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EDUCATION

Harvard University , Cambridge, MA	2015
Ph.D., Study of Religion	
Secondary Field: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	
A.M., Study of Religion	2011
Princeton University , Princeton, NJ	2008
A.B., Religion, <i>summa cum laude</i>	

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Clemson University , Clemson, SC	
Associate Professor of Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion	2022 -
Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion	2015 - 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Blind Peer-Reviewed Monograph

Christian Citizens: Reading the Bible in Black and White in the Postemancipation South, University of North Carolina Press (November 2020).

Hardcover ISBN: 978-1-4696-5968-8 Paperback ISBN: 978-1-4696-5969-5

Reviewed by [Journal of American History](#), [Church History](#), [Journal of Southern History](#), [American Religion](#), [Journal of Religion](#), [American Historical Review](#), [Reading Religion](#), [Journal of the Civil War Era](#), [Journal of American Ethnic History](#), [Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era](#), [Journal of Church and State](#), [Political Theology](#), [North Carolina Historical Review](#), [Register of the Kentucky Historical Society](#), [Louisiana History](#), [Civil War Book Review](#), [Civil War Monitor](#), [Publishers Weekly](#), [Library Journal](#), [Southeastern Librarian](#), [Georgia Library Quarterly](#)

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters and Journal Articles

“Religion in the Post-Civil War South” in *The Oxford Handbook of Reconstruction*. Edited by Andrew L. Slap, Oxford University Press (Complete & accepted for publication; volume’s publication delayed by COVID-19 pandemic)

“Christianity and Race in the Memphis Massacre of 1866” in *Remember the Memphis Massacre: An American Story*. Edited by Beverly G. Boyd and Susan E. O’Donovan. University of Georgia Press, 2020, 89-101.

“Gendering the History of Race and Religion” in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*. Edited by Kathryn Gin Lum and Paul Harvey. Oxford University Press, 2018, 79-95.

“Proslavery Christianity After Emancipation” *Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 72:4 (Winter 2013): 255-268.

Review Essays and Book Reviews

Retrospective Review Essay of Christine Leigh Heyrman’s *Southern Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible Belt* (1997), *Journal of Southern Religion* (20) (2018): jsreligion.org/vol20/jemison

Review of *Bonds of Union: Religion, Race, and Politics in a Civil War Borderland*. By Bridget Ford. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016. *American Catholic Studies*. 127 (4) Winter 2016: 91-93.

Public-Facing Writing, Interviews & Podcasts

Macon Atkinson, “Will SC evangelicals overlook infidelity in Republican congressional race?” *Post and Courier*, Charleston, SC, 1 April 2024 [Quoted several times as religion expert on evangelical voting habits] https://www.postandcourier.com/politics/upstate-sc-duncan-timmons-affair-primary/article_ddbbc828-e6df-11ee-a393-b3c8ccb6bcf5.html

“Dialogue: The Lenten Preaching Series Podcast with Elizabeth Jemison and Paul McLain” Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN. 13 March 2024. <https://soundcloud.com/user-553399813/dialogue-the-lenten-preaching-series-podcast-with-elizabeth-jemison-and-paul-mclain?in=user-553399813/sets/2024-lenten-preaching-series>

“Teaching, Curriculum, and Standards with Dr. Elizabeth Jemison” *Classical Ideas Podcast*, 1 February 2024. <https://classicalideaspodcast.libsyn.com/ep-284-teaching-curriculum-standards-wdr-elizabeth-jemison>

“Florida’s New Curriculum Echoes the Paternalist Theology of the Lost Cause” *Religion News Service*, 28 August 2023 <https://religionnews.com/2023/08/28/floridas-new-curriculum-echoes-the-paternalist-theology-of-the-lost-cause/>

“An Interview with Elizabeth L. Jemison, *Christian Citizens: Reading the Bible in Black and White in the Postemancipation South*,” Podcast, New Books in Christian Studies, New Books Podcast Network, 31 March 2021. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/christian-citizens>

“Christian Citizenship in Black and White” *The Anxious Bench* on *Patheos.com*, 11 March 2021 <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2021/03/christian-citizenship-in-black-and-white/>

“The Long Road to White Christians’ Trumpism” *Religion and Politics*, 8 December 2020. <https://religionandpolitics.org/2020/12/08/the-long-road-to-white-christians-trumpism/>

“Novel at Home: Prof. Elizabeth Jemison with Rev. Laura Gettys” Virtual book event with Novel Bookstore in Memphis, TN, 1 December 2020. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUCuMaWuSP8>

“Black Churches in the Memphis Massacre,” *Memphis Massacre (Blog)* 29 March 2016. <https://blogs.memphis.edu/memphismassacre1866/2016/03/29/black-churches-in-the-memphis-massacre/>

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations [Refereed]

“New Perspectives on Reconstruction: Race, Religion, and the Remaking of the U.S. After the Civil War”
Society of Civil War Historians Biennial Meeting, June 2022, Philadelphia, PA

“From Reconstruction and Beyond, Reevaluating the History of the Christian (Colored) Methodist Episcopal Church” (Panel Chair and Respondent), *American Society of Church History Annual Meeting*, January 2022, New Orleans, LA

“*Christianity Corrupted: The Scandal of White Supremacy*” Book panel participant with Randall Balmer (Dartmouth) and Sylvester Johnson (Virginia Tech), *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, November 2021, San Antonio, TX

“Localizing American Religions Pedagogy in Institutional Settings” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, December 2020, Virtual Conference

“Constructing Race and Christian Identity in Reconstruction-era Southern Methodism” *American Historical Association and Society of Civil War Historians* (co-sponsored panel), January 2020, New York, NY

“Christian Citizenship in Black and White in the Post-Emancipation South” *American Society of Church History*, January 2019, Chicago, IL

“Christian Citizenship: Archives of Religion, Race, and Belonging in the Post-Emancipation South,” *Organization of American Historians*, April 2018, Sacramento, CA

“Christianity, Race, and Politics after Emancipation,” *Memories of a Massacre*, University of Memphis, May 2016, Memphis, TN

“Autobiography under Jim Crow: African American Christians’ Life Writing,” *American Society of Church History*, January 2016, Atlanta, GA

“‘The tone of Church independence and freedom’: African American Churches and Agency in the Post-Emancipation Mississippi River Valley,” *Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion*, March 2014, Boston, MA

“Crafting a Hermeneutic for the Times: Theologies of Confederate Defeat in the Mississippi River Valley,” *University of Mississippi Conference on the Civil War*, October 2012, Oxford, MS

“Women’s Interracial Cooperation in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, October 2010, Atlanta, GA

“Writing Agency: Reconsidering Agency in the Study of American Religion,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, October 2010, Atlanta, GA

Invited Presentations [Scholarly and Public-Facing]

101st Annual Lenten Preaching Series, Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN. 14 March 2024 [\[link\]](#)

Keynote Speaker, Facing History and Ourselves. Southeast Region Benefit, 30 November 2023 [\[link\]](#)

“Belonging to God’s Church: Insiders and Outsiders in American Church History” 5-Week Adult Education Series, First Baptist Church, Greenville, SC, September - October 2023

“Mentoring for Tenure and Promotion,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, January 2023, Philadelphia, PA

“Book Discussion: *Christian Citizens: Reading the Bible in Black and White in the Postemancipation South.*” Rocky Mountain American Religion Seminar, October 7, 2021 (via Zoom)

“Connecting the January 6 Insurrection to Nineteenth-Century Religion, Race, & Political Violence,” Presentation for Program Staff of Facing History & Ourselves (International K-12 Education Nonprofit), February 22, 2021 (via Zoom)

“Gendering the History of Christianity and White Supremacy in the Segregated South,” Lecture for RCID Research Forum, Clemson University, March 2, 2020

“Christian Citizenship and Southern Racial History,” Presentation for JustFaith: Faith and Racial Equity Class, Christ Episcopal Church, Greenville, SC, February 4, 2020

“How I Became a Professor,” Intellectual Biography Talk for Religious Studies Club, Clemson University, January 21, 2020

“Christianity and Racism in Southern History,” Presentation for JustFaith: Faith and Racial Equity Class, Triune Mercy Center Church, December 18, 2019, Greenville, SC

“Ida B. Wells’ *Southern Horrors* (1892) and South Carolina’s Benjamin Tillman,” Lecture for “Confronting White Supremacy at Clemson” Panel, Southern Poverty Law Center-Clemson, Clemson University, November 8, 2017

“The Civil Rights Movement and #BlackLivesMatter,” Religious Studies Club, Clemson University, February 13, 2017

“Gender and U.S. Citizenship,” Lecture for “Citizenship and the Constitution,” Rutland Center for Ethics, Clemson University, September 17, 2015

“Current Issues in Race & American Religion,” Lecture for Religious Studies Club, Clemson University, September 15, 2015

“Intersections of Religion, Race, and Gender in the Reconstruction-Era South,” Lecture at Rhodes College Institute for Regional Studies, July 2013, Memphis, TN

Guest Lectures in Courses

“*Christian Citizens* and White Christian Nationalism” in SR 629-1 Christianity and the Roots of White Nationalism, taught by Prof. Marla Frederick, Emory University Candler School of Theology, September 26, 2023 (via Zoom)

“Christianity in the Age of Trump” in REL 250 Religion in America, taught by Prof. Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, March 26, 2021 (via Zoom)

“Varieties of American Religions” in REL 1020 World Religions, taught by Dr. Peter Cohen, Clemson University, October 24, 2016

“American Evangelical Women, 1900-2000” in CB 52 The American Evangelical Tradition from Jonathan Edwards to Jerry Falwell, taught by Prof. David Hempton, Harvard College, October 25, 2012

“African American Religion after the Civil War” in CB 52 The American Evangelical Tradition from Jonathan Edwards to Jerry Falwell, taught by Prof. David Hempton, Harvard College, October 18, 2012

“Evangelicalism and Slave Religion” in CB 52 The American Evangelical Tradition from Jonathan Edwards to Jerry Falwell, taught by Prof. David Hempton, Harvard College, October 16, 2012

“Slavery and Christianity” in HDS 2303/REL 1468 The History of Religion in America, c. 1600-1870 taught by Prof. David D. Hall, Harvard College / Divinity School, March 26, 2012

HONORS & GRANTS

Sacred Writes: Public Religion Scholarship Training Program, Race and Justice Cohort Selected for 12-week Luce Foundation-funded training program on public scholarship on religion	2023
Provost Junior Outstanding Teaching Award Single winner of university-wide teaching award for faculty in their first seven years of service	2022
Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Annual award to one faculty member in Clemson’s College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities	2020
Ambassadors Advisor of the Year Award Award for Best Advisor in Clemson’s College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities	2019
Lightsey Fellowship Clemson’s College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities award for junior faculty research	2019-2020
Humanities Hub Manuscript Workshop Grant Recipient, Clemson University Grant to convene workshop to critique book manuscript	2019
Lightsey Fellowship Clemson’s College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities award for junior faculty research	2016-2017
Faculty Development Research Grant, Clemson University, Clemson, SC Clemson’s College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities award to support faculty research	2016-2017
Humanities Advancement Board Research grant to support research and revisions of book manuscript	2016-2017
Young Scholars in American Religion, Indianapolis, IN Selected nationally as one of ten pre-tenure scholars for prestigious profession development program	2015-2017
Mrs. Giles Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship Selected among all final year Harvard PhD candidates for ten-month completion fellowship	2014-2015
Merit Term-time Graduate Society Research Grant, Harvard University Recipient of a university-wide semester grant for the most promising dissertations	Spring 2014
Term-time Fellowship, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University	Fall 2013

Recipient of a semester grant for dissertation research and writing in U.S History	
Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University Teaching award based on student evaluations from “Sex and the Citizen”	Spring 2013
Summer Travel Grant, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University Recipient of grant for two-month research trip to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee	Summer 2012
Certificate of Distinction for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University Teaching award based on student evaluations from “History of Religion in America, c1600-1870”	Spring 2011
Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University	2008
John Robinson Prize, Religion Department, Princeton University Award for the highest four-year grade point average in Religion Department	2008
American Religious History Award, Religion Department, Princeton University Award for best independent undergraduate research in American religious history	2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Clemson University

Courses Taught

REL / HIST 3100 “History of Religion in the United States”	2015-2024
REL 3110 “African American Religion”	2015-2024
REL 3090 “Religious History of the American South”	Spring 2021, Fall 2018, Spring 2016
REL 3000 “Studying Religion: Theory and Methods”	Spring 2021, Spring 2017
REL 3300 “Global Christianity”	Spring 2023, Fall 2019
REL 3990 “Junior Research Colloquium”	Spring 2019
REL 4900 “Senior Seminar”	Fall 2022, Fall 2017
REL 4020 “Studies in Religion: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in American Religion”	Fall 2016

Independent Junior Research Colloquium Projects Advised

Alexis Thomas, 2024	Mary Ropp, 2020
Maryevelyn Dillard, 2023	MacKenna Williams, 2020
Clay Martin, 2023	Maddie Depuy, 2019
Connor Sigmon, 2023	Hunter Fite, 2019
Alvin Chapman, 2022	Garrett Ayers, 2017
Blanton Newman, 2022	Christopher Girardeau, 2017
Hannah Roebuck, 2022	Dana Humphrey, 2017
Nielly Bevis, 2021	Savannah Bowman, 2016
Thomas Welch, 2021	Patrick Hardin, 2016
Sadie Richey, 2020	Katie Wilson, 2016
Timothy Feltner, 2020	

Graduate Committees

Lauren Hamblen, M.A. in History, 2017, now a Ph.D. Candidate in History at Notre Dame University
Victoria Houser, Ph.D. in RCID, August 2021

Harvard University

Course Instructor “Religion and Race in American Experience” Spring 2014

<i>Course Instructor</i> “Beyond the Bible Belt: Religion in the American South”	Spring 2013
<i>Head Teaching Fellow.</i> “Sex and the Citizen,” Professor Caroline Light.	Spring 2013
<i>Teaching Fellow.</i> “The Evangelical Tradition in America,” Professor David Hempton	Fall 2012
<i>Teaching Fellow.</i> “History of Religion in America, c1600-1870,” Professor David Hall	Spring 2012
<i>Teaching Fellow.</i> “Social Thought in Modern America,” Professor James Kloppenberg	Fall 2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Service to the Profession

American Society of Church History, Council Member	2022 -
Graduate Student & Independent Scholar Committee Chair	2022 -
Graduate Student & Independent Scholar Committee Member	2017-2022
Journal manuscript reviewer	
<i>Religion & American Culture</i>	2021 -
<i>Journal of Southern Religion</i>	2021 -
Book manuscript reviewer	
Eerdmans Publishing Co.	
PhD Committee External Member	
Carter E. Kurtz, University of North Carolina	2022 -

Clemson University Service

Chair, College of Arts & Humanities Faculty Awards Committee	2024 -
Chair, Department Chair Search Committee	Spring 2024
Chair, Department Chair Review Committee	2022-2023
Department Chair Advisory Committee	2022-2023, 2024 -
Departmental Tenure, Promotion, and Reappointment Committee	2022 -
Historian, Phi Beta Kappa, Delta of SC Chapter	2021 -
Global Black Studies Advisory Committee & Affiliate Faculty	2015 -
University Family Support & Accommodation Working Group	2020 - 2021
Dept. Representative, CAAH Faculty Awards Committee	2020 -
Department Library Liaison	2020 -
Convener of Religious Studies Gender & Sexuality Discussion Group	2019 - 2022
Chair, Department Speaker Committee	2015-2019
Department Secretary	2016-Fall 2017; 2019-2020
Member, Hebrew Bible Search Committee	2018-2019
Women’s Leadership Affiliate Faculty	2015 -
Chair, Department Bylaws Revision Committee	Fall 2016 - Fall 2017
Member, Department Chair Search Committee	2016-2017
Member, Department Speaker Committee	2015

Harvard University

Joint Search Committee in Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies and Sociology	2012-2013
Coordinator, North American Religions Colloquium, Harvard University	2011-2012

REFERENCES

References available upon request