order Conference,
The University of Chicago

2014 “Toward a Christian Realist Environmental Ethics.”
Loyola University Chicago and Marquette University Graduate
Theological Colloquium
Chicago, IL

Service to the University

2023- Writing Across the Curriculum Committee
Berry College

Service to the Academy

2022- Board member of the Niebuhr Society

2023 Referee for book proposal
Routledge Press

2022 Topical Expert
Pew Research Center
Provided language for questions on religion and climate change for
their [American Trends Panel](#)

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
The Niebuhr Society (Current Board Member)