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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

Harvard University – Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. Theology. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Expected 2023.

M.Div. Harvard Divinity School. 2018.

Boston University – Boston, MA

B.A. Philosophy (with honors), Classics & Religion. 2015. *Magna cum laude*.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Corpus Fractum: Georges Bataille and Sacramental Theology.” *Body and Religion* 4, no. 1 (December 2020), 4-31. <https://doi.org/10.1558/bar.17886>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“‘The Crime of Innocence’: On the Political Theology of Far-Right Climate Politics.” Presented at the Political Theology Network Conference, Tempe, AZ (April 8, 2022).

“Translating Silence: Delores Williams and Simone Weil on ‘The Underside of the Underside.’” Presented at the Forty-First Annual Colloquy of the American Weil Society, South Bend, IN (March 19, 2022).

“Simone Weil and the Question of ‘Political Theology.’” Presented at the panel “Pluralizing Political Theology” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 22, 2021).

“‘This agony beyond all others, this marvel of love’: Simone Weil’s Theological Aesthetic.” Presented at the Fortieth Annual Colloquy of the American Weil Society, Online due to COVID-19 (April 22, 2021).

“Spiritual Exercises for an Age of Climate Death.” Presented at the Religious Studies at Brown University Graduate Student Conference, Providence, RI (March 7, 2020).

“Henri de Lubac and the Three Bodies of Christ: An Analytic of Ethno-Nationalist Social Imaginaries.” Presented at the international conference Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms: The Challenge of Social Imaginaries in Media, Art, Religion, and Decoloniality; Center for Media, Religion and Culture; Boulder, CO (January 8, 2020).

“Corpse Mysticum: White Supremacy, Fascism, and the Eucharist in Georges Bataille’s *Summa Atheologica*.” Presented at and organized the panel “The Rites of Race” at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA (November 26, 2019).

“Simone Weil’s Political Theology of the *Corpus Mysticum*: Rending the Body of Christ.”
Presented at the Political Theology Network Conference, New York, NY (October 18, 2019).

“‘A Well-Nigh Filthy Ecstasy’: Sacrilege and Sacrament in Georges Bataille’s *Story of the Eye*.”
Presented at the International Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature,
Cambridge, MA (March 30, 2019).

“‘*Requiem Aeternam Deo*’: Nietzsche and the Unwriting of Christianity.” Presented at the Ways
of Knowing Graduate Conference on Religion, Cambridge, MA (October 28, 2017).

“Literature as Theology: Foucault on Kant, Sade, and Hölderlin.” Presented at the New England
and Canadian Maritimes Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston,
MA (April 8, 2017).

“‘There’ll be nobody here but death and his days will be numbered too’: Thinking Global
Extinction through Revelation and *The Road*.” Presented at the Southeastern Regional
Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Raleigh, NC (March 4, 2017).

BOOK REVIEWS

Yoon Sook Cha. *Decreation and the Ethical Bind* (Fordham University Press, 2017). Reviewed
for the American Weil Society. http://www.americanweilsociety.org/book_reviews

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

“Ungovernable Saints: Renunciation, Solidarity, and Ecstasy at the End of the World.” *Earth &
Altar* (July 9, 2021).
<https://earthandaltarmag.com/posts/1v92b9hrhsquh0s26q3mkf9x1da90m>

“Choosing the Lesser Evil is Still Choosing Evil.” Political Theology Network (October 29,
2020). <https://politicaltheology.com/choosing-the-lesser-evil-is-still-choosing-evil/>

INVITED TALKS

“Georges Bataille’s Political Medievalism.” Given at the Methods and Practice Workshop of the
Harvard University Department of the Classics, Cambridge, MA (April 6, 2022).

“Christianity and Fascism: Responsibility and Response.” Given at the Faith & Life Forum of
the Memorial Church, Cambridge, MA (October 31, 2021).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seminar Leader, Harvard University.

“MTS Research Seminar.” Harvard Divinity School. Academic Year 2021-2022.

“MDiv Senior Seminar.” Harvard Divinity School. Academic Year 2021-2022.

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University.

“Teresa of Avila.” Harvard Divinity School. Fall 2021.

“The Sacramental Imagination.” Harvard Divinity School. Spring 2021.

“Foucault, Religion, Christianity.” Harvard Divinity School. Fall 2020.

“Love and Loss.” Harvard Divinity School. Fall 2020.

Teaching Assistant, Boston University Prison Education Program.

“Contemporary American Fiction.” Massachusetts Correctional Institution – Norfolk. Fall 2015.

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Junior Weillienne Scholar Grant. American Weil Society. Spring 2022.

General Exams Passed with Distinction. Spring 2021.

1. Theory and Method in the Study of Religion
2. Modern West: Sovereignty and Political Theology
3. Specialization: Sacramental and Mystical Theologies
4. Specialization: Georges Bataille and Simone Weil

Harvard Summer School Tuition Fellowship. Harvard University. Summer 2019.

Karbank Fellowship. Boston University. Summer 2015.

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Lumen Christi Institute Seminar. “Catholic Social Thought: A Critical Investigation.” Berkeley, CA. Summer 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion. Member.

American Weil Society. Member.

LANGUAGES

French

Advanced speaking and reading knowledge (High Pass: Harvard Divinity School Qualifying Exam, 2015).

German

Advanced reading knowledge (High Pass: Harvard Divinity School Qualifying Exam, 2017).