

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

PhD in American History, Brandeis University, 2009.

Dissertation: *Power in the Blood: Class, Culture, and Christianity in Industrial Detroit, 1910-1969.*

Committee chair: Jacqueline Jones (University of Texas-Austin)

Second reader: Michael Willrich (Brandeis University)

Third reader: Robert A. Orsi (Northwestern University)

Master of Arts in History, Utah State University, 2003.

MA Thesis: *Visions of Two Gods: Religion, Class, and the Italian Community of Carbon County, Utah, 1900-1930.*

Bachelor of Arts (cum laude), University of Minnesota, 1997

Publications:

Books:

The Making of Working-Class Religion (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2016)

Chapters in Books:

“Make Love, Not Corn: Sexual Politics in the ‘Long 1960s,’” in *The Oxford Handbook of Midwestern History*, ed. Jon K. Lauck (under contract with Oxford University Press; due October 2019).

“A Day in the Life of an Autoworker,” in *A Day in the Life of an American Worker: 200 Trades and Professions Throughout History* (ABC-CLIO, 2019)

“Gender Politics on the Prairie: The South Dakota Commission on the Status of Women in the 1970s,” *The Plains Political Tradition, Vol. 3* eds. Jon Lauck, John Miller, and Paula Nelson (Pierre: South Dakota Historical Society Press, 2018).

“Discovering Working-Class Religion in a 1950s Automobile Plant,” in *The Pew and the Picket Line: Christianity and the Working Classes in Industrial America*, eds. Christopher Cantwell, Janine Giordano Drake, and Heath Carter (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2016), 96-115.

“The Frustrations of Organized Labor in South Dakota and the Making of a Conservative Coalition in the Mid-Century United States,” in *The Plains Political Tradition, Volume 2*, eds. Jon Lauck, John Miller, and Don Simmons (Pierre: South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2014).

“‘Wherever They Mention His Name’: Ethnic Catholicism on an ‘Industrial Island’” in *Catholicism in the American West: A Rosary of Hidden Voices*, ed. Roberto R. Treviño and Richard Francaviglia (Published for the University of Texas at Arlington by Texas A&M University Press, 2007).

*Winner of the 2009 Foik Award by the Texas Catholic Historical Society.

Articles, Entries, and Compilations:

“Higher Learning, Social Churning: Midwestern Universities in the 1960s,” in *Middle West Review* (commissioned; forthcoming)

“Between the Market and the State: The Problem of Prison Labor in the New Deal,” *Labor: Studies in the Working-Class History of the Americas* scheduled for volume 16, no. 2 (April 2019)

“Religion and Labor in the 20th Century,” in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (Oxford University Press, online publication February 2018, DOI: [10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.013.252](https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.013.252))

“From Such Great Heights [Review Essay],” *Labour/La Travail: Journal of Canadian Labour Studies* 79 (Spring 2017): 237-53.

“‘Apostles of Fascism,’ ‘Communist Clergy,’ and the UAW: Political Ideology and Working-Class Religion in Detroit, 1919–1945,” *Journal of American History* 99 (September 2012): 1-26.

“The Remaking of the Catholic Working Class: Detroit, 1919-1941,” *Religion and American Culture* 19, no. 1 (Winter 2009), 37-67.

Entries for “Religion and Class”; “Dorothy Day”; and “Fundamentalism and Class” in *Class in America: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Robert E. Weir, Greenwood Press (2007).

Book reviews:

Hard, Hard Religion: Interracial Faith in the Poor South, by John Hayes, for *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (forthcoming)

Reverend Addie Wyatt: Faith and the Fight for Labor, Gender, and Racial Equality, by Marcia Walker-McWilliams, for *Church History* (forthcoming)

Redeeming Time: Protestantism and Chicago's Eight-Hour Movement, 1866-1912, by William Mirola, for *Church History* (forthcoming)

Union Made: Working People and the Rise of Social Christianity in Chicago, by Heath C. Carter, for *Journal of American History* 103 (October 2016): 489.

Hoboes: Bindlestiffs, Fruit Tramps, the Harvesting of the West, by Mark Wyman, *South Dakota History* 40 (Summer 2010): 201.

Divine Hierarchies: Class in American Religion and Religious Studies, by Sean McCloud, *Symposia: The Center for the Study of Religion Graduate Student Journal* 1 (Spring 2009).

Gospel Tracks through Texas: The Mission of the Chapel Car 'Good Will' by Wilma Rugh Taylor, *Western Historical Quarterly* 37 (Winter 2006): 552.

Honors & Awards:

Jane and Charles Zaloudek Faculty Research Fellowship, Augustana College, May 2015

Selected for participation in the national faculty seminar "The Creation of the Modern American City: Chicago from 1830 to 1910," co-sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the Newberry Library (Chicago, June 16-20, 2014).

Upper Midwest Association for Intercultural Education (UMAIE) Course Development Award, April 2013 (for the development of the course "From Factories to Finance" in Great Britain)

Global Education Fund Award, Augustana College, May 2013 (for the development of a summer course on historical methodology in Washington, DC)

Mark C. Stevens Researcher Travel Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, June 2010

Crown Fellowship, Brandeis University, 2003-2007

Co-winner of the 2004 Webb-Smith Essay Competition, University of Texas at Arlington.

S. George Ellsworth Editorial Fellow, *Western Historical Quarterly*, Utah State University, 2001-2003.

Teaching:

Visiting Professor of History, Texas Tech University, Spring 2018

- *History of the United States since 1877*

Augustana College (now Augustana University), Department of History, 2009-current.

Courses taught include:

- *Western Civilization I* (a survey of western history from ancient origins to the 16th century)
- *First Year Seminar* (a course designed to introduce first-year students to college-level research, writing, communication, and critical thinking skills, built around the theme of “race and rights in the modern U.S.”)
- *The American Experience since 1877* (a survey of post-Civil War U.S. history)
- *Methods and Philosophy of History* (an introduction to research methodology, writing, historiography, and theoretical literature for history majors)
- *Diversity and Identity in American Religion, 1815-1929* (an upper-level elective examining how Americans invented ideas about “religious pluralism” in a globalizing world shaped by the rise of empires)
- *Radicals, Reformers, and Romantics in the “Long Gilded Age”* (an upper level elective on the U.S. during 1877-1919)
- *Flappers, Fundamentalists, and FDR: The United States, 1919-1945* (an advanced-level elective focused on the impact of modernism in interwar America).
- *The United States since 1945: The Search for Equality* (an advanced-level elective revolving around the question of civil and cultural equality in the postwar U.S.)
- *The Clash of Capital and Class in America* (interdisciplinary, co-taught seminar designed for the Augustana College honors program, on the theme of economic freedom in U.S. history)

Refereed Conferences and Invited Presentations:

Invited paper, “Catholics and the Urban Crisis: Religion, Politics, and Race in Northern Cities,” at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA, April 2018

Invited paper, “The Missing Piece: Catholic Faith and the Making of Working-Class Consciousness,” at the American Historical Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 2018

Invited presenter, “Assignment Charrette,” at the American Historical Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, January 6, 2017

“The South Dakota Commission on the Status of Women and Feminist Politics in the 1970s,” 48th Annual Dakota Conference, Augustana University, April 22, 2016

Invited Panel Participant, “The Pew and the Picket Line: A Roundtable on Christianity and the Working Class in Industrial America,” at the 37th Annual North American Labor History Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 24, 2015

Book Panel: “South Dakota Political Culture,” at 47th Annual Dakota Conference, Augustana College, April 25, 2015

Invited Panel Presentation, “Depression, Cold War, and the 1960s,” at *Plains Political Tradition, Vol 2, Book Launch Conference*, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD, November 13, 2014.

Invited presentation, “‘The Moral God and the Factory System’: Uncovering Working-Class Religion in a 1950s Automobile Plant,” Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, March 14, 2014.

“Working Class Religious Consciousness in the 1920s: The Detroit Example,” at the “How Class Works” Annual Conference, State University of New York-Stony Brook, June 8, 2012.

(with Robert Wright), “New Approaches to Teaching U.S. Industrial History a Century after the Lawrence Strike,” Bread & Roses Centennial Conference, Lawrence, MA, April 28, 2012

“Religion and the Northern Industrial Working Class: Questions and Possibilities,” at Organization of American Historians annual conference, Milwaukee, WI, April 22, 2012

“The Class of Clergy,” at North American Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, October 23, 2009

“Religious Experience in Working-Class Detroit, 1919-1939,” at Midwest Labor and Working Class History Colloquium, University of Iowa, April 7, 2007.

“When Is an Ethnoreligion Just a Religion?” at “Under Construction: Histories, Identities, and Representation in the Studies of Religion,” Columbia University, March 31st, 2005.

National Service & Professional Experience:

Membership in professional organizations:

* American Historical Association

- * Organization of American Historians
- * Labor and Working-Class History Association

Outsider reviewer for Public Humanities Projects, Exhibits, and Historic Places grant program, National Endowment for the Humanities (Spring 2018).

Blind reviewer for:

- * Cambridge University Press
- * *U.S. Catholic Historian*
- * *Labor: Studies in the Working-Class Histories of the Americas*
- * *Practical Matters*

2005-2010: *Senior Research Assistant for the Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America, Robert D. Putnam and Thomas Sanders, chairs, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.*

My historical reports were used as background for Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell, *American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites Us* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2010), winner of the 2011 Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award.