

EMPLOYMENT

Saint Louis University, Assistant Professor of Theology, Race, and Environment, 2023-

University of Virginia, Postdoctoral College Fellow and Lecturer, Engagements Program, 2021-23

Duke Divinity School, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2019-21

Research project — ‘Deep Solidarity: Race and Animality in the Anthropocene,’ part of ‘God and the Book of Nature,’ an international collaborative project funded by the John Templeton Foundation (JTF)

EDUCATION

Duke University, PhD, Graduate Program in Religion, May 2019.

Field of Study: Christian Theological Ethics

Dissertation: “Ethics and the Afterlife of Slavery: Race, Augustinian Politics, and the Enduring Problem of the Christian Master”

Readers: J. Kameron Carter, Luke Bretherton, Willie Jennings, Rey Chow, and Charles Mathewes

Duke Divinity School, MDiv, *summa cum laude*, May 2013.

Union University, BA in Christian Ethics, *summa cum laude*, May 2009.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2024 The Problem of the Christian Master: Augustine in the Afterlife of Slavery
(forthcoming with Yale University Press, spring 2024)

We Are Each Other’s Harvest: Solidarity at the End of the World

The book rethinks the theological and philosophical concept of “solidarity” in the face of the immense challenges of the Anthropocene, drawing the important, but often hazily-defined concept into sharper view through multidisciplinary engagements with (a) the history of race as a biopolitical ecology, (b) its afterlives in present-day climate science, and (c) its relation to evolutionary anthropology’s comparative studies of human and nonhuman animals’ cognition and behavior.

Refereed Articles:

In prep “Solidarity and Science: Toward a Critical Lexicon”
Will submit to *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*

- In prep "Race, Religion, and Colonialism in the History of Science: A Response to Joseph Henrich"
*Co-authored with Agustín Fuentes, Professor of Anthropology (Princeton)
- In prep "Saving, Enslaving, and the Early Modern Theological Invention of Race: From Augustine to Grotius (by way of Sylvia Wynter)," targeted for *Renaissance Studies*
- Submitted "From Mestizaje to Cimarronaje: Afro-Latinx Ecologies and the Ethics of Climate Migration"
Perspectivas: Journal of the Hispanic Theological Initiative.
- 2024 "Homo Interpretans: Daston, Augustine, Wynter"
Münchener Theologische Zeitschrift 72.1 (Spring 2024).
- 2023 "Climate Apartheid, Race, and the Future of Solidarity: Three Frameworks of Response"
Journal of Religious Ethics 51.4 (Dec. 2023), 50th Anniversary Issue: Futures & Uncertainties.
*Paper accepted for special anniversary issue by panel of leading senior scholars from the journal's editorial board in a competitive selection process.
- 2021 "Fugitive Signs: Augustine's Cross, Slavery, and Black Thought"
Studia Patristica CXVII (2021), pp. 77-89.
- 2021 "Slave Christologies: Augustine and the Enduring Trouble with the 'Form of a Slave'"
Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology 75.1 (January 2021), pp. 19-32.
*Invited, peer-reviewed essay for special themed issue.
- 2020 "Sarah's Laugh, Sodom's Sin, Hagar's Kin: Queering Time and Belonging in Genesis 16-21"
Biblical Interpretation 28.4 (Winter 2020), pp. 398-427.
- 2018 "Ethics in the Afterlife of Slavery: Race, Augustine, and the Problem of the Master"
Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics 38.2 (Fall/Winter 2018), pp. 93-110.

Book Chapters:

- Forthcoming "The Solidarity-Dehumanization Nexus: Three Methodological Problems"
Science-Engaged Theology edited volume, part of 'God and the Book of Nature' grant
- In prep "Augustine, Slavery, and the Politics of Humility"
Augustine and the Frontiers of Pluralism edited volume, currently out for review

Public Writing:

- In prep "Solidarity and Evolutionary Anthropology," *St Andrews Catalogue of Theological Puzzles*
- 2015 "Desire and Its Inversions: On the Roots of White Racial Terror(ism)," *The Other Journal*
- 2015 "Toward a New Moral Hagiography: An Interview with David Gushee," *The Other Journal*
- 2011 "American Evangelicals Fail the Torture Test," *Recovering Evangelical* blog.

Book Reviews:

- 2023 Invited symposium organizer on George Yancy, *Backlash: What Happens When We Talk Honestly about Racism in America*, foreword by Cornel West (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2018). In *Syndicate* (<https://syndicate.network/symposia/philosophy/backlash/>).
- 2019 Review of Chris L. de Wet, *The Unbound God: Slavery and the Formation of Early Christian Thought* (Routledge, 2018). *Reading Religion* (AAR book review website).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2024-5 Seminar Fellowship Program, “New Directions in Research on Global Catholicism: Mobilities, Migrations, Circulations,” Center for Research on Global Catholicism at Saint Louis University
Competitive selection process for inaugural research cohort, \$4,000 stipend; my project’s title: “Making Solidarity Global: Climate Migration, Race, and the Future of Catholic Moral Thought”
- 2023-4 Illuminating Theological Inquiry and Christian Ethics Through Training in Psychological Science, Baylor University
Competitive selection process for participation in cross-training for theologians in psychological science; \$7,000 stipend, with possible additional rounds of funding up to \$30,000
- 2024 Mellon Faculty Development Award, Saint Louis University
\$2,500 summer stipend to fund writing and research time on second book project, We Are Each Other’s Harvest: Solidarity at the End of the World
- 2021-24 Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia
Three-year postdoc in the Engagements Program, the general education curriculum for all first-year students, teaching one course per year and receiving research and mentorship support
- 2021-23 Follow-On Research Funding, University of St. Andrews
\$12,000 grant to fund research travel to the Yale Comparative Cognition Laboratory, Duke Canine Cognition Center, and (pending approval) the Max Planck Institute for History of Science in Berlin
- 2022 Summer School Fellowship, University of Munich, Germany
Fully funded (travel, room, meals) summer workshop on the theme ‘hermeneutics of revelation’
- 2021-22 Workshop Fellowship Program, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning
Stipend awarded for workshop participants to develop a teaching project during the academic year; my project is entitled “From What to How: Students as Ethical Agents”
- 2021-22 Course Development Grant, University of St. Andrews
Stipend and AAR travel subsidy as part of the New Visions in Theological Anthropology (NViTA) project, for the development of a course advancing theological engagement with the sciences
- 2021-22 Summer Fellowship in Science-Engaged Theology, University of St. Andrews
Collaborative workshop with stipend & travel for science-engaged work on theological anthropology
- 2019-22 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Duke University Divinity School

Member of 'God and the Book of Nature,' Edinburgh University, funded by a \$2.8 million grant from the Templeton Foundation, for collaborative engagement of theologians with the natural sciences

- 2020-21 Early Career Latinx Religion Faculty Teaching and Learning Workshop, Wabash Center
A series of three pedagogical workshops designed to explore how Latinx identity and core values inform pedagogy, with travel expenses, room and board, and \$3500 honorarium provided
- 2018-19 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
One of 67 fellows selected from more than 1,000 applicants in multistage peer-review process
- 2019 Patriarchy and Political Theology Workshop member
Funded by Political Theology Network, led by Linn Tonstad and Eboni Marshall Turman
- 2013-18 Dean's Graduate Fellowship, Duke University. Stipend increase, reduced teaching load.
- 2013-pres Society of Duke Fellows
- 2018 King's College London Travel Grant
- 2018 Wabash Teaching Seminar for Doctoral Students, New York.
Funded by Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.
- 2018 The Latinx Body and Pedagogy Seminar for Pre-Tenure Faculty and PhD Candidates.
Funded by the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity, Southern Methodist University.
- 2017, 18 Competitive Summer Research Fellowships, Duke University Graduate School
- 2016 Franklin Humanities Institute Travel Award, Duke University
- 2016 Institute for Critical Social Inquiry Fellowship, The New School for Social Research
- 2016 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School
- 2013 Highest Overall GPA Award, Masters of Divinity, Duke Divinity School
- 2010-13 Jordan-Sprinkle Endowed Scholarship, Duke Divinity School (M.Div. degree)
- 2005-09 Presidential Scholarship, Union University. Full tuition, room, and board for four years.
Awarded to winner of annual Scholars of Excellence competition.
- 2009 Academic Excellence Medal: Christian Ethics, Union University. Awarded to graduating senior with highest grade point average in each discipline.
- 2009 Mark Hatfield Christian Ethics Award. For distinctive contribution from an undergraduate to the field of Christian ethics.
- 2006-09 Alpha Chi Honor Society
- 2008 Dr. Gerard A. Vanderhaar Student Peace Award Nominee. For outstanding peace and justice work, in conjunction with the annual Vanderhaar Symposium at Christian Brothers University.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2024 “The Problem of the Christian Master: Augustine in the Afterlife of Slavery”
Villanova University, the Augustinian Institute, ‘Reconsiderations VI’ Conference
- 2024 “Climate Apartheid, Race, and the Future of Solidarity”
Yale University, Divinity School
- 2022 “The Problem of the Christian Master: Augustinian Politics, Race, and the Afterlife of Slavery”
Saint Louis University, Department of Theological Studies
- 2022 “Climate Apartheid, Race, and the Future of Solidarity”
Vanderbilt University, Department of Religious Studies
- 2019 “Ethics in the Afterlife of Slavery: Race, Augustine, and the Problem of the Christian Master”
University of Chicago, Divinity School
- 2019 “Ethics in the Afterlife of Slavery: Race, Augustine, and the Problem of the Christian Master”
Villanova University, Augustine and Culture Seminar (ACS)

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Making Solidarity Global: Climate Migration, Race, and the Future of Catholic Moral Thought”
Inaugural Symposium, Center for Research on Global Catholicism at Saint Louis University
- 2024 “Spiritual Exercises at the End of the World”
Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting
- 2024 “Contested Legacies: Augustine, Domination, and Slavery”
Invited panel with Toni Alimi on our respective forthcoming books; respondent: Jennifer Herdt (Yale)
Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting
- 2023 “The Origins of the Christian Master: Reading Augustine in the Afterlife of Slavery”
Princeton Theological Seminary, Howard University Divinity School, and the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture—Afterlives of Slavery conference
- 2023 “Saving, Enslaving, and the Early Modern Theological Invention of Race: From Augustine to Grotius (by way of Sylvia Wynter)”
King’s College London, “Christianity and Racemaking in the Early Modern Atlantic World”
- 2022 “Response to Thomas Laqueur” (invited respondent)
University of Virginia, Engagements Program Keynote Lecture
- 2022 “Homo Interpretans: Daston, Augustine, Wynter”
University of Munich, Hermeneutics of Revelation Summer School
- 2022 “The Human as Hermeneutic Animal: On Daston, Augustine, Wynter”

St Andrews University, Science-Engaged Theology Conference

- 2022 “Renovating ‘Solidarity’ as a Concept: Toward a Science-Engaged Framework”
Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting
- 2022 “The Problem of the Christian Master” (invited talk)
Villanova University, “Augustine and Pluralism” conference
- 2022 “Response to Vincent Lloyd, et al.” (invited discussant)
Villanova University, “Augustine and Pluralism” conference
- 2021 “Solidarity and the Sciences: A Race-Haunted Problem for Ethical Thought”
Princeton University, Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion (PPPR) Conference
[did not appear due to illness]
- 2021 “Dogs and the Mindfulness of Nature”
American Academy of Religion, Science, Technology, and Religion Group
- 2021 “Solidarity in Evolutionary Thought as a Theological Puzzle”
St Andrews University, New Visions in Theological Anthropology Summer Program
- 2020 “Solidarity and Science-Engaged Theological Ethics: Three Issues in Method”
American Academy of Religion, God and the Book of Nature group
- 2020 “Solidarity and the Problem of Dehumanization: Toward a Science-Engaged Theological Ethic”
18th Annual European Conference on Science and Theology — Madrid, Spain (Covid-delayed)
- 2020 “Solidarity and Dehumanization: Initial Explorations”
God & the Book of Nature Cohort Workshop — University of Leeds, England (Covid-delayed)
- 2020 “From Mestizaje to Cimarronaje: Toward Afro-Latinx Ecologies”
Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting
- 2019 “The Road and the Woods: Pilgrim and Fugitive as Two Frameworks of Agency in Augustinian
Political Thought”
Fellowship of Protestant Ethics, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 “Deep Solidarity: On the Virtue of Human Animality in the Anthropocene”
American Academy of Religion, God and the Book of Nature group
- 2019 “From Mestizaje to Cimarronaje: Afro-Latinx Ecologies and the Ethics of Climate Migration”
American Academy of Religion, Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society
- 2019 “Augustine’s Cross and Slavery: Toward a Fugitive Theory of Resignification”
International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University
- 2018 “Porous flesh: Ecologically rethinking ‘the human’ with Sylvia Wynter”
‘Genres of the Human: On Sylvia Wynter’ conference, English Dept., King’s College London
- 2018 “Whiteness as the Afterlife of Mastery: Octavia Butler’s *Kindred*, Afro-Pessimism & Ethics”

Fellowship of Protestant Ethics, Baylor University

- 2018 “Humility, Power, and the *Forma Servi*: On the Politics of Augustine’s Slave Christology”
North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting
- 2018 “The Master’s Christ and the Problem of Race: Rethinking Augustinian Political Theology in the Afterlife of Slavery”
Political Theology Network Inaugural Conference, Emory University
- 2018 “Ethics in the Afterlife of Slavery: Whiteness, Augustine, and the Problem of the Master”
Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting
- 2017 “The Wanderer in Exile and the Fugitive Slave: Two Models of Citizenship for Augustinian Politics”
American Academy of Religion, Augustine & Augustinianism Section
- 2016 “The Image is a Gathering, But the Gathering is Haunted: Black Studies, Latour and ‘Critique’ as Wake”
Global Studies and Critical Theory Institute, University of Bologna, Italy
- 2016 “Sarah, Sodom and the Queering of Time in Genesis 18-19”
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Queer Hermeneutics Section
- 2015 “In the Shadows of the Two Cities: Augustine, Augustinianism, and the Slave”
Duke University, Theology & Ethics Colloquium
- 2015 “The Arrival of Strangers: Sarah, Sodom, and Decentering Christian Sexuality Debates”
University of Virginia, Theology, Ethics & Culture Colloquium
- 2014 “Inversions of Desire: Horror, Race and the Visualities of Political Theology”
University of Virginia, Theology, Ethics & Culture Colloquium
- 2013 “Redemption as Statecraft: Schleiermacher’s Christ and the Formation of German Citizenry”
Harvard Divinity School, Graduate Conference
- 2009 “Jewish Theology and the Body: Nakedness in the Holocaust Experience”
Union University, Undergraduate Scholarship Symposium
- 2008 “Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the New Monasticism: An Intersection of Thought and Practice”
Southeast Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Saint Louis University, Department of Theological Studies

Spring 2024 Sole Instructor, ‘Catholic Social Teaching’

Spring 2024 Sole Instructor, ‘God-Talk: Ultimate Questions in Theology’

Fall 2023 Sole Instructor, 'God-Talk: Ultimate Questions in Theology'

Fall 2023 Sole Instructor, 'Spiritual Exercises at the End of the World'

University of Virginia, Engagements Program (liberal arts curriculum for first year undergraduates)

Fall 2022 Sole Instructor, 'Slaves, Strangers, Citizens'

Spring 2022 Sole Instructor, 'Solidarity as a Way of Life'

Spring 2022 Sole Instructor, 'Slaves, Strangers, Citizens'

Fall 2021 Sole Instructor, 'Slaves, Strangers, Citizens'

Duke Divinity School, United Methodist Course of Study:

Summer 2018 Sole Instructor (including syllabus design), Introduction to Christian Ethics

Fall 2016 Sole Instructor (including syllabus design), Introduction to Christian Ethics

Duke Divinity School:

Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant, Church History: Early & Medieval Christianity, with Prof. Warren Smith

Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Christian Ethics, with Prof. Luke Bretherton

Fall 2015 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Christian Theology, with Prof. Paul Griffiths

Fall 2014 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Christian Theology, with Prof. Willie Jennings

SERVICE

Ad Hoc Book Manuscript Referee, Yale University Press, 2024

Ad Hoc Referee, *Harvard Theological Review*, 2023 – present

Ad Hoc Referee, *Journal of Religion*, 2023 – present

Ad Hoc Book Manuscript Referee, Columbia University Press, 2021 – present

Ad Hoc Referee, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 2020 – present

Ad Hoc Referee, *Political Theology*, 2020 – present

Special Projects Editor, *Political Theology*, 2023 – present

Executive Director, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2022 – 2023

Board of Directors Member, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2021 – present

Application Committee Member, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2020-21

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2023 Presider, “Should We Abolish the Family? On the Relationship Between Care and the State”
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting — Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
- 2023 Principal Organizer, “Climate Justice, Democracy, and Religion”
Fellowship for Protestant Ethics Annual Summer Symposium, University of Virginia
- 2019 Invited Symposium Participant, “Symposium on Political Theology, Democracy, and Virtue
Ethics” (event on Luke Bretherton’s book, *Christ and the Common Life*), Duke Divinity School
- 2016-17 Co-Convener, Theology and Ethics Doctoral Colloquium, Duke University
- 2016-17 Invited Participant, “The Black Outdoors: Humanities Futures After Property and Possession”
Working group funded by the Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University
- 2016 “Global Humanities and the Global South”
Summer School in Global Studies and Critical Theory, University of Bologna, Italy
- 2016 “Of Masters and Slaves” Hegel Seminar with Prof. Jay Bernstein
Institute for Critical Social Inquiry, The New School for Social Research, New York
- 2015 Invited Panelist, “You Said What? Christian Community in the Classroom”
The Women’s Center, Duke Divinity School
- 2015 Co-Organizer, “Encounter,” The Duke Graduate Conference in Theology
- 2013, 14, 15 Invited Participant, Augustine and Politics Dissertation Workshop

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2012 Participant, Durham CAN (Congregations And Neighborhoods) Leadership Training.
Community organizing training program in the IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) tradition.
- 2012 Teacher, “YO: Durham Career Academy,” Durham Congregations in Action.
Taught and mentored at-risk high school students for job-skills and college-readiness.
- 2012 Coordinator, “Clergy Welcome Series,” Durham Congregations in Action.
Developed event series aimed at orienting new clergy members to the city’s history, race
relations, geography, and pressing contemporary issues.
- 2011 Co-Organizer, “Toward a Moral Consensus Against Torture: A Gathering of Students, Clergy,
People of Conscience, and People of Faith.” An interfaith anti-torture conference at Duke
Divinity School, sponsored by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT),
Duke Center for Human Rights, and North Carolina Council of Churches.
- 2011 Co-Author, “Proper 29: An Open Letter to Preachers.”
Co-authored (with Dr. Amy Laura Hall, Pastor Isaac Villegas, and Dr. Kara Slade) a call to
clergy to engage their communities homiletically and pastorally concerning U. S. moral
culpability in civilian deaths and torture in Iraq and Afghanistan.
<<http://proper29.wordpress.com/>>

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion
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