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EMPLOYMENT

2023 – Present	Halbrook Chair of Civic Engagement Elect, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana
2020 – 2023	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
2018 – 2020	Adjunct Instructor, Irish Studies Programme, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana
2010 – 2013	Residence Hall Director, Edgren Hall, Bethel University, Saint Paul, Minnesota
2008 – 2010	Honors Guild Graduate Assistant, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame du Lac, Notre Dame, IN

2020	Ph.D., History Dissertation: <i>How Firm the Foundation: The Lilly Endowment and American Christianity, 1937-1989</i> Advisor: Darren Dochuk
2017	M.A., History

Taylor University, Upland, IN

2010	M.A., Higher Education Thesis: <i>Mercy, Not Sacrifice: College Student Spirituality and Social Concern & Action</i> Advisor: Timothy W. Herrmann
2008	B.A., History (<i>summa cum laude</i>)

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Article

- 2018 “‘We Are Doing Everything That Our Resources Will Allow’: The Black Church and Foundation Philanthropy, 1959-1979,” *Religions* 9.8 (August): 1-27.

Refereed Book Chapter

- 2022 “‘The Problem of Expense’: Lay Religion, Hoosier Patrons, and Philanthropic Logics in Midcentury America.” In Gregory R. Witkowski, ed., *Hoosier Philanthropy: A State History of Giving* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press), pp. 395-421.

Reference Entry

- 2015 “Ockenga, Harold John.” In *The Encyclopedia of Christian Education*. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, eds. (Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press): 892-93.

Book Reviews

- 2023 *Before the Religious Right: Liberal Protestants, Human Rights, and the Polarization of the United States*, by Gene Zubovich. *Journal of Church and State* (Spring): 292-94.
- 2022 *Adopting for God: The Mission to Change America through Transnational Adoption*, by Soojin Chung. *Fides et Historia* 54.2 (Summer / Fall): 196-98.
- 2021 *Spiritual Socialists: Religion and the American Left*, by Vaneesa Cook. *Fides et Historia* 53.1 (Winter / Spring): 119-21.
- 2021 *This Is Our Message: Women’s Leadership in the New Christian Right*, by Emily Suzanne Johnson. *The History Teacher* 54.2 (February): 378-80.
- 2020 *The Politics of Peace: A Global Cold War History*, by Petra Goedde. *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 47.2 (Fall): 34-38.

- 2020 *Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War*, by Matthew Avery Sutton. *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 71.4 (October): 898-99.
- 2017 *Religion, Art, and Money: Episcopalians and American Culture from the Civil War to the Great Depression*, by Peter W. Williams. *Fides et Historia* 49.1 (Winter / Spring): 164-66.
- 2017 *No Depression in Heaven: The Great Depression, the New Deal, and the Transformation of Religion in the Delta*, by Alison Collis Greene. *Christian Scholar's Review* 46.3 (Spring): 297-300.
- 2014 *The Christian Century and the Rise of the Protestant Mainline*, by Elesha J. Coffman. *Christian Scholar's Review* 43.3 (Spring): 300-03.
- 2013 *Moral Minority: The Evangelical Left in an Age of Conservatism*, by David R. Swartz. *Christian Scholar's Review* 42.4 (Summer): 451-54.
- 2013 *Jesus Christ and the Life of the Mind*, by Mark A. Noll. *Christian Higher Education* 12.3 (May / June): 229-38.
- 2012 *Engaging the Culture, Changing the World: The Christian University in a Post-Christian World*, by Philip W. Eaton. *Christian Higher Education* 11.5 (Oct / Dec): 342-44.
- 2011 *Souls in Transition: The Spiritual and Religious Lives of Emerging Adults*, by Christian Smith and Patricia Snell. *Growth* 10: 75-77.
- 2009 *The Future of Christian Learning: An Evangelical and Catholic Dialogue*, by Mark A. Noll, James Turner, and Thomas Albert Howard (ed.). *Koinonia* (Spring): 14-15.

Book Manuscript in Progress

The Churches' One Foundation: Funding Faith in Postwar America

Other Articles

- 2023 "Spring 2023 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 50.2 (Fall): forthcoming.
- 2023 "Scholars' Gift Launches Effort to Endow Davis Prize," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 50.1 (Spring): 20.

- 2023 "Fall 2022 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 50.1 (Spring): 4-7.
- 2022 "Spring 2022 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 49.2 (Fall): 3-7.
- 2022 "Recent Awards Recognize Work of Cushwa Center and Its Director," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 49.1 (Spring): 24.
- 2022 "Fall 2021 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 49.1 (Spring): 3-7 (with James Breen).
- 2021 "Spring 2021 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 48.2 (Fall): 3-7.
- 2021 "Cornell University Press Publishes Final Volume in Cushwa Center Series," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 48.1 (Spring): 23-25.
- 2021 "Fall 2020 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 48.1 (Spring): 3-7 (with Stephen M. Koeth, C.S.C.).
- 2020 "Spring 2020 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 47.2 (Fall): 3-5.
- 2020 "Fall 2019 at the Cushwa Center," *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 47.1 (Spring): 2-5.

Interviews of Other Scholars

- 2023 "Meet Cushwa's co-directors: Five questions with David Lantigua," September 6, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2023 "Meet Cushwa's co-directors: Five questions with Darren Dochuk," September 6, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2023 "Dennis J. Wieboldt III on natural law and Catholic legal education," July 21, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2023 "American imperialism and the Roman Catholic Church: A conversation with Jethro A. E. A. Calacday," June 6, cushwa.nd.edu.

- 2023 "Catholics and counter-politics: A conversation with Sarah Shortall," March 30, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2022 "A conversation with Davis Prize recipient Julia Gaffield," November 29, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2022 "Daniel Gullotta on Catholicism and Jacksonian democracy," June 22, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2021 "Rerum Novarum in the Anglosphere: An interview with Alice Gorton," December 9, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2021 "Deanna Witkowski on Mary Lou Williams and soul friendships," November 11, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2021 "The modern faith of Margaret Mead: A conversation with Elesha Coffman," October 26, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2021 "Father Hesburgh as mediator: A conversation with Todd C. Ream," May 25, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2021 "Catholics and Vietnam resistance: An interview with Michelle Nickerson," March 11, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2021 "Katherine Moran on the San Francisco Magdalen Asylum," March 9, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2020 "Rome, the United States, and postwar liberal democratic culture: An interview with Susanna De Stradis," December 3, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2020 "Q&A: Eerdmans Library of Religious Biography," with Heath Carter and Kathryn Gin Lum, cushwa.nd.edu.
- 2020 "Religion and pandemics: Five questions with Jonathan Riddle," June 5, cushwa.nd.edu.

AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS & FUNDING

- 2019 – 2020 Graduate Research Fellow, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame

- 2019 Oxford IRISH Seminar Graduate Fellow, Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 Union of Graduate Historians Professionalization Award, University of Notre Dame (*also 2018, 2016*)
- 2018 American Dream Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame
- 2018 Chandler Travel Grant, Business History Conference, Baltimore, Maryland
- 2017 Economic History Society Travel Bursary, Sheffield Hallam University
- 2017 Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant, University of Notre Dame
- 2017 Arts and Letters Advisory Council Summer Research Grant, University of Notre Dame
- 2017 Ruth Lilly Archives Research Award, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis
- 2016 Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Museum & Library, Wilmington, Delaware
- 2015 – 2020 Graduate Assistantship, University of Notre Dame
- 2014 – 2015 Graduate Affiliate, John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013 – 2014 University Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013 Ruth Bamford Award for Distinguished Service, Association for Christians in Student Development
- 2011 Outstanding Thesis of 2010, Taylor University M.A. in Higher Education & Student Development
- 2010 Institute on College Student Values Grant, Association for Christians in Student Development (*also 2009*)

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2020 “‘Building Black Economic Power’: Lowndes County and the Limits of Self-Help, 1969-1972.” University of Edinburgh, HOTCUS Annual Conference, *accepted but cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic*.
- 2019 “Black Church, Black Power: The Persistence of Religion in the Black Freedom Struggle.” Liverpool John Moores University, HOTCUS Annual Conference, June 12-14.
- 2018 “Patronage, Place, and the Scope of Philanthropic Responsibility.” Grand Rapids, MI, Midwestern History Association Annual Conference, June 6.
- 2018 “Capital, Influence, and the Ironies of Philanthropic Reform.” Baltimore, MD, Business History Conference, April 5 – 7.
- 2017 “The Lilly Endowment and American Religion.” Sheffield Hallam University, New Directions in American Philanthropy Conference, September 14 – 15.
- 2016 “Lay Religion and Hoosier Philanthropy in Postwar America.” Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, Hoosier Philanthropy Symposium, February 18 – 19.
- 2012 “Modeling and Education for Human Flourishing.” Baylor University, Symposium on Faith and Culture, October 25 – 27 (*with Timothy W. Herrmann*).
- 2011 “To Consume as We Are Consumed: The Commodification of Education and the Development of Benevolent Purpose.” Florida State University, Dalton Institute on College Student Values, February 3 – 5 (*with Timothy W. Herrmann*).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE | *adjunct instructor*

University of Notre Dame

- 2019 HIST 30608, “Religion and Politics in Modern America,” Fall

Taylor University

2018 – 2020 ISP 225, “Irish History, 1500-1923” (*semesterly*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE | *teaching assistant*

University of Notre Dame

2016 HIST 10401, “Europe at War, 1900-1945,” Fall [Dr. John Deak & Dr. Sebastian Rosato]

Washington University in St. Louis

2015 HIST 102, “Western Civilization II,” Spring [Dr. Steven Hause]

2014 HIST 3680, “The Cold War, 1945-1991,” Fall [Dr. Krister Knapp]

Taylor University

2010 IAS 370, “Global Engagement and World Poverty – Honors,” Spring [Dr. Roberto Laver]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021 Research Consultant for Director of Interior Architecture, Facilities Design and Operations, University of Notre Dame

2021 Program Consultant for Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis

2017 Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

2015 – 2018 Graduate Research Assistant for Professor Darren Dochuk, University of Notre Dame

2014 & 2015 Summer Graduate Research Assistant, John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics, Washington University in St. Louis

DEPARTMENTAL & EXTERNAL SERVICE

2021 – 2023 Managing Editor, *American Catholic Studies Newsletter*

- 2021 Referee, *Essays in History* 54.1, Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia
- 2016 – 2018 Co-Director, Colloquium on Religion and History, University of Notre Dame
- 2015 Graduate Student Representative, Religion & Law Hiring Committee, John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics, Washington University in St. Louis

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- 2017 Syllabus & Course Design Consultant, Irish Studies Programme, Taylor University
- 2017 Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Notre Dame
- 2015 Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Notre Dame

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2013 – Present American Historical Association
- 2014 – Present American Society of Church History
- 2018 – 2021 Business History Conference
- 2012 – Present Conference on Faith and History
- 2013 – Present Organization of American Historians