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**Religious and Theological Studies**

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**PREVIOUS**

**2011-2015** Adjunct Professor, Religious and Theological Studies and Humanities, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI.

**2011** Instructor, Humanities, Philosophy, and Social Sciences, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI.

**2008-2010** Adjunct Professor, Religion, Philosophy, and American Studies, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA.

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**EDUCATION**

**2014** Ph.D., Humanities, with distinction.  
Salve Regina University, Newport, RI.  
Dissertation: "A Radical, Subjunctive, Political Theology of Resistance: On Religion and Community."  
Committee: Jeffrey W. Robbins, advisor. Michael A. Budd, Clayton Crockett, and Debra Curtis, readers.

**2007** M.A., Philosophy of Religion; Religious Studies.  
Boston University, Boston, MA.  
Thesis: "Levinasian Ethical Responsibility: Toward Mysticism."

**2005** B.A., Religion; American Studies, cum laude, with departmental honors.  
Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA.

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**PUBLICATIONS**

**Forthcoming** "Secular Theology, Political Poetics, and ACT UP: On Meaning-Making and Resistance," *Theopoetics: A Journal of Theological Imagination, Literature, Embodiment, and Aesthetics* vol. 1, no. 2. [theopoeticsjournal.org](http://theopoeticsjournal.org).

**Forthcoming** Abong, Fred, Craig Condella, and Jordan E. Miller, eds. *Lifting Veils: Crisis, Exposure, Imagination*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

**Forthcoming** "Apocalyptic Language and the Death of God," in *Lifting Veils: Crisis, Exposure, Imagination*, eds. Fred Abong, Craig Condella, and Jordan E. Miller. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

**2015** "Silence and the City: Political Theology and Occupy Wall Street," in *Decentering Discussions on Religion and State: Emerging Narratives, Challenging Perspectives*, eds. Sargon Donabed and Autumn Quezada-Grant. Lexington Books.

**2015** A book review of Mark Lewis Taylor, *The Theological and the Politics: On the Weight of the World in Theopoetics: A Journal of Theological Imagination, Literature, Embodiment, and Aesthetics* vol. 1 no 2 (2015).  
theopoeticsjournal.org.

**2014** A book profile of Walter D. Mignolo, *The Darker Side of Western Modernity: Global Futures, Decolonial Options*," in *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* vol. 13 no. 1 (Winter 2014): 162-164. [www.jcrt.org/archives/13.1/index.shtml](http://www.jcrt.org/archives/13.1/index.shtml)

**2007** Caputo, John D., and Gianni Vattimo, *After the Death of God*, ed. Jeffrey W. Robbins, Columbia University Press. Research assistant.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**2015** "Idle No More and the Ecology of Protest: Indigeneity, Spirituality, and Politics," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, on the "Navigating the Boundaries of the 'Religious' and 'Secular' in Contemporary Social and Political Circumstances" panel for the Comparative Study of Religion group, Atlanta, GA, November 21-24.

**2015** "The Anthropogenic Impossibility of the Common Good," 37th Annual Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Conference, on the "Ecological Crisis, Interdisciplinarity, and the Common Good" panel, School of Education and Social Policy, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, October 22-25.

**2014** "Ritual Subjunctivity and Political Resistance: Reading Roy A. Rappaport with Occupy Wall Street," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, on the "Resistance, Occupation, and Dissent" panel for the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, Washington DC, December 3-7.

**2014** "ACT UP and Political Theopoetics," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, for the Theopoetics Working Group, San Diego, November 22-25.

**2014** “Solving Some Problems of Language: on Ritual, Craft, and Apophaticism,” Inaugural Conference of the Society for Heresy Studies, New York University, May 30-1.

**2014** “Only the Blasphemous is True or Subjunctive Apophaticism: Craft, Language, and Love,” 20th Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference, “In/Tangibility,” Concordia University, Montreal, March 6.

**2013** “Rappaport, Schmitt, and Resistance: Political Theology Otherwise,” 10th Annual Public Anthropology Conference, American University, October 4-6.

**2013** “Post-secular Space and Political Theology,” 4th Conference on Religion and the State, “Narrative and Negotiation: Agency, Religion and the State,” on the panel, “The Wall of Separation: Topographies of Toleration,” Roger Williams University, April 12-14. Presenter and panel organizer.

**2013** “The Political Theology of Occupy: On Resistance and the Secular,” 7th annual TELOS conference, “Religion and Politics in a Post-Secular World,” New York, February 15-17.

**2012** “Occupying Absence: Secular Theology, Silence, and Political Resistance,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, on the “Irreligion, Secularism, and Social Change” panel, with Dr. Jonathan VanAntwerpen as respondent, Chicago, November 16-20.

**2012** “Refusal to Issue Concrete Demands: Occupy’s Apophasis,” Inaugural Graduate Theology Student Conference, “Faith and Culture: Theologians of the Future in Dialogue,” Villanova University, April 20.

**2012** “Occupying Heidegger: The Occupy Movement’s Silence and Heideggerian Critique,” Philosophy Conference, “Ethics in Dialogue,” West Chester University, April 7.

**2012** “Occupation and Epic Theater: Brecht, Benjamin, and Resistance,” Graduate Student Conference, “Innovations & Anxieties,” University of Rhode Island, March 31.

**2012** “To Blind or to Reveal? On the Emptiness of Apocalypse in Radical Theology,” Graduate Conference, “The End of the World as We Know It? Religious Scholarship on Apocalyptic Themes,” Boston University’s School of Theology, March 23.

**2011** “Apocalyptic Language, the Death of God, and the Radicality of Absence,” Interdisciplinary Conference, “Lifting Veils: Crisis, Exposure, Imagination,” on the panel, “The Legacy of the Death of God,” Salve Regina University, October 22. Presenter and panel organizer.

**2011** “C. G. Jung’s God, Différance, and Job: Toward Emmanuel Levinas’ Ethics,” Graduate Conference, “[Pre]Occupations: Working, Seizing, Dwelling,” University of Rhode Island, April 16th.

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## **INVITED LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS**

**2013** “Politics and Aesthetics; Architecture and Radical Democracy” presented to the University of Rhode Island team overseeing the renovation of the university’s fine arts building including faculty members of the Art Department, the University Architect and Director of Campus Planning and Design, and members of the architecture firm, Kallmann McKinnell & Wood in Boston, MA, February 18.

**2012** “Biblical Roots for Transformative Resistance” at First Congregational United Church of Christ, West Springfield, MA, January 27.

**2008** “Angst and The Age of Suspicion: What Kierkegaard, Marx, and Nietzsche Have to Do with Politics, War, and Terrorism” at the teach-in on the presidential election, Lebanon Valley College, October 2.

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Since 2014**

Graduate Department of Interdisciplinary Humanities  
Salve Regina University, Newport RI.

Graduate courses:

- Utopian Social Movements and Religion (Fall '15)
- Political Theology ([Spring '15](#))
- Theopoetics: On Language and Religion ([Winter '14/'15](#))

### **Since 2011**

Department of Religious and Theological Studies  
Salve Regina University, Newport RI.

Undergraduate courses:

- American Radicalism and Resistance Since the 1960s ([Fall '15](#))
- Utopia, Dystopia, and Terror in the US: Social Movements and Religion ([Fall '15](#))
- God and the Brain ([Fall '15](#))
- Engaging the Buddhist Experience ([Spring '15](#), Spring '14, Spring '13, Fall '11)
- Christianity in Dialogue with World Religions ([Fall '14](#), [Fall '13](#))
- Christian Social Ethics ([Spring '14](#), Spring '13, Spring '12, Spring '11)

- Emerging Theologies ([Fall '13](#))
- Existentialism and Religion (Fall '12)
- Engaging the Muslim Experience (Spring '12)
- Infinity (collaboratively taught with a mathematics professor) (Fall '12)

## 2011

Department of History, Philosophy, and the Social Sciences.  
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI.

Undergraduate course:

- American Cultural Revolution in the 1960s (Spring '11)

## 2008-2010

Department of Philosophy and Religion and Department of American Studies.  
Lebanon Valley College, Annville PA.

Undergraduate courses:

- Religion:
  - Philosophy of Religion (Fall '09)
  - Introduction to Religion (Spring '09)
- Philosophy:
  - Philosophy of Religion (Spring '09)
  - Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2008, Fall '09)
  - Ethics (Spring '10)
  - Culture and Conflict in Modern America (Spring '10)
- American Studies:
  - Culture and Conflict in Modern America (Spring '10)
  - Gender and Sexuality Minorities in America (Spring '09)

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## ADDITIONAL COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

- Theology of culture
- Radical theology
- Social transformation and art
- Theoretical approaches to the study of religion
- Critique of religion
- Mysticism and apophaticism
- Social justice

- Peace and nonviolence studies
- Justice, theory, and the environment
- Ritual studies
- Religion, culture, and technology
- Philosophy of technology

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## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

**Since 2015** Peer reviewer for the journal, [Religions](#).

**Since 2015** Peer reviewer for the journal, [Palgrave Communications](#).

**2015** Co-organizer of the panel, "Navigating the Boundaries of the 'Religious' and 'Secular' in Contemporary Social and Political Circumstances" for the Comparative Study of Religion group, at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 21-24.

**2015** Co-organizer of the panel, "Ecological Crisis, Interdisciplinarity, and the Common Good," 37th Annual Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Conference, School of Education and Social Policy, Merrimack College, North Andover, MA, October 22-25.

**Since 2014** Religion and Politics Representative Advisory Board Member, [International Society for Heresy Studies](#).

**Since 2013** Referee for the journal, [Secularism and Nonreligion](#).

**Since 2013** Founding member, [The International Society for Heresy Studies \(ISHS\)](#).

**2013** Organized the panel, "The Wall of Separation: Topographies of Toleration," for the 4th Conference on Religion and the State, "Post-secular Space and Political Theology," at Roger Williams University, April 12-14..

**2011** Conference organizer, chair of the steering and organizational committee for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, Salve Regina University.

**2011** Panel organizer for "The Legacy of the Death of God," Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, Salve Regina University, October 22.

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## SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT

**Since 2014** Dissertation and thesis reader and advisor for the Salve Regina University Graduate Department of Interdisciplinary Humanities.

Ph.D. dissertations read include:

- Albert Antosca, "The Millennialism of Transhumanism: Singularitarianism as a New Religious Movement." In progress.

M.A. theses advised include:

- Corey Whalen, "Clownin' Around: Rap as a Theopoetic Endeavor for the Racially Oppressed Urban Experience." Defended with distinction, April 2015.

**Since 2015** Editorial Coordinator for Salve Regina University Graduate Department of Interdisciplinary Humanities theses and dissertations.

**Since 2013** Faculty mentor and advisor for the Salve Regina University Religious and Theological Studies Club.

**Since 2013** Faculty mentor and advisor for the Salve Regina University Mindfulness Mediation Group.

**2011** Conference organizer, chair of the steering and organizational committee for the Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference at Salve Regina University.

**2011** Creator and leader of an extracurricular reading and discussion group focused on recent scholarship that engaged both the humanities and the sciences.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

**2014** Dissertation defended and accepted with distinction by the committee and Salve Regina University, March 28.

**2012** Passed comprehensive and qualifying examinations to determine areas of competence and specialty with distinction, Salve Regina University, summer and fall.

**2005** Reading proficiency in French as judged by Boston University in a departmental exam.

**2005** Nominated and inducted by the Lebanon Valley College faculty to the college's honors fraternity, Phi Alpha Epsilon.

**2005** Nominated by the Lebanon Valley College faculty for and is a member of Who's Who in America's Colleges and Universities.

**2005** Departmental honors in Religion at Lebanon Valley College.

**2004-2005** The Hilda Hafer, the Mary Ann Ocker Spital, and the Henry S. Immel scholarships, each for altruistic activity on campus from private donors at Lebanon Valley College.

**2003-2004** The G. A. Richie Memorial Scholarship as awarded by the religion department at Lebanon Valley College.

**2001-2005** The Vickroy Scholarship for academic achievement from Lebanon Valley College.

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## **ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion (AAR).  
[www.aarweb.org](http://www.aarweb.org).

American Anthropological Association (AAA).  
[www.aaanet.org](http://www.aaanet.org).

International Society for Heresy Studies (ISHS).  
[www.heresystudies.org](http://www.heresystudies.org).

Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR).  
[www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org).

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**References and evidence of teaching excellence are available on request.**

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