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EDUCATION

- Expected 2023 Ph.D. program in Christian Theology, Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)
Graduate Minor in Women's and Gender Studies
Dissertation Director: Dr. Leonard C. McKinnis II
- Expected 2023 M.A. in Religion, University of Illinois (Champaign, IL)
- 2018 M.A. in Theological Ethics, Saint Louis University (St. Louis, MO)
- 2015 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Missouri—St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)
- 2012 B.A. in Philosophy, *Cum Laude*, Greenville University (Greenville, IL)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Black Theology
- African-American Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Fall 2020 Qualified for "List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students" compiled by the
Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning

Saint Louis University

- Summer 2020 Religion and Public Life Graduate Fellowship for the Lived Religion in the Digital
Age Project
I conducted field research in the St. Louis region collecting ethnographic data,
doing remote interviews, and digitally documenting lived religion, primarily
focused on protests, demonstrations, and their aftermath.

- 2019—2020 Culturally Responsive Teaching Fellow in the Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning
This fellowship teaches participants through seminars and workshops how to effectively teach international, first generation, and culturally diverse students and create a welcoming and pedagogically effective classroom environment.
- 2019 Saint Louis University College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Thesis Award
The Distinguished Thesis Award honors exceptional scholarship, research, and writing by thesis master's students in the College of Arts and Sciences. It is the award given to the top thesis each year in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 2018—2019 Henry Luce Foundation: Religion and Public Life Fellow
I worked as a member of the "Lived Religion in the Digital Age" project. This included organizing conferences pertaining to lived religion and working towards the creation of a publicly accessible interactive database of religious life in St. Louis. In addition, I acted as a teaching assistant, created and maintained the project website, and conducted ethnographic research.
- 2016—Present Awarded full tuition remission and research/teaching assistant position

University of Missouri—St. Louis

- 2013—2015 Awarded full tuition remission and teaching/research assistant position

Greenville University

- 2016 The Students' Choice "Best Classes at GU"
My course, Major Issues in Philosophy, was picked as one of the student body's five favorite courses at Greenville University
- 2008—2012 McAllaster Scholar
- 2008—2012 College Scholar
- 2008—2012 Trustees' Scholarship

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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- 2021 (Paper Accepted) "From White Supremacy to the Beloved Community: King in Conversation with Schleiermacher."
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November: San Antonio)
- (Paper Accepted) "The Sword that Heals: King, the Black Radical Tradition, and the Destructive Power of the Beloved Community."
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November: San Antonio)
- "Hate What is Evil: The Relationship Between Hatred and Love in Dr. King's Theology."
Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (April 23: online)

2020

“Negating Capitalism: The Beloved Community as Negative Political Theology and Positive Social Imaginary.”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (December 9: online)

“How Then Should We Experience?”
Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting (March 7: Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO)

“Ecological Outlaws: Developing Outlaw Emotions in the Service of Creation Care.”
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (March 5: Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO)

“‘A Certain Dark Joy’: The Prophetic Possibility of Rage and Joy in MLK Jr.”
International Conference for Collaborative Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry (February 28: Christ the King Seminary, Buffalo, NY)

Panelist on “‘Keep Moving Forward!’: Resourcing the Community”
Third Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Observance in Fountain Park (January 18: Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, MO)

2019

“Remaining Angry: The Intimate Connection between Anger and Love in King’s Social Theology”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
(November 23: San Diego, CA)

“Divine Discontent: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Theology of Anger”
Crossing the Lines: Interdisciplinary Christian Conversations about Difference
(October 23: Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA)

“Suffering as Conversion: White Supremacy in MLK’s Theology through the Lenses of Lonerganian Bias and Conversion” Lonergan on the Edge
(September 20: Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI)

“Ontological Courage: Re-creating Ontology in the Light of Black Being”
Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
(March 14: Wesley Seminary, Washington, D.C.)

“Blind and Deaf to God: White Christianity in the Theology of Cone and King”
Minority Scholars of Religion and Theology Student Conference: “The Theology of Professor James Hal Cone”
(March 7: Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO)

“Be Still and Know that I am God: The Apocalyptic Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
(March 2: Muncie, IN)

“Ontological Courage: Moving Beyond the Idolatry of Whiteness”

Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
(March 1: Muncie, IN)

2018

“Beyond Non-Violence in the Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Saint Louis University Graduate Research Symposium
(April 27: Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO)

“Withered Souls: The Degrading Effects of White Supremacy on White America” Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting

(March 8: Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Cleveland, TN)

BOOK REVIEWS

(Forthcoming) *#BlackLivesMatter Movement: Toward an Intersectional Theology* by Edward Donalson III in *Reading Religion*

America's Unholy Ghosts: The Racist Roots of Our Faith and Politics by Joel Edward Goza in *Reading Religion*, <https://readingreligion.org/books/americas-unholy-ghosts>

Said I Wasn't Gonna Tell Nobody: The Making of Black Theologian by James Cone in *Reading Religion*, <http://readingreligion.org/books/said-i-wasnt-gonna-tell-nobody>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant University of Illinois, REL 110: World Religions, Spring 2021, and REL 134: Race, Religion and Resistance, Fall 2020 (Champaign, IL)

Saint Louis University, THEO 3425: The Invisible Institution: African American Religion and the Rise of Black Theology, Spring 2020, and THEO 1000: Theological Foundations, Fall 2019 (St. Louis, MO)

Guest Lecturer Saint Louis University, THEO 2520: Comparative Religious Ethics, Spring 2019, THEO 2110: Old Testament, Spring 2019, and THEO 2930: Race, Religion, and America, Spring 2019 (St. Louis, MO)

Adjunct Professor Greenville University, Interterm 2016—Summer 2018 (Greenville, IL)

Adjunct Professor Kaskaskia College, Fall 2015 (Centralia, IL)

Adjunct Professor	Centralia Correctional Center, Fall 2015 (Centralia, IL)
Graduate Instructor	University of Missouri, Saint Louis, Summer—Fall 2014 (St. Louis, MO)
Teaching Assistant	University of Missouri-Saint Louis, Fall 2013—Spring 2014 (St. Louis, MO)
Teaching Assistant	Greenville University, Fall 2012 (Greenville, IL)
Teaching Assistant	Duke Talent Identification Program (TIP), Summer 2012 (Durham, NC)

COURSES TAUGHT

UNIV 301: Science and Christianity, Greenville University (Greenville, IL)
 PHIL 201: Major Issues in Philosophy, Greenville University (Greenville, IL)
 PHLE 120: Ethics, Kaskaskia College (Centralia, IL)
 PHLE 110: Logic, Kaskaskia College (Centralia, IL)
 PHLE 119: Core Values and Ethical Decision Making, Centralia Correctional Center (Centralia, IL)

UNIVERSITY/ACADEMIC SERVICE

Spring 2021 - present	Section Chair, Undergraduate Papers, Midwest American Academy of Religion
Spring 2020	Head of Department of Theological Studies Student Action Committee Parental Leave Policy Subcommittee
Spring 2020	Member of the Organizing Committee for the 26th Annual Graduate Student Association Research Symposium *Cancelled due to COVID-19
Fall 2019	Organizing Assistant for the Lived Religion in the Digital Age Fall Symposium: “Religion in Place: Spaces Borders Bodies”
Fall 2019	Graduate Student Association Representative Theological Studies Department
Spring 2019	Co-Organizer for the Inaugural Exhibit for the Adorjan Hall Humanities Gallery: “#Arch City Religion: Photographs from Religion in the Midwest by Lauren Pond”
Spring 2018	Member of Organizing Committee for Saint Louis University Symposium: “From Selma to St. Louis: Theology of Martin Luther King Jr., and the Pursuit of Justice 50 Years Later”

Spring 2017

Committee Member for Elizabeth Johnson's Honors Thesis at Greenville University

LANGUAGES

Reading Proficiency: *Koine* Greek, Spanish

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2017—present	American Academy of Religion
2017—present	Wesleyan Theological Society
2021—present	Political Theology Network