

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University  
Field: Systematic Theology  
Dissertation: "Women, Work, and Reinhold Niebuhr: A Feminist Understanding of Sin."  
Committee: Robin W. Lovin (chair), William J. Abraham, Rebekah L. Miles, and Susan L. Nelson (external reader)
- 2002 M.A., Theological Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary
- 1999 B.A., English, Asbury College (now Asbury University)

### EMPLOYMENT

- 2017- Senior Lecturer in Religion, University of Georgia
- 2011-2017 Lecturer in Religion, University of Georgia
- 2008-2009 Adjunct Lecturer in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University
- 2009 Adjunct Instructor, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- 2006-2007 Teaching Assistant, Perkins School of Theology

### COURSES TAUGHT

#### Upper-level Undergraduate Courses:

- Sin and Salvation in Christian Theology, University of Georgia
- Theology and Culture, University of Georgia
- Feminist Moral Theology, University of Georgia
- Sex and Marriage in Christian Theology, University of Georgia
- Popular Theology, University of Georgia
- Reformation Theology, University of Georgia
- Christian Feminist Theology, University of Georgia
- History of Christian Theology: Ancient-Medieval, University of Georgia
- History of Christian Theology: Modern-Contemporary, University of Georgia
- Introduction to Christian Theology, Southern Methodist University

#### Lower-level Undergraduate Courses:

- Introduction to Religious Thought, University of Georgia
- Introduction to Religious Thought (Honors), University of Georgia
- Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, University of Georgia
- Judaism, Christianity, and the Bible, Southern Methodist University

Online Courses:

- Introduction to Religious Thought, University of Georgia

Graduate Courses:

- Introduction to Theology, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- Interpretation of the Christian Message (as a TA), Perkins School of Theology

## TEACHING HONORS

- 2015 Nominee, Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Franklin College, University of Georgia
- 2014 Professor of the Month, August, Georgia Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi, University of Georgia
- 2012 Invited Guest, New Teachers Dinner, Wabash Center

## RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- 2015 Wesleyan Studies Summer Seminar, June 1-25, Asbury Theological Seminary. Research project: “The Centrality of Divine Goodness in John Wesley’s Theology”
- 2009-2010 Schubert M. Ogden Dissertation Fellowship, Southern Methodist University
- 2009-2010 Dedman College Dissertation Fellowship, Southern Methodist University
- 2008-2010 Dempster Graduate Fellowship, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church (received two consecutive years)
- 2005-2010 Graduate Program in Religious Studies Fellowship, Southern Methodist University (received five consecutive years)
- 2001 International Society of Theta Phi, Asbury Theological Seminary

## ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2021 Committee Member, Department Head Search Committee, Department of Religion, University of Georgia
- 2020- Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Religion, University of Georgia
- 2015- Co-Chair, Teaching and Learning Religion Section, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion
- 2015-2018 Organizer and Host, Departmental Graduation Reception, University of Georgia
- 2014-2019 Steering Committee, Niebuhr Society, American Academy of Religion
- 2011-2016 Undergraduate Assessment Committee, University of Georgia
- 2011-2016 Departmental Graduation Planning Committee, University of Georgia
- 2009-2010 Field Examination Review Committee, Graduate Program in Religious Studies,

- Southern Methodist University  
2006-2008 Steering Committee, Graduate Program in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University  
2007-2008 Graduate Student Organization Steering Committee, Graduate Program in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University  
2007-2008 Interview panel for prospective candidates, Old Testament/Hebrew Bible Search Committee, Perkins School of Theology  
2004-2006 Assistant, Community Life 328, Asbury Theological Seminary

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Handbook Chapter, "Eschatology," *The Oxford Handbook on Reinhold Niebuhr*, edited by Robin Lovin and Joshua Mauldin (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021)  
Book Chapter, "The Humble Place of Humility in Reinhold Niebuhr's Ethics," *Paradoxical Virtue: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Virtue Tradition*, edited by Kevin Carnahan and David True (New York: Routledge, 2020)  
Articles, "Sin" and "Work," *Common English Bible: Women's Study Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2016).  
Article, "Pride and the Symptoms of Sin," *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2012)  
Article, "Compatibilist or Modified Libertarian? Augustine on Free Will," *Perkins Student Journal*, 2006-2007

## **PRESENTATIONS ON TEACHING**

- "Motivating Students as Readers," co-presenter with Ingie Hovland to the Writing Intensive Program (WIP) faculty orientation, University of Georgia, August 13, 2020  
"How Do I Get Students to Read?" co-presenter with Ingie Hovland, AAR/SBL Southeastern Regional Meeting, University of Georgia, March 1, 2020  
Panel Convener & Moderator, "Teaching with Heart and Soul? The Role of Personal Religious Beliefs in Teaching," AAR/SBL Southeastern Regional Meeting, March 5, 2016  
Panelist, "Women in the Classroom," Interdisciplinary Research Conference, University of Georgia, February 5, 2016  
"Pedagogy and the Religious Studies Course," co-presenter with Robert Foster, Graduate Program in Religious Studies' Professional Development Series, Southern Methodist University, November 12, 2009

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

- "Changing Minds by Changing Ethical Frameworks: Thinking Teleologically About Sex," Post-Way-Forward Gathering of United Methodist Scholars, August 7-8, 2019  
"Self-Interested Selflessness: A Niebuhrian Critique of David Brooks," Invited Panelist, Christian Scholars' Conference, June 5-7, 2019  
Response Paper, joint meeting of the Niebuhr Society and the Kierkegaard Group, American

- Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 22-26, 2014
- “A Wesleyan Heathen’s Approach to Atonement Theory,” Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, March 7-8, 2014
- “A Niebuhrian Doctrine of Sin as Roadmap for Navigating Gender Reconciliation in the Church,” Christian Scholars’ Conference, June 7-9, 2012
- “Pride and Prejudice: Why Niebuhr Actually Got it Right,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (American Academy of Religion regional meeting), March 13, 2010
- “Can a Theory of Causation Solve the Augustinian-Pelagian Debate?” Dallas Socratic Society, February 9, 2009

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING**

- “Preparing to Pivot,” CTL self-paced online course, University of Georgia, July 2020
- “Online Engagement: How to Do Discussions Well & Why They Aren’t Enough,” CTL Workshop, University of Georgia, June 2020
- “Framing Online Assessments,” CTL workshop, University of Georgia, May 2020
- “How to Create Content for Your Online Course,” CTL workshop, University of Georgia, May 2020
- “Elements of Good Online Learning,” CTL workshop, University of Georgia, May 2020
- Member of Faculty Learning Community, “Are They Even Reading? Strategies to Support Students as Readers Across the Disciplines,” led by Ingie Hovland and Lindsey Harding, August 2019-May 2020
- “Technology in the Classroom: New Resources for Flipped and Online Classes,” workshop sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia, April 20, 2016
- “Writing (and Rewriting) Multiple-Choice Test Items,” workshop sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia, October 6, 2014
- “Active Learning with Large Classes: Strategies That Work Better with 100 Students than 10 Students,” John Knox, Speaker’s Series, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia, March 18, 2014
- Religious Site Visit Workshop, sponsored by the Wabash Center, Georgia Perimeter College, Dunwoody, GA, October 25, 2013

## **ACADEMIC (NON- CONFERENCE) LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

- "Great (Gendered) Expectations: Analyzing Christian Advice Books," Friday Speaker's Series sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, University of Georgia, September 28, 2018
- "Letting Go of Bibleman: Embracing Luther as Theologian," Martin Luther, 500 Years Later: A Roundtable, University of Georgia, October 24, 2017.
- "Feminism and Christianity," Women's Studies Student Organization meeting, University of Georgia, October 17, 2017.
- “Christian Sexism: Promoting Men by Demoting Jesus,” Friday Speaker’s Series sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program, University of Georgia, November 18, 2013
- “From 1 to 15,000: The Story of Christian Denominations,” lecture to student group The

Abraham Alliance (now Peace by Piece), University of Georgia, November 14, 2012

### **COMMUNITY LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

"From Sex as Sin to Sex as Salvation: The Theology of Sex and Marriage in Christian History,"  
Great Minds Series, Reynolds Lake Oconee, Greensboro, GA, September 20, 2016.

"Where is God in All This? Christian Perspectives on Evil and Suffering," Great Minds Series,  
Lake Oconee Community Church, Greensboro, GA, April 23, 2013

"Reinhold Niebuhr's Theological and Ethical Legacy," Two-part lecture, First  
United Methodist Church, Garland, Texas, October 6 and 13, 2010

"Evil, Suffering, and the Christian Faith," Two-part lecture, First United Methodist Church,  
Garland, Texas, April 14 and 21, 2010