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EMPLOYMENT:

2022 Interim Director of the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, University of Alberta
2015-Present Associate Professor of Religion and Ecology, University of Alberta
2014-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Winnipeg

EDUCATION:

2013 Ph.D., McMaster University, Religious Studies, Religion and Politics
2007 M.T.S., Duke University
2004 B.Th., Canadian Mennonite University

PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS:

Book:

- *The Place of Imagination: Wendell Berry and the Poetics of Community, Affection, and Identity.* Baylor University Press, 2017.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Reassessing Mennonite Environmentalism through Settler-Colonialism: Addressing Political Deficiencies, Historical Omissions, and Indigenous Responses.” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 96.3 (2022): 355-380.
- “Cultural Appropriation in Bioregionalism and the Need for a Decolonial Ethics of Place.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 49.1 (2021): 138-158.
- “Jedediah Purdy’s Environmental Politics.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 38.3 (2020): 209-221.
- “Personhood and Place in Wendell Berry’s Remembering.” *Christianity and Literature* 69.2 (2020): 197-218.
- “Race, Religion, and Land in The God’s of Indian Country.” *Anabaptist Witness*. 7.2 (2020): 177-181.
- “Race, Place, and Radical Remembering in Wendell Berry’s *Andy Catlett: Early Travels*.” *Literature and Theology* 32.3 (2018): 340-356.
- “On the Mennonite-Métis Borderland: Environment, Colonialism, and Settlement in Manitoba.” *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 35 (2017): 111-126.
- “‘It Don’t Matter That Some Fool Say He Different’: The Pretense of Frank Sobotka’s Self-Sacrifice,” In *Corners in the City of God: The Wire and Theology*. Edited by Jonathan Tran and Myles Werntz. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2013.

- “‘To Serve the Dead’: Fidelity and Resistance in *Antigone*.” In *The Church Made Strange for the Nations*, edited by Paul Doerksen and Karl Koop, 100-111. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2011.
- “Fracturing Evangelical Recognitions of Christ: Inheriting the Radical Democracy of John Howard Yoder with the Penumbral Vision of Rowan Williams.” In *The New Yoder*, edited by Peter Dula and Chris K. Huebner, 294-316. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2010.

Editorial Work:

- Purdy's Environmental Politics Part II. *Conrad Grebel Review* 39.1 (2021)
 - Contributors: Sunder John Boopalan Julia Spicher Kasdorf Isaac S. Villegas Jedediah S. Purdy.
- Purdy's Environmental Politics Part I. *Conrad Grebel Review* 38.3 (2020)
 - Contributors: Peter Dula Sarah Stewart Kroeker Daniel Sims

Other Non-refereed:

- “Reconciliation Reconsidered,” *The Camrose Booster*, April 24, 2018
- “‘Reconciliation’ with Indigenous People is Comforting for Many Canadians, But is a Christian Concept Up to the Task?” *Religion Dispatches*, March 19, 2018.
- “Posture, Privilege, and Place: Mennonite Settlers and Métis in Manitoba.” *Intotemak* (Spring, 2017): 79-83.
- “Children’s Peace Movement (Colombia),” Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Winnipeg, MB. (June 2013)
- “To Stand at the Left Hand of God,” *Geez* (Fall 2008): 60-61.

Book Reviews:

- Review of *Mennonite Farmers: A Global History of Place and Sustainability* by Royden Loewen. *Journal of Mennonite Studies* (2022)
- Review of *The Making of Stanley Hauerwas: Bridging Barth and Postliberalism* by David B. Hunsicker. *Modern Theology* 37.3 (2021): 156-161.
- Review of *God and the Green Divide: Religious Environmentalism in Black and White* by Amanda J. Baugh. *Worldviews* 23.3 (2019): 295-298
- Review of *Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved* by Kate Bowler. *Front Porch Republic* (2018)
- Review of *Toward an Anabaptist Political Theology: Law Order, and Civil Society* by A. James Reimer. *Modern Theology* 32 no. 4 (2016): 674-676.
- Review of *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* by Willie James Jennings. *Anabaptist Witness* 2 no. 1 (2015).
- Review of *For A Church to Come: Experiments in Postmodern Theory and Anabaptist Thought* by Peter C. Blum. *Direction* 43 no. 2 (2014): 272-274.
- Review of *The Achievement of Wendell Berry: The Hard History of Love, Modern Theology* by Fritz Oehlschlaeger. *Modern Theology* 29, no. 1 (2013): 184-187.
- Review of *Beyond Suspicion* by Paul Doerksen. *Direction* 40, no. 2 (Fall 2011): 258-260.
- Review of *Salvation and Sin* by David Aers. *Direction* 39, no. 2 (Fall 2010): 297-298.
- “Ethnic Inheritance and Negotiating Multiple Identities.” Review of *If Sons, Then Heirs* by Carolyn Johnson Hodge. *Theory and Event* 12, no. 1 (2009).

Journal Review Activities

- Peer-reviewer, Political Theology
- Peer-reviewer, Journal of Religious Ethics
- Peer-reviewer, Christianity and Literature
- Peer-reviewer, University of Kentucky Press
- Peer-reviewer, Biennial Online Springsteen Studies
- Peer-reviewer, Oral History Review

Conference Presentations:

- “The Study of Religion at the University of Alberta.” Round-table panelist at the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Edmonton, AB, June 2021.
- “Project-based Pedagogy for Addressing Environmental Issues.” Round-table panelist at Socialist Studies, Vancouver B.C., June 2019.
- “Race, Religion, and Land in the Gods of Indian Country.” American Academy of Religion, San Diego CA, November 2019
- “‘Becoming Native:’ Settler Colonialism in Ethics of Place.” Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY, January 2019.
- “Mennonite Settlement and the Uses of Métis History” Canadian Historical Association, Toronto, ON, May 31, 2017.
- “Memory, Restraint, and White Privilege in Andy Catlett: Early Travels.” Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, RI. November 15, 2017.
- “On the Mennonite-Métis Borderland.” Mennonite Studies Conference, Winnipeg, MB, October, 2016.
- “Political Exchanges Between Mennonite Settlement and Métis Mobility on Prairie Land” American Society of Church History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, April 17, 2015.
- “Transplantation and Adaptation of Mennonite Land Culture” Mennonite/s Writing VII 2015 Conference, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, March 13, 2015.
- “Wendell Berry’s Land Ethic: Divine Pleasure and Non-generative Affection in *Jayber Crow*.” Paper Presented to the conference Rooted and Grounded, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, September 19, 2014.
- “Broken Ground: Land, Religious Identity, and Political Contests Among Prairie Mennonites and Métis.” Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English. Brock University, St. Catharines ON, May 25, 2014.
- “Agrarian Practices and the Christian Moral Imagination.” Paper presented to the American Academy of Religion’s Eastern International Regional Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, May 10, 2013.
- “Wendell Berry’s Work Ethic: Race, Ecology, and Literature.” Paper presented to the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 4, 2013.
- “The Spiritual Odyssey of Wendell Berry’s Poetic Imagination.” Paper presented to the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, August 10, 2012.

- “Held in Suspension: Image and (im)Potentiality in Agamben and von Balthasar.” Paper presented at “Saint Paul’s Journeys Into Philosophy: An International Conference” Vancouver, BC, June 2008.
- “Descrying Shades of Christ in Radical Democracy: The Penumbra Political Theology of John Howard Yoder and Rowan Williams.” Paper presented at “Inheriting John Howard Yoder: A New Generation Examines his Thought” Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre (TMTC), May 2007.

Invited:

- “Perceptions of Indigeneity and Ecology in Religious Settler Migration,” Augustana Research Colloquium, March 23, 2018.
- “Wendell Berry: A Man for All Seasons” Beyond Speakers Series at Southminster-Steinhauer United Church, March 14, 2018
- “Mennonites and Métis” Altona History Seekers, Altona MB March 29, 2018.
- “Mennonites: Quiet in the Land?” Open Minds, University of Alberta, November 7, 2017
- “Religion and Ecology” for the Camrose Wildlife Stewardship Society, June 8, 2017
- Beck Lecture: “Christianity, Climate Change, and Life in the Anthropocene.” Southwestern College, Winfield KS, September 29, 2016.
- “Community and Christian Ethics in an Age of Climate Change” Chester Ronning Centre Wahkohtowin Lodge, Nov 2, 2016.
- “Illness and Medicine among Mennonites and Metis of Southeastern Manitoba.” Invited Paper delivered to the Mennonites Medicine and the Body Conference, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB, October 24, 2015.
- “Radical Remembering: Wendell Berry, Métis, and Mennonites” Invited lecture, University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB, March 2015.
- “Agonistic Connections between Metis and Mennonite Land.” Invited lecture, St. John’s College, University of Manitoba. Winnipeg, MB, October 2014.
- “What is 20th Century Environmental History?” Invited paper for inaugural workshop on “Seven Points on Earth,” Free University, Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 2013.
- “Linking Religion and the Land.” Invited paper for inaugural workshop on “Seven Points on Earth,” Free University, Amsterdam, Netherlands, December 2013.
- “Stories of Race, Place, and Theology in Willie Jennings and Wendell Berry.” Invited paper for faculty forum, Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, MB, November 2013.
- “From TA to Instructor: A Panel Discussion on Teaching Your First Class,” McMaster Centre for Leadership in Learning, 2013.
- “Failing Hope: A Student’s Reflection on Harry Huebner.” Invited paper presented at “Symposium,” Canadian Mennonite University, May 2008.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Assistant and Associate Professor

2022	PI, Killam Cornerstone Grant (\$22,000)
2019	PI, SSHRC Institution Grant (\$5,000)
2018	Collaborator, University of Alberta, Augustana Sustainable Food Endowment (\$15,000)

2017-2019 PI, SSHRC Insight Development Grant (\$50,589)
2018 Collaborator, Mellon Foundation (\$8,500 USD)
2016-2017 PI, Killam Small Operating Grant (\$7,000)
2016 PI, Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund Professional Teaching Development Award (\$5000)
2015-2016 Collaborator, Teagle Grant (\$8,300)

Postdoctoral and Graduate Level

2015-2015 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Winnipeg (\$81,000)
2014-2015 D.F. Plett Postdoctoral Fellowship Award, University of Winnipeg (\$40,000)
2013-2014 Collaborator, Applicant: Dr. Royden Loewen, SSHRC Insight Grant (\$238,100)
2008-2011 SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Award (\$105,000)
2008-2009 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
2007-2008 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$15,000)
2007 McMaster School of Graduate Studies Scholarship (\$8,000)
2006 Duke Divinity School George D. Finch Scholarship (\$3,290 USD)

HONOURS & AWARDS:

2019 University of Alberta Augustana Early Achievement of Teaching Award
2019 University of Alberta Campus Sustainability Award
2019 University Alberta Award for Outstanding Mentorship in Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities
2013 Dissertation nominated for Governor General's Award, McMaster University
2007 Duke Divinity School Award for Highest GPA in Class

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Academy of Religion
- Canadian Society for the Study of Religion
- International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
- Society of Christian Ethics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professor, Ethics & Global Studies, Department of Fine Arts & Humanities, University of Alberta, Augustana

- AUIDS 101: Dinosaurs
- AUIDS 101: Sex, Love, and the Human Soul
- AUIDS 370: Métis Identity and History in Canada (COPLAC Hybrid)
- AUPHI 495: Directed Study: Virtue Ethics
- AUREL 100: Introduction to Religious Studies
- AUREL 252: Christian Understanding of Human Nature
- AUREL 257: Modern Ethics
- AUREL 259: Bioethics, Suffering, and the Soul

- AUREL 290: Special Topics: Christianity and Climate Change
- AUREL 290: Special Topics: Storied Landscapes (COPLAC Digital)
- AUREL/ENV 345: Religion and Ecology
- AUREL/ENV 365: Storied Landscapes

Sessional Instructor, Religious Studies Department, McMaster University

- RS 2WO3: Ecology and Religion
- RS 2WW3: Health, Healing, and Religion
- RS 3LL3: Religion and Human Nature

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

University of Alberta, Augustana

- 2019-Present Member, Green Action Committee, City of Camrose Sub-committee
- 2018-2021 Member, Assessment Committee
- 2017-2019 Member, Spirit of the Land Sub-Committee
- 2016-2022 Member, Advisory Board for the Chester Ronning Centre for Religion and Public Life
- 2019 Peer Reviewer, 2019 Festival of Teaching and Learning Proposals
- 2018 Reviewer, Outstanding Undergraduate Research award for Student Academic Conference
- 2017 Member, Faculty Compliment Sub-Committee

Previous Experience

- 2015-2016 *Program Committee*, Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies
- 2014-2015 *Editorial Board*, Journal of Mennonite Studies
- 2014 *Scholarship Committee*, St. John's College
- 2014 *Visiting Speakers/Canadian Studies Committee*, St. John's College
- 2012 *Planning Committee Graduate Student Representative*, Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University
- 2011-2012 *Faculty Council*, McMaster Graduate Students' Association
- 2010-2011 *President*, McMaster Graduate Students' Association
- 2008-2009 *Graduate Affairs Committee*, McMaster Graduate Students' Association

EVENT ADMINISTRATION

- Session Chair, "Indigeneity, Mission, Colonialism," Mennonite Studies Conference, University of Winnipeg, November 2018
- Moderator and Organizer, "An Evening with Edward Snowden," March 27, 2018.
- Moderator and Organizer, Augustana Lecture Series Speaker: Kate Bowler "Prosperity Gospels in the Age of Trump," Oct 27, 2017
- Moderator and Organizer, Panel on Willie James Jennings' book *The Christian Imagination*, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Nov. 18, 2016.
- Conference Co-Organizer, "The Church: Mennonite Graduate Student Conference" Sponsored by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, Eastern Mennonite University, 2008

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

Religion and Ecology; Christian Ethics; Métis History; Mennonite Studies; Religion and Literature; Environmental Ethics; Political Philosophy; Bioethics.

LANGUAGES:

- French (reading competency)
- German (reading competency)

ASIAN BREADTH:

- Buddhism
- Chinese Religions