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Professional Experience

2023 – Assistant Teaching Professor: Department of Classics, Archaeology, and Religion, University of Missouri

Education

- 2023 Ph.D., Religion, Florida State University
Dissertation Title: “Between the Ballot and the Bullet: Black Religion and Black Revolution in Twentieth Century America”
- 2017 M.A., Religion, Claremont School of Theology
- 2014 B.S., *cum laude*, Astrophysics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
B.S., Physics, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Publications

Book Chapters

- (forthcoming) chapter in edited volume on African American Religious History. Edited by Ahmad Green-Hayes, Judith Weisenfeld, Vaughn Booker, and Alexis Wells-Oghoghomeh
- (forthcoming) “Cooking Up the Revolution: The Black Panthers, Church Kitchens, and the Place of Religion in the Black Power Movement.” In *Religion and American Politics: Domestic and International Contexts*. Edited by Paulina Napieręła. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang.
- “Religious Space in Public Art: The New Negro and the New Deal in Harlem.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Religion and Cities*. Edited by Katie Day and Elise M. Edwards. New York: Routledge, 2020, 209-220.

Journal Articles

- McLaughlin, Michael. “Muhammad Ali Up In His Pedigree: A Spatial Analysis at the Intersection of Albinism, Islam, and Race in American Religion.” *Journal of Hip Hop Studies* – under revision
- Tse, Dwight C. K., Vienne Wing-yan Lau, Rachael Perlman, and Michael McLaughlin. “The Development and Validation of the Autotelic Personality Questionnaire.” *Journal of Personality Assessment* 102, no. 1 (2020): 88–101.
- Hjorth, Jens, Liliya L.R. Williams, Radosław Wojtak, and Michael McLaughlin, “Non-Universality of Dark-Matter Halos: Cusps, Cores, and the Central Potential.” *The Astrophysical Journal* 811, no. 1 (2015): 2–10.

Book Reviews

- Invited
- Review of Matthew J. Lacombe, *Firepower: How the NRA Turned Gun Owners into a Political Force*, (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2021). *Annals of Iowa*. (2022)

- Review of *A Lynched Black Wall Street: A Womanist Perspective on Terrorism, Religion, and Black Resilience in the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre*, by Jerrolyn Eulinberg. Published on Reading Religion. <https://readingreligion.org/9781725296039>.
- Review of *Suburban Islam*, by Justine Howe. Published on Reading Religion. <https://readingreligion.org/9780190258870/suburban-islam/>.
- Review of *Government Surveillance of Religious Expression: Mormons, Quakers, and Muslims in the United States*, by Kathryn Montalbano. Published on Reading Religion. <https://readingreligion.org/9781138306714/government-surveillance-of-religious-expression/>.
- Review of *Young Muslim America: Faith, Community, and Belonging*, by Muna Ali. Published on Reading Religion. <https://readingreligion.org/9780190664435/young-muslim-america/>.

Awards

- Best Paper Award, Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium (2023)
- Finalist for Florida State University Department of Religion’s Research Award (2022)
- Finalist for Florida State University’s Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (2021)
- Florida State University Department of Religion’s Service Award (2020)

Grants received

- Florida State University Department of Religion’s Walter and Marian Moore Travel Award (2020)
- Florida State University, Graduate Student Travel Presentation Grant (2019)
- AAR Travel Grant (2018)
- Mormon History Association Travel Grant (2018)

Service to the Field

- Graduate Student Representative, American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Region, 2019-2021
- Co-Director, Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, 2018-2020

Service to the University

- Advisor, Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, 2019-2022
- Advisor, FSU Gender Odyssey - Transgender Inclusive Housing Coalition, 2020-2021

Teaching Experience

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

- Religion in America since 1865: Fall 2023 (planned)
- Religion and Race in America: Fall 2023 (planned)
- Religion and Culture: Fall 2023, Spring 2024 (planned)
- African-American Religions: Spring 2024 (planned)
- Religion in America to 1865: Spring 2024 (planned)
- Global Religion: Spring 2024 (planned)

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- Religion in the United States: Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022
- Religion, Race, and Ethnicity: Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021
- Introduction to World Religions: Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- Religion in the United States: Fall 2017, Spring 2023
- Religion, Race, and Ethnicity: Summer 2019
- Introduction to World Religions: Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Summer 2020
- Latin American Christianities: Fall 2017

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- Exploring the Universe [Intro Astronomy]: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Conference Presentations

- 2023 “All My Relations?: The Indian Student Placement Program and the Erasure of Indigenous Sovereignty,” AAR, San Antonio, TX (November 18)
- 2023 “The New Negro Has No Fear: Material Religion and Marcus Garvey’s Black Star Line,” AAR-Southeast, Atlanta, GA (March 11)
- 2023 “Fostering Racial Difference: The Indian Student Placement Program and Latter-day Saints’ Performance of Whiteness,” Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, Tallahassee, FL (February 17)
- 2022 “‘We’ll Just Have to Get Guns and Be Men’: Armed Households, Church Kitchens, and the Gendering of the Black Panther Party,” AAR, Denver, CO (November 21)
- 2022 “Sanctuaries for the Revolution: The Black Panthers and the Place of Churches in the Black Power Movement,” Southeastern American Studies Association Conference, Birmingham, AL (March 4)
- 2022 “‘Black Shining Prince, Peoples Servant’: The Message of Malcolm X According to the Black Panthers.,” Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, virtual conference (March 13, 2022)
- 2021 “The Heirs of Malcolm X Have Taken Up the Gun: Religion and The Black Panthers’ Fight for Black Survival,” AAR Annual Meeting, virtual conference (November 20).
- 2021 “Cooking Up the Revolution: The Black Panthers, Church Kitchens, and the Place of Religion in the Black Power Movement,” “Racial Violence: the American (hi)story” virtual conference hosted by the Global Institute for Research, Education, & Scholarship (July 24)
- 2021 “Revolutionary Religion: Churches and the Black Panther Party’s Programs for Survival,” Southeastern AAR Meeting, virtual conference (March 12-14)
- 2020 “(Dis)Armed: American Faiths and American Firearms” (panelist), AAR, virtual conference (December 3)
- 2020 “Straight Backs, Bent Knees, and Armed Bodies: Religious Responses to Anti-Colonial Uprisings of the Long-1960s,” UNC Charlotte Graduate Student Conference, virtual conference (March 14)
- 2020 “Damage and Control: Religious Responses to race Riots of the Late 1960s,” Southeastern Commission for the Study for Religion, Athens, GA (March 1)

- 2020 “Kicking Uncle Sam’s Butt from the Four Corners of the Earth: Transnational Identity and Anti-Colonial Struggle in Muhammad Speaks,” Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, Tallahassee, FL, (February 15)
- 2019 “Close Your Eyes: Catholic Censorship of Gun Violence in Code-Era Hollywood Films,” AAR, San Diego, CA (November 25)
- 2019 “Modern Exodus: The Black Religious Space of New Deal Public Art,” AAR, San Diego, CA (November 23)
- 2019 “The New Negro and the New Deal: Public Art of the Harlem Renaissance and State Support of Black Spirit,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Greenville, NC (March 8-10)
- 2019 “But the White Folks that Claim Him Didn’t Make Him: Islam and Albinism in the Music of Brother Ali,” Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, Tallahassee, FL (February 23)
- 2018 “‘Muhammad Ali up in His Pedigree’: The Racial Politics of a White, Albino Convert in Black, Muslim Hip Hop,” AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (November 19)
- 2018 “‘No Greater Personal Individual Freedom’: The Symbiotic Relationship Between Conservative White Christianity and the National Rifle Association,” AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (November 19)
- 2018 “Making Model Mormons: The Indian Student Placement Program, Retrenchment, and ‘Exemplary’ Latter-day Saint Families,” Mormon History Association Conference, Boise, ID (June 9)
- 2018 “Doing For Self: Muhammad Speaks and the Corporate Black Man of the Nation of Islam,” Syracuse University Religion Graduate Conference, Syracuse, NY (April 13)
- 2018 “Respectable Exoticism and Exoticization of the Respectable: The Racial Politics of Reconstructionist Religions in the United States,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA (March 3)

Language Proficiencies

- Spanish
- French (reading)

Professional References

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