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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2010- Asbury University
- Courses taught: “U.S. History I, to 1877”; “U.S. History II, 1877 to Present”; “Western Civilization I”; “Western Civilization II”; “The Study of History: Methods and Historiography”; “War in the American Memory”; “The U.S. in the 1960s”; “Non-Western Cultures”; “Liberal Arts Seminar”
- 2008-2010 University of Notre Dame
- Edwin Sorin Postdoctoral Fellowship
 - Research mentor: Mark Noll
 - Courses taught: “U.S. History I, to 1877”; “U.S. History II, 1877 to Present”; “The U.S. in the 1960s”; “American Religious History”

EDUCATION

- 2002- 2008 University of Notre Dame
- M.A. (2005); Ph.D. (2008) in American history
 - Dissertation: “Left Behind: The Evangelical Left and the Limits of Evangelical Politics, 1965-1985”; Advisor: George Marsden
 - Exam fields: 19th and 20th Century America (John McGreevy); 20th Century Political (Thomas Blantz); American Religious (George Marsden); World Religions and Violence (R. Scott Appleby)
- 1996-1999 Wheaton College (Ill.)
- B.A. in history (1999)
 - Editor-in-Chief, *Wheaton Record*: Oversaw editorial and business operations at a college newspaper with a circulation of over 3,000

BOOKS

To Live and Die in Dixie: A Kentucky Town Wrestles with Memory, Identity, and Its Confederate Statue (anticipated 2024)

Red-Light Rescue: American Evangelical Antitraffickers in Southeast Asia (anticipated 2022)

Facing West: American Evangelicals in an Age of World Christianity (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020)

Moral Minority: The Evangelical Left in an Age of Conservatism (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012, 2014)

- Reviewed in the *New York Times*, *Journal of American History*, *Huffington Post*, *Journal of Church & State*, *Books & Culture*, *Christianity Today*, *Christian Century*, and others
- Runner-up for the Frank and Elizabeth Brewer Prize, American Society of Church History (2012)

BOOK CHAPTERS AND SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

- “Free Souls, Free People, Free Enterprise: Business and the Cold War in American Evangelicalism,” in *The Business of War: Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Military-Industrial Complex* (forthcoming in 2020 with Cascade Books).
- “Rescue Sells: Narrating Human Trafficking to Evangelical Populists,” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* (September 2019)
- “Global Encounters and the Evangelical Left,” in *The Religious Left in Modern America: Doorkeepers of a Radical Faith* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).
- “Christ of the American Road: E. Stanley Jones, India, and Civil Rights,” *Journal of American Studies* 51, No. 4 (November 2017): 1117-1138.
- “Anabaptists, Evangelicals, and the Search for a Third Way in Post-War America,” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 37, No. 2 (August 2014): 161-180.
- “The Evangelical Left,” 442-67, in Kurt W. Peterson, Thomas S. Kidd and Darren Dochuk, eds., *American Evangelicalism: George Marsden and the Shape of American Religious History* (Notre Dame, Ind.: University of Notre Dame Press, 2014).
- “Global Reflex: International Evangelicals, Human Rights, and the New Shape of American Social Engagement,” 221-41, in Brian Steensland and Philip Goff, eds., *The New Evangelical Social Engagement* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).
- “The Evangelical Left and the Move from Personal to Corporate Responsibility,” 264-88, in Axel Schaffer, ed., *American Evangelicalism and the 1960s* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2013).
- “Embodying the Global Soul: Internationalism and the American Evangelical Left,” *Religions* 3, No. 4 (September 2012): 887-901.
- “Evangelicalism Re-Baptized: Anabaptists and the Evangelical Left,” 262-291, in Jared Burkholder and David Cramer, eds., *The Activist Impulse: Exploring the Intersection of Anabaptism and Evangelicalism* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2012).
- “What the Evangelical Left Can Tell Us about the Future of Social Conservatism,” *Society* 49, No. 1 (January-February 2012): 54-60.

“Identity Politics and the Fragmenting of the 1970s Evangelical Left,” *Religion and American Culture* 21, No. 1 (Winter 2011): 81-120.

“A Third Way: The Politics of Spiritual Community in Evangelicalism,” *Communal Societies* 30, No. 1 (Spring 2010).

“The New Left and Evangelical Radicalism,” *Journal for the Study of Radicalism* 3, No. 2 (Fall 2009), 51-79.

“Woman, Thou Art Almost Loosed!: The Rise of Women Ministers in the Nineteenth-Century Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 41, No. 2 (Fall 2006): 112-141.

“Mista Midnights’: Mennonites and Race in Mississippi,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 78, No. 4 (October 2004): 469-502.

PRESENTATIONS

“American Evangelicals in an Age of Global Christianity: A Conversation with Historian David R. Swartz,” Virtual event with Dan Hummel at Upper House, Madison, Wisconsin (July 17, 2020)

“Citizenship and Belonging in Historical Perspective,” Keynote address at the Symposium for History Undergraduate Research, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss. (April 17, 2020) —canceled due to COVID 19—

“Defining American Religion in a Global Age,” Roundtable discussion, Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C. (April 2, 2020) —canceled due to COVID 19—

“Author Meets Critics: God’s Internationalists: World Vision and the Age of Evangelical Humanitarianism,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, Mo. (October 25, 2019)

“The Forgotten Founder: Toward a Global History of World Vision,” Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. (October 10, 2019)

“Rescue Sells: Narrating Human Trafficking to Evangelical Populists,” invited talk at Henry Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. (April 26, 2019)

“Red-Light Rescue: The American Evangelical Campaign against Trafficking in Southeast Asia,” Obama Center, University of Mainz, Germany (October 13, 2018)

“Historical Thinking and Evangelical Institutions,” panel respondent at Conference on Faith and History, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. (October 5, 2018)

- “The Forgotten Founder: Toward a Global History of World Vision,” Asbury Theological Seminary (September 12, 2018)
- “De-Americanizing World Vision: How Internationalization Reshaped Mission in the 1970s,” Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee (June 6, 2018)
- “The Quiet Revival: Boston and Non-Western Immigration,” Asbury University (January 26, 2018)
- “Go to the Peasant People’: World Vision, Jimmy Yen, and Transnational Exchange,” conference on “Currents, Perspectives, and Methodologies in World Christianity,” Princeton Theological Seminary (January 19, 2018)
- “Global Encounters: The Evangelical Left and the Limits of Ecumenism,” invited workshop on “Ecumenical Protestantism and Post-Protestant Secularism” at the University of California, Berkeley, Cal. (October 13, 2017)
- “Christ of the Asbury Road: E. Stanley Jones and Civil Rights,” Asbury Theological Seminary (September 27, 2017)
- “Red-Light Rescue: The Evangelical Antitrafficking Movement in Thailand,” GEO Talk, Asbury University (September 13, 2017)
- “Miracle in Almolonga: Supernaturalism and the Re-Enchantment of the West,” Organization of American Historians, New Orleans, La. (April 9, 2017)
- “Trends in the Evangelical Antitrafficking Movement in Thailand,” United Nations Development Programme, Bangkok, Thailand (February 27, 2017)
- C. Peter Wagner, Global Encounters, and the Re-Enchantment of the West,” Conference on Faith and History, Virginia Beach, Va. (October 21, 2016)
- “Visions of Transformation: Evangelical Community Development in Guatemala and the Philippines,” Asbury Theological Seminary (April 27, 2016)
- “Evangelical Mission and the Path of Civil Rights Nonviolence from Gandhi to King,” Organization of American Historians, Providence, Rhode Island (April 7, 2016)
- “Bob Pierce, Pastor Han, and the Origins of World Vision,” Goshen College (March 16, 2016)
- “Jimmy Yen, World Vision, and Evangelical Transnationalism,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, California (October 23, 2015)
- “Sat Tal Ashram and the Transnational Civil Rights Movement,” Communal Studies Association, Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky (October 2, 2015)

- “Christ of the American Road: E. Stanley Jones, India, and Civil Rights,” Roosevelt Study Center, Middelburg, Netherlands (July 13, 2015)
- “The Untold Korea Story: Pastor Han and the Origins of World Vision,” Spring Arbor University (April 29, 2015)
- “Moral Minorities in Christian America, 1850-1970,” Panel respondent at Conference on Faith and History, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California (September 27, 2014)
- “E. Stanley Jones and the Power of Cross-Cultural Exchange,” Kangnam University, Seoul, South Korea (May 16, 2014)
- “Cold War and Caste: E. Stanley Jones and the American Civil Rights Movement,” Centre for Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies, University of Southampton, United Kingdom (April 24, 2014)
- “E. Stanley Jones, Civil Rights, and the Global Reflex,” Organization of American Historians, Atlanta, Georgia (April 10, 2014)
- “Anabaptists, Evangelicals, and the Search for a Third Way in Postwar America,” Schrag Lecture, Messiah College (March 6, 2014)
- Respondent for “The Evangelical Left: Retrospect and Prospect: A Review Session of *Moral Minority: The Evangelical Left in an Age of Conservatism* by David Swartz,” Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore, Md. (November 20, 2013)
- “The Evangelical Left: Oxymoron or Opportunity?” David L. Franz Annual Lecture, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts (October 3, 2013)
- “Evangelicals for Social Action’s Legacy as a Moral Minority,” Follow.Jesus.2013 Conference, Eastern University (July 13, 2013)
- “Left Behind: Why the Evangelical Left Fizzled” and “Moral Minority: The Continuing Promise of the Evangelical Left,” Willson-Gross Lectures, Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky (April 10-11, 2013)
- “People of Peace in a Violent World,” Mennonite Conference, Goshen, Indiana (August 3, 2012)
- “Global Reflex: International Evangelicals, Human Rights, and the New Shape of American Social Engagement,” Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (May 18, 2012)
- “More with Less: What a Cookbook Can Tell Us about Religious Culture in the 1970s,” Asbury University (March 8, 2012)
- “What the History of the Evangelical Left Can Tell Us about the Future of Social Conservatism,” Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, Cal. (May 20, 2011)

“The Evangelical Left and the Move from Personal to Corporate Responsibility,” Colloquium on “New Perspectives on American Evangelicalism in the 1960s: Revisiting the “Backlash,” Keele University, Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom (April 16-19, 2011)

“The Third Way: The Politics of Spiritual Community in the Evangelical Left,” Communal Studies Association National Conference, Aurora, Oregon (October 2009)

“The Chicago Declaration, the Evangelical Left, and the Limits of Evangelical Politics,” American Studies Association National Conference, Religion Caucus, Albuquerque, New Mexico (October 2008)

Response to Theron Schlabach, “Mennonites, Amish, and Related Groups in North America,” Mennonite Historical Library Centennial Conference, Goshen, Ind. (May 2006)

BOOK REVIEWS AND POPULAR WRITING

Anxious Bench blog, hosted by Patheos:

www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/author/dswartz/ (2013 -)

Moral Minority blog: www.moralminoritybook.com (2012 -)

“World Vision’s Forgotten Founder,” *Christianity Today* (April 2020)

“Look Outside America for New Insight on American Evangelicals,” Interview with Melanie McAlister, *Christianity Today* (September 2018)

“Revisiting Jimmy Carter’s Truth-Telling Sermon to Americans,” *The Conversation* (July 13, 2018)

Review of John Sharp, *My Calling to Fulfill: The Orie O. Miller Story* in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* (2016)

Review of Randall Balmer, *Redeemer: The Life of Jimmy Carter* in *The American Historical Review* (2015)

Review of Molly Worthen, *Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism* in *Marginalia* (2015)

Response to Seth Perry’s “The Bible in America, America in the Bible,” Religion and Culture Web Forum, University of Chicago Divinity School (July-August 2014)

Review of Sean Michael Winters, *God’s Right Hand: How Jerry Falwell Made God a Republican and Baptized the American Right*, in *Journal of Southern Religion*, Volume 14 (2012)

Guest posts at “Immanent Frame,” “History News Network,” “Religion in American History,” and “The Hermeneutic Circle” blogs; MSNBC television appearance; and podcasts related to *Moral Minority* publicity (Fall 2012)

Newspaper interviews with *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Lexington Herald-Leader*, Religious News Service, and others

“Mark O. Hatfield and the Politics of an Earlier Era,” *Religion Dispatches* website (August 11, 2011)

Review of Ron Sider, *I Am Not a Social Activist*, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* (January 2010)

Review essay entitled “A New Day Dawning?” of Peter Heltzel, *Jesus and Justice: Evangelicals, Race, and American Politics*, in *Books & Culture* 15, No. 5 (September-October 2009), 28-30

Review essay entitled “Leveling the Playing Field” of Amy Sullivan, *The Party Faithful: How and Why Democrats Are Closing the God Gap*, in *Books & Culture* online (October 2008)

“Future Directions in North American Scholarship” in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 81, No. 1 (January 2007): 69-75

Review of Walter Sawatsky, *History and Ideology in Conrad Grebel Review* 25, No. 2 (Spring 2007): 91-93

AWARDS

Scholarly Research Fellowship, Filson Historical Society, “To Live and Die in Dixie: Civil War Memory in Jessamine County, Kentucky,” 2020 (\$500 award)

Project Launch Grant, Global Religion Research Initiative, funded by Templeton Religion Trust and administered by the University of Notre Dame, “Red-Light Rescue: Transnationalism and the Evangelical Campaign against Trafficking in Southeast Asia,” 2018 (\$9,800 award)

Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, “Evangelical Transnationalism and the Campaign for Human Rights in Chiang Mai, Thailand,” 2016 (\$4,000 award)

Frances White Ewbank Excellence in Teaching Award, Asbury University, 2015 (\$1,000 award)

Runner-up for the Frank and Elizabeth Brewer Prize, American Society of Church History, 2012

Lilly Postdoctoral Fellowship at Valparaiso University, 2010 (declined)

John Highbarger Memorial Dissertation Award, University of Notre Dame, 2008-9 (\$250 award)

Donald Durnbaugh Starting Scholar Award, Communal Studies Association, 2009

Best graduate student paper, Center for Communal Studies, University of Southern Indiana, 2009 (\$500 award)

SERVICE

To the University: Lilly Fellows Program faculty representative (2018-); Liberal Arts Committee (2015-); Second-year mentor (2017-18); Chair of a SACS accreditation subcommittee (Transparency and Institutional Representation) (2017-18); Faculty Development Committee (2011-14, 2016-); Intercultural Research Assessment and Development Committee (2016-17); Diversity Theological Statement Committee (2016-17); Fulbright Fellowship Campus Committee (2016, 2019); Teacher Education Committee (2012-15); Wesleyan Heritage Conference Planning Committee (2012, 2014)

To the profession: Manuscript reviewer for *Anabaptist Witness*; Dissertation examiner for Andrew McFarland, Asbury Theological Seminary; Panelist for American Studies competition, National Endowment for the Humanities (2018); Manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press (2012, 2015); University of Pennsylvania Press (2016); *Religions* (2014-15); *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* (2014); *Religion and American Culture* (2013); Judge for the Undergraduate Paper Competition for the Center for Communal Studies at the University of Southern Indiana (2010-); Student Research Awards Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2016-) (chair from 2017-); Communal Studies Association Book Prize Committee (2015)

To the community: Founder of Plowshares Peace Talks, a student and Central Kentucky-area organization interested in issues of peace and reconciliation (2011-); board member of Mennonite Central Committee-Great Lakes region (2018-)