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Education

2018 **M.A. in History, University of Tennessee**
American Religious History. Fields: War and Society; United States History; American Religion. Phi Kappa Phi.

2015 **M.T.S. in Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University Divinity School**
American Religious History. Fields: Religion and War in American History; Political Theology.

2013 **B.A. in History, cum laude, Warner Pacific College**

2010 **A.A. in General Education, with honors, Clackamas Community College**

Academic and educational appointments

2023–2025 **Faculty for Church History, Diaconate Formation Academy**
The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona

2023–2025 **Director of Early College Programs, Northland Pioneer College**
Early College Facilitator, 2022–2023

2020–2022 **Assistant Professor of History and Diné Studies (2020–2022) and Assistant Professor of Law Enforcement (2021–2022), joint appointment**
Navajo Technical University–Chinle. Also Coordinator of the Navajo Police Training Academy, 2021–2022.

2018–2020 **United States History Teacher; Humanities Department Chair (2019–2020)**
The Orme School of Arizona

Publications

Peer-reviewed articles

2023 "Christian Principles in the New World Order: The League of Nations Controversy and the Stone-Campbell Movement." *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 83, no. 2 (December 2023).

2021 "'The Whole Trouble Lies in Religion': Dwight Lyman Pendleton and the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the First World War." *The Journal of Discipliana* 74, no. 1 (February 2021).

2017 "'A Barbarous Method of Adjusting Differences': Federal Persecution of Conscientious Objectors in the Disciples during the Great War, 1917–1918." *Stone-Campbell Journal* 20, no. 1 (April 2017): 17–33.

Book chapters

2020 "Exchanging the Kingdom of Heaven for the Empire of America: The Loss of the Apocalyptic Worldview in Churches of Christ." In *Resisting Babel: Allegiance to God and the Problem of Government*, edited by John Mark Hicks. Abilene, TX: ACU Press, 2020.

2018 "Losing My Religion: The Effect of World War I on Pacifism in the Stone-Campbell Movement." In *The Routledge History of World Peace since 1750*, edited by Christian Philip Peterson, William M. Knoblauch, and Michael Loadenthal. New York: Routledge, 2018.

Encyclopedia entries

2018 With Richard Goode. "American Protective League" and "U.S. Secret Service." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Surveillance, Security, and Privacy*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2018.

2016 With Richard Goode. "Conscientious Objectors" and "WikiLeaks." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of War: Social Science Perspectives*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2016.

Public writing

2021 "Why Do Native People Disappear from Textbooks after the 1890s?" *Education Week*, August 16, 2021.

2021 "America Does Have an 'Original Sin': A Response to James Goodman." *History News Network*, March 28, 2021.

Book reviews

2017 Review of Gordon L. Heath, ed., *American Churches and the First World War*. *Stone-Campbell Journal* 20, no. 2 (2017).

2017 Review of Barry Hankins, *Woodrow Wilson: Ruling Elder, Spiritual President*. *Stone-Campbell Journal* 20, no. 1 (2017).

2015 Review of Peter Gardella, *American Civil Religion: What Americans Hold Sacred*. *Stone-Campbell Journal* 18, no. 1 (2015).

2013 Review of Cassie J. E. H. Trentaz, *Theology in the Age of Global AIDS & HIV*. *Leaven* 21, no. 4 (2013).

2012 Review of David Sehat, *The Myth of American Religious Liberty*. *Stone-Campbell Journal* 15, no. 2 (2012).

Manuscripts in preparation

Monograph *Prisoners Present Arms: Sectarian Christians and the American Carceral State during the First World War.*

Edition *Imprisoned for Jesus: The Prison Memoirs of World War I Conscientious Objector Arthur Dunham.*

Article "Keep the Reserve Intact! A History of the Protection of the Bull Run Reserve."

Grants, fellowships, and honors

2018 **Robert Lee Johnson Fund Grant, Christian Scholars' Conference**
Also 2017

2017 **Bordin-Gillette Research Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan**

2017 **Scholarly Research Fellowship, Kentucky Historical Society**
Declined

2017 **Early Career Scholars in Theological Disciplines Presentation Grant, Christian Scholars' Conference**

2017 **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Tennessee**

2016–2018 **Chancellor's Fellowship, University of Tennessee**

2016–2017 **Milton M. Klein Graduate Fellowship in American History, University of Tennessee**

2014–2015 **Imagination Research Grant, Vanderbilt Divinity School**

2014–2015 **Course Development Grant, Integrated U.S. History / Political Theology, Lipscomb University**

2013–2014 **Coordinating Fellowship, Vanderbilt Divinity School Community Action Network**

2011–2014 **Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Remaking Religion Project**

2012–2013 **Outstanding History Major Award, Warner Pacific College**

Conference papers

2025 "A Dream Delayed Too Long: The Contested Founding of Northland Pioneer College as a Catalyst of the Tribal College Movement" (with Kate Hahn). *The Campus and Beyond: Higher Education and Social Inequalities in Europe and North America, 1850s–2000s*, Washington, DC.

2024 "Building a Bridge by First Building a Fence: Boundary Setting in Dual Enrollment Partnerships" (with Melody Neisen). Arizona Community College Administrators Conference, Lake Havasu.

2022 "Stone-Campbell Pacifism as a Threat to American Democracy during the Great War." Christian Scholars' Conference, Lipscomb University.

2019 "A Wall of Separation? Analyzing Evangelical Attempts to Bring Bible Classes Back to Public Education." Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Knoxville.

2018 "'Christian Principles in the New World Order': The League of Nations Controversy and the Stone-Campbell Movement." Christian Scholars' Conference, Nashville.

2017 "Religion and War and Why It Matters." Exploratory session for a proposed Religion and War Unit (organizer), American Academy of Religion, Boston.

2017 "'Never Been So Thoroughly Policed': Religious Pacifists and the American Carceral State during World War I." *Remembering Muted Voices* Symposium, National WWI Museum and Memorial, Kansas City.

2017 "Criminals in the Church: Federal Persecution of War Resisters in Churches of Christ during World War I." Christian Scholars' Conference, Nashville; Meredith College Symposium on WWI, Raleigh.

2017 "From Oneida Community Communism to Tennessee Tradition Pacifism: Tracing the Pedigree of David Lipscomb's *On Civil Government*." Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Knoxville.

2017 "A Church Full of Slackers: Federal Suppression of Pacifism in Churches of Christ during World War I." World War I Symposium, University of South Carolina Upstate.

2017 "Losing My Religion: The Effect of World War I on Pacifism in the Stone-Campbell Movement." Historians of Twentieth Century United States Winter Symposium, London.

2016 "'The Whole Trouble Lies in Religion': A Case Study of War Resistance and Social Control during World War I." University of Alabama Graduate History Conference, Tuscaloosa.

2015 "'Never Been So Thoroughly Policed': Systematic United States Government Surveillance and Suppression of Religious Dissent during the Great War." American Academy of Religion, Atlanta.

2015 "Keep the Reserve Intact! A History of the Protection of the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit." International Water History Association, Delft, the Netherlands.

2015 "A Fight for the Future: Stone-Campbell Eschatology through the Lens of Jürgen Moltmann's *Theology of Hope*." Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Indianapolis.

2014 "Origins of the National Security and Intelligence State: U.S. Government Surveillance and Suppression of Religious Dissent during the Great War." American Academy of Religion, San Diego.

Invited talks

2026 "From Forest to Faucet: How the Bull Run Watershed Built Portland." History Pub, McMenamins Edgefield and the Troutdale Historical Society, Troutdale, Oregon, November 9, 2026.

2020 "Teaching Stone-Campbell History in Congregational Settings." Roundtable, Stone-Campbell Journal Conference.

2017 "Peace without Victory: Sectarian Christians and the First World War." East Tennessee Historical Society.

2017 "Using GIS to Map the Stone-Campbell Movement." University of Tennessee Office of Information Technology.

2017 "Reviewing Michael Brown: Understanding and Contesting Police Violence through a Focus on Training and Police Culture." Vanderbilt University Law School.

2017 "Losing My Religion: The Effect of World War I on the Theology of the Stone-Campbell Movement." AfterWars Seminar, Center for the Study of War and Society, University of Tennessee.

2016 "Judged by Twelve, or Carried by Six? Police Violence, Training, and Culture in Twenty-First-Century America." Vanderbilt University Law School.

2015 "The Assisted Suicide of Cordell College and Church of Christ Pacifism." Christian Librarians Association, Oklahoma Christian University.

2012 Radio interview on Bishop Gene Robinson. *Think Out Loud*, Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Teaching

Diaconate Formation Academy — **Church History I and II**

NTU · History and Diné Studies	U.S. History I–II; History of the Southwest; U.S. and Arizona Constitutions; History of Western Thought; Native American History; American Environmental History
NTU · Law Enforcement	Substantive Criminal Law (Federal, Tribal, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah); Community Policing in Indian Country; Crime Prevention in Indian Country; History of Criminal Justice; Law Enforcement Documentation
Northland Pioneer College	World Religions; Early College Readiness I and IV
The Orme School	AP U.S. History; AP U.S. Government and Politics; College Preparatory and ELL U.S. History
Earlier	The West and World I–II (Tusculum); Fish, Forests, and Faith (Warner Pacific); Mythbusters: The Making and Breaking of U.S. History (Lipscomb)

Service to the Church

	Eucharistic Minister The Episcopal Church
2024–2025	**Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Coordinator** The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
2023–2025	**Faculty for Church History, Diaconate Formation Academy** The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
2024	**Lay Chaplain to the Bishop** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winslow
2023, 2024	**Delegate to Diocesan Convention** St. George's Episcopal Church, Holbrook
2022–2025	**Bishop's Committee: Secretary (2022–23); Treasurer (2024–25)** St. George's Episcopal Church, Holbrook

Academic and professional service

2025	**Conference paper reviewer, National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships**
2023–2025	**Northland Pioneer College: Freedom of Expression Committee; VP for Learning and Student Services Council; Dual Enrollment Subcommittee; 50th Anniversary Committee (historian); search committee chair**
2021–2023	**Advisory boards: H-Net Teaching and Learning; H-Teach; H-High-S**
2019–2021	**Editor, H-High-S Network, H-Net**
2019–2021	**Reader, AP U.S. Government and Politics, The College Board**

2021–2022	**Navajo Technical University: Curriculum Committee; Diné Philosophy of Education Committee; faculty search committees**
	Journal reviewer: *Imago Dei*; *The Journal of Discipliana*

Public safety

2021–2022	**Coordinator, Navajo Police Training Academy** Navajo Technical University / Navajo Police Officer Standards and Training Board
2006–2012	**Watershed Ranger Sergeant, Bull Run Watershed Management Unit** City of Portland, Mt. Hood National Forest. City incident commander for law enforcement, structural and wildland fire, EMS, hazardous materials, and search and rescue.
2003–2013	**Water Bureau Ranger, Portland Water Bureau** City of Portland

Skills, languages, memberships

Skills	**Humanities GIS; digital humanities programming (XML, TEI); curriculum development and instructional design**
Languages	**French (reading with dictionary)**
Memberships	**American Academy of Religion; Historical Society of the Episcopal Church; International Society for Protestant Church Polity**

References available on request.