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Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education  
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### Education

- 1992-1999 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Stanford University
- 1996-1997 Philosophy, Freie Universität Berlin
- 1986-1990 A.B. *magna cum laude*, with Honors in Religious Studies, Brown University

### Academic Appointments

- 2025- Professor of Religious Studies and German Studies, Cornell University
- 2015-2025 Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University
- 2015-2016 Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow, Princeton University Center for Human Values
- 2010-2015 Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Religious Studies, Brown University
- 2007-2010 Vartan Gregorian Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University
- 2003-2007 Assistant Professor, Committee on the Study of Religion and the Divinity School (joint appointment), Harvard University
- 2002-2003 Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
- 1999-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Iowa
- 1999 Lecturer, Program in Religious Studies, University of California at Davis
- 1998 Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University
- 1990-1991 English Teacher, Colegio Emile Dalcroze, Quito, Ecuador

## Administrative Appointments

2025-	Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Cornell University
2023-2025	Dean of the Graduate School, Brown University
2022-2023	Interim Dean of the Graduate School, Brown University
2016-2022	Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Graduate School, Brown University Co-Deputy Dean, 2018-2022

## Scholarship

### a. Books

*Why Philosophy Matters for the Study of Religion – and Vice Versa*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015 (paperback 2017).

Review: Raphael Magarik, *Los Angeles Review of Books*, September 2016; online at [lareviewofbooks.org/article/normative-commitments-a-philosophical-vision-for-the-study-of-religion/](http://lareviewofbooks.org/article/normative-commitments-a-philosophical-vision-for-the-study-of-religion/); Benjamin Schewel, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85:1 (2017): 264-66; Natalie Carnes, *Modern Theology* 33:4 (2017): 684; Andrew Forsyth, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 37:2 (2017): 209-10; Syndicate symposium, with responses from Anne Monius, Sonia Hazard, Samuel J. Kessler, Travis Cooper, Anil Mundra, and Matthew Bagger, August-September 2018; online at [syndicate.network/symposia/theology/why-philosophy-matters-for-the-study-of-religion-and-vice-versa/](http://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/why-philosophy-matters-for-the-study-of-religion-and-vice-versa/); John Matthew Allison, *Reading Religion* October 2018; online at <https://readingreligion.org/books/why-philosophy-matters-study-religion>.

*Religion, Modernity, and Politics in Hegel*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011 (paperback 2014).

Reviews: Mark Alznauer, *Clio* 42:1 (2012): 114-19; Andy German, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2012); Georg Sans, *Theologie und Philosophie* 87:2 (2012): 270-72; Hoon J. Lee, *Journal of Theological Studies* 64:2 (2013): 800-802; Vincent Lloyd, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 34:1 (2014): 226-28; Ting Guo, *The Expository Times* 125:4 (2014): 198-99; Will Dudley, *Hegel Bulletin* 35:2 (2014): 313-18; Matthew J. Aragon Bruce, *Scottish Journal of Theology* 68:4 (2015): 491-93; Nadine Mooren, *Hegel-Studien* 50 (2016): 263-66.

*Freedom and Tradition in Hegel: Reconsidering Anthropology, Ethics, and Religion*. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2005.

Reviews: Allen Speight, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2005); Martin Wendte, *Ars Disputandi* 6 (2006); William Desmond, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74:3 (2006): 787-89; Daniel Murphy, *Philosophical Quarterly* 56:224 (2006): 453-55; Thora Ilin Bayer, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 44:2 (2006): 322-23; Dean Moyar, *Political*

*Theory* 35:2 (2007): 200-207; James P. Gubbins, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 28:1 (2008): 260-62; George Pattison, *Scottish Journal of Theology* 62:2 (2009): 232-34.

b. Chapters in books

“The Universal, the Individual, and the Novel: Hegel, Austen, and Ethical Formation.” In *The Unique, the Singular, and the Individual*, edited by Ingolf U. Dalferth and Raymond E. Perrier. Claremont Studies in Philosophy of Religion. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2022.

“Feeling, Representation, and Practice in Hegel’s *Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion*.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Hegel*, edited by Dean Moyar, 581-602. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

“Hegel’s Determinate Religion Today: Foreign yet Not So Far Away.” In *Religion und Religionen im Deutschen Idealismus: Schleiermacher - Hegel - Schelling*, edited by Friedrich Hermanni, Burkhard Nonnenmacher, and Friedrike Shick, 211-31. Collegium Metaphysicum 13. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015.

“Vergleichende Ethik in Nordamerika: Methodologische Probleme und Ansätze” (Comparative ethics in North America: Methodological problems and approaches). Expanded and updated edition. In *Wertetraditionen und Wertekonflikte: Ethik in Zeiten der Globalisierung*, edited by Gabriele Münnix, 321-35. Nordhausen: Verlag Traugott Bautz, 2013.

“Ethical Formation and Ordinary Life in the Modern West: The Case of Work.” In *Religious Ethics in a Time of Globalism*, edited by Elizabeth Bucar and Aaron Stalnaker, 27-47. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

“On the Role of Normativity in Religious Studies.” In *Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies*, edited by Robert A. Orsi, 168-85. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

“Finite Representation, Spontaneous Thought, and the Politics of an Open-ended Consummation.” In *Hegel and the Infinite: Religion, Politics and Dialectic*, edited by Slavoj Žižek, Clayton Crockett, and Creston Davis, 199-219. New York: Columbia University Press, 2011.

“The Inevitability of Normativity in the Study of Religion: Theology in Religious Studies.” In *Theology and Religious Studies in Higher Education: Global Perspectives*, edited by Darlene L. Bird and Simon G. Smith, 87-98. London: Continuum, 2009.

“Religion and Demythologization in Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*.” In *Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: A Critical Guide*, edited by Dean Moyar and Michael Quante, 192-209. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008.

“Helder Câmara,” “Pedro Casaldáliga,” “Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM),” “National Conference of Brazilian Bishops (CNBB),” “Opus Dei,” and “Jon Sobrino.” In *Encyclopedia of Contemporary Latin American and Caribbean Cultures*, edited by Daniel Balderston, Ana López, and Mike González, 254, 292, 308-309, 374, 1077, and 1393. London: Routledge, 2000.

“Praxis and Community in Gustavo Gutiérrez.” In *Conference Proceedings: Salvation and Sovereignty: Church and State in the Americas*, edited by Joan E. Supplee, Lizbeth Sousa Fuertes, and Janet E. Adamski, 99-110. Waco, Texas, 2000.

“Hegelian Roots of Gustavo Gutiérrez’s Liberationist Anthropology.” In *Memory, History and Critique: European Identity at the Millennium. Proceedings of the Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, at the University for Humanist Studies, Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 19-24 1996*, edited by Frank Brinkhuis and Sascha Talmor. Utrecht: University for Humanist Studies; distributed by MIT Press, 1998.

### c. Refereed journal articles

Betsy Barre et al., “Teaching Religion and Upholding Academic Freedom,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 51, no. 2 (2023): 343–73, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jore.12431>.

“Theory and Method and the Stakes of a Fragmented Discipline: Or, What Economics Taught Me About the Study of Religion.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 88:4 (2020): 981-1001. [doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfaa060](https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfaa060)

“Overcoming a Stumbling Block: A Non-Traditional Hegel for Religious Studies.” *Journal of Religion* 95:2 (2015): 198-212.

“Beyond Love: Hegel on the Limits of Love in Modern Society.” *Zeitschrift für neuere Theologiegeschichte/Journal for the History of Modern Theology* 20:1 (2013): 3-20.

“Religion, Reconciliation, and Modern Society: The Shifting Conclusions of Hegel’s *Lectures on the Philosophy of Religion*.” *Harvard Theological Review* 106:1 (2013): 37-60.

“Ethnography, Anthropology, and Comparative Religious Ethics: Or Ethnography and the Comparative Religious Ethics Local.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 38:3 (2010): 395-403.

“Speaking of Habits: The Role of Language in Moving from Habit to Freedom.” *Owl of Minerva* 39:1-2 (2007-2008): 25-54.

“Beyond the Totalitarian: Ethics and the Philosophy of Religion in Recent Hegel Scholarship.” *Religion Compass* 2:4 (2008): 556-74.

“Cultivating Our Intuitions: Hegel on Religion, Politics, and Public Discourse.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 27:1 (2007): 205-24.

“On the Limits of Narrative: Communities in Pluralistic Society.” *Journal of Religion* 86:1 (2006): 55-80.

“Heterogeneous Community: Beyond New Traditionalism.” *Critical Studies* 28 (2006): 55-72.

“Actions as the Ties That Bind: Love, Praxis, and Community in the Thought of Gustavo Gutiérrez.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 33.3 (2005): 539-67.

“Frames of Comparison: Anthropology and Inheriting Traditional Practices.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 33.2 (2005): 225-53.

Thomas A. Lewis, Jonathan W. Schofer, Aaron Stalnaker, and Mark A. Berkson, “Anthropos and Ethics: Categories of Inquiry and Procedures of Comparison.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 33.2 (2005): 177-85.

#### d. Non-refereed journal articles

“When Emulation and Setting the Historical Record Straight Are Not Enough: A Response to Emily Dumler-Winckler’s *Modern Virtue: Mary Wollstonecraft and a Tradition of Dissent*.” *Syndicate*, June 2024; online at <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/modern-virtue/#when-emulation-and-setting-the-historical-record-straight-are-not-enough>.

“Genealogy, Modernity, and Christianity Talk.” *Genealogies of Modernity*, December 2023; online at [genealogiesofmodernity.org/journal/genealogy-modernity-and-christianity-talk](http://genealogiesofmodernity.org/journal/genealogy-modernity-and-christianity-talk).

Responses to Anne Monius, Sonia Hazard, Samuel J. Kessler, Travis Cooper, Anil Mundra, and Matthew Bagger, *Syndicate*, August-September 2018; online at [syndicate.network/symposia/theology/why-philosophy-matters-for-the-study-of-religion-and-vice-versa/](http://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/why-philosophy-matters-for-the-study-of-religion-and-vice-versa/).

“Rhode Island: A Resident Hears Dissent in Roger Williams’ State.” *Religion & Politics*, July 19, 2012, <http://religionandpolitics.org/2012/07/19/rhode-island-a-resident-hears-dissent-in-roger-williams-state>.

“Ordinary Miracles and Beyond: A Response to Jonathan Schofer’s ‘Drought.’” *The Religion & Culture Web Forum*, The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion [http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/webforum/archive.shtml] (January 2012).

“The Study of Religion a Decade after 9/11.” *Brown University Faculty Bulletin* (January 2012): 9-11.

“Hegelian Anthropology and Ethical Cultivation in the Modern World.” In “Yo y Tiempo: La antropología filosófica de Hegel,” supplement, *Contrastes* 15:2 (2010): 249-56.

“Vergleichende Ethik in Nordamerika: Methodologische Probleme und Ansätze” (Comparative ethics in North America: Methodological problems and approaches). *Polylog: Zeitschrift für interkulturelles Philosophieren* 1:2 (1998): 87-97.

#### e. Book reviews

Review of *Religion in the University*, by Nicholas Wolterstorff. *Journal of Religion* 101:2 (2021): 294-296. doi.org/10.1086/712899

Review of *Hegel on Religion and Politics*, edited by Angelica Nuzzo. *Hegel Bulletin* (September 2016).

Review of *Hegel's Philosophy of Freedom*, by Paul Franco. *Hegel-Studien* 37 (2002): 269-274.

f. Invited lectures and talks

Panelist on Graduate Education Today. Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Annual Coordinators Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2025.

“Genealogies of Modernity: A Response,” Genealogies of Modernity Colloquium, Beatrice Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, August 2023.

“Graduate Student Activism,” Association of Graduate Schools, Washington, DC, September 2022.

“Beyond Religion and Critical Thought? Three Models for the Furtherance of Philosophy in Religious Studies,” Philosophy in/of/for Religious Studies, Amherst College, June 2022.

“Theory and Method and the Stakes of a Fragmented Discipline,” Religion and Theology Series, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, March 2021.

“Religion and the Bulwarks of the Political Order: Hegel, Religion, and Nationalism,” Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. Charles University, Prague, December 2019.

“Why Hegel? Why Now? (And Why Hegel Is Not Enough),” The Spirit of Democracy. University of Richmond, April 2019.

“The Universal, the Individual, and the Novel: Hegel, Austen, and Ethical Formation,” International Center for the Humanities and Social Change. University of California at Santa Barbara, February 2019.

Response on Scriptures, Textuality, Translatability: Reflections of the Theoretical Presuppositions of the Untranslatables Project, “Judaism – Christianity – Islam: Untranslatables and Crossovers. Brown University, October 2018.

“The Universal, the Particular, and the Novel: Hegel, Austen, and Ethical Formation,” Religion and Its Publics Senior Fellows Colloquium, Washington, DC, April 2018.

“Keynote Address, “Ambiguity, Promise, and Practice in Contemporary Philosophy of Religion,” Graduate Student Conference, Department of the Study of Religion. University of Toronto, April 2018.

The Universal, the Particular, and the Novel: Hegel, Austen, and Ethical Formation,” 2018 Philosophy of Religion Conference. Claremont Graduate University, February 2018.

“More than History: On Constructive Work in Philosophy of Religion,” Traditions of Swift Hall Conference. University of Chicago, May 2017.

Teaching Religion in Public Colloquium, Indiana University, March 2017.

Workshop on *Why Philosophy Matters for the Study of Religion – and Vice Versa*. Department of Religion, Syracuse University, October 2016.

Response to Kevin Schilbrack, “Religious Practice and the Formation of Subjects.” Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Boston University, September 2016.

Response to Sarah McClintock, “Rehabilitating the Conventional via the Transactional: An Experiment in Madhyamaka Thought Inspired by Kamalaśīla.” Columbia University Seminar on Comparative Philosophy, New York, New York, April 2016.

“Discipline, Freedom, and the Formation of the Modern Subject.” The Frederic C. Wood Jr. Lecture Series, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, March 2016.

“Modern Formation, Ethical and Otherwise.” Department of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, February 2016.

Respondent, Symposium on the Future of the Philosophy of Religion. Boston University, February 2016.

“Formation.” Political Concepts, Brown University, December 2015.

“Philosophy of Religion Beyond the Philosophers.” Symposium on the Future of the Philosophy of Religion. Boston University, April 2015.

“Hegel’s Determinate Religion Today: Foreign yet Not So Far Away.” The Concept of Religion and the Plurality of Religions in Schleiermacher, Hegel and Schelling, Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, October 2014.

“Voids and Vistas: Missing Links Between Philosophy of Religion and the Discourse of Religious Studies.” Philosophy of Religions Workshop, University of Chicago Divinity School, April 2014.

“Chains and Cranes: Dominant Social Norms and Ethical Formation in Augustine and Hegel.” The Politics of Spirit: Augustine and Hegel in Dialogue, Princeton University, March 2014.

“Necessary Risks: Love, Resentment, and the Mixed Motives of Social Action.” Resentment’s Conflicts, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, October 2012.

“Modern Love: Hegel on the Limits of Love in Society.” Meade-Swing Lecture, Oberlin College, February 2012.

“The Practice of Being Good: Hegel on Ethical Formation.” Amherst College, April 2011.

“On Spiritual Exercises in the Modern World: Ethical and Philosophical Formation in Hegel.” Political Philosophy Workshop. Brown University, May 2010.

“Study in/at the Center for the Study of World Religions.” Center for the Study of World Religions 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium. Harvard University, April 2010.

“Religion beyond the Boundaries of Mere Reason: The Kantian Aftermath and the History of the Concept of Religion.” Symposium on the Future of the Philosophy of Religion. Boston University, April 2010.

“Response to Leela Prasad.” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, November 2008.

“Protesting Privatization: Hegel and the Conceptualization of Religion in the Modern West.” Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, October 2008.

Invited Guest, Seminar on Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*, led by Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University, April 2008.

“History in the Future of the Philosophy of Religion.” Symposium on the Future of the Philosophy of Religion. Boston University, April 2008.

Discussion with the Author session on *Freedom and Tradition in Hegel*. Society of Christian Ethics. Dallas, Texas, January 2007.

“Conceptions of Tradition and the Comparative Project.” Society for Comparative Theology. Boston, Massachusetts, April 2005.

“The Inevitability of Normativity in the Study of Religion.” Religion Colloquium. Study of Religion, Harvard University, March 2005.

Respondent to Andrew Greeley, “Religious Change in Europe: New Age or Age-Old? (A Rational Choice by God?).” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, October 2004.

“The Story and the Deed: Narrative and Practice in Alasdair MacIntyre’s Conception of Community.” Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, May 2003.

Panelist, “The Comparative Study of Religion: Methods, Purposes, and Prospects.” University of Iowa, November 2002.

## g. Papers delivered at professional meetings

“The Social and the Personal, Feuerbach and Kierkegaard: A Response to Gooch and Piety.” American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California, November 2024.

“On Religious Studies and the Future of Graduate Education.” Council on the Graduate Study of Religion. American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November 2023.

“A Response to Emily Dumler-Winckler’s *Modern Virtue*.” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November 2023.

“Forging Common Conversation: A Response to Aaron Stalnaker’s *Mastery, Dependence, and the Ethics of Authority*.” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November 2021 (rescheduled from November 2020).

“Jane Austen and the Cultivation of Critical Reflection: Or, On Zombie Narratives of Modern Ethics.” Society of Christian Ethics. Washington, DC, January 2020.

“Theory and Method and the Stakes of a Fragmented Discipline: Or, What Economics Taught Me About the Study of Religion.” American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California, November 2019.

“Philosophy, Religion—Then, Now: On Conceptualizing Philosophy in Late Antiquity.” Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, California, November 2019.

“Who Stands at this Crossroads? On Conceptualizing Philosophy.” Society of Biblical Literature. Boston, Massachusetts, November 2017.

Respondent, “Author Meets Critics: Thomas A. Lewis’s *Why Philosophy Matters for the Study of Religion – and Vice Versa*.” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November 2016.

Respondent, “Moral Mobility: Class, Labor, and Religious Ethics.” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November 2016.

“What Philosophers Can Learn from the Rest of Religious Studies.” Society of Christian Philosophers. San Antonio, Texas, November 2016.

Panelist, “Religious Studies and the Crisis of the Humanities.” American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California, November 2014.

“Women, Ethical Formation, and Narratives of Modern Morality.” American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California, November 2014.

“Gustavo Gutiérrez and Four Aspects of Historical Inquiry.” Society of Christian Ethics. Seattle, Washington, January 2014.

“Beyond Love: Hegel on the Limits of Love in Modern Society.” American Academy of Religion. Chicago, Illinois, November 2012.

“Self-determination, Otherness, and Projection in Hegel’s Philosophy of Religion.” American Academy of Religion. Chicago, Illinois, November 2012.

“Ethical Formation in Ordinary Life.” Workshop on Comparative Religious Ethics in a Global Age. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana, October 2010.

“Encountering the Other and Ourselves in ‘Determinate Religion’: Conceptual and Narrative Development in Hegel’s Philosophy of Religion.” Hegel und die Moderne. XXVIII Internationaler Hegel-Kongress. Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, September 2010.

Respondent for David Chester, “Volcanic Hazards and Christian Theology,” Terra Mobilis: Fire and Ice Colloquium, Brown University. Providence, Rhode Island, December 2009.

“The Polyvalent Politics of the Modern Turn to Tradition.” American Academy of Religion. Montreal, Quebec, November 2009.

Respondent for “New Work in Comparative Religious Ethics.” American Academy of Religion. Montreal, Quebec, November 2009.

“Hegelian Anthropology and Ethical Cultivation in the Modern World.” Yo y tiempo: La antropología filosófica de Hegel [Self and Time: Hegel’s Philosophical Anthropology]. University of Málaga. Málaga, Spain, September 2009.

“Ethnography, Anthropology, and Comparative Religious Ethics: Or, Ethnography and the Comparative Religious Ethics Local.” Moral Worlds and Religious Subjectivities. Harvard University. Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2009.

“Property and Modern Social Order: The Tension Between Christianity and Political Economy in Hegel’s Early Work and Its Implications for Christian Ethics and Modernity.” Society of Christian Ethics. Atlanta, Georgia, January 2008.

“Constructing Religion, Supporting Political Order: The Shifting Role of Religion in Hegel’s Social and Political Thought.” American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California, November 2007.

“Projection in Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*.” American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California, November 2007.

“A Turn Not Taken: Hegel in the History of the Study of Religion.” The Politics of Religion-Making. Hofstra University. Hempstead, New York, October 2007.

“The Inevitability of Normativity in the Study of Religion: Theology in Religious Studies.” Theology and Religious Studies or Theology vs Religious Studies?. Oxford University. Oxford, UK, July 2006.

“Cultivating Our Intuitions: Hegel on Religion, Politics, and Public Discourse.” Society of Christian Ethics. Phoenix, Arizona, January 2006.

“Critical Reason, Idealism, and Religion in Hegel.” American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2005.

“Hegel’s Pragmatism?: Toward an Open-Ended Consummation of the Philosophy of Religion.” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

“On the Limits of Narrative: Communities in Pluralistic Society.” Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, Illinois, January 2004.

“Heterogeneous Community: Beyond New Traditionalism.” Communities. Trinity and All Saints College, Leeds, UK, September 2003.

“Anthropology and the Categories of Comparison: Hegel on Tradition.” American Academy of Religion. Toronto, Ontario, November 2002.

“Framing Our Worlds: On the Intersection of Religion and Politics.” Religion, Politics, and Violence: Toward Understanding September 11. University of Iowa. Iowa City, Iowa, October 2001.

“The Ties That Bind: Communities of Action in Latin America.” Crossing Borders. University of Iowa. Iowa City, Iowa, March 2001.

“Fusion, Exclusion, or Recognition: The ‘Other’ in Hegel’s Philosophy of Religion.” American Academy of Religion. Nashville, Tennessee, November 2000.

“Meta-Narrative and Theological Anthropology: Gustavo Gutiérrez Challenging Postmodernism.” American Academy of Religion, Regional Meeting. St. Paul, Minnesota, April 2000.

“Praxis and Community in Gustavo Gutiérrez.” Salvation and Sovereignty: Church and State in the Americas. Baylor University, Waco, Texas, March 2000.

“Hegelian Roots of Gustavo Gutiérrez’s Liberationist Anthropology.” Memory, History and Critique: Fifth Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas. University for Humanist Studies, Utrecht, The Netherlands, August 1996.

## Research Grants

Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship. Princeton University Center for Human Values, 2015-16.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in International Humanities, awarded to the Department of Religious Studies by the Cogut Center to support a position on Religion, Secularization, and the International for 2013-15.

Cogut Center Humanities Research Grant to bring in speakers related to the Religion and Internationalism Project, 2011-13, 2014-15.

Humanities Research and Teaching Fund, Brown University, to support the Questioning Religion Symposium Series, 2013.

Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award. Sponsored and Advised an Undergraduate Fellowship on Ethical Formation in the early modern West, 2012.

Faculty Fellowship for “Religion, Secularization, and the International,” Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Spring 2012.

Irving E. Miller '48 Research Award. Sponsored and Advised two Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistantship (UTRA) Fellowships on Liberation Theology in the Americas, 2010.

Irving E. Miller '48 Research Award. Sponsored and Advised an Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistantship (UTRA) Fellowship on Religion and Politics, 2008.

Clark Fund for Research Support, Harvard University, 2006.

Innovation Fund to support new course development: “On Being Human: Religious and Philosophical Conceptions of the Self,” Harvard University, 2006.

Clark Fund for Research Support, Harvard University, 2005.

Clark Fund for Research Support, Harvard University, 2004.

Postdoctoral Fellowship. Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2002-03.

Arts and Humanities Initiative, summer fellowship, University of Iowa, 2002.

Travel Grant, University of Iowa Latin American Studies Program for summer travel to El Salvador. Funded by the U. S. Department of Education, 2001.

New Technology in the Learning Environment (nTITLE), University of Iowa, 2001.

Course Development Grant for “Religion and Conflict in the Contemporary World” (one of eight awards university wide for new courses with an international and interdisciplinary focus), International Programs, University of Iowa, 2001.

Old Gold Research Grant, University of Iowa, 2000.

Freie Universität Berlin-Stanford University Graduate Exchange Grant, 1996-97.

Graduate Research Opportunity Grant for dissertation research in Berlin, Germany, 1996.

### **Academic Honors and Honorary Societies**

Vartan Gregorian Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Brown University, 2007-10.

Bishop-McVickar Prize for Honors Thesis, “The Liberal-Aristotelian Debate: Richard Rorty, Charles Taylor, and Prospects for Moving Beyond,” Brown University, 1990.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1988.

### **Teaching**

#### a. Introductory courses

On Being Human: Religious and Philosophical Conceptions of the Self

Religion and Conflict in the Contemporary World

Introduction to Catholicism

Freshman Seminar: Individuality, Community, and Freedom

#### b. Upper-level courses

Religion and Politics

Augustine and Hegel

Liberation Theology in the Americas

Religion, Music, and Politics, 1750 to the present (co-taught with Michael Steinberg)

Religion, Secularization, and the International (co-taught with Nathaniel Berman)

Religion and Suspicion

Comparing and Interpreting across Religious Traditions

Social Justice and the Catholic Church

Religion, Reason, and Ethics from Kant to Nietzsche

Methods in Religious Studies (required undergraduate methods course)

Graduate Seminar: Hegel

Graduate Seminar: Reason, Tradition, and Modernity

Graduate Seminar: Suspicion and Its Others (co-taught with Amanda Anderson)

Graduate Seminar: Religious Ethics: Reinhold Niebuhr and Gustavo Gutiérrez

Graduate Seminar: Theory of Religion (required for doctoral students)

Graduate Seminar: Ethical Formation

## Service

### a. To the university

Governing Board Member, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University, 2014-22.

Faculty Affiliate, Political Theory Project, Brown University, 2008-25.

Co-organizer (with Nathaniel Berman, Cogut Center), Religion and Internationalism Project, 2010-15.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, 2013-15.

Faculty Advising Fellow, 2012-15.

Member, Brown University Community Council, 2011-14.

Search Committee Chair, Postdoctoral Fellow in Religion, Secularization, and the International, Department of Religious Studies, 2012-2013.

Invited Speaker, Conversations about Mentoring, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Brown University, October 2013.

Presenter, Academic Job Search Series, Career Lab, Brown University, 2007-2015.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, 2007-08 (Fall and Spring), 2008-09 (Fall only), 2010-2013.

Search Committee, Religion in South Asia, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, 2010-11.

Member, Faculty Executive Committee, Brown University, 2009-10.

Search Committee, Assistant Professor in Religion and Critical Thought, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, 2009-10.

Senior Advisor, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, 2007-08 (Spring only), 2009-10 (Spring only).

Affiliate, Center for Latin American Studies, Brown University, 2007-.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2004-05, 2006-07.

Chair, A. B. Subcommittee in the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2004-05, 2006-07.

Standing Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2004-07.

Search Committee, Richard Reinhold Niebuhr Professorship, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2006-07.

Fellowships Committee, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2003-04, 2006-07.

Hoopes Prize Committee (selects outstanding senior theses in the humanities), Harvard University, 2004-05, 2006-07.

Organizer and panelist, “Lived Religions, High Traditions, and HDS,” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, September 2006.

Search Committee, Assistant Professor in Religious Ethics, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2004-05.

Organizer and panelist, Normative and Historical Studies, Religion Colloquium, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, March 2005.

Guest Speaker on Liberation Theology, Catholic Student Association, Harvard University, February 2005.

Committee on Ethics at Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2003-04.

Working Group on the Generic Exam, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2003-04.

A. B. Subcommittee in the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2003-04.

Panelist, Forum on Professional Development in the Study of Religion, Harvard University, May 2004.

Fellowships Committee, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, 2003-04.

Steering Committee, Latin American Studies Program, University of Iowa, 2000-03.

Co-organizer, “The Comparative Study of Religion: Methods, Purposes, and Prospects.” Iowa City, Iowa, November 2002.

Co-organizer, “Religion, Politics, and Violence: Toward Understanding September 11,” University of Iowa, October 2001.

Academic Search Committee for Position in Modern Christian Thought and Ethics, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, 1997-98.

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Reviewer for *Harvard Theological Review*  
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion*  
*Journal of Religion*  
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Council of Graduate Schools Board of Directors, 2025-.

Editorial Board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2017-.

Senior Fellow, Religion and Its Publics (The Luce Project on Religion and Its Publics is a multi-year initiative dedicated to bridging the gap between the academic study of religion and public conversations about religion), 2015-2022.

Guest Instructor, “Ethics in the Military: A Multidisciplinary Approach,” United States Naval War College, January 2020, February 2021, January 2022, January 2023.

Co-Chair, Philosophy of Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, 2015-2021.

International Jury Member, [doc.funds Pilot Programme](#), Austrian Science Fund (FWF), November 2017, February 2019.

Selection Committee, Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Humanities and Fine Arts, 2019.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2012-2018.

Steering Committee, Nineteenth-Century Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, 2011-2017.

Steering Committee, Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, 2010-15.

Co-organizer, Brown-Yale-Princeton Ethics Colloquium (a day-long symposium bringing together faculty and graduate students in ethics from these institutions), New Haven, 2013.

Chair, Christian Ethics and the Enlightenment Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics, 2008-2013.

Convener, “Kant on Love and Duty.” Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, Illinois, January 2013.

Co-organizer, “The New Hegel and Religious Studies,” Conference Panel, American Academy of Religion. Chicago, Illinois, November 2012.

Convener, “Christian Ethics, Enlightenment, and Colonialism: The Other in Enlightenment.” Society of Christian Ethics. Washington, D. C., January 2012.

Presider, “Disembodied Knowledge as Bodily Practice.” American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, California, November 2011.

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Presider, “Practice and Reflection in Comparative Religious Ethics: Current Work on Martyrdom, Embodiment, and Theory of Comparison.” American Academy of Religion. Chicago, Illinois, November 2008.

Advisory Board, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, 2005-08.

Organizer, “Religion and German Idealism: Confronting Naturalism and Critical Reason,” Conference Panel, American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2005.

Co-organizer, “Anthropos and Ethics: Description, Comparison, and Construction,” Conference Panel, American Academy of Religion. Toronto, Ontario, November 2002.

Editorial Board, Polylog, Forum für interkulturelles Philosophieren—Online. Based at the Gesellschaft für interkulturelle Philosophie, Vienna, Austria, 1997-2001.