

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, Theological Studies, expected 2017  
Certificate in Women's & Gender Studies  
Certificate in College Teaching  
Minor in Ethics & Society

M.A. Vanderbilt University, Theological Studies, 2015

A.M. Duke University, Humanities, 2011  
Certificate in African & African American Studies

M.Div. Duke University Divinity School, 2010  
Certificate in Gender, Theology, & Ministry

B.A. Azusa Pacific University, Biblical Studies & Youth Ministry, 2006

B.A. Azusa Pacific University, Psychology, 2006

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Lily faculty fellow, McCormick Theological Seminary, 2016-2017

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

"Just Shameful(-ly Good) Sex? A Queer Theoretical Engagement with *Just Good Sex*."  
*Feminist Theology*, forthcoming 2016.

"Grace Beyond Nature? Beyond Embodiment as Essentialism: A Christological Critique."  
*Feminist Theology* 24, no. 3 (2016): 1-15.

"Ekstasis as (Beyond?) Jouissance: Sex, Queerness, and Apophaticism in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition." *Theology and Sexuality* 20, no. 2 (2014): 1-20.

“Is Kinship Always Already Reproductive? An Ecclesiological, Poststructuralist Account.” *Theology and Sexuality* 18, no. 3 (2012): 173-195.

“A Poststructuralist Liberation Theology? Queer Theory & Apophaticism.” *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 64, nos. 2 & 3 (2013): 108-117.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Queer Theory.” In *Embodied Religion: Bodies, Sex and Sexuality (Handbook on the Study of Religion)*, eds. Kent Brintnall and Anthony Pinn, 26 pages. New York: Palgrave MacMillian, forthcoming 2016.

“Excess and the Enactment of Queer Time: Futurity, Failure, and Formation in Feminist Theologies.” In *Sexual Disorientations: Queer Temporalities, Affects, Theologies*, eds. Stephen Moore, Kent Brintnall, and Joseph Marchal, 22 pages. New York: Fordham University Press, forthcoming 2016.

“Virtue with No After? Theological Ethics in a Queer Time & Space.” In *Queering Theology’s Object: Redefining the Quest for God*, eds. Colby Dickinson and Aimée Upjohn Light, 24 pages. Forthcoming 2016.

“Getting Lost at Sea? Apophasis, Antisociality, and the (In-)Stability of Academic Theology.” In *Remaking Doctrine: Sarah Coakley and the Future of Systematic Theology*, ed. Janice McRandall, 67-98. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

“Ethics Beyond Biopower: Bonhoeffer, Foucault, and the Problem of Race.” In *Ontology and Ethics: Bonhoeffer and Contemporary Scholarship*, eds. Adam Clark and Michael Mawson, 150-162. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2013.

### Essays/Public Scholarship

“On Failure and Formation.” Roundtable on Jack Halberstam’s *The Queer Art of Failure*. In *The Other Journal* 24: Geography, August 5, 2015. <http://theotherjournal.com/2015/08/05/virtue-with-no-after-on-failure-and-formation/>

“Is Reform Enough? The Limits and Possibilities of Eucharistic Theology.” Roundtable on Amy Levad’s *Redeeming a Prison Theology*. *Syndicate Theology: A New Forum for Theology*, January 26, 2015. <https://syndicatetheology.com/commentary/brandy-daniels/>

“Trayvon Martin & Theological Imagination: Activism, Anti-Racist Work, and the Academy.” *The Spire: Vanderbilt Divinity School magazine* 5, no.1, August 19, 2013. [http://divinity.vanderbilt.edu/publications/BDaniels\\_Reflection\\_on\\_Travon.php](http://divinity.vanderbilt.edu/publications/BDaniels_Reflection_on_Travon.php)

“Come Walk with Us, the Journey is Long: An Interview with C. Melissa Snarr on the Living Wage Campaign, Occupy Wall Street, and Religious Activism.” *The Other Journal* 20: Evil, May 16, 2012. <http://theotherjournal.com/2012/05/16/come-walk-with-us-the-journey-is-long-an-interview-with-c-melissa-snarr/>

“Peeing in Peace and Proximity: The Work of Durham Unstalled.” *The Triangle: LGBTQ Resources for the Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill Area* 1, no. 11 (March 2011), 7-8. <http://www.trianglelgbt.com/pdfs/webmarch2011.pdf>

“Stop Policing the Borders of Christianity.” *Religion Dispatches*, November 15, 2010. <http://religiondispatches.org/stop-policing-the-borders-of-christianity/>

“The Academy, the Polis, and the Resurgence of Religion: An Interview with Graham Ward.” *The Other Journal* 12: Education, November 18, 2008. <http://theotherjournal.com/2008/11/18/the-academy-the-polis-and-the-resurgence-of-religion-an-interview-with-graham-ward/>

“LGBT Activism through Koinonia: My Experience in the Soulforce Equality Ride.” *The Community Psychologist* 40, no. 3 (2007), 15-16. <http://www.scra27.org/files/4013/9015/7819/tcp07.summer.pdf>

## Reviews

Review of Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, *Christian Theology in Practice: Discovering a Discipline* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012). *Practical Matters* 9, June 29, 2016. <http://practicalmattersjournal.org/2016/06/29/christian-theology-in-practice-review/>

“‘Let Loss Reveal It.’ Florence + the Machine’s New Album Reflects on the Meaning and Beauty of Pain.” Review of Florence + the Machine, *How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful* (Island Records, 2015). *Religious Studies News*, September 9, 2015. <http://rsn.aarweb.org/articles/%E2%80%9Clet-loss-reveal-it%E2%80%9D-florence-machine%E2%80%99s-new-album-reflects-meaning-and-beauty-pain>

Review of Tom Greggs, *Theology against Religion: Constructive Dialogues with Bonhoeffer and Barth* (New York: T&T Clark, 2011). *Center for Barth Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary*, September 30, 2015. [http://barth.ptsem.edu/index.php/Book\\_Reviews/Book\\_Review/theology-against-religion](http://barth.ptsem.edu/index.php/Book_Reviews/Book_Review/theology-against-religion)

## **GRANTS, AWARDS, & HONORS**

### Fellowships & Scholarships

Theology and Practice fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2011-2017  
 Dissertation fellowship, Louisville Institute, 2016-2017  
 Lilly faculty fellowship in Theological Education, 2016- 2017  
 Graduate fellowship, Vanderbilt Institute for Digital Learning, 2016-2017  
 Harold Stirling fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2011-2016  
 Anne E. Dickerson scholarship, Disciples of Christ Higher Education Ministries, 2012  
 Ned & Carmen Haggard scholarship, Duke University, 2007-2010  
 Pew Younger fellowship, 2004-2006  
 Mayr Foundation scholarship, Azusa Pacific University, 2002-2006  
 Presidential Academic scholarship, Azusa Pacific University, 2002-2006

## Grants

Dissertation success grant, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity, 2016  
Graduate student presenter travel grant, Vanderbilt University, 2012-2016  
Summer research grant, Vanderbilt University, 2012-2014  
E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation grant, Vanderbilt University, 2012-2014

## Awards

Susan Ford Wiltshire award, best graduate student essay, Vanderbilt University, 2013  
Violet Richardson award for outstanding service, Soroptomist International, 2007

## Academic/Professional Honors & Experiences

American Academy of Religion pilot mentoring program, 2013-2014  
Leading Faithfully Institute, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Justice, 2013  
Valapraiso consultation on practice-related doctoral programs, 2012  
Human Rights Campaign Summer Institute in Religion & Sexuality, 2011  
Human Rights Campaign Emerging LGBTQ Leaders Program, 2010  
Dean's List, Azusa Pacific University, 2002-2006

## Additional (Irrelevant but Fun) Honors/Awards

Listener Limerick Challenge winner, Wait Wait Don't Tell Me!, 2015  
Goofy Challenge (half + full marathon) weekend finisher, 2015  
Ocala Half-Iron distance triathlon finisher, 2013  
NC Rollergirls Debutante Brawlers derby team MVP, 2009  
Time Magazine Person of the Year, 2006  
Pastry Chicago Cupcake Competition second runner-up, 2006  
Sandberg Middle School summer reading contest winner, 1996-1997

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### Invited Responses/Presentations

Panelist. Roundtable discussion on Nick Salvato's *Obstruction* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2016). Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Seattle, WA), April 2017.

Panelist. Junior scholars on the future of constructive theology. Annual Meeting of the Workgroup on Constructive Theology (Nashville, TN), April 2016.

Guest lecturer. "The Role of Contemplation in Religious Ethics (Christian and Comparative)." Department of Religious Studies, Marymount Manhattan College (New York, NY), April 2016.

Panelist, "Huffer's Queer Feminism as (Post?) Reparative Reading: Some Paranoid Theological Reflections." Author-Meets Critics Session with Lynne Huffer, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA), November 2015.

Panelist, "Iyala Vanzant, Black Women's Spirituality, and the Oprah Effect: Straddling and Merging Religious Difference." Roundtable on Antoinette Brown Lecture by Monica Coleman, Vanderbilt Divinity School (Nashville, TN), March 2013.

Panelist. "Grafted into the Community: Gentiles and LGBTQ Christians." Panel on Homosexuality and the Church, Duke Divinity School (Durham, NC), March 2008.

### Conference Papers

"Beyond Unruliness as Un-visibility? Towards an Unruly (Queer) Theological Method (and Ethic)." Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (San Antonio, TX), November 2016.

"Recognition through Relationality? Rethinking Futurity in Theologies of Gender Identity Formation." Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (San Antonio, TX), November 2016.

"(Post)Liberalism, Theological Methodology, and the (Limits) of the Good Life." Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (San Antonio, TX), November 2016.

"Bodies That (Don't) Matter? Categories of Embodied Identity and/in Christian Formation." Duke Graduate Conference in Theology (Durham, NC), September 2016.

"Formation, Responsibility, and Risk: Bonhoeffer's *Ethics* and/as Feminist Ethics?" International Bonhoeffer Congress (Basel, Switzerland), July 2016.

"Religious Formation as Unbecoming? A (Christian) Theological, (Queer) Poststructuralist Proposal." University of North Carolina-Charlotte Department of Religious Studies Graduate Conference- Religion and the Other (Charlotte, NC), March 2016.

"The Dissonance and Injury of Moral Clarity (and the Moral Freedom of Dissonance): On the Inevitability of Moral Injury in Virtue-Ethical Frameworks." Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA), November 2015.

"Practical Theology and the Shift from Prison Reform to Prison Abolition: The Liberation of Theo-Ethical Reflections on Incarceration." Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA), November 2015.

"Just Shameful(-ly Good) Sex." Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, GA), November 2015.

"(Beyond) Fidelity ~~of~~ to Betrayal? Looking for the Lips in Postmodern Christian Theology (or, in Search of Christianity's Catachrestic Heterotopias)." Subverting the Norm III- Political Perspectives on Postmodern Theology & Church Practice (Springfield, MO), November 2015.

"Astonished Contemplation and/as Askesis." Institute for Interdisciplinary Inquiry Inaugural Conference: Re-Visioning Space(s), Times, and Bodies (New South Wales, Sydney), April 2015.

“Theological Method & a Virtue with No After.” Virginia Graduate Colloquium in Theology, Ethics, and Culture - Center or Vanishing Point: Perspectives on Religion and Theology (Charlottesville, VA), March 2015.

“Towards a Post-Moral, Erotic (Theological) Ethic: On Huffer, Muñoz, and Bonhoeffer.” Syracuse University Graduate Religious Conference - Religious Interruptus: The Affects of Sex, Politics, and Bodies (Syracuse, NY), February 2015.

“An Antisocial, Afro-Pessimist Sociality? Envisioning Kinship and Belonging Beyond Assimilation.” Annual Conference of the AAR (San Diego, CA), November 2014.

“~~Agitating~~ Tilling the Soil? Rethinking Gendered Subjectivity in Feminist Theology.” Annual Conference of the AAR (San Diego, CA), November 2014.

“Askesis, Agency, and (Queer) Bodies: Trans-Feminisms and the Ethics of Embodiment.” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting (San Juan, Puerto Rico), November 2014.

“Who’s the We? Excess and the Enactment of Queer Time.” Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium - Sexual Disorientations: Queer Temporalities, Affects, Theologies (Madison, NJ), September 2014.

“After Hope? Or, What *is* the Future? Agency, Antisociality, & Eschatological Ethics.” Revolting Peripheries International Conference (Bielsko-Biala, Poland), June 2014.

“Building Up and Breaking Down: Sociality, Social Justice, and the Self in Womanism and Feminism.” Annual Conference of the AAR (Baltimore, MD), November 2013.

“Jouissance as Ekstasis: Sex, Queer Identity, and Apophaticism in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition.” Annual Conference of the AAR (Baltimore, MD), November 2013.

“Relationality beyond Biopower: Reframing Kinship.” Philosophia Feminist Society Annual Meeting (Banff, Alberta), May 2013.

“A Queer Defense of Monogamy: (Anti-) Normativity, Eschatology, and Marriage.” Princeton Theological Seminary Koinonia Forum (Princeton, NJ), March 2013.

“An Eschatological Constructivism? Karl Barth and Judith Butler on the Relationship between Nature and Grace.” Southeastern Regional Meeting of the AAR (Greenville, SC), March 2013.

“Is Kinship Always Already Reproductive? Ecclesiology, Ethics, and the Antisocial Thesis.” Annual Conference of the AAR (Chicago, IL), November 2012.

“Belonging & Border Logic: Scripture, Theology, and LGBTQ Suicide.” Southeastern Regional Meeting of the AAR (Atlanta, GA), March 2012.

“Producing a People? Balibar and Bonhoeffer on (Theological) Education, Ecclesia, and the Ethnic.” Princeton Theological Seminary Koinonia Forum (Princeton, NJ), February 2012.

“An Apophatic Liberation Theology? Queer Theory & the Trinity.” Union Theological Seminary Graduate Student Conference (New York, NY), February 2012.

“Ethics Beyond Biopower: Bonhoeffer, Foucault, and the Problem of Race.” Notre Dame Graduate Student Conference: New Conversations on Bonhoeffer’s Theology (South Bend, IN), April 2011.

“The Inscriptive Surface of the Body: Our Bodies and Christ’s Body as Theological Text.” Southeastern Regional Meeting of the AAR (Louisville, KY), March 2011.

“Violence against Women and Missiological Paradigms: Problems with an Ecclesiocentric Model and Potentialities with Apocalyptic.” Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Conference (Dallas, TX), March 2011.

“The (Sexed) Body between Barth and Butler: A Theological Engagement with Elizabeth Grosz’s *Volatile Bodies*.” Mid-Atlantic/New England-Maritimes Regional Meeting of the AAR (New Brunswick, NJ), February 2011.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lily Faculty Fellow in Theological Education, McCormick Theological Seminary, 2016-2017  
The Bible, Theology, and Sexuality (co-taught with Ted Hiebert and Sarah Tanzen), F16  
Eschatology and Ethics: Envisioning the Future, S17

Adjunct Professor, Pace University, Department of Women’s & Gender Studies, 2016  
Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies, S16

Part-Time Lecturer, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Department of Women’s & Gender Studies, 2015-2016  
Knowledge and Power: Issues in Women’s Leadership, F15, S16

Instructor, Vanderbilt University, Programs for Talented Youth, 2015-2016  
Identity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Introduction to Women’s & Gender Studies, ST16  
Philosophy and Popular Culture, ST15, ST16

Instructor, Riverbend Maximum Security Prison, 2014  
Theologies of Punishment, S14

Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2012-2014  
Feminist and Womanist Theologies, S14  
Worship in the Anglican Tradition, MT13  
Ethics in a Theological Perspective, S13  
Constructive Theology, F12

## **SERVICE**

### Service to the Profession

Queer Studies Section of the AAR, steering committee member, 2013-present  
Syndicate Theology, contributor & advisor, 2013-present  
Women in Theology blog, contributor, 2013-2016  
Women & Gender in Religion section of Southeast regional AAR, co-chair, 2012-2015  
American Academy of Religion Speaking of Students column editor, 2012-2014  
Theology & Sexuality journal, peer reviewer, 2013  
An un für sich blog, contributor, 2011-2013  
The Other Journal, theology editor, 2011-2013

### University/Departmental Service

Vanderbilt Writing Studio, graduate writing consultant, 2014-2015  
Antoinette Brown lecture series, planning committee member, 2012-2014  
Duke University Writing Center, tutor, 2010-2011  
Duke Office of Institutional Equity, administrative diversity project research lead, 2009  
The Women's Center at Duke Divinity School, co-coordinator, 2007-2010  
Duke University Harassment Grievance Board member, 2007-2009

### Ecclesial & Community Service

Nashville Sexual Assault Center, Hospital Accompaniment Program, volunteer, 2014-2015  
Riverbend Maximum Security Institution, volunteer chaplain, 2013-2014  
Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation, mentor, 2010-2012  
Calvary United Methodist, ministerial intern, 2009-2010  
Durham C.A.N., community organizer, 2008-2010  
LGBTQ Triangle Helpline, call center volunteer, 2007-2009  
Soulforce Equality Ride, media director, 2006-2007

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### Affiliations

Under-care for ordained ministry, Disciples of Christ (Christian Church)  
Student member, American Academy of Religion  
Student member, Society of Christian Ethics  
Student member, National Women's Studies Association  
Member, Psi Chi Honor Society

### Languages

French (reading competency)  
German (reading competency)

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.

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