

MADISON TARLETON
University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology
Joint Doctoral Program in the Study of Religion

EDUCATION

University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado
Ph.D. Candidate in Religion (September 2017 – June 2022, *anticipated*)

Future Faculty in Religion Teaching Certificate, Denver, Colorado
University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology & Office of Teaching and Learning (DU),
(2017-2019)

University of Denver, Denver, Colorado
M.A. in Religious Studies (September 2015- June 2017)

College of Charleston Honors College, Charleston, South Carolina
B.A. *cum laude* with honors in Religious Studies (August 2011- May 2015)

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

RLGN 6010: Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion
RLGN 6020: Religion, Art, and Media
RLGN 6030: Art History Methods
RLGN 6040: Medieval Judaism: History, Religion, and Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Ferrum College, Contingent Faculty, Religion Department
REL 151: World Religions (Fall I, 2020)
REL 151: World Religions (Fall II, 2020)
REL 151: World Religions (Winter Interim, 2020)
REL 151: World Religions (Spring I, 2021)
REL 151: World Religions (Spring II, 2021)
REL 151: World Religions (Summer I, 2021)

University of Denver, Graduate Teaching Assistant
JUST/RELS 3001: Judaism (March 2020 – June 2020)

University of Denver, Graduate Teaching Assistant
ARTH 3871: Women in Art (March 2019 – June 2019)

University of Denver, Graduate Teaching Assistant
ARTH 1010: Images of Culture (January 2019 – March 2019)

PUBLICATIONS

Spaced and Placed: Hetero- 'topic' Interpretations of the Warsaw Ghetto. The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory, 2019.

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

[“Brew Halls and Baptismal Fonts: A Conversation with ‘The Church Brew Works.’”](#)
Founder Sean Casey.” *Sacred Matters Magazine*, July 2019.

Published Syllabus, [“Theories of Religion,”](#) Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Syllabus Collection. March 2019.

[“The Devil’s in the Details: The Krampus Conundrum.”](#) *Sacred Matters Magazine*, December 2018.

[“The Body of Fried Chicken and the Blood of Bud Light.”](#) *Sacred Matters Magazine*, October 2018.

[“A Conversation with Be Zero’s Andrea Sanders.”](#) *Sacred Matters Magazine*, June 2018.

[“Celebrities Becoming New Focus of Religious Worship for “Non-Believing Believers,”](#) *Esthesis*, December 2016.

BOOK REVIEWS

Schachter, Ben. [Image, Action, and Idea in Contemporary Jewish Art \(Dimyonot\)](#). University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, December 2017.

Peter Cave, Dan Cohn-Sherbok, [Jews: Nearly Everything You Wanted to Know but Were Too Afraid to Ask](#). London, England: Equinox Publishing Limited, November 2018.

Marla Frederick, [Colored Television: American Religion Gone Global](#). Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, December 2015.

Curtis Coats, Monica M. Emerich. [Practice Spiritualities in a Media Age](#). New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic, November 2015.

Charley Rosen. [The Chosen Game: A Jewish Basketball History](#). Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, November 2017.

David N. Myers. [Jewish History: A Very Short Introduction](#). Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, May 2017.

Anthony McElligot (editor), Jeffrey Herf (editor). [Antisemitism Before and Since the Holocaust: Altered Contexts and Recent Perspectives, 1st ed.](#) London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2017.

PODCAST FEATURES

“The Krampus Conundrum,” The Classical Ideas Podcast, available on Spotify & iTunes. Based on the digital publication for Sacred Matters Magazine.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology Joint Doctoral Program Dean's Task Force (Winter, 2019)

Social Media Coordinator for the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado (July 2018-August 2019)

Social Media Manager for the University of Denver/ Iliff School of Theology Joint Ph.D. in Religion, Denver, Colorado (September 2017- present).

University of Denver Religious Studies Department, Denver, Colorado
Research Assistant to Dr. Sandra Dixon (October 2016 - present)

AWARDS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS

2021 Joint Doctoral Program Dissertation Award
2021 Office of Graduate Education Dissertation Fellowship, University of Denver
2021 Professional Development Grant, Ferrum College
2020 Graduate Student Association Professional Development Grant
2019 National Endowment for the Humanities Participant Stipend
2019 Sewanee Medieval Colloquium Grant
2017 Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship
2016 University of Denver Religious Studies M.A. Research Grant
2016 Dean's Scholarship in the Department of Religious Studies, University of Denver
2015 Dean's Scholarship in the Department of Religious Studies, University of Denver
2015 College of Charleston School of Humanities and Social Sciences Scholar
2015 Outstanding Student in the Religious Studies Department, College of Charleston
2011-2015 College of Charleston NCAA Swimming and Diving Scholarship Recipient
2011-2015 South Carolina Education Lottery Scholarship Recipient

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"An Exploration of Gavin Langmuir's Theories of Rationality Using an Interdisciplinary Approach." *Religious Studies Research Conference*. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Virtual Conference. April 10, 2021. **Presented.**

"#COVID1948" *University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology Graduate Student Conference*. Virtual Conference. February 20, 2021. **Co-Presenter.**

"Still Sanctified after Second Vatican Council: Simon of Trent's Perpetual and Timeless Sanctification through Art" *Sewanee Medieval Colloquium*, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, April 12-13, 2019. **Presented.**

"Soul Food and Assimilatory Resistance: The African Hebrew Israelites Veganism and Resistance to Judaic Categories" *AAR-SBL Rocky Mountain Plains Regional Conference*, Creighton University, March 29-30, 2019. **Accepted.**

“Beyification: The Dehumanization and Deification of Beyoncé.” *Graduate Student Symposium*. Florida State University, February 22-23, 2019. **Accepted.**

“Kabbalah at Qumran: Sectarian Secrets of a Mystic Tradition” *AAR-SBL Rocky Mountain Plains Regional Conference*, Brigham Young University, March 16-18, 2017. **Presented.**

“Kabbalah at Qumran: Sectarian Secrets of a Mystic Tradition” *DU Research and Performance Summit (DURAPS)*, University of Denver, Denver, CO, April 7, 2017. **Presented.**

“When Religion Isn’t All It’s Cracked Up to Be: Misrepresentations of Atheism in African-American Media” *Religion n Media Undergraduate Research Conference*, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, October 2014. **Presented.**

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

“Still Sanctified after Second Vatican Council: Simon of Trent’s Perpetual and Timeless Sanctification through Art” University of Denver Research Showcase, May 8th, 2019.

“Spaced and Placed: Hetero-'topic' Interpretations of the Warsaw Ghetto.” University of Denver Interdisciplinary Research Incubator for the Study of (In)Equality Research Summit, University of Denver, Denver, CO. May 16, 2018.

“Beyification: The Dehumanization and Deification of Beyoncé.” *DU Research and Performance Summit (DURAPS)*, University of Denver, Denver, CO, April 27, 2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

“Publishing as a Graduate Student: Perks, Pitfalls, and Political Advice,” Society of Biblical Literatures, San Diego, CA. November 2019

"Scholars on Social Media: How to Engage Responsibly, Form Digital Relationships, and Network with Celebrity-Scholars," American Academy of Religion National Conference, SLRS (Student Lounge Roundtable Series): San Deigo, CA. November 2019.

“The Benefits of Mind-Mapping (Software) for Research, Planning, and Visually Overcoming Writer’s Block: A Demonstration Using MindMaple Classic,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, SLRS (Student Lounge Roundtable Series): Denver, Colorado. November 19, 2018.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“American Religion in Times of a Pandemic: Community, Digital Service, and Coping,” Zoom Lecture for Balfour Senior Living Active Community, Denver, Colorado, *forthcoming*.

“Judaism in American Sports,” Speaker for Balfour Senior Living Home Active Community, Denver, Colorado, January 2019.

“Jewish Humor in Popular Media,” Speaker for Balfour Senior Living Home Assisted Living Community, Denver, Colorado, November 2019.

“Jewish Humor in Popular Media,” Speaker for Balfour Senior Living Home Active Living Community, Denver, Colorado, October 2019.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Presenter, University of Denver Graduate Student Orientation, Graduate Student Panel, September 6, 2019.

Participant in “Pride and Prejudice: Jewish History in the American South.” **National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute**. Hosted by The College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina. (May 26, 2019 – June 7, 2019).

Panel Chair, “Afterlives of Medieval Bodies,” *Sewanee Medieval Colloquium*, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, April 12-13, 2019.

Guest Lecturer, College of Charleston, Religious Studies Capstone Course (RELS 451), “From Academic Passion to Public Scholarship.” January 23, 2019.

Participant, Wabash Grant Symposium: “Technology, Scholarship, and Teaching: How should we integrate technological literacy into doctoral education in the Joint PhD?” September 2018.

Teaching Online Short Course, University of Denver, Office of Teaching and Learning, July 2018.

Selected Participant for the Graduate Student Association Winter Paper Presentation Workshop, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology Joint Doctoral Program, 2018

Selected Participant for the Roger Salters Doctoral Writing Institute, Interdisciplinary Research Incubator for the Study of (In)Equality (IRISE) Program, University of Denver, 2017-2018.

University of Denver, DU RAPS (University of Denver’s Research and Performance Summit), Peer reviewer, 2017.

FEATURES IN PUBLICATIONS/ONLINE SECTIONS

Wabash Syllabi Reference, *Theories of Religion*, 2019.

Expressions Plus!, Commencement Student Highlights, University of Denver, 2018. Page 23. [E-mag available](#).

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at the University of Denver, 2017 Commencement Student Highlights, June 2017.

College of Charleston Magazine, Alumni Class Notes, Charleston, South Carolina, April 2017

LANGUAGES

English: Native language
Spanish: Advanced/reading proficient
Hebrew: Lexicon
German: Basic/Beginner

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Theta Alpha Kappa (2018-present)
American Academy of Religions (2016 - present)
National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2011-present)