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EMPLOYMENT

Stanford University

2012-present Assistant Professor
Department of Religious Studies in collaboration with the Center for Comparative
Studies in Race and Ethnicity
Courtesy Appointment in History
Asian American Studies Affiliate
American Studies Committee-in-Charge

Princeton University

2010-12 Assistant Professor (Jan 2011 – Jun 2012)
Instructor (July 2010 – Dec 2010)
Department of Religion
Subfield: Religion in America

EDUCATION

Yale University

Dec 2010 Ph.D., History
Dissertation: “Damned Nation? The Concept of Hell in American Life, 1775-1865.”
Distinguished; Winner of the Edwin W. Small Prize, May 2011
Committee: Jon Butler, Harry Stout, John Mack Faragher, Carlos Eire
2008 M.Phil., History

Stanford University

2004 B.A., History, with Honors and with Distinction

Harvard University

2000-01 Transferred to Stanford in Sept 2002 following my father’s illness and passing

University of California at Berkeley

Various Various courses between 1999 (High School Honors Program) and 2002 (while on
leave from Harvard)

BOOK PROJECTS

Damned Nation: Hell in America from the Revolution to Reconstruction
Oxford University Press 2014 (cloth), 2016 (paper)). (328 pages)

The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History

Co-editor with Paul Harvey. Forthcoming, Oxford University Press, April 2018.

(Manuscript complete and in production; 34 essays plus introduction)

The Heathen World and America's Humanitarian Impulse

In progress; under contract with Harvard University Press. (Four of seven chapters drafted)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Chapters in Edited Books

- Accepted “The Historyless Heathen, the Stagnating Pagan, and the Worship of Change Over Time,” accepted with revisions, *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*. (~11,000 words)
- Scheduled “Hell and the Devil.” In *The Oxford Handbook on the Bible and Popular Culture*, edited by Dan W. Clanton, Jr. and Terry Ray Clark. (~6000-8000 words, due June 2017)
- Forthcoming “The Chinese Railroad Workers and Religion.” To be published in Gordon H. Chang and Shelley Fisher Fishkin, eds., *The Chinese Railroad Workers in North America*. (~9000 words, final version complete)
- Forthcoming Introduction, with Paul Harvey. In *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*, edited by Paul Harvey and Kathryn Gin Lum. Final version complete and scheduled for publication in April 2018. (~9000 words, final version complete)
- 2017/18 “American Conceptions of the Afterlife.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, edited by Heather Curtis and John Corrigan. Online publication in 2017; print publication in 2018. (~10,000 words, final version complete)
- 2017 Chapter 1, “American Religion and the Rise of Internal Security: A Prologue.” With Lerone Martin. In *True Faith and Allegiance: Religion and the FBI*, edited by Sylvester Johnson and Steven Weitzman. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2017. (~6000 words)
- 2014 “What is ‘American’ in American Religion?” Invited contributor to Online Forum, *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, with Sylvester Johnson and Rhys H. Williams, February 2014, <http://raac.iupui.edu/forum/what-american-american-religion-february-2014/>. (~1600 words)
- 2012 “The Clergy.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History*, ed. Lynn Dumenil. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012. (~1500 words)

- 2010 “‘The Heavenization of Earth’: African American Visions and Uses of the Afterlife, 1863-1901.” *Slavery & Abolition: A Journal of Slave and Post-Slave Studies*, June 2010, Volume 31 Issue 2: 207-231.
- 2010 “Calvinist/Reformed Tradition and Heritage.” In the *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. Peter Williams and Charles Lippy, SAGE Publications, June 2010. (~8000 words)
- 2005 Introduction and annotations, “Three Anti-Slavery Woman Writers.” In *Early American Abolitionists: A Collection of Anti-Slavery Writings, 1760-1820*, ed. James Basker. New York: The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, 2005, pp. 175-215.
- 2004 “Stories on the Death of Leland Stanford, Jr.” *Sandstone and Tile*, Winter 2004, Vol. 28, No. 1. Recipient of John Hines Prize for best paper on Nineteenth Century America, Stanford 2003. Winner, Stanford Essay Contest, 2003.

Book reviews

- Forthcoming Review of Kyle Roberts, *Evangelical Gotham: Religion and the Making of New York City, 1783-1860* (Chicago, 2016). *Common-Place*, forthcoming 2017.
- 2014 Roundtable on Amanda Porterfield, *Conceived in Doubt: Religion and Politics in the New American Nation* (Chicago, 2012). *Fides et Historia*, Summer/Fall 2014. (~2000 words)
- 2014 Review of Jonathan Ebel and John Carson, eds., *From Jeremiad to Jihad: Religion, Violence, and America* (University of California Press, 2012). *Church History* Vol. 83 No. 2 (June 2014). (~1000 words)
- 2014 Review of Nancy Koester, *Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Spiritual Life* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2014). *Christian Century*, April 15, 2014. (~1000 words)
- 2014 Review of Edward Blum and Paul Harvey, *The Color of Christ: The Son of God and the Saga of Race in America* (Chapel Hill: UNC, 2012). *The Journal of Religion* Vol. 94 No. 2 (April 2014). (~1700 words)
- 2012 Review of Gary Scott Smith, *Heaven in the American Imagination* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011). *The Journal of American History* 2012 99: 880. (~500 words)
- 2010 Review of Scott Stephan, *Redeeming the Southern Family: Evangelical Women & Domestic Devotion in the Antebellum South* (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2008). *Louisiana History*. (~700 words)

Other publications

- 2015 “Obama’s God Is Loving. Is this God Just?” *The Christian Century*, February 11, 2015, <http://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2015-02/obamas-god-loving-is-this-god-just>.
- 2014 “These evangelical haunted houses are designed to show sinners that they’re going to hell.” *The Washington Post*, October 30, 2014, <http://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2014/10/30/these-evangelical-haunted-houses-are-designed-to-show-sinners-that-theyre-going-to-hell/?hpid=z11>.
- 2014 “Five Best Books on Hell in American Culture.” *The Wall Street Journal*, September 13, 2014, <http://www.wsj.com/articles/five-best-kathryn-gin-lum-on-hell-in-american-culture-1410550980>.
- 2014 “Damnation, American Style: How American Preachers Reinvented Hell” (excerpt from Chapter 1 of *Damned Nation*). *Salon.com*, September 6, 2014, http://www.salon.com/2014/09/06/damnation_american_style_how_american_preachers_reinvented_hell/.
- 2014 “The road to hell is mapped with good intentions.” *OUPblog*, August 25, 2014, <http://blog.oup.com/2014/08/road-hell-map-antebellum-americans-slideshow>.
- 2014 “Hell-bent: Younger Christians may be ditching doctrines of fire and brimstone – but will Christianity ever get rid of hell entirely?” *Aeon Magazine*, July 7, 2014, <http://aeon.co/magazine/world-views/why-has-the-idea-of-hell-survived-so-long/>. Most-read article in week of publication. (~3000 words)
- 2011 “Why the Hell Does Hell Still Matter?” *Religion Dispatches*, April 19, 2011, <http://religiondispatches.org/why-the-hell-does-hell-still-matter/>.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017-19 Annenberg Faculty Fellow (reappointed), awarded to “outstanding junior faculty in the Humanities and Arts,” Stanford University.
- 2017 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship, The Library Company of Philadelphia and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, September 2017, for *The Heathen World and America’s Humanitarian Impulse*.
- 2016-17 Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching in the School of Humanities and Sciences in the area of First Years of Teaching at Stanford.
- 2016 Mayers Fellow, The Huntington Library, January-April 2016, for *The Heathen World and America’s Humanitarian Impulse*.
- 2015-16 Faculty College team co-leader, “American Religions in a Global Context,” Stanford University.

- 2014-16 Young Scholars in American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI.
- 2014-15 Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Faculty Research Fellow, Stanford University.
- 2013-14 Ethics Faculty Fellow, Stanford University.
- 2012-14 Annenberg Faculty Fellow, awarded to “outstanding junior faculty in the Humanities and Arts,” Stanford University.
- 2011 Edwin W. Small Prize, for outstanding dissertation in American History, Yale University.
- 2010-11 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation/ACLS Early Career Fellowship Program Dissertation Completion Fellowship (declined for position at Princeton University).
- 2009-10 Howard R. Lamar Center for the Study of the American West Research Fellowship, Yale University, for *Damned Nation: Hell in America from the Revolution to Reconstruction*.
- 2009 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, The Huntington Library, October-November 2009, for *Damned Nation: Hell in America from the Revolution to Reconstruction*.
- 2005-09 Richard J. Franke Fellowship for academic potential in the humanities, Yale University.
- 2008 Research Fellowship, The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Fall Semester, for *Damned Nation: Hell in America from the Revolution to Reconstruction*.
- 2007 Summer Pre-Prospectus Fellowship, The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, June-July.
- 2004 John & Marjorie Hines Prize for Undergraduate Thesis Research in American History, Stanford University.
- 2004 History Department Commencement Student Speaker, Stanford University.
- 2003 History Scholar, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.
- 2003 Fischer Grant and Undergraduate Research Office Grant for Thesis Research, Stanford University.
- 2003 Lindsay Peters, Jr. Prize in Political Science, Stanford University, 2003.
- 2003 Co-winner, Stanford Essay Contest.

- 2003 John & Marjorie Hines Prizes for best papers in Colonial and Revolutionary America, and Nineteenth-Century America, Stanford University.
- 2002 Detur Book Prize for Excellence in first year at Harvard University.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences and workshops

- Forthcoming Chair/commentator, “American Providence: New Perspectives.” American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2018.
- Forthcoming Roundtable participant, “Foreign Missions, Domestic Consequences.” American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2018.
- Forthcoming Roundtable participant, “Teaching American Religious History in the Era of Trump.” American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2018.
- Forthcoming “Politicking, Policing, and Preserving in Turn-of-the-Century Hawai’i.” Panel on “Policing Religions: Secularism, Race, and Governance.” American Studies Association, Chicago, November 2017.
- Forthcoming Invited workshop presenter, Rocky Mountain American Religion Seminar. Tanner Center of Humanities, Salt Lake City, October 16, 2017.
- 2017 “Heathen Bodies in the Early Republic.” Panel on “Jerkers, Pilgrims, and Heathens: Rethinking Religion in the Early Republic.” Society for the History of the Early American Republic, Philadelphia, July 2017.
- 2017 “Heathen Geographies in the Nineteenth Century.” Panel on “Foreign Religions and Foreign Relations: U.S. Engagements with the World in the 19th Century.” Society for the History of American Foreign Relations, Washington, D.C., June 2017.
- 2017 Invited presenter, “The Heathen World and America’s Humanitarian Impulse.” Overview of book project. Race and Religion in the Americas and the Atlantic World: A Conference in Honor of Maria Elena Martinez. Princeton University, March 2017.
- 2017 “American Quests for Heathen Origins.” Panel on “Ways of Knowing: Sacred Narratives and the Reformation of Knowledge in Early America.” American Society of Church History/American Historical Association, Denver, January 2017.
- 2016 “The Construction of the ‘Heathen Chinese.’” Panel on “The Study of Religion as Racial Science in 19th Century America.” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 2016.

- 2016 Chair/commentator, "Christian Apologetics after Darwin: American Protestant Engagement with Secular Modernity." US Intellectual History Conference, Stanford, October 2016.
- 2016 Invited participant, Women in Intellectual History Workshop. Stanford University and UW-Madison. Stanford Humanities Center, February 2016.
- 2016 "'To suppose that the heathen can go to heaven': Salvation and Second Chances in Nineteenth-Century America." The American Society of Church History, January 2016.
- 2014 "Shaping Souls and Spaces: Missionaries and the Nineteenth-Century Hawaiian Landscape" (augmented version of paper for Agricultural History Society). Panel on "Of Souls and Soils: Land and Faith in Modernizing America." American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2014.
- 2014 Panelist: "Doubting the Democratization Thesis: A Roundtable Discussion of Amanda Porterfield's *Conceived in Doubt: Religion and Politics in the New American Nation*," American Historical Association/American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2014.
- 2013 Panelist: Authors Meet Critics, Edward Blum and Paul Harvey, *The Color of Christ: The Son of God and the Saga of Race in America*, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, November 2013.
- 2013 "Shaping Souls and Spaces: Missionaries and the Nineteenth-Century Hawaiian Landscape." Agricultural History Society, Banff, Canada, June 13, 2013.
- 2013 "The 'Historyless Heathen' and the 'Stagnating Pagan': History as a Non-Native Category." *Heretical History: The Legacy of Jon Butler*. Yale University, April 6, 2013.
- 2013 Invited faculty presenter on current work for Religion in the Americas Workshop. Princeton University, March 14, 2013.
- 2013 "'Salvation' or 'Damnation'? The Survival of Hell in the Early Republic." Panel on "Evil in America from the Early Republic to the Christian Right." American Historical Association, New Orleans, January 4, 2013.
- 2012 "The 'Lost Cause' in the Sandwich Islands: Narrating Religious Decline and Persistence." Panel on "Immanent Critiques of Imperial Logic: Rhetoric, Violence, and American Minority Religions." American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 18, 2012.
- 2012 Invited commentator for Jeffrey Stout, "The Transformation of Genius into Political Power: A Reading of Emerson's 'Experience'." Political Theory Workshop at Stanford, November 2, 2012.

- 2011 Invited panel chair for concluding session of “Religious Transformations in the Early Modern Americas Symposium,” McNeil Center for Early American Studies and American Studies Program at Princeton University, November 11-12, 2011.
- 2011 Invited paper on current work for American Studies Workshop at Princeton University, April 25, 2011.
- 2011 Moderator for panel discussion, “Lincoln and Religion,” with James McPherson and Richard Carwardine. Princeton University, March 21, 2011.
- 2011 Invited lecture on current work for History Colloquium at Princeton Theological Seminary, February 7, 2011.
- 2011 “‘Our Men Die Well’: Damnation, Death, and the Civil War.” Panel on “Sacrifice and Suffering, Scripture and the State: Americans’ Pursuit of Divine Meaning in Times of War” in the Religion, Peace, and Violence Mini Conference. American Historical Association, Boston, January 7, 2011.
- 2010 “‘They Preached Much Terror’: Antebellum Evangelicals and the Dissemination of Damnation.” Conference on the “Civil War, Millennialism, and Providentialism.” Rice University, October 2, 2010.
- 2010 “Damnation and the ‘Heathen.’” Presented at the Bill Lane Center for the American West. Stanford University, North American West Discussion Series, March 2, 2010.
- 2009 “‘Damned Nation? Belief in and Uses of Damnation among American Abolitionists.’” Panel on “Slavery to Sin and the Sin of Slavery: Spiritual and Social Divisions Caused by American Antislavery, 1830-1860.” American Historical Association, New York, January 5, 2009.
- 2006 “‘Dead Christians’ and ‘Heathen Converts’: Home and Foreign Missionary Efforts with the White and Chinese Populations in California, 1850 to 1870.” “Through the Lens of Race and Ethnicity: Reimagining the Religious History of the American West.” Arizona State University, March 3-4, 2006.

Book talks and other invited lectures

- Forthcoming Invited public lecture for the Rocky Mountain American Religion Seminar, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, October 17, 2017.
- Forthcoming Invited public lecture for the Center for Religious Diversity and Public Life, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, October 10, 2017.
- 2016 Castelfranco Lecture, “Damned Nation,” University of California, Davis, October 27, 2016.
- 2015 Invited lecture on “Hell, Hierarchies, and the Heathen,” Tufts University, November 18, 2015.

- 2015 Invited panelist on Religious Diversity, “Symposium: Religion in Early America,” The Smithsonian National Museum of American History, March 20, 2015. Webcast available at <http://americanhistory.si.edu/connect/webcasts/religion-early-america>.
- 2015 Book talk. Faculty Research Chautauqua, Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. Stanford University, February 2015.
- 2014 Invited speaker, “Damned Nation: Hell in America from the Revolution to Reconstruction.” Four presentations on book for The Westar Institute, Spring 2014 Meeting, Santa Rosa, March 19, 2014.
- 2012 “Death and the American Civil War.” Invited lecture for “Religious Perspectives on Violence, Nonviolence, War & Peace.” Stanford University, November 14, 2012.
- 2012 “Samuel Irenaeus Prime and the Fire and Brimstone Rhetoric of the Antebellum Era.” Invited lecture for Princeton Theological Seminary Bicentennial, March 20-22, 2012.

Other appearances

- 2016 Interviewed for and consulted on National Geographic documentary on hell, “Map of Hell,” first aired May 2016.
- 2014 Invited guest, The Colin McEnroe Show, “Evolving Damnation: The American History of Hell.” WNPR (Connecticut Public Radio), July 30, 2014.
- 2011 Bloggingheads.tv, Conversation with Eric Reitan, “Values Added: What the Hell?” May 5, 2011.
- 2010 Interviewed for History Channel program on hell, “Gates to the Underworld,” first aired August 2010.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Level:

Exploring American Religious History
 Constructing Race and Religion in America
 Religion and War in America
 Demons, Death, and the Damned: The “Other” and the Otherworldly in America
 Religion in Colonial America and the New Nation
 Asian Religions in America; Asian American Religions
 Is Stanford a Religion?

Graduate Level:

Constructing Race and Religion in America
Asian Religions in America; Asian American Religions
Writing Religion in America
Writing Religious History
American Religion to 1865

Teaching Fellow, Yale:

The Civil War and Reconstruction (David Blight)
African American History from Emancipation to the Present (Jonathan Holloway)
The American West (John Mack Faragher)
Participant, Fundamentals of Teaching History

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICE WORK, AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- Ongoing Core Affiliated Faculty, Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University.
- Ongoing American Studies Committee-in-Charge, Stanford University.
- Ongoing Asian American Studies affiliate, Stanford University.
- Ongoing Founder/Organizer, American Religions Workshop, Stanford University.
- Ongoing Invited faculty mentor/presenter for History Graduate Students Workshop (3/16/17), Race, Religion, & Ethnicity Group at the Graduate School of Education (3/13/17), Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity “My Journey” class (3/1/17), Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Graduate Workshop (2x); Asian American Activities Center (2x), Serra Dormitory (2/26/14); all at Stanford University.
- 2016-19 Member, AAR Teaching and Learning Committee.
- 2015-16 Co-leader, “American Religions in a Global Context” team, Faculty College, Stanford University.
- 2015 External faculty reviewer, Religion in Early America exhibit, The Smithsonian Museum of American History.
- 2014-15 Member, Early North America Search Committee, History Department.
- 2013-14 Member and Diversity Officer, South Asia Search Committee, Religious Studies Department.
- 2013-14 Organizer, New/Young Faculty Happy Hour, Stanford University.
- 2011-12 Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.

- 2011-12 Organizer, Religion in the Americas Workshop, Princeton University.
- 2010-12 Faculty Fellow, Mathey College, Princeton University.
- 2010-11 Participant, American Religions Workshop, Princeton University.
- 2007-09 Student Coordinator, American Religious History Workshop, Yale University.
- 2006 Research Assistant to Koichi Shinohara and Phyllis Granoff, Yale Department of Religious Studies, May-Sept. Assisted in editing conference papers for publication in *Heroes and Saints: The Moment of Death in Cross-Cultural Perspectives* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2007).
- 2004 Paralegal Intern, Elliot & Mayock LLP. Focus: Immigration law.
- Various Marketing Assistant and Editorial Intern for Religion, Psychology, and Education teams, Jossey-Bass, A Publishing Unit of John Wiley & Sons, Summer 2002; Winter 2004 - Spring 2005.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
American Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish (reading knowledge); French (reading knowledge); Russian (one year college-level instruction); Chinese (one year college-level instruction in Mandarin; intermediate spoken Cantonese)