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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Public Theology
  - Practical Theology
  - Vocational Discernment
  - Theological Anthropology
  - Critical Pedagogy
  - Faith-based Leadership Practices
  - Utopian Studies
  - Christian Nationalism
  - Public Schooling and Spirituality
  - Trauma Theory and Moral Injury
  - Theologies and Philosophies of Imagination
  - Mixed-Methods Research (Qual. & Quant.)
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## EDUCATION

### **Boston University School of Theology**

Doctor of Philosophy: Theological Studies

*Concentration in Practical Theology with Specialization in Religious Education*

*Dissertation: "Schooling the Imagination: A Practical Theology of Public Education"*

### **Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School**

Master of Divinity

*Concentration in Theology.*

### **Earlham College**

Master of Arts: Teaching

*Certification in Social Studies 6–12, with Full Licensure in All Six Concentrations.*

### **Simon Business School**

Graduate Certificate

*Human Resource Management*

### **University of Rochester**

Bachelor of Arts: Interdisciplinary

*Interdepartmental Major: Communication Studies and Commercial Culture*

## HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Instructor, Adjunct, and Staff Positions**

#### Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

- Assistant Professor of Contextual Education and Public Theology (2021 - Present)

#### Boston University School of Theology

- Lecturer in Practical Theology (2020 - 2021)
- Assistant Director of Contextual Education (2018 - 2020)
- Adjunct (2017-2018)

#### Bennett School for Christian Leadership at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

- Adjunct (2011)

### **Courses Taught**

#### Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

- "Teaching Techniques, Course Design and Pedagogy for High School Teachers"
- "Critical Pedagogy, Religious Education, and Liberative Learning"
- "Theologies of Imagination and Theopoetics"
- "Contextual Education and Formation"
- "Public Theology: Politics, Spirituality, and Faith in the U.S."

#### Boston University School of Theology

- "Theologies of Imagination and Theopoetics"
- "Introduction to Non-Profit Leadership"
- "The Pastor as Public Theologian"
- "Integrating Theology and Practice"

#### Bennett School for Christian Leadership at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

- "Emerging Church: Post-Modernity and Ecclesiology"
- "Technology and the Church"

### **Teaching Fellow**

"Constructive Theology"

*Boston University School of Theology, Spring 2016*

"Psychodynamic Perspectives on the Family"

*Boston University School of Theology, Fall 2015*

"Ministries of Religious Education and Spiritual Formation"

*Boston University School of Theology, Spring 2015*

"Christian Theology I: Typologies and Themes"

*Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Fall 2011 & Fall 2012.*

## PUBLICATIONS

*Sense of the Possible: An Introduction to Theology and Imagination.*  
Eugene, OR: Cascade, Forthcoming 2023.

"A Practice of Freedom: Emphasizing Imagination in Theological Education"  
In *Formative Theological Education*. Paulist Press, Forthcoming 2023.

"Uma Saudade Nunca Saciada: Deus, Utopia, E O Transcendente Sensato."  
*Numen: Revista de Estudos e Pesquisa da Religião*. 25.1 (2022): 70-80.

"Foreword."  
In *An Invitation to Quaker Eldering*. Inner Light Books, 2022.

"An Exploration of Faith: Commentary on Hebrews 11."  
In *Illuminate on Hebrews: Our Connection to Christ*. Barclay Press, 2021.

"Alvesian Theopoetics, the Academy, and What May Come."  
*Literature and Theology*. 33.3 (2019): 321–335.

*The FTE Guide to Discernment Retreats*  
Forum for Theological Exploration, 2019. Managing Editor and Contributor.

"Chess Boards and Boxing Gloves: Public Theology, Aesthetics and Post-Truth Politics."  
In *Religious Studies Scholars as Public Intellectuals*. Routledge, 2018: 45-57.

"Courage in Chaos: The Importance of Trauma-Informed Adult Religious Education."  
*Religious Education*. 114.1 (2018): 30-41. Co-authored with Zachary Moon.

"Radical Theology and Theopoetics."  
In *The Radical Theology Handbook*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2018: 757-768.  
Co-authored with J. Blake Huggins.

"Called into Crucible: Vocation and Moral Injury in U.S. Public School Teachers."  
*Religious Education*. 113.5 (2018): 489-500.

"More Fully to the Risk: Hip Hop as Anatheistic Resistance"  
In *The Art of Anatheism*. Rowman & Littlefield International, 2018: 163-174.

"The Wager that Wasn't: An Education in Shady Chances."  
In *Richard Kearney's Anatheistic Wager: Philosophy, Theology, Poetics*. Indiana University Press, 2018: 178-188.

"Humility: Empirical Psychological Research in Dialogue with Practical Theology – Part II."  
*International Journal of Practical Theology* 20.2 (2016): 184-202.  
Co-authored with Claire E. Wolfteich, Steven Sandage, and David R. Paine.

## PUBLICATIONS (continued)

- "Humility: Empirical Psychological Research in Dialogue with Practical Theology – Part I."  
*International Journal of Practical Theology* 20.1 (2016): 143-155.  
Co-authored with Claire E. Wolfeich, Steven Sandage, and David R. Paine.
- "Clearness Committees Revisited: Gathering Young Adults in Contemplative Discernment."  
In *The Prophetic Voice and Making Peace*. Armistead & Charlton Eds., 2016: 252-278.  
Co-authored with Dori G. Baker.
- "Parker Palmer."  
In *Talbot's Christian Educators of the 20th Century*, 2016.  
<https://www.biola.edu/talbot/ce20/database/parker-palmer>
- "Theopoetics - An Interview with Callid Keefe-Perry."  
*Annotate Video*, Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2016.
- "Book Review – Theology and the Arts: Engaging Faith."  
*Practical Matters Journal*, Issue 9 (April 8, 2016): <http://wp.me/p6QAmj-C1>
- "Formation and Risk in Quaker Meetings"  
New York Yearly Meeting's *Spark* (Nov. 2015): 3-4.
- "Flesh to Mind: Whetstone to Thought."  
*CrossCurrents*, 64.4 (December 2014): 489–495.
- "Theopoetics as a Spiritual Form of Transformative Language Arts."  
In *Transformative Language Arts in Action*, edited by Ruth Farmer and Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2014: 125–138.
- Way to Water: A Theopoetics Primer*.  
Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2014.
- "This Is Where Power Lies."  
*Creative Transformation*. 19.1 (Winter-Spring 2010): 18–20.
- "Towards the Heraldic: A Theopoetic Response to Monorthodoxy."  
In *Theopoetic Folds: Philosophizing Multifariousness*, edited by Roland Faber, and Jeremy Fackenthal. Fordham UP, 2013: 142-158.
- "Divine Exploration and Invitation."  
*CrossCurrents*, 60.1 (March, 2010): 89–104.
- "Towards Damascus: A Sermon of Acknowledgement."  
In *Spirit Rising: Young Quaker Voices*, edited by Angelina Conti, et al.  
Quakers Uniting in Publications, 2010: 134-141.

"Theopoetics: Process and Perspectives."

*Christianity and Literature*, 58.4 (Summer 2009): 579-601.

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## PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

"Democratic Deliberation in Religious Studies and Theology Classrooms."

American Academy of Religion, Co-Sponsored by the Teaching Religion Unit and the Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit. November 2022.

"Critical Hope, Moral Injury, and Imagining a Better Future for U.S. Public Education."

BU Religion and Conflict Transformation Annual Gathering. October 2022.

"Imagination in Practice: U.S. Christian Nationalism, Public Theology, and the Religious Utility of Imagination."

Global Network for Public Theology. Triennial Consultation, October, 2022.

"Trauma Sensitive Culture in Spiritual Direction"

BC STM's Post-Master's Certificate in Spiritual Formation. July 2022

"Critical Pedagogy in Instruction."

The Roche Center at BC's Lynch School of Education.

Two-Way Immersion Network of Catholic Schools, Summer Academy. July 2022

"The Spirituality of Schools."

The Roche Center at BC's Lynch School of Education, Whole Child Education in U.S. Catholic Schools Consultation. June 2022.

"Engaging the Optative: Misplaced Concreteness, Changing the Future, and the Power of Imagination." The Cobb Institute for Process and Practice, December 2021.

"Uma Saudade Nunca Saciada: Deus, Utopia, e O Transcendente Sensato."

3rd Simposio Da Sociedade Internacional Rubem Alves, November 2021.

"Zachary Moon's *Goatwalking* as Invitation to the Development of a Quaker Practical Theology." American Academy of Religion, November 2021.

"On Comedy and Quakerism: Three Connective Points."

Quaker House at the Chautauqua Institute, July, 2021.

"An Introduction to Public Theology."

Education Beyond the Walls, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, May 2021.

"A Response to Heather Walton's 'Bodies and Stones'."

13th Annual Lecture in Practical Theology. BU's School of Theology, December 4, 2020.

## PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (continued)

"Wrestling with the Notion of Peace: The Role of Experience in Early Quaker Articulations of Non-Violence." University of Vienna's International Conference on Peace Education and Religions, Oct. 23, 2020.

"Examining Religious Commitments and Beliefs about Schooling."  
The US Religion and Education Collaborative, Oct. 14, 2020.

"The Arts and Public Theology: Tension and Potential."  
Candler School of Theology, February 2020.

"Creative Practice, Community Healing, and Trauma's Wake: Theopoetics in Conversation with Moral Injury." American Academy of Religion, November 2019.

"Beyond White Normativity: Creating Brave Spaces."  
Panelist. Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, November 2018.

"Spitting Fire: The Art of Spoken Word as Spiritual Formation."  
Project Coordinator. Yale's The Theology of Joy and the Good Life, April 2018.

"Getting Beyond 'An Act' : Moral Dimensions of the Teaching Profession and the Need to Expand the Construct of Moral Injury." American Academy of Religion, November 2017.

"On the Importance of the Arts and Imagination in Post-Truth Politics."  
Discerning Truth in a Post-Fact World: A Friends Education Conference for Librarians and Educators, October 2017.

"Chess Boards and Boxing Gloves: Public Theology for an Era of Post-Truth Politics."  
Religion and Leadership Section, Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion, March 2017.

"Religion and Public Education, A View from the Ground Up."  
Panelist - Religion and Education Section, Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion, March 2017.

"Exploring the Role of Friends Education in our Current Political Moment."  
Cambridge Friends School, Cambridge, MA. Jan. 2017.

"Called into Crucible: Vocation and Moral Injury in Public School Teachers"  
Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA. Nov. 2016.

"Teaching with Broken Hope: Moral Injury and Public Schooling in the United States."  
12th International Nuremberg Forum, Nuremberg, Germany. Oct. 2016.

## PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (continued)

"Stuck on Pause: Public Schools & the Decline of Creativity."

Power of Words Conference, The Transformative Language Arts Network, Saco, ME, Aug. 2016.

"Should We Promote Humility in Psychotherapy?"

Annual Convention, American Psychological Association, Denver, CO. Aug. 2016.

Poster Presentation Contributor. Co-authored with Paine, D., Sandage, S. J., Rupert, D. R., Moon, S. H., Bronstein, M., Hauge, D. J., Wolfteich, C., Sheppard, P., & O'Rourke, C.

"Imagining in Fractures: Adult Christian Education with Trauma in View."

Religious Education Association, Nov. 2015. Co-Presented with Zachary Moon.

"Imagine God Emerging Here: Clearness Committees, Young Adults, and Hope."

Religious Education Association, Nov. 2015. Co-Presented with Dori Baker.

"Vision for a Transformed Church: Leadership and The Prophetic Witness."

Leadership Conference | Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, IN. Aug. 2015.

"Learning in the Rhythms of Life: US Public Education and Grace Jantzen's

Natal Epistemology." 9th International Forum on Ecological Civilization Conference, Claremont, CA. June 2015.

"Bibliographies and Bodies in the Theological Search for Social Justice."

Earlham School of Religion & Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN. March 2015.

"The Future of Leadership Training in 21st Century Theological Education"

Re-Imagining Theological Education Consultation | Convergence US. Chicago, IL. Feb. 2015.

"Transforming Power: A History of Quaker Advocacy."

National Lobbying Training, Friends National Committee on Legislation, Washington, DC. March 2014.

"Made as Makers and the Role of Imagination in Theology."

Film and Talk – Challenges of the 21st Century | Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School April, 2013.

"Theological Epistemology in The Emergent Church: A Form of Ricoeur's Relational

Attestation." Conference Paper – Open and Relational Theologies Group | American Academy of Religion, Nov. 2013.

"An Exploration of Creation."

Week-long Bible Study – Denominational Gathering | New York Yearly Meeting, July 2011.

## SELECTED WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS, AND RETREATS

"Public Scholarship for Public Education: Enhancing Opportunities for Collaboration Between Religious Studies Scholars and K-12 Educators."

Co-facilitated with Kate Soules. Religion and Education Collaborative.

February - May, 2022.

"Made in the Image of a Maker: Exploring Public Theology through Creative Practice."

Education Beyond the Walls, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, October, 2021.

"Listening for Life: Demystifying Leadings, Vocation, and Discernment."

New England Yearly Meeting | February & March, 2021.

"Theatre of the Oppressed and Creating What Comes Next ."

Candler School of Theology | February 2020.

"Arts-Based Practices for Dynamic Leadership and Group Facilitation."

The Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange | Summer 2019.

"Courageous Churches: Change in Human Systems."

The BTS Center and The Maine Council of Churches, Leadership Training.

April 2019. With Jenn Macy.

"Deepening Circles: Re-Imagining How We Relate to each Other and God."

Holy Cross Monastery | Sept. 2017

With Patrick Reyes and Lakisha Lockhart.

"Ministry with Trauma in View: An Introduction to Trauma-Informed Practice."

Super Saturday | Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ

March 2017. With Jenn Macy.

"Being of Service: Exploring Public Ministry in our Meetings."

Powell House Retreat Center | New York Yearly Meeting | January 2017

"Clearness Committee Training for Collegiate Spiritual Formation."

Faculty Training Series, Trinity College | Everett, WA | 2015 - 2016.

"Consultations on Innovation in Theological Education."

Re-Imagining Theological Education Initiative | Convergence Network | 2014-2015

"Discerning in Community: Challenges and Joys."

Youth Discernment Retreats | Forum for Theological Exploration | March & April 2015

"Improvising Life: Theatre and Truth in Comedy."

Power of Words Conference | Transformative Language Arts Network | Sept. 2014



## HONORS AND AWARDS

The Louisville Institute Post-Doc – The Louisville Institute (2020-2022)

Wornom Innovation in Pedagogy Award (with Lakisha Lockhart) -  
The Religious Education Association (2017)

Dissertation Fellowship - Boston University School of Theology (2017-2018)

Young Researcher Fellowship – Nuremberg Forum on Public Theology (2016)

The Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellowship – The Louisville Institute (2015-2017)

Fehlman Award for Religious Education - Boston University School of Theology (2015)

Winthrop Hudson Scholar Award – Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (2013)

FTE Ministry Fellowship – Forum for Theological Exploration (2010)

Take-Five Scholars Research Fellowship – University of Rochester (2005)

Rochester Urban Fellows Program – Area Community Foundation (2002)

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## EMPLOYMENT AND CONSULTING

Boston College School of Theology and Ministry | Assistant Professor of Contextual  
Education and Public Theology (2021 - Present)

Boston University School of Theology | Fellow, Adjunct, and Lecturer (2014 - 2021)

ARC: Arts | Religion | Culture | Executive Director and Re-Founder (2013 - 2021)

Self-Employed Consultant | Speaker and Organizational Consultant (2010 - Present)

New York Yearly Meeting | Interim General Secretary for Meeting Visitation (2013)

Transformative Language Arts Network | Executive Director (2009 – 2013)

The Space Theater and Search Engine Improv | Co-Founder and Manager (2010 - 2013)

Pendle Hill Retreat Center | Co-Teacher and Pastoral Care Giver (2009)

McAuliffe Regional Charter School | 8th Grade Humanities Teacher (2007-2009)

Charlotte-Whitney Arts Library | Library Assistant and Teacher Coach (2005-2006)

## ENDORSEMENT AND TRAINING

Endorsed for Public Ministry – The Religious Society of Friends  
New York Yearly Meeting (2009-2014)  
New England Yearly Meeting (2015–Present)

Peacemaker Training Institute – The Fellowship of Reconciliation. Nyack, NY (2005)

Rochester Civic Engagement Program – Leadership Rochester. Rochester, NY(2003-2004)

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## ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Religion and Education Collaborative  
Association for Theological Field Education

The Religious Education Association

The American Academy of Religion

ARC: Arts | Religion | Culture

International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture