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Education

- MA 2012, Colgate University, Department of Religion
Thesis: *Concatenations of Spinoza and Gandhi: An Exploration of Immanence and Nonviolence*
Adviser: Eliza Kent
- BA 2009, University of Minnesota, Department of Art
Emphasis: Visual Arts and Design

Academic Appointments

- 2015-present Lecturer, Texas A&M University
Department of Communication
Department of Global Languages & Culture
Religious Studies Program
- 2014 Lecturer, Texas A&M University
Religious Studies Program

Selected Awards

- *Gay M. Grossman Memorial Scholarship*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2008.
- *Jacob Lawrence & Gwendolyn Knight Award*, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 2008.

Invited Lectures

- Texas A&M: The Importance of Independent Radio Today, PERF 450: Performance and Technology 9/26/2017
- Texas A&M: Meditation, RELS 304, 2/24/2016
- Texas A&M: Buddhism in the Modern World, RELS 312, 9/29/2015
- Texas A&M: University's Scholars Program, Guest Expert Series, 2/10/2015: *The Intersections of Religion and Meditation*.
- Colgate University: Women's Studies Brown Bag 9/21/2010: *Teaching to Transgress: Queer Cameras in the Classroom*.
- Colgate University: EDUC 503/303: Gender and Development. For this course I presented a guest lecture on gender and art and developed an application assignment. I also facilitated discussion upon completion of the assignment.

Academic Conferences

- Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference, "Relevance, Opportunity, Influence", Texas A&M, College Station, TX 2023.
- Transformational Teaching and Learning Conference, "Teaching & Learning Change", Texas A&M, College Station, TX 2022.
- Rhetoric and the New Fascism, Texas A&M, College Station, TX, 2018.

- Gender & Citizenship Conference, Texas A&M, College Station, TX, 2016.
- The Fourth International Conference on Argumentation, Rhetoric, Debate, and the Pedagogy of Empowerment, Doha, Qatar, 2013.
- Sixth Annual Feminist Theory Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2012.

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Religion
National Communication Association

Teaching Experience

Texas A&M University

- COMM/RELS 480, Religious Communication
- COMM/RELS 257, Communication, Religion, and the Arts
- RELS 312, Contemplative Practice in the Modern World
- RELS 200, Religions of the World
- COMM to Costa Rica, Spring 2020

Professional Development

- Core Critical Thinking Workshop, Assessment and Curricular Matters and Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Evaluation, Texas A&M, 5/10/2023
- Techniques for Engagement During Lecture, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M, 9/26/2023
- Continuing Education to Support Teaching in the Classroom: COMM 615: Interpretive Methods in Communication; Spring 2022. Texas A&M.
- Continuing Education to Support Teaching in the Classroom: COMM 645: Rhetorical and Textual Methods in Communication Research; completed Fall 2021
- State of Texas Mediation Training and Certification (through Texas A&M): Completed Summer 2021
- National Association of System Heads in partnership with the Association of College and University Educators (Nash-Acue), *Effective Teaching Practices*, Fall 2020-Spring 2021
- Fasken Pedagogy Workshops in Philosophical Inquiry, Fall 2019
- Communicating Effectively in the Classroom and Beyond, 9/11/2019
- Interactive Teaching Methods, 9/29/17 Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M
- Facilitating Hot Topics in the Classroom, 9/29/17, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M
- Humanizing Education, Learning, and Leadership On/Offline(HELLO2), 9/27/17
- Faculty Teaching Academy November 2014, Dr. John August, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M
- Managing Hot Topics in the Classroom, October 2014, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M

Grants

- Online Curriculum Design Development Grant, Summer 2020

Relevant Skills

- Classroom management
- Course design and implementation
- Internship design and coordination
- Implementation of technology in the classroom
- Student development