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Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York  
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### Education

- 2015 PhD in Theology and Ethics: Christian Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary (Expected in May 2019); Advisors: Dr. Gary Dorrien, Dr. Andrea White  
Dissertation: "Changing the Rules of the Game: Sacred Value and the Lived Religious Practice of Organizing." Committee: Gary Dorrien, Eric Gregory, Melissa Snarr, Andrea White.
- 2014 MDiv in Interreligious and Ecumenical Studies: Union Theological Seminary  
Thesis: "Re-Enchantment and Dissent: Religion and Race in the Essays of Ralph Waldo Emerson and James Baldwin." Readers: Dr. Gary Dorrien, Dr. James Cone.
- 2010 BA, with Distinction, Religion: St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota  
Religion Distinction Project: "Cosmology and Ethos in the Quechua Struggle for Self-Determination."

### Awards and Scholarships

- 2016-18 Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellowship  
2014 Union Theological Seminary's Charles A. Briggs Award  
2012-14 The Roothbert Fund, Inc., Scholarship & Fellow  
2010 Member of Theta Alpha Kappa  
2009 St. Olaf College Melvin George Scholarship for Service Leadership  
2006-2010 St. Olaf College Service Leadership in Community and Church Award

### Teaching and Research Experience

#### Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

Spring 2018 Philosophy 2200: Religion and the World

#### Belmont University, Nashville, TN.

Fall 2017 Religion 1010: Understanding the Bible, Sections 11G and 16G

#### Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York:

Fall 2016 Teaching Fellow: American Theological Liberalism 1805 - 1930

Spring 2017 Teaching Fellow: Economy, Ecology and Ecofeminism

Aug. 2016 - Present Research Assistant for Dr. Andrea White, Associate Professor of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

January - Aug. 2017 Research Assistant for Dr. Lisa Thompson, Assistant Professor of Homiletics Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

## **Selected Presentations and Publications**

- 2017 “Organizing Sacred Value” at McGill University Center for Research on Religion Graduate Conference, McGill University
- 2017 “Organic Intellectuals and Moral Exemplars to the Church” at Mid-Atlantic Region of American Academy of Religion Annual Conference
- 2017 “A Politics of Grieving: Organizing Practices Rooted in Augustinian Virtue” at Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Theology Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2016 “Posturing toward a Social Eschatology: Race, Property, and Embodied Expectations” at Duke Graduate Theology Conference, Duke University.
- 2014 “Economic Democracy: A Union Tradition.” *Union Now* Fall 2014

## **Professional Experience**

- 2013 - 2015 **Religions for Peace USA**  
*Executive Director*
- 2011 - 2013 **World Student Christian Federation**  
*New York City Local Coordinator*
- 2010 - 2011 **Communities Organized for Public Service / Metro Alliance**  
*Community Organizer.*
- 2009 - 2010 **Uniting General Council of World Communion of Reformed Churches**  
*PC(USA) Delegate Rapporteur.*
- 2009 - 2010 **Global Reformed Youth Forum**  
*Coordinator*

## **Professional Service**

- 2012 - 2013 Member of Union Theological Seminary Search Committee for Systematic Theology Faculty Member
- 2012 - 2013 Member of writing team for General Assembly Committee on Interfaith and Ecumenical Relations Interfaith Stance for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); Member of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Young Adult Presbyterians and Multifaith Cohort.

## **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion  
Society of Christian Ethics

## **Languages**

Spanish (Advanced, reading, writing and speaking)  
German (Intermediate, reading)