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RESEARCH OVERVIEW

I am a specialist in American Religious and Cultural Studies with a focus on the American religious right and systems of dehumanization. Deploying an interdisciplinary methodology that draws from the study of religions, critical theory, and politics and international relations, my work explores critical contemporary issues of global significance, including Islamophobia, antisemitism, transphobia, and religious nationalism.

Areas of Specialization

- US Evangelicalism
- Christian Nationalism
- Apocalypticism
- Gender in Reactionary Groups
- Race and Racialization
- Antisemitism
- Islamophobia
- Colonialism/Coloniality

EDUCATION

2010–2015 **PhD: Study of Religions (Unconditional)**

SOAS, University of London, UK.

Thesis Title: *Owning the Future: Demonology and the Architecture of Sovereignty in a Time of Terror.*

Supervisors: Dr Sian M. Hawthorne; Dr Jan-Peter Hartung; Prof. Cosimo Zene.

Examiners: Dr Stefan Skrimshire; Dr Michael Hoelzl.

Award Date: 31 December 2015.

Funded by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Scheme Studentship.

2008–2009 **MA: Religions, with Distinction**

SOAS, University of London, UK. Supervisor: Dr Sian M. Hawthorne

Dissertation Title: *Counterfeit Kingdoms: Truth and Lie in the Politics of Apocalyptic Time.*

Award Date: 1 December 2009.

2004–2007 **BA (Hons): Study of Religions, First Class**

Bath Spa University, UK.

Award Date: 6 July 2007.

CURRENT POSITION

2018–Present **Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow**

Clinton Institute for American Studies. University College Dublin, Ireland.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2017–2018 **Instructor**

School of International Politics, Economics, and Communication. Aoyama Gakuin University (Japan).

2017–2018 **Adjunct Professor of Religion**

Japan Campus. Lakeland University (Japan).

2012–2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Department of Religions and Philosophies. SOAS, University of London (UK).

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Forthcoming *Passing Orders: Demonology and Sovereignty in American Spiritual Warfare*. New York: Fordham University Press. Release Date: Nov. 3, 2020.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming** 'A Spider's Web, Spanning the Ages: Entanglements of Space, Time, and Power in Japanese Spiritual Warfare.' *Japanese Religions* 44: Japan and the Global Occult (Special Issue).
- Forthcoming** 'The Deliverance of the Administrative State: Deep State Conspiracism, Charismatic Demonology, and the Post-Truth Politics of American Christian Nationalism.' *Religion. Political Theology*. Jean Bodin (Special Issue). DOI: 10.1080/1462317X.2020.1759278.
- 2020** 'Witchcraft, Statecraft, Mancraft: On the Demonological Foundations of Sovereignty.' *Political Theology*. Jean Bodin (Special Issue). DOI: 10.1080/1462317X.2020.1759278.
- 2020** 'Antisemitism Under Erasure: Christian Zionist Anti-Globalism and the Refusal of Cohabitation.' *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2019.1704042.
- 2019** 'Unipolar Dispensations: Exceptionalism, Empire, and the End of One America.' *Political Theology* 20(1): 66–84.
- 2018** 'Islamophobic Conspiracism and Neoliberal Subjectivity: The Inassimilable Society.' *Patterns of Prejudice* 52(1): 1–23.
- 2017** 'The Body Politic(s) of the Jezebel Spirit.' *Religion and Gender* 7(2): Religion, Gender, and Body Politics (Special Issue): 240–255.
- 2016** 'Secularizing Demons: Fundamentalist Navigations in Religion and Secularity.' *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 51(3): 640–660.
- 2015** 'A Digital Devil's Saga: Representations of the Demon in Recent Videogames.' *Online: Heidelberg Journal of Religions on the Internet* 7: Religion in Digital Games Reloaded (Special Issue): 139–159.
- In Review** 'The Return of the Nephilim: Racialisation, Biosoteriology, and Civilisational Crisis in Evangelical Demonology.'

Book Sections

- 2017** 'Literature, Theology, Survival.' In *The Hermeneutics of Hell: Visions and Representations of the Devil in World Literature*, eds. Gregor Thuswaldner and Daniel Russ. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 143–164.
- 2017** 'Apocalyptic Rhetoric.' In *Gender: God*, ed. Sian Hawthorne. Farrington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 297–311.
- 2017** [with Elena Volkova] 'Blasphemy, Speech, and Gender Resistance.' In *Gender: God*, ed. Sian Hawthorne. Farrington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 213–227.
- 2016** 'Postsecular.' In *Gender: Sources, Perspectives, and Methodologies*, ed. renée c. hoogland. Farrington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 305–318.
- 2015** 'Whom We Resist: Subjectivity and Resistance at the Infernal Periphery.' In *The Concept of Hell*, eds. Benjamin McCraw and Robert Arp. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 169–183.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019** 'Patriot Act.' In *Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories in American History*, eds. Christopher R. Fee and Jeffrey B. Webb. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 492–496.
- 2019** 'Satellites & Surveillance.' In *Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories in American History*, eds. Christopher R. Fee and Jeffrey B. Webb. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 561–565.

Public and Popular Scholarship

- 2020 'Trump's Rhetoric Fuses Christian Nationalism with Counter-Terrorism.' *America Unfiltered*. Available online at: <https://www.ucdclinton.ie/commentary-content/trumps-rhetoric-fuses-christian-nationalism-with-counter-terrorism>
- 2016 'Futures Found Wanting.' *The Religious Studies Project*. Available online at: www.religiousstudiesproject.com/2016/05/12/futures-found-wanting/
- 2014 'Our Demonic World.' In *The Devil and Philosophy: The Nature of His Game*, ed. Robert Arp. Popular Culture and Philosophy Series. Chicago, IL: Open Court, 119–126.

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming 'Sean Durbin, *Righteous Gentiles: Religion, Identity, and Myth in John Hagee's Christians United for Israel*. Leiden: Brill, 2018.' *Relegere: Studies in Religion and Reception*.
- 2018 'Donovan O. Schaefer, *Religious Affects: Evolution, Animality, and Power*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2015.' *Bulletin of the British Association for the Study of Religions* 132: 32–34.
- 2013 'Linda Martín Alcoff and John D. Caputo (eds.), *Feminism, Sexuality, and the Return of Religion*. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2011.' *Religion and Gender* 3(2): 268–70.

FUNDING AND AWARDS

- 2020 Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund, Trinity College Dublin
€2500 for establishment of the Demonology Academic Research Network (DARN), with Professor Zohar Hadromi-Allouche.
- 2018–2020 Irish Research Council Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship
€91846, including €31275 annual salary and €5000 annual research allowance.
- 2011–2014 UK Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Scheme Studentship
Full tuition and £15590 annual maintenance stipend.
- 2007 Best Dissertation in the Study of Religion 2006–7, Bath Spa University
Award for the highest-acclaimed dissertation.

EVENT ORGANIZATION & SERVICE

- Postponed **Political Demonologies: Race, Gender, and Coloniality in a Postsecular Age**
Primary Coordinator. 15–16 May. University College Dublin, Ireland.
Invited keynote speakers, designed and distributed call for papers, selected conference abstracts and organized panel composition. *Event postponed due to Covid-19*.
- 2019 **Alternative Realities: New Challenges for American Literature in the Era of Trump**.
Organizing Committee Member. 13–14 Dec 2019. University College Dublin, Ireland.
Helped draft call for papers, vetted abstracts, organizing panel composition, chaired.
- 2012 **Catachreses? Gender, Religion, Postcoloniality**.
Organizing Committee Member. 17–19 Dec. SOAS, University of London.
Helped coordinate and book venues, edited and proofread copy for website and call for papers, and chaired panel sessions.
- 2006 **Research Assistant, Study of Religions Department**.
February. Bath Spa University.
Worked with faculty members to restructure the Study of Religions First Year BA.

CONSULTATIONS

- 2019 Consulted for: Alex Kasprak, 'Disguising Hate: How Radical Evangelicals Spread Anti-Islamic Vitriol on Facebook.' *Snopes*, 15 May, 2019. Available online at: www.snopes.com/news/2019/05/15/radical-evangelical-facebook/

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- 2020– Editorial Board. *Culture and Religion: An Interdisciplinary Journal* (Taylor & Francis).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 'Paradise Has Walls: Sovereignty, Securitization, and Demonology in US Evangelicalism.' **The Conference at the End of the World**. 14 July. Online.
- 2019 "'Their Diabolical Resolve': Demonology and Crisis in Contemporary America.' **Alternative Realities**. 13–14 Dec. University College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2019 'Racialization, Anti-Urbanism, and the Demonization of Resistance in America Today.' **Racism and Religion**. 6–8 Nov. Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2019 'And the World was Changed: Racialization, Techno-Demonology, and the Watcher Myth.' **ISASR2019**. 11 Oct. Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2019 'The Return of the Nephilim: Demonology, Technology, and the Crises of Civilization.' **BASR2019**. 2–4 Sep. Leeds Trinity University, UK.
- 2019 'The Devil and the Deep Sea: Navigating Neo-Charismatic Eco-Demonologies.' **EASR2019**. 25–29 Jun. University of Tartu, Estonia.
- 2019 'Oceanic Calamity and Chastisement in Contemporary American Demonology.' **ISSRNC2019**. 13–16 Jun. University College Cork, Ireland.
- 2019 'Cyrus Against the Globalists: Neo-Charismatic Demonology and Authoritarian Politics.' **BAAS2019**. 25–27 Apr. University of Sussex, UK.
- 2019 'God's Useful Idiot: Anti-Government Demonology in Trump's America.' **IAAS2019**. 12–13 Apr. University College Cork, Ireland.
- 2018 'Dethrone & Rewrite: Authoritarianism, Border Security, and Spiritual Warfare.' **BASR-ISASR2018**. 3–5 Sep. Queen's University Belfast, UK.
- 2018 'Satan, Samurai, and the Sun Goddess: Shinto and/in Neo-Charismatic Spiritual Warfare.' **ASCJ2018**. 30 Jun–1 Jul. International Christian University, Japan.
- 2018 'Border Li(n)es: Demonology, Hegemony, and Securitization in Post-Truth America.' **Asian Association of Global Studies 2018**. 2–4 Mar. Kyoto Sangyo University, Japan.
- 2017 'Overcoming Jezebel: The 2016 Election as Holy Time for American Neo-Charismatics.' **The 6th International Conference on Values in Religion: Holy Times in Religion**. 2 Dec. Doshisha University, Japan.
- 2015 'Sacred Selves, Satanic Societies: Clashing Agencies in US Islamophobic Conspiracism.' **BASR2015**. 7–9 Sept. University of Kent, UK.
- 2015 'View(s) from the High Place: The Demon as Mirror of Humanity in Secular Modernity.' **Political Theology**. 10–12 Jul. Liverpool Hope University, UK.
- 2015 'The Idol That Therefore I Am: Contesting Origination in Apocalyptic Bioconservatism.' **Being Non/Human: Bodily Borders**. 17 Jun. Queen Mary University of London, UK.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2020** 'Worlding Hell: American Demonologies of Race and Empire.' *Romancing the Gothic*. 19 Sept.
- 2019** 'American Demons: Demonology and Sovereignty in Current American Evangelism.' 30 Oct. Trinity College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2019** 'Religion and Politics in Trump's America.' 8 Oct. University College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2019** 'The Deliverance of the Administrative State: Political Demonology in Trump's America.' 31 Jan. University of Leeds, UK.
- 2018** 'Wars for the Soul of America: The US Culture Wars, 1989–Today.' 12 Nov. University College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2018** "'Welcome to America': Immigration, Securitization, and Nativism.' 15 Oct. University College Dublin, Ireland.
- 2016** 'Derrida and the Metaphysics of Presence.' 3 Dec. SOAS, University of London, UK.
- 2014** 'Gender and (Post)Secularism: The Secular Sex.' 5 Mar. SOAS, University of London, UK.
- 2014** 'De Certeau: Interpretation and its Others.' 31 Jan. SOAS, University of London, UK.
- 2013** 'Saving the Nation (From Itself): New Otherings in Post-Cold War Neoconservatism.' 29 Jan. SOAS, University of London, UK.
- 2012** 'Derrida: Deconstruction and Differance.' 1 Nov. SOAS, University of London, UK.
- 2007** 'Flower and Threnody: The End of Revelation in Classical Aztec Religion.' 17 Nov. Bath Spa University, UK.

TEACHING

University College Dublin (Clinton Institute for American Studies)

2018–2020 *Trump's America* (MA Module)

Aoyama Gakuin University (School of International Politics, Economics, and Communication)

2017–2018 *Introduction to Religion and Politics* (2nd Year Undergraduate Class)
Religion and Society (2nd Year Undergraduate Class)
Debate/Discussion (1st Year Undergraduate Class)
Public Speaking (1st Year Undergraduate Class)

Lakeland University (Japan Campus)

2017–2018 *Religious Diversity in America* (100-Level Class)
Western Religious Traditions (200-Level Class)

SOAS, University of London (Department of Religions and Philosophies)

2012–2016 *Gender, Postcolonialism, and the Study of Religions* (MA Module)
Religion in Global Politics: Theories and Themes (MA Module)
Death and Religion (MA Module)

REFEREES

Available upon Request.