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Education:

- Ph. D., University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology, Religious and Theological Studies, concentration: Theology, Philosophy and Cultural Theory, June 2009
 - Dissertation: "A Vocation As Politics: Work and Popular Theology in a Consumer Culture"
- M. Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2000
- B.A., Baylor University, in Biology/Chemistry, December 1993

Employment:

- Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- Director, Center for Religious Diversity and Public Life, UCCS

Publications:

Books

- *Religion and Sports in American Culture*, with Raphael Sassower. New York: Routledge, 2013.
- *Vocation and the Politics of Work: Popular Theology in a Consumer Culture*. Lanham, MD: Lexington, 2013.

Refereed Articles

- "The Sport Stadium As Sacred Space," in *Companion Volume to Religion and Popular Culture*, eds. Eric Mazur and John Lyden, (New York: Routledge, 2015).
- "Science and Religion from a Postsecular Perspective," with Raphael Sassower, *Journal of Religion and Society*, winter, 2014.
- "Sports in Postsecular America: The 'Tebow Phenomenon'," in *Implicit Religion*, vol. 17.1, March, 2014.
- "Corporate Branding and Religion," in *Understanding Religion and Popular Culture*, eds. Terry Clark and Dan Clanton, New York: Routledge, 2012.
- "Vocation," *Religion Compass*, Volume 4, Issue 4, pp. 211–220, April 2010.
- "Heroic Self-Sacrifice in the Works of George Gilder," *The Image of the Hero*, eds. Will Wright and Steven Kaplan, Pueblo, CO: The Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, 2010.
- "Sacrifice of the Bartman Ball and Ambiguity in an American Ritual," *Journal of Religion and Society*, vol. 7, 2005.
- "Professional Baseball and Fan Disillusionment: A Religious Ritual Analysis," *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, vol. VI, summer 2004.

Book Reviews

- Sport and the Christian Religion: A Systematic Review of Literature, Nick J. Watson and Andrew Parker, *Sport in Society*, winter 2014.
- *The Problem of Grace*, Vincent Lloyd, *Journal of Critical Theory and Religion*, Winter 2013.
- *Consuming Faith*, Tom Beaudoin, *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, vol. X, summer 2005.

Non-refereed Publications

- "LeBron James, Prodigal Son?," Religion in American History blog, July 17, 2014, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2014/07/lebron-james-prodigal-son.html>
- "A Super(natural) Bowl?," Religion in American History blog, January 27, 2014, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2014/01/a-supernatural-bowl.html>
- "Reza Aslan's Viral Fox News Interview Reveals More Than Just Christian Privilege," Religion Dispatches, July 31, 2013, http://www.religiondispatches.org/books/culture/7220/reza_aslan_s_viral_fox_news_interview_reveals_more_than_just_christian_privilege
- "Neither the Joker nor Godlessness Drove Batman Shooting," Religion Dispatches, July 26, 2012, http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/culture/6222/neither_the_joker_nor_godlessness_drove_batman_shooting
- "Baseball, Heartbreak, and the Absurd," Religion in American History blog, November 11, 2011, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2011/11/baseball-heartbreak-and-absurd.html>
- "Facts, Fundamentals and Foreign Policy," Religion in American History blog, January 29, 2009, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2009/01/facts-fundamentals-and-foreign-policy.html>
- "Palin and Evangelical Politics," Religion in American History blog, September 2, 2008, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2008/09/palin-and-evangelical-politics.html>

Forthcoming

Book Chapters/Articles

- "The Children Are Our Future: The NFL, Corporate Social Responsibility, and the Production of 'Avid Fans,'" with Jeff Montez de Oca and Brandon Meyer, *Child's Play: Sport in Kids' Worlds*, (Rutgers University Press, 2015).
- "Reaching the Kids: The NFL's Online Marketing to Youth," with Jeff Montez de Oca and Brandon Meyer, special issue, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, 2015.
- "The Band, Materiality and That Old Time Religion," in *Rags and Bones: A Multidisciplinary Exploration of The Band*, to be published in 2015.

Academic Presentations:

- "Charity and the Hero-As-Giver," at Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO; March 2014.

- "Charity, Technology and Capitalism," at the Humanities and Technology Conference, Miami, FL; November 2013.
- "Makers vs. Takers: Political Discourse and the Theology of Charity," at the American Society for Aesthetics, Santa Fe, NM; July 2013.
- "Charity and an Ethos of Revenge: Hyperbole in American Christo-Capitalist Rhetoric," with Josh Ritter at the Rocky Mountain Communication Association, Loveland, CO; April 2013.
- "Politics in a Post-secular Age," with Raphael Sassower at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference, Washington D.C.; March 2013.
- "Seeing Sports and Religion through a Post-secular Lens," at the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference, Washington D.C.; March 2013.
- "Relating Sports and Religion in a Post-secular World," American Academy of Religion, Chicago; November 2012.
- "Sports and Religious Images in American Culture," at the American Society for Aesthetics, Santa Fe, NM; July 2012.
- "Heroic Self-Sacrifice in the Works of George Gilder," at Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, Colorado Springs, CO; March 2010.
- "Rick Warren, Political Reconciliation and Spiritual Entrepreneurship," American Academy of Religion, Chicago; November 2008.
- "Sacrifice of the Bartman Ball and Ambiguity in an American Ritual," at North American Sociology of Sport Conference, Tucson, AZ; November 2004.
- "Professional Baseball and Fan Disillusionment: A Religious Ritual Analysis," at Rocky Mountain Regional AAR, Boulder, CO; April 2003.

Teaching Experience:

- **University of Colorado, Colorado Springs [2007-present]**
 - Introduction to Religion
 - World Religions
 - Religion in a Consumer Culture (self-designed)
 - Religion and the Spirit of Capitalism (self-designed)
 - Christian Thought (self-designed)
 - Internship in Philosophy
 - Religion and Politics in America (Humanities)
 - Religion and Popular Culture (Humanities)
 - Philosophy of Religion
 - New Testament in its Social Context
 - Gender and Race in Biblical Literature
 - Philosophical Filmmakers (Humanities)
 - Philosophy and Film Through the Senses (Humanities)
 - Introduction to Philosophy
 - Critical Thinking (both lecture and online)
- **Iiff School of Theology [2007]**
 - Theology and Consumer Culture (self-designed)

- **University of Denver [2005]**
 - Ethics
- **Front Range Community College [2004]**
 - Logic
- **Red Rocks Community College [2003]**
 - Environmental Ethics
- **Illiff School of Theology [2002-2003], TA**
 - Theological Imagination and Construction

Honors and Awards:

- Campus-wide (UCCS) Faculty Award for Outstanding Contribution to Diversity and Inclusiveness, 2014
- Accepted to participate in the *President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge* through the White House, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- \$3000.00 grant received from the University of Colorado President's Fund for the Humanities for the Center for Religious Diversity and Public Life; 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013.
- Solo Flight Teaching Fellowship, Iliff School of Theology, 2007-2008
- Gerald L. and Florence M. Schlessman Doctoral Fellowship, Iliff School of Theology, 2001-2004
- Religion and Society Masters Thesis Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2000

Service

- Director, Center for Religious Diversity and Public Life, UCCS (2010-present)
 - Annual public lectures (~10)
 - Weekly lunches with students (2011-present)
 - Outreach to young professionals (bi-monthly meetings, 2013-present)
 - Annual fundraising (30,000 to date)
 - Organizer, Faculty Religious Sensitivity Luncheon/Workshop (February 2014)
- LAS Online Fee committee, UCCS (2013-present)
- PRIDE committee, UCCS (2013-present)
- Member, board of directors, Greenberg Center for Learning and Tolerance (2012-present)
- MLK Jr. Breakfast Planning Committee (2013-present)
- Reviewer, SAGE online publication (2013)
- Reviewer, *Humanity and Technology Review* (2013-present)
- Consultant, Odell Education (2012-present)
- Consultant, College Board (2006-present)