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EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D., A.M., Harvard University, June 2005, Committee on the Study of Religion, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 2000 MDiv, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2000, ethics, philosophy of religion
- 1996 M.A., Baylor University, 1996, Modern philosophy
- 1995 B.A., Georgetown College, 1995, *cum laude*, Majors: Philosophy, English Lit

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Princeton University, Post-doctoral Fellowship in Christian Thought and Practice, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton, NJ, 2005-06

Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Tuition and Graduate Fellowship, 2000-2005

PREVIOUS POSITION

American University (Washington, DC), Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2006-08

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
International Studies Association

BOOKS

Jason A. Springs *Toward a Generous Orthodoxy: Prospects for Hans Frei's Postliberal Theology*, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, Oct. 2010). Reviewed in *Pro Ecclesia*, *Journal of Theological Studies*, *Theology*, *Modern Theology*, *Christian Scholar's Review*, *Heythrop Journal* (forthcoming).

Jason A. Springs and Atalia Omer, *Religious Nationalism: A Reference Handbook* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2013) [equal authorship].

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- “Tentacles of the Leviathan? Nationalism, Islamophobia, and the Insufficiency-yet-Indispensability of Human Rights for Religious Freedom in Contemporary Europe,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (accepted, forthcoming)
- “A Tale of Two Islamophobias: Comparative Religious Ethics and the Paradoxes of Civic Nationalism in Contemporary Europe and the United States,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* (forthcoming, 2015).
- “‘To Let Suffering Speak’: Can Peacebuilding Overcome the Un-representability of Suffering? Re-conceiving the ethics of representation through moral imagination and cultural violence,” *Peace and Change* (forthcoming, 2015), special issue on the 25th anniversary of Elaine Scarry’s *The Body in Pain*.
- “Hans Frei’s Later Christology: Radiance and Obscurity,” *Pro Ecclesia* (2015) Vol. 24, No 1: 37-52.
- “Twenty-Three Theses on the Status of Religion in American Sociology: A Mellon Working-Group Reflection,” With Christian Smith, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Nancy Tatom Ammerman, Jose’ Cassanova, Hilary Davidson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, John Evans, Philip S. Gorski, Mary Ellen Konieczny, Jenny Trinitapoli, and Meredith Whitnah), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2013) 81 (4): 903-938.
- “Meaning vs. Power: Are Thick Description and Power Analysis intrinsically at Odds?: Response to Interpretation, Explanation, and Clifford Geertz,” *Religion Compass* Vol. 6, No. 12 (December 2012): 534-542.
- "Following at a Distance (again): Freedom, Equality, and Gender in Karl Barth's Theological Anthropology," *Modern Theology*, Vol 28, No. 3 (July 2012): 446-77.
- “On Giving Religious Intolerance its Due: Prospects for Transforming Conflict in a Post-secular Society,” *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 92, No. 1 (Jan. 2012): pp. 1-30.
- “‘Next time, try looking it up in your gut!’: Tolerance, Civility, and Healthy Conflict in a Tea Party Era,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol. 94, No. 3/4 (Fall/Winter 2011): 325-358.
- Jason Springs, ed., Cornel West, Richard Rorty, Stanley Hauerwas, Jeffrey Stout, “Pragmatism and Democracy: Assessing Jeffrey Stout’s *Democracy and Tradition*,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, June 2010: pp. 413-448.
- “‘Dismantling the Master’s House’: Freedom as Ethical Practice in Robert Brandom and Michel Foucault,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*, Vol. 37, No. 3 (Sept. 2009), pp. 419-448.
- “What Cultural Theorists have to learn from Wittgenstein, or, How to Read Geertz as a Practice Theorist,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Vol. 76, No. 4 (Dec 2008), pp. 934-969.

“The Priority of Democracy to Social Theory,” *Contemporary Pragmatism*, special issue on Cornel West, ed. Eddie Glaude, Vol. 4, No. 1 (June 2007), pp. 47-71.

“Between Barth and Wittgenstein: On the Availability of Hans Frei’s Later Theology,” *Modern Theology*, 23:3 (July 2007), pp. 393-413.

UNREFEREED PUBLICATIONS

“Religion and Peacebuilding in Contexts of Structural and Cultural Violence,”
The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Peacebuilding, eds. Atalia Omer, Scott Appleby,
and David Little (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015).

“Doing Justice Differently: From Revolution to Transformation in Restorative Justice and Political Reconciliation” in *Restorative Justice, Reconciliation, and Peacebuilding*, Daniel Philpott and Jennifer Llewellyn (eds), (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014)

“The Difficulty of Imagining Other Persons Re-imagined: Moral Imagination as a Tool for Transforming Conflict” in Jacob Goodson and Brad Stone (eds), *Rorty and the Religious: Christian Engagements with a Secular Philosopher* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2012).

“But did it *really* happen? Hans Frei, Carl Henry, and Karl Barth on Historical Reference and Critical Realism,” *Karl Barth and American Evangelicalism* Clifford Anderson and Bruce McCormack (eds) (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011).

“Texts, Worlds, and Translatability: Paul Ricoeur Among the Postliberals,” in *Paul Ricoeur: Honoring and Continuing the Work*, ed. Farhang Erfani (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2011)

“Civil Religion,” in *Religion and the Practice of Everyday Life and Culture, Vol. 2: Religion in Public Life*, Richard D. Hecht and Vincent F. Biondo, eds. (Praeger, 2010), pp. 549-573.

*Selected and revised for reprint in the single volume anthology, *Religion and Culture: Contemporary Practices and Perspectives*, Hecht and Biondo (eds), (Minneapolis, Fortress Press, 2012).

Book Review, Eric Gregory, *Politics and The Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship*, in *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*, in *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics* (Spring/Summer 2010)

Book Review of Kevin Vanhoozer, *The Drama of Doctrine: A Canonical-Linguistic Approach to Christian Theology*, in *Modern Theology*, Vol. 24, No. 1, Jan 2008, pp. 139-141.

Book Review of John Webster and George P. Schnier (eds), *Theology After Liberalism* published in *Koinania: Princeton Seminary Graduate Forum*, vol 15, 2003,: 116-119

INVITED LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

Paper, "Hans Frei's Later Christology: Radiance and Obscurity," Conference for the 25 Year Commemoration of the Legacy of Hans Frei, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 12, 2013.

Response, "Interpretation, Explanation, and Clifford Geertz," Comparative Study of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 1, 2010.

Paper, "Tolerance, Civility and Healthy Conflict," paper presented to the Comparative Religious Ethics Colloquium, Florida State University, November 19, 2010.

Paper, "Can Evangelicals be Postliberal too?," Princeton Theological Seminary, *Karl Barth and Evangelical Theology Conference*, June 24-27, 2007.

Paper, "The Availability of Hans Frei's Later Theology," paper presented to the Karl Barth Society of North America, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, November 2005.

External Honors Candidate Examiner, "Religious Belief and Moral Action" exam, Swarthmore College, May 24-26 2007

"The Subject Matter Matters: Teaching Religion in a Time of War," Address to the Harvard University Colloquium on the Study of Religion, September 29, 2005.

GRANTS AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Participant, Working Group on Integrating Religious Knowledge into the Discipline of Sociology, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant, 2010-2012, Group Convener: Christian Smith

Participant, Workshop for Restorative Justice, Reconciliation and Peacebuilding Project, University of Notre Dame, Sept 16-18, 2010, Program Conveners: Daniel Philpott and Jennifer Llewellyn

Participant, general planning group and consultation for "Gender, Family, and Society" working group, *Contending Modernities*, Program Convener: Scott Appleby

DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED

Member, Dissertation Committee for Hilary Davidson, Sociology, "Religion and the Good Life: Religion, Social Class, and the Aspirations of Emerging Adults."

Member, Dissertation Committee for Lisa Weaver Schwartz, Sociology, "'What Evangelicals Say When They Talk about Women: Gender Culture at Two Evangelical Seminaries.'"

Member, Dissertation Committee for Mazen El Makkouk, Religion and Literature, "Metanoia in the Qur'an and the Arab Novel."

OTHER NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Work in progress

Book manuscript tentatively titled: *From Enemy to Adversary: Tolerance, Civility, and Healthy Conflict in an Era of Religious Intolerance*

Blog Entries

"The Self-Critical Character of Peace Studies," *24 Peace Scholars: Conversations at the Intersection of Academia, New Media, and World Peace*, March 1, 2013

"Johan Galtung, Anti-Semitism, and the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*," (Co-authored with Atalia Omer), *24 Peace Scholars: Conversations at the Intersection of Academia, New Media, and World Peace*, May 23, 2012

Conference papers

Conference paper, "The Cultural Violence of Nonviolence: Mediating the "Strategic" and "Principled" Divide in Nonviolent Social Change," paper for the Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November, 2014.

Conference paper, "The Paradoxes of "Islamophobia" in Contemporary Europe and the U.S.," International Studies Association annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, CA, March 29, 2014.

Conference paper, "Religion, Justice, and the Fire *This Time*: Re-thinking Restorative Justice after Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow*," paper for presentation to the Ethics Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

Conference paper, "Transforming Conflict on Sacred Ground: On the Limits and Risks of Inter-religious Engagement in Contexts of Structural and Cultural Violence," Paper for presentation to the Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

- Conference paper, "The Indispensability and Limits of Human Rights for Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding," International Conference on the Impact of Religion in Contemporary Europe, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, May 20-22, 2013.
- Conference paper, "The Indispensability yet Insufficiency of Human Rights as a Basis for Religious Freedom in Contemporary Europe: Reassessing the French Headscarf Ban after the European Court of Human Rights Ruling in *Dogru v. France* (2008)," paper for a joint session of the Religion, Law, and Culture and Religion in Europe groups, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 19, 2012, respondent Winnifred Sullivan.
- Conference paper, "Peacebuilding in Contexts of Structural and Cultural Violence," paper for the Second Emory Conference on Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding, Emory University, June 18, 2011.
- Conference paper, "Religious Dress as Critique and Resistance: Veiling as an Ethical Practice," paper presented at the Religious Freedom and Human Rights panel, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, CA, March 17, 2011.
- Conference Paper, "*Next time, try looking it up in your gut...*": Agonistic respect vs. the politics of irrationalism," paper for the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2011.
- Conference paper, "Thinking Beyond the Limits of Democracy: Religious Intolerance as a Tool for Peacebuilding," presented to the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 9, 2009.
- Conference paper, "Patriotism as National Cult: Civil Religion and Symbolic Violence in Post-9/11 U.S.," presented to the Religions, Social Conflict and Peace Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 8, 2009
- Conference paper, "The Difficulty of Imagining Other Persons Re-imagined: On the Virtues of Moral Imagination in Peace Studies," conference paper, Peace and Justice Studies Association National Conference, September 12, 2008, Portland, OR.
- Conference paper, "Nancy Fraser, Robert Brandom, and Michel Foucault on the Ethics and Politics of Self-creation," presented to the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion National Conference, November 2006, respondent: Wayne Proudfoot.
- Colloquium paper, "What Cultural Theorists have to learn from Wittgenstein, or, How to Read Geertz as a Practice Theorist," paper presented to the Religion and Public Life Colloquium, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, May 2006, respondent: Martin Kavka.

Colloquium paper, "Religion as a Social Practice: Theology and Cultural Theory in Postliberal theology," paper presented to the Religion and Public Life Colloquium, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, December 2005, respondent: Nathaniel Klemp.

Respondent, Religion in Public Life Colloquium, Princeton University, "Overturning Oligarchy: The Emerging Constitutional Theory of the Religious Right," by Nathaniel Klemp, October 2005.

Conference paper, "The Priority of Democracy to Social Theory: Cornel West and Prospects for Radical Social Criticism" (revised), Northeast Ethics Colloquium, Brown University, March 2004.

Conference paper, "The Priority of Democracy to Social Theory," Conference on Democracy and Politics, The New School for Social Research (NYC); Respondent: Joan C. Tronto, May 2003.