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Education

- Current Ph.D. Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, United States
Areas of Study: Jewish Studies; Philosophy and Religion
Wahrheit, Sprache, Ungrund: Narrating Reality in German Mysticism, Romanticism, and German-Jewish Thought
Committee: Elliot R. Wolfson, Elisabeth Weber, Wolf Kittler, Agata Bielik-Robson
- 2014 M.A. Theology, Philosophy and Literature
The University of Nottingham, United Kingdom
Department of Theology and Religious Studies
- 2010 B.A. Christian Studies
California Baptist University, United States
Concentration: Theology and Philosophy

Book Chapters

“Difference Through the Prism of the Same: Apophasis and Negative Dialectic in Rosenzweig and Adorno” in *The Meaning and Power of Negativity*. Series: Religion in Philosophy and Theology (Claremont Studies in the Philosophy of Religion). Ed. Ingolf U. Dalferth, Marlene A. Block. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck). Forthcoming.

“*Negative Dialektik* as Immanent Critique, and the Question Concerning the Construction of the Self and the Object – A Response to Matthew Baldwin” in *The Architecture of the Academy: Processes, Institutions, and Power in the Academic Study of Religion*. (Sheffield: Equinox Publishing). Forthcoming.

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of *Spinoza: The Ethics of an Outlaw in Reading Religion*. Forthcoming.
- 2017 Review of *Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power in Critical Research on Religion*. Volume 5:2. May 11.

Awards and Grants

- 2019 Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant
- 2015-2019 Rowny Fellowship. Funded in part by Jewish Studies and the Department of Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

- 2018 DAAD Funding to Attend DAAD Deutschlandjahr USA 2018/2019 Alumni Conference
- 2017 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Intensive Language Course Grant
- 2017 Udo Keller Stiftung Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant

Teaching Experience and Employment

Present The University of California, Santa Barbara
Teaching Assistant and Course Reader
Departments of Religious Studies and Germanic and Slavic Studies
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Fall Quarter 2018: TA for RGST 27: Mystical Experience
Three full lectures given.

Winter Quarter 2018: Course Reader for RGST 131F: The History of Antisemitism

Fall Quarter 2017: TA for RGST 26: Introduction to Jewish Mysticism

Fall Quarter 2016: TA for RGST 35: Introduction to Religion and Politics
One full lecture given.

Spring Quarter 2016: Course Reader for German 116A: Representations of the Holocaust

2015 California State University, Bakersfield
Adjunct Instructor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
Bakersfield, CA 93311

Winter Quarter 2015: Philosophy 100 - Introduction to Philosophy

Spring Quarter 2015: Philosophy 100 - Introduction to Philosophy

Spring Quarter 2015: Philosophy 102 - Logical Reasoning

Research Activity and Service

2017 - 2018 Peer Reviewer: *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*.

2017 Organized the Panel "Critique and Religious Studies: Assessing the Import of the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (1944) Today after 70 Years." 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 17-18.

2016 Organized the Panel "Between Hope and Pessimism: A Comparative Analysis of Hope and Pessimism in Black Studies and Modern Jewish Philosophy" in the Philosophy of Religion Section of the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American

Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 19-22.

- 2016 Co-Coordinator of “The Working Group on Black and Jewish Thought.” Co-Sponsored by Jewish Studies and the Department of German and Slavic Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Papers and Symposia

- 2019 “Broken Mirrors, Distorted Reflections: Anthropomorphism, the Recovery of the *Concrétude* of the Human in 20th Century Philosophy, and the Challenge to Post-Humanist Affect Theory.” 40th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference “Humanity: An Endangered Idea?” February 21-23.
- 2019 “*Wenn es liegt...aber es liegt nicht*: Understanding the Aspect of True-Fiction in Rosenzweig’s Concept of Redemption.” 2019 Internationale Rosenzweig Gesellschaft Conference. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Jerusalem, Israel. February 17-20.
- 2017 Panelist on “Reframing Continental Philosophy of Religion?” Roundtable Discussion. Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA, November 17-18.
- 2017 “Criticism and the Identification of Power and Knowledge in the Study of Religion: On Whether the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (1944) is Possible Today.” Presenting on the panel ‘Critique and Religious Studies: Assessing the Import of the *Dialectic of Enlightenment* (1944) Today after 70 Years.’ Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit. 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 17-18.
- 2017 “Critical Philosophy and the Debate Over Objects in Religious Studies.” Responding to Matthew Baldwin. 2017 Annual Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR). Boston, MA, November 17-18.
- 2017 “Between Philosophy and Theology: Rosenzweig’s *Neue Denken*, Language, and the Problem of Theology.” Faith in the Academy – Theology Among the Disciplines, University of Leuven. Leuven, Belgium. August 28-30.
- 2017 “Difference Through the Prism of the Same: Apophasis and Negative Dialectic in Rosenzweig and Adorno.” 38th Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference ‘The Meaning and Power of Negativity.’ Claremont, CA. Feb. 17-18.
- 2016 “Sublation Without an End: The Status of Religion in *The Dialectic of Enlightenment*.” Sociology of Religion Group. “2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.” San Antonio, TX. November 19-22.
- 2016 “*Jetztzeit* and the Impurity of Assimilation: Reading Kafka’s ‘A Report to an Academy’ with Walter Benjamin.” Presented on the panel “Between Hope and Pessimism: A Comparative Analysis of Hope and Pessimism in Black Studies and Modern Jewish Philosophy.” Philosophy of Religion Group. “2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.” San Antonio, TX. November 19-22.

- 2016 “The Negative Way of Messianism and the Project of Decolonialism.” Presented at “The American Academy of Religion, Western Region 2016 Annual Conference.” University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. April 1-3.
- 2016 “Hope and the Sublation of the Sacred/Secular Divide.” Presented on the panel “Utopia: Religion and Secularism,” at the “Ninth Annual Religions in Conversation Conference.” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. February 26-27.
- 2015 “Constitutional Democracy: Pluralism, Enlightenment and the Problem of the Pre-Political.” Presented at the “Eight Annual Religions in Conversation Conference.” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. February 27-28.
- 2014 “Suffering as the Source: Philosophy of Religion Beyond Genealogies of the Secular and the Sacred.” Co-authored with Ian Bacher. Paper presented by Bacher at the “Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies.” Oxford University, UK. December 8-10.
- 2014 “The Tragic Constitution of Nature: Ernst Bloch’s Subversive Politics, Job and the Fall Narrative.” Presented at the “Religion and the Natural Elements” conference. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. October 31-November 2.
- 2014 “Self-Possession’s Dis-onto-logic: The Epochē of Occupation in *The Undercommons*.” Presented at the “Revolting Peripheries Conference 2014,” University of Bielsko-Biala, Poland. June 25-27

Membership in Professional Associations

The American Academy of Religion

Languages

German – Advanced Reading, Writing, Speaking

French – Moderate to Good Reading

Hebrew (Modern) – Reading (In progress)

Latin – Reading (In Progress)

Mittelhochdeutsch – Reading (In progress)

Professional References

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