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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D., Religious Studies
 Boston University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

2003 STM, Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics
 Boston University School of Theology

2001 MA, Theology
 Bangor Theological Seminary

1999 BA, Psychology
 University of Maine

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024-present Senior Lecturer and Chair of Philosophy, University of Maine

2019-present Coordinator of Religious and Judaic Studies, University of Maine

2018-2024 Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Maine

2015-2018 Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Maine

2012-2017 Part-Time Lecturer of Philosophy, University of Southern Maine

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maine (2015-present)
Contemporary Moral Problems (12 times from Fall 2015 to Fall 2023)
Introduction to Philosophy (8 times from Spring 2016 to Fall 2023)
Methods of Reasoning (12 times from Fall 2016 to Fall 2023)

Existentialism and Literature (2 sections in Fall 2018)
Introduction to Religious Studies (9 times from Spring 2016 to Fall 2023)
Ethics (11 times from Fall 2016 to Fall 2023)
Buddhist Philosophy (Spring 2021 and Spring 2023)
The Abrahamic Religions: Faith and Reason in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (Spring 2019 and Spring 2020)
Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy (Spring 2020 and Spring 2024)
History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2022)
Responsible Conduct of Research (10 times from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023)

University of Southern Maine (2012-2017)

Introduction to Philosophy: Why do Philosophy? (Fall 2014)
Introduction to Philosophy: World Philosophy (14 times from Fall 2012 to Fall 2015)
Philosophy of Religion (9 times from Summer 2013 to Spring 2017)
Humanity's Spiritual Heritage (Summer 2015)
Eastern Philosophy (Summer 2014)
History of Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy (Fall 2015 and Fall 2016)

Middlesex Community College (2011-2013)

Ethics & Society (3 times from Spring 2012 to Spring 2013)
Introduction to Philosophy (5 times from Fall 2012 to Fall 2013)

Boston University School of Theology, Teaching Assistant

History of Christian Theology
Christian Doctrine
The Confucian Way
Theologies of Dialogue (Interreligious Dialogue and Comparative Theology)

Thomas College

20th Century Humanities (Summer 2002)

SERVICE

2023-present Faculty Liaison for Women's and Men's Cross Country, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, University of Maine.

2022-present General Education Stewardship Committee, University of Maine.

Academic Council, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine.

Peer review for the *Journal of Modern Philosophy* (ISSN: 2644-0652).

2021-present	Peer review for Oxford University Press.
2020-present	Steering Committee Member, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, American Academy of Religion. Member University of Maine Faculty Senate. Academic Affairs and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees. Peer review for the journal <i>Religions</i> (ISSN: 2077-1444).
2019-present	Coordinator of Judaic and Religious Studies Interdisciplinary Minors, University of Maine.
2019-2020	Poster and exhibit judge, UMaine Student Symposium.
2018	Review of reappointment procedures for lecturers in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Maine, 3 October 2018. Scoring student learning outcomes for the Western Cultural Tradition general education requirement, Office of Assessment, University of Maine, 16 May 2018. External assessor for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Reviewer for Austrian Science Fund (FWF).
2016-present	Peer review for Routledge.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

2017	<i>Reason Turned into Sense: John Smith on Spiritual Sensation</i> , Studies in Philosophical Theology 62, Leuven: Peeters, 2017. ISBN: 978-90-429-3482-5 Review: J. Douglas Ousley, <i>Anglican and Episcopal History</i> 87, no. 3 (September 2018): 342-344.
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Journal Edited

2023	"New Voices in Philosophical Theology," Guest Editor, Special Issue, <i>Religions</i> , https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/philo_theology , 25 August 2023.
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Articles & Chapters

In Progress	"The Indiscernibility of Immanent and Imposed Order"
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“Against Divine Personhood: Why all Personal Deities are Finite Beings”

“Philosophical Intuition and Theological Sense”

- 2023 “Wesley’s Metaphysics,” in *The Routledge Companion to John Wesley*, edited by Joe Cunningham and Clive Murray Norris. 189-199. Routledge. August 2023. ISBN: 9780367471675. DOI: 10.4324/9781003037972-20.
- 2021 “Christian Platonism in Early Modernity,” in *Christian Platonism: A History*, edited by Alexander J. B. Hampton and John P. Kenney. 280-302. Cambridge University Press. 2021. ISBN: 9781108741408. DOI: 10.1017/9781108590341.014.
- 2020 “The Multidimensional Unity of Life, Theology, Ecology, and COVID-19,” in *Pandemic, Ecology and Theology: Perspectives on COVID-19*, edited by Alexander J. B. Hampton. 66-77. Routledge. 2020. ISBN: 9780367615826.
- 2019 “The Legacy of a ‘Living Library’: The Transatlantic Reception of John Smith,” in *Revising Cambridge Platonism*, The International Archives of the History of Ideas, 222, edited by Douglas Hedley and David Leech. 241-257. Springer. 2019. ISBN: 9783030221997. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-22200-0_14.
- “Varieties of Spiritual Sense: Cusanus and John Smith,” in *Nicholas of Cusa and the Making of the Early Modern World*, Studies in the History of Christian Traditions, vol. 190, edited by Simon Burton, Joshua Hollmann, and Eric Parker. 285-306. Brill. 2019. ISBN: 9789004385689. DOI: 10.1163/9789004385689_012
- “John Smith on the Immortality of the Soul,” in *Plotinus’ Legacy: The Transformation of Platonism from the Renaissance to the Modern Era*, edited by Stephen Gersh. 160-179. Cambridge University Press. 2019. ISBN: 9781108415286. DOI: 10.1017/9781108233019.011.
- 2011 “The Patristic Roots of John Smith’s ‘True Way or Method of Attaining to Divine Knowledge,’” in *Perceiving the Divine through the Human Body: Mystical Sensuality*, edited by Thomas Cattoi and June McDaniel. 141-158. Palgrave Macmillan. 2011.
- 2008 “Toward an Adequate Model for the Theology of Religions,” *Engaging Particularities*, Chestnut Hill, MA: Boston College eScholarship. http://escholarship.bc.edu/engaging_cp/20
- 2005 “Health as a Metaphor for the Created Condition,” *Bulletin of the North American Paul Tillich Society* 31, no. 2 (Spring 2005): 28-44. <http://pantheon.yale.edu/~kjb27/naps/assets/newsletters/NL312.pdf>

2003 "Reflections on Ecology, Theology and Ethics," *Quodlibet Journal* 5, no. 4 (October 2003). <http://www.quodlibet.net/michaud-ecology.shtml>

Reviews

2019 "Proofs of God in Early Modern Europe: An Anthology, Lloyd Strickland, Baylor University Press, 2018," *Reading Religion*, November 14, 2019, <http://readingreligion.org/books/proofs-god-early-modern-europe>.

2017 "*Preparation for Natural Theology: With Kant's Notes and the Danzig Rational Theology Transcript*, Johann August Eberhard, trans., Courtney D. Fugate and John Hymers, Kant's Sources in Translation, Bloomsbury Academic, 2016," *Reading Religion*, February 24, 2017, <http://readingreligion.org/books/preparation-natural-theology>.

"*Returning to Reality: Christian Platonism for our Times*, Paul Tyson, Cambridge: Lutterworth, 2015," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 24, no. 3 (July 2017): 586-8.

2015 "*Philosophical Religions from Plato to Spinoza*, Carlos Fraenkel, Cambridge University Press, 2012," *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 22, no. 3 (July 2015): 233-5. DOI: 10.1111/ri.12514

2013 "*Personal Identity: How do we Survive Our Death?*" [Georg Gasser, ed., (Ashgate, 2010)] *The Heythrop Journal*, 54, no. 2 (March 2013): 330-1. DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-2265.2012.00784_1009.x

2011 "*Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years*," [Diarmuid MacCulloch, (Viking, 2010)] *Symposia*, 3 (June 2011). <http://symposia.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/symposia/article/view/14564/11570>

2004 "*A Theology of Engagement*," [Ian Markham, (Blackwell, 2003)] *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 6, no. 1 (2004): 139-45. <http://www.jcrt.org/archives/06.1/michaud.pdf>

2003 "Chaos and Tehomophobia," [Catherine Keller's *The Face of the Deep* (Routledge, 2002)] *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 4, no. 3 (August 2003): 115-7. <http://www.jcrt.org/archives/04.3/michaud.pdf>

Other

2019 "What Values or Norms Define Excellent Philosophy of Religion?" *Philosophy of Religion*, 24 April 2019, <http://philosophyofreligion.org/?p=525378>.

- 2019-present Editor, "Plotinus," PhilPapers.org, <https://philpapers.org/browse/plotinus/>
- 2014-present Editor, "Cambridge Platonism," PhilPapers.org, <http://philpapers.org/browse/cambridge-platonism/>
- 2013-2017 Contributor, *Cambridge Platonist Research Group*, <https://cambridgeplatonists.org/>
- 2010-present Editor, *Cambridge Platonism*, <http://cambridgeplatonism.wordpress.com>
- 2008-2010 Assistant Editor, *Boston Collaborative Encyclopedia of Western Theology*, <http://people.bu.edu/wwildman/bce/index.htm>
- 2008-2010 Contributing Editor, *Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion*, <http://www.ibcsr.org>; continued as *Science on Religion*, <http://www.scienceonreligion.org/>.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2024 "Platonism, Neoplatonism and Participatory Metaphysics," Panel Presider, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, Online June Sessions of the Annual Meeting, 27 June 2024.
- 2023 "Panpsychism: The Soul of Nature," Panel Presider, American Academy of Religion's Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and SBL's Mysticism, Esotericism and Gnosticism in Antiquity Unit joint session, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 20 November 2023.
- 2021 "Christian Platonism," Panelist, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2021.
- 2020 "Eros and Ascent," Panel Presider, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, Annual Meeting, 2 December 2020.
- 2018 "What part of *Fides Quaerens* don't you *Intellectum*? On the Persistent Philosophical Misunderstanding of Anselm's Ontological Argument," Paper, Maine Philosophical Institute 73rd Annual Meeting, University of Maine, 28 April 2018.

- 2017 “John Smith’s Plotinian Rational Theology,” Paper, 15th Annual International Society for Neoplatonic Studies Conference, Olomouc, Czech Republic, 14-17 June 2017.
- “Reimagining Revelation, Tradition, and the Development of Doctrine,” Paper, American Academy of Religion, Christian Systematic Theology Unit, Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2017.
- 2016 “John Smith on ‘The Great Principles of Religion’: The Natural Theology of a Cambridge Platonist,” Paper, Maine Philosophical Institute 71st Annual Meeting, University of Maine, 30 April 2016.
- 2013 “John Smith's Lasting Influence: The Transatlantic Reception of a 'Living Library',” invited paper, Revisioning Cambridge Platonism: Workshop 3: Reception and Influence, Clare College, Cambridge University, 1 June 2013.
- 2011 “St. Bonaventure on Divine Unity and the Inner Life of the One,” Paper, American Academy of Religion, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2011.
- 2009 “Sacrifice, Bodies, and the Image of God,” response paper on the panel, “Sacrifice, Bodies, and the Image of God: An Interdisciplinary Conversation about the Roles and Relevance of Christian Theologies in Changing Times,” with Marla Marcum and Sean Delmore of Boston University School of Theology, at Bodies in Motion: Graduate Student Conference, University of Rhode Island, 28 March 2009.
- “The Cambridge Platonist John Smith's debt to Origen for an Early Modern Doctrine of the Spiritual Senses,” invited paper, Boston Colloquy of Historical Theology, Boston College, 30 July 2009. Respondent: Mark McInroy (Harvard).
- 2008 “In Search of a Theology of Religions,” Engaging Particularities Conference, Boston College, March 2008.
- “The Patristic Roots of John Smith’s ‘True Way or Method of Attaining to Divine Knowledge,’” at the “Eastern Orthodoxy and the Spiritual Senses,” joint session of the Mysticism and Eastern Orthodox Studies Groups, the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 3 November 2008.
- 2004 “Health as a Metaphor for the Created Condition,” at the annual meeting of the North American Paul Tillich Society in San Antonio Texas, 19 November 2004.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Diversifying Understandings of Religion,” UMaine Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Lunch and Learn, 1 December 2021.
- 2020 “‘Most Wonderful Time of the Year’: Religious Holidays in December,” UMaine Alumni Association Webinar Series, 16 December 2020, <https://vimeo.com/492067887>.
- 2018 “John Smith’s use of Simplicius on Epictetus and Proclus on the Timaeus,” invited seminar paper, *Metaphysics of Conversion from Late Antiquity to Early Modernity*, Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism and the Early Modern Conversions Research Partnership. McGill University, Montréal, 1 August 2018.
- “Contingent/Adjunct Faculty as an Economic Justice Issue,” Socialist and Marxist Studies Series, University of Maine, 27 September 2018.
- 2017 “What does it mean to be human?” invited panelist, Exploring Human Origins, Bangor Public Library, 22 March 2017.
- 2013 “Toward an Adequate Response to Religious Pluralism,” University of Southern Maine Philosophy Lecture Series, 27 February 2013.
- 2010 “Martin Luther: Faith and Reason in the Early Modern World,” guest lecture, Boston University School of Theology, Theology I: History of Christian Theology, 23 March 2010.
- 2001 “The Community Beyond Unity (College),” invited lecture in the “Flying Fish” series at Unity College on the socioeconomic situation of the greater Unity area, Unity, Maine, 30 November 2001.
- “The Centrality of the Doctrine of Creation in the Theological Anthropology of Paul Tillich and Paramahansa Yogananda,” Bangor Theological Seminary, April 2001.

LANGUAGES

Native/Fluent	English
Reading/Research	French, German, Greek, Latin

AWARDS, GRANTS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

2018	Research Fellow and Participant in the international summer research seminar, <i>Metaphysics of Conversion from Late Antiquity to Early Modernity</i> , Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism and the Early Modern Conversions Research Partnership. McGill University, Montréal, 30 July – 22 August 2018.
2008-2010	Doctoral Fellow, Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion.
2009	Travel Grant (\$2,500) from Boston University School of Theology for research at Cambridge University.
2008 & 2009	Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship (\$8,000) from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Humanities Foundation, Boston University, for research at Cambridge University.
2007-2008	John F. Richardson Fellowship from Boston University School of Theology.
2004	Promising Scholar of 2004 “whose work merits the support of the wider church,” The Education Committee of the Episcopal Church Foundation, February 2004.
2003-2005	Frank D. and Bertha Howard Fellowship from Boston University School of Theology, 2003-4 & 2004-5 academic years.
2001	Graduated “With Honors” and received the Seminary Prize for Highest Overall Academic Achievement (“Summa Cum Laude”) from Bangor Theological Seminary, May 2001.

MEMBERSHIPS

2021-present	International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture
2018-present	ΦΣΤ (Phi Sigma Tau)
2015-present	Council for Research in Values and Philosophy
2012-present	American Philosophical Association
2011-present	Metaphysical Society of America
2011-present	Renaissance Society of America
2010-present	International Society for Neoplatonic Studies
2000-present	American Academy of Religion

REFERENCES

Garth W. Green
Director of School of Religious Studies & John W. McConnell Professor of Philosophy of Religion
McGill University



Douglas Hedley
Professor of the Philosophy of Religion
Cambridge University



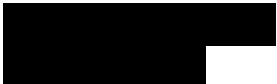
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Chair, Department of Philosophy and Professor of Philosophy
University of Maine



Jessica P. Miller
Professor of Philosophy
University of Maine



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Professor of Literacy Education
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