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CURRENT POSITION

2008- Assistant Professor, Religious Studies Department
Faculty Associate, African American Studies Department
Georgia State University

VISITING POSITIONS

2010-2011 Visiting Scholar, Emory University
Summer 2008 Visiting Research Associate, University of Warwick
Spring 2007 Adjunct Lecturer, Indiana University - South Bend

EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**
Dissertation Committee: D. Boyarin (chair), C. Hirschkind, M. Constable
2005 **University of Chicago**
Exchange Scholar at the Divinity School
2004 M.A. **University of California, Berkeley**
2003 B.A. **Princeton University**
Religion Department; Graduate Coursework in Religion and Philosophy

BOOKS

The Problem with Grace: Reconfiguring Political Theology
Stanford University Press, 2011 (in press)
Law and Transcendence: On the Unfinished Project of Gillian Rose
Palgrave Macmillan, Renewing Philosophy Series, 2009

EDITED COLLECTIONS

Race and Political Theology

Under Contract, Stanford University Press, manuscript delivered June 2010
Contributors: DANIEL BOYARIN, BONNIE HONIG, GIL ANIDJAR, J. KAMERON CARTER, MARTIN LAND,
JONATHAN BOYARIN, COREY D. B. WALKER, JONATHON KAHN, GEORGE SHULMAN, VINCENT PECORA,
CHRISTOPH SCHMIDT

Secular Faith, co-edited with Elliot Ratzman

Special Issue of *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Spring/Summer 2009
Expanded edition, Cascade Books, 2010
Contributors: DAVID CHIDESTER, JEAN COMAROFF, MELVIN ROGERS, EDWARD BLUM, CINDY HUANG,
MICHAEL SALER, ADAM WEBB, JOSHUA DUBLER, COLIN JAGER

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming "Gillian Rose: Making Kierkegaard Difficult Again" in *Kierkegaard's Influence on Philosophy*, volume 11 of *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources*, edited by Jon Stewart, Ashgate Publishing
- Forthcoming "Love, Justice, and Natural Law: Martin Luther King, Jr., and Human Rights," in *Human Rights from a Third World Perspective*, edited by Jose-Manuel Barreto, Cambridge Scholars Press
- Forthcoming "Violence: Religious, Theological, Ontological," discussing William Cavanaugh, *The Myth of Religious Violence in Theory, Culture and Society*
- Forthcoming "Liturgy in the Broadest Sense," *New Blackfriars*
- 2010 "How Democracy Hurts," Democracy, Secularism, and Pluralism, special issue of *The Good Society* 19:2, edited by Ian Ward
- 2010 "Political Theology of the Ordinary," review article discussing Bonnie Honig, *Emergency Politics*, in *Political Theology* 11:4
- 2010 "Rhetoric, Class, and Christ," review article discussing Slavoj Žižek and John Milbank, *The Monstrosity of Christ*, in *Qui Parle* 19:1
- 2009 "Secular Faith as Tragic Faith," with Elliot Ratzman, Secular Faith, special issue of *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 92:1-2 [Reprinted in *Secular Faith*]
- 2009 "Complex Space or Broken Middle? Milbank, Rose, and the Sharia Controversy," Theology and Democratic Futures, special issue of *Political Theology* 10:2, edited by Corey D. B. Walker
- 2009 "Michel Houellebecq and the Theological Virtues," *Literature and Theology* 23:1
- 2008 "Law, Grace, and Race: The Political Theology of *Manderlay*," *Theory & Event* 11:3
- 2008 "The Secular Faith of Gillian Rose," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 36:4
- 2008 "On Gillian Rose and Love," *Telos* 143
- 2007 "On the Use of Gillian Rose," *The Heythrop Journal* 48:5
- 2003 "Steve Biko and the Subversion of Race," *Philosophia Africana* 6:2
- 2002 "How International Monetary Fund and World Bank Policies Undermine Labor Power and Rights," with Robert Weissman, *IJHS* 32:3
Reprinted in Readings in Globalization: Key Concepts and Major Debates, edited by George Ritzer and Zeynep Atalay, Blackwell, 2010

SHORTER WRITINGS

- 2011 "Black Secularism and Black Theology," *Theology Today* 68
- 2010 "Cornel West" in *The Routledge Companion to Race and Ethnicity*, edited by Stephen Maynard Caliendo and Charlton McIlwain, Routledge
- 2010 "Deconstruction" and "Difference" in *Encyclopedia of Identity*, edited by Ronald L. Jackson, SAGE Publications
- 2010 "What Taylor Misses," discussing *Varieties of Secularism in a Secular Age*, The Immanent Frame (posted May 3)

- 2009 "The Politics of Tonto," discussing William Connolly, *Capitalism and Christianity* and Romand Coles and Stanley Hauerwas, *Christianity, Democracy, and the Radical Ordinary* in *New Formations* 66
- 2008 "Interview with Gillian Rose," Edited and with introductory essay by Vincent Lloyd, *Theory, Culture, and Society* 25:7-8
- 2008 "Resisting Sophistry," discussing Talal Asad, *On Suicide Bombing* and Jacqueline Rose, *The Last Resistance* in *New Formations* 63
- 2007 "On Saying Yes: Perversion and the Sacred," *The Symptom* 8
- 2003 Review essay discussing Eugene Rogers, *Sexuality and the Christian Body*; Graham Ward, *Cities of God*; and Miroslav Volf, *Exclusion and Embrace* in *New Blackfriars* 84

BOOK REVIEWS

- Forthcoming Of Keith Robinson (ed.), *Deleuze, Whitehead, Bergson: Rhizomatic Connections* in *The Heythrop Journal*
- Forthcoming Of Andrew Shanks, *Against Innocence: Gillian Rose's Reception and Gift of Faith* in *Ars Disputandi*
- 2010 Of Seán Hand, *Emmanuel Levinas* in *South Atlantic Review*
- 2010 Of Joel D. S. Rasmussen, *Between Irony and Witness: Kierkegaard's Poetics of Faith, Hope, and Love* in *The Heythrop Journal* 51:1
- 2010 Of Mary Bryden, *Gilles Deleuze: Travels in Literature* and Ronald Bogue, *Deleuze's Way: Essays in Transverse Ethics and Aesthetics* in *The Heythrop Journal* 51:1
- 2010 Of Peter Hallward, *Out of This World: Deleuze and the Philosophy of Creation* in *The Heythrop Journal* 51:1
- 2009 Of Emmanuel Levinas, *Beyond the Verse: Talmudic Readings and Lectures* and Idem, *In the Time of the Nations* in *The Heythrop Journal* 50:6
- 2009 Of Jean-Marc Narbonne, *Levinas and the Greek Heritage* and Wayne J. Hankey, *One Hundred Years of Neoplatonism in France: A Brief Philosophical History* in *The Heythrop Journal* 50:6
- 2009 Of David Kyuman Kim, *Melancholic Freedom: Agency and the Spirit of Politics* in *Political Theology* 10:1
- 2009 Of Jean-Luc Marion, *The Erotic Phenomenon* in *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 40:1
- 2009 Of James L. Cox, *A Guide to the Phenomenology of Religion* and Peter M. Candler, Jr. and Conor Cunningham (eds.), *Transcendence and Phenomenology* in *The Heythrop Journal* 50:3
- 2009 Of Christian Emden, *Friedrich Nietzsche and the Politics of History* and Robin Small, *Nietzsche and Rée: A Star Friendship* in *The Heythrop Journal* 50:2
- 2008 Of Jonathan Lear, *Radical Hope: Ethics in the Face of Cultural Devastation* in *Political Theology* 9:2
- 2008 Of Adam Webb, *Beyond the Global Culture War* in *Political Theology* 9:2

2007 Of Alain Badiou, *Being and Event in Law, Culture, and the Humanities* 3:2

WORK IN PROGRESS

Black Natural Law (manuscript in preparation; expected completion Summer '11)
The Racial Saint: Marked Flesh, Holy Flesh (edited volume in preparation)
"Levinas the Pragmatist: Transcendence as Rhetoric in *Totality and Infinity*"
"Paradox and Tradition in Black Theology"
"The Privilege of the Poor: A Post-Secular Defense"

PRESENTATIONS

2011 "Martin Luther King, Jr., and God's Law," James Weldon Johnson Institute Colloquium Series, Emory University
2010 "Paradox and Tradition in Black Theology," Theological Studies Colloquium, Emory University
2010 "The Affect of God's Law: On Frederick Douglass," Association for Political Theory Annual Meeting, Reed College, Portland
2009 "Beyond Love and Justice: Natural Law in King's Beloved Community," American Academy of Religion, Montreal
2009 "The Body's Grace and the Natural Law: On Rowan Williams and Simone Weil," Religion, Love, and Sexuality Workshop, Georgia State University
2009 "From Frederick Douglass to Clarence Thomas: God's Law in African American Political Thought," Georgia State University Religious Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series
2009 "Black Natural Law: Reason, Affect, and Nature in Douglass and King," Critical Legal Conference, University of Leicester
2009 "The Theological Turn in Modernity Studies," Sacred Modernities conference, Oxford Brookes University
2009 "The Secular Faith of Gillian Rose," Invited presentation to Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Workshop, Florida State University
2008 "How Do Liturgy and Ritual Differ? From Critical Mass to the Roman Rite," GSU Religious Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series
2008 "Politics of the Middle: John Milbank, Gillian Rose, and the Sharia Controversy," Theology and the Political Consultation, American Academy of Religion, Chicago
2007 "The Problem with Grace: Lars von Trier's Political Theology," Rhetoric Department Graduate Student Colloquium, UC-Berkeley
2007 "What is Prophecy? Cornel West and the Philosophy of Public Theology," College Theology Society Annual Conference, Philosophy of Religion Section, University of Dayton

- 2005 "Two Paradigms for Post-Secular Politics: Neotraditionalism, Pragmatic and Theological," Secularity and Globalization: What Comes After Modernity?, Seminars in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College
- 2004-2006 Presentations at graduate student conferences at Princeton, Berkeley, and NYU

COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED

Political Theology, Jewish and Democratic.

Fall 2010. Panel at American Academy of Religion annual meeting discussing Bonnie Honig's *Emergency Politics*.

Religion, Love, and Sexuality.

Fall 2009. Workshop at Georgia State University with four works-in-progress and six respondents, with a number of out-of-town visitors.

Religion, Ethics, and Politics.

Spring 2009. Twelve week visiting speaker series at Georgia State University with graduate student respondents.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecture courses and seminars –

- Evil and God (graduate/undergraduate)
- Modern Christian Thought (undergraduate)
- Love: Religious and Philosophical Perspectives (freshman honors seminar)
- Religion, Race, Nation (graduate/undergraduate)
- Religion, Ethics, Politics (graduate seminar)
- Phenomenology of Religion (graduate/undergraduate)
- Introduction to Religion (undergraduate)
- Christianity and Democracy (graduate/undergraduate)

Independent study and directed reading courses –

- Great Works in Philosophy of Religion (graduate; Fall 2010)
- Defining Orthodoxy: Catholic and Eastern Perspectives (undergraduate; Fall 2010)
- Recent French Philosophy (undergraduate; Summer 2010)
- Race and Religion in South Africa (undergraduate; Summer 2010)
- Religion, Race, and American Popular Culture (graduate; Summer 2010)
- Black Political Theology (graduate; Spring 2010)
- Religion and Homosexuality (graduate; Fall 2009)
- Foucault (graduate and undergraduate; Summer 2009)
- Aquinas, Natural Law, and Ethics (with Prof. Timothy Renick, Spring 2009)

As graduate student –

- Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (section leader, UC-Berkeley)
- The Craft of Writing (co-instructor, UC-Berkeley)
- Introduction to Ethics (adjunct lecturer, Indiana University - South Bend)

Guest lectures –

- “African American Religion” (in survey course on religious diversity)
- “Postcolonial Theology” (in graduate seminar on postcolonial theory)
- “Žižek and Religion” (in graduate seminar on literary theory)
- “Introduction to Christianity” (for interfaith training session)

GRADUATE ADVISING

MA Thesis Director, “Creating the ‘HIStory’ of Michael Jackson: Monstrosity, Sainthood, and Celebrity” GSU Religious Studies Department (in progress)

MA Thesis Director, “The Politics of Forgiveness: Religion and Reconciliation after Civil Conflict,” GSU Religious Studies Department (2010)

MA Thesis/Exam Committee Member, GSU Religious Studies, Philosophy, English, and History Departments

GRANTS AND AWARDS

James Weldon Johnson Institute Fellowship, Emory University (2010-2011)

Research Initiation Grant (\$10,000), Georgia State University (2009-2010)

SSRC-Mellon Mays Predoctoral Research Grant (2007-2008)

University of California Regents Fellowship (2003-2005)

Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship (2001-2003)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Georgia State University McNair Program Faculty Mentor (2010-)

Georgia State University Ethics Center Faculty Affiliate (2009-)

Georgia State University Religious Studies Executive Committee (2009-2010)

Georgia State University Religious Studies Director of Graduate Studies (2008-)

Georgia State University Religious Studies Curriculum Committee (2008-2010)

Georgia State University Religious Studies Search Committees (2008; 2009; 2010)

ARTICLE REFEREEING

Journal of Religious Ethics

Political Theology

Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature

Theory, Culture, & Society

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Modern Language Association

Society of Christian Ethics

Association for Political Theory

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Co-Organizer, French Phenomenology Reading Group, Sponsored by the Jacques Maritain Center, University of Notre Dame (2006-7)
- Organizer, "Zimbabweans and the New South Africa," Civic Dialogues Sponsored by South African Council of Churches and Zimbabwe Pastors Forum, Johannesburg (2006)
- Coordinator, "Faith and Justice" Speaker Series sponsored by The Religious Left student group at the University of Chicago Divinity School (2005)
- Board of Directors, University Students Cooperative Association, Berkeley (2004)
- Co-President, Princeton Philosophy Society (undergraduate philosophy club) (2002-3)
- Elected Member, Princeton Borough Democratic Party Committee (2001-2003)
- Founder and Publisher, *CommonSense*, student philosophy and religious studies magazine (2000-2003)
- Youth Director, International Humanist and Ethical Union (2000-2003)
- Panelist, "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," PBS, Student Perspectives on Iraq (2002)
- Intern, Center for Study of Responsive Law (2001)
- Intern, Corzine for Senate Campaign (2000)