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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Religion, Ethics, and Politics

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Proposed Dissertation: *Matrices: pregnancy, piety, and polity in the twenty-first century*

EXPECTED MAY 2022

Master of Arts, Religion

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

JUNE 2020

Master of Divinity

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Thesis: *Is it not a sharing?: A Christian Politics of Koinónia*,
under the supervision of Dr. Stacy Johnson

JULY 2013 – MAY 2016

Master of Arts, Politics and Government

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

JANUARY 2007 – MAY 2012

Thesis: *Just Like Me!: An examination of personal encounter with difference
on social networking sites*, under the supervision of Dr. Kam Shapiro

Bachelor of Arts, Human Rights Studies & Philosophy

Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA and

Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

SEPTEMBER 2003 – DECEMBER 2006

HONORS

Fellow, Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE), 2017

Silver Research Talk Award, Princeton Research Day, 2017

Political Philosophy Graduate Travel and Research Grant, 2017

Princeton University Fellowship, 2016-2021

University Center for Human Values Merit Grant, 2016

Frederick Buechner Prize for Writing (*award for best writing in graduating class*), 2016

Fellowship in Religion and Society (*award for best senior thesis in the subfield*), 2016

Silas G. Kessler Scholarship, 2015

Presbyterian Study Grant, 2015

Presbyterian Leadership Award, 2013-2016

James L. Fisher Outstanding Thesis Award (*nominated*), 2012

Full Teaching Assistantship, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Fall 2011, Spring 2012

Alice Ebel Award, 2012

Alice Ebel Monthly Scholarship, 2012

Pi Sigma Alpha, 2012

Sigma Iota Rho, 2005

Calvert Ellis Scholar, 2003

Negley Scholar, 2003

Chapters in an Edited Volume

"The Structural Transformation of the Cybersphere." In *Metamorphoses of (New) Media*, edited by Julia Genz and Ulrike K uchler. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. January 2016.

Presentations

"Conceiving anew: What pregnancy can teach us about the relationship between ethics and politics." Presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics. Washington, DC, January 11, 2020.

"Redeeming Power: What John's portrayal of Christ's kingship means for politics today." Presented at the first annual Political Philosophy and Religion Workshop. South Bend, Indiana, November 8-9, 2019.

"The Confessing Prophet: Recuperating Jeremiadic Confession in American Political Discourse." Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, Colorado, November 18, 2018.

"The Confessing Prophet: Righting Wrongs and Facilitating Moral Repair in Prophetic Confession." Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, Colorado, November 17, 2018.

"Authority Usurped." Presented at the Political Theology Network Inaugural Conference. Atlanta, Georgia, February 15-17, 2018.

"Body Language: The Virtues and Troubles of the Society-As-Body Analogy." Presented at the Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Student Conference. Princeton, New Jersey, February 10, 2018.

"Is it not a sharing? A Christian Politics of Koin onia." Presented at the Second Annual Princeton Research Day. Princeton, New Jersey, May 11, 2017.

"A Sign Among You: Mnemonic Stones in the Fourth Chapter of Joshua." Presented at the 2017 Indiana University Department of Religion Graduate Student Conference, themed "Presence and Absence." Bloomington, Indiana, April 7-8, 2017.

"Discerning the Body: Paul's Portrayal of Corporate Identity in 1 Corinthians." Presented at the 2017 Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Conference, themed "Justice & Reconciliation." Princeton, New Jersey, February 17-18, 2017.

"A Revolutionary Political Theology." Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas, November 18-22, 2016.

"Against Rulers and Authorities? Political Theology in Castro's Cuba." Presented at the 2016 Annual Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Meeting. Dallas, Texas, March 11-13, 2016.

"On the Road Again: The Resurgence of the Pilgrimage and Embodied Devotion." Presented at the 2015 Annual Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Montreal, May 1-2, 2015.

"Virtually Present?" Presented at the 2015 Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Columbia, Maryland, March 5-6, 2015.

"The Structural Transformation of the Cybersphere." Presented at Columbus State University's Graduate Research Conference. Columbus, Georgia, October 25, 2012.

"The Structural Transformation of the Cybersphere." Presented at the First Annual Comparative Literature Association of Ireland Conference. Cork, Ireland, June 28-30, 2012.

"Democratic Networks (and Networks of Networks)." Presented at the International Studies Association, Comparative Interdisciplinary Studies Section Conference. Prague, Czech Republic, June 24-26, 2012.

"The Structural Transformation of the Cybersphere." Presented at the Twentieth Annual Illinois State Graduate Student Conference. Normal, Illinois, April 20, 2012.

"Encountering Difference Online, Social Media, Self-Organization, and Democratic Communities." Presented at the Fourth Annual Georgia State University Political Science Graduate Research Conference. Atlanta, Georgia, March 16, 2012.

"Encountering Difference Online: Social Media, Self-Organization, and Democratic Communities." Presented at the University of Massachusetts' 8th Annual Graduate History Association Conference. Amherst, Massachusetts, March 10, 2012.

"Democratic Networks (and Networks of Networks)." Presented at the University of Connecticut's 4th Annual Democracy and Governance Conference. Storrs, Connecticut, March 2, 2012.

"From Non-Interventionism to Non-Indifference." Presented at the Illinois State University Graduate Research Symposium. Normal, Illinois, March 30, 2007.

Panel Chair, "US Politics; The Presidential and Congressional Political Game." Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science. Normal, Illinois, March 23, 2007.

LECTURES

"Autonomy and Harm." Ethics and Public Policy, Fall 2017.

"Politics and the Media." Citizens and Governance, Spring 2012.

"Citizenship." Citizens and Governance, Spring 2012.

"W.E.B. DuBois." American Political Thought, Fall 2007.

"Empirical and Normative Statements." Quantitative Reasoning, Spring 2007.

"Development and Globalization." Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia and Latin America, Spring 2007.

"Dying by the Numbers." African Politics, Spring 2005.

SERVICE

Production Editor, *Princeton Theological Review*, 2015 and 2016

Production Editor, *Lenten Devotional*, 2015 and 2016

Coordinator, Anam Cara, 2014

Editor, *Critique*, 2007, 2011

Treasurer, ISU Politics & Government Graduate Student Association, 2007

Columnist, *The Juniatian*, 2004-2006

President, Juniata Model UN, 2006

President, Juniata Philosophy Club, 2003-2005

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant
 Princeton University
 FALL 2017 AND FALL 2019
 Led two sections each of Ethics & Public Policy and Christian Ethics & Modern Society

Teaching Assistant
 Princeton Theological Seminary
 FEBRUARY 2016 – MAY 2016
 Led section of Koine Greek course; supported students; evaluated student work

Chaplain Assistant
 Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Trenton, New Jersey
 JUNE 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2016
 Led weekly worship service in Spanish; counselled Spanish speaking patients; developed Spanish language materials

Teaching Assistant

Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2007, OCTOBER 2011 – MAY 2012

Delivered lectures; created tests and graded essays; supported students’ writing

English Teacher

Myeong Mun High School, Gwangmyeong, South Korea

SEPTEMBER 2009 – AUGUST 2011

Taught over twenty English classes weekly; developed a highly interactive curriculum

LANGUAGES

Spanish, intermediate

Koine Greek, competent in reading

German, competent in reading

Czech, basic

French, competent in reading

Korean, basic

Biblical Hebrew, competent in reading

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Political theology; Motherhood and pregnancy; religious beliefs and political resistance; spatial politics; the Eucharist and divine presence; collective memory and liturgical practices; Christian ecclesiology; the politics of difference; democracy and deliberative theory

REFERENCES

Dr. Eric Gregory

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Director, Program in Humanistic Studies
Princeton University
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Dr. Stacy Johnson

Arthur M. Adams Professor of
Systematic Theology
Princeton Theological Seminary
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Dr. Jeffrey Stout

Professor Emeritus of Religion
Princeton University
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Dr. Kam Shapiro

Associate Professor of Politics and
Government;
Director of Graduate Studies
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