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# TEACHING

***CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT***

**Wake Forest University,** Associate Professor of Religion (2015-present)

Core Faculty Environment and Sustainability Program (2013-present)

***PAST ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS***

**Co-Director,** Environmental Program (July 2018-July 2021)

**Wake Forest University,** Assistant Professor of Religion and Environmental Studies (2011-2015)

**Wake Forest University,** Postdoctoral Fellow in Religion and Environmental Studies(2009-2011)

**Wake Forest University, LENS Summer Program for High School Students**, curriculum designer and faculty director (summer 2010, 2011)

**University of Florida,** Instructor, Alumni Fellow (2004-2009)

### *EDUCATION*

**PhD, Religion and Nature**, University of Florida,Gainesville, FL 2004-2009

 Dissertation: Sustainability and Religion

 Committee: Bron Taylor (director), Robin Wright, Anna Peterson, Jeffrey Burkhardt

# Graduate Certificate, Environmental Ethics, Graduate Environmental Ethics Program, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 2003-2004

 Committee: William Power and Dorinda Dallmeyer

**Master of Arts, Theology**,Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA 2001-2003

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**, Wake Forest University**,** Winston-Salem, NC 1994-1998

**Courses Taught, Wake Forest University**

FYS 100 Rock Music, Religion, and Social Change

REL 101 Introduction to Religion

REL 109Introduction to Buddhism

REL 111 Introduction to First People’s Traditions

REL 200 Approaches to Religion

REL 240/341/640 Religion and Ecology

ENV 201 Environmental Issues

REL 244 Religion, Terrorism, and Violence

REL 288/709 Field Placement in Religion and Public Engagement

REL 307/607 Magic, Science and Religion

REL 390/690 Poet Warrior: Writing Workshop (with Joy Harjo)

ENV 301 Writing Resistance: Contemplative Approaches to Writing (with Terry Tempest Williams)

ENV 301 Networks of Relationships between Humans and Trees (with David Haskell)

ENV 301 Writing Beyond Words (with Carl Safina)

ENV 305 Environmental Ethics

REL 332 Religion and Public Engagement

REL 390/690 Environmental Ethics

ENV 390 Energy Policy and Sustainability

ENV 391 Sustainability & Sustainable Development

REL 390/HNR 265/ENG 361 Radical Ecologies

REL 781 Science and Religion

REL 781 Religion, Terrorism, and Violence

SUS 701 Global Human Systems

**Courses Taught, University of Florida:**

 ISS 2160 Cultural Diversity in the United States

REL 3492 Religion, Ethics and Nature

***TEACHING RECOGNITION***

**Faculty Co-director, The Magnolias Project,** intensive two-day sustainability-oriented faculty workshop sponsored by WFU administration (2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019).

**Faculty Participant, The Magnolias Project** (2012).

**Academic and Community Engagement (ACE) Fellow,** Wake Forest University (2012).

**Faculty Participant, Wake the Tablets,** a micro-grant pilot program aimed at assessing the usefulness of e-reader devices for faculty course and research needs (2012).

***SUPERVISION AND RESEARCH***

**Advising**:

16 undergraduate students (Fall 2024)

On Leave (Fall 2023)

16 undergraduate, 2 graduate students (Spring 2023)

16 undergraduate students, 2 graduate students (Fall 2022)

16 undergraduate students, 2 graduate students (Spring 2022)

54 undergraduate students, 1 graduate student (Fall 2021)

60 undergraduate students, 1 graduate student (Spring 2021)

39 undergraduate students, 1 graduate student, (Fall 2020)

38 undergraduate students, 1 graduate student (Spring 2020)

37 undergraduate students (Spring and Fall 2019)

45 undergraduate students (Fall 2018)

**MA Thesis Chair,** John Klugh, “A Home for the Outcasts: An Analysis of Modern Christian Rock as an Expression of Postmodern Christianity” (Spring 2023)

**MA Thesis Chair,** Caleb Campbell, “Making Buddhism Work: Tibetan Buddhism in the U.S. at Drepung Gomang Center for Engaging Compassion and Beyond” (Spring 2022)

**MA Thesis Chair,** Theodore Kohler, “Effects of Campus Green Spaces” (Spring 2021)

**MA Portfolio Committee,** Alex Karas (2020)

**MA Thesis Chair**, Hannah James, “Evangelical Christianity and the Green Dragon” (2018)

**Honor’s Thesis Chair**, Sebastian Irby, “Security and Sustainability,” Sebastian Irby, Interdisciplinary Major (2018)

**Richter-funded Independent Study,** Alex Smolko, “Ethnographic Comparison of Conservation Behaviors in North Carolina, USA and Copenhagen, Denmark” (Summer 2016)

**Independent Study**, “Public Engagement and Sex Trafficking” (2015)

**Richter-funded Independent Study**, comparative religious practice: “Buddhism and Christianity in Taiwan,” Taiwan (2014)

**Independent Study**, “Environmental Issues and Community Gardening,” graduate student from Divinity School, 2012

**Richter-funded Independent Study**—participant observation on organic farms in rural France (2011)

**Independent Study**, “Buddhism and Ecology,” graduate student from Documentary Film Program (2010)

**Recommender** for 37 students for graduate school, transfer, or scholarship

# RESEARCH

***PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS***

***Books and Articles in Process***

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2024. “The Nature of the Scholar and the Scholar in Nature,” invited chapter for *The Past, Present, and Future of Critique in the Study of Religion*. John McCormack (ed.). Sheffield, UK: Equinox Press (forthcoming 2025).

***Books and Special Issues***

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2024.*Key Figures in Religion and Environment: Theoretical Foundations*. New York: Routledge.

**Johnston, Lucas F.,** and Dave Aftandilian (eds.) *Grounding Education in Environmental Humanities: Place-Based Pedagogies in the South* (Routledge Press, 2019).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** and Whitney A. Bauman (eds.) *Science and Religion: One Planet, Many Possibilities* (Routledge Press, 2014).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** *Religion and Sustainability: Social Movements and the Politics of the Environment* (Routledge Press [Equinox], 2013).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** **(ed.)** *Higher* *Education for Sustainability: Cases, Challenges and Opportunities from Across the Curriculum* (Routledge Press, 2012).

Sands, Robert and **Lucas F. Johnston** (eds.) Special Issue: *“Natural” Origins of Religion: Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, Vol. 3, No. 4 (January 2010): 437-579.

***Journal Contributions***

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2024. “B-Side Spirituality: An Empathetic Theory of Religion and Ethnographic Data About Spiritual (but not Religious) Belonging.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion.* Vol. 91: 283-301.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2023. Book Review: Brian Muraresku (pub. 2020). *The Immortality Key: The Secret History of the Religion with No Name.* New York: St. Martin’s Press,for *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, Vol. 17, no. 2.

**Johnston, Lucas.** 2022. Book Review: Todd LeVasseur (pub. 2021). *Climate Change, Religion, and Our Bodily Future*, for *Journal of Contemporary Religion.* Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2020. Book Review: Michael Bell (pub. 2018) *City of the Good: Nature, Religion, and the Ancient Search for What is Right*, for *Politics and Religion.* Princeton: Princeton University Press, for *Politics and Religion*, 13 (2020): 424-426.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2018. “Worldview Analysis in Comparative Context: Fishing for Data in Muddy Waters.” Invited submission for the open-source journal *Religions*, special issue on “Ethnographies of Worldviews/Ways of Life,” edited by Ann Taves and Michael Kinsella.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2017. Book Review: Justin Farrell. *The Battle for Yellowstone: Morality and the Sacred Roots of Environmental Conflict.* Princeton: Princeton University Press, for *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Environment*.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Cultivating an Academy We Can Live With: The Humanities and Education for Sustainability.” Invited submission for the open-source journal *Religions*, special issue on “Religions and Global Environmentalism,” edited by Evan Berry (2016).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Editor’s Introduction.” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, Vol. 10, No. 3 (June 2016): 5-8.

**Johnston, Lucas F. “**Editor’s Introduction: Paris in View.” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (January 2016): 5-8.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Sustainability as a Global Faith? The Religious Dimensions of Sustainability and Personal Risk.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2014)82 (1): 47-69.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** Anne Boyle,Bobbie Collins and Hubert Womack. “Looking at Sustainability through a Different LENS: One University’s Experience.” *Sustainability: The Journal of Record*, Vol. 5, No. 4 (August 2012).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Issue Introduction.” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (January 2012): 5-8.

Witt, Joseph, **Lucas Johnston** and Bron Taylor. “Exploring Religion, Nature and Culture (continued): The Growing Field, Society, and Journal.” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, Vol. 5, No. 1: 8-17.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Editor’s Introduction.” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, Vol. 4, No.3 (September 2010): 133-134.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2010. “From Biophilia to Cosmophilia: the Role of Biological and Physical Sciences in Promoting Sustainability.” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, Vol. 4, No. 1: 7-23.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** 2010. “The Religious Dimensions of Sustainability: Institutional Religions, Civil Society and International Politics since the Turn of the Twentieth Century.” *Religion Compass*, 176-189.

**Johnston, Lucas F**. 2009. Book Review: Gary Holthaus. *Learning Native Wisdom: What Traditional Cultures Teach Us about Subsistence, Sustainability, and Spirituality*, for *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, for *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics.*

Van Horn, Gavin and **Lucas F. Johnston**. “Evolutionary Controversy and a Side of Pasta: The Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Subversive Function of Religious Parody.” *Golem: Journal of Religion and Monsters,* Vol. 1, No. 2 (June 2007).

**Johnston, Lucas F.**  “Whose Security? The Abuse of National Security Rhetoric in Resource Management.” Lisa Volkering, Dylan Wolfe, Emily Plec, William Griswold, Kevin DeLuca (eds). *Proceedings of the Conference on Communication and the Environment*. Athens: University of Georgia Press (June 2007).

**Johnston, Lucas F.**  “Buddhism and Nature: A Survey of Themes and Works in an Emerging Field.” *Worldviews,* Vol. 10, No. 1 (May 2006).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** Book Review: James Miller (ed.) *Perspectives on an Evolving Creation*, in *Ecotheology*, Volume 10, No. 1 (April 2005).

***Book Chapters***

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Placing Pedagogy & Sustainability in the Piedmont: Faculty and Student Engagement,” for *Grounding Education in Environmental Humanities: Place-Based Pedagogies in the South*. Lucas F. Johnston and Dave Aftandilian (eds.). (New York: Routledge, 2018).

**Johnston, Lucas F.,** and Dave Aftandilian. “Conclusion: Principles for Teaching about Place in the South,” for *Grounding Education in Environmental Humanities: Place-Based Pedagogies in the South*. Lucas F. Johnston and Dave Aftandilian (eds.). (New York: Routledge, 2018).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** and Bron Taylor. “Religion and Environmental Politics into the Twenty-first Century.” *The Companion to Religion and Politics in America*. Barbara McGraw (ed.) (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016).

Taylor, Bron, **and Lucas F. Johnston.** “Religion and the Rise of Environmental Politics in the Twentieth Century.” *The Companion to Religion and Politics in America*. Barbara McGraw (ed.) (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Dancing My Prayers: Material Culture and Spiritual Practices of Improvisational Rock Music Subcultures.” *Practical Spiritualties in the Media Age*. Curtis Coats and Monica Emerich (eds.) (New York: Bloomsbury, 2016).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** and Robert Wall. “The Camel and the Eye of the Needle: Religion, Moral Exchange and Social Impacts.” *The Changing World Religions Map,* Stanley Brunn (ed.) (New York: Springer, 2014).

DeLongprè Johnston, Dedee and **Lucas F. Johnston**. “Introduction.” *Higher* *Education for Sustainability: Cases, Challenges and Opportunities from Across the Curriculum,* Lucas F. Johnston (ed.) (New York: Routledge, 2012).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Epilogue.” *Higher* *Education for Sustainability: Cases, Challenges and Opportunities from Across the Curriculum,* Lucas F. Johnston (ed.) (New York: Routledge, 2012).

**Johnston, Lucas** and Samuel Snyder. “Practically Natural: Religious Resources for Environmental Pragmatism.” Whitney Bauman, Richard Bohannon, II and Kevin O’Brien (eds.). *Inherited Land* (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2011).

***Reference Articles***

**Johnston, Lucas F.** and Todd LeVasseur. “Indigenous and Traditional Resource Management.” In *The Encyclopedia of Sustainability, Vol. 4*. (Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2011).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** and Todd LeVasseur. “Nutrition/Diets.” In *Global Resource on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources* (GREENR). (Florence, KY: Gale Educational Publishing, 2011).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “International Commissions and Declarations.” *Spirit of Sustainability: The Encyclopedia of Sustainability, Vol. 1*. Willis Jenkins and Whitney Bauman (eds.) *The* (Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Press, 2009).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Sociobiology.” *The Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, Paul Robbins (ed.) (Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 2007).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “Animal Reintroduction and Ecological Restoration.” *The Encyclopedia of Human-Animal Relationships*, Mark Bekoff (ed.) (Westport: Greenwood Publishing, 2007).

Anna Peterson and **Lucas F. Johnston,** “Humanness.” *The Encyclopedia of Human-Animal Relationships,* Marc Bekoff (ed.) (Westport: Greenwood Publishing, September 2007).

***Popular and Non-Peer Reviewed Publications***

**Johnston, Lucas.** “’Grow Small to Find Meaning in a Wounded World,” *Wake Forest Magazine* (fall 2020).

**Johnston, Lucas.** “Mostly Hot Air,” *Winston Salem Journal* (20 June 2017).

**Johnston, Lucas.** “What’s in Your Syllabus?: Religion and Ecology (REL 341/641).” *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*,Blog of the North American Society for the Study of Religion (March 15, 2017).

**Johnston, Lucas.** *Time Warner Cable,* News Channel, television interview on Pope Francis’s encyclical *Laudato Si*. (September 23, 2015).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** [“Cosmology and Environment,”](https://tif.ssrc.org/2015/09/14/cosmology-and-the-environment/#Johnston) for [special issue](https://tif.ssrc.org/2015/09/14/cosmology-and-the-environment/) of *The Immanent Frame*, Social Science Research Council (September 2015).

**Johnston, Lucas F.** Special [“Room for Debate”](https://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/11/18/natural-disasters-or-acts-of-god) in *New York Times,* “[Humans Are Disrupting the Climate,”](http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2013/11/18/natural-disasters-or-acts-of-god/humans-are-disrupting-the-climate) November 18, 2013.

**Johnston, Lucas F**., “[Book Preview: Religion and Sustainability](http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/book-preview-religion-and-sustainability-by-lucas-johnston/),” *There is Power in the Blog: Political Theology*, 2013.

**Johnston, Lucas F.** “[Religion and Sustainability: A Primer with Suggested Readings](http://www.humansandnature.org/filebin/pdf/forum_bibliographies/Religion_and_Sustainability_Primer-1.pdf).” Center for Humans and Nature, 2011.

Taylor, Bron and **Lucas Johnston.** “Countries Must Heed Eco-Degradation.” *Science and Theology News*, April 2005.

***RESEARCH GRANTS, AWARDS, AND CAMPUS WIDE EVENTS ORGANIZED***

**Interdisciplinary Writing Workshop**, ***Joy Harjo***, Poet Laureate, “Poet Warrior” (Spring 2021) (with Provost’s Office, Student Activity Fund, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability, Humanities Institute, Department of English, Environmental Program, and the Program in Leadership and Character) ($32,000)

**Interdisciplinary Writing Workshop**, ***Carl Safina,*** “Writing Beyond Words” (February 2019) (with Provosts’ Office, Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability, School of Divinity, Writing Program, Environmental Program, and Humanities Institute) ($35,000)

**Speaking Engagement and Seminar**, ***Alastair McIntosh***, “Geopoetics, Land, and Cultural Renewal” (a seminar on grassroots organizing); “Intergenerational Trauma and Local Activism” (public lecture, March 2018) (with Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability, School of Divinity, Writing Program, Environmental Program, Humanities Institute) ($2,000)

**Interdisciplinary Writing Workshop**, ***David Haskell,*** “Networks of Relationships between Humans and Trees” (February 2018) (with Provost’s Office, Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability, School of Divinity, Writing Program, Environmental Program, and Humanities Institute) ($5,000)

**Interdisciplinary Writing Workshop**, ***Terry Tempest Williams***, “Writing Resistance: Sustainable Spiritualities in the Anthropocene” (February 2017) (with Provost’s Office, Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability, Divinity, Writing Program, Environmental Program, Humanities Institute, and Women’s and Gender Studies) ($34,000)

**Publication Fund,** for *Key Thinkers in Religion and Environment: Theoretical Foundations*, 2024 ($1000)

**Publication Fund,** for *Grounding Education in Environmental Humanities*, 2018 ($1000)

**Ollen R. Nalley Family Faculty Fellowship**, 2014-2017

**Humanities Institute, Department for the Study of Religions, Environment and Sustainability Program, Pro Humanitate Institute,** Wake Forest University, “Place-based Education in the Southern US,” Winston-Salem, NC, 2016 ($2,500)

**Provost’s Fund for Faculty Travel,** for “Place-Based Pedagogies Workshop on the Upper Green River Biological Preserve,” Bowling Green, KY, 2015 ($609)

**Provost’s Fund for Faculty Travel,** for “So Many Roads: Grateful Dead Scholars’ Conference,” San Jose, CA, 2014 ($1,648)

**Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability**, for “Environmental Values, Kinship Ethics and Alternative Economies in Performance-Oriented Subcultures,” 2014 ($3,000)

**Provost’s Fund for Faculty Travel,** for “Religion, Place and Pedagogy,” symposium, Big Talbot Island, Florida, 2014 ($541).

**Publication Fund,** for *Science and Religion: One Planet, Many Possibilities*, 2013 ($1,200).

**Humanities Institute, Grant for Faculty Seminar,** “Human Dimensions of the Environment and Sustainability,” 2012-2013.

**Archie Fund for the Arts and Humanities,** for the proposal *Moravian Environmental Ethics: Community, Politics and Ecological Values*, 2012 ($1,000).

**Provost’s Fund for Hosting an International Conference*,*** Wake Forest University, for the proposal “Adaptation for Sustainability,” the 5th Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, 2012 ($7,500, funding approved, but declined).

**Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability (CEES),** Wake Forest University, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture,* 2011-2012 ($3,000).

**Humanities Institute,** Wake Forest University, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, 2011-2013 ($6,000).

**Publication Fund,** for *Religion and Sustainability,* 2013 ($1,000)

**Contributor and Consultant,** *Development of a New Museum of Anthropology Exhibit on North Carolina Archaeology*, funded by the Provost’s Fund for Academic Excellence. (2010-2011). PI: Stephen L. Whittington, Museum and Department of Anthropology.

**Contributor and Consultant,** Metanexus Institute, Global Network Initiative Continuation Program Grant for “Religion, Science, & Nature: A Proposal for a Multi-Year Forum and Research Initiative,” 2008-2013 ($116,000). PI: Bron Taylor, University of Florida.

***CONFERENCE and SEMINAR PARTICIPATION***

**Presenter:** “Whose Ecology? Administrative and Corporate Determinants of Institutional Development.” North American Association for the Study of Religion Annual Conference, San Antonio (November 2023), did not present.

**Presenter:** “The Scholar in Nature: Cultural Detectives and the Targets of Critique.” North American Association for the Study of Religion Annual Conference, Denver, CO (November 2022).

**Presenter:** “B-Side Spirituality: An Empathetic Theory of Religion and Ethnographic Data on Spiritual (but Not Religious) Belonging,” at WFU Social Science Research Council (March 2021).

**Invited Panelist:** “Religion is a Dirty Word: How Religious Studies Can Contribute to Environmental Humanities Conversations,” at STREAMS: Transformational Environmental Humanities Conference, KTH Humanities Laboratory, Stockholm, Sweden (July 2020, paper accepted, but not presented, COVID-19 year).

**Panelist:** “Teaching the Landscape: Waterways, Lifeways and Climate Solutions,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, University College, Cork (June 2019).

**Invited Panelist:** “Teaching Religion and Ecology,” American Academy of Religion Workshop (November 2018).

**Invited Panelist:** “Toward Ecological Civilization,” American Academy of Religion, Special Topics Panel (November 2016).

**Invited Panelist:** “The Value of Religious Studies in 21st Century Higher Education: Place-Based Pedagogy in the Southern U.S.,” American Academy of Religion, Quad-Sponsored Panel (November 2015).

**Presider:** “Affect and Moral Emotions in Religion and Ecology.” American Academy of Religion, Religion and Ecology Group (November 2015).

**Panelist:** “Values and Morality in Environmental Inequality,” Human Face of Environmental Inequality, Wake Forest University (March 2015).

**Panelist:** “Religious Extremism,” Wake Forest University Chaplain’s Office (March 2015).

**Organizer:** “To Green or Not to Green, and Everything in Between: Assessing Trends, Patterns and Gaps in Scholarship on Religion and the Environment.” Sociology of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA (November 2014).

**Invited Lecture:** “For the Greatest Good, or For the Least of These?: The Ethic of Personal Risk and Creation Care.” Earth Day Keynote. Thiele College, Greenville, PA (March 2014).

**Invited Panelist:** Teaching and Learning Committee: “Imagined Solidarities: Undergraduate Teachers and Students.” AAR Special Topics Panel: American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD (November 2013).

**Organizer and Facilitator:** “Mapping the field of Religion and Ecology.” Religion and Ecology Workshop: American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD (November 2013).

**Invited Lecture:** “The Religious Dimensions of Sustainability: Values, and Visions of the Future.” Mississippi State University (March 2013).

**Invited Panelist:** Teaching and Learning Committee: "Imagined Solidarities:  Common Cause or Conflicting Interests among Undergraduate Students and their Faculties?” AAR Special Topics Panel: American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL (November 2012).

**Respondent:** “Climate Change and the Humanities: A Response to Karen Pinkus,” Wake Forest University (September 2012).

**Invited Panelist**: “A Forum on the Greening of Religion Hypothesis,” at the Fifth International Conference of the Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Malibu, CA (August 2012).

**Co-convener**: “Teaching Religion and Nature: A Cross-Disciplinary and Cross-Generational Roundtable,” at the Fifth International Conference of the Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Malibu, CA (August 2012).

**Presenter:** “The Gospel of Efficiency, Spooky Action at a Distance, and the Hundredth Monkey: How Biological and Physical Sciences Helped Manufacture the Myth of Sustainability,” Environmental History Association, Phoenix, AZ (April 2011).

**Discussant:** “Health and Healing: The Way of Traditional Chinese Medicine.” Health as Metaphor and Reality in Asian Perspectives: East-West Conference*,* Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC (October 2010).

**Presenter:** “What’s Religion Got to Do With It?: Values, Ethics and Sustainable Futures,” Explorations: WFU Faculty Research Talk, Winston-Salem, NC (October 2010).

**Presenter: “**God Does Not Speak with Forked Tongue: Southern Evangelicals, Science, and Sustainability Networks,” Southeastern Conference of the American Academy of Religion*,* Religion and Ecology Consultation. Atlanta, GA (March 2010).

**Presenter:** “Selling Sustainability as a Sacred Duty: Cognitive Tools for Cultivating Sustainable Alliances,”American Academy of Religion, Religion and Ecology Group. Montreal, Canada (November 2009).

**Presenter:** “Resuscitating Relics and Taboos: Imagined Pasts and Sustainable Futures,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*,* Amsterdam, Netherlands (July 2009).

**Presenter:** “We Are All Related: The Function of Myth in the Sustainability Movement,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Morelia, Mexico (January 2008).

**Presenter:** “Refining Definitions of Religion for a Global Community,” American Anthropological Association*,* Washington, DC (November 2007).

**Presenter:** “Pirates Can Predict the Weather: The Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Nature of Truthiness,” American Academy of Religion, Religion and Popular Culture Group. San Diego, CA (November 2007).

**Presenter:** “Knee-Deep in the Muck: The Convergence of Theory and the Divergence of Practice in the Everglades,”International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Gainesville, FL (April 2006).

**Presenter:** “Scavenging the Savage Bones of Religion: Theorizing Religion and Nature,” International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Gainesville, FL (April 2006).

**Presenter:** “Whose Security? The Abuse of National Security Rhetoric in Resource Management,” Conference on Communication and the Environment, Jekyll Island, GA (June 2005).

**Presenter:** “The Question of Purpose: The Use and Abuse of Evolution in Religion,” Southeastern Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Religion and Science Group, Winston-Salem, NC (March 2005).

**Presenter:** “The Ethics of Restoration Ecology: Recovering the Value of Relationship,” American Academy of Religion, Religion and Ecology Group, San Antonio, TX (November 2004).

# SERVICE

***PROFESSIONAL***

**Co-Chair**, **Publicly Engaged Scholarship in the Study of Religion Seminar,**

January 2024-present, American Academy of Religion

**Juror**, *Iris Book Award*, Center for Religion and the Human at Indiana University, to recognize outstanding work at the intersection of science, religion, nature, and technology

**President-Elect,** *International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* (2023-present)

**Editorial Advisory Board,** Wildhouse Publications (2020-present)

**Tenure and Promotion Review,** University of Tennessee, Department of Religion (2022)

**Co-Editor,** 2017-2022

 *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* (JSRNC)

**Board of Advisors,** 2013-2021

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture (ISSRNC)

**Board of Directors, Journal Representative** (*Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and*

 *Culture*), January 2016-2021

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)

**Associate Editor,** July 2016-January 2017

 *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* (JSRNC)

**Senior Book Reviews Editor,** November 2013-2016

*Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* (JSRNC)

**Steering Committee, Religion and Ecology Group,** November 2010-2016

American Academy of Religion

**Co-chair, Religion and Ecology Group,** November 2012-November 2014

American Academy of Religion

**Book Reviews Editor/ Assistant Editor,** June 2008-November 2013

*Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* (JSRNC)

**Board of Directors, Interdisciplinary At-Large Member,** November 2009-April 2013

 International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)

**Associate Director,** 2007-2009

 International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)

**Interim Executive Director,** 2005-2007

 International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)

**Manuscript Reviewer**

* Grant/Funding Proposals:
	+ Swedish National Science Foundation, 2015
* Books:
	+ Manuscript Reviewer, 2024, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript Reviewer, 2022, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript Reviewer, 2021, Rowman & Littlefield
	+ Manuscript Reviewer, 2021, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript Reviewer, 2019, W.W. Norton
	+ Manuscript Reviewer, 2019, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript reviewer, 2015, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript reviewer, 2015, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript reviewer, 2014, University of California Press
	+ Manuscript reviewer, 2013, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript reviewer, 2013, Routledge Press
	+ Manuscript reviewer, 2012, Ashgate Press
* Journals:
* *Frontiers in Psychology* (2025)
* *The Texas Gulf Historical and Biographical Record (2024)*
	+ *Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology* (2024)
	+ *Critical Research on Religion* (2022)
	+ *Nature and Society* (2021)
	+ *Journal of Law and Religion* (2020)
	+ *Public Philosophy Journal* (2020)
	+ *Ethical Perspectives* (2019)
	+ *International Journal for Sustainability in Higher Education* (2019)
	+ *Religions* (2017, 2021)
	+ *Environmental Practice* (2015)
	+ *Worldviews: Global Religions and the Environment* (2011, 2014)
	+ *Journal for the Study of Religion* (2012)
	+ *Journal of Cross-Cultural Communication* (2012)
	+ *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
	+ *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* (2011)

***DEPARTMENTAL***

**Member:**

Religion and Public Engagement Committee (2022-present)

**Member:**

 Undergraduate Committee, Department for the Study of Religions (2021)

**Faculty Search Committee,**

 East Asian Buddhism (2023)

**Faculty Search Chair:**

Religion and Public Life (2020) (failed search)

**Faculty Search Chair:**

Environmental Program, for Teacher-Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow in Earth Science (2020)

**Member:**

Religion and Public Engagement Committee (2017-2020)

**Coordinator:**

Religion and Public Engagement Concentration (2014-2017)

**Chair:**

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Religion (2013-2014)

**Discovery Days Representative** (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2020)

***UNIVERSITY***

**Internal Program Reviewer,** Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies Program (2023)

**Advisory Board,** Humanities Institute(2020-present)

**Faculty Representative, Committee on the Center for the Advancement of Teaching,** (2022-present)

**Leadership and Character Partners Council,** Program in Leadership and Character **(**2020-present)

**Director,** Social Science Research Seminar (2019-2021)

**Board of Directors,** Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability (2019-2021)

**Faculty Fellowship Awards Committee** (2021)

**Wingate Hall Renaming Committee** (2020-2021) Part of the Slavery, Race, and Memory Project

**Teacher-Scholar Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee:**

 Program in Leadership and Character (2020)

**Capital Funds Committee,** (2018-2019)

**Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability,** Affiliated Faculty (2017-2019)

**Engaged Humanities Conference Planning Committee,** (2017-2018)

**ACE Advisory Council,** Pro Humantitate Institute (2015-2018)

**Graduate Richter Review Committee,** (2015-2018)

**Advisory Committee,** Pro Humanitate Institute (2015-2018)

**Interdisciplinary Major Task Force** (2015-2016)

**Panelist,** “Values and Morality in Environmental Inequality,” Human Face of Environmental Inequality, Wake Forest University (March 2015)

**Panelist,** “Religious Extremism,” Wake Forest University Chaplain’s Office (March 2015)

**Internal Program Reviewer,** Master of Arts in Sustainability Program, administered by the Center for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability (2014)

**Internal Program Review Coordinator,** Environmental Program (2014)

**Faculty House Calls Program** (2012, 2013)

**Convener, Faculty Seminar: “Mapping the Human Dimensions of Sustainability,”** engaged six faculty from different academic units to perform literature review and generate sustainability map of campus (2012-2013)

**Panelist:** “The Ethics of Hydraulic Fracturing,” ZSR Library Earth Day Panel (April 2012).

**Presenter.** “Religion and Sustainability: Social Movements and the Politics of the Environment,” *WFU Talk,* Winston-Salem, NC (May 2013).

**Presenter**. “What’s Religion Got to Do With It?: Values, Ethics and Sustainable Futures,” Explorations: WFU Faculty Research Talk, Winston-Salem, NC (October 2010).

***PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS***

Member: American Academy of Religion, 2003-present

Member: International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, 2005-present

Member: Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, 2015-present