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## EDUCATION

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- PhD** Northwestern University, Religious Studies June 2016  
Dissertation: “In the Wake of Hate: Rebuilding Religion, Place, and Community in Sacramento and Joplin”  
Committee: Robert Orsi (chair), Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Sarah McFarland Taylor
- MA** Northwestern University, Religious Studies August 2013  
Thesis: “Being There: The (Un)Making of Sacred Space,” passed with distinction  
Advisor: Robert Orsi
- BA** Barnard College, Religion May 2008  
Graduated Cum Laude with honors
- BA** List College, Jewish Theological Seminary, Hebrew Bible May 2008  
Graduated Magna Cum Laude with honors

## ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

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- Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL**  
**Associate Director, Research** Dec. 2019-present
- Direct idea incubation research trajectory, managing and implementing process, from research group formation and project development to ongoing research group support
  - Foster global studies research community through bimonthly public-facing webinars, monthly research conversations, and monthly graduate writing workshops
  - Oversee 8 faculty and graduate research grants, disseminating \$2 million annually
  - Created new Global Impacts Graduate Fellowship Program, supporting 15-25 PhD students in professional advancement through weekly programming
- Senior Program Coordinator, Global Collaboration** Jan. 2019 – Nov. 2019
- Manage digital platform for global research initiatives
  - Develop and facilitate monthly scholarly conversations about urgent global issues
  - Devise membership strategy and expand global platform membership, currently 1,200 members in 29 countries, up from 1,000 members, in under two months
- Senior Program Coordinator** March 2018 – Dec. 2018  
**Program Coordinator** April 2017 – Feb. 2018

- Launched new Distinguished Visitors Program
  - Oversaw annual budget of \$500,000
  - Organized programming for senior-level global affairs practitioners
  - Planned seven large-scale events and collaborated with 15 units across Northwestern and Chicago
- Directed postdoctoral fellows and graduate fellows programs
  - Developed postdoctoral fellows handbook and led annual orientation
  - Supervised and supported 7 postdoctoral and 4 graduate fellows annually
- Managed onboarding, offboarding, and programming for 40 visiting scholars annually
- Conceived, designed, and facilitated innovative public-research writing workshop
- Researched and wrote evaluative reports about above programs for Buffett and University senior leadership

**Religion & Global Politics program, Northwestern University** 2013-2015  
**Creator and coordinator**

- Established ongoing graduate certification program for the university by writing and revising proposal
- Founded interdisciplinary workshop for 20 students and faculty to collaborate on research and writing
- Acquired \$2,000 in funding to support initial years of workshop
- Scheduled and facilitated monthly meetings of 10-15 participants
- Organized guest lectures and panels attended by 35-50 graduate and faculty researchers

**“Religion and the Natural Elements” Conference, Northwestern University** 2013-2014  
**Chair**

- Directed a committee of eight graduate students in conference conception and planning
- Composed nationwide RFP, vetted proposals, and coordinated presentations by 30 students and faculty for an audience of more than 100 people
- Secured \$10,000 from three different funding sources and maintained conference budget

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Teaching competencies in Religion and Politics; Religion and Violence; Affect Theory and Material Religion; Religion, Space, Place; Ethnography and Narrative; Religious Pluralism; American Religions; Theories and Methods in Religious Studies

**Ivy Achievement and freelance tutoring, remote** 2016-present  
**College counseling and essay specialist**

- Mentor 25 predominantly international (India, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, etc.) high school students in their college applications processes, including academic planning
- Work with students to develop their personal narratives for application essays

- Review, edit, and proofread high school students' college applications
- Edit and proofread Master's theses and Ph.D. dissertations for content, grammatical, and syntactic issues

**Lake Forest College**, Lake Forest, IL 2015-2016  
**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL  
**Visiting Lecturer**, Religious Studies

- Crafted curricula and weekly lesson plans for an undergraduate courses in Religion and Politics and for an upper-level undergraduate seminar in Religion and Violence
- Planned and delivered weekly lectures to 39 students
- Created assessments and evaluated student proficiency in learning and writing
- Guided 15 students in writing and revising papers and producing independent research projects

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL 2011-2015  
**Teaching Assistant**, Religious Studies; School of Education and Social Policy

- Supported faculty teaching courses on Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, and ethnographic research methods
- Planned and led 2-4 discussion sections each week
- Supervised more than 50 undergraduate students in research design and execution
- Counseled 60-70 undergraduate students on course material and writing skills
- Graded assessments and evaluated student progress

**Joint Distribution Committee**, Mumbai, India 2008-2009  
**Community educator**

- Devised and led young adult and adult education courses for over 150 community members
- Created and facilitated leadership training and program implementation for teens and young adults

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### ***In Progress***

*In the Wake of Hate: Community and Identity After Arson* (manuscript in preparation).

“Losing Space and Safety” (in preparation), *Journal of Emotion, Space, and Society*.

### ***Reviews and Encyclopedia***

Review of *Strangers in Their Own Land*, Arlie Russell Hochschild (2016). *Journal of Hate Studies*.

Review of *Fighting Words: Religion, Violence, and the Interpretation of Sacred Texts*, ed. John Renard (2012). *Religion & Theology* 20 (2013): 403-406.

“Sacred Space,” in the *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*. Summer 2013.  
<http://www.springerreference.com/docs/html/chapterdbid/306591.html>

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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<b>Award for Outstanding Service</b> Institute for International Education – Scholars at Risk	2018
<b>Dissertation Completion Fellowship</b> American Association of University Women	2015
<b>Crown Fellowship</b> , Northwestern University (declined)	2015
<b>George Bond Graduate Award for Teaching</b> , Northwestern University	2015
<b>Graduate Affiliate</b> Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University	2014
<b>Graduate Research Grant</b> , Northwestern University	2014
<b>Samuel Dornfield Prize for work in Old Testament</b> , Barnard College	2008

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED LECTURES

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### *Conference Papers*

“Implicating Islam,” North American Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, 2018.

“Categorizing Hate: American Hate Crime Laws and the Construction of Religion and Race,” Law, Religion, and Culture Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, 2016.

“Clearing Religious Rubble: Rebuilding After Arson,” Space, Place, and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, 2015.

“Picking Through Religious Rubble,” Sensory and Material Cultures of Religion Unit, Midwest American Academy of Religion, Ada, Ohio, 2015.

“Rallying for Unity and the Push for Pluralism,” Religion and American Culture Unit, Midwest American Academy of Religion, Ada, Ohio, 2015.

“The (Dis)Enchanted City,” International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Emotional Geographies, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 2013.

“Between Heaven and Earth: The Global Modern Sacred City,” International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place, University of Florida, Gainesville, 2013.

“Erasing ‘Backyard’ Anti-Semitism: The Architecture of Memory,” Ethnography and Biography: The Practice and Product of Writing Lives, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2012.

“Swami Vivekananda and the Double Horizon: Experiencing the 1893 Parliament of World Religions,” Religion and the Senses Graduate Conference, Stanford University, 2011.

### *Invited Lectures*

“Losing Space and Safety: Emotional Geographies Before and After Arson,” Yale University, 2017.

“A Strike Against Us All: Religious Pluralism After Arson,” Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 2017.

Religion and Politics series, First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville, IL, 2016.

“In the Wake of Hate,” American Association of University Women, Deerfield, IL, 2016.

“Rethinking ‘Religious Violence,’” University of Illinois-Chicago, 2014.

“Modern Trends of Judaism: An Ongoing Debate,” Northwestern University, 2012.

“Women in the Hebrew Bible,” Northwestern University, 2011.

“Violence, Sacred Space, and the Vulnerable Body,” Initiative for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion, Yale University, 2011.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND TRAINING**

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**Participant, North American Religions Workshop**  
Northwestern University, 2010-2017

**Graduate Teaching Certificate**

Searle Center for Advancing Learning & Teaching, Northwestern University, 2014-2015

**Creator and coordinator, Religion & Global Politics Workshop**

Northwestern University, 2013-2016

**Co-creator, Religion & Global Politics certificate program**

Northwestern University, 2012-2013

**President, Graduate Student Association, Religious Studies**

Northwestern University, 2011-2013

**Participant, Phenomenology Workshop**

Kaplan Center for the Humanities, Northwestern University, 2010-2011

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Academy of Religion

International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place

**LANGUAGES**

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**Spanish:** Novice speaker and listener, intermediate reading and writing

**Hebrew:** Intermediate speaker and listener, advanced reading and writing

**French:** Novice speaker, listener, and writing, intermediate reading

**REFERENCES**

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**Dr. Klaus Weber**, Professor of Management & Organizations

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