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Methodist Theological School in Ohio  
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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Princeton University**

Ph.D. in Religion, 2018

Dissertation: "A Loftier Race: American Liberal Protestants and Eugenics, 1877-1930."

Advisor: Judith Weisenfeld

M.A. in Religion, 2014

#### **Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia**

S.T.M., Church History. Advisors: Jon Pahl and Katie Day

2010

#### **Union Theological Seminary (New York)**

M.Div.

1996

#### **Bryn Mawr College**

A.B. with departmental honors in English, minor in Chemistry

1991

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

#### **2024 Assistant Professor of History**

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Assistant Professor of History

2024–current

#### **2023 Adjunct Professor**

Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

#### **2021 Lecturer**

Princeton University Writing Program

2021-2024

#### **2021 Adjunct Professor**

Princeton Theological Seminary

#### **2020 Lecturer**

Princeton University

August 2020-May 2021

#### **2018 Guest Professor of Religion**

Sarah Lawrence College

2018-2020

- 2017 Research Fellow**  
ACPE  
2017-2019
- 2016 University Administrative Fellow**  
Office of the Dean of the College  
Princeton University  
2016-2017
- 2012 Instructor**  
Princeton University Prison Teaching Initiative  
2012-2013

## TEACHING INTERESTS

History of Christianity; American religious history from early colonial encounter to the present; U.S. Protestantism; religion and U.S. social reform movements of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century; African American religious history; race, religion, and sexuality; science, medicine, and religion; writing and research skills for undergraduate and graduate students.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Graduate Prize Fellowship**  
Center for Human Values, Princeton University  
2015-2016
- 2012 American Studies Program Summer Research Prize**  
Princeton University
- 2011 Religion and Public Life/Religion and Culture Fellowship**  
Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University  
Annually 2011-2017
- 2008 Presidential Award**  
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
- 1991 Union Scholarship**  
Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- 2021** “Training Spiritual Caregivers? Spirituality in Chaplaincy Programs in Theological Education.” Wendy Cadge, Irene Elizabeth Stroud, Patricia K. Palmer, George Fitchett, Trace Haythorn, and Casey Clevenger. In *Situating Spirituality*, ed. Brian Steensland, Jaime Kucinkas, and Anna Sun (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021).

- 2020** “Training Chaplains and Spiritual Caregivers: The Emergence and Growth of Chaplaincy Programs in Theological Education.” Wendy Cadge, Irene Elizabeth Stroud, Patricia K. Palmer, George Fitchett, Trace Haythorn, and Casey Clevenger. *Pastoral Psychology* 69 (June 2020): 187–208.
- 2020** “Education for Professional Chaplaincy in the US: Mapping Current Practice in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).” Casey Clevenger, Wendy Cadge, Irene Elizabeth Stroud, Patricia K. Palmer, Trace Haythorn, and George Fitchett. *Journal of Healthcare Chaplaincy* (February 7, 2020): 1–16.
- 2019** “Training Healthcare Chaplains: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.” Wendy Cadge, George Fitchett, Trace Haythorn, Patricia K. Palmer, Shelly Rambo, Casey Clevenger, and Irene Elizabeth Stroud. *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling* 73, no. 4 (December 1, 2019): 211–21.
- 2014** “Beautiful Babies: Eugenic Display of the White Infant Body, 1854-1922.” Conference proceedings, *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (March 2014).
- 2013** “Pound for Pound: The Social Impact of Small Churches.” Katie Day and Irene Elizabeth Stroud. In Katie Day, *Faith on the Avenue: Religion on a City Street* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2018** “Emerging Best Practices in Chaplaincy Training,” Association of Theological Schools Centennial Biennial, Denver, CO, June 21, 2018.
- 2018** “Birds, Bees, and the Bible: American Protestants and ‘Normal’ Reproduction,” Conference on Religion and the American Normal, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, February 10, 2018.
- 2017** “Reproducing Respectability: Liberal Protestants and Eugenic Charity in the United States, 1877-1890,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association/American Society of Church History, Denver, CO, January 9, 2017.
- 2012** “Beautiful Babies: Eugenic Display of the White Infant Body, 1854-1922,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 20, 2012.
- 2011** “Rituals of Middle-Class Motherhood: Emily Post’s Christening Etiquette,” Tenth Annual Graduate Student Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, February 19, 2011.
- 2009** “Urban Religious Pathways: Mapping Storefront Congregations on Germantown Avenue,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, ON, November 8, 2009.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

- 2000** Ordained Elder in Full Connection  
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church.
- 1997** Ordained Deacon  
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church.

## **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2006 Pastoral Assistant**  
First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA  
2006-2008
- 1999 Associate Pastor**  
First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA  
1999-2006
- 1997 Associate Pastor**  
West Chester United Methodist Church, West Chester, PA  
1997-1999
- 1996 Outreach Director**  
Living Beyond Breast Cancer, Narberth, PA  
1996-1997
- 1994 Founding Editor**  
LGNY (Lesbian and Gay New York), New York, NY  
1994-1995
- 1993 Editorial Assistant**  
Monthly Review Press, New York, NY  
1993-1994
- 1992 Assistant Editor**  
Christianity and Crisis, New York, NY  
1992-1993

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2016 Interim Ministry Team**  
Turning Point United Methodist Church, Trenton, NJ
- 2014 Education Committee (co-chair)**  
Turning Point United Methodist Church, Trenton, NJ  
2014-2017

**2009 Board of Directors**

Childspace Early Learning Centers, Philadelphia, PA  
2009-2010

**1999 Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry Board**

1999–2003

**1998 Camping and Retreat Ministries Board**

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church  
1998-2006

**1998 Volunteer Chaplain**

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA  
1998–2002

**1997 Community Board**

West Chester YMCA, West Chester, PA  
1997–1999

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

**LANGUAGES**

German (reading and speaking proficiency)

French (basic reading knowledge)