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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015- Associate Professor of Religion, Ethics, and Peace Studies;  
*Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School,  
University of Notre Dame*  
Director of Doctoral Studies, 2016-18
- 2008-2015 Assistant Professor of Religion, Ethics, and Peace Studies,  
*University of Notre Dame, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies*
- 2006-08 Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion,  
*American University (Washington, DC), Dept. of Philosophy and Religion*

## EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D., A.M., Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion,  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 2000 MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2000, ethics, philosophy of religion
- 1996 M.A., Baylor University, 1996, Modern philosophy
- 1995 B.A., Georgetown College, 1995, *cum laude*, Majors: Philosophy, English Lit

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2018 Resident Member Fellowship, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ,  
Fall semester, Seminar on Religion and Violence (declined)
- 2015-16 The Louisville Institute, Sabbatical Grant for Researchers,  
Project: *Restorative Justice and the New Jim Crow*
- 2005-06 Princeton University, Post-doctoral Fellow in Christian Thought and Practice,  
Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton, NJ

## BOOKS

- In draft *Resurrection in Back of the Yards: Restorative Justice and the New Jim Crow on  
Chicago's South and West Sides*
- 2018 Jason A. Springs, *Healthy Conflict in Contemporary American Society: From Enemy to  
Adversary* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press)
- 2013 Jason A. Springs and Atalia Omer, *Religious Nationalism: A Reference Handbook*  
(Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO) [equal authorship].
- 2010 Jason A. Springs *Toward a Generous Orthodoxy: Prospects for Hans Frei's Postliberal  
Theology* (New York: Oxford University Press).

**REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2020 "Healthy Conflict in an Era of Intractability: Replies to my Critics." Symposium on Jason Springs' *Healthy Conflict in Contemporary American Society: From Enemy to Adversary*," *Journal of Religious Ethics*, forthcoming.
- 2019 "'He not busy being born...': Solidarity as Sisyphean Friendship, Democratizing Discomfort, and the Cunning of White Supremacy," Response to Anthony Pinn's *When Colorblindness isn't the Answer*," *Political Theology*, forthcoming.
- 2016 "A Wittgenstein for Postliberal Theologians," *Modern Theology*, Vol 32, No. 4: 622-658.
- 2016 "The Cultural Violence of Non-violence," *The Journal of Mediation & Applied Conflict Analysis*, 3 (1), pp. 16-33.
- 2016 "Tentacles of the Leviathan? Nationalism, Islamophobia, and the Insufficiency-yet-Indispensability of Human Rights for Religious Freedom in Contemporary Europe," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, December, 84(4): 903-36.
- 2015 "A Tale of Two Islamophobias: Comparative Religious Ethics and the Paradoxes of Civic Nationalism in Contemporary Europe and the United States," *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* Vol. 98, No. 3: 289-321.
- 2015 "'To Let Suffering Speak': Can Peacebuilding Overcome the Un-representability of Suffering? Elaine Scarry and the Case of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*," *Peace and Change* Vol. 40, No. 4 (October): 539-560.
- 2015 "Hans Frei's Later Christology: Radiance and Obscurity," *Pro Ecclesia* Vol. 24, No 1: 37-52.
- 2013 "Twenty-Three Theses on the Status of Religion in American Sociology: A Mellon Working-Group Reflection," With Christian Smith, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Nancy Ammerman, Jose' Cassanova, Hilary Davidson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, John Evans, Philip S. Gorski, Mary Ellen Konieczny, Jenny Trinitapoli, Meredith Whitnah, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81 (4): 903-938.
- 2012 "On Giving Religious Intolerance its Due: Prospects for Transforming Conflict in a Post-secular Society," *Journal of Religion*, Vol. 92, No. 1 (Jan): pp. 1-30.
- 2012 "Following at a Distance (again): Freedom, Equality, and Gender in Karl Barth's Theological Anthropology," *Modern Theology*, Vol 28, No. 3 (July): 446-77.
- 2012 "Meaning vs. Power: Are Thick Description and Power Analysis intrinsically at Odds?: Response to Interpretation, Explanation, and Clifford Geertz," *Religion Compass* Vol. 6, No. 12 (December): 534-542.
- 2011 "'Next time, try looking it up in your gut!': Tolerance, Civility, and Healthy Conflict in a Tea Party Era," *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 94, No. 3/4 (Fall/Winter): 325-358.

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**Refereed journal articles cont.**

- 2010 Jason Springs, ed., Cornel West, Richard Rorty, Stanley Hauerwas, Jeffrey Stout, "Pragmatism and Democracy: Assessing Jeffrey Stout's *Democracy and Tradition*," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (June): pp. 413-448.
- 2009 "Dismantling the Master's House': Freedom as Ethical Practice in Robert Brandom and Michel Foucault," *Journal of Religious Ethics*, Vol. 37, No. 3 (Sept), pp. 419-448.
- 2008 "What Cultural Theorists have to learn from Wittgenstein, or, How to Read Geertz as a Practice Theorist," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Vol. 76, No. 4 (Dec), pp. 934-969.
- 2007 "The Priority of Democracy to Social Theory," *Contemporary Pragmatism*, special issue on Cornel West, ed. Eddie Glaude, Vol. 4, No. 1 (June 2007), pp. 47-71.
- 2007 "Between Barth and Wittgenstein: On the Availability of Hans Frei's Later Theology," *Modern Theology*, 23:3 (July 2007), pp. 393-413.

**CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES**

- In draft "Zombie Nationalism: The Nihilism of Evangelical Politics," in *Religion, Pluralism, and Nation: Solidarity, Race, and Modernity* (University of Notre Dame, forthcoming)
- 2019 "Restorative Justice and Structural Violence," *The Blackwell Companion to Religion and Peace*, eds, Jolyon Mitchell, Lesley Orr, Martyn Percy, and Francesca Po (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming)
- 2016 "Religion's Challenge to Classism" in Anthony Pinn, ed., *Just Religion: Race, Gender, Class, and the Environment* (New York: MacMillan).
- 2015 "Violence that Works on the Soul': Structural and Cultural Violence in Religion and Peacebuilding," *The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding*, eds. Atalia Omer, Scott Appleby, and David Little (Oxford: OUP).
- 2014 "Doing Justice Differently: From Revolution to Transformation in Restorative Justice and Political Reconciliation" in *Restorative Justice, Reconciliation, and Peacebuilding*, Daniel Philpott and Jennifer Llewellyn (eds), (Oxford: OUP)
- 2012 "Civil Religion," in *Religion and Culture: Contemporary Practices and Perspectives*, Richard Hecht and Biondo (eds), (Minneapolis, Fortress Press).
- 2012 "The Difficulty of Imagining Other Persons Re-imagined: Moral Imagination as a Tool for Transforming Conflict" in Jacob Goodson and B. Stone (eds), *Rorty and the Religious: Christian Engagements with a Secular Philosopher* (OR: Cascade).
- 2011 "But did it really happen? Hans Frei, Carl Henry, and Karl Barth on Historical Reference and Critical Realism," *Karl Barth and American Evangelicalism* Clifford Anderson and Bruce McCormack (eds) (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans).

**Chapters cont.**

- 2011 “Texts, Worlds, and Translatability: Paul Ricoeur Among the Postliberals,” in *Paul Ricoeur: Honoring and Continuing the Work*, ed. Farhang Erfani (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books)

**INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES**

- 2019 Respondent, “On the Uses of Conflict,” Northwestern University, Seminar on Critical Theory in Religion, to Ismo Dunderberg “From Conflict to Recognition: Rethinking a Scholarly Paradigm in the Study of Christian Origins,” May 2.
- 2018 Lecture series, “Religion and Contingency in the Modern West: Case Studies in Christianity and Judaism,” *Contending Modernities: The Madrasa Discourses*, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 3-6.
- 2018 Keynote Address, “Building Justpeace in Back of the Yards: Restorative Justice and the New Jim Crow on Chicago’s South and West Sides,” Grinnell College, March 9, 2018.
- 2016 Public Lecture, “Restorative Justice and the New Jim Crow,” George Walker Redding Endowed Lecture, Georgetown College, March 31.
- 2013 Conference paper, “Hans Frei’s Later Christology: Radiance and Obscurity,” Conference for the 25 Year Commemoration of the Legacy of Hans Frei, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 12, 2013.
- 2010 Respondent, “Interpretation, Explanation, and Clifford Geertz,” Comparative Study of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 1, 2010.
- 2010 “Tolerance, Civility and Healthy Conflict,” paper presented to the Religion, Ethics, and Politics colloquium, Florida State University, November 19, 2010.
- 2007 “Can Evangelicals be Postliberal too?” Princeton Theological Seminary, *Karl Barth and Evangelical Theology Conference*, June 24-27, 2007.
- 2005 “The Availability of Hans Frei’s Later Theology,” paper presented to the Karl Barth Society of North America, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, November 2005.
- 2005 “The Subject Matter Matters: Teaching Religion in a Time of War,” Address to the Harvard University Colloquium on the Study of Religion, Sept. 29, 2005.

**REVIEWS AND OTHER NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 2017 Book Review, Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, *Beyond Religious Freedom*, in *Review of Politics*, Vol. 79, No. 2: 316-319.
- 2016 Blog Essay, “Prophetic Dialectic: Response to Cathleen Kaveny’s *Prophecy Without Contempt*,” *Contending Modernities: A Blog about Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* (Sept 1): <http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/09/01/prophetic-dialectic/>
- 2016 Book Review, Sam Haselby, *The Origins of American Religious Nationalism*, In *Journal for the American Academy of Religion*
- 2013 Blog Entry, “The Self-Critical Character of Peace Studies,” for *24 Peace Scholars: Conversations at the Intersection of Academia, New Media, and World Peace*, March 1, 2013,

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- 2012 Blog Entry, co-authored with Atalia Omer, "Johan Galtung, Anti-Semitism, and the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*," for *24 Peace Scholars: Conversations at the Intersection of Academia, New Media, and World Peace*, May 23, 2012
- 2010 Book Review, Eric Gregory, *Politics and the Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship*, in *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* (Spring/Summer)
- 2008 Book Review of Kevin Vanhoozer, *The Drama of Doctrine: A Canonical-Linguistic Approach to Christian Theology*, in *Modern Theology*, 24/1, (Jan), pp. 139-141.
- 2003 Book Review of John Webster and George P. Schnier (eds), *Theology After Liberalism* published in *Koinania: Princeton Seminary Graduate Forum*, vol 15,: 116-119

### CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2018 Respondent, Healthy Conflict in an Era of Trump: Author Meets Critics  
Panel for Jason Springs' *Healthy Conflict in Contemporary American Society*.  
Participants: Joseph Winters, Ebrahim Moosa, Martin Kavka, Rosemary Kellison,  
Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought section, American  
Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November.
- 2018 Respondent, Author meets critics panel for Anthony Pinn's *When Colorblindness isn't the Answer: Humanism and the Challenge of Race*, Religion and Humanism Section,  
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November
- 2016 Panelist, Panel Discussion of the *Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding*, International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March. Participants:  
John Kelsay, Cecelia Lynch, Atalia Omer, Shaun Casey, Jason Springs.
- 2015 Proposed/convened/chaired, Author Meets Critics panel for Atalia Omer's  
*When Peace is Not Enough: How the Israeli Peace Camp Thinks About Religion,  
Nationalism, and Justice*. Participants: Peter Ochs, Cecelia Lynch, Amir Hussain,  
Shaul Magid, Atalia Omer; Religion and Politics section, American Academy of  
Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 23.
- 2014 Conference paper, "The Cultural Violence of Nonviolence: Mediating the "Strategic"  
and "Principled" Divide in Nonviolent Social Change," paper for the Comparative  
Approaches to Religion and Violence, American Academy of Religion Annual  
Meeting, San Diego, CA, November, 2014.
- 2014 Conference paper, "The Paradoxes of "Islamophobia" in Contemporary Europe and the  
U.S.," International Studies Association annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, CA,  
March 29.
- 2013 Conference paper, "Religion, Justice, and the Fire This Time: Re-thinking  
Restorative Justice after Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*," paper for  
presentation to the Ethics Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting,  
Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- 2013 Conference paper, "Transforming Conflict on Sacred Ground: On the  
Limits and Risks of Inter-religious Engagement in Contexts of Structural and Cultural  
Violence," Paper for presentation to the Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group,  
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- 2013 Conference paper, "The Indispensability and Limits of Human Rights for Religion,  
Conflict, and Peacebuilding," International Conference on the Impact of Religion in  
Contemporary Europe, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, May 20-22, 2013.
- 2012 Conference paper, "The Indispensability yet Insufficiency of Human Rights as a Basis for  
Religious Freedom in Contemporary Europe: Reassessing the French Headscarf Ban  
after the European Court of Human Rights Ruling in *Dogru v. France* (2008)," paper

- for a joint session of the Religion, Law, and Culture and Religion in Europe groups, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 19, 2012, respondent Winnifred Sullivan.
- 2012 Proposed/convened/chaired, Author Meets Critics panel for Christian Smith's *What is A Person?* Participants: Aline Kalbian, Kevin Schilbrack, Slavica Jakelic, David Gushee, Christian Smith, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012; papers collected, submitted, and published in the *Journal of Religious Ethics*
- 2011 Conference paper, "'Peacebuilding in Contexts of Structural and Cultural Violence,'" paper for the Second Emory Conference on Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding, Emory University, June 18, 2011.
- 2011 Conference paper, "Religious Dress as Critique and Resistance: Veiling as an Ethical Practice," paper presented at the Religious Freedom and Human Rights panel, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, CA, March 17, 2011.
- 2011 Conference Paper, "'Next time, try looking it up in your gut...': Agonistic respect vs. the politics of irrationalism," paper for the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2011
- 2009 Conference paper, "Thinking Beyond the Limits of Democracy: Religious Intolerance as a Tool for Peacebuilding," presented to the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 9, 2009.
- 2009 Conference paper, "Patriotism as National Cult: Civil Religion and Symbolic Violence in Post-9/11 U.S.," presented to the Religions, Social Conflict and Peace Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 8, 2009
- 2008 Conference paper, "The Difficulty of Imagining Other Persons Re-imagined: On the Virtues of Moral Imagination in Peace Studies," conference paper, Peace and Justice Studies Association National Conference, September 12, 2008, Portland, OR.
- 2007 External Honors Candidate Examiner, "Religious Belief and Moral Action" exam, Swarthmore College, May 24-26 2007
- 2006 Conference paper, "Nancy Fraser, Robert Brandom, and Michel Foucault on the Ethics and Politics of Self-creation," presented to the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion National Conference, November 2006, respondent: Wayne Proudfoot.
- 2006 Colloquium Paper, "What Cultural Theorists have to learn from Wittgenstein, or, How to Read Geertz as a Practice Theorist," paper presented to the Religion and Public Life Colloquium, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, May 2006, respondent: Martin Kavka.
- 2005 "Religion as a Social Practice: Theology and Cultural Theory in Postliberal theology," paper presented to the Religion and Public Life Colloquium, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, December 2005, respondent: Nathaniel Klemp.
- 2005 Respondent, Religion in Public Life Colloquium, Princeton University, "Overturning Oligarchy: The Emerging Constitutional Theory of the Religious Right," by Nate Klemp, October 2005.
- 2004 "The Priority of Democracy to Social Theory: Cornel West and Prospects for Radical Social Criticism" (revised), Northeast Ethics Colloquium, Brown University, March.

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

*American Academy of Religion* (steering committee member: Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought group)

*National Association of Community and Restorative Justice*

*Society of Christian Ethics*

*International Studies Association*

Reviewer for Cambridge University Press, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Political Theology*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Sociological Theory*, *Modern Theology*, *International Journal of Systematic Theology*