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EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology, **New York University**
* Winner-2021 NYU University-Wide Outstanding Dissertation Award
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- 2017 Advanced Graduate Certificate in Culture and Media, **NYU**
- 2017 M.Phil., Anthropology, **NYU**
- 2011-2014 M.A., Religious Studies, **Missouri State University**
- 2006-2011 B.A., *summa cum laude* with departmental distinction, Religious Studies, **MSU**

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022-present Assistant Professor of Religion and Anthropology, with affiliation in the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program, Northeastern University
- 2020-2022 Postdoctoral Fellowship, "[Recovering Truth: Religion, Journalism, and Democracy in the Post-Truth Era](#)," Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University (*funded by the Henry R. Luce Foundation's Program in Theology*)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2022 [*Between Heaven and Russia: Religious Conversion and Political Apostasy in Appalachia*](#). New York: Fordham University Press. (April 2022)
Published reviews: *Ab Imperio*. *Ad Fontes*. *American Religion Journal*. *Journal of Church and State*. *Religion, State, and Society*. *Slavic Review*. *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*.
Featured in review essays on: religious orthodoxies in the *Annual Review of Anthropology* 51; and the politics of religious conversion in the *Annual Review of Anthropology* 52.
- 2025 Lukasik, Candace and Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, eds. [*Anthropologies of Orthodox Christianity: Theology, Politics, and Ethics*](#). New York: Fordham University Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2026 “Historical Treatments and Future Placings of Orthodox Christianity in Anthropology,” *Journal of Anthropological Research*. Special Issue on the Anthropology of Christianity (accepted-publication in Spring 2026 issue).
- 2024 “Techno-theologoumena and Rise of Far-Right Orthodox Internet Celebrities.” *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*. 6(2): 229-255. (September 2023 publication date but released in 2024) <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/1/article/935940>
- 2023b “Orthodox Christianity in the United States: A Challenge for the Study of American Religion,” *Religion Compass* 17, 5-6 (May 2023), e12461 <https://compass.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/rec3.12461>
- 2023a Perry, Samuel L., Riccardi-Swartz, Sarah, Davis, Joshua T., and Grubbs, Joshua B., “The Religious Right and Russia: Christian Nationalism and Americans’ Views on Russia and Vladimir Putin Before and After the Ukrainian Invasion.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 62, no. 2 (May 2023): 439–450. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12838>
- 2021 “American Conservatives and the Allure of Post-Soviet Russian Orthodoxy,” *Religions* 12, no. 12: 1036. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12121036> (November 2021)
- 2011 “From an Embryo to God’s Acre: A Turnerian Examination of Life in the Moravian Choir System,” *LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research* 4: 167-182. https://www.missouristate.edu/LOGOS/Files/logos_vol4_full.pdf
- 2010 “‘Cheerless Asceticism’: How the New York Times Portrayed the Shakers from 1851-1899,” *LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research* 3: 102-109. https://www.missouristate.edu/LOGOS/Files/logos_vol3_full.pdf

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2025 “Introduction.” Lukasik, Candace and Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, eds. *Anthropologies of Orthodox Christianity: Theology, Politics, and Ethics*. New York: Fordham University Press.
- 2021 “Head Coverings, Vaccines, and Gender Politics: Tensions Among Eastern Orthodox Women in Digital Spaces.” *Women and Religiosity in Orthodox Christianity*, Edited by Ina Merdjanova, 241-273. New York: Fordham University Press.
- 2019 “Enshrining Gender: Orthodox Women and Material Culture.” In *Orthodox Christianity and Gender: Dynamics of Tradition, Culture and Lived Practice*. Edited by Elina Voula and Helena Kupari, 115-130. London: Routledge Press.

- 2016 “Holy Pixels: The Transformation of Eastern Orthodox Icons.” In *Digital Orthodoxy in the Post-Soviet World and the Web 2.0*. Edited by Mikhail Suslov, 261-284. Stuttgart: Ibidem-Verlag.

Invited Articles

- 2025 2023 Temenos Lecture- “Only Russia Can Save the World:” Reactive Orthodoxies, Political Technology, and Religious Worldbuilding. *Temenos - Nordic Journal for the Study of Religion*, 61(1), 7–26. <https://doi.org/10.33356/temenos.160164> (June 2025)
- 2019 “Zwischen Wandel und Tradition: Orthodoxie in den USA heute,” *Religion & Gesellschaft in Ost und West (Orthodoxie global)* 47 (October): 17-19.

Book Reviews

- 2023 “Essay Review: Witness Women: Toward an Inclusive Christian History,” *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*. 6(1): 103-109. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1353/joc.2023.a923038>.
- 2023 “Trad Nationalist A/Effects. Comments on Herzfeld, Michael. 2022. *Subversive archaism: Troubling traditionalists and the politics of national heritage*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.” Book Symposium. *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 13, no. 1 (Spring 2023): 218-222.
- 2021 “Anthropology Revisited: Review of Thomas and Narinskaya, Women and Ordination in the Orthodox Church.” Gabrielle Thomas, and Elena Narinskaya, eds, Women and Ordination in the Orthodox Church: Explorations in Theology and Practice. *The Wheel*. <https://www.wheeljournal.com/25-riccardiswartz>
- 2021 “A Review Essay of Three Books About U.S. Orthodox Christianity.” *Ergon Greek American Arts and Letters*. <https://ergon.scienzine.com/article/books/three-books-about-greek-orthodoxy>
- 2014 Robert L. Nadeau, Rebirth of the Sacred: Science, Religion, and the New Environmental Ethos. *The Journal of Ecocriticism* 6 (1): 10-12.
- 2012 Gary Scott Smith, Heaven in the American Imagination. *Religion iFirst* 1-3 (June 25, 2012): <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0048721X.2012.697829>

Encyclopedia Articles

- 2016 “Architecture, Orthodox.” In *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States: Volume 5*. 122-3. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

- 2016 “Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.” In *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*: Volume 5. 1014-16. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2016 “Holy Order of Mans / Christ the Savior Brotherhood.” In *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*: Volume 5. 1122-24. George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2016 “Orthodox Churches.” In *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*: Volume 5.1701-3. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.
- 2016 “St. Herman.” In *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*: Volume 5.1083-4. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.

WORK UNDER REVIEW

Books

- In Press Riccardi-Swartz and Lukasik, *Orthodoxy in America* (New York: Routledge Press). Edited manuscript to be submitted on April 1, 2026.
- Contract *Digital Dissidents: Science, Technology, and Orthodoxy in Far-Right Media Worlds* (New York: New York University Press). Advance Contract. Full manuscript to be submitted in December 2026.

Articles

- Under Review “The Imperial Politics of Christian Nationalism,” *Religious Studies Review*, Special Issue on White Christian Nationalism.

Book Chapters

- Accepted “A Moralizing Mythos: Orthodox Christian Radicalism in the United States and Russia,” *A Handbook on Religion and Populism*, edited by Nadia Marzouki (London: Routledge), Publication: Fall 2026.
- Accepted “Byzantium and the New Far Right,” *A Handbook to the Modern Reception of Byzantium*, edited by Niamh Bhalla and Dimitra Kotoula (London: Routledge), Publication: Fall 2026.
- Under review “A King for the End of the World: Reactive Orthodoxy, Eschatological Politics, and Apocalyptic Techno-Monarchism,” *Transforming a Church: Orthodox*

Christianity in Post-Imperial Societies (Budapest: Central European University).
(Out for peer review).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Op-Eds

- 2024 “Coverage of Tucker Carlson’s Demonic Assault Missed the Importance of the Man He Shared the Story With,” *Religion Dispatches*, December 10, 2024. <https://religiondispatches.org/coverage-of-tucker-carlsons-demonic-assault-missed-the-importance-of-the-man-he-shared-the-story-with/>
- 2024 “Project 2025 Is Dead. Long Live Project 2025: Trump, Vance and the hateful horizons of “trad futurism.” *In These Times*, July 31, 2024. <https://inthesetimes.com/article/project-2025-trump-vance-traditionalist-republican>
- 2023 “Polarization and World-Building,” *The Immanent Frame*, December 14, 2023. <https://tif.ssrc.org/2023/12/14/polarization-and-world-building/>
- 2023 “As Russia ramps up ‘traditional values’ rhetoric – especially against LGBTQ+ groups – it’s won Putin far-right fans abroad,” *The Conversation*, December 15, 2023. <https://theconversation.com/as-russia-ramps-up-traditional-values-rhetoric-especially-against-lgbtq-groups-its-won-putin-far-right-fans-abroad-219102>
- 2023 “The Conspiratorial Cleric,” *Public Orthodoxy*, July 19, 2023. <https://publicorthodoxy.org/2023/07/19/the-conspiratorial-cleric/> (also available in Greek and Russian)
- 2023 “Heersay: Fr. Peter Heers and Online Orthodoxy,” *Public Orthodoxy*. June 23, 2023. <https://publicorthodoxy.org/2023/06/23/heersay-peter-heers/> (also available in Russian)
- 2022 “Orthodox Church’s Authoritarian Anti-LGBTQ Statement Poses Serious Threat to Academic Freedom,” *Religion Dispatches*. July 29, 2022. <https://religiondispatches.org/orthodox-churchs-authoritarian-anti-lgbtq-statement-poses-serious-threat-to-academic-freedom/>
- 2022 Editor, “Russia/Ukraine: Law and Religion Perspectives” Thematic Series, Canopy Forum. <https://canopyforum.org/russia-ukraine-law-and-religion-perspectives/>
- 2022 “Christian Nationalisms and Building New Social Realities.” Berkeley Forum. March 30, 2022. <https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/christian-nationalisms-and-building-new-social-realities>

- 2022 with Robert Saler, “Is Putin a ‘Real’ Christian? To Understand This Conflict We Need To Ask Different Questions,” *Religion Dispatches*. 15 March 2022. <https://religiondispatches.org/is-putin-a-real-christian-to-understand-this-conflict-we-need-to-ask-different-questions/>
- 2022 “In His ‘Forgiveness Day’ Sermon — A Slightly More Sophisticated ‘Globohomo’ Rant — Kirill Lays Out an Authoritarian Vision In Which His Version Of God Might Dominate And Rule The Human Race,” *Religion Dispatches*. 7 March 2022. <https://religiondispatches.org/in-his-forgiveness-day-sermon-a-slightly-more-sophisticated-globohomo-rant-kirill-lays-out-an-authoritarian-vision-in-which-his-version-of-god-might-dominate-and-rule-the-h/>
- 2021 “The Affective Allure of Authoritarianism,” *The Immanent Frame*, 21 January 2022. <https://tif.ssrc.org/2022/01/21/the-affective-allure-of-authoritarianism/>
- 2021 “The Mainstreaming of Alt-Right Media,” *Canopy Forum*, 14 December 2021. <https://canopyforum.org/2021/12/14/the-mainstreaming-of-alt-right-media/>
- 2021 “Seeking a Sovereign for the End of Democracy,” *Canopy Forum: On the Interactions of Law and Religion*. <https://canopyforum.org/2021/08/10/seeking-a-sovereign-for-the-end-of-democracy-monarchism-and-the-far-right/>
- 2021 “The Hybridity of Rural Fascism,” Editors’ Forum: *Hotspots*, Society for Cultural Anthropology. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/the-hybridity-of-rural-fascism>
- 2021 “After Orthodox Priest Suspended For ‘Stop The Steal’ Activity, A Renewed Spotlight On The Orthodox Far-Right.” *Religion Dispatches*. 26 January 2021. <https://religiondispatches.org/after-orthodox-priest-suspended-for-stop-the-steal-activity-a-renewed-spotlight-on-the-orthodox-far-right/>
- 2020 “Putin’s American Comrades and Our Post-Truth Moment.” *Sightings*. University of Chicago Divinity School. 10 December 2020. <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/articles/putins-american-comrades-and-our-post-truth-moment>
- 2020 “Fieldwork and Fallout with the Far Right.” *American Ethnologist* website. 18 June 2020. <https://americanethnologist.org/features/reflections/fieldwork-and-fallout-with-the-far-right>
- 2019 “American Conversions to Russian Orthodoxy Amid the Global Culture Wars.” *Berkeley Forum*. <https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/american-conversions-to-russian-orthodoxy-amid-the-global-culture-wars>
- 2018 “Engaging with Appalachia’s Coal Crisis: Old Stereotypes and New Initiatives.” *Public Orthodoxy*, ed. Nathaniel Wood. <https://publicorthodoxy.org/2018/11/15/engaging-with-appalachias-coal-crisis/>

- 2014 “Sacred Waste.” In *Discard Studies Compendium*, eds. Max Liboiron, Michelle Acuto, and Robin Nagle. <http://discardstudies.com/discard-studies-compendium/#Sacredwaste>
- 2013 with Aaron Sokoll, “Embodiment in Orthodox Prayer and Spirituality.” *Reverberations*, eds. Steven Barrie-Anthony, Jonathan Van Antwerpen, and Candace West. <http://forums.ssrc.org/ndsp/2014/07/02/embodiment-in-orthodox-prayer-and-spirituality/>
- 2013 with Aaron Sokoll, “Connective Implications of the Material Holy.” *Reverberations*, eds. Steven Barrie-Anthony, Jonathan Van Antwerpen, and Candace West, found at <http://forums.ssrc.org/ndsp/2013/10/09/connective-implications-of-the-material-holy/>

Media Appearances

- 2025 Guest, “009: Russia’s Punk Prayer: P***y Riot, Orthodox Power, and Authoritarian Faith,” *American Unexceptionalism: Global Lessons on Fighting Religious Nationalism*. Axis Mundi. December, 18, 2025.
- 2025 Guest, “Assignment: Russia’s Church in Texas,” *The Documentary Podcast*, BBC. May 6, 2025. <https://www.bbc.com/audio/play/p017mvsq>
- 2025 Guest, “Q&A: What Can a Russian Orthodox Community Tell Us about Rural America?” Christina Wayne, *The Daily Yonder*, March 21, 2025. <https://dailyyonder.com/qa-what-can-a-russian-orthodox-community-tell-us-about-rural-america/2025/03/21/>
- 2024 Guest, “How COVID-19 conspiracy theories fueled support for Trump among Christian Nationalists,” *Weekend Morning Edition*, NPR. November 3, 2024. <https://www.npr.org/2024/11/03/nx-s1-5170322/how-covid-19-conspiracy-theories-fueled-support-for-trump-among-christian-nationalists>
- 2024 Guest, “Spicy Takes from the World of Religion News,” *Saved by the City*. April 25, 2024. Podcast. <https://religionnews.com/2024/04/25/spicy-takes-from-the-world-of-religion-news/>
- 2024 Guest, “Commemorating the World Day of the Poor: Voices on Global Hunger and Faith in Appalachia,” *JustLove*, The Catholic Channel. November 16, 2024. <https://justloveblog.org/2024/11/16/commemorating-the-world-day-of-the-poor-voices-on-global-hunger-and-faith-in-appalachia/>
- 2024 Guest, “Traditionalism,” *Thinking Allowed*, BBC Radio4. January 31, 2024. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001vtm8>

- 2023 Guest, "Between Heaven and Russia," New Books Network Podcast. May 8, 2023. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/between-heaven-and-russia-2>
- 2022 Guest, "Christian Dominionism and Fascist Momentum," Refuse Fascism. December 5, 2022. <https://refusefascism.org/2022/12/05/christian-dominionism-and-fascist-momentum/>
- 2022 Guest, "ROCOR, Appalachia, and the Far Right," Yeah Nah Pasaran! November 17, 2022. <https://www.3cr.org.au/yeahnahpasaran/episode/dr-sarah-riccardi-swartz-rocor-appalachia>
- 2022 Guest, State of Belief Podcast, Interfaith Alliance. August 6, 2022. <https://stateofbelief.com/showarchive/2022/august-6-2022-remembrance-and-resilience/>
- 2022 Guest, "How Orthodox Christian Churches Convert Far-Right Americans," The Smerconish Podcast, SXM Podcast. July 6, 2022. <https://www.smerconish.com/podcasts/the-smerconish-podcast/>
- 2022 Guest, SRB Podcast, "Russian Orthodox Converts in Appalachia," Center for Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, University of Pittsburgh. July 7, 2022. <https://srbpodcast.org/2022/07/06/russian-orthodox-converts-in-appalachia/>
- 2022 Guest, *Der Kruze und Flagge Podcast*, "Ep. 19 - Amerikanische Konvertiten zum russisch-orthodoxen Christentum - mit Sarah Riccardi-Swartz." <https://www.kreuzundflaggepodcast.com/episodes/amerikanische-konvertiten>
- 2022 Guest, "The American Far Right and the Orthodox Church, The Greek Current Podcast. May 13, 2022. <https://www.ekathimerini.com/multimedia/podcasts/1184289/the-american-far-right-and-the-orthodox-church/>
- 2022 Guest, "For Putin, God, and Country: American Converts to the Russian Orthodox Church," *The Revealer Podcast* <https://therevealer.org/podcast/episode-23-for-putin-god-and-country-american-converts-to-the-russian-orthodox-church/>
- 2022 Guest, "Between Heaven and Russia." *Straight White American Jesus*. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/straight-white-american-jesus/id1441649707?i=1000553149366>
- 2021 Guest, *We've Got Issues Podcast*. issues.simplecast.com/episodes/rachel-cohen-sarah-riccardi-swartz
- 2021 Guest, "I'm a Fascist." *Straight White American Jesus Podcast*. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/im-a-fascist/id1441649707?i=1000519920471>

2021 Guest, “The Truth Divide Grows Violent,” *Recovering Truth Podcast*.
<https://soundcloud.com/user-165148002/the-truth-divide-grows-violent>

News Coverage

- 2025 Fauria, Krysta, “Converts are finding Eastern Orthodoxy online. The church wants to help them commune face-to-face,” *Associated Press*, December 12, 2025. <https://apnews.com/article/young-converts-online-eastern-orthodoxy-ef496dcd83a061d90a0b7aba33b6113>
- 2025 Graham, Ruth, “Orthodox Church Pews Are Overflowing with Converts,” *New York Times*, November 19, 2025.
<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/11/19/us/orthodox-christianity.html>
- 2025 Dingman, Sam, “How evangelical Christians and social media helped Trump weaponize conspiracy theories,” KJZZ Phoenix, October 13, 2025.
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- 2025 Kayata, Erin, “An international Christian rock star was accused of sexual assault. Will this affect the Christian music industry?” *Northeastern Global News*, September 9, 2025. <https://news.northeastern.edu/2025/09/09/michael-tait-me-too-movement-christian-music/>
- 2025 Bonomelli, Marc, “« Orthobros » : pourquoi l'orthodoxie séduit les jeunes hommes américains,” *L’ADN*. June 17, 2025. https://www.ladn.eu/nouveaux-usages/orthobros-pourquoi-lorthodoxie-seduit-les-jeunes-hommes-americains/?fbclid=IwY2xjawLcieJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBicmlkETFFQklkOG1yMzVGdldObzZhAR7N02G4_MCi5etE_TzWWgS0EUEOWxoRtoZ3ShZyWk1p_66yOS9br66PhpU9Pw_aem_0KDR1DDuTPMPc66zgwPakA
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- 2025 Giatti, Ian M., “Russia 'restraining' the Antichrist? Orthodox Church believes last czar 'held back satanic socialism,’” *Christian Post*, January 7, 2025.
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- 2025 Coen, Susie, “Young, single men are leaving traditional churches. They found a more ‘masculine’ alternative,” *The Telegraph*, January 4, 2025.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/us/news/2025/01/04/the-young-men-leaving-traditional-churches-for-orthodox/>

- 2024 Hibbert, Cynthia McCormack, “J.D. Vance, Trump’s VP pick, reignites America’s fascination with Appalachia. This anthropologist dispels the myths.” *Northeastern Global News*, August 29, 2024. <https://news.northeastern.edu/2024/08/29/appalachian-myths-jd-vance/>
- 2024 Hibbert, Cynthia McCormack, “Why the impending sainthood of video game-playing teenager Carlo Acutis captures the Catholic imagination,” *Northeastern Global News*, June 14, 2024. <https://news.northeastern.edu/2024/06/14/carlo-acutis-catholic-saint/>
- 2024 Worth, Robert. “Clash of the Patriarchs,” *The Atlantic*, April 10, 2024. <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2024/05/russia-ukraine-orthodox-christian-church-bartholomew-kirill/677837/>
- 2024 Masa, Cristina, “‘Crisis of masculinity’: The American Right’s bromance with Vladimir Putin,” *National Journal*, April 4, 2024. <https://www.nationaljournal.com/s/724665/crisis-of-masculinity-the-american-rights-bromance-with-vladimir-putin/?unlock=UUW9Q973K879TT1B>
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- 2023 Phillips, Maggie. “Influencers Offer a New Challenge to Church Leadership,” *The Tablet*. September 7, 2023. https://www.tabletmag.com/sections/community/articles/influencers-orthobros-challenge-orthodox-christianity?fbclid=IwAR2LPRf2BbJDVpPqwYYgacIMGI0_uiKr2mH0N7_2paFoocsKvPtHp8f07k
- 2023 Askew, Joshua. “‘Democracy is a tool of Satan’: The murky world of Orthodox influencers,” *Euronews*, July 7, 2023. <https://www.euronews.com/2023/07/31/democracy-is-a-tool-of-satan-the-murky-world-of-orthodox-influencers>
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- 2022 Hibbert, Cynthia McCormack. “Who are the Dominionists backing conservative candidates?” *Northeastern Global News*. November 15, 2022. <https://news.northeastern.edu/2022/11/15/dominionism-republican-candidate/>
- 2022 Röther, Christian. Russische Orthodoxie in den USA: „Die extreme Rechte fällt in die Kirche ein“ *Deutschlandfunk*. June 16, 2022. <https://www.deutschlandfunk.de/russische-orthodoxie-in-den-usa-die-extreme-rechte-faellt-in-die-kirche-ein-dlf-33854740-100.html>
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- 2022 Jenkins, Jack. “World Council of Churches faces calls to expel Russian Orthodox Church,” *Religion News Service*. April 11, 2022. <https://religionnews.com/2022/04/11/world-council-of-churches-faces-calls-to-expel-russian-orthodox-church/>

PODCASTS/ DOCUMENTARY FILMS

- 2022 Co-host, “Truth in Journalism,” *Recovering Truth* podcast. https://soundcloud.com/user-165148002/truth-in-journalism?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing
- 2022 Co-host, “Postmodernism, Post-Truth, and Democracy,” *Recovering Truth* podcast. https://soundcloud.com/user-165148002/postmodernism-post-truth-and-democracy?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing
- 2020 *Notes from the Field*. Podcast. Role: Co-Creator and Co-Host.
- 2021- *Drowning in the Ark*. Role: Director and Producer. In Preproduction.

2017 *Pixelating Holiness* (15 mins). Role: Director and Editor. [Distributed by Documentary Educational Resources, www.der.org] Screenings: Margaret Mead Film Festival, American Academy of Religion, Australian Anthropological Association.

PRESENTATIONS

Keynotes and Endowed Lectures

- 2025 Lecture, “God Bless the Red, White, and Blue: Russian Orthodoxy and the Internationalization of Christian Nationalism,” Visiting Scholar Lecture Series, Rockhurst University (March 2025)
- 2023 **Keynote**, “‘Only Russia Can Save the World:’ Reactive Orthodoxies, Political Technology, and Religious Worldbuilding,” 2023 Temenos Lecture, Finnish Society of the Study of Religion [Zoom]
- 2021 Panelist, “Truth Under Siege,” 2021 Robert A. Burns Endowed Lecture, Religious Studies Department, University of Arizona. [Zoom]

International Presentations (Refereed)

- 2025a “Dark Ethics: Methodological Precarity and Fieldwork with the Far Right, European Association of Social Anthropologists, Edinburgh, Scotland. (June)
- 2025b “‘Become Ungovernable:’ Covert Tactics, Racism, and Civilizational Catastrophe,” University of Oxford and the European Center for Populism Studies, Oxford, UK. (July)
- 2024 “Free Speech, Podcast Politics, and Alt-Media in the Russia-Ukraine War,” Russia-Ukraine Information Warfare Panel, European Academy of Religion, Palermo, Italy. (Online). (July)
- 2023a “The Changing Unchangeable: Theological Innovation and Reactive Orthodoxy,” EuARe, University of St. Andrews. (June)
- 2023b “Historical Treatments and Future Placings of Orthodox Christianity in Anthropology,” AAA, Toronto, Canada. (November)
- 2021a “Reckoning with Exclusion and Ableism in Eastern Orthodox Theology: An Anthropological Approach,” European Academy of Religion. (*Online panel due to COVID-19*) (June)
- 2021b “Missionizing Memes and Far-Right Followers: Religio-Political Conversion in Online Orthodox Christianity,” Yale-Cambridge Group on World Christianity and the History of Mission. (*Online due to COVID-19*) [withdrew]
- 2020 “Amerika Prekrasnaya: Of Guns, God, and Vodka” Global Orthodox Conference 2020: Transnational Oriental and Eastern Christian Communities in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries, The Netherlands (*Online due to COVID-19*)

International Presentations (Invited)

- 2025 “Radical Recruitment: Cybernetic Cartographies of Religious Conversion,” Summer School on "Religious Belonging and Digital Media," University of Erfurt. (Online). (September).
- 2024 “Religious Conversion and Identity,” Orthodox Christianity and Identity Politics Conference, University of Münster. (July).
- 2022a “Orthodoxy and the Problem of Human Rights,” Oslo Symposium on Orthodoxy and Democracy, University of Oslo and Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Lysebu, Norway. (August).
- 2022b “Between Heaven and Russia: Religious Conversion and Political Apostasy in Appalachia,” Ideological Turn in Theology? The Impact of Globalisation on the Talk of ‘God’ Workshop, Goethe University Frankfurt (Online). (June).
- 2020 **Respondent**, “The Making and Breaking Of ‘The Russian World’” Workshop, New Arts of Persuasion? Charisma, Aesthetics and The Making of Religio-Political Publics Program, University of Toronto (Online).

National Presentations (Refereed)

- 2025a “‘Become Ungovernable:’ Covert Tactics, Racism, and Catastrophe,” AAA, New Orleans, LA. (November)
- 2025b “Alt-Tech Traditionalism: Free Speech, Podcast Politics, and Esotericism,” International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture, Boston, MA. (August)
- 2024b Co-presenter (w/Robert Saler), “Seduction, Post-Capitalism, and Sexual Asceticism: The Far-Right Transmutation of the “Manosphere” Among U.S. Eastern Orthodox Online,” AAR, San Diego, CA. (November).
- 2024a “Embracing Evola and Glorifying Guénon: Traditionalism, Nationalism, and Orthodoxy among the Digital Far Right,” AAR, San Diego, CA. (November).
- 2024b “Digital Dissidents: Technology, Science, and Orthodox Christianity, Orthodox Theological Association of America, Brookline, MA. (May).
- 2023a Co-presenter (w/Robert Saler), “Digital Apocalypses and Trad Futurisms: Far-right Analogue Imaginaries,” AAR, San Antonio, TX. (November).
- 2023b “Trad Nationalisms and Euro-American Political Ecologies,” AAR, San Antonio, TX. (November).
- 2022c “Verified: Internet Science, Biometrics, and Religious Orthodoxies,” AAR, Denver, CO. (November).
- 2022d “Orthodixie: Religious Conversion, Political Authority, and Whiteness in the American South,” AAA, Seattle, WA. (November).
- 2021a “Futile Fantasies and Fascism: Conspiratorial Theologies and The Orthodox Far-Right,” AAR, San Antonio, TX. (November).

- 2021b “@RadicalTweets: Religio-Political Conversion and the Online Far-Right Orthodox Christian Movement,” AAR, San Antonio, TX. (November).
- 2020a “Reckoning with Alterity and Otherness in Orthodox Theological Anthropology: An Anthropological Intervention,” OTSA, Chicago, IL (*Online due to COVID-19*) (May).
- 2020b “The Queer Case of Father Seraphim Rose: Conversion, Homophobia, and Masculinity in the Russian Orthodox Church,” AAR, Boston, MA (*Online due to COVID-19*). (November).
- 2019a “‘You’re not on your period, right?’ Ethnographic Observations on Russian Orthodox Christian Purity Practices in Appalachia,” Multifaceted Menstruation: NYC Interdisciplinary Workshop, Columbia University and Barnard College, New York. (November).
- 2019b “Palace of Putin: Political Ideologies in Orthodox Appalachia,” AAR, San Diego. (November).
- 2019c “Political Apostasy: Conversion to Russian Orthodoxy in the Trump-Putin Era,” AAR, San Diego. (November).
- 2017 “*Pixelating Holiness* (2017): Digital Orthodoxy in Appalachia,” AAR, Boston. (Nov).
- 2015 “‘They’re Relics to Me’: Vernacular Religion in Ozarkian Orthodox Devotional Practices,” AAR, Atlanta. (November).
- 2014a “Enshrining Gender: The Role of Home Icon Corners in the Configuration of the Female Orthodox Self,” Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge. (Fall)
- 2014b “A Manifested God: Experiencing The Divine Through The Built and Natural Environs of an Iconographic Earth,” Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge. (Fall)
- 2014c “Enshrining Gender: The Role of Home Icon Corners in the Configuration of the Female Orthodox Self,” AAR, San Diego. (November)
- 2013a “Praying Through Windows, Peering through Window: American Icon Corners as Connective Media,” MAAR, Ada, OH. (Spring)
- 2013b “Capturing the Incorruptible: Saintry Bodies as Digital Relics,” AAR, Baltimore. (Nov.)
- 2013c “Commodifying Identities: The Role of E-Commerce in the Configuration of the Orthodox Self,” AAR, Baltimore. (November).
- 2012a “Living Between Heaven and Russia: Evoking and Embodying Spiritual Nostalgia in Ozarkian Eastern Orthodoxy,” MAAR, Rock Island, IL. (Spring)
- 2012b “An (Un)Orthodox View of Ethical Kashrut as Social Justice: Examining the Ideas of Rabbi Shmuly Yanklowitz Through a Maimonidean Lens,” MAAR, Rock Island, IL. (Spring).
- 2012c “Living Between Heaven and Russia: Evoking and Embodying Spiritual Nostalgia in Ozarkian Eastern Orthodoxy,” Religion and the Trans. . .Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. (October)
- 2011 “From Embryo to God’s Acre: Examining the Moravian Choir System through a Turnerian Lens,” Student Anthropology Conference, MSU, Springfield, MO. (Spring)
- 2010 “Public Sinner, Private Saint: The Literary and Journalistic Portrayal of Emma Molloy from 1851-1963,” MAAR, Rock Island, IL. (Spring)
- 2009 “‘Cheerless Asceticism’: How the New York Times Portrayed the Shakers from 1851-1899,” MAAR, River Forest, IL.(Spring).

Invited Talks and Lectures (National)

- 2025 Invited Lecture, “Become Ungovernable:’ Covert Tactics, Racism, and Civilizational Catastrophe,” Religious Studies Colloquium. Middle Tennessee State University. (October)
- 2025 Invited Lecture, Traditionalism, Nationalism, and American Orthodox Discontents, 7th Annual Patterson Conference, Fordham University. (June).
- 2024 Invited Panelist, “Christian Nationalist Traditions,” Boisi Center, Boston College (May)
- 2024 Invited Panelist, “Why is Eastern Orthodoxy Attracting So Many Men?” Religion News Association, Pittsburgh (April 2024)
- 2023 Speaker, “Gender and Orthodoxy,” Paideia Program, University of Pennsylvania (October 2023)
- 2022a Invited Panelist, Journal of Catholic Studies-Author Meets Critics Series (December 2022). College of the Holy Cross. [Zoom]
- 2022b Invited Panelist, “Where do we Go from Here?” A Conversation on the 2022 Midterm Election Results (November 2022). Northeastern University.
- 2022c Speaker, “Uprooting Racism, White Supremacy, and Christian Nationalism,” National Council of Churches. (October 2022). [Zoom]
- 2022d Lecture, “In Soviet America, Russia Converts You! Transnational Traditionalism and American Discontents,” Vanderbilt University. (October 2022) [Zoom]
- 2022e Speaker, “White Christian Nationalism and the Mid-Term Elections” Conference, Yale University (October 2022).
- 2022f Speaker, Roundtable on Religio-Racial Nationalisms in Global Contexts, Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, IUPUI. (June 2022)
- 2022g Speaker, “(Un)Holy War: Russian Radicalism, Ukrainian Resistance, and Reactive Imaginaries Abroad,” Missouri State University (April 2022) [Zoom]
- 2021a Panelist, Panel on Christian Nationalism, National Council of Churches Annual Meeting
- 2021b Speaker, “Futile Fantasies and Fascism: Conspiracy Theories in the Age of Trump.” Religious Studies Department, Arizona State University. [Zoom]
- 2020 Speaker, “Engaged Theology in the Anthropocene,” Krikor and Clara Zohrab Information Center, Armenian Archdiocese (*Online due to COVID-19*) (August)
- 2019a Panelist, “Orthodox Christianity, Sexual Diversity, and the Public Sphere,” British Council Bridging Voices Project at Fordham University, New York. (November).
- 2019b Speaker, “Russia in the Global Culture Wars,” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, & World Affairs, Washington, D.C. (Fall).

Panels Organized

- 2023a **Co-Organizer and Facilitator**, “Global Assemblages: Religion and the Far Right,” Political Theology Network Conference (September 2023), Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023b Convener and panelist, “Theology and the Anthropologies of Orthodox Christianity from the Inside,” European Academy of Religion Conference (June 2023), St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 2022 Co-convener, “Thinking about Religion and the Far Right in Global Perspective,” American Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA. (November 2022).

- 2021 Co-convener, “Orthodox Christianity, Alterity, and Worldmaking,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion (*Online because of COVID-19*) (Spring)
- 2020 Co-convener, “In Conversation: Anthropology and Theology in the Study of Orthodox Christianity,” Fordham University, New York. (*Online because of COVID-19*) (Fall).
- 2014 Co-convener, “(En)gendered Power: The Crafting of Socio-Religious Female Identity in Eastern Orthodox Christianity,” AAR, San Diego. (November).
- 2013 Co-convener, “The Aesthetics of Identity: Material Culture, Race, Ethnicity, and Eastern Orthodox Christianity,” AAR, Baltimore. (November).

Panel Chair/Respondent

- 2025a Discussant, “The Liturgical Politics of Orthodox Christian Societies,” AAA, New Orleans, LA. (November).
- 2025b Chair, “Explorations in Orthodox Christian Tradition from the Caucasus to India, AAR, Boston, MA. (November).
- 2025c Chair, “‘Right’ Perspectives,” AAR, Boston, MA. (November).
- 2025d Chair (and co-organizer), “Religion and Conflict: Case Studies from Ukraine,” AAR Webinar (October)
- 2025e Respondent, “The Future of Nicaea: New Developments from Conciliarism to Hermeneutics, AAR-Virtual. (June)
- 2024 Chair, “Vulnerability, Agency, and Orthodox Christianity, AAR, San Diego, CA. (November).
- 2020 Moderator, “Revival of the Female Diaconate in Eastern Orthodoxy,” Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, New York. (Fall).
- 2019 Chair, “Religion and Politics: Autocephaly for Ukraine in Historical Context,” NSEEEES, New York. (Spring).
- 2016 Chair, “Lived Orthodoxy,” AAR, San Antonio, TX. (November).
- 2014 **Chair and Respondent**, “Contouring the (In)corporeal: Exploring Bodily Rituals and Sensory Manifestations,” MAAR, Ada, OH. (Spring).

Panels/Roundtables (Refereed)

- 2025 Panelist, Roundtable. “Between Liberation and Discord: How Freedom Fractures Expertise and Authority in North American Religious and Spiritual Contexts,” AAR, Boston, MA. (November).
- 2023 Panelist, Roundtable: “For the Glory of God and the Good of the Nation: On the Contradictions of Christian Nationalism,” AAR, San Antonio, TX. (November).
- 2022a Panelist, Authors Meet Critics: “The Flag and the Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy.” AAR, Denver, CO. (November).
- 2022b Panelist, “Unsettling Landscapes of Democracy: Intersections of Fascism and Christian Nationalism, American Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA. (November).
- 2021b Panelist, Roundtable: From Ethics to Politics: Performing Public Anthropology of Religion,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion. (*Online due to COVID-19*) (Spring).
- 2021c Panelist, “American Politics and Conspiracy Theories,” Religious Studies Department, Arizona State University [Zoom] (Spring).

- 2020a Panelist, “Toxic Masculinities and Religion Roundtable,” AAR, Boston, MA (*Online due to COVID-19*). (November)
- 2020b Panelist, “Eastern Orthodoxy and Sexual Diversity Webinar,” Bridging Voice Project, British Council. (June).
- 2020c Panelist, “A Conversation on Racial Reconciliation,” Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America (*Online due to COVID-19*) (June).
- 2017 Panelist, “Pregnant in the Field,” AAR, Boston. (November).
- 2016 Panelist, “From Ground to Glory: Eastern Orthodoxy in Light of the Ontology Debates,” AAR, San Antonio. (November).
- 2013a Panelist, “Nostalgic Memories: Religious Sensory Objects as Reconnection,” MAAR, Ada, OH. (Spring).
- 2013b Panelist, “Crafting Icons, Creating Relics: Vernacular Folk Piety in Ozarkian Orthodoxy,” Graduate Disciplinary Forum at MSU, Springfield, MO. (Spring).

Guest Speaker for Courses

- 2025 RS3030: Mapping Religious Diversity, Middle Tennessee State University
- 2025 RTS 385-01 / PEL 299R-P1: ST “Utopia and Dystopia: Exploring the Roots of Religious Violence,” Salve Regina University
- 2025 REL3103: Religion and US Culture, Mississippi State University
- 2025 CHST 7291: History of Orthodoxy in America, Hellenic College Holy Cross: Greek Orthodox School of Theology
- 2023 Guest interviewee in Kate Shorey’s PHIL 1000, Northeastern University
- 2022 “Between Heaven and Russia: Author Q and A,” Intro to Sociology (Honors), University of Missouri
- 2022 “Between Heaven and Russia: Author Q and A,” ANTH185: Cultural Diversity in the United States, Miami University. [Zoom]
- 2021 “Russian Soft Power and the U.S. Far Right.” Graduate Seminar in International Relations, George Mason University. [Zoom]
- 2021 “Why American Studies Should Care about Right-Wing Orthodoxy,” Graduate Seminar in American Religion and Life, IUPUI. [Zoom]
- 2013 “The History of Eastern Orthodoxy in North America” MSU, Springfield, MO.
- 2012a “Sensing the Sacred: Veneration and Piety in Eastern Orthodoxy” in REL 210: Paths of World Religions, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- 2012b “Experiencing the Material: Understanding the Role of Iconography in Eastern Orthodoxy” REL 210: Paths of World Religions, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- 2012c “Eastern Orthodoxy: A Historical Overview,” in REL 210: Paths of World Religions, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- 2012d “Invited Lecture, “Eastern Christianity: Towards a Material History,” in REL 210: Paths of World Religions, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- 2012e “Eastern Christianity: Histories and Traditions,” in REL 100: Introduction to Religion, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- 2012f “American Orthodoxy in the 21st Century,” in REL 131: Religion in America, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

- 2012g “Eastern Orthodoxy: A Historical Overview,” in REL 210: Paths of World Religions, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- 2012h “St. John of Damascus and Byzantine Christianity,” in REL 340: Christianity, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
- 2010 “Snippets of Eroticism: Examining the Lived Religious Lives of Eighteenth-Century Moravians,” in ENG 780 Graduate Seminar: Intellectual Backgrounds of Literature in English, Utopian Visions, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.

THEATER ANALYSIS

- 2022 Panelist, Heroes of the Fourth Turning, Speakeasy Stage, Boston, MA.

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- 2024 American Civil Religion and Christian Nationalism: Connections and Disjunctions, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College
- 2024 **Organizer**, Researching Radicalism: A Workshop in Theories and Methods, Ethics Institute, Northeastern University
- 2021 European Association of Social Anthropologists, “Anthropology of Fascisms,” Online Workshop
- 2016-2019 New York Working Group on Jewish Orthodoxies, Fordham University in conjunction with NYU and the American Academy of Jewish Research
- 2013 Yale University, Research Affiliate, Initiative for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion (MAVCOR)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

External (funded)

- 2025 Grantee, Grant for Researcher, Louisville Institute (\$55,000)
- 2025 Grantee, Individual Research Grant, American Academy of Religion (\$3,800)
- 2024-2026 Fellow, Young Scholars in American Religion, Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University (travel + \$1,200)
- 2024 Fellow, “Religion, Nationalism, and Internationalism,” Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs: CURA, Boston University (\$1000.00)
- 2023 Fellow, “Religion and Empire Colloquium,” Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs: CURA, Boston University (\$1000.00)
- 2023 Fellow, Summer Institute, Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL), American University (travel funded)
- 2023 Fellow, American Examples Working Group, Luce Foundation and the University of Alabama (travel funded)

2022-2023 Faculty Fellow, “Recovering Truth: Religion, Journalism, and Democracy in the Post-Truth Era, Arizona State University (\$3000.00)

2021-2023 Senior Fellow, Orthodoxy and Human Rights Group, funded by the Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion and International Affairs and Project 100, Fordham University (\$10,000.00)

2020-2022 SSRC Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Fellowship (\$13,436.00)

2019-2020 Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship in Religion and Ethics (\$25,000)

2019-2020 National Endowment for the Humanities-Orthodox Christian Studies Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000—accepted \$12,500)

2018-2019 Louisville Institute-North American Christianity Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)

2014 Fulbright/University of St. Andrews Four-Year Doctoral Fellowship (*one offered every four years*) (*declined*)

2014 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, *honorable mention*

2012 American Academy of Religion Marion McFarland Taylor Award for Best Research Paper

2007-2008 AmeriCorps Education Award

Internal (funded)

2024 Grant Ideas Lab Grant, “Global Orthodoxy and International Politics @ Northeastern,” Center for International Affairs and Global Cultures (\$1,500)

2023 Northeastern University, Humanities Center, World-Building/World-Making Fellow (w/ course release for Spring 2024)

2023 Northeastern University, Humanities Center, Program Funding Grant for Researching Radicalism Workshop (\$2000)

2023 Northeastern University, ADVANCE Office of Faculty Development, Mutual Mentoring Advancement Program (M2AP) grant (\$3,000)

2019 NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, Summer Fieldwork Fellowship (\$3,000)

2019 NYU Outstanding Teaching Award

2017 NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, Research Fellowship (\$10,000)

2017 NYU Annette Weiner Fieldwork Grant (\$2,400)

2016 NYU Patricia Dunn Lehrman Fellowship for American Art (\$3,000)

2016 NYU Dean’s Student Travel Grant, GSAS (\$1,000)

2015 NYU Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, Summer Pre-fieldwork Grant (\$2,000)

2015 NYU Dean’s Student Travel Grant, GSAS (\$1,000)

2014-2017 NYU Dean’s Fellowship (*three-year summer fellowship*)

2014-2019 NYU Five-Year Opportunity Fellowship Program

2014-2019 NYU Five-Year MacCracken Fellowship (*full tuition plus stipend*)

2014 MSU Religious Studies Department Student Enhancement Grant

2013 MSU College of Humanities and Public Affairs Travel Grant

2013 MSU Graduate College Travel Grant

2012	MSU Graduate College Thesis Grant
2012	MSU Graduate College Travel Grant
2012	MSU Religious Studies Department Student Enhancement Grant
2011-2013	MSU Graduate Assistantship and Full Tuition Grant, (<i>One of three chosen competitively</i>)
2011	MSU Religious Studies Memorial Award for Academic Excellence
2010-2011	MSU Honors College Scholarship
2010	MSU Honors College Department Honors Thesis Grant
2008-2011	MSU James P. Robinson Ecumenical Scholarship (<i>renewed yearly</i>)
2006-2007	MSU Midwest Campus Compact Citizen-Scholar (M3C) Fellows Program

Non-Funded Grant and Fellowship Applications (external)

2024	ACLS Fellowship (\$60,000)
2024	AAUW American Fellowship (\$50,000)
2024	DocX Development Lab, Duke University (\$10,000)
2023	NEH-Dangers and Opportunity of Technologies (\$75,000)
2022	Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers (\$26,430)
2016	National Science Foundation (\$19,998)
2016	Wenner-Gren Fieldwork Fellowship (\$19, 681)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses

Fall 2025	NU PHIL/WMNS 1104 (cross-listed) Women and Religion
Fall 2025	NU PHIL 2390 Cults and Sects
Fall 2025	NU ANTH 4992 Directed Study (Undergraduate)
Spring 2025	NU PHIL 1100 Introduction to Religious Studies
Spring 2025	NU PHIL 2390 Cults and Sects
Spring 2025	NU SOCL7967 Directed Study (Graduate)
Fall 2024	NU PHIL 4309 Seminar in Religion: Bodies and Embodiment
Fall 2024	NU ANTH 4992 Directed Study (Undergraduate)
Spring 2024	NU ANTH 4200 Anthropology of Rural America
Fall 2023	NU PHIL 2390 Cults and Sects
Spring 2023	NU PHIL 2390 Cults and Sects
Spring 2023	NU ANTH 3418 Wired/Unwired: Cybercultures and Technopolitics
Fall 2022	NU PHIL 1110 Introduction to Religious Studies
Summer 2020	NYU Instructor of Record, Culture, Power, and Society
Spring 2020	NYU Adjunct Instructor, Culture, Power, and Society
Summer 2019	Cornell University Teaching Assistant, Practicing Medicine-Summer Urban Program
Spring 2019	NYU Adjunct Instructor, Context and Cultures: Caribbean
Fall 2018	NYU Adjunct Instructor Culture, Power, Society
Summer 2017	NYU Doctoral Mentor for DURl-Diversity Undergraduate Research Incubator

Spring 2017	NYU Adjunct Instructor Context and Cultures: Global Christianity
Fall 2016	NYU Course Assistant, Culture and Media I
Spring 2016	NYU Adjunct Instructor, Human Society and Culture
2011-2013	MSU Graduate Assistant, Literature and World of the Hebrew Bible

Faculty Sponsorship, Committees, and Mentoring

2025 Dissertation Committee (external reader), Hannah Howard, Department of Anthropology, Boston University

2024- Doctoral Committee, Member, Kamryn Trapane, Sociology, CSSH

2024- Field Statement Committee Member, Virginia Martinez, Sociology, CSSH

2024- Field Statement Committee Member, Titilayo Odedele, Sociology, CSSH

2023 Faculty Sponsor, Aubrey Nash (CAMD), Undergraduate Research Initiative proposal for “Trad-Wives: Retro-Radicalism,” CSSH

2023 Recommender, Charles Zhang (CSSH), Rhodes Jurisdictional Scholarship finalist

2023- Doctoral Committee Member, Miranda Dotson, Sociology, CSSH

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Service to the Institution

a. Department Service

2025 Panelist, WREN (Women's Research Engagement Network at Northeastern University) Career Panel

2024 Speaker, Religion and Culture at the Ballot Box, Department of Political Science; Department of Philosophy and Religion; Center for Spirituality, Dialogue and Service; Dukakis Center; NUVotes

2023 Member, Merit Committee (2023-2025)

2023 Faculty Presenter, “Verified: Internet Science, Vernacular Biometrics, and Religious Orthodoxies,” Sociology and Anthropology Department

2023 Faculty Interviewee in Katy Shorey’s PHIL1000 class

2022 Panelist, “Where do we Go from Here?” A Conversation on the 2022 Midterm Election Results (November 2022). Sponsored by: The School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs; The Department of Philosophy and Religion; The Department of Political Science.

b. College Service

2024- College Council, CSSH

2024 Reviewer, Graduate Admissions, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
2023 Reviewer, Graduate Admissions, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Service to the Discipline/Profession

Journals

Co-editor, Christianity section, *Religion Compass* (Routledge) 2023-2026

Manuscript Reviewer: *Approaching Religion*, *Fieldwork in Religion*, *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Research*, *Ethnos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*, *Journal for the Anthropology of North America*, *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *LOGOS*, *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art and Belief*, *Political Theology*, *Religion and Gender*, *Religion, State, and Society*, *Religions*, *Secularism Studies*, *Studies in Eastern European Thought*

Associate Editor, *LOGOS*, 2011-2013

Journal proofreader, *State, Religion and Church in Russia and Worldwide* (English version), Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, 2013

Presses

Manuscript Reviewer-Books: Fordham University Press, New York University Press, Routledge Press, Scottish University Presses, University of Notre Dame Press

Penned Book Endorsements for R. Saler's *"Death to the World" and Apocalyptic Theological Aesthetics*, Bloomsbury 2024; A. Purpura's *Women in the Orthodox Tradition*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2024.

Grants

Reviewer- European Research Council, 2024

Reviewer- Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), 2022

Reports

Advisory Board Member, Religion and Media Project, Aspen Institute. 2025

Advisor, Peacemakers Toolkit, PERIL, American University, 2023

Awards

Clifford Geertz Book Award Committee Member, SAR, 2025

NEH-Orthodox Studies Faculty Research Award Adjudicator, 2023

NEH-Orthodox Studies Dissertation Award Adjudicator, 2022

Committee and Leadership Work

2025	Executive Board , Society for the Anthropology of Religion
2024-2029	Steering committee member, Religion and Disability Studies, AAR
2023-2028	Steering committee member, Religion and Politics, AAR
2025-	Co-Chair , Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, AAR
2023-2024	Steering committee member, Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, AAR
2018-	<i>New Directions in the Anthropology of Christianity</i> (formerly <i>AnthroCyBib</i>), Co-Editor
2018-2020	<i>Anthropology Now</i> , Digital Media Content Curator
2017-2020	<i>American Ethnological Society</i> , Digital Editorial Intern
2015	NYU Student Member of the Hiring Committee, Department of Anthropology and Religious Studies
2012-2014	AAR Board member , National Graduate Student Council and Student Regional Director
2011-2012	MSU President, Graduate Student Council
2011-2012	MSU Participant, Graduate and Teaching Assistant Mentoring Seminar, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning
2011-2012	MSU President, Theta Alpha Kappa
April 2011	MSU Reviewer, General Education Task Force
2010-2013	MSU Student Liaison Officer, Religious Studies Club and The Equity and Diversity Committee

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2025	Consultant, Working Group on AI and Theology, Greek Archdiocese of America
2025	Lecture, <i>The Orthodox Feminist</i> . Book Talk on <i>Between Heaven and Russia</i> (July).
2025	Workshop Leader, "Disability Rights and Advocacy," Gathered as One Body Conference, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, Weston, MA.
2024	Grant Writer, On Behalf of All - A Nurturing Children Through Worship and Prayer Initiative (Grantee: Greek Archdiocese of America), Lilly Endowment, Funded: 1,250,000 (5-year grant)
2024	Speaker, Event on Combating White Christian Nationalism, Reservoir Church, Cambridge, MA
2024	Panelist, Event on Dealing with Christian Nationalism, Interfaith Alliance of NYC

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Languages

Russian (Advanced proficiency-reading; Intermediate proficiency-speaking)
Church Slavonic (Intermediate proficiency-reading)

German (Intermediate proficiency-reading)
Biblical Hebrew (Intermediate proficiency-reading)
Attic Greek (Intermediate proficiency-reading)

Guild Memberships

American Academy of Religion
American Anthropological Association
Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for the Anthropology of Religion
Society for Visual Anthropology