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## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2014      **PhD, Religion (Critical Comparative Scriptures)**  
Claremont Graduate University
- Comprehensive examinations: theories in comparative religion, the history and study of Christian scriptures (New Testament), and African American culture and religion
- Dissertation: “Knowing One’s Roots: Alex Haley and the Anthropology of Scriptures,” under the advisement of Vincent L. Wimbush
- 2009      **MDiv, *cum laude***  
Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
- 2005      **BA, Religion and Anthropology (double major)**  
Texas Christian University

### ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2014-Present    Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies,  
Elizabethtown College
- 2012-2014      Lecturer, Department of Ethnic and Women’s Studies, California State  
Polytechnic University, Pomona
- 2011-2013      Instructor, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA
- 2011              Instructor, Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont, CA

### SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

#### Monographs

- 2018    *Identifying Roots: Alex Haley and the Anthropology of Scriptures* (Equinox

Publishers, in review).

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2017 “Reading Alex Haley’s *Roots*: Toward an Anthropology of Scriptures,” *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts and Contemporary Worlds* (in press).
- “Locating Value in the Study of Religion,” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* (May 2017): 1-20. doi: 10.1163/15700682-12341407.
- “The African American Bible: Bound in a Promised Land,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 136:1 (Winter 2017), 221-228.
- 2016 “Theory Throw Down,” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 19:3 (July 2016), 297.
- 2015 “Signifying on the World Religions Paradigm: My Version of RELIGION 101,” *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* 44:3 (September 2015), 35-37.

### Book Chapters

- 2018 “Third-Screen Teaching: Enhancing Classroom Learning with Mobile Devices,” *Teaching Religion Using Technology in Higher Education*, ed. John Hilton III (Routledge, in press).
- 2017 “Naaaaaw you Show me YOUR ID,” *Fabricating Identities*, ed. Russell T. McCutcheon (Equinox Press, in press).
- “Do scholars of religion study texts or do they study the religion firsthand, like an anthropologist might?” *Religion in Five Minutes: Scholars Answer Your Questions*, ed. Russell T. McCutcheon (Equinox Publishers, 2017), 259-260.
- “Is it possible to study religion academically and still be religious?” *Religion in Five Minutes: Scholars Answer Your Questions* ed. Russell T. McCutcheon (Equinox Publishers, 2017), 261-264.
- “Richard Newton Responds to Blum,” in *Theory in a Time of Excess—The Case for the Academic Study of Religion*, ed. Aaron W. Hughes (Equinox Publishers, 2017), 37-46.
- 2015 “Writing Basically,” in *Writing Theologically*, ed Eric D. Barreto (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015), 5-20.
- “An Exegetical Perspective on John 11:28-37,” in *Feasting on the Gospels*, eds. E. Elizabeth Johnson and Cynthia A. Jarvis (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 57, 59, 61.

“An Exegetical Perspective on John 11:17-27,” *Feasting on the Gospels*, eds. E. Elizabeth Johnson and Cynthia A. Jarvis (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 51, 53, 55.

### Book Reviews

- 2018 Review of *Womanist Interpretations of the Bible: Expanding the Discourse*, eds. Gay L. Byron and Vanessa Lovelace. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (in press, 2017).
- 2016 Review of *A Child Shall Lead Them: Martin Luther King, Jr., Young People, and the Movement*, Rufus Burrow, Jr. *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* (2016), 506.
- 2011 Review of *Transforming Scriptures: African American Women Writers and the Bible*, Katherine Clay Bassard, *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* 2 (2011): 1-7. [http://www.raceandreligion.com/JRER/Book\\_Reviews\\_files/Newton%20review%20of%20Brassard.pdf](http://www.raceandreligion.com/JRER/Book_Reviews_files/Newton%20review%20of%20Brassard.pdf).
- 2011 Review of *Transforming Scriptures: African American Women Writers and the Bible*, Katherine Clay Bassard. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* 2 (2011): 1-7. [http://www.raceandreligion.com/JRER/Book\\_Reviews\\_files/Newton%20review%20of%20Brassard.pdf](http://www.raceandreligion.com/JRER/Book_Reviews_files/Newton%20review%20of%20Brassard.pdf).

### Scholarly Web Essays

- 2017 “The Last Thesis Proposal Guide Your Students Will Ever Need,” *Seminarium: The Elements of Great Teaching*, June 30, 2017. <http://seminariumblog.org/general/semclass/last-thesis-proposal-guide-students-will-ever-need/>.
- [“Words and Things: Happily Ever After Religion,”](#) A Response to Brent Nognbri’s *Before Religion: A History of a Modern Concept* (Yale University Press: 2015), *Studying Religion in Culture Blog*, University of Alabama, February 20, 2017. <https://religion.ua.edu/blog/2017/02/words-and-things-happily-ever-after-religion/>.
- [“Better Know a Religion Blog: Sowing the Seed: Fruitful Conversations in Religion, Culture, and Teaching.”](#) *Religion Bulletin: The Blogging Portal of the Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, January 26, 2017. <http://bulletin.equinoxpub.com/2017/01/better-know-a-religion-blog-sowing-the-seed-fruitful-conversations-in-religion-culture-and-teaching/>.
- 2016 “Revolutionary Love: Scholar’s Respond to the AAAR’s 2016: Conference Theme: Richard Newton, *Religion Bulletin: The Blogging Portal of the Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, February 22, 2016.

- <http://bulletin.equinoxpub.com/2016/02/revolutionary-love-scholars-respond-to-the-aars-2016-conference-theme-richard-newton/>.
- “Learning Curve: The Confidence Game,” *Practicum: Critical Theory, Religion, and Pedagogy*, February 23, 2016. <http://practicumreligionblog.blogspot.com/2016/02/learning-curve-confidence-game.html>.
- “I am Richard Newton and This Was My Doctoral Defense,” *PhD Talk*, April 5, 2016. <https://phdtalk.blogspot.com/2016/04/phd-defenses-around-world-defense-in.html?showComment=1463573283355#c6889141477159667630>.
- “*Realia* and the Teacher’s Toolbox in the Postmodern New Testament Classroom,” *Ancient Jew Review*, February, 2, 2016. <http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2016/2/2/realia-and-the-teachers-toolbox-in-the-postmodern-new-testament-classroom>.
- “Sorry About the Mess: *Star Wars* and the Virtue of Garbage,” *Killing the Buddha*, January 5, 2016. <http://killingthebuddha.com/ktblog/sorry-about-the-mess-star-wars-and-the-virtues-of-garbage/>.
- 2015 “Teaching the Bible with Tech at #AARSBL15,” *Seminarium: The Elements of Great Teaching*, November 20, 2015, <http://seminariumblog.org/general/semrends/teaching-bible-with-tech-at-aarsbl15/>.
- “Teaching the Bible and Race in the USA,” *Seminarium: The Elements of Great Teaching*, June 22, 2015, <http://seminariumblog.org/general/semrends/teaching-the-bible-and-race-in-the-usa/>.
- “Critical Comparative Scriptures at its Root” *Inscriptions*, The Institute for Signifying Scriptures, April 20, 2015. <http://signifyingscriptures.org/signify/inscriptions/richard-newton-reflections-on-the-iss-scriptures-at-its-root/>.
- “Silence and Real Talk: On Teaching about the Bible and Race in the USA,” *Race Matters in the Classroom*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, March 26, 2015. [http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism\\_pedagogy/2015/03/silence-and-real-talk-on-teaching-about-the-bible-and-race-in-the-usa.html](http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism_pedagogy/2015/03/silence-and-real-talk-on-teaching-about-the-bible-and-race-in-the-usa.html).
- “Syllabus Project: Signifying Religion: An African American Worldview,” *Practicum: Critical Theory, Religion, and Pedagogy*, Equinox Publishers, January 2015. <http://practicumreligionblog.blogspot.com/2015/01/syllabus-project-signifying-religion.html>.
- 2014 “*Exodus* Struggles to Deliver on its Promise,” *Lancaster Newspapers (LNP)*, December 27, 2014. [http://lancasteronline.com/features/exodus-struggles-to-deliver-on-its-promise/article\\_b82c232e-8b7b-11e4-a3fa-930a1e19bcfc.html#facebook-comments](http://lancasteronline.com/features/exodus-struggles-to-deliver-on-its-promise/article_b82c232e-8b7b-11e4-a3fa-930a1e19bcfc.html#facebook-comments).

- “AAR + SBL: Toward an Anthropological Study,” *Seminarium: The Elements of Great Teaching*, Fortress Academic, November 14, 2014.  
<http://seminariumblog.org/?s=%22ACE+Series%22>
- “A Student’s Guide to Maximizing Your Time At SBL,” *SBL Students*, Society of Biblical Literature’s Student Advisory Board, November 3, 2014.  
<http://www.sblstudents.org/maximizing-your-time-at-the-annual-meeting-like-a-pro/>.
- “Writing with a Point,” *Seminarium: The Elements of Great Teaching*, Fortress Academic, a three-part series, Fortress Academic, September 8, 2014,  
<http://seminariumblog.org/?s=%22Writing+With+a+Point%22>.
- “Afraid of the Dark: A Black Professor’s Reflections on Michael Brown’s Killing,” *Urban Cusp*, August 11, 2014, <http://www.urbancusp.com/2014/08/afraid-dark-black-professors-reflections-death-michael-brown/>.
- “Flipping the Classroom: Don’t Sweat the Technique,” *Seminarium: The Elements of Great Teaching*, Fortress Academic, May 12, 2014.  
<http://seminariumblog.org/author/richard-newton>.
- 2013 “The ACE Model for Critical Thinking and Critical Writing,” *Seminarium: The Elements of Great Teaching*, Fortress Academic, June 23, 2013, a four-part series.  
<http://seminariumblog.org/?s=%22ACE+Series%22>.
- 2011 “President Bartlet’s Bully Pulpit,” *In Media Res*, MediaCommons, June 28, 2011,  
<http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2011/06/28/president-bartlets-bully-pulpit>.
- “Gleaning Alex Haley’s Scriptural Roots,” *In Media Res*, MediaCommons, March 21, 2011, <http://mediacommons.futureofthebook.org/imr/2011/03/21/gleaning-alex-haleys-scriptural-roots>.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “The African American Bible: Bound in a Christian Nation,” 2016 Religion in Culture Lecture Series, University of Alabama—Tuscaloosa, April 18, 2016.
- “Teaching on Social Difference in Your Racialized Classroom,” Guest Lecture for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning & Educational Technology, Lebanon Valley College, March 2, 2016.
- 2015 “Using “Third-Screen” Technologies in the Classroom,” Educator Development Day, Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences, June 11, 2015.

“The African American Bible: Bound in a Christian Nation,” Days-Massolo Center Lecture Series, Hamilton College, February 16, 2015.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY AND PARTICIPATION

### Papers Presented

- 2017 “Skin in the Game: Racing the Stakes of Student-Scholarship,” Teaching Religion, American Academy of Religion, November 2017.
- “Teaching: The State of the Field,” North American Association for the Study of Religion, November 2017.
- “NAASR Workshop on Succeeding in the Job Market #NAASR2017,” North American Association for the Study of Religion, November 2017.
- 2016 “Digital Scholarship Reconsidered for the Graduate Student Pursuing the Tenure-Track,” Graduate Student Committee Panel, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 21, 2016.
- “Sowing the Seed: Creating an Online Student-Scholar Magazine,” Digital Futures of Religious Studies, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 19, 2016.
- “Demystifying the Teaching Philosophy: A Workshop,” Student Advisory Board, Society of Biblical Literature, November 19, 2016.
- 2015 “Sculpting ‘Source-Places’: Alex Haley “Wroughts” a Scripture,” Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts, Annual Meetings of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, November 22, 2015.
- “Signifying Theory: A Method Toward Mutually Assured Deconstruction,” Response to Jason N. Blum’s “On the Restraint of Theory,” North American Association for the Study of Religion, November 20, 2015.
- “Third Screen Teaching: A Solution in Disguise,” Lancaster Learns: A Teaching and Technology Conference, February 27, 2015.
- 2014 “Motivation and Learning in Biblical Studies-A Panel Discussion,” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 23, 2014.
- 2012 “Writing Like an A.C.E.: Teaching Critical Reasoning for the Last Time,” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of

- Biblical Literature, November 17, 2012.
- 2011 “Excavating the Significance of Nazareth via the Church of the Nazarene,” Use and Impact of the Bible, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, November 20, 2011.
- “When Texts Sell: The Scriptural Economies of ‘Macabre’ Religion and ‘Born-Again’ Relationships,” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 19, 2011.
- “Excavating the Significance of Nazareth via the Church of the Nazarene,” Western Commission on the Study of Religion, March 28, 2011.
- “Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars: A Consultation with the Fund for Theological Education,” Western Commission on the Study of Religion, March 27, 2011.
- 2010 “Glimpses of Alex Haley’s Scriptural Roots,” African American Biblical Hermeneutics, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 21, 2010.
- “Excavating the Significance of Nazareth via the Church of the Nazarene,” Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, March 5, 2010.

### **Panels Moderated**

- 2015 “Teaching with Technology,” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies and Global Education and Research Technology, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 21, 2015.
- 2014 “Teaching the Bible Visually or Geographically,” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 23, 2014.
- 2013 “Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Blended Learning and Linking Learning to Assessment,” Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 25, 2013.
- 2011 “Understanding Humans and Arousal,” The Second Annual Southern California McNair Scholars Program Conference: Dynamic Discourse—Representing Revolutionary Research, Claremont Graduate University, October 1, 2011.
- 2010 “Economy of Space, Place, and Land,” The First Annual Southern California McNair Scholars Program Conference—Changing the Face of Academia, Claremont Graduate University, October 2, 2010.

“Ain’t I a Womanist Too?”: Third Wave Womanist Religious Thought Conference, Claremont School of Theology, February 25-26, 2010.

#### CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENT TALKS

2015 “Dinner Table Conversation After Ferguson,” The Anna Reese Distinguished Lecture Series, Elizabethtown College, March 30, 2015.

“Get Carded: Documenting Identity in a Christian Nation,” Arts & Culture at Elizabethtown College, October 20, 2014.

2013 “Alex Haley’s *Roots*: A Scriptural Story,” Brown Bag Lunch Discussion Series, Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University, September 26, 2013.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### **Current Course Offerings at Elizabethtown College**

- Signifying Religion: An African American Worldview
- Scoping Out Religion: Theories and Methods
- Ethnicity, Gender, and Religion
- New Testament
- Watching the *Watchmen*: A Study in Modern Mythology
- The Bible and Race in the USA
- Introduction to Islam
- Capstone in Religious Studies: Religion in Public Life

##### **Student Research Advising**

2017 Garrett Clark, “Paradise and the Terrorism of Boko Haram,” Thesis, Fall Departmental Defense.

Hannah Ciocco, “Explorations in Museum Studies,” Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships Summer Enrichment Grant Project.

Payton Wagmeister, “King and the Klan: 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Protestantism,” Thesis, Scholarship and Creative Arts Day.

2016 Garrett Clark, “Research on Boko Haram and Violence in Nigeria,” Young Center Scholarship for Conflict Resolution and Ecumenical Studies Summer Research Project.

Sam Epps, “Boko Haram and Violence in Nigeria: A Project with the Office of Public Witness and the Church of the Brethren,” Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships Summer Enrichment Grant Project.



2015 Taylor Luckenbill, "Sacriligious, Supercilious, or Satire: The Book of Mormon as a Sacred Text and a Broadway Hit," Thesis, Scholarship and Creative Arts Day.

Meg Brace, Garrett Clark, and Shanise Marshall, "Researching Islam @EtownCollege -- A Student-Developed Digital Resource," REL293 Group Project, Scholarship and Creative Arts Day.

### Course Offerings at Previous Institutions

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

- Gender, Identity, Culture, and Technology: Lecturer, Winter 2013
- Ethnicity, Gender, and Religion: Lecturer, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Fall 2012

Claremont Graduate University

- Graduate Writing Course: Instructor, Summer 2013
- Field Research Methods in Cultural Studies, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2011
- Academic Writing and Speaking Program, Co-instructor, Summer 2011

Keck Graduate Institute

- Business, Science, and Communications, Instructor, Fall 2011

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016 **Seminar Participant, "Bodies of Christ: Visualizing Jesus Then & Now,** Calvin College Summer Seminar, June 12-24, 2016  
Investigated depictions of Christ and their effects on race, gender, and sexuality in church, state, and society. Worked with a select group of historians, religious studies scholars, artists, theologians, and pastors with funding from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship with funding by Lilly Endowment, Inc.

**Boko Haram Violence in Nigeria Project,**  
Elizabethtown College Spring and Summer 2016  
Led eight students in a collaborative effort with the Church of the Brethren to create a comprehensive documentation of abductions and casualties related to Boko Haram's violence in Nigeria (2009-2015). Students gathered demographic, historical, and discursive data to create a briefing report for distribution among government and NGO agencies.

2015-Present **Host, *Broadcast Seeding: Future Food For Thought***

[SowingTheSeed.org/Podcast](http://SowingTheSeed.org/Podcast)

Launched a podcast featuring experts on religion, culture, and teaching. Interviews offer the listening public an opportunity to experience a humanities education beyond the classroom.

**Founder and Curator, *Sowing the Seed: Fruitful Conversation on Religion,***

***Culture, and Teaching***

[SowingTheSeed.org](http://SowingTheSeed.org)

Established a unique digital space for students and scholars to exchange insights on social formation and pedagogy. Wrote guiding essays to initiate conversations. Published posts from undergraduate and graduate students as well as scholars from all over the United States.

**2009-2014 Research Assistant, Institute for Signifying Scriptures**

Claremont Graduate University

Assisted with logistics and planning of program initiatives. Participated in on-going conversation around ethnological research projects. Worked under the direction of Vincent L. Wimbush.

**Study Abroad, “The Bible in Global Context: Reading the Bible in Hong Kong and Taiwan”**

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University

Visited religious communities, religious studies programs, and seminaries in Hong Kong and Taiwan to investigate the Bible’s role in their social formation. Studied under Sze-Kar Wan.

**2008 Summer Volunteer, Bethsaida Excavation Project**

University of Nebraska at Omaha and Creighton University

Participated in an archaeological dig of a Galilean town. Received introductory knowledge of surveying, mapping, and pottery reading while serving as assistant square supervisor under Nicolae Roddy.

**2004-2007 Research Assistant, Maya Research Program**

Texas Christian University

Assisted with logistics of the MRP ethnographic field school at Yaxunah, Yucatan, Mexico. Led students in mapping a village. Served as a Spanish-English translator. Coded and tabulated medical and ecological data of the community. Served under the direction of Grace Bascope.

**SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

**Editorial Advisory Board**, *Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Religion: Aims, Methods, and Theories of Research*, ed. Russell T. McCutcheon, 2017.

**Executive Council**, North American Association for the Study of Religion, 2016-Present.

**Steering Committee Member**, Bible and Culture Program Unit, Society of Biblical Literature, 2016-Present.

**Board Member**, Society for Comparative Research on Iconographic and Performative Texts, 2015-Present.

**Steering Committee Member**, Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Program Unit, Society of Biblical Literature, 2012-2015.

SELECTED DEPARTMENTAL/COLLEGE SERVICE

2017 **Panelist, Screening of *I am Not Your Negro***

Raised questions and insights related to the legacy of James Baldwin during a campus screening of this acclaimed documentary. Event hosted by High Library. Oct. 8.

2016 **Leffler Lecture Planning Committee**

Initiated contact and invitation of 2016/2017 Leffler Lecture Guest Michele Norris. Coordinated cross-campus, pre- and post- programming. Interviewed Ms. Norris during the event. February 28-29.

**Hosted Mr. Michael Geaney,**

Worked with Dr. Mark Harmon to host Michael Geaney. Geaney presented research on the Book of Kells in honor of St. Patrick's Day during my New Testament course. March 15.

**Invited and Hosted Robert Knight, director of *In God's House: The Religious Landscape of Utica, NY.***

Hamilton College professor Robert Knight screened his documentary film and hold a public Q&A. February 21-23.

**Invited and Hosted Dr. Kelly J. Baker**

Worked with Bowers Writers House to bring historian of American religion and essayist, Kelly J. Baker. February 1-3.

**Launched Third Thursday/Meetup Professional Development Program**

Began a monthly lunchtime gathering of students and faculty in religious studies to promote professional skill development.

**Launched Theta Alpha Kappa Chapter**

Worked with the Dean of Faculty and the Department of Religious Studies to charter a chapter of the national religious studies and theology honor society.

**Advanced Religious Studies Media Strategy with JayFirm**

Worked with communication students to coordinate production of two video advertisements of departmental life as well as an HTML-compatible newsletter shell.

2015 **Faculty Consultant for Mellon Humanities Enrichment Program.**

Worked with the Office of Career Services to create internship initiatives and curricular pathways to help humanities students graduate career-ready.

**Faculty Representative for the Director of Diversity Hiring Committee.**  
Helped to develop job description and selection criteria for the redesigned position. April-May.

**Hosted Dr. Rafey Habib**

Worked with the department of English and Bowers Writers House to host Dr. Rafey Habib, poet and co-translator of the Norton edition of the Qur'an. October 1.

**Song of Songs: A Conversation with Christina Bucher**

Planned and moderated a panel discussion on Christina Bucher's commentary on Song of Songs (Herald Press, 2015).

**Religious Studies Major/Minor Curriculum Redesign**

Led departmental efforts to redesign the student learning outcomes and program of study to reflect student needs, disciplinary trends, and campus strategic plan.

**Director, Six-Word Story Diversity Program**

Led a nationally-recognized campus-wide initiative to examine race and identity politics on campus. October-March.

**Execution of Department of Religious Studies Media Strategy**

Advised student assistant on implementation of a social media and strategy to promote the major and minor, including revitalized major/minor fair booth, dynamic Facebook presence, and video trailers for department courses and life.

2014 **Religious Studies Departmental Lecture Series**

Initiated and Worked with Student Life programs to promote a year-long series of programs featuring departmental faculty.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature

American Academy of Religion

Institute for Signifying Scriptures

Society for Comparative Research on Iconographic and Performative Texts

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Sheffield Interdisciplinary Institute for Biblical Studies

Culture on the Edge

MEDIA COMMENTARY

- 2017 Clara Turnage, "More than a 'Summer Slump': How the Loss of Structure Affects Academics." *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 15, 2017.  
<http://www.chronicle.com/article/More-Than-a-Summer/240357>.

2016 *Smart Talk with Scott LaMar: "Roots,"* Interview Guest, WITF, May 31, 2016. <https://soundcloud.com/witf/sets/smart-talk-53116-the-recovery-of-rust-belt-cities-roots>.

Earle Cornelius, "The Religious Landscape in America is Changing," *Lancaster Online (LNP)*," Expert Commenter, February 20, 2016. [http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith\\_values/the-religious-landscape-in-america-is-changing/article\\_6105bd54-d683-11e5-b429-f36827e9bc82.html](http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith_values/the-religious-landscape-in-america-is-changing/article_6105bd54-d683-11e5-b429-f36827e9bc82.html).

Earle Cornelius, "'How Local Academicians View Wheaton College's Decisions to Oust a Professor who Says Christians and Muslims Worship the Same God,'" by Earle Cornelius, *LancasterOnline (LNP)*," Expert Commenter, January 23, 2016. [http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith\\_values/how-local-academicians-view-wheaton-college-s-decision-to-oust/article\\_d8721388-c139-11e5-a4b2-3b9dd5087f87.html](http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith_values/how-local-academicians-view-wheaton-college-s-decision-to-oust/article_d8721388-c139-11e5-a4b2-3b9dd5087f87.html).

2015 Earle Cornelius, "The Spirituality of *Star Wars*," *Lancaster Online (LNP)*, Expert Commenter, December 12, 2015. [http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith\\_values/the-spirituality-of-star-wars/article\\_7b01cc44-a027-11e5-acc4-a7765b7fb4ec.html](http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith_values/the-spirituality-of-star-wars/article_7b01cc44-a027-11e5-acc4-a7765b7fb4ec.html).

Amanda Berg, "Elizabethtown College Takes on Challenge of Discussing Race on Campus," *PennLive/The Patriot*," Featured Subject, November 26, 2015. [http://www.pennlive.com/news/2015/12/elizabethtown\\_college\\_takes\\_on.html](http://www.pennlive.com/news/2015/12/elizabethtown_college_takes_on.html).

Tim Stuhldreher, "Local College Campuses Re-examining Issues of Race, Diversity, and Inclusion," *Lancaster Online (LNP)*, Expert Commenter, November 27, 2015. [http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/local-college-campuses-re-examining-issues-of-race-diversity-and/article\\_31db0f8a-93b6-11e5-9497-73a949533da3.html](http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/local-college-campuses-re-examining-issues-of-race-diversity-and/article_31db0f8a-93b6-11e5-9497-73a949533da3.html).

Earle Cornelius, "Just How Do We Measure Faith," *Lancaster Online (LNP)*, Expert Commenter, November 6, 2015. [http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith\\_values/just-how-do-we-measure-faith-in-the-us/article\\_43b4e0fa-83fd-11e5-a657-db21618f5caa.html](http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith_values/just-how-do-we-measure-faith-in-the-us/article_43b4e0fa-83fd-11e5-a657-db21618f5caa.html).

Tim Stuhldreher, "College Events Look at Post-Ferguson, Race, Justice Question," *Lancaster Online (LNP)*," Expert Commenter, January 9, 2015, [http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/college-events-look-at-post-ferguson-race-justice-questions/article\\_237b9e6c-985f-11e4-bd45-6ff63a5f15ff.html](http://lancasteronline.com/news/local/college-events-look-at-post-ferguson-race-justice-questions/article_237b9e6c-985f-11e4-bd45-6ff63a5f15ff.html).

## SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

2016 **Faculty Peer-Mentor Cluster (2016-2017)**

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning

**Emergent Scholar Mentor**

Elizabethtown College

2015 **Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty of African Descent (2015-2016)**  
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning

2008 **Archaeological Dig Fellowship**  
Biblical Archaeology Society

REFERENCES

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Associate Professor  
Religion & Africana Studies  
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