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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Virginia, 2020  
Dissertation Title: “Theologies of Peace & Ecologies of Violence”  
Dissertation Advisor: Willis J. Jenkins

M.A.R., Yale Divinity School, 2012, *summa cum laude*

B.A., Goshen College, 2008, *summa cum laude*

### EMPLOYMENT

2022- Assistant Professor of Religion and Sustainability, Goshen College

2021-22 Lecturer in Christian Ethics, Yale Divinity School

2020-21 Research Associate and Lecturer in Religious Studies, University of Virginia

2019-21 Coordinator, The Sanctuary Lab, University of Virginia

2019 Adjunct Faculty, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

2015-20 MA Program Manager, Religion, Politics & Conflict, University of Virginia

2013-14 Visiting Assistant Professor of Peace, Justice & Conflict Studies, Goshen College

2013 Adjunct Professor of Religion, Goshen College

2012 Adjunct Instructor of Religion, Defiance College

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Essays

2025 “The Bible in Modern Environmental Movements,” *Bible Odyssey*, a publication of the *Society of Biblical Literature* (online).

2020 “Varieties of Anabaptist Environmentalism and the Challenge of Environmental Racism,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 94, no. 1 (Jan 2020).

2019 “Christian Ethics and Ecologies of Violence,” *Religions* 10, 509 (Aug. 2019): 1-22.

- 2018 “Religion and Climate Change,” *Annual Review of Environment and Resources* 43 (2018): 85-108. (Co-authored with Willis Jenkins and Evan Berry).
- 2012 “Mennonite Ethics and the Ways of the World,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 86, no. 4 (Oct. 2012), 465-492.

### Articles Under Review

- 2021 “Dominion and Dispossession: Christian Environmental Stewardship and Settler Colonialism,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* (accepted pending revisions).

### Edited Volumes

- 2020 Special Issue Editor, *Mennonite Quarterly Review* special issue on Anabaptist Environmental Thought, vol. 94, no. 1 (Jan. 2020).
- 2016 Assistant Editor, *The Routledge Handbook of Religion & Ecology*, ed. Willis Jenkins, Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim (Routledge, 2016).

### Book Reviews

- 2023 Jeff Gundy, *Wind Farm: Landscape with Stories and Towers* (Loveland, Ohio: Dos Madres Press, 2021), *MQR* 97, no. 2 (April 2023).
- 2020 Mark Douglas, *Christian Pacifism for an Environmental Age* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019), *MQR* 94, no. 1 (Jan. 2020).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Humans in their Environment: Building Experiences for Connection and Hope-Filled Learning.” Fort Wayne Teaching and Learning Conference, February 16, 2024.
- 2022 “Environmental Security, Religious Imagination, and Anthropocene Politics.” American Academy of Religion, November 20, 2022.
- 2021 “Stewardship, Settler Colonialism, and Solidarity.” Rooted & Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, October 15, 2021.
- 2020 “The Fog of War: Christian Ethics and the Environmental Consequences of War.” Society of Christian Ethics, January 10, 2020.
- 2019 “Armed Ecology: Religion, Race, and Environmental Imagination at Malheur.” American Academy of Religion, November 26, 2019.
- 2018 “Arteries of the Nation: Religious Nationalism and Environmental Imaginaries in the Jordan River Valley.” American Academy of Religion, November 18, 2018.

- 2018 “Humanity After Nature: Human Rights and Ecological Restoration.” Theorizing Human Nature: Bridge, Barrier, or Both? University of Notre Dame and University of Chicago Fourth Annual Graduate Student Conference, February 25-27, 2018.
- 2017 “Varieties of Anabaptist Environmentalism and the Challenge of Environmental Racism.” Rooted & Grounded: A Conference on Land and Christian Discipleship, April 20-22, 2017.
- 2017 “Climate Justice, Political Reconciliation, and Religious Ethics.” American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Regional Meeting, March 3-5, 2017.
- 2016 “Ecological Violence and Political Reconciliation: Why Climate Justice and Peacebuilding Need Each Other.” Huskey Research Exhibition, March 23, 2016.
- 2015 “Moral Development and the Islamic Ethics of Pluralism.” Jefferson Scholars Foundation Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue, September 24-25, 2015.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 “Peace, Violence, & Climate Justice.” Pastoral Care for Climate: From Anxiety to Action, December 2023, Camp Friedenswald.
- 2023 Keynote Panel. Mennonite Church USA’s Youth and Young Adult Climate Summit, July 2023.
- 2023 “Climate Change as a Peace Issue.” Mennonite Church USA’s Youth and Young Adult Climate Summit, July 2023.

### **TEACHING**

#### **Yale Divinity School, Lecturer in Christian Ethics**

- 2021-22 Christian Ethics Seminar  
 Environmental Ethics and Theology  
 Violence and Peace in Christian Ethics  
 Global Ethics, Religious Ethics, and Climate Change

#### **University of Virginia, Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer in Religious Studies**

- 2020-21 Sacred Landscapes: Religion, Ecology, Politics (online)  
 Global Ethics & Climate Change (online)

#### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Adjunct Faculty**

- 2019 Creation Care: Theology, Ethics, & Spirituality (online)

#### **University of Virginia, Teaching Assistant**

2014-20      Religion, Violence & Strategy  
                 Religion, Ethics & Environment  
                 Global Ethics & Climate Change  
                 Theology, Ethics & Medicine  
                 Theological Bioethics

**Goshen College, Visiting Assistant Professor of Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies**

2013-2014    Religion, Conflict and Peace  
                 Dynamics and Theologies of Reconciliation  
                 War, Peace and Nonresistance  
                 Violence and Nonviolence  
                 MLK Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement  
                 Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies Junior Seminar

**Goshen College, Adjunct Professor of Religion**

2013            Environmental Theologies & Ethics

**Defiance College, Adjunct Instructor of Religion**

2012            Approaches to Religion

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2020            “Jordan River Futures: Integrating Sciences and Humanities in the Study of a Sacred River,” Environmental Resilience Institute, University of Virginia, (as Sanctuary Lab Coordinator)

2019            “The Sanctuary Lab: Integrating Sciences and Arts into Global Religion Initiative - Jordan River Basin Site,” Global Program of Distinction, Center for Global Inquiry and Innovation, University of Virginia, (as Sanctuary Lab Coordinator)

2017            Ecological Methods Lab, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, Buckner W. Clay Endowment For the Humanities, University of Virginia

2016            Graduate Environmental Resilience Fellowship, Environmental Resilience Initiative, University of Virginia

2012            Baden-Württemberg Exchange Fellowship, University of Heidelberg, Theology Faculty

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2016 Huskey Research Exhibition Second Prize, for “Ecological Violence and Political Reconciliation: Why Climate Justice and Peacebuilding Need Each Other,” March 23, 2016
- 2011 Edward Ashley Walker Scholarship, Yale Divinity School
- 2011 Mary Cady Tew Prize for Excellence in Ethics, Yale Divinity School
- 2009 Marquand Scholarship, Yale Divinity School

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- Steering Committee, Unit on Religion and Human Rights, American Academy of Religion, 2018-
- External Advocacy Committee, Religious Studies Graduate Student Association, 2018-19
- Founder, Graduate Forum in Theology Ethics & Culture, University of Virginia, 2016
- Graduate Resilience Forum, University of Virginia, 2016
- Co-Chair, Virginia Colloquium on Theology, Ethics and Culture, 2015-16
- Environmental Humanities Colloquium, 2014-18

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Academy of Religion, 2015-
- Society of Christian Ethics, 2017-

### **DOCTORAL EXAMS**

- Environmental Ethics  
Christian Theology  
Christian Ethics  
Islamic Ethics  
Religion, Politics & Conflict

### **REFERENCES**

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