

# **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**

- 2024- Principal Lecturer in Religion, University of Georgia  
2017-2023 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
- Readings in 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

**COURSES DEVELOPED**

RELI 4100 Reformation Theology

RELI 4104 Sex and Marriage in Christian Theology

RELI 4108 Christian Feminist Theology

RELI 4602 Popular Theology

**TEACHING HONORS & RECOGNITIONS**

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| 2024 | Sandy Beaver Excellence In Teaching Award, Franklin College, University of Georgia          |
| 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   |

**GRANTS**

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| 2025-2026 | UGA Parents Leadership Council for Religion Department Student Ambassadors, \$2359 |
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**FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS**

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| 2024-2025 | Fellows for Transformative Teaching, University of Georgia   |
| 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

- 2025- Steering Committee Member, Spiritual Wellbeing Project, University of Georgia  
2021-2022 Committee Member, Jewish Studies Lecturer & Academic Professional Search  
Committee, Department of Religion, University of Georgia  
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  
2022 Organizer and Host, Departmental Graduation Reception, University of Georgia  
2015-2018  
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 of 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

- “Active Reading for Active Learning,” Co-presenter with Ingie Hovland and Lindsey Harding, Active Learning Summit, University of Georgia, February 27, 2025
- “To Read or Not to Read (and Why): How to Keep Undergraduate Students Turning Those Pages,” co-presenter with Ingie Hovland and Lindsey Harding, CTL workshop, University of Georgia, September 11, 2024
- “To Read or Not to Read (and Why): How Undergraduate Students Answer that Question,” co-presenter with Ingie Hovland and Lindsey Harding, SoTL Summit, Kennesaw State University, September 19, 2024
- “Are They Even Reading? Strategies to Support Students as Readers Across the Disciplines,” co-presenter with Ingie Hovland et. al., USG Teaching and Learning Conference, March 28, 2023
- Moderator, Symposium on Pedagogy, plenary session at the American Academy of Religion Southeast Regional Conference, Mercer University, March 12, 2023
- “Drawing Conclusions: Utilizing Art in the Religion Classroom,” presentation at the American Academy of Religion Southeast Regional Conference, Mercer University, March 11, 2023
- “Are They Even Reading? Strategies to Support Students as Readers Across the Disciplines,” co-leader with Ingie Hovland, Faculty Learning Community, August 2022-May 2023
- “Motivating Students as Readers,” co-presenter with Ingie Hovland
- Presentation to the Writing Intensive Program (WIP) teaching assistants, University of Georgia, January 14, 2022
  - Presentation at 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
- “Teaching Religion in the Bible Belt,” presentation to RELI 7770, University of Georgia, September 19, 2017
- 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

## **STUDENT SUCCESS ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES**

- 2024, 2023, UGA Career Center Acknowledgement  
2022, 2021,  
2019, 2017  
2022 Mentored two students through the Student Veterans Resource Center

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT IN TEACHING**

- “Creating Course Learning Outcomes for Competency Mapping,” CTL, University of Georgia, December 2024
- Co-leader of Faculty Learning Community with Ingie Hovland, “Are They Even Reading? Strategies to Support Readers Across the Disciplines, August 2022-May 2023
- Member of SoTL Scholars 2021-2022 cohort, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia
- “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

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT IN LEADERSHIP**

Participant, Diversity Leadership Book Club led by Associate Dean Jean Martin-Williams,  
Summer 2022

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

- "Christian Evangelical Sexual Culture," invited guest lecture for SOWK 7425, University of Georgia, March 11, 2025
- "Naming God," Presbyterian Student Center Coffee & Queeries Group, February 21, 2024
- "Bad Romance: The Love Lives of Christian Theologians," University of Georgia, February 14, 2024
- "Great (Gendered) Expectations: Analyzing Christian Sex Advice Books," Friday Speaker's Series sponsored by Women's Studies, 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 Women's Studies, University of Georgia, November 18, 2013
- "From 1 to 15,000: The Story of Christian Denominations," lecture to student group The Abraham Alliance, 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