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### **EDUCATION**

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| 2003 | Ph.D., American History<br>University of Florida, Gainesville, FL            |
| 1998 | MA, History<br>Emporia State University, Emporia, KS                         |
| 1998 | MA in Theological Studies,<br>Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO |
| 1995 | BA, History<br>Mid America Nazarene College, Olathe, KS                      |

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

US South, Conservatism and Politics, American Religious History, Evangelicalism, American and British Popular Music, Modern British Religious History, the Dust Bowl and the 1930s American Midwest

### **WORK/TEACHING EXPERIENCE, LEADERSHIP**

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| Professor of American<br>and British Studies                          | University of Oslo (summer 2019-)                 |
| Associate Professor of<br>American and British Studies                | University of Oslo (fall 2018-summer 2019)        |
| Associate Professor in<br>American Studies and History                | Northumbria University (fall 2016-summer 2018)    |
| Reader in American Studies<br>and History                             | Northumbria University (fall 2012-)               |
| Program Leader,<br>American Studies                                   | Northumbria University (spring 2013-summer 2015)  |
| Postgraduate Research<br>Leader, Humanities<br>Department and History | Northumbria University (spring 2015; spring 2016) |
| Director of Learning and<br>Teaching, History                         | Northumbria University (fall 2016-summer 2018)    |

Associate Professor (with tenure)	Eastern Nazarene College (2011)
History Department Chair	Eastern Nazarene College (fall 2008-fall 2011)
Associate Professor (non-tenure)	Eastern Nazarene College (spring 2008-)
Assistant Professor	Eastern Nazarene College (fall 2004-spring 2008)
Adjunct Professor	University of Florida, (fall 2003-summer 2004)
Associate Editor	<i>Fides et Historia</i> (2011-2016)
Editor	<i>Historically Speaking</i> , Boston University, Johns Hopkins University Press (2009-2014)
Associate Editor	<i>Historically Speaking</i> (2005-08)
Editor	<i>Journal of Southern Religion</i> (2006-2010)
Associate Editor	<i>Journal of Southern Religion</i> (2004-06)

## **BOOKS**

### **PUBLISHED**

*The Devil's Music: How Christians Inspired, Condemned, and Embraced Rock 'n' Roll* (Harvard University Press, 2018).

*The Anointed: Evangelical Truth in a Secular Age*, co-authored with Karl Giberson (The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2011; Kindle edition, 2012).

*The Fire Spreads: Holiness and Pentecostalism in the American South* (Harvard University Press, 2008; paperback, 2010).

Bibliographic editor, *The Columbia Guide to Religion in American History*, eds. Paul Harvey and Edward Blum (Columbia University Press, 2012; Kindle edition, 2014).

Editor, *Recent Themes in American Religious History*, Historians in Conversation Series (University of South Carolina Press, 2009).

## **CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES**

### **PUBLISHED**

"The Dust Bowl, the Depression, and American Protestant Responses to Environmental Devastation," *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (forthcoming 2023).

"Evangelicals, Race, and Reform: From the Age of Lincoln to the Second Reconstruction," in *Lincoln's Unfinished Work: The New Birth of Freedom from Generation to Generation*, eds. Orville Vernon Burton edited by Peter Eisenstadt (Louisiana State University Press, 2022).

“Seeing Red: Evangelical and Fundamentalist Anticommunism and Political Engagement,” in *Evangelicals and Presidential Politics: From Jimmy Carter to Donald Trump*, ed. Andrew S. Moore (Louisiana State University Press, 2021).

“Acts of God: Continuities and Change in Christian Responses to Extreme Weather Events from Early Modernity to the Present.” with Joseph Hardwick, *WIREs Climate Change* (2020).

“Guds mann i Det hvite hus?” co-authored with Hilde Løvdal Stephens, *Kirke og Kultur* 2 (2019).

“Spirit in the Air: Pentecostal Media Innovation in the Twentieth-Century South,” in *Southern Religion, Southern Culture: Essays Honoring Charles Reagan Wilson*, eds. Darren E. Grem, Ted Ownby, and James G. Thomas (University of Mississippi Press, 2019).

“Culture, Entertainment, and Religion in America,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

“The Bible and Fundamentalism,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Bible in America*, ed. Paul Gutjahr (Oxford University Press, 2017).

“Pentecostalism and Popular Culture in Britain and America from the Early Twentieth Century to the 1970s,” in *Secularization and Religious Innovation in the North Atlantic World*, eds. David Hempton and Hugh McLeod (Oxford University Press, 2017).

“Recent Developments in the Study of Religion in the US” for “Getting Religion: A Roundtable on the Study of Religion and the US,” *Journal of American Studies* (2017).

“Of Gods, Presence, Abundant History, and the Challenges of Studying Everyday Religion,” *Fides et Historia* (Summer/Fall 2016).

“‘It has to come from the hearts of the people’: Evangelicals, Fundamentalists, Race, and the 1964 Civil Rights Act,” *Journal of American Studies* (August 2016).

“‘Where else did they copy their styles but from church groups?’ Rock ‘n’ Roll and Pentecostalism in the 1950s South,” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* (March 2016).

“From Abolitionists to Fundamentalists: The Transformation of the Wesleyan Methodists in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries,” *American Nineteenth Century History* (May 2015).

“Understanding the Prosperity Gospel,” *Fides et Historia* 47:2 (Summer/Fall 2015).

“Remembering Bertram Wyatt-Brown,” *Georgia Historical Quarterly* 99:3 (Fall 2015).

“Unbucklin’ that Ole Bible Belt: Learning about the Solid Religious South from Freaks, Geeks, Outcasts, Losers, Wide-Eyed Prophets, Cranks, and Mountebanks,” *Fides et Historia* (Winter/Spring 2014).

“‘Ohio villains’ and ‘pretenders to new revelations’: Wesleyan Abolitionists in North Carolina and Virginia, 1847-1857,” in *Southern Character: Essays in Honor of Bertram Wyatt-Brown* (University Press of Florida, 2011).

“On Teaching with *God in America* (PBS),” *Fides et Historia* (Summer/Fall 2011).

“The Holiness/Pentecostal/Charismatic Extension of the Wesleyan Tradition,” in *The Cambridge Companion to John Wesley* (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

*Sam Jones' Own Book, 1886*. With a New Introduction by Randall J. Stephens. Southern Classics Series (University of South Carolina Press, 2009).

"Pentecost for the Southland," *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (Jan/Feb 2008).

"'There is Magic in Print': The Holiness Pentecostal Press and the Origins of Southern Pentecostalism," in *Southern Crossroads: Perspectives on Southern Religion and Culture* (University of Kentucky Press, 2008).

"Interpreting American Pentecostal Origins: Retrospect and Prospect," in *American Denominational History: Perspectives on the Past, Prospects for the Future* (University of Alabama Press, 2008).

"'There is Magic in Print': The Holiness-Pentecostal Press and the Origins of Southern Pentecostalism," *Journal of Southern Religion* 5 (2002).

"The Convergence of Populism, Religion, and the Holiness-Pentecostal Movements: A Review of the Historical Literature," *Fides et Historia* 32, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2000).

## **IN PROGRESS**

"'They thought the world had ended, and they thought it was their doom': The Dust Bowl, Ecology, and the American Religious Imagination" (drafted).

"The New Sound in Britain and America: Christian Explorations of Pop and Rock Music in the 1960s and 1970s" (drafted).

"Religion, Exodus, and the Dust Bowl Migration to California in the 1930s and 1940s" (in the early research stage).

"Jimmy Carter, the UK Media, and Born-Again Religion in the 1970s" (in the early research stage).

"Lorenzo Dow, British Methodism, and American Religious Enthusiasm in the Early 19<sup>th</sup> Century" (in the early research stage).

"William Archer, H. G. Wells, Race, and British Travel Narratives of the US" (in the early research stage).

"The Religion of Mark Twain" (in the early research stage).

"Frauds and Fakes in the Religious Life of the 19th-Century American West" (in the early research stage).

## **GRANT-RELATED INCOME**

2022 Fulbright Alumni Association of Norway, for the seminar "The Great Depression, the New Deal, and the Grassroots in the US," University of Oslo (September).

2020 Wigeland Fellowship, English Department, University of Chicago (March-June, canceled due to pandemic).

- 2018 U.S. Embassy London, for a symposium on Music and Social Movements, (Co-I) with Joe Street (November).
- 2017 Research Travel Scholarship, the Congregational Library and Archives, Boston, MA (April).
- 2017 Invited presenter at “Jimmy Carter and the ‘Year of the Evangelicals’ Reconsidered,” funded by the Henry Luce Foundation and St Anselm University, New Hampshire (April).
- 2016 Teaching Quality Enhancement Fund, Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Award, Northumbria University.
- 2016 “Problems in the Study of Religion,” National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar fellowship, University of Virginia (May-June).
- 2015 Fellow, Wesleyan Center for 21st Century Studies, Point Loma Nazarene University (May-July).
- 2015 (PI), U.S. Embassy London, United Kingdom Grant for the Religion in American History Symposium, Newcastle University and Northumbria University (March).
- 2015 Lynn E. May, Jr., Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, TN (February).
- 2014 Comparative Secularization and Innovation in Europe and the United States, Harvard Divinity School, a Workshop Conference (May).
- 2014 John Templeton Foundation and Historical Society Travel Grant for the AHA, Washington, DC (January).
- 2014-15 American Society of Church History Travel Grants.
- 2011-2013 John Templeton Foundation, Religion and Innovation in Human Affairs grant initiative. Part of \$2.75/£1.91 million in funding to support 20 projects in a variety of disciplines, including archaeology, history of science, and the social sciences.
- 2012 Fulbright Roving Scholar, Norway (December 2011-June 2012).
- 2005-2012 Course buy outs for editing *Historically Speaking*, the Historical Society, Boston University.
- 2009-2012 Travel and course buy outs for editing *Fides et Historia*.
- 2010 Fellow, Wesleyan Center for 21st Century Studies, Point Loma Nazarene University (May-June)
- 2009 (PI), Conference organizer, with Dan Russ, “Mark Noll’s *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*, 15 Years Later” (Oct 1-2).
- 2009 Multicultural Workshop, Eastern Nazarene College (June).

- 2008 John Templeton Foundation grant for *The Anointed: American Evangelical Experts*, co-authored with Karl Giberson.
- 2007 Young Scholars in American Religion Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis, 2007-2009.
- 2002-03 Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture (Funded by the Lilly Endowment).

### **INTERNATIONALIZATION, ESTEEM FACTOR, OUTREACH**

- 2023 Invited lecture, “‘Sanctified people got more fire’: The Pentecostal Roots of Early Rock ‘n’ Roll,” Blake Lecture in the History of Christianity, Virginia Commonwealth University (April).
- 2013-present Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer.
- 2018 Keynote, Southern Music Conference, University of Mississippi.
- 2017 Lexington Books, Religion in American History, member of Series Advisory Board.
- 2016 International Lead, Humanities (sem 2); Organization of Ming Chuan University short-course in humanities.
- 2015-2016 Fulbright UK Awards Reading Panels.
- 2016 Keynote: “What’s so Different about the 2016 Election?” Gyldendals fagdag for engelsklærere, high school English teachers, Oslo, Norway (April 2016).
- 2014 Invited presenter: “‘Satan’s Pentecost’: Religion and Rock Music in the 1950s South,” Masters in American Studies Colloquium, Heidelberg Center for American Studies (May 2014).
- 2014 Invited presenter: “Popular Culture and Pentecostalism: Comparing Britain and the United States,” Secularization and Religious Innovation: A Transatlantic Comparison, Harvard Divinity School (May 2014).
- 2014 American Society of Church History Program Committee, New York City (January).
- 2013 Chair of Research and Prizes Committee, American Society of Church History (2013-2014).
- 2013 Keynote: “Evangelical Anti-intellectualism in Modern America,” The New Frontiers of Reason? The North American Undergraduate Conference in Religion and Philosophy, St Francis University, Loretto, PA (March 2013).
- 2012 Invited presenter: “The Place of Mormonism in American Politics,” the U.S. Embassy’s 2012 U.S. Election Night in Oslo (November 2012).

- 2012            Keynote: “Evangelicalism and the Culture Wars,” the St. George Tucker Society, Augusta, GA (July 2012).
- 2012            Invited participant in “Liberty and Responsibility in the American Anti-Slavery Movement,” Indianapolis, the Liberty Fund. Declined due to schedule conflict.
- 2012            Fulbright Roving Scholar in American Studies, Norway (December 2011-June 2012).
- 2008            Named a Top Young Historian by the History News Network, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

### **MEDIA, ESSAYS, REVIEWS, OP-EDS**

(Media appearances on: BBC, BBC Newcastle, BBC Ulster, Al Jazeera, Agence France-Presse, NPR, Sky News, CBS Boston, KBYU-FM Provo, Utah, TRT, Austrian Youth Radio.)

“Tracing the Origins of Today’s Ultraconservatives,” *Washington Post*, December 30, 2021.

“The Beatles Reshaped American Culture, Explaining Their Enduring Appeal,” *Washington Post*, December 10, 2021. Reprinted in the *Saturday Star* (South Africa) and the *Scranton Times-Tribune*.

“When Climate Catastrophes Spark Religious Turmoil,” *Washington Post*, July 18, 2021.

“In Storms, Americans Have Long Seen the Hand of God,” *Washington Post*, July 17, 2020. Reprinted in the *Bowling Green Daily News* and the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

“Southern Elites, Western Libertarians, and the Conservative Coalition,” *Washington Post*, April 17, 2020.

“Searching for Signs that God Blessed America,” *Washington Post*, January 9, 2020.

“Evangelicals and Trump—Lessons from the Nixon Era,” *The Conversation*, UPI, *History News Network*, June 15, 2018.

“Author’s Response to Peter Webster’s Review of *The Devil’s Music*,” *Reviews in History*, May 28, 2018.

“God Gave Rock and Roll to You,” *History Today*, May 16, 2018.

“The Klan, White Christianity, and the Past and Present: A Response to Kelly Baker’s Essay,” *Religion and Culture Forum* (Chicago Divinity School), (June 2017).

“Richard Nixon’s Authoritarian Loathing of the Media Lives on in Donald Trump,” *The Conversation*, February 22, 2017; *Raw Story*, February 22, 2017.

“Trump is an Avowed Sinner—So Why Did American Evangelicals Vote for Him?” *The Conversation*, November 11, 2016; UPI, November 11, 2016; *Raw Story*, November 13, 2016.

“One Part Nixon, Two Parts Wallace: Donald Trump Represents the Worst of a Bygone America,” *The Conversation*, May 22, 2016; *Raw Story*, May 22, 2016; *Salon*, May 23, 2016.

“Ted Cruz, Not Donald Trump, Is the Scariest Candidate Standing,” *The Conversation* and *Raw Story*, March 22, 2016; *SBS* (Australia), March 23, 2016; and *Quartz*, March 27, 2016.

“On Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Michael O’Brien, and Southern Distinctiveness,” US Intellectual History Blog, March 9, 2016.

“Ted Cruz, Human Dog Whistle,” *Salon*, February 3, 2016.

“Trump and Palin Exist in an Alternative Universe of Knowledge Denial,” *The Independent*, January 20, 2016.

“‘Religious Liberty’ and the Origins of the Evangelical Persecution Complex,” *Religion Dispatches*, January 12, 2016.

Book Review Essay: “Miranda Wilcox and John D. Young, eds., *Standing Apart: Mormon Historical Consciousness and the Concept of Apostasy*,” *Mormon Studies Review* 3 (2016).

“Why the Republicans’ Know-Nothing Outsider Candidates Are Still on Top,” *The Conversation*, October 30, 2015.

“How the Republican Party Became a Haven of Resentment and Rage,” *The Conversation*, September 17, 2015, and *Rawstory*, September 18, 2015.

“GOP Must Destroy Donald Trump before He Destroys Them,” *Salon*, July 12, 2015.

“David Brat, the Anti-experts’ Expert,” *Christian Century* blog, June 18, 2014.

“Searching for Something in a Kansas Record Bin,” Reverberations, Social Science Research Council, January 23, 2014.

“High Holy Rollers,” *Wilson Quarterly* (Summer 2013).

“Why Republicans and Academics Need Each Other,” with Chris Beneke, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, 1 April 2013.

“Lies the Debunkers Told Me: How Bad History Books Win Us Over,” with Chris Beneke, *Atlantic Monthly* blog, 24 July 2012.

“Conservative Christianity and Its Discontents,” with Karl Giberson, *Religion Dispatches*, 13 March 2012.

“The Evangelical Rejection of Reason,” with Karl Giberson, *New York Times*, 17 October 2011.

“*Tocqueville’s Discovery of America*, by Leo Damrosch,” a book review essay, *Christian Century*, 18 April 2011.

“The Sunbelt Coalition: Evangelicals and Politics in a New Light,” a book review essay, *Books and Culture* (January/February 2011).

“The Past Is No Foreign Country,” *History News Network*, 28 June 2010.

“The Old New Right,” a book review essay, *Christian Century*, 15 June 2010.

“New Media and the Reshaping of Religious Practice,” *Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, 18 March 2010.

“Devout Racism,” a book review essay, *Christian Century*, 10 March 2009.



“What Does Azusa Have to Do with Washington?” *Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, 29 September 2008.

“Johnny Cash’s Very American Recordings” a review of Rodney Clapp, *Johnny Cash and the Great American Contradiction: Christianity and the Battle for the Soul of the Nation* (John Knox, 2008) in *Christianity Today*, May 29, 2008.

“Hidden Under a Bushel: Sufjan Stevens and the Problem of Christian Music,” with Delvyn Case, *Books and Culture* (Nov/Dec 2006).

“Tell about the South: The 2005 Conference of the St. George Tucker Society,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (Sept/Oct 2005).

“Assessing the Roots of American Pentecostalism: A Historiographic Essay,” *The American Religious Experience* (21 April 2000).

## **INTERVIEWS**

“Unpeeling the Billy Graham Onion: An Interview with Grant Wacker,” *Fides et Historia* (Summer/Fall 2015).

“Liberal Protestantism in 20th-Century America: An Interview with David A. Hollinger,” *Historically Speaking* (November 2013).

“A History of the Jesus People: An Interview with Larry Eskridge,” *Historically Speaking* (September 2013).

“Mormonism and American History: An Interview with Matthew Bowman,” *Historically Speaking* (April 2013).

“Catholicism in Colonial and Revolutionary America: An Interview with Maura Jane Farrelly,” *Historically Speaking* (June 2012).

“Teaching and Writing about the History of African-American Christianity: An Interview with Paul Harvey,” *Historically Speaking* (November 2011).

“Tocqueville in America: An Interview with Leo Damrosch,” *Historically Speaking* (June 2011).

“The Uses of American History: An Interview with Jill Lepore,” *Historically Speaking* (April 2011).

“China, the West, and Pearl Buck: An Interview with Hilary Spurling,” *Historically Speaking* (January 2011).

“Religion and the Founding of the United States: An Interview with Thomas Kidd,” *Historically Speaking* (January 2011).

“Thucydides and the Lessons of Ancient History: An Interview with Donald Kagan,” *Historically Speaking* (November 2010).

“Erich Fromm and the Public Intellectual in Recent American History: An Interview with Larry Friedman,” *Historically Speaking* (September 2010).

“Color and Class in Gilded Age America: An Interview with Martha A. Sandweiss,” *Historically Speaking* (April 2009).

“Justifying Slavery in the Old South: An Interview with Lacy K. Ford,” *Historically Speaking* (April 2010).

“America in the Jacksonian Era: An Interview with David S. Reynolds,” *Historically Speaking* (September 2009).

“Rome Unearthed: An Interview with Mary Beard on Pompeii and the Ancient World,” *Historically Speaking* (June 2009).

“Religious History and the Historians Craft: An Interview with Amanda Porterfield,” *Historically Speaking* (June 2009).

“The Importance of Studying Ordinary Lives: An Interview with Laurel Thatcher Ulrich,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (April 2009).

“Taking Religion Seriously in the Deep South: An Interview with Wayne Flynt,” *The Journal of Southern Religion* (2009).

“An interview with Grant Wacker on Billy Graham, Evangelicalism, and the American South,” *The Journal of Southern Religion* (forthcoming).

“An interview with Charles Marsh on Religion and the Civil Rights Movement,” *The Journal of Southern Religion* (forthcoming).

“An interview with Randall Balmer on Religion and the Modern Presidency,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (January 2009).

“An interview with Patricia Cline Cohen, Timothy J. Gilfoyle, and Helen Lefkowitz Horowitz on the Flash Press and New York City in the 19th Century,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (Sept/Oct 2008).

“An interview with Thomas Hine on America in the 1970s,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (July/August 2008).

“Religion in American History: An Interview with Stephen Prothero,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (May/June 2008).

“An Interview with Michael J. Klarman on Race and American Legal History,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (May/June 2008).

“Reconstruction and the American West: An Interview with Heather Cox Richardson,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (Sept/Oct 2007).

“Jamestown Redivivus: An Interview with James P. Horn,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (March/April 2007).

“Beyond the Niebuhrs: A Conversation with Robert Orsi on Recent Trends in American Religious History,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (July/August 2006).

“Full Gospel Churches and Murder Ballads: An Interview with Steve Haisman on Searching for the Wrong-Eyed Jesus,” *The Journal of Southern Religion*, vol. 9 (2006).

“An Interview with Philip L. Fradkin on Natural Disasters and the Great Quake of 1906,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society* (Nov/Dec 2005).

## **REVIEWS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, AND MANUSCRIPT/PROPOSAL REVIEWS**

Reviews and encyclopedia articles in *African American National Biography* (Oxford, 2008); *The Encyclopedia of Religion in the South, Revised Edition* (Mercer University Press, 2005); *The American Historical Review*; *Journal of the Civil War Era*; *The Journal of American History*; *Christian Century*; *Christianity Today*; *The Journal of Southern History*; *Southern Cultures*; *Mississippi Encyclopedia*; *The Journal of Peasant Studies*; *Church History*; *Fides Et Historia*; *Gulf South Historical Review*; *Mormon Studies Review*; *H-South*; *H-SHEAR*; *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*; *Religious Studies Review*; and *Southern Historian*.

Manuscript/proposal/article reviewer for HarperCollins, Harvard University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Oxford University Press, Royal Historical Society's New Historical Perspectives Series, New York University Press, University of South Carolina Press, University of Oklahoma Press, Lexington Books, University Press of Florida, University of North Carolina Press, Wiley-Blackwell, University of Alabama Press, *Religion and American Culture*, *Religions*, *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *The Public Historian*, *The American Studies Journal* (US), *The Journal of American Studies* (UK), *American Nineteenth Century History* (UK), *The Journal of Southern History*, the *Catholic Historical Review*, the *Alabama Review*, the *Journal of Policy History*, and *The Journal of the Historical Society*.

## **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION AND LECTURES**

- 2023            Roundtable, comment on *Do Everything: The Biography of Frances Willard*, by Christopher H. Evans, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, UK (June).
- 2023            Book talk on *The Devil's Music*, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina (April).
- 2023            Invited lecture, “‘Sanctified people got more fire’: The Pentecostal Roots of Early Rock ‘n’ Roll,” Blake Lecture in the History of Christianity, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond (April).
- 2023            “‘Tell me where you feel our government can better serve our people’: FDR, the New Deal, and Dust Bowl Clergy,” University of Virginia Religious Studies Seminar (April)
- 2023            “‘Even church people are trying to be with it’: Evangelical Experiments with Rock Music in Britain and America, 1960s-1970s,” Organization of American Historians (March).
- 2023            “Anti-Communism, Anti-Catholicism, and the Politicization of Holiness-Pentecostal Groups in the US, 1940s-1960s,” Anglophone Political Cultures Seminar, NTNU, Trondheim, Norway (March).
- 2023            Chair, “Female Bodies, Ecclesiastical Bodies, and Authority in Early Modern Christianity,” American Society of Church History, Philadelphia (January).
- 2023            Chair, “Evangelical Aesthetics: The Art They Hated and the Art They Made,” American Society of Church History, Philadelphia (January).

- 2023 “‘Days of need and want and natural unrest’: Clergy, the Dust Bowl, and the Roosevelt Administration,” American Society of Church History, Philadelphia (January).
- 2022 “‘Catholicism and Communism are swiftly advancing’: White Holiness-Pentecostal Politicization in the 20th Century United States,” American Academy of Religion, Denver (November)
- 2022 “The Dust Bowl and the Roosevelt Administration’s Religious Outreach,” Seminar on the Great Depression, the New Deal, and the Grassroots in the US, University of Oslo, funded by the Fulbright Alumni Association of Norway (September).
- 2022 “Religion and the Origins of Rock ‘n’ Roll,” ILOS-akademiet, University of Oslo (September)
- 2022 “‘Catholicism and Communism are swiftly advancing’: White Holiness-Pentecostal Politicization in the 20th Century US,” Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, UK (April).
- 2022 Class discussion of *The Devil’s Music*, History of Rock and Roll Music, Purdue University, Fort Wayne (March).
- 2022 “The Dust Bowl, the Depression, and American Protestant Responses to Environmental Devastation,” KLIMER: Climate, Environment, and Energy seminar, University of Oslo (February).
- 2021 “‘In These Days of Need and Want and Natural Unrest’”: Protestant Communities in Crisis and the Oklahoma Dust Bowl,” American Historical Association, Seattle (January, canceled due to pandemic).
- 2020 Invited lecture, “A Conversation on the 2020 US Election with Former US Ambassador to Norway Barry White and Randall J. Stephens,” Democrats Abroad Norway, Oslo (October).
- 2020 Chair, “Popular Music and the Culture Wars,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC (April, canceled due to pandemic).
- 2020 Chair, “Evangelical and Mainline Response to Twentieth-Century Economic and Global Crises,” American Society of Church History, New York City (January).
- 2020 “Pop Jesus and Rock ‘n’ Roll in Britain and America in the 1960s and 1970s,” American Society of Church History, New York City (January).
- 2019 Keynote, “Making Sense of the American Christian Right,” Nettverksdagen for Engelsklærere i Asker og Bærum, Gyldendalhuset, Oslo (November).
- 2019 Invited lecture, “Race, Rock, and the American South,” Lived Religion Symposium, Nord Universitet, Bodø (October).
- 2019 Keynote, “The Environmental Catastrophe of the Dust Bowl and American Culture,” Teacher Training for High School English Teachers, Oslo (February).

- 2019      Invited speaker, “Making Sense of Donald Trump’s Evangelical Support,” Theological Faculty, University of Oslo (February).
- 2018      Invited speaker, “Evangelicals and Race: From the Age of Lincoln to the Second Reconstruction,” Lincoln’s Unfinished Work conference, Clemson University (November).
- 2018      “The Unlikely Relationship of Rock and Religion,” book launch event, University of Oslo Library (October).
- 2018      Invited talk: “Writing a Book on Rock Music and Religion,” Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer program, American Studies Department, University of Kansas (October).
- 2018      Invited speaker, “The Dust Bowl and the Congregational Council for Social Action in the 1930s,” God’s Climates: Religion and Disruptive Weather, Environmental Humanities seminar, Northumbria University (September).
- 2018      Keynote, Southern Music Symposium, “‘Christian rock musicians come from pentecostal ranks!’ Rock ’n’ Roll and Conservative Christianity in Modern America,” University of Mississippi (February)
- 2017      “Brexit and the Union: Challenges to the Four Nations of the UK,” University of Oslo (August).
- 2017      “Seeing Red: Evangelical and Fundamentalist Anti-Communism and Political Engagement,” Nordic Association for American Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Odense (May).
- 2017      Chair, “Red America and the Republican Party from Nixon to Trump,” Nordic Association for American Studies, University of Southern Denmark, Odense (May).
- 2017      “‘Like natives at a voodoo ritual’: Race, Rock, and Evangelicalism in the 1950s and 1960s,” Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (April).
- 2017      “‘You can’t just sneak Jesus into music!’: Fundamentalism, Popular Culture, and Christian Rock in the 1970s and 1980s,” Colloquium on Religion and History, University of Notre Dame (April).
- 2017      “‘Swinging, blue-jeans religion’: Christian Rock and Evangelical Culture in the 1960s and 1970s,” Congregational Library and Archives, Boston (April).
- 2017      “‘They dress like devils and wear Spandex costumes’: Evangelicals, Fundamentalists, and Jesus Rock,” Jimmy Carter and the “Year of the Evangelicals” Reconsidered, funded by the Luce Foundation and St Anselm University, New Hampshire (April).
- 2017      “‘The WORD OF GOD not the WONDER OF THE CROWD!!!!’ The Fundamentalist Rejection of Christian Rock in the 1970s and 1980s,” American History Seminar at the Institute of Historical Research, London (March).
- 2016      “‘BEWARE that ye are not led astray’: The Fundamentalist Rejection of

- Jesus Rock in the 1970s and 1980s,” American Studies Association of Norway, Oslo (October).
- 2016 Panel on international academic publishing, American Studies Association of Norway, Oslo (October).
- 2016 “Writing for the Public,” HOTCUS Annual Postgraduate Conference: Winning Minds and Hearts: Constructing National Identity in US History, Northumbria University (September).
- 2016 “What’s So Different about the 2016 Election?” fagdag for engelsklærere, a keynote presentation for Norwegian high school English teachers, Gyldendal (April).
- 2016 “‘Holy Rock ‘n’ Rollers!’ Christian Rock and Evangelical Culture in the 1960s and 1970s,” Emory University, Atlanta, GA (February).
- 2016 “On Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Michael O’Brien, and Southern Distinctiveness,” Southern Intellectual History Circle, Sewanee University, Sewanee, Tennessee (February).
- 2016 “The Beatles, American Evangelicals, and the Fear of Corrupted Youth,” Mercer University, Macon, Georgia (February).
- 2015 “The Devil’s Music: Race, Rock, and Religion in the 1950s South,” Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecture, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri (November).
- 2015 “‘There were these other singers . . . and they cut up all over the place: Early Rock ‘n’ Roll and Pentecostalism,” Religious Studies Seminar, Missouri State University, Springfield Missouri (November).
- 2015 “‘The persecuted minority in America is not the Negro, but the white folks of the South’: Religion, Race, and Ideas of Persecution in the Modern South,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas (November).
- 2015 “‘Ask your preacher about jungle music’: Race, Rock, and Religion,” New Historical Research Lecture, University of Missouri Kansas City (November).
- 2015 “‘I Just Sing Like They Do Back Home’: The Religious Roots of Rock Music in the 1950s South,” Wesleyan Center, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California (July).
- 2015 “‘Ask your preacher about jungle music’: Race, Rock, and Religion,” British Association for American Studies, Northumbria University, Newcastle (April).
- 2015 “Modernist Fundamentalists, Mainliners, and Recent Trends in the Study of American Religious History,” American Religious History Symposium, Newcastle University (March).
- 2015 “The Devil’s Music: Race, Rock, and Religion in the 1950s,” Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecture, Belmont University, Nashville (February).

- 2015 "Spirit in the Air: Pentecostal Media Innovation in the 20th Century South," 2015 Porter Fortune, Jr. History Symposium at the University of Mississippi (February).
- 2015 "Comment on Kate Bowler's Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel," Conference on Faith and History, American Historical Association, New York City (January).
- 2014 "From Abolitionism to Fundamentalism: The Great Reversal and the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, 1843-1943," Methodist Studies Seminar in University of Manchester (December)
- 2014 "Where else did they copy their styles but from church groups?" Rock and Religion in the 1950s South," Department of American and Canadian Studies Seminar, University of Nottingham (December).
- 2014 "The Devil's Music: Pentecostalism and the Origins of Rock in the 1950s South," History Seminar, Queen's University Belfast (October).
- 2014 "From Abolitionists to Fundamentalists: The Transformation of the Wesleyan Methodists in the 19th and 20th Centuries," Historians of Twentieth Century US and British American Nineteenth Century Historians, University of Reading (September).
- 2014 Chair, "The Nineteenth Century Executive," A Presidential Nation: The Presidency in U.S. History," Northumbria University (June).
- 2014 "It has to come from the heart': White Evangelical and Fundamentalist Responses to the 1964 Civil Rights Act," US History Group Symposium: 1964 as a Watershed Year, Northumbria University (May).
- 2014 "It's as if they've founded a new religion': The American Evangelical Reaction to the Beatles and the Roots of the Culture Wars in the 1960s," American Studies Seminar, University of East Anglia (April).
- 2014 "The Devil's Music: Religion, Race, and Rock in the 1950s South," Research Seminar, Clare College, Cambridge University (March).
- 2013 "The Religious Roots of Rock Music in the 1950s South," History Seminar, Northumbria University (November).
- 2013 Invited presenter, roundtable on the career of Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Southern Historical Association, St. Louis, Missouri (October-November).
- 2013 "The Devil's Music: Religion and Rock in the 1950s South," American Studies Seminar, University of Glasgow (October).
- 2013 "The Beatle Ban Wagon: Conservative Christians in the US React to Pop Culture in the 1960s," The Norwegian Student Association of American Studies, University of Oslo (August).
- 2013 "The Roots of Christian Rock and Evangelical Culture in the 1960s and 1970s," Historians of the Twentieth Century United States Conference, Northumbria University (July).

- 2013 “‘Stamp out the Beatles!’ The Evangelical and Fundamentalist Response to the Bigger-than-Jesus Controversy,” Nordic Association for American Studies Conference, Karlstad University, Sweden (May).
- 2013 Invited presenter, “‘I just sing like they do back home’: The Pentecostal/Holiness Roots of Rock Music,” Historians of the Twentieth Century United States “Symposium on Religion and Politics,” King’s College London (February).
- 2013 Chair, “The Media and Popular Culture,” Historians of the Twentieth Century United States “Symposium on Religion and Politics,” King’s College London (February).
- 2012 “The Pentecostal Influence on Rock Music in the 1950s,” American Studies Association of Norway, Halden, Norway (October).
- 2012 “The American Presidential Election,” a roundtable, American Studies Association of Norway, Halden, Norway (October).
- 2012 “Building History Websites with Undergraduates,” American Studies Association of Norway, Halden, Norway (October)
- 2012 “Faith and the Making of Presidents: the Role of Religion in the Upcoming U.S Elections,” a roundtable, King’s College London (October).
- 2012 “Evangelical Experts and a Politicized Faith,” Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo (May).
- 2012 “The Devil’s Music: Rock and Religion in the 1950s,” University of Manchester (April).
- 2012 “The Devil’s Music: Rock and Evangelicalism in the 1950s American South,” British Association for American Studies, University of Manchester (April).
- 2012 “Evangelical Experts and the 2012 Presidential Election in the US,” The Norwegian Student Association of American Studies, University of Oslo (March).
- 2012 “Race, Rock, and Religion, 1955-1970,” Religion Department, University of Bergen (March).
- 2012 “Creating a Digital Archive and Resource Guide for Students,” Fulbright Seminar, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (February).
- 2011 “State of the Field: Fundamentalism: A Roundtable,” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco (November).
- 2011 “Evangelicals in the Electorate,” Ford Hall Forum on Evangelicalism, Boston (November).
- 2011 “The Public Anti-Intellectual: Conservative Evangelical Experts,” Annual Conference on Public Intellectuals, Harvard University (April).



- 2011 Invited presenter, "Revising America's Christian History: The Religious Politics of America's Past," American Political History Institute, Boston University (March).
- 2011 "American Religious History: Diaspora, Sexuality, Liberalism, Pentecostalism, Martyr," a roundtable, American Historical Association, Boston (January).
- 2011 Comment, with Stephen Prothero, on the PBS documentary *God in America*, AHA Film Festival, American Historical Association, Boston (January).
- 2011 Chair, "Bracketing Faith and Historical Practice: A Roundtable," Conference on Faith and History, American Historical Association, Boston (January).
- 2010 "The Future of Southern Religious History: A Roundtable," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (October).
- 2010 "The Conservative Evangelical View of America's Christian Origins," the Historical Society's 2010 Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC (June).
- 2010 Chair, "Christian Identities in Modern Germany," the Historical Society's 2010 Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC (June).
- 2010 Chair, "Religious Faith, Citizenship, and National Identity," the Historical Society's 2010 Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC (June).
- 2010 Invited presenter, "Revising America's Christian History: The Religious Politics of America's Past," American Political History Institute, Boston University (TBD).
- 2010 Invited chair, "Religion, Science, and Tolerance," First Annual Conference on Public Intellectuals, "Speaking Truth to Power," Harvard University (April).
- 2010 2010 Invited presenter, "Teaching American Religious History," Boston College Conference on the History of Religion (March).
- 2010 Organizer and presenter, "American Religious Historians Online: A Roundtable," American Historical Association, San Diego, CA (January).
- 2009 Invited presenter, "A great many theologians?: Premillennial Authorities and Modern American Evangelicalism," Columbia University's Religion in America Seminar (November).
- 2009 Invited presenter, "The 'New' Evangelical History? A Roundtable," American Academy of Religion, Montréal, Canada (November).
- 2009 Invited lecturer, "Race, Rock & Religion," part of the *Post War Years, Cold War Fears Program & Exhibit Series*, Thomas Crane Public Library, Quincy, MA (October).
- 2009 Invited commentator, "Ellen White as Denomination Builder," Ellen White: American Prophet. A Working Conference and Book, Portland, ME (October).

- 2009 Organizer and presenter, “Conservative Evangelical Experts: A Roundtable,” with Karl Giberson, Jon Roberts, and James Wallace, the *Scandal of the Evangelical Mind*, 15 Years Later, Gordon College, Wenham, MA (October).
- 2009 “‘And Smile to See a Burning World’: Premillennial Authorities and Modern American Evangelicalism,” the Boston-Area American Religious History Group, Boston University (September).
- 2009 Organizer and commentator for “Religion in the South before 1865,” the St. George Tucker Society, Augusta, GA (August).
- 2008 Invited lecturer, “The Myth of Christian America and Conservative Evangelical History,” Duke Divinity School (November).
- 2008 Invited lecturer, “The Parallel Culture of American Evangelicalism,” Bentley College (October).
- 2008 “We Hold These Truths: The Christian Origins Myth and Conservative Evangelicalism,” New England American Studies Association, Yale University (September).
- 2008 “The Politics of Apocalypse: The Politicization of American Pentecostals,” Policy History Conference, St. Louis (May).
- 2008 Chair, “The Politics of Civil Rights History,” the Historical Society’s 2008 Conference: Migration, Diaspora, Ethnicity, & Nationalism in History, Johns Hopkins University (June).
- 2008 Chair, “Literary History,” the Historical Society’s 2008 Conference: Migration, Diaspora, Ethnicity, & Nationalism in History, Johns Hopkins University (June).
- 2008 Invited commentator, “Discerning the Times,” joint meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society and the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Duke University (March).
- 2007 “Under the Guise of the True Wesleyan Church: Wesleyan Abolitionists and the Sectional Crisis in North Carolina and Virginia,” Southern Historians of New England conference, Yale University (October).
- 2007 Invited lecturer, “Religion in American History and Culture: The Pentecostal Example,” English and American Studies Lectures, University of Manchester (April).
- 2007 “Same as It Ever Was?: Southern Pentecostalism at 100,” The British Association for American Studies Annual Conference, University of Leicester (April).
- 2006 Invited presenter, “New Avenues for the *Journal of Southern Religion*,” Southern Historical Association, Birmingham (November).
- 2006 Chair of “History and Meaning Revisited,” Conference on Faith and History, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK (September).

- 2005 Invited chair, “Loving Segregation to Death: Reverend James Lawson and Nonviolent Direct Action in Moderate Nashville,” Southern Historical Association, Atlanta (November).
- 2005 “‘The mob was to kill a Wesleyan’: Wesleyan Perfectionist Missionaries in Virginia and North Carolina, 1847-1851,” Rethinking the History of the American South: A Conference in Honor of Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Gainesville, FL (October).
- 2005 Invited commentator on William Clair Turner, “‘This Is a Holy Church, This Is a Sanctified Church’: On Tradition, Reform and Self-Identity Under God Within the United Holy Church of America,” Society For Pentecostal Studies, Virginia Beach (March).
- 2004 “Neither Rich nor Poor, Northern nor Southern, Black nor White, Male nor Female: Cultural and Social Patterns of the Late Nineteenth-Century Southern Holiness Movement,” Presenter, The St. George Tucker Society, Augusta, GA (August).
- 2004 “‘Angels’ from the North: The South and the Holiness Movement,” Presenter, American Society of Church History, Harrisburg, PA (April).
- 2001 “Pentecostalism Comes to the South,” Presenter, The Southern Historical Association, New Orleans (November).
- 2001 “The Fire Spreads: The Holiness-Pentecostal Movement and the Origins of Southern Pentecostalism,” The Society For Pentecostal Studies, Tulsa (March).
- 2001 “The Fire Spreads: The Holiness-Pentecostal Movement and the Origins of Southern Pentecostalism,” The Sixth Annual Barnes Club Conference, Temple University (February).

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2016 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK
- 2014 *The Anointed* featured in the *Wilson Quarterly*’s books “that embodied the spirit of the WQ” (Winter 2014).
- 2011 Professional Achievement Award, Eastern Nazarene College
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- 2009 The Wesleyan Theological Society’s Timothy L. Smith and Mildred Bangs Wynkoop Book Award for *The Fire Spreads*
- 2008 *The Fire Spreads* nominated by Harvard University Press for the Francis Parkman Prize
- 2007 Professional Achievement Award, Eastern Nazarene College
- 2007 Religion in American History, Cliopatria’s best new blog

- 2004 One of fifteen semifinalists for the Allan Nevins Prize for the best dissertation in American history, Society of American Historians
- 2004 The St. George Tucker Society's prize for best dissertation in southern studies
- 2004 Richard J. Milbauer Dissertation Prize for best dissertation in history, University of Florida
- 2003 *Journal of Southern Religion's* Sam Hill Award
- 2003 History Department Nominee for University-Wide Graduate Teaching Award, University of Florida
- 2001 Finalist, Newcombe Dissertation fellowship, Princeton University
- 2001 Participant in the Pew Younger Scholars Seminar on the Civil War and Reconstruction, University of Notre Dame
- 2001 Jack and Celia Proctor Award for best essay on Southern History, University of Florida
- 2001 Hanger Research Fellowship, University of Florida
- 2001 Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Florida
- 1998 Laurence C. Boylan Outstanding Masters Thesis Award, Emporia State University
- 1994 Elected to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2021- American Society of Church History council member.
- 2015 Coordinator for the US History Group Symposium: American Religious History, Newcastle University (March 2015).
- 2014 Coordinator for the US History Group Symposium: 1964 as a Watershed Year, Northumbria University (May 2014).
- 2014 Program committee, Music and the Atlantic, Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Program, College of Charleston (March 2014).
- 2012-2014 Member, Research and Awards Committee of the American Society of Church History
- 2011 Chair, Cliopatria Award Committee: Best Series of Blog Posts and Best Writer
- 2011 Conference organizer, with Larry Friedman, Stephen Whitfield, and Damon Freeman, Annual Conference on Public Intellectuals, Harvard University, April 9-7
- 2011 Program committee, the Southern Historical Association Conference, Mobile, Alabama, 2012

- 2010 Consultant, PBS's *God in America* series (WGBH, Frontline/American Experience)
- 2009-2013 Co-editor, Religion in American History blog <http://usreligion.blogspot.com>
- 2009-2013 Editor, The Historical Society blog, <http://histsociety.blogspot.com>
- 2007-2008 Southern Historical Association Membership Committee, 2007-2008
- 2007-2012 Board member, Evangelical Studies Centre, University of Manchester
- 2004-2016 Web design, oversight, maintenance:
- History and American Studies blog, Northumbria University, <http://nuhistam.blogspot.co.uk/>
- Eastern Nazarene College [www.enc.edu](http://www.enc.edu) (webmaster, September 2006-May 2007)
- Journal of Southern Religion <http://jsr.fsu.edu>
- The Historical Society [www.bu.edu/historic](http://www.bu.edu/historic)
- History Department, Eastern Nazarene College [www.enc.edu/history](http://www.enc.edu/history)
- The Polkinghorne Society [www.enc.edu/history/polk](http://www.enc.edu/history/polk)
- Open Theology and Science [www.enc.edu/opentheo](http://www.enc.edu/opentheo)
- British Abolitionism, Moral Progress, & Big Questions in History, A conference jointly funded by the John Templeton Foundation and the Historical Society, 26-28 April 2007, Crowne Plaza St. James, London [www.bu.edu/historic/london/](http://www.bu.edu/historic/london/)
- 2005-2014 Layout and design for the Historical Society's two publications, *The Journal of the Historical Society* and *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of the Historical Society*
- 2001-02 Research Assistant to Bertram Wyatt-Brown, Richard J. Milbauer Professor of History, University of Florida

### **TENURE AND PROMOTION REVIEW**

Yale University; Princeton University; Bentley University; Washington University St Louis; Duke University Divinity School; Rutgers University; Brandeis University; St. Anselm University

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

The American Society of Church History  
 The Conference on Faith and History  
 The Organization of American Historians  
 The St. George Tucker Society  
 The Southern Historical Association