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### **Education:**

Ph.D., History, Boston College, May 2009  
Dissertation: *The "Great Church Crisis," Public Life, and National Identity in late-Victorian and Edwardian Britain*  
Advisor: Peter Weiler  
B.A., History, Calvin College, May 2002

### **Teaching and Research Fields:**

Modern British History, Early Modern and Modern European Intellectual History, British Empire/Colonial India

### **Publications:**

"Diverging Paths: *Fin-de-Siècle* Britishness and the Oxford Movement," *Anglican and Episcopal History* 77, no. 3 (September 2008): 287-317.

### **Awards and Fellowships:**

Donald and Hélène White Award for Outstanding Dissertation in the Social Sciences, 2009  
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Academic Achievement Award, 2009  
Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, 2008  
Teaching Fellowship at Boston College, 2007-2009  
Andrew Mellon British History Award, Summer 2007  
Boston College Graduate Student Research Expense Grant, Spring 2007  
Boston College Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-2007  
Teaching Assistantship at Boston College, 2003-2006  
University Fellowship at Boston College, 2002-2003  
Dr. Peter D. Hoekstra Memorial Award in History, Calvin College, 2002  
Earl Srikwerda Memorial Scholarship in History, Calvin College, 2002  
First place winner in 2001 Beets Calvinism Paper Competition for "Paul's Ascent to Paradise: 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 in Its Ancient Context," 2001  
Wallace and Marianne Bratt German Interim Abroad Scholarship, 2000  
Calvin Presidential Scholarship, 1998-2002

### **Papers Presented:**

"Religion, Culture, and Imperialism: The Oxford Movement in Late-Victorian and Edwardian Great Britain," University of Maine—University of New Brunswick International Graduate Student History Conference, October 16, 2004.

“Never Trust a Clergyman in Black: The Long Life of British Anti-Catholicism,”  
First Biennial Boston College Conference on the History of Religion,  
March 24-25, 2006.

“The Persistence of British Religion: Fin-de-Siècle Anti-Catholicism,” New  
England Historical Association Conference, April 22, 2006.

“An Old Religion for a New Britain: Catholicism and Modernity in *Fin-de-Siècle*  
Britain,” American Catholic Historical Association Spring Conference,  
March 30, 2007.

Chair/Commentator for the panel “Public and Private Religion in the British  
Isles,” Second Biennial Boston College Conference on the History of  
Religion, March 15, 2008.

“Protestant Paranoia and Catholic Conspiracy: Protestant Perspectives on the  
Second Anglo-Boer War,” Northeast Conference on British Studies,  
November 15, 2008.

**Teaching Experience:**

Teaching Fellow  
Boston College

Modern History I and II  
2007-2008, 2008-2009

Theology Tutor  
Connors Family Learning Center  
Boston College

Fall 2006

Teaching Assistant  
Boston College

Modern History I and II  
2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-  
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**Languages:**

Reading proficiency in German and French

**Other Experience:**

Graduate Member, Departmental Search Committee for a Candidate in Modern  
European Intellectual History, Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

Article reviewed for *Anglican and Episcopal History* – Winter 2008

Organizing Conference Committee for the Second Biennial Boston College  
Conference on the History of Religion, Fall 2007 – March 2008

Boston College Graduate Mentorship Program, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

Graduate Member, Departmental Search Committee for a Candidate in Women’s  
History, Spring 2006

**Professional Memberships:**

American Historical Association  
North American Conference on British Studies  
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