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EDUCATION

2016—PhD History, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Dissertation: “Creating the Silent Majority: State Censorship and the Radio Right in the 1960s”

Committee: Philip Jenkins, Amy Greenberg, Gary Cross, Roger Finke

2010—MA History, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

2007—BA History, Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC, *summa cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“Radio Politics, Origin Myths, and the Creation of New Evangelicalism,” *Fides et Historia* 48:1 (Winter/Spring 2016): 61-90.

“The National Council of Churches versus Right-Wing Radio: How the Mainline Muted the New Christian Right,” *The Lively Experiment: Religious Toleration in America, from Roger Williams to the Present*, eds. Christopher Beneke and Christopher Grenda (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015): 267-286. **Selected by *Choice* as one of the “Top 25 Outstanding Academic Titles” for 2015.**

“Evangelist Billy Sunday and the Evolution Controversy,” *The Proceedings of the South Carolina Historical Association* (2008): 29-43.

Book Reviews

Review of “Under the Big Top: Big Tent Revivalism and American Culture, 1885-1925,” Josh McMullen, *Church History and Religious Culture* 96:3 (2016).

Review of “American Evangelicals and the 1960s,” Axel R. Schäfer ed., *Review of Religious Research* (March 2014): 353-355.

Review of “Jesus in America and Other Stories from the Field,” Claudia Gould, *American Studies* 51 (Spring/Summer 2010): 149-150.

Digital Projects

Contributor, ~120 entries for an interactive timeline of American religious history, Association of Religion Data Archives.

http://www.thearda.com/timeline/contributor_4.asp

<http://www.thearda.com/timeline/tlDenom5.asp>

Contributor, “Muscular Christianity,” *The American Yawp*. An online, freely accessible textbook.

<http://www.americanyawp.com/text/18-industrial-america/>

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

Charles Koch Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University, 2017-2018.

Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, George Mason University, 2013-2014.

Lynn E. May Study Grant, The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, 2012.

Torrey M. Johnson Sr. Scholarship, The Billy Graham Center Archives, 2012.

Internal

Dissertation Support Award, Research and Graduate Studies Office, Penn State College of Liberal Arts, 2015.

Graduate Research Award, Penn State Democracy Institute, 2014.

Milton B. Dolinger Graduate Fellowship in the World War II Era, Penn State College of Liberal Arts, 2013-2014.

McCourtney Family Graduate Scholarship, Penn State Department of History, 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor

Introduction to the Civil War Era, 1848 through 1877, Penn State University
Fall 2015 (two classes of ~50 students each)

America in the 1960s: An Introduction, Penn State University
Spring 2016 (two classes of ~50 students each)
Fall 2016 (one class of ~160 students)
Spring 2017 (one class of ~260 students)

US History, 1877 to the Present, Penn State University
Spring 2017 (one class of ~30 students)

Teaching Assistant and Tutorial Lecturer

The United States Since 1974, Princeton University
Spring 2017 (two tutorial sections of ~14 students each)

American Civilization Since 1877, Penn State University
Fall 2012 (three tutorial sections of ~30 students each)
Spring 2013 (two tutorial sections of ~30 students each)

The Western Heritage I, Penn State University
Spring 2012 (two tutorial sections of ~30 students each)

Teaching Awards

E-Tu Zen Sun Teaching Award, Penn State Department of History, 2012-2013.

CONFERENCES

Panel Organizer

“Grassroots or Astroturf: The Rise of the New Right in Retrospect,” 132nd Annual Meeting,
American Historical Association, January 4-7, 2018 (submitted). Chair: Lisa McGirr.

“Supplying Conservatism: Media Infrastructure and the Rise of the New Right,” 131st Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, January 5-8, 2017. Chair: Kevin Kruse.

“State Intolerance of American Religions in the Twentieth Century,” The Spectacle of Toleration Conference, Newport Historical Society, October 3-6, 2013. Chair: Evelyn Sterne.

Presenter

“A Tale of Two Memos: John F. Kennedy’s Plan to Silence the Radio Right,” 132nd Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, January 4-7, 2018 (submitted).

“Polish Ham, Talk Radio, and the Rise of the New Right,” 131st Annual Meeting, American Historical Association, January 5-8, 2017.

“The Reuther Memorandum: How the Kennedy Brothers Muted Conservative Radio Broadcasting in the 1960s,” The Iowa Conference on Presidential Politics, Dordt College, October 29-31, 2015.

“How Pentecostals Became Evangelicals: Radio and the National Association of Evangelicals,” American Society of Church History, Minneapolis, April 16-19, 2015.

“The National Council of Churches versus Right-Wing Radio: How the Mainline Muted the New Christian Right,” The Spectacle of Toleration Conference, Newport Historical Society, October 3-6, 2013.

“Mind the ‘Gap,’ Modern Creationism and the King James Bible,” The Conference of the Quatercentennial Anniversary of the King James Bible, Liberty University, September 30-October 1, 2011.

“The King James Bible and Competing Theories of Creationism,” Conference on the King James Bible and the World It Made, Baylor University, April 7-9, 2011.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate for the Association of Religion Data Archives, 2013-2016.

Research Assistant to Philip Jenkins and Thomas Kidd, 2010-2012.

PROPOSED COURSES (SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

As American as Apple Pie: Conspiracy Theories from the Founding to Donald Trump
Revolution, Prohibition, and Roe v. Wade: Religion and Politics in American History
From Old Right to New Right to Alt-Right: Conservatism from the New Deal to Donald Trump
From Hippies to Yuppies: America in the Long 1960s
From George to Billy: the History of American Evangelicalism

REFERENCES

Dr. Julian Zelizer

Malcolm Stevenson Forbes, Class of 1941 Professor of History and Public Affairs
Princeton University

Dr. Amy Greenberg

Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of History and Women's Studies
The Pennsylvania State University

Dr. Philip Jenkins

Distinguished Professor of History
Baylor University

Dr. Roger Finke

Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies
The Pennsylvania State University