

**NIKI KASUMI CLEMENTS**  
*Curriculum Vitae*

Watt J. and Lilly G. Jackson Associate Professor of Religion  
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Rice University, Houston, U.S.A.

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## 1. Professional Background

### Academic Positions

- 2022-present Watt J. and Lilly G. Jackson Associate Professor of Religion, Rice University  
2023-present Courtesy Faculty, Department of Philosophy, Rice University  
2025 Invited Researcher, L'Institut d'Études Avancées de Strasbourg  
2024 Invited Researcher, Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme  
/ École des hautes études en sciences sociales  
2014-2022 Watt J. and Lilly G. Jackson Assistant Professor of Religion, Rice University  
2020-2021 Allison Sarofim Assistant Professor of Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities,  
Rice University  
2014 Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellow, Wheaton College (Massachusetts)  
2013 Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University  
2012-2013 Instructor, Continuing Education, Brown University

### Academic Formation

- 2008-2014 Ph.D., Brown University, Religion and Critical Thought  
Specialization: Philosophy of Religion  
2011 Stanford University, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences,  
Fellowship for Cognitive Science/Neuroscience and the Humanities  
2004-2007 M.T.S., Harvard Divinity School  
Specializations: History of Christianity and Philosophy of Religion  
1999-2003 B.A., Sarah Lawrence College  
Specializations: Philosophy and Dance

## 2. Publications

### Monographs

*Sites of the Ascetic Self: John Cassian and Christian Ethical Formation*, University of Notre Dame Press (2020).

Reviewed in: *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* (2021), *The Classical Review* (2021), *Foucault Studies* (2022), *NTT: Journal for Theology and the Study of Religion* (2022), *Political Theology* (2022), *Reading Religion* (2021), *The Review of Metaphysics* (2020), *Syndicate* (forthcoming), *Toronto Journal of Theology* (2021), American Academy of Religion panel (2020).

### Monographs in Progress

1. *Chez Foucault: Foucault's Histories of Sexuality*, under review with Columbia University Press.
2. *Foucault the Confessor: Power, Critique, and Ethics*, for submission to Columbia University Press.

### **Edited Volumes and Journal Issues**

1. *Foucault's Confessions*, volume editor with James D. Faubion and Daniel Louis Wyche; volume under contract with Columbia University Press.
2. "Iatrogenesis and Health Inequity," Journal Issue Guest Editor with Dr. Zoe Tao, *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics* (August 2022).
3. "Transgenerational Trauma," Journal Issue Guest Editor with Dr. Zoe Tao, *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics* (June 2021).
4. "Religious Studies Companion Document for the C3 Framework," co-author for policy document for United States education, *College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework*, National Council for the Social Studies (2017).
5. *Mental Religion*, edited volume, Macmillan Press (2016).

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters**

1. "From Désassujettissement to Désubjectivation in Foucault's Critical Ontology of the Present," in *Foucault and Desubjectivation: Ethics, Experience, and Freedom*, Palgrave Macmillan (2026).
2. "Autonomy & the Foucauldian Subject," in *Redeeming Autonomy: Agency, Vulnerability, & Relationality*, Oxford University Press (2026).
3. "The Late Ancient Christian Inauguration of the Modern Philosophy of the Subject," *The Foucauldian Mind*, Daniele Lorenzini, editor, Routledge Philosophical Minds Series, Routledge (2026).
4. "Beyond Capacity: Foucault and the Cynic," *History of the Present* (2026).
5. "The Wynterian Turn: Human Hybridity beyond the Natural and Human Sciences," in *Words Made Flesh: Sylvia Wynter & Religion*, Fordham University Press (2025).
6. "From Truth-Confessing & True-Discourse in Late Foucault," in *Truth in Late Foucault: Antiquity, Sexuality, and Psychoanalysis*, Bloomsbury Academic (2024).
7. "Elephants, Christians, and Pagans in the *History of Sexuality*," *Arethusa* (2023).
8. "Veridiction and Jurisdiction in *Confessions of the Flesh*," *European Journal of Philosophy* (2023).
9. "Foucault and Brown: Formation of a Discourse," *Foucault Studies* (2022).
10. "The Decade of Foucault's Christian Book," *Symposium on Michel Foucault's Confessions of the Flesh, Theology & Sexuality* (2022).
11. "The τέλος of Asceticism in John Cassian and Michel Foucault," in *Reaching for Perfection: Studies on the Means and Goals of Ascetical Practices*, Peeters Publishers (2022).
12. "Asceticism and Self-Cultivation," in *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics: Volume I-Moral Inquiry*, Wiley-Blackwell (2022).
13. "Afterword," *Gnosis*, special issue on Foucault and technologies of the self, Brill (2021).

14. “Foucault’s Christianities,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 89.1 (2021): 1-40. [\* Noted as one of the most read articles in the journal.]
15. “John Cassian,” *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, Brill Academic Publishers (2020).
16. “The Asceticism of Interpretation: John Cassian, Hermeneutical *Askēsis*, and Religious Ethics,” in *Normative Dimensions: Scripture, Tradition, & Reason in Christian Ethics*, Palgrave Macmillan (2019).
17. “Emotions and Ascetic Formation in John Cassian’s *Collationes*,” *Studia Patristica* 83.9 (2017).
18. “Mental Religion: Intersections of Religion and Brain Science,” in *Religion: Sources, Perspective, and Methodologies*, Macmillan Press (2016).

### Articles in Progress

1. « La double création des femmes contre la subjectivité masculine dans *Les Aveux de la chair* »
2. « Macrine, le Socrate de Cappadoce : une lecture post-foucauldienne »
3. “Parsing Foucault’s Technologies, Hermeneutics, and Practices of the Self”
4. “A Typology of the Emotions, Affects, and Feelings”
5. “Virginity as an Art of Life: Michel Foucault on Gregory of Nyssa’s *Περὶ παρθενίας*”
6. “Cassian’s Therapies of Desire”

### Book Reviews

1. Peter Brown, *Journeys of the Mind*, for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (2025).
2. Philippe Büttgen, Philippe Chevallier, Agustín Colombo and Arianna Sforzini (editors), *Foucault, Les Pères, le sexe*, for *Revue de l'histoire des religions* (2025).
3. Faraz Sheikh, *Forging Ideal Muslim Subjects*, for *Syndicate* (2025).
4. Michel Foucault, *Confessions of the Flesh*, for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2022).
5. Alex Dubilet, *The Kenotic Self* and Rachel J.D. Smith, *Excessive Saints*, for *Political Theology* (2022).

## 3. Presentations

### Invited Talks (including keynotes)

1. “Ascetic Therapies of Desire in Late Antiquity,” Australian Catholic University, Rome, Italy, 2026.
2. « Le Parti pris du neutre, » Northwestern University, 2026.
3. “Postliberalism: Winter Theory Institute,” Society for Critical Exchange, Columbia, South Carolina, 2026.
4. “Foucault’s Labyrinth,” Emory University, 2026.
5. “Beyond Justice: A Foucauldian Exhortation for Our Present,” Society for Comparative Literature and Art, Austin, 2025.
6. « Foucault’s *Histories of Sexuality* », International Foucault Circle, Sweden, 2025.
7. « L’étrange féminologie d’Augustin d’Hippon », Université de Strasbourg, 2025.

8. “Foucault’s Unbordered Erotology of Resistance,” *PhiloSOPHIA*, 2025.
9. « Foucault et son *Gouvernement de soi et des autres* », Université Paris 8, Vincennes-St-Denis, 2025.
10. “Foucault, *parrhēsia*, et l’art de vivre,” Université Paris 1, Pantheon-Sorbonne, 2025.
11. “Les origines des femmes cachées,” Centre National de la recherche scientifique, 2024.
12. “*L’Histoire de la sexualité* en tant qu’une épreuve historico-pratique,” Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2024.
13. “ ‘S’acharner à être gai’ dans le *Nietzsche* de Foucault,” Université Paris 8, Vincennes-St-Denis/Columbia Global Center Paris, 2024.
14. “Foucault’s Government of Self and Others,” McGill University, 2024.
15. “Foucault’s Lost Volume *Retrouvé*,” UC Berkeley, 2024.
16. “Foucault, Christianity, Sex, and Truth,” UC Berkeley, 2024.
17. “Towards a Historical Ontology of Ourselves,” Universidad National Autonomidad Morelia, 2024.
18. “Entre l’aveu et la vérité,” Université de Lille, 2024.
19. “Making Ascetic Selves with Foucault and Cassian,” University of Groningen, 2024.
20. “Foucault’s Spirituality before Philosophy & Religion,” University of Groningen, 2024.
21. “Michel Foucault et *l’Histoire de la sexualité*,” Université Paris Cité, 2023.
22. “Macrine, le Socrate de Cappadoce : une lecture post-foucauldienne,” University of Strasbourg, 2023.
23. “Incomplete Genealogies in Foucault’s Histories of Sexuality,” University of Bristol, 2023.
24. “Our Noonday Demon,” *Religion and Psychology Symposium*, Amherst College, 2023.
25. “Our Noonday Demon,” *Philosophy of Religion Symposium*, Houston Holocaust Museum, 2023.
26. “Is Autonomy Worth Redeeming?” *Redeeming Autonomy: Agency, Vulnerability, and Relationality Seminar*, Australian Catholic University in Rome, September 2022.
27. “Care of the Self as Parrhesiast Resistance,” *Practices of Self in Antiquity*, University of Virginia, 2022.
28. “Ethical Formation via Critical Deformation,” Villanova University, 2022.
29. “Foucault’s Genealogies of the Flesh,” *Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity*, Oxford University, 2021.
30. “True *Confessions*: Foucault in the Archives,” University of Pennsylvania, 2021.
31. Discussion of *Sites of the Ascetic Self*, Early Christian and Late Ancient Studies Reading Group, University of Chicago, June 2021.
32. “Foucault’s Christianities,” *Foucault’s Confessions*, Rice University, May 2021.
33. “In Dialogue: Allora & Calzadilla, Specters of Noon,” Menil Collection, March 2021.
34. “Cassian’s Therapy of Desire,” Australian Catholic University, October 2020.
35. “Technologies of the Ascetic Self: τέλος in John Cassian and Michel Foucault,” *International Kosmoi Conference*, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, October 2019.
36. “Foucault the Confessor,” *Elizabeth Clark Center for Late Ancient Studies*, Duke University, 2019.
37. “Foucault, Christianity, and an Aesthetics of Existence,” *Religion and Critical Thought Colloquium*, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, April 2018.

38. “Foucault’s Christianities,” *Philosophy of Religion Workshop & Early Christianity Workshop*, University of Chicago Divinity School, February 2018.
39. “Medicalizing Melancholia: The Noonday Demon from Antiquity to the Present,” *The History & Culture of Diseases and Healing Seminar Series*, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health, UTHealth, November 2017.
40. “An Ascetic Art of Living: Extending the Turn to Late Antiquity,” *Rice Workshop in Humanistic Ethics*, Department of Philosophy, Rice University, March 2017.
41. “Ethical Know-How and Christian Contemplative Practices,” Master Lecturer, *International Symposium for Contemplative Studies 2016*, Mind and Life Institute, November 2016.
42. “Ascetic *Discretio* and Philosophical Critique in the Contemporary Study of Religion,” *Symposium on The Future of the Philosophy of Religion*, Boston University, February 2016.

### Refereed Conference Presentations

1. “Beyond Justice,” Foucault Seminar, *American Academy of Religion*, November 2025.
2. Review panel on Shenila Khoja-Moolji, *Rebuilding Community: Displaced Women and the Making of a Shia Ismaili Muslim Sociality*, *American Academy of Religion*, November 2023.
3. “Foucault’s Final Ethics,” *Foucault Lives Symposium*, University of Malta, June 2022.
4. “Arts of Ascetic Living in Foucault’s Gregory of Nyssa,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2022.
5. “Between Truth-Confessing & True-Discourse in Late Foucault,” *Truth in Late Foucault Conference*, University of South Carolina, February 2022.
6. “Examining Religious Ethics in the University,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, January 2022.
7. “Foucault’s *Confessions* in the Study of Religion,” Exploratory Session, *American Academy of Religion*, November 2021.
8. Review panel on *Religious Ethics: Meaning and Method*, Ethics Unit, *American Academy of Religion*, November 2021.
9. “‘Care of the self’ (ἐπιμελεία ἑαυτοῦ) in Gregory of Nyssa and Michel Foucault,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2021.
10. “Foucault and Religious Ethics Beyond Morality,” *Society of Muslim Ethics*, *Society of Christian Ethics*, *Society of Jewish Ethics* Roundtable, January 2021.
11. Review panel on my monograph, *Sites of the Ascetic Self: John Cassian and Christian Ethical Formation*, Philosophy of Religion Section, *American Academy of Religion*, December 2020.
12. “A Typology of Emotion, Affect, and Feeling for the Study of Religion and Cognition,” Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit, *American Academy of Religion*, San Diego, CA, November 2019.
13. “Virginitas as an Art of Life: Michel Foucault on Gregory of Nyssa’s Περὶ παρθενίας,” *XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies*, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, August 2019.
14. “Genealogically Engaging the Concepts of Critical Subjectivity,” Contemplative Studies Unit, *American Academy of Religion*, Denver, CO, November 2018.

15. “Technologies of the Ascetic Self: Reconsidering Foucault via Cassian,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2018.
16. “Form and Feeling in Cassian’s Liturgical Practices,” *Patristic, Medieval, Renaissance Conference*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2017.
17. “Integral Emotions in Cassian’s Ascetic Subjectivity,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2017.
18. “Ascetic Eros and Foucault,” *Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group*, *American Academy of Religion*, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
19. “Academic Anxieties in the Study of Religion,” *Theology and Religious Reflection Section*, *American Academy of Religion*, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
20. “Material Minds and Subtle Bodies: On the Integrating Ethics of John Cassian,” *Patristic, Medieval, Renaissance Conference*, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2016.
21. “Demons, Depression, and the Dangers of Naps: Depathologizing ἀκηδία with John Cassian,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2016.
22. “Ritual Reading and Affective Shaping: John Cassian and Late Antique Technologies of the Self,” *Cognitive Science of Religion; Religion, Affect, and Emotion; Science, Technology, and Religion; SBL Religious Experience in Antiquity Groups*, *American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
23. “Ritual Reading and the Emotions: John Cassian and Cognitive Science of Religion,” *Philosophy of Religion Section*, *American Academy of Religion*, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
24. “Cassian’s *Conlationes* and an Affective Ethics of Reading,” *XVII International Conference on Patristic Studies*, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, August 2015.
25. “The Ethical Force of the Affective: John Cassian and Late Antique Ethics,” *Theology and Religious Reflection Section*, *American Academy of Religion*, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
26. “Body-brains that Matter: John Cassian and Ethics of Late Antiquity,” *Body and Religion Group*, *American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, IL, November 2012.
27. “The Embodied Ethics of Asceticism: A Case Study of John Cassian,” *North American Patristics Society*, Chicago, IL, May 2012.
28. “John Cassian and Embodied Ethics,” *Regional Meeting*, *American Academy of Religion*, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2012.
29. “Challenges to Interiority: Foucault, Cassian, and Pre-Modern Sensibilities,” *Early Cultures Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference*, University of California, Irvine, CA, January 2011.
30. “The First is By Nature, the Second by Grace: On Maximus the Confessor’s Soteriological Schema,” *Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Student Conference*, Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek School of Theology, Brookline, MA, March 2006.

### **Local Talks and Commentaries**

1. Introduction and Conclusion to International Conference convened at Rice University, “Foucault: Genealogies for the Future,” 2024.
2. “10 Practices for Archival Research,” Department of History, Methods Seminar, Rice University, 2023.
3. “Foucault in the Archives,” *Humanities Research Center*, Rice University, 2022.

4. “Foucault’s Christian Book,” *Gnosticism, Esotericism, Mysticism Seminar*, Rice University, 2022.
5. “Foucault’s Virginity,” *Gnosticism, Esotericism, Mysticism Seminar*, Rice University, 2020.
6. “Foucault’s Christianities,” *Medieval and Early Modern Studies Program*, Rice University, 2018.
7. “Foucault’s Christianities: From Pastoral Power to *Confessions of the Flesh*,” *Gnosticism, Esotericism, Mysticism Seminar*, Rice University, 2018.
8. “The Noonday Demon: From the Melancholic Genius to the Manic Patient,” *Medical Humanities Symposium*, Rice University, 2017.
9. “The Institutional Life of the Mind: Embodied Cognition from Monasticism to Academia,” *Religion and Public Life Program*, Rice University, 2017.
10. “Three Historical Stages in the Construction of Melancholia,” *Rice Alliance for Mental Health Awareness*, Rice University, 2017.
11. “ ‘And I think I’m kinda gay’: Buffy and Queer Pride,” with Dr. Paul Otremba, *Queer Resource Center*, Rice University, 2017.
12. “Demonizing Mental Illness,” *Coffee Chat with Rice Medical Humanities*, Rice University, 2015.
13. “Cassian’s *Meditatio* as Mundane Mysticism,” *Gnosticism, Esotericism, Mysticism Seminar*, Rice University, 2015.
14. “Religion, Ethics, and Science at the Intersection,” *Religion and Public Life Program*, Rice University, 2015.
15. “ ‘Not merely as mechanisms’: Practical Ethics Beyond Morality,” *Humanities Advisory Board*, School of Humanities, Rice University, 2015.
16. Respondent to Jennifer Herdt: “Social Practices, Autonomy, & the Conceptual Structure of Reality: The Return of *Bildung*,” *Religion & Critical Thought Colloquium*, Brown University, 2012.
17. Respondent to Douglas Finn: “Life in the Spirit: Trinitarian Grammar and Pneumatic Community in Hegel & Augustine,” *Religion & Critical Thought Colloquium*, Brown University, 2011.
18. “Ethical Agency as a *Dunamic* Ethics,” *Religion & Critical Thought Colloquium*, Brown University, 2010.
19. Respondent to Andrew Dole’s “Schleiermacher and the Essence of Religious Studies,” *Religion & Critical Thought Colloquium*, Brown University, 2010.

### 3. Distinction, Prizes, and Fellowships

1. Invited Researcher, Institut d’études avancées de l’Université de Strasbourg, 2025.
2. Elected Governing Member, Centre Michel Foucault, 2024 (first woman from the U.S.).
3. Inventoried Michel Foucault’s personal home library (285 rue de Vaugirard, Paris) under the leadership of Philippe Chevallier – to be published with the Foucault Fiches de Lecture. <https://eman-archives.org/Foucault-fiches/bibliotheque>

4. Inventoried sixth collection of Michel Foucault's archives at the Bibliothèque nationale de France at the invitation of head archivist, Laurence Le Bras, 2023-2024.  
<https://archivesetmanuscrits.bnf.fr/ark:/12148/cc126157w>
5. Invited Researcher, Programme « Directeurs d'étude associés » (DEA), administered through la Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in partnership with l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), 2024.
6. Member of Jury and Pre-rapporteur for "Habilitation à diriger des recherches" (HDR) of Sandra Boehringer (garante : Violaine Sebillotte Cuchet), Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2023.
7. Finalist, George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University, 2022.
8. Rice University Humanities Research Center Faculty Fellowship, 2022-2023.
9. Allison Sarofim Professorship of Distinguished Teaching in the Humanities, Rice University, 2020-2021.
10. Scholarly and Creative Works Subvention, Creative Ventures Fund, Rice, 2021, 2023, 2024.
11. Individual Research Grant, American Academy of Religion, 2021.
12. Rice University Humanities Research Center Grant Recipient, to support the *Confessions of the Flesh, International Foucault Conference*, April 2020 moved to 2021.
13. Finalist, Sophia Meyer Farb Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Teaching, Rice University, 2019.
14. Rice University Humanities Research Center Undergraduate Research Grant, 2019.
15. Rice University Humanities Research Center Faculty Fellow, 2017-2018.
16. Award for Outstanding Service, Department of Religion, Rice University, 2017.
17. Outstanding Faculty Associate Award, Jones College, Rice University, 2017.
18. Distinguished Faculty Associate Award, Jones College, Rice University, 2016.
19. Finalist, Sophia Meyer Farb Phi Beta Kappa Prize for Teaching, Rice University, 2016.
20. Grant for Guest Lecturer on Religious Literacy, Boniuk Institute, Rice University, 2016.
21. Mosle Award, Rice University, 2014-present.
22. Watt J. and Lilly G. Jackson Assistant Professor of Religion, 2014-2022.
23. Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University, 2014.
24. Brown/Wheaton Faculty Fellow, Brown University, 2013-2014.
25. Mellon Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, 2011.
26. Departmental Nominee, Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching, Brown University, 2011.
27. Institutional Grant for Tuition Remission, Harvard Divinity School, 2004-2006.
28. Stanley & Evelyn Lipkin Prize in the Humanities, Shared, Sarah Lawrence College, 2003.

#### **4. Academic Advising & Mentoring**

##### **Codirection of doctoral dissertation (2)**

1. Biko Mandela Gray, "Enfleshing the Subject: Race and Religion in the Development of Subjectivity." Department of Religion, Rice University. Defended April 2017, tenured

Associate Professor of Religion, Syracuse University (2023-2025); Associate Professor of Black Studies, University of Houston (2025-present).

2. John Allison, Department of Religion, Rice University – in progress.
3. Amanda Nedham, Department of Religion, Rice University – in progress.

**Direction of doctoral dissertation in progress (2)**

1. Gregory Han, Department of Religion, Rice University.
2. Colby Selman, Department of Religion, Rice University.

**Committee member for doctoral dissertation (10 + 8 in progress)**

1. Crystal Brooke Clarke, “Loose Lips: Sex and Aurality in European and American Modernist Fiction.” Department of English, Rice University, 2023.
2. Waleed Rikab, “Apocalypse Postponed: Interpretations of the End-Times in 20th Century Islamic Writings.” Department of Religion, Rice University, 2022.
3. Mi Ou Lee, “An Examination of the Origins of Certain Hymn Tunes, the Piano Arrangements that Exist, and a Determination of Their Suitability in Current Church Music Practice.” Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, 2022.
4. Justin Kelley, “Recognizing Purity: Space, Non-change, Luminosity, and Effort in Longchen Rabjam’s Presentation of the Great Completeness (rdzogs chen).” Department of Religion, Rice University, 2022.
5. Annie Lowe, “Hoax Machina.” Department of English, Rice University, 2021.
6. Renée Lynn Ford, “The Role of Devotion (mos gus) in Tibetan Heart Essence Traditions: Devotional Affect and Its Relationship to Dzogchen’s Foundational Practices (rdzogs chen).” Department of Religion, Rice University, 2020.
7. Rodrigo Martini Paula, “*Mutatis Mutandis*: Reverse Mimesis and Modernist Literature.” Department of English, Rice University, 2019.
8. Seth Morton, “Modernist Media Aesthetics: Idiosyncratic Approaches to Digital Modernism.” Department of English, Rice University, 2020.
9. Sherry Kao, “Living Reflectively.” Department of Philosophy, Rice University, 2019.
10. Michael Heyes, “The Metamorphosis of Monsters: Christian Identity in Medieval England and the Life of St Margaret.” Department of Religion, Rice University, 2015.
11. In Process: Abby Crowe-Tipton (Religion), Hassan Henderson-Lott (Religion), Wei Wei Mo (Philosophy), Rowan Mowar (English), Marzie Naderikonpapagh (Religion), Zachary Schwarze (Religion), Rochelle Wilmington (Religion), and Wan Zhang (Philosophy).

**Direction of master’s thesis (1)**

1. Colby Selman

**Committee member for master’s thesis (3)**

1. Jonathan Delavan (2021)
2. Shani Diouf (2021)
3. Toni von dem Hagen (2021)

**Administrator for doctoral qualifying exam and *Methods I* seminar (2019-2025)**

1. 2019-2020: Konner Childers, De'Anna Daniels, Learned Foote, Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Oihane Iglesias Telleria, Naamleela Jones, Stanislav Panin, Christopher Senn, Kyle Smith
2. 2021: Matthew Southey, Arina Zaytseva
3. 2022: Dauda Adamu, Azizou Atte-oudeyi, Nicholas Collins, Hwankyu Kim, Kyungsoo Lee, Stefan Sanchez
4. 2023: John Allison, Brett Carollo, Hassan Henderson-Lott, Thomas Millary
5. 2024: Ubong-Abasi Akpan, Abigail CroweTipton, Tyler Odle, Mai Lootah, J.D. Reiner
6. 2025: Gregory Han, Camden Roy, Rochelle Willingham, Zachary Schwarze

#### **Direction of undergraduate thesis (5)**

1. Romi Lee, "Religious Equality." Department of Religion, Rice University, 2020-2021.
2. Ariana Engles, "The Intersection Between Indigenous Religions and their Medicinal Practices: Curanderismo, Spirit Healers, and Modern Medical Applications." Department of Religion, Rice University, 2019-2020.
3. Isaac Carroo, "Religious Experience in Prosociality and Proenvironmentalism." Department of Religion, Rice University, 2018-2019. Winner of Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium, Best Oral Presentation in Humanities, 2019.
4. Chloe Wilson, "Mysticism and Feminism." Department of Religion, Rice University, 2018-2019.
5. Zoe Tao, "Shame: A Public Feelings Project." Department of Religion, Rice University, 2016-2017.

### **5. Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching, Rice University unless otherwise noted**

#### **Graduate Seminars**

1. *Arts of Living*, Spring 2026
2. *Affect, Feeling, Emotion*, Fall 2025
3. *Mystical Life of Ethics*, Spring 2025
4. *Methods I: Philosophy and Theory in the Study of Religion*, Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2025
5. *Mellon Dissertation Writing Seminar II*, Fall 2024
6. *Nineteenth Century Theory and Methods in the Study of Religion*, Fall 2015, Fall 2019
7. *Foucault & the Hermeneutics of Self* (graduate seminar), Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024
8. Mellon Dissertation Seminar, Fall 2024
9. *Christianity in Late Antiquity*, Spring 2017, Spring 2024
10. *Religion & Natural Science*, Fall 2018, Fall 2021
11. *Performativity and the Study of Religion*, Fall 2021
12. *Performativity, Practices, & Embodied Cognition*, Spring 2015

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

1. *Demons, Mental Illness, & Medicine* (seminar), Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2020, Spring 2024, Spring 2026

2. *Religion and the Art of Happiness* (large lecture), Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2019, Spring 2025
3. *Introduction to the Study of Religion* (large lecture), Spring 2020, Spring 2021
4. *Demons, Melancholia, & Madness*, Instructor, Wheaton College (MA), Spring 2014
5. *Senior Seminar and Thesis Workshop for Religious Studies*, Instructor, Brown University, Fall 2013
6. *Between Darwin and Design: Science and Religion in Conversation*, Instructor, Continuing Education, Brown University, Summers 2013, 2014

## 6. Service & Administration

### International and National

1. Training and working with scholars (professors and graduate students) in the Foucault archives at the Bibliothèque nationale de France, 2021-present
2. Co-Editorial Board Member, *Foucault Studies*, 2024-present
3. President, Rice Chapter of American Association of University Professors, 2025-present
4. Jury Member, American Academy of Religion, Fellowships and Grants, 2025-2027
5. Program Committee, Foucault Circle, 2025
6. Invited talk addressing the crisis in Higher Education in the U.S.A, Agora Sciences Université Recherche, Paris, 2025
7. Roundtable talk addressing the crisis in Higher Education in the U.S.A, Stand Up for Science, Strasbourg, 2025
8. Pré-rapporteur et membre du jury d'Habilitation à diriger des recherches de Sandra Boehringer (garante : Violaine Sebillotte Cuchet), Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2023
9. Inaugural Co-Chair, *Foucault and the Study of Religion Seminar*, American Academy of Religion, 2022-2027
10. Mentor, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, 2023
11. Jury Member, American Academy of Religion's Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion (Textual Studies), 2023-2024
12. Founding Member of Editorial Board, *Journal for Contemplative Studies*, 2021-present
13. Steering Committee Member, Contemplative Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, 2017-2023
14. Policy advisor for United States government Board of Education, *College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework*, National Council for the Social Studies, 2017

### To Rice University

1. Organizer for International Conference, *Foucault: Genealogies of the Future*, Rice University, 2024
2. Search Committee for Religion and Science position, Department of Religion, 2023-2024
3. Member of Fellowships and Awards Committee, 2023-present
4. Participant in External Review for Department of Religion, 2022-2023
5. Participant in External Review for Boniuk Institute, 2023
6. Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religion, 2016-2022 (on research leave 2017-2018)

7. Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religion, 2014-2016
8. Organizer for International Conference, *Foucault's Confessions*, Rice University, 2021, with James D. Faubion
9. Administrator for all doctoral students, Doctoral Exam #1 on Histories & Methods in the Study of Religion, including redesigning the exams and associated seminars, 2018-present
10. School Course Review Committee, School of Humanities, 2016-2022
11. Faculty Advisory Board Member, Center for Environmental Studies, 2018-present
12. Faculty Advisory Board Member, Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance, 2016-present
13. Admissions Committee, Department of Religion, 2014-present
14. Faculty Mentor, RELI@Rice Graduate Group, Department of Religion, 2016-2017
15. Faculty Mentor for Incoming Students, Jones College, Rice University, 2015-2019
16. Faculty Associate, Jones College, Rice University, 2014-present
17. Faculty Representative for Humanities, Office of Admissions, 2015, 2016
18. Faculty Presenter, Humanities Advisory Board, School of Humanities, 2015

### **To Brown University**

1. Governor of the Alumni Association Board, Inaugural PhD governor, 2017-2021
2. Brown Connect Summer Institute, "Racism and the Carceral State" Research Project, Summer 2020
3. Finalist (nominated candidacy), New Alumni Trustee, Corporation of Brown University, 2017
4. Alumni Volunteer, Undergraduate Applicant Interviewer, Brown University, 2017-2018
5. Head Fellowship Advisor, Dean of the College Office, 2012-2014
6. Committee Member and Mentor, Rhodes, Marshall, & Mitchell Fellowships, 2013
7. Inaugural Chair, Religious Studies Graduate Organization, Religious Studies, 2012-2013
8. Inaugural Facilitator, Undergraduate Mentor Program in Department of Religious Studies, 2012-2013
9. Committee Member and Mentor, Fulbright Fellowship, 2011-2013
10. Fellowship Advisor, Dean of the College Office, 2010-2011
11. Writing Associate, Writing Center (with ESL Certification), 2009-2013

### **To Houston Arts Community**

1. Open Dance Project Advisory Board, 2019-present
2. Open Dance Project & Match, artist meets critic talk with Annie Arnault on *Panopticon*, 2025, and Dada Gert, 2025
3. Menil Collection, consultant to Michelle White, Senior Curator, for *Allora & Calzadilla: Specters of Noon*, 2020-2021
4. DiverseWorks & Open Dance Project, moderator for roundtable discussion "Power, Sex, & Climate Change," for *All the Devils are Here: A Tempest in the Galapagos*, 2021

### **Professional activities in peer reviewed journals, presses, and organizations**

#### Editorial Board

*Foucault Studies* (UPenn)

*Journal of Contemplative Studies* (University of Virginia)

Reviewer for monographs, edited volumes, and articles

Baylor University Press  
Bloomsbury Press  
Brill Academic Publishing  
Columbia University Press  
Éditions de la Sorbonne  
*Foucault Studies*  
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion*  
*Journal of Ethics: American Medical Association*  
Princeton University Press  
SUNY Press  
University of Chicago Press

Member of Research Organizations

American Academy of Religion  
Centre Michel Foucault  
North American Patristics Society

Faculty Affiliations at Rice University

Ancient Mediterranean Civilizations  
Medical Humanities  
Medieval & Early Modern Studies

## **7. Research Languages**

- Modern: French, German, Spanish
- Ancient: Latin, Ancient Greek, Koiné Greek

## **Research Experience**

1. Religion and Critical Thought Colloquium and Workshop, Brown University, 2010-2014.
2. Comparative Ethics Workshop, Center for World Religions, Harvard University, 2010.
3. “Overcoming the Mind-Body Dualism,” Mellon Seminar, Brown University, 2010-2011.
4. “Cognitive Science and Religion,” Mellon Seminar, Brown University, 2010.
5. “Authenticity, Origins, and Authority in the Practice and Study of Religion,” Religious Studies Graduate Conference, organizer, Brown University, 2012.
6. “Architecture of Minds and Cultures: Cognitive Science and the Humanities,” Religious Studies Graduate Conference, organizer, Brown University, 2010.
7. Research Assistant, Jonathan Schofer, Harvard Divinity School, 2006-2008.

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