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Curriculum Vitae

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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2017-Present Postdoctoral Research Associate, Cushwa Center for the Study of American

Catholicism, University of Notre Dame

2016-2017 Postdoctoral Teaching Scholar, History Department, University of Notre Dame

**EDUCATION**

2016 Ph.D. in History, University of Notre Dame

2011 M.A. in History, Baylor University

2009 B.A. in History, *magna cum laude*, Grove City College

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book Projects**

*Theodore Roosevelt: Preaching from the Bully Pulpit* (under advance contract with Oxford

University Press)

*American Crusade: Lyman Abbott and the Christian Nation at War, 1860-1920* (manuscript

completed; in process of submitting proposals to university presses)

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

2015 “A Church Divided: American Catholics Debate the Spanish-American War.” *Journal*

*of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 14, no. 3 (Jul.): 348-66.

2012 “Onward Christian Soldiers: Lyman Abbott’s Justification of the Spanish-American

War.” *Journal of Church and State* 54, no. 3 (Summer): 406-25.

**Book Chapters**

2012 “Fundamentalists, Liberals, and a Mennonite Third Way: Reexamining the Career of

Bishop Daniel Kauffman.” 104-28. In *The Activist Impulse: Exploring the Intersection of*

*Evangelicalism and Anabaptism*. Edited by Jared S. Burkholder and David C. Cramer.

Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock.

**Additional Academic Publications**

Forthcoming: s.v. “Old Order Amish Church.” In *Baker Handbook of Denominations and*

*Ministries*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker.

2016 s.v. “Abbott, Lyman,” “Beecher, Henry Ward,” and “Strong, Josiah.” In *Encyclopedia of*

*Christianity in the United States*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

2013 “The Spanish-American War and its Aftermath.” Contribution to *The American Yawp*, a

free, online U.S. history textbook. <http://www.americanyawp.com/>

2011 “‘This Sacred Warfare’: Northern Congregationalists Interpret the Civil War.” *Bulletin of*

*the Congregational Library* 8:2 (Fall): 2-10.

2009 “A ‘Third Way’?: The Role of Daniel Kauffman in Mennonite Fundamentalism.”

*Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 32 (Jan.): 12-17.

**Book Reviews**

2016 Ebel, Jonathan H. *G.I. Messiahs: Soldiering, War, and American Civil Religion*. New

Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2015. For *Journal of Church and State* 58, no. 4 (Autumn): 790-92.

2016 Bush, Perry. *Peace, Progress, and the Professor: The Mennonite History of C. Henry*

*Smith*. Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2015. For *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 90, no. 4 (Oct.): 571-73.

2015 Miller, Steven P. *The Age of Evangelicalism: America’s Born-Again Years*. New York:

Oxford University Press, 2014. For *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 89, no. 2 (Apr.): 323-25.

2014 Gundlach, Bradley J. *Process and Providence: The Evolution Question at Princeton,*

*1845-1929*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2013. For *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65, no. 4 (Oct.): 939-40.

2013 Gamble, Richard M. *In Search of the City on a Hill: The Making and Unmaking of an*

*American Myth*. London: Continuum, 2012. For *Religion and American History Blog*,

<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2013/07/the-strange-career-of-city-on-hill.html>

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### Instructor of Record

2017 “United States History To 1877,” University of Notre Dame (Spring)

2016 “United States History Since 1877,” University of Notre Dame (Fall)

2015 “American Religion Since 1865,” University of Notre Dame (Fall)

#### Teaching Assistant or Tutor

2012-2015 Teaching Assistant for Departments of History and American Studies, University of

Notre Dame (five courses)

2010 Tutor, History Department, Baylor University

2010 Tutor, Student-Athlete Services, Baylor University

#### Teaching Awards and Certifications

2015 Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning,

University of Notre Dame

2014 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning,

University of Notre Dame

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

2015, 2014, 2012 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame,

research and conference travel grants [some declined]

2015, 2014, 2012 Union of Graduate Historians, University of Notre Dame, research and

conference travel grants [some declined]

2012 Notebaert Professional Development Grant, University of Notre Dame

2009-2010 Guittard Fellowship, Baylor University History Department

**SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

2017 African American Intellectual History Society Annual Conference, Nashville, TN:

“‘Heavy is the Guilt that Hangs upon the Neck of This Nation’: The African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Civil War.”

2016 Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, Boston, MA: “‘There

Will Be a Day of Reckoning for Our Country’: Missouri Synod Lutherans Face World

War I.”

2015 Humanities and Divinity: Reckoning with Intellectual and Religious History Conference,

Notre Dame, IN: “‘The Cause of God and Liberty’: The African Methodist Episcopal

Church in the Civil War.”

2015 American Catholic Historical Association, Notre Dame, IN: “A Church Divided:

American Catholics Debate the Spanish-American War.”

2014 American Historical Association, Washington, DC: “A Church Divided: American

Catholics Debate the Spanish-American War.” [Sponsored by the American Society of

Church History] [Paper accepted, but unable to attend due to inclement weather]

2013 American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA: “A Twentieth-Century Crusade:

Lyman Abbott, Christian Nationalism, and World War I.” [Sponsored by the Society of

Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era]

2010 Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Conference, Houston, TX: “Occom vs.

Occom: English Christianity and Indian Identity in the Late Eighteenth Century.”

2009 Mid-America Conference on History, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK: “The Social

Gospel and Racial Reform, 1865-1918.”

**SERVICE**

# Referee

## Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era

#### University

Spring 2017 Grant Reviewer, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts

**Department**

Fall 2014-Spring 2015 Academic Vice-President, Union of Graduate Historians, University of

Notre Dame

Fall 2013-Spring 2015 Co-Director, The Colloquium on Religion and History, University of

Notre Dame

Fall 2013-Spring 2016 Funding Committee, Union of Graduate Historians, University of Notre

Dame

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Historical Association

Society of Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era

American Society of Church History

Society for U.S. Intellectual History

Conference on Faith and History

### REFERENCES

## Mark A. Noll

Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History, Emeritus, University of Notre Dame

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## Kathleen Sprows Cummings

William W. and Anna Jean Cushwa Director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame

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