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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Teaching Fellow, Divinity School and the College, current

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL

Ph.D., Theology, August 2021

Dissertation: *The Sacramental Sickness: The Symptomatic Relationship between Leprosy and the Sacraments in Historical Theology* (Honors)

Committee: Willemien Otten (Chair), Susan Schreiner, Julie Orlemanski, Daniel Sulmasy

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL

M.A., Divinity, June 2013

Truman State University, Kirksville, MO

B.A., Philosophy and Religion, Classical Studies (minor), December 2010

Magna cum laude, Departmental Honors, Outstanding Undergraduate Award

QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS

TH1. History of Christian Thought, 150-1325 (Ancient/Medieval) – Examiner: Willemien Otten

TH2. History of Christian Thought, 1277-1600 (Early Modern) – Examiner: Susan Schreiner

TH6. Major Doctrine: Christology – Examiner: Dwight Hopkins

RE6. Moral Problems: Biomedical Ethics – Examiner: Richard Miller

PUBLICATIONS

In Progress:

The Sacramental Sickness: The Symptomatic Correlation between Leprosy and the Sacraments in Historical Theology. Book manuscript in progress for submission to "Oxford Studies in Historical Theology" Series with Oxford University Press.

"A Horror of Moral Beauty: South Seas Travel Writing, Religion, and the Perception of Leprosy."
Article in progress for submission to *The Journal of Religion*, incorporating recommended revisions from peer-reviewers.

"Double Portion of Our Humanity: Dr. Benjamin Rush, Medievalism, and Antislavery Science."
Article in progress for submission to *Church History*.

Solicited Publications:

“A Clearness Uneasily Observed: Leprosy and Perception in Calvin’s Harmony of the Gospels.”
Book chapter for inclusion in *Reading Certainty: Epistemology and Exegesis on the Threshold of Modernity*, edited by Ralph Keen, Elizabeth Palmer, and Daniel Owings (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming 2022).

"Overwhelmed by Disgust, Filled with Wonder: The Theological Centrality of the Vestigial Leper to Bonaventure's *Legenda major*." Solicited for the volume *St. Bonaventure: Friar, Teacher, Minister and Bishop*, edited by Timothy J. Johnson, Katherine Wrisley Shelby, and Marie Kolbe Zamora, 245-60. St. Bonaventure, New York: Franciscan Institute Publications, 2021.

Book Reviews:

Review of *Early Franciscan Theology: Between Authority and Innovation*, by Lydia Schumacher, *Journal of Religion* (forthcoming January 2022).

Review of *Acute Melancholia and Other Essays: Mysticism, History, and the Study of Religion*, by Amy Hollywood, *Reading Religion*, 4/8 (2019).

“Pious Postmortems: Anatomy, Sanctity, and the Catholic Church in Early Modern Europe,”
Review of *Pious Postmortems: Anatomy, Sanctity, and the Catholic Church in Early Modern Europe*, by Bradford A. Bouley, *Journal of Religion*, 99/1 (January 2019).

Digital Publishing:

"Science and Religion in Times of Plague," *Sightings*, The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 21 January, 2021
<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/articles/science-and-religion-times-plague>.

"Judging Illness and Living Like Kings in *Yomeddine*," *Sightings*, The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 31 October, 2019
<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/articles/judging-illness-and-living-kings-yomeddine>.

“The Trump Administration, Immigration, and the Instrumentalization of Leprosy,” *Religion & Culture Forum*, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 6 September 2017
<http://voices.uchicago.edu/religionculture/2017/09/06/the-trump-administration-immigration-and-the-instrumentalization-of-leprosy>.

“The Acquittal of Patient Zero,” *Sightings*, The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 2 February 2017
<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/acquittal-patient-zero>.

“Contagious Armadillos: Spreading Leprosy and Archaic Biblical Narratives,” *Sightings*, The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, 1 October, 2015
<http://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/contagious-armadillos-spreading-leprosy-and-archaic-biblical-narratives>.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED LECTURES

Presider and Panel Organizer, "When Religion and Health Meet Sex, Race, and Science: New Books in the Field," Annual American Academy of Religion Meeting, San Antonio, TX, forthcoming November 2021.

Presented dissertation research to Divinity School Council (group of philanthropic and religious leaders supporting the Dean in pursuing the mission of the Divinity School), the University of Chicago Divinity School, May 2021.

Guest Lecture, "Without the Camp: Leprosy and Public Health Debates in 19th Century America," Program on Medicine and Religion Winter Seminar Series, University of Chicago, March 2021.

Discussant, Roundtable on *Symptomatic Subjects: Bodies, Medicine, and Causation in the Literature of Late Medieval England* by Julie Orlemanski, Department of English Language and Literature, University of Chicago, December 2020.

Discussant, "The Story of Men and Women Under Pressure: Lessons from Langdon Gilkey's *Shantung Compound* for Pandemic Times," Forum with Kristine Culp (University of Chicago) and Joseph A. Bessler (Philips Theological Seminary), Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, November 2020.

"'A Horror of Moral Beauty': South Seas Travel Writing, Religion, and the Perception of Leprosy," *Innovations from the Margins: Religious Perceptions of Body and Healing* Session, Annual American Academy of Religion Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2019.

Discussant, "Rhythmic Medicine: Poetry and the Pulse in Beguine Psalters," Sara Ritchey (Associate Professor of History, University of Tennessee—Knoxville), University of Chicago Medieval Studies Workshop, May 2019.

Interviewed Professor Susan Schreiner, Wednesday Lunch discussion, the University of Chicago Divinity School, February 2019.

"The Quest for the Historical Francis? The Assessment of Truth in Hagiography," American Society of Church History and American Historical Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2019.

"Holy Host, Holy Sores: The Franciscan Connection between Leprosy and the Eucharist," Leprosy and the 'Leper' Reconsidered Conference, Montréal, Canada, September 2018.

"The Franciscan Embrace of Disgust in the Eucharistic Piety of Francis and Angela," Franciscan Institute Sponsored Session, 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2018.

Discussant, "Theology as a Way of Life," Panel with Clark M. Williamson (Indiana Professor of Christian Thought Emeritus, Christian Theological Seminary) about *Has God Rejected His*

People? Anti-Judaism in the Christian Church, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, April 2018.

Discussant, "Mental Illness and Mental Health in the Late Medieval English Monastery," Carole Rawcliffe (Professor of Medieval History, University of East Anglia), University of Chicago Medieval Studies Workshop, April 2018.

Guest Lecture, "Nobody knew that healthcare could be some complicated?: Religion and Healthcare Past and Present," Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, January 2018.

"The Disappearing Leper and Clandestine Christ: Understanding a Theological *Topos* in Bonaventure's *Life of Saint Francis of Assisi*," 'Frater, Magister, Minister et Episcopus' The Works and Worlds of Saint Bonaventure Conference, Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University, NY, July 2017.

"The Disappearing Leper and Clandestine Christ: Understanding a Theological *Topos* in Bonaventure's *Life of Saint Francis of Assisi*," University of Chicago Medieval Studies Workshop, February 2017.

"From the Falling Sickness to Walking Corpses: Leprosy as the Second Sacred Disease in Cappadocian Thought," University of Chicago Early Christian Studies Workshop, February 2017.

Guest Lecture, "Leprosy 101," (casual, no-prior-knowledge-required introduction to the religious valences of leprosy throughout history), University of Chicago Divinity School, January 2017.

"The Didactic Disease: Leprosy as Manipulated in Heresiology and Misunderstood in Historiography," American Society of Church History and American Historical Association annual meeting, Denver, CO, January 2017.

Coordinator and moderator, "Heresiology and Embodiment in Medieval and Early Modern Christianity" Paper session at annual meeting of American Society of Church History and American Historical Association, Denver, CO, January 2017.

Guest Lecture, "Is there a morality to metaphors?" Alternative Epistemologies, Salon No. 14, University of Chicago Divinity School, May 2016.

"The Disappearing Leper and Clandestine Christ: Understanding a Theological *Topos* in Bonaventure's *Life of Saint Francis of Assisi*," Epidemic Diseases: Medieval Witness *Medica* Sponsored Session, 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2016.

Coordinator and moderator, "Manuscripts and Marginalia: Traversing Textual Boundaries," Paper session, 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2016.

Discussant, "Healing through Prayer or Transforming Social Systems?: The Importance of Emphasis in a Both-And Approach," Intellectual debate with Elena Lloyd-Sidle, University of Chicago Theology and Religious Ethics Workshop, April 2016.

"There are Molokai's Everywhere: South Seas Travel Writing and Its Relationship to Global Leprosy Perception and Health Policy," University of Chicago Religions in America Workshop, February 2016.

Guest Lecture, "Dermatological Issues" for B458: Disease and Disability in the Bible, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, January 2016.

"Majestic and Macabre Mirrors: Virginité and Leprosy in the Thought of Gregory of Nyssa," *Narrating Disability and Illness in Christian and Jewish Literature, Bioethics, and Theology* Quad Sponsored Session, Annual American Academy of Religion Meeting, Atlanta, November 2015.

Guest Lecture, "The Separating Sickness and the Open Table: Theological Insights from Molokai," Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago and University of Heidelberg Theologisches Studienhaus Exchange/Conference, Heidelberg, Germany, September 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

"Global Society" (100-level), Instructor of Record, The University of Chicago College, Fall 2021.

"Approaches to Suffering: Theological Perspectives and Contemporary Meditations" (graduate level), Teaching Assistant to Prof. Kristine Culp, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Spring 2020 (online),
Lectured on *The Major Life of Saint Francis* and *Bonaventure*.

"Religion, Medicine, and Illness" (200-level), Instructor of Record, The University of Chicago College, Winter 2020.

"*Star Wars* and Religion" (200-level), Teaching Assistant to Prof. Russell Johnson, The University of Chicago College, Spring 2019,
Lectured on *The Life of Martin of Tours*, medieval hagiography, Émile Durkheim.

"The Tragic Sense of Life" (graduate-level), Teaching Assistant to Prof. Susan Schreiner, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Spring 2018,
Lectured on series of films assigned for course (*Mystic River, A Serious Man, Throne of Blood, Winter Light*).

"History of Christian Thought II (450-1350 CE)" (graduate level), Teaching Assistant to Prof. Willemien Otten, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Autumn 2017,
Lectured on Beguine theology (Marie D'Oignies, Christina Mirabilis, Hadewijch).

"Introduction to Biblical Hebrew" (400-level), Teaching Assistant and Tutor for Prof. Mark Appold, Truman State University, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Certification in the Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion, The University of Chicago Divinity School, Summer 2020.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Diversity and Inclusion Initiative Professional Development Grant, the University of Chicago Divinity School, in cooperation with the Newberry Library's Edward E. Ayer Collection on American Indian and Indigenous Studies to support incorporation of postcolonial studies and indigenous sources into my pedagogy, 2021-2022

Diversity and Inclusion Student Paper Award, the University of Chicago Divinity School, for "A Horror of Moral Beauty: South Seas Travel Writing, Religion, and the Perception of Leprosy," October 2020

Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, the Louisville Institute, Religion Division of Lilly Endowment, 2020-2021

Grounds of Being Research Fellowship, Divinity Students Association and Grounds of Being, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2020-2021 (Declined)

Certificate in the Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion, the University of Chicago Divinity School, Summer 2020

Best Graduate Paper, Annual American Academy of Religion meeting, from Religions, Medicine, and Healing unit for "A Horror of Moral Beauty: South Seas Travel Writing, Religion, and the Perception of Leprosy," November 2019

Martin Marty Junior Fellowship, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019-2020

Alma Wilson Teaching Fellowship, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019-2020

Inclusive Pedagogy Fellowship, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019-2020

Edward Scribner Ames Scholarship for high academic achievement, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021

Disciples Divinity House Scholar, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 2014-Present, 2011-2013

Graduate Research and Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture (CSRPC) of the University of Chicago, 2018-2019

Franciscan Institute Scholarly Grant, Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University, 2017

William Daniel Cobb III Alumni/ae Scholarship, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 2015-2016

M. Elizabeth Dey Scholarship for outstanding promise for pastoral or educational ministries, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 2014-2015

Rolland and Laura Frances Sheafor Scholarship, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 2012-2013

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Divinity School Representative to the University of Chicago Student Health Advisory Board, Fall 2016-Spring 2021.

Inclusive Pedagogy Fellow, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019-2020.

Alma Wilson Teaching Fellow, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019-2020.

Wellness Chair, Divinity Students Association, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019-2020.

Student Member, Interview Committee for Dean of Students Candidates, the University of Chicago Divinity School, August 2019-September 2019.

Student Member, Interview Committee for Director of Student Counseling Candidates, the University of Chicago, June 2019.

Coordinator, the University of Chicago Medieval Studies Workshop, 2015-2016.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Steering Committee Member, Religions, Medicines, and Healing Program Unit, American Academy of Religion, Fall 2020-present.

Martin Marty Junior Fellow, the University of Chicago Divinity School, 2019-2020.

Research Assistant for Professor Susan Schreiner, the University of Chicago Divinity School, January 2019-August 2019.

Archival research in Damiaan Documentatie en Informatiecentrum, Leuven, Belgium, January 2019.

Participant, "Reformation and Improvisation—then and now," second part of The Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago-Theologisches Studienhaus University of Heidelberg, Germany Conference/Exchange, September 2016.

Participant, The Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago Theologisches Studienhaus University of Heidelberg, Germany Conference/Exchange, September 2015.

LANGUAGES

French (Reading); German (Reading); Greek (Intermediate); Hawaiian (Beginner); Hebrew (Intermediate); Latin (Advanced)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

American Society of Church History

MEDICA: The Society for the Study of Healing in the Middle Ages

REFERENCES

Willemien Otten, Dorothy Grant Maclear Professor of the History of Christianity and Theology, Director of the Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago Divinity School, Swift Hall 301, 1025 E 58th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, Ph. (773) 702-1901, Email: wotten@uchicago.edu

Sara Ritchey, Associate Professor of History, Department of History, University of Tennessee, 915 Volunteer Blvd., Knoxville, TN 37996, Email: sritchey@utk.edu

Susan Schreiner, Professor Emerita of the History of Christianity and Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School, Swift Hall 203, Ph. (773) 702-8243, Email: sschrein@uchicago.edu

Kristine A. Culp, Associate Professor of Theology and Dean of the Disciples Divinity House, Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, 1156 E. 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, Ph. (773) 643-4411, Email: kculp@uchicago.edu

Julie Orlemanski, Associate Professor of English, University of Chicago Department of English, Rosenwald Hall 415A, Chicago, IL 60637, Email: julieorlemanski@uchicago.edu