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## EDUCATION

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2018	<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> in History, University of Notre Dame
2015	<i>Master of Arts</i> in History, University of Notre Dame
2013	<i>Master of Theological Studies, summa cum laude</i> , Duke University
2011	Fulbright Research Scholar, University of Leipzig, Germany
2010	<i>Bachelor of Arts</i> in History and Theology, <i>summa cum laude</i> , Valparaiso University

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Assistant Professor of History</b>	Hillsdale College	2018-present
<b>Research Fellow</b>	University of Heidelberg, Center for American Studies	2017-2018
<b>Graduate Fellow</b>	Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame	2015-2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

*God's Marshall Plan: American Protestants and the Struggle for the Soul of Europe* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the St. Nicholas Church, and the 1989 Monday Demonstrations: A Case Study of Theo-Political Engagement in the German Democratic Republic.” *Journal of Church and State* 59, no. 4 (2017): 547-565.

“Creating, Practicing, and Researching a Global Faith: Conceptualizations of World Christianity in the American Protestant Pastorate and Seminary Classroom, 1893 to Present.” *Journal of World Christianity* 6, no. 2 (2016): 217-236.

“Reviving the Heartland: American Lutherans, Postwar Internationalism, and the Crisis of Germany, 1940-1949.” *Journal of the Lutheran Historical Conference* 5 (2015): 62-84.

### Book Chapters

“Reforming Christendom: Transatlantic Networks and the German-American Protestant Exchange,” in *Multipolarity and Bipolar Confrontations: Political, Theological, and Worldview Aspects of Transatlantic Relations* (Transatlantic Relations Series), (Wiesbaden: Springer Verlag, 2018), 145-173.

### Book Reviews

K. Healan Gaston, *Imagining Judeo-Christian America: Religion, Secularism, and the Redefinition of Democracy*, in *Fides et Historia*.

Matthew Hockenos, *Then They Came for Me: Martin Niemöller, the Pastor who Defied the Nazis*, in *Fides et Historia*.

James C. Enns, *Saving Germany: North American Protestant Mission to West Germany, 1945-1974*, in *Fides et Historia*.

### **Bylines**

“The Unfinished Work of V-E Day, 75 Years Later.” *Washington Post*. May 8, 2020.

“Martin Niemöller: Confessing Pastor and Repentant Nationalist.” *Christian History*. May 17, 2019.

“Billy Graham, Cold Warrior for God.” *The New York Times*. February 23, 2018.

## **TEACHING**

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Hillsdale College, 2018-present

Courses Taught: Cold War America  
Contemporary U.S. History  
History of American Foreign Policy  
American Economic History  
U.S. History Survey  
Western Civilization Survey

University of Heidelberg, Center for American Studies, 2017-2018

Courses Taught: Religion and US Foreign Policy  
History of American Protestant Mission  
Social Gospels in American History  
Religion and American Imperialism

Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame, 2015-2017

Courses Taught: Common Good Initiative  
L’Arche and the Theology of Disability  
Urban Plunge  
Kinship at the Margins

Department of History, University of Notre Dame, 2014-2016

Courses Taught: The Cold War  
History of World Christianity  
Europe in the Age of Revolution

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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“War for the West: How the Spiritual Struggle for Europe Fractured American Protestantism,” Valparaiso University (February 2020).

“Marshallplan Gottes: Die Verwandlung der transatlantischen Christenheit in Deutschland und den USA, 1910-1963” (God’s Marshall Plan: The Transformation of Transatlantic Christianity in Germany and the United States), University of Tübingen Theology Faculty (June 2018).

“God’s Marshall Plan: Die Rolle der amerikanischen Kirchen im Wiederaufbau Deutschlands” (God’s Marshall Plan: The Role of the American Churches in the Reconstruction of Germany), University of Heidelberg Ecumenical Institute (April 2018).

“God’s Marshall Plan: American Protestantism, German Church Reconstruction, and the Democratization of Germany, 1945-1955,” University of Notre Dame, Enduring Trends and New Directions: A Conference

on the History of American Christianity (March 2018).

“Marshallplan Gottes: Der Amerikanische Protestantismus, der Wiederaufbau deutscher Kirchen und die Demokratisierung Deutschlands, 1945-1955” (God’s Marshall Plan: American Protestantism, German Church Reconstruction, and the Democratization of Germany, 1945-1955), University of Heidelberg Theology Faculty Winter Conference (December 2017).

“God’s Marshall Plan: American Protestant Internationalism and the Democratization of Germany,” University of Heidelberg Center for American Studies Summer Conference (May 2017).

“God’s Marshall Plan: German Church Reconstruction, Spiritual Diplomacy, and the Transatlantic Cold War Consensus, 1945-1955.” University of Bielefeld International Student Conference (May 2016).

“Transatlantic Protestantism and World Christianity In Transition: 1910-1939,” University of Notre Dame, Colloquium on Religion and History (Fall 2016).

“Henri Nouwen’s Journey to L’Arche.” Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns, Research Seminar Series (Spring 2016).

“Reviving the Soul of the Heartland: Stewart Winfield Herman and the Re-Christianization of German Protestantism, 1945-1947,” University of Notre Dame, Colloquium on Religion and History (Spring 2014).

“Advancing America’s Project: American Lutherans and the Crisis of German Protestantism, 1943-1948.” University of Notre Dame, Department of History Graduate Student Symposium (2014).

## TRANSLATIONS

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Volker Leppin, “Friedrich Gogarten’s Theology of Secularization,” in Jan Stievermann and Randall Zachmann, eds., *Multiple Reformations? The Many Faces and Legacies of the Reformation* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018).

Manfred Oeming, “The Importance of the Old Testament for the Reformer Martin Luther,” in Jan Stievermann and Randall Zachmann, eds., *Multiple Reformations? The Many Faces and Legacies of the Reformation* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018).

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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Summer Sabbatical Research Grant, Hillsdale College (Summer 2019).

Best Article Award, Concordia Historical Institute (Fall 2018).

Obama Dissertation Prize, University of Mainz, Finalist (Fall 2018).

University of Heidelberg Research Fellowship (Fall 2018).

Union of Graduate Historians Research Grant (Fall 2017).

Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council Research Grant (Summer 2017).

Nanovic Travel and Research Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies (Summer 2016).

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship (Summer 2016).

Notre Dame College of Arts and Letters Advisory Council Research Grant (Summer 2016).

Center for Social Concerns Graduate Student Fellowship (2015-2017).

Short-Term Graduate Research Grant, Rome Global Gateway, University of Notre Dame (Summer 2015).

Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (Fall 2014).

Nanovic Break Travel and Research Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies (Winter 2014).

Common Good Initiative Fellowship, Center for Social Concerns (Summer 2014).  
American Dream Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (Summer 2014).  
Ray C. Petry Fellowship, Duke Divinity School (2011-2013).  
United States Fulbright Research Grant, University of Leipzig, Germany (2010-2011).  
*Phi Beta Kappa* (2010).

## **SERVICE**

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Phi Alpha Theta Chapter Advisor, Hillsdale College.  
Enduring Trends and New Directions: A Conference on the History of American Christianity, Co-Director.  
Posse Foundation Competitive Fellowships and Graduate School Application Coach.  
Hesburgh Service Initiative — Webinar Panelist (Spring 2016).  
Ganey Graduate Student Grant Review Committee, Center for Social Concerns (Spring 2016).

## **REFERENCES**

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