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EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion
Graduate Certificate in African American & Diaspora Studies
Graduate Certificate in Women & Gender Studies
Minor in Postcolonial Studies
Dissertation: [“Interdependence: Its Value and Limits for Social Ethics”](#)
Committee: Victor Anderson (chair), Laurel Schneider, Emilie Townes,
Melissa Snarr
- 2018 M.A., Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion
- 2014 M.Div., Harvard Divinity School
Thesis: “New Community Rising: The Good News, the Bad News, and
the North American Free Trade Agreement”
- 2007 B.A., Bellarmine University, Honors, Summa Cum Laude,
Major in Philosophy, Minor in Music
Honors Thesis: “Transcendent Silence: Beauty and the Art of
Listening”

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Bellarmino University

- 2024- Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies (tenure
track)
- 2022-24 Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies and
Louisville Institute Fellow
- 2021-22 Assistant Professor of Theology and Religious Studies (one-year
appointment)

2020-21 Visiting Instructor of Theology and Religious Studies

2014-15 Interdisciplinary Adjunct

Vanderbilt University

2015-2018 Teaching and Research Assistant, Ethics & Society Area, Graduate
Department of Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Forthcoming "The Arc of Return: Afropessimist Temporalities and Relational Justice,"
Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics

Winter 2025 "Dis/Ordered Liberty: Islamic and Catholic Feminist Perspectives on
Natural Law After *Dobbs*," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, Vol. 23,
Issue 2

September 2023 "Who Do Our Methods Serve and Protect? Pedagogical and Meta-
Ethical Challenges in Teaching Breonna Taylor," *CrossCurrents*, Vol. 73,
Issue 3

September 2023 "The Note of Interpretation: Theistic Finitism as an Aesthetics of
Religious Naturalism," *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* Vol. 44,
Issue 1

September 2021 "Experiments With Non/Violence: King's Stride Toward Pragmatism,"
American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Vol. 42, Issue 3

August 2021 "Spookiness, Sea Sponges, Stardust, and the Sacred: The Ethics of Quanto-
Bio-Cosmic Ontological Interdependence," *Journal of Religious Ethics* Vol.
49, Issue 2

Articles in Non-Refereed Academic Journals, Digital Scholarship

January 2022 "Confronting the Existential Crisis of Political Theology," *Political
Theology Network*, [https://politicaltheology.com/confronting-the-
existential-crisis-of-political-theology/](https://politicaltheology.com/confronting-the-existential-crisis-of-political-theology/)

October 2020 "Demystifying Brotherhood: Interdependence, Integration, and the
Dangerous Ethics of a Co-opted Thinker," *The Other Journal*, Issue 32,

<https://theotherjournal.com/2020/10/demystifying-brotherhood-interdependence-integration-dangerous-ethics-coopted-thinker/>

Book Chapter

Forthcoming "No Shelter," in *Womanist Dancing Mind Map: A Festschrift for Emilie M. Townes*, edited by Jennifer S. Leath, Kate Ott, Eboni Marshall Turman

Popular Writing and Interviews

May 2023 "Beekeeping 101: Lessons on Fierceness and Community," *Frazier Weekly*, Frazier Kentucky History Museum, <https://www.fraziermuseum.org/weekly/5-15-2023>

April 2023 "Las Vidas Trans Importan" [Trans lives matter], La Casita Center "Somos Un Circulo" virtual program, Facebook Live, <https://www.facebook.com/lacasitacenter/videos/1253262725394446/>

December 2022 "On Patience, Agency, and Women's Ordination: A Gaudete Sunday Reflection, *Call to Action*

June 2021 "The GOP's Manufactured Backlash Against CRT Is a Losing Electoral Strategy," *The Courier-Journal*, <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2021/06/29/gop-backlash-against-critical-race-theory-losing-election-strategy/5372652001/?fbclid=IwAR3yj90TyrcX3fyTM4ptCdR1WQftuoAf-3XwoVB77FqwZMWdw7MhEBx7ggg>.

April 2021 "Mistletoe and Mutuality: Reflections on the Ethics of Interdependence," *Bellarmino Magazine*, <https://www.bellarmino.edu/blog/article/magazine-2021/2021/04/23/mistletoe-and-mutuality-reflections-on-the-ethics-of-interdependence/>

August 2020 "Should We Sing David Haas's Songs After He's Been Accused of Sexual Abuse?" Interviewed by Erin O'Donnell, *Awake Milwaukee*

July 2020 ""El privilegio blanco en nuestros países y en los EE.UU" [White privilege in our countries and in the U.S.], La Casita Center "Somos Un Círculo" virtual program, Facebook Live

June 2020 "Think Calls to Abolish the Police Seem Rash and Unnecessary? This Column's for You," *The Courier-Journal*, <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2020/06/01/think-calls-to-abolish-the-police-seem-rash-and-unnecessary-this-column-is-for-you/7532652001/>

[journal.com/story/opinion/2020/06/12/abolish-police-and-invest-louisvilles-black-communities/3160733001/](https://www.courier-journal.com/story/opinion/2020/06/12/abolish-police-and-invest-louisvilles-black-communities/3160733001/).

August 2017 Interviewed by Terry Meiners about Confederate monuments, *News Radio 840 WHAS*, <https://whas.iheart.com/featured/terry-meiners/content/2017-08-16-andrew-stone-porter-of-surj/>.

October 2012 “A Christian Perspective on ‘12 Election,” *The Courier-Journal*

Book Reviews

Forthcoming *Making Sense in Common: A Reading of Whitehead in Times of Collapse*, by Isabelle Stengers, *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*

Spring-Summer 2024 *The Spirit of Populism: Political Theologies in Polarized Times*, ed. by Ulrich Schmiedel and Joshua Ralston, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Vol. 44, No. 1

Fall-Winter 2022 *The Forgotten Radical Peter Maurin: Easy Essays from the Catholic Worker*, by Peter Maurin, edited by Lincoln Rice, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Vol. 42, No. 2

Fall-Winter 2019 *Just Debt: Theology, Ethics, and Neoliberalism*, by Ilseup Ahn, *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Vol. 39, No. 2

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Nov. 2025 Paper Presentation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. “Deploying Catholic Social Teaching to Defend DEI Initiatives as Protected Religious Expression,” Co-Sponsored by Religion and Human Rights Unit and Teaching Religion Unit

Nov. 2025 Paper Presentation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. “Decolonizing Comparative Mysticism: Thomas Merton’s Non-Orientalist Interspirituality,” Co-Sponsored by Christian Spirituality Unit and Mysticism Unit

June 2025 Paper Presentation, Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, Harrisonburg, VA. “Queen Anne’s Lace in the Fall: Green Burials and Catholic Feminist Naturalism”

- Jan. 2025 Paper presentation, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. "The Arc of Return: Afropessimist Temporalities and Relational Justice"
- Jan. 2024 Panelist, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. "'K/no/w' Justice: White Liberals as Guilty Bystanders and Enablers of Christian Nationalism," Interrupting White Privilege Interest Group
- Nov. 2023 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. "Beyond the 'Texas Taliban': Islamic and Catholic Feminist Perspectives on Natural Law," Religion and Politics Unit
- Nov. 2023 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. "'The White Man's Blues in Its Purest Form': Hank Williams, Rufus 'Tee-tot' Payne, and Racial Ambiguity," Music and Religion Unit
- June 2023 Paper presentation, Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Annual Meeting, Berlin, Germany. "The Web of Life and Death: Reimagining Borders Through Interdependence in Buddhism and Process Thought"
- June 2023 Panel respondent, Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Annual Meeting, Berlin, Germany. "Borders: Religious, Political, and Planetary"
- Summer 2023 JustBooks invited lecture series on *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History* by Ned Blackhawk, JustFaith Ministries [virtual]
- Feb. 2023 Invited lecture, "Acting for Justice: Faith and Music," JustFaith Ministries [virtual]
- Jan. 2023 Paper presentation, Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL. "Whom Do Our Methods Serve and Protect? Pedagogical and Meta-Ethical Challenges in Teaching Breonna Taylor"
- Nov. 2022 Faculty colloquy presentation, Ethics & Social Justice Center, Bellarmine University, "Ethics as Necessary Dirty Work: Field Notes from Teaching Breonna Taylor"

- Oct. 2022 "Applying Ockham's Razor to Christian Moral Theology," Reflection on the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi, Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, Bellarmine University
- June 2022 Paper presentation, Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. "The Note of Interpretation: Theistic Finitism as an Aesthetics of Religious Naturalism"
- June 2021 Paper presentation, Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Annual Meeting. "The Existential Crisis of Political Theology in the Work of Michael Hogue, Adam Kotsko, and Karen Bray" [conference postponed to 2021 and moved online because of COVID-19]
- Jan. 2021 Paper presentation, Society of Christian Ethics. "Interdependence and Hegemony: On the Ambiguity of Relation, Between Feminism and John Paul II" [conference moved from Chicago, IL to online because of COVID-19]
- Nov. 2020 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion. "Experiments with Non/Violence: King's Stride Toward Pragmatism," Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit [conference moved from Boston, MA to online because of COVID-19]
- Feb. 2020 Paper presentation, Claremont Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, Claremont, CA. "Interdependence and the Common Good: An Ambiguous and Necessary Value for Social Ethics"
- Feb. 2020 Paper presentation, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Athens, GA. "A More Fragile Solidarity: Confronting the Dialectic of Unity and Difference," joint session of Constructive Theologies, Philosophy of Religion, and Women, Gender, and Religion Units
- Apr. 2019, 17 Guest lecture, "Narrative Theology." Delivered for two courses on Ethics in Theological Perspective, Vanderbilt Divinity School
- Nov. 2018 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. "Ethical Interdisciplinarity as Political Solidarity: Emmanuel Levinas and Laurel Schneider on the Intelligibility of Transcendence," Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

- Nov. 2018 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. "White Colonial Neoliberalism in Crisis: Three Apocalyptic Visions," Liberation Theologies Unit
- Jan. 2018 Paper presentation, Society of Christian Ethics, Portland, OR. "Queer Natural Law: Harmonious Order Beyond Stability," Future Scholars Interest Group Section
- April 2017 Paper presentation, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Raleigh, NC. "The Movement of the Spirit: Religion, Continuity and Conflict in the Black Freedom Movement and #blacklivesmatter," Black Cultures and the Study of Religion Section
- Oct. 2016 Guest lecture, "Victor Anderson's *Creative Exchange*." Delivered for a course on Contemporary North Atlantic Ethics, Vanderbilt Divinity School
- Sept. 2016 Public lecture, "The Interrogation of Whiteness as Spiritual Practice." Delivered as part of "Sacred Conversations on Racial Justice" series at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral, Louisville, KY

COURSES TAUGHT

Sole Instructor

"Race and Theology," Bellarmine University (F2025)

"Religion and Politics," Bellarmine University (S2025, S2022)

"Honors Religion and Politics," Bellarmine University (S2025)

"Ultimate Questions," Bellarmine University (F25, S25, F24, F23, F22, S22, F21, S21, F20)

"Christian Ethics," Bellarmine University (F2024, S2021)

"The Catholic Traditions," Bellarmine University (S2024, F2021)

"Honors Ultimate Questions," Bellarmine University (S2024, S2023)

"Global Crises and Religion," Bellarmine University (F2023)

"Faith and Imagination," Bellarmine University (S2023)

“Relationality: Theories and Theologies,” Bellarmine University (F2020)

“Immigration, Nation and the Global Economy,” Bellarmine University (S2015, F2014)

Teaching Assistant

2017-18 “Advanced Supervised Ministry and Seminar,” Prof. Trudy Hawkins Stringer, Vanderbilt Divinity School

2017 “Ethics in Theological Perspective,” Prof. Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt Divinity School

2016 “Formation of Christian Traditions,” Profs. James Hudnut-Beumler and James Byrd, Vanderbilt Divinity School

HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

2025 Bellarmine Student Government Association Sister Pat Lowman Student Advocate of the Year

2025 Bellarmine Accessibility Resource Center ARC Champion (nominated by a student for supporting students who require accommodations)

2025 Bellarmine Student Government Association Faculty Impact Award (for month of February)

2024-25 Educating Character Initiative Grant, Wake Forest and Bellarmine University

2022-24 Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship

2023 Allyship Award, BUKnighted (Bellarmine LGBTQ+ student group)

2023 Center for Community Engagement Impact Grant, Bellarmine University

2015-21 Theology and Practice Fellowship, Lilly Endowment and Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University

2015-20 Honors Fellowship, Graduate School, Vanderbilt University

2015-21 Graduate Student Travel Grant (several occasions)

2019	Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant
2019	Finalist, Vanderbilt University 3-Minute Thesis Competition
2011	Mary J. Donnelly Scholarship (full-tuition), Harvard Divinity School (2011-14)
2007	Faculty Merit Award, College of Arts and Sciences (co-winner, given to two outstanding students from graduating class), Bellarmine University
2007	Faculty Merit Award, Department of Humanities, Bellarmine University
2007	Outstanding Thesis, Bellarmine University
2003	Bellarmino Scholar Award (full-tuition scholarship) Bellarmine University (2003-07)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought

American Academy of Religion

Society of Christian Ethics

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2025- University Press of Kentucky Editorial Board

Manuscript Peer Reviewer

2024- for the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*

2023- for the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*

2022- for the journal *Religions*

Bellarmino University

2025-27 Institutional Review Board, Bellarmine University

2025, 23, 21 “Beekeeping and the Peace Corps, Bolivia and Paraguay 2008-10,” presented for Bellarmine Beekeeping Club

2023-25	Academic Dismissal Appeals Committee
2024-	Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Strategic Planning Team (member since 2022)
2024-	President's Advisory Board on Equity and Inclusion
2024	Panelist, "How to Be a Student in the Age of AI," sponsored by Ethics & Social Justice Center
2024	Facilitator, SEXPlained Sexual Education Workshop sponsored by Health Services
2023-24	Senior Honors Thesis Reader, Nicola Peck
2023-4	Merton and Mission Working Group
2023	Reflection for "Lessons and Carols" sponsored by Campus Ministry
2023	Reviewer, Commonwealth Ethics Lecture proposals for Ethics & Social Justice Center
2023	Organizer and Facilitator, "Global Crises: Climate Change," sponsored by Ethics & Social Justice Center
2023	Panelist, "Thomas Merton's Life and Legacy," Kentucky Honors Roundtable Conference
2023	Completed Certification in Mental Health First Aid
2023	Organizer, Panel on "Responding to SB150" sponsored by BUKnighted, Theology & Religious Studies, OII
2022	Institute on Engaged and Integrative Learning/Institute on Teaching and Learning for Campus-wide Interfaith Excellence, virtual weeklong conference sponsored by Interfaith America and American Association of Colleges & Universities

2022, 23	Representative for Major Day for Theology & Religious Studies
2021-	Beekeeping Club, Faculty Contact; Affiliate Faculty Member in Environmental Studies
2021	Panelist, "Interfaith Intersections: Faith and Sex" sponsored by Campus Ministry
2021-	Reader/judge, Theology & Religious Studies Essay Contest
2021-22	Vocational Discernment Exercise Development for NetVUE Grant
2020-21	Faculty Affairs Committee, participant observer
2014-15	Assistant Coordinating Out-of-Classroom Activities, Honors Program

Vanderbilt University

2017	Curriculum and Syllabi Development Course, Program in African American & Diaspora Studies and the Center for Teaching
2015-16	Research Assistant, Ethics & Society Area Faculty, Vanderbilt Divinity School

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Co-founder, Coordinating Team, Louisville, KY, 2017-present

St. William Catholic Church

Music Minister, 2015-24

Immigrant-Led Support Ministry, co-chair, 2017-23

Preacher, two-three times each year

United States Peace Corps

Agriculture and Beekeeping

Bolivia, January-August 2008;

Paraguay, September 2008-April 2010

LANGUAGES

English: Native

Spanish: Fluency in speaking and writing, passed Vanderbilt Graduate School examination, Fall 2015

New Testament Greek: Three semester equivalent classes, Harvard Divinity School, 2012

Paraguayan Guaraní: Attained Advanced High fluency during Peace Corps service, intermediate fluency and vocabulary retained to present

REFERENCES

Victor Anderson, Ph.D.

Oberlin Theological School Professor of Ethics and Society

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