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Education

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts:

School of Theology

Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology, May 2014

Certificate: Religion and Conflict Transformation

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut:

Yale Divinity School

Master of Sacred Theology, May 2008

Certificates: Anglican Studies, Institute of Sacred Music

Master of Divinity, May 2006, *magna cum laude*

Certificate: Institute of Sacred Music

Yale College

Bachelor of Arts, May 2003

Major: English Language and Literature

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Summer 2007

St. Andrew's University, Scotland, Spring 2002

Additional Education & Certifications

University of San Diego, Restorative Justice Facilitator Training Certificate, 2020-1

Wesleyan University, Creative Writing Certificate, 2019

Clinical Pastoral Education in Hospital Chaplaincy, Hartford Hospital, Summer 2004

Book Publications

The Limitations of Language in Sexual Trauma: Without Words. Routledge.

Forthcoming. Draft due January 21, 2021.

Conceiving Family: A Practical Theology of Surrogacy and Self. Baylor University

Press. September, 2019.

God and Harry Potter at Yale: Faith and Fantasy Fiction in an Ivy League Classroom.

Unlocking Press. December, 2010.

Academic Articles

- “The Body of God, Sexually Violated: A Trauma-Informed Reading of Sallie McFague and the Climate Crisis.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. Under Review.
- “Intersectional Issues in Foster Care and the COVID-19 Crisis,” *Journal of Pastoral Theology*. Forthcoming, 2021.
- “Generalized Surrogacy and the COVID-19 Crisis,” *International Journal of Practical Theology*. Forthcoming, 2021.
- “Remembering Rape in Heaven: A Constructive Proposal for Memory and the Eschatological Self,” *Modern Theology*. September, 2020.
- “Transforming Meaning: Rituals in Public Leadership.” Co-written with Rochelle Robins. *Introduction to Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care*. Eds. Wendy Cadge and Shelly Rambo. (University of North Carolina Press, Forthcoming, 2021).
- “Absent a Word: How the Language of Sexual Harm Keeps Survivors Silent,” *Journal of Pastoral Theology*. Summer, 2020.
- “Spiritual Friendship and Stage-IV Horror Defeat.” Festschrift in honor of Dr. Marilyn McCord Adams (Title TBD, editors Shannon Craigo-Snell and Christine Helmer). Forthcoming.
- “Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World.” Book Review. *Anglican Theological Review*. Spring, 2011.
- “Birthing a Mother: The Surrogate Body and the Pregnant Self.” Book Review. *Practical Matters Journal*. Spring, 2011.
- “*Divine Worship and Human Healing and Trauma Recalled*.” Book Review. *The Christian Century*. Summer, 2011.
- “Psalm 112: Theological Perspective.” *Feasting on the Word*. Westminster John Knox Press. Online supplement. Summer, 2010.
- “*Grief: Contemporary Theory and the Practice of Ministry*.” Book Review. *BTI* (Boston Theological Institute) *Magazine*. Ed. Rodney Petersen. October, 2010.
- “Reflections on God and Harry Potter.” Book Chapter. *Hog’s Head Conversations: Brilliant Essays on Harry Potter*. Ed. Travis Prinzi. Zossima Press. July, 2009.
- “*Deconstructing Theodicy* Review.” Book Review. *The Christian Century*. December 2, 2008.

Higher Education Teaching Experience

- 2016- Present Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology & Director of Field Education
Teach courses on the trauma, practical theology, and pastoral theology, with a feminist, intersectional, and anti-racist lens; oversee field education, seeking to increase the diversity of sites available to students; advise students; participate in committee work; co-lead and participate in anti-racist programs on-campus, including the Black Religious Studies Scholars Program; co-teach with the visiting Black Religious Studies Scholar (2019); oversee School and Hospital Concentration within the Master of Divinity Program; co-lead bi-monthly discussions for students to process grief and trauma during COVID-19; Deputy Title IX Coordinator.
- 2008-2014 Yale University (New Haven, CT), College Seminar Program
Lecturer. Designed and taught CSBR 352/371: Christian Theology and Harry Potter, a semester-long seminar offering in which the topics of systematic theology were presented alongside the reading of the Harry Potter books for the purpose of analyzing the extent to which the series espouses a Christian worldview.
- 2011-2013 Tufts University, (Medford, MA)
Lecturer. Designed and taught EXP0007S, Harry Potter and Christian Thought. See above for course description.
- 2011-2012 Boston University (Boston, MA), School of Theology
Director of Writing Works. Worked individually with international students to develop ideas for papers, structure a sound argument, and understand the rules of English grammar. Worked with the School of Theology administration to develop new admission criteria and linguistic support for international students for whom English was their second language.
- 2011 Boston University (Boston, MA), School of Theology
Teaching Assistant. Led discussion, provided organizational assistance and academic support to professor and students for TS887/JD827: Restorative Justice. This course, jointly offered by the Law School and the School of Theology, focused on the fundamental principles and practices of restorative justice from theological and legal perspectives.
- 2010 Boston University (Boston, MA), School of Theology
Teaching Assistant. Led discussion, provided organizational assistance and academic support to professor and students for TTH 998: Trauma and Theology. This course provided an overview interdisciplinary materials from secular trauma studies and theology in order to consider the intersection between the two fields.

- 2007-2008 The University of New Haven (New Haven, CT), Department of English
Adjunct Faculty. Designed and taught ENG 110: Literature and Composition. This course introduced students to different genres of literature, namely fiction, the narrative essay, poetry, and drama. Students were evaluated through analytical essays and creative writing opportunities.
Designed and taught ENG 105: Composition. Course introduced students to the basics of English language composition, evaluated through essays, quizzes, and research paper.
Designed and taught ENG 110: Literature and Composition Summer Intensive Online. This course introduced students to different genres of literature, namely fiction, the narrative essay, poetry, and drama. Students were evaluated through analytical essays. This course was taught online during an intensive summer session.
- 2007 Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, CT), English Department
Adjunct Faculty. Designed and taught ENG 214: World Literature. This course surveyed literature from Afghanistan, Chile, India, Poland, England, and France and focused specifically upon issues of systemic oppression and morality. Students were evaluated through essays, quizzes, and exams.

Additional Work Experience

- 2015-2016 Groton School (Groton, MA)
Chaplain, Ethics, and Religious Studies Teacher. Taught the senior Ethics requirement and Introduction to Religious Studies. Served on leadership team, with specific attention paid to issues of racial, gender-based, and religious diversity and inclusivity. Provided pastoral care and crisis support and counseling. Advised students. Created the first service on-campus to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; created the first service on-campus to commemorate International Women's Day. Crafted and led ecumenical weekday chapel services four days a week (wrote prayers. Chose readings; coordinated chapel speakers). Intentionally increased the diversity of voices heard in chapel, especially voices from underrepresented religious traditions (i.e. Islam). Coordinated speakers and events both inside and outside of chapel related to sexual violence awareness, including bringing alumna speakers to campus and facilitating student conversations. Crafted and led the weekly Episcopal service (preached; organized student worship leaders; crafted worship). Participated in administrative team meetings, including meetings about student mental health and support. Participated in the Headmaster's administrative leadership team. Worked with other administrators and religious life leaders to revise and restructure the chapel program in light of the needs of the changing Church, the changing world, and the changes at Groton School.
- 2012-2013 **Priest Associate, Interim** (Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington, MA)
 Led worship, wrote and preached sermons, coordinated Christian formation for adults and teenagers, co-led youth group, provided pastoral care, facilitated smooth transition between previous priest associate and incoming priest associate.
- 2012 **Priest Associate, Interim** (St. Anne's in-the-Fields, Lincoln, MA)
 Led worship, wrote and preached sermons, assisted with adult Christian formation, lead small group discussions as part of parish's strategic visioning process, offered pastoral care, facilitated smooth transition between previous priest associate and incoming priest associate.

- 2008-
2011 **Priest Associate** (Christ Church, Quincy, MA)
Led worship, wrote and preached sermons, offered pastoral care, prepared and implemented Christian formation programs.
- 2007-
2008 **Caregiver For Parent with Lou Gehrig’s Disease** (Oxford, CT)
Moved in with parents to provide physical assistance and emotional support to my father, who had recently been diagnosed with a rare, slow-moving form of ALS. Assisted with tasks of daily living; transported parent to physical therapy; spoke with doctors and insurance companies. Was grateful for the opportunity and the time.
- 2006-
2008 **Chaplain, Planned Parenthood** (New Haven, CT)
Co-founded and participated in the first chaplaincy program at Planned Parenthood in coordination with the Planned Parenthood of Connecticut leadership team to provide safe, nonjudgmental, anonymous support to women considering pregnancy termination. Offered women a chance to craft a spiritual discourse that countered assumptions that ‘good Christian women’ do not have abortions.
- 2004-
2008 **Chaplain Associate at Yale-New Haven Hospital** (New Haven, CT)
Worked on-call shifts at a major trauma center and provide crisis care to patients, family, and staff at times of trauma or death.

Select Professional Presentations

- 2020 “Querying Foucault’s Confessional and The Dominant Discourse of Survivor Speech in Linda Martín Alcoff’s *Rape and Resistance*,” North American Society for Social Philosophy Conference (Paper Accepted; Meeting Postponed Until 2021 Due To COVID)
- 2020 “The Construction of Surrogacy and its Significance for Practical Theology,” Association of Practical Theology Meeting (Houston, TX; talk delivered virtually due to COVID)
- 2020 “What’s The Deal With Susan Collins?: Using Kate Manne’s Framework for Misogyny to Understand The Senator’s Pro-Kavanaugh Vote” Feminist Theory Group, Southwest American Academy of Religion Meeting (Dallas, TX)
- 2019 “Psychological and Theological Issues in Infertility, Reproductive Loss, and Surrogacy” Theological Dimensions of Family Group, Society of Pastoral Theology (Denver, CO)
- 2018 “For Those Who Remain: A Proposal for Stage Three Horror Defeat” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Boston, MA)
- 2018 “Clergy Role in Parishioner’s Mental Health Crises” Panel Presentation Seminary of the Southwest (Austin, TX)

- 2012 “The Wand and the Bow: How *Harry Potter* and *The Hunger Games* Transform Violence and Teach Reconciliation”
International Conference on Peace and Reconciliation (Jerusalem, Israel)
- 2011 Chair, “Performing Love and Embodiment”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA)
- 2011 “*Dignitas Personae* and the Dignity of the Couple”
Mid-Atlantic Region AAR Conference (Religion and Ethics Section)
- 2010 “Revelio: Revealing Truth in *Harry Potter*”
Infinitus Symposium (Orlando, Florida)
- 2009 “‘The Man Seized His Concubine:’ Understanding Identity Construction, Autonomy, and Voice in Judges 19”
The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada)
- 2008 Chair of the Harry Potter and Religion Panel
The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
- 2007 “Speaking the Unspeakable: A Theology of Trauma and Grace”
Institute of Sacred Music Colloquium Talk, Yale University
- 2006 “How We Sing Death: Evaluating the Theological Dimensions of Musical and Textual Variations in Requiem Settings from the Anglican Tradition”
Institute of Sacred Music Colloquium Talk, Yale University (co-presenter: Ryan Brandau).

Academic Conference and Presentation Organizer

- 2010 “Practicing New Ways of Being in the Academy and the Church: Conversations with Emerging Feminist Practical Theologians”
Organized and chaired workshops for Boston area faculty and students interested in feminist practical theology.
Boston University (Boston, MA)

Grants & Honors

- 2020 Conant Grant Recipient to study intersectionality and sexual violence, with specific attention to the experience of minoritized populations in cases of sexual violence
- 2020 Wabash Digital Salon Early Career participant
- 2019 Conant Grant Recipient to study the relationship between sexual violence and language

- 2019 Selected by Texas Writer's League for their Advanced Craft of Fiction Workshop
- 2018 Luce Foundation co-participant to study contemporary issues in chaplaincy
- 2017 Conant Grant Recipient to study field education for students studying to be chaplains and ministers
- 2013 Lily Foundation grant through Boston University Center for Practical Theology to pursue dissertation qualitative interview research with Episcopal clergy to discover their theology of third party reproduction
- 2012 Springboard grant through Boston University School of Theology to speak at the International Conference on Peace and Reconciliation (Jerusalem, Israel)
- 2010 Springboard grant through Boston University School of Theology to speak at the Infinitus Symposium (Orlando, Florida)
- 2009 Springboard grant through Boston University to attend The Parliament of the World's Religions (Melbourne, Australia)
- 2008-2010 Lilly Grant for studies in practical theology through Boston University
- 2008 Dwight-Hooker Prize for doctoral studies in theology, Yale Divinity School Commencement Prize
- 2008 Mercer Scholarship to study trauma and reconciliation
- 2007 Two Brothers Summer Fellowship to study Biblical Hebrew in Jerusalem
- 2006 Yale Institute of Sacred Music Summer Scholarship for studies in religious poetry composition
- 2003-2008 Yale Institute of Sacred Music Fellowship and Stipend
- 2002 Bates Summer Travel Fellowship, Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University Researched history and development of English cathedral girls' choirs
- 2001-2002 Fund for Theological Education Undergraduate Fellowship

Professional Work in the Arts & Popular Publications

- 2020 Editorial Contributor, *Austin American Statesmen*.
- 2011-2018 Contributing Writer on Religion and Popular Culture. *Huffington Post*.
- 2010-2017 Contributing Writer on Religion and Popular Culture. CNN Belief Blog. CNN.com.
- 2011-2013 Contributing Writer on Religion and Popular Culture. *The Guardian*.
- 2004-2005 Professional Singer, Trinity-Church-on-the-Green, New Haven, CT
Founding member (first alto) and advisor to the church's first girls' choir.
- 1999-2004 Professional Choral Singer (second soprano), Christ Church, New Haven, CT
- 1990-1999 Professional Choral Singer (second soprano), Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, New York

Languages (Proficient)

Modern Standard Arabic
Biblical Hebrew
German

Modern Hebrew
French

Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Work

- 2020 **Selected for Sojourners' "Sexual and Domestic Violence Webinar Series"** to discuss best pedagogical practices in theological education around intersectionality and sexual/domestic violence
- 2018-2020 **Participant in Black Religious Scholars Program**, Seminary of the Southwest
Co-taught with the visiting Black Religious Scholar; participated in faculty and student conversations around contemporary campus issues of inclusivity, diversity, and belonging; participated in faculty and student conversations around historical reparations on campus; revised curricula to include ensure each course contained significant representation from underrepresented voices
- 2019 **Guest Professor, Southeast Asian Lay Pastors Intensive**, Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Austin, TX
Taught an introduction to pastoral care with a focus on diversity, inclusion, equity and belonging, family systems theory, and multicultural awareness and community building to participants from the Philippines, Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Korea, and Thailand

- 2018 **Facilitator, Multicultural Alliance Interfaith Retreat**
Led small group sessions over a three-day period for a cohort of Muslim, Jewish, Liberal Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Evangelical students to assist them in the task of growing in awareness, respect, and relationship with individuals from other faith traditions
- 2018-present **Participant in the Luce Foundation Chaplaincy Innovation Lab Project, Boston, MA**
Meet annually with other participants to discuss best practices in contemporary chaplaincy, with specific attention paid to care for diverse populations and interfaith and multifaith chaplaincy work. Co-wrote chapter in forthcoming chaplaincy anthology on multifaith public leadership in chaplaincy with Rabbi Rochelle Robins.
- 2017-present **LatinX Studies Advisory Board, Seminary of the Southwest**
Participate in bi-annual meetings of the advisory board. Support Director of the LatinX Studies Concentration in creating programming, field education, coursework, and advocacy opportunities for students interested in learning about LatinX ministry. Assist in increasing awareness about the ongoing needs of the LatinX community in Texas, specifically in relation to border and immigration issues. Co-facilitate small group sessions during Encuentro, a required border immersion class.
- 2016-present **Member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Trinity Episcopal School, Austin, Texas**
Conducted surveys and collated data on diversity and inclusivity on campus. Helped coordinate campus programs (including interfaith events) to foster inclusivity and diversity on-campus.
- 2015-2016 **Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Groton School, Groton, MA**
Collaborated on diversity and inclusivity events on-campus, including events to help students understand the concept of microaggressions, systemic racial injustice, and systemic gender oppression

Additional Committee & Service Work

- 2018-present Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Seminary of the Southwest
- 2016-present Academic Affairs Committee, Seminary of the Southwest
- 2016-present Faculty and Administrative Council, Seminary of the Southwest
- 2020-2021 MSF Degree Assessment and Evaluation Committee member, Seminary of the Southwest
- 2018-2019 Designated faculty support for student going through Title IX process, Seminary of the Southwest
- 2017-2018 Assessment and Evaluation Committee, Seminary of the Southwest

- 2017-2018 Assessment Committee Leader for Field Education Assessment, Seminary of the Southwest
- 2015-2016 Leadership Committee, Groton School
- 2010-2013 Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group Steering Committee Member for the American Academy of Religion

Current Professional Memberships

- Member of the North American Society for Social Philosophy
Member of the American Academy of Religion
Member of the Association for Practical Theology
Member of the Society for Pastoral Theology
Member of the Professional Conduct Committee of the Association of Theological Field Education
Texas Writer's League

Board Membership

- 2016-present LatinX Advisory Committee (Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, TX)
2016-present Executive Member of the Trinity School Board of Trustees (Austin, TX)
2016-present Trinity School Board of Trustees Diversity and Inclusion Subcommittee
2008-2014 Yale Divinity School Alumni Board (New Haven, CT)

Community Service

- 2016-present Guardian Ad Litem for the Travis County CASA system for foster children
- 2010-present Ordained to the Priesthood in The Episcopal Church, Diocese of Connecticut (currently resident in Diocese of Texas)