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Education

University of California, Santa Barbara	
Ph.D., Religious Studies	2008
M.A., Religious Studies	2003
The Colorado College	
B.A., Religion, <i>cum laude</i> , Phi Beta Kappa (Minor in Asian Studies)	1999
Qufu Teacher's University	
Mandarin Chinese Certification	1998

Professional Experience

Current

American University, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion	2015 -
Graduate Programs Director	2017 -
Affiliate Faculty in Global Environmental Politics	2014 -
Affiliate Faculty in Latin American and Latino Studies	2013 -

Previous

American University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion	2009 - 2015
Co-Director of the Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs M.A. Program	2009 - 2017
Lewis and Clark College, Postdoctoral Associate	2008 - 2009
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Visiting Instructor	2007 - 2008
University of California, Santa Barbara, Instructor	2005 - 2007

Fellowships and Affiliations

Rachel Carson Center, Ludwig Maximilian University	2019
Carson Writing Fellow	
U.S. Department of State, Office of Religion and Global Affairs	2016
Franklin Fellow and Senior Advisor	
Inaugural AAR-Luce Fellow in Religion and International Affairs	
Center for Strategic and International Studies	2016 -
Ethics Educator for International Leaders Symposium	
Carnegie Council for Ethics and International Affairs	2012 - 2015
Global Ethics Fellow	
The Washington Center	2014
Human Rights Teaching Fellow	

External Research Grants

- Henry Luce Foundation, “Religion and Climate Change in Cross Regional Perspective”
(Principal Investigator, \$425,000) 2016 - 2018
- Henry Luce Foundation, “Religious Engagement with Rights and Justice in Latin
America” (Principal Investigator, \$300,000) 2013 - 2015

Honors, Awards, and Small Grants

- Robert J. Myers Fund (Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs) 2017
- Mellon Faculty Development Award (American University) 2017
- Bridging the Gap Project International Policy Summer Institute 2016
- Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award (American University) 2014
- Mellon Faculty Development Award (American University) 2013
- Individual Research Grant (American Academy of Religion) 2011
- NEH Summer Institute in Sustainability and the Humanities (Arizona State University) 2011
- Center for Teaching, Research and Learning Best Ideas Award (American University) 2010
- Bridges to Collaboration Teaching Award (American University) 2010
- Mendell Graduate Fellowship (Capps Center for the Study of Religion and Public Life) 2007
- Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant (U.C. Santa Barbara) 2005
- Erasmus Institute Graduate Fellowship (University of Notre Dame) 2004
- New Visions of Nature, Science, and Religion Research Award (Templeton Foundation) 2004
- Thomas O’Dea Memorial Award (U.C. Santa Barbara Department of Religious Studies) 2004
- Collaborative Research Grant (U.C. Santa Barbara Interdisciplinary Humanities Center) 2003

Publications

Monographs

- Devoted to Nature: The Religious Roots of American Environmentalism* (Berkeley: University of
California Press, 2015)
- Profane Energies: Religion in the Fossil Fuel Era* (in preparation, anticipated 2020)

Edited Volumes

- Church, Cosmivision, and the Environment: Religion and Social Conflict in Contemporary Latin
America*, co-edited with Rob Albro (London: Routledge, 2018)
- Climate Politics and the Power of Religion* (under contract with Indiana University Press,
anticipated 2019)

Journal Articles

- “Religion and Climate Change” (co-authored with Willis Jenkins) *Annual Review of Environment
and Resources* 43 (2018)
- “Religion and Nature in a Globalizing World” (editorial introduction for eponymous special
issue) *Religions* 8 (2017)
- “Religion and Climate Change: A Survey of Social Scientific Scholarship” *Religious Studies Review*
42:2 (June 2016) 74-82.
- “Scalar Issues in Climate Ethics” *Philosophy and Public Policy Quarterly* 33:1 (Spring 2015)

- “Religion and the Politics of Global Sustainability: Some Basic Findings from Rio+20”
Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology 18:3 (2014) 269-288.
- “Religious Environmentalism and Environmental Religion in America” *Religion Compass* 13
(Spring 2013)
- “Imagining Ecotopia” (primary author and special issue guest editor with James Proctor) *Journal
for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, 5:2 (June 2011) 121-125.
- “Ecotopian Exceptionalism” (Secondary Author with James Proctor) *Journal for the Study of
Religion, Nature, and Culture*, 5:2 (June 2011) 145-163.

Book Chapters

- “Climate Change and Global Religious Pluralism” in *Emergent Religious Pluralisms*, John Fahy, Jan
Bock, and Sami Everett, eds. (London: Palgrave, forthcoming 2018)
- “The Right Climate: Political Opportunities for Religious Engagement in Climate Policy” in
Climate Politics and the Power of Religion (under review, anticipated 2019)
- “Transnational Religious Advocacy Networks in Latin America and Beyond” in *Churches and
Cosmologies: Religion, Environment, and Social Conflict in Contemporary Latin
America*, Evan Berry and Rob Albro, eds. (London: Routledge, 2018)
- “Nature Religion and the Problem of Authenticity” in *Inherited Land: The Changing Ground of
Religion and Ecology*, W. Bauman, R. Bohannon, and K. O’Brien, eds. 18-41 (Eugene:
Pickwick) 2011.
- “Nature” in *Religion and Everyday Life and Culture*, Richard Hecht and Vincent Biondo, eds.
741-763 (Santa Barbara: Praeger) 2009.
- “Nature” (republished) in *Religion and Culture*, Richard Hecht and Vincent Biondo,
eds. 155-174 (Minneapolis: Fortress Press) 2012.
- “Epilogue” in *Death and Religion in a Changing World*, K. Garces-Foley, ed. 305-312 (Armonk:
M.E. Sharpe) 2005.

Book Reviews

- “Wonder, Value, and God by Robin Attfield,” *Ethics, Policy, and Environment* (Forthcoming
2018)
- “Religion in the Anthropocene, Celia Deane Drummond et al, eds.” *Worldviews: Global Religions,
Culture, and Ecology* (Forthcoming Spring 2018)
- “Loving God’s Wilderness: The Christian Roots of Ecological Ethics in American Literature by
Jeffrey Bilbro” *Religion & Literature* 49:3 (Forthcoming Spring 2018)
- “Inherit the Holy Mountain: Religion and the Rise of American Environmentalism by Mark
Stoll” *Pacific Historical Review* (March 2017)

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Great Chain of Being” in *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History*, Kathleen Bronsan, ed.
(New York: Facts on File) 2010.
- “Puget Sound” in *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History*, Kathleen Bronsan, ed. (New
York: Facts on File) 2010.

“Religion and Environmental Concern: The Challenge for Social Science” (secondary author with James Proctor), *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, Bron Taylor, ed. 1571-1576 (New York: Continuum) 2005.

“Wilson, Edward O.” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, Bron Taylor, ed. 1753-1754 (New York: Continuum) 2005.

Invited Lectures

“Religion and Climate Change in Cross Regional Comparison”

University of Leeds Center for Religion and Public Life, April 19, 2018

“Hydrocarbon Spiritualities: Religion, Climate Change, and Fossil Fuels”

Indiana University Department of Religious Studies, February 8, 2018

“Profane Energies / Sacred Narratives”

American University Humanities Lab Lecture Series, February 15, 2017

“Devoted to Nature: The Religious Roots of American Environmentalism”

City of Takoma Park Arts and Lectures, April 7, 2016

“The Role of Religion in Addressing Climate Change: History and Prospects”

Washington Ethical Society, April 10, 2016

“A Changing Climate for Religious Globalization”

University of Bergen Global Summer Institute on Religion and Poverty, June 17, 2015

“Transnational Religious Advocacy Networks and Climate Change Politics”

Global North-South Conference, University of Bergen, June 16, 2015

“Climate Change and Religious Globalization”

Henry Gates Lecture in Modern Religious Thought, Grinnell College, January 27, 2015

“Nature Religions and the Problem of Authenticity”

Florida International University, March 1, 2009

“Ecotopian Hopes and Apocalyptic Fears”

Lewis and Clark College, October 8, 2008

Conference, Workshop, and Symposium Presentations

“Hydrocarbon Spiritualities: Fossil Fuel Extraction as Religious Production”

Petrocultures, University of Glasgow, August 30, 2018

“Sustaining Diplomacy, Adapting Religion”

Diplomacy, Religion, and Resilience in Small Island Developing States, Sister Cities International, May 22, 2018

“Climate Change and Global Religious Pluralism”

Emergent Pluralisms Conference, Cambridge University’s Woolf Center, April 17, 2018

“Anthropocalypse: Religious Currents of Thought in Contemporary Environmental Discourse”

Georgetown University’s Approaching the Anthropocene Project, September 21, 2017

“Appraising Research of Religion and Climate Change”

Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences, June 9, 2016

“Is Climate Change One Problem? Culturally Particular Notions of Harm in a Warming Planet”

Carnegie Council Global Ethics Fellows Meeting, October 22, 2015 and

Uehiro-Carnegie-Oxford Conference on Global Warming Ethics, October 28, 2015

- “Negotiating the Politics of Transnational Religious Environmentalism”
Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, May 28, 2015
- “Their Hearts Were Strangely Warmed: A Changing Climate for Christian Organizations”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 24, 2014
- “Do Not Throw Your Pearls Before Swine: What is Valuable In Religion in Ecology?”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 23, 2014
- “Religious Environmentalism and Global Civil Society”
Carnegie Council Global Ethics Fellows Meeting, October 16, 2014
- “On the Shortcomings of Private and Public Approaches to Climate Ethics”
American University’s Annual McDowell Conference, October 25, 2013 and
Carnegie Council Global Ethics Fellows Meeting, November 7, 2013
- “Re-examining the Theological Roots of ‘Mountain Glory’”
Thinking Mountains Conference, University of Alberta, December 13, 2012
- “Religion and the Politics of Global Sustainability”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 18, 2012
- “Is Religious Environmentalism Distinct from Secular Environmentalism?”
Nature and the Popular Imagination, Pepperdine University, August 8, 2012
- “Desert Island Castaways and the Modern Environmental Imagination”
Nature and the Popular Imagination, Pepperdine University, August 8, 2012
- “Parts of a Whole: Ecological Consumerism in a Global Age”
NEH Summer Institute on Sustainability and the Humanities, July 14, 2011
- “Climate Change and the Ethical Ambiguity of ‘Interconnectedness’”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 1, 2010
- “Secularization and the Decontamination of the Public Sphere”
American University’s Annual McDowell Conference, October 22, 2010
- “Seeking and Dwelling in Ecotopia: Spirituality and Community in the Pacific Northwest”
Sustainability Perspectives from the Humanities, Portland State University, May 15, 2009
- “The Road to Nature: Automobile Pilgrimage and Nature Spirituality”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 21, 2007
- “Sacred Histories and Prophetic Spaces: Civil Religion in Museums of the American West”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 20, 2006
- “Origins and Adaptations of Secularization Theory in the American Context” (with Masen
Uliss) International Society for Intellectual History Conference, April 2, 2005
- “Historical Issues in Religion and Ecology”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 20, 2004
- “Interrogating the Relationship among Religiosity, Spirituality, and Environmentalism”
Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, August 21, 2004
- “The Religious Origins of Ecology: Ernst Haeckel and Scientific Monism”
Erasmus Institute Summer Fellowship Program, July 12, 2004
- “Dimensions of the Sacred: Secular Worldviews, Place, and Environmentalism”
Religious Studies: What’s the Point?, Lancaster University, December 14, 2003
- “Interpreting Environmentalist Usage of ‘the Other’”

American Academy of Religion, Western Regional Meeting, March 24, 2003

Scholarly Blog Posts

“Faith-Based Organizations as Advocates for Climate Change,” August 2, 2018

<https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/forum/how-faith-based-organizations-can-respond-to-climate-change/responses/faith-based-organizations-as-advocates-for-climate-action>

“Joining Religion to Public Policy Conversations: The AAR-Luce Fellowship in Religion and International Affairs,” August 29, 2017

<http://rsn.aarweb.org/columns/joining-religion-public-policy-conversations-aar-luce-fellowship-religion-and-international>

“Is Climate Change One Problem? Culturally Particular Notions of Environmental Harm,” January 5, 2015

http://www.carnegiecouncil.org/en_US/studio/multimedia/20151028b/index.html

“The Road from Lima to Paris...and Beyond,” November 30, 2015

<http://aulablog.net/2015/11/30/from-lima-to-paris-and-beyond/>

“Is Climate Change a Religious Issue?,” September 22, 2015

<http://www.ucpress.edu/blog/18950/is-climate-change-a-religious-issue/>

“What Pope Francis Should Say In His Upcoming UN Address,” September 14, 2015

<http://e360.yale.edu/feature/what-pope-francis-should-say-in-his-upcoming-un-address/2910/>

“The Papal Encyclical: Driving Debate in Latin America,” June 16, 2015

<http://aulablog.net/2015/06/16/the-papal-encyclical-driving-debate-in-latin-america/>

“Saving the Planet Sounds Strangely Religious: A Response to Strenski,” December 12, 2014

<http://religiondispatches.org/saving-the-planet-sounds-strangely-religious-a-response-to-ivan-strenski/>

“Brazil: Sustained Attention to Sustainable Development.” June 5, 2014

<http://aulablog.net/2014/06/05/brazil-sustained-attention-to-sustainable-development/>

Media Coverage

Quoted in “Meet the Catholic Group Fighting Trump’s Rollbacks” by Maxine Joselow, *Greenwire News Service*, February 7, 2018.

Quoted in “Pope Francis, headed to Colombia, will promote peace accord government signed with FARC rebels” by Chris Kraul, *Los Angeles Times*, September 6, 2017

Quoted in “An Evangelical Movement Takes on Climate Change” by Tik Root, *Newsweek*, March 9, 2016

Quoted in “Pope May Influence Climate Talks” by Justin Catanoso, *Greensboro News and Record*, November 29, 2015

Quoted in “Catholic Bishops ask for binding, transformative COP21 climate treaty” by Justin Catanoso, *MongaBay.com*, October 27, 2015

Interviewed for “Readers’ Review: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho,” *Diane Rehm Show*, September 23, 2015.

Quoted in “Congressman Boycotts Pope Over He’ll Discuss Climate” by Jean Chemnick, *Greenwire News Service*, September 18, 2015

Quoted in “Pope Francis Faces Challenge Persuading US’s Catholic Leaders on Climate Change” by Suzanne Goldenberg, *The Guardian*, September 16, 2015

Quoted in “Pope Embracing Technology to Attract Followers” *AP*, September 10, 2015

Quoted in “Why Pope Francis’ Climate Message Is Hard for Americans to Swallow” by Chris

Mooney, *The Washington Post*, June 18, 2015.

Workshops, Symposiums, and Conferences Organized

- “Religion and Climate Change in Small Island Developing States,” Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies St. Augustine, Trinidad, October 3-4, 2017
- “Religion and Climate Change in the Andes and Himalayas,” University Antonio Ruiz de la Montoya, Lima, Peru, May 2-3, 2017
- “Religion and Climate Politics in Developing Economies,” Observer Research Foundation, Delhi, India, December 8-9, 2016
- “The Faiths and Our Ocean,” GreenFaith and American University’s Kay Center for Spiritual Life, September 14, 2016
- “Churches and Cosmologies: Religion, Environment, and Social Conflict in Contemporary Latin America,” American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies; Washington Office on Latin America; Union Theological Seminary Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice; and Union Theological Seminary Center for Earth Ethics, January 21, 2016 (DC) and January 22, 2016 (NYC)
- “Religion and Climate Change in the Public Sphere: The Role of the Media,” American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies and the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting, September 28, 2015
- “Religion and Climate Change in Comparative Regional Perspective,” American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, July 10, 2015
- “Religion and Democratic Contestation in Latin America: Rights and Justice Claims around the Environment and Gender/Sexuality,” American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, November 6-7, 2014
- “Religion and Democracy in Latin America,” American University Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, February 27-28, 2014
- “Rethinking the Public and the Private in Global Civil Society,” American University Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs Program, April 4, 2013
- “Eating Green: A Conversation About Food, Consumption, and Sustainability,” American University Department of Philosophy and Religion, April 22, 2011

Professional Service

- Committee for the Public Understanding of Religion, American Academy of Religion 2017 -
International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture
President Elect 2018 -
Secretary 2015 - 2018
- American Academy of Religion, Religion and Ecology Group
Steering Committee 2013 - 2018
Co-Chair 2014 - 2017
- Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change Research, American Academy of Religion 2014

Editorial Service

Series Editor, *Religion and the Environment*, Routledge 2017-
Assistant Editor, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* 2012 -
Editorial Board, *Journal for Environmental Studies and Sciences* 2010 - 2012
Editorial Board, *Epoche: University of California Journal for the Study of Religion* 2004 - 2006
Peer Reviewer (journals): *Humanities*, *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*, *Religions*,
Journal of Religion, Nature, and Culture, *Environmental Humanities*
Peer Reviewer (presses): University of California Press, New York University Press, University
of Kentucky Press, Equinox Press

University Service

Rank and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion 2017 -
Ethical Reasoning Subcommittee of the General Education Committee 2017 -
Faculty Advisor for the Society for Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs 2009 - 2014
American University General Education Curriculum Committee 2011 - 2015
American University Human Rights Initiative 2010 - 2012
College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Board 2010 - 2011
College of Arts and Sciences Educational Policy Committee 2009 - 2010

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion 2002 -
International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture 2007 -
Latin American Studies Association 2014 - 2017
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2010 - 2017
International Studies Association 2014 - 2016
International Association for Environmental Philosophy 2009 - 2012

Courses Taught

Religious Pluralism and Political Philosophy
Religion, Politics, and Power
Global Ethics
Modern Moral Problems: Climate Ethics
Modern Moral Problems: Food Ethics
The Idea of Nature
International Human Rights
The Religious Heritage of Asia
Religion and Environmental Ethics
Religious Approaches to Death
Comparative Religious Ethics
Religion Without Borders
Forms of the Sacred