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Current Appointment

American University, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion 2015 -
Co-Director of the Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs M.A. Program
Affiliate Faculty in Global Environmental Politics & Latin American and Latino Studies

Previous Appointments

American University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion 2009 - 2015
Lewis and Clark College, Postdoctoral Associate 2008 - 2009
University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Visiting Instructor 2007 - 2008
University of California, Santa Barbara, Instructor 2005 - 2007

Education

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

Fellowships and Professional Affiliations

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
Teaching Fellow, Philosophy of Human Rights

External Research Grants

Henry Luce Foundation, "Religion and Climate Change in Cross Regional Perspective"
(Principal Investigator, \$425,000) 2016 - 2018
Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs Robert J. Myers Fund, "Religion in an Age
of Climate Change" (\$3000) 2016

Henry Luce Foundation, “Religious Engagement with Rights and Justice in Latin America” (Principal Investigator, \$300,000) 2013 - 2015

Honors, Awards, and Small Grants

Excellence in Graduate Mentoring Award (American University)	2014
American University Mellon Faculty Development Award (\$2900)	2013
American Academy of Religion Individual Research Grant (\$3650)	2011
NEH Summer Institute in Sustainability and the Humanities (Arizona State University)	2011
Center for Teaching, Research and Learning Best Ideas Collaborative Award (\$4000)	2010
Bridges to Collaboration Teaching Award (American University)	2010
Mendell Graduate Fellowship (Capps Center for the Study of Religion and Public Life)	2007
U.C. Santa Barbara Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant (\$3500)	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 (University of California Press, 2015)

Religion and Climate Change in the Global Public Sphere (in preparation, anticipated 2019)

Edited Volumes

Churches and Cosmologies: Religion, Environment, and Social Conflict in Contemporary Latin America, co-edited with Rob Albro (in preparation, anticipated 2017)

Religion and Climate Change in Cross-Regional Comparison, co-edited with Rob Albro (in preparation, anticipated 2018)

Journal Articles

“Religion and Nature in a Globalizing World” (guest editor for special issue) *Religions* (Forthcoming 2016)

“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*, Volume 5:2 (June 2011) 121-125.

“Ecotopian Exceptionalism” (Secondary Author with James Proctor) *Journal for the Study of*

Religion, Nature, and Culture, Volume 5:2 (June 2011) 145-163.

Book Chapters

- “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. (under review, anticipated 2017)
- “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 Review

- “Inherit the Holy Mountain: Religion and the Rise of American Environmentalism by Mark Stoll” *Pacific Historical Review* (forthcoming 2016)

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

- “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 Presentations

- “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, 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

- “Is Climate Change One Problem? Culturally Particular Notions of Environmental Harm”
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 “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 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 and Leadership

- Committee for the Public Understanding of Religion, American Academy of Religion 2017 -
- Secretary, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture 2014 -
- Co-Chair, American Academy of Religion, Religion and Ecology Group 2014 -
- Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion, Religion and Ecology Group 2013 - 2014
- Associate Editor, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* 2014 -
- Assistant Editor, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* 2012 - 2014
- Peer Reviewer, University of California Press 2016 -
- Peer Reviewer, *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 2009 -
- Ad Hoc Committee on Climate Change Research, American Academy of Religion 2014
- Peer Reviewer, University of Kentucky Press 2013
- Peer Reviewer, Equinox Press 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

University Service

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

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

Courses Taught

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
Religion and Globalization
Forms of the Sacred