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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, 2001
The **Graduate Faculty of The New School for Social Research, New York**
Dissertation: "God's Timing: Conservative Evangelicals and the New Racial Reconciliation Discourse."
- M.A. Political Science, 1995
The **Graduate Faculty of The New School for Social Research, New York**
Thesis: "Reconciliation Politics: Conservative Evangelicals and the New Race Discourse."
- B.A. Women's Studies and Social Theory (double major), March 1991.
University of California, Santa Cruz
Thesis: "Atom and Eve: Women's Roles in the Nuclear Disarmament Discourses."

SUBFIELD SPECIALTIES

American Political Development	Gender Studies/Feminist Theory
Religion in American Politics	Social Movements
Race Politics (American & Comparative)	American Political Thought
Political Theory	Qualitative Methods
American Political Culture	Intersectionality

POSITIONS HELD

Associate Professor, University of Denver, Department of Political Science
Fall 2012 – Present

Assistant Professor, University of Denver, Department of Political Science
Fall 2006-2011

Lecturer, University of Denver, Department of Political Science
Fall 2004 – Spring 2006

Adjunct Professor, University of Colorado at Boulder, Women's Studies Department
Spring 2004

Cornell University Department of Government, Ithaca, New York. Mellon Foundation Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow
Fall 2001 - Spring 2003

Eugene Lang College, New York, Dean Teaching Fellow Spring and Fall, 1997

BOOKS

- 2014 *Ambivalent Miracles: Evangelicals and the Politics of Racial Healing*
University of Virginia Press.
- 2012 Co-Editor, *Faith and Race in American Political Life*, 13-chapter volume, University of
Virginia Press.

REFEREED ARTICLES

- 2020 (R&R) “Invented Religion, the Awakened Polis, and Sacred Disestablishment: the Case of
Slovenia’s ‘Zombie Church.’ Aleš Črnič, second author. Submitted to *Politics & Religion*,
April 2020.
- 2018 “Awakening the Civic Dead: Political Mobilization of the Zombie in Real Time,” *The Popular
Culture Studies Journal*, Special Issue on Monsters and Monstrosity, Edited by Bernadette
Calafell (6) 2-3, pp. 190-216.
- 2017 “Awakening the ‘Walking Dead.’ Zombie Pedagogy for Millennials.” *Radical Teacher* 107
(Winter), pp. 4-13.
- 2016 “Are We The Walking Dead? Zombie Apocalypse as Liberatory Art.” *New Political Science* 38
(4), pp. 561-581. Special Issue on Herbert Marcuse.
- 2014 “Unsettling Lessons: Teaching Indigenous Politics and Settler Colonialism in Political
Science,” *PS: Political Science & Politics*, July, pp. 692-7.
- 2011 “Intersectionality in California’s Same-Sex Marriage Battles: A Complex Proposition,”
Political Research Quarterly 64 (1), pp. 200-216. Mini-Symposium on Intersectionality.
- 2010 “Bridging Racial Change: Political Orientations in the Multiracial Church Building
Movement,” *Politics & Religion* 3 (3), pp. 439-468.
- 2008 “Race-ing Faith and Fate: The Jeremiad in Multiracial ‘Moral Values’ Alliances,”
Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Perspectives, Volume 1, Issue 2, Kirwan Institute,
Ohio State University, pp. 313-341.
- 1997 “Reconciliation Politics: Conservative Evangelicals and the New Race Discourse,” *Politics &
Society*, Volume 25, Number 3, pp 341-376.

PUBLIC MANUSCRIPT

- 2014 (Co-author and Chair of the Committee) “Report of the John Evans Study Committee,”
University of Denver, November 2014. Received national attention and cites in multiple
publications.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2014 “Of Milestones and Millstones: Intersections of Race and Religion in the 2012 Election,” in
Luis Leon and Gary Laderman, Eds., *Religion and American Cultures Encyclopedia*, ABC-CIO
Press.
- 2012 “Religious Race-Bridging: Racial Change Efforts Among Conservative Evangelicals,” in Robin
Jacobson and Nancy Wadsworth, Eds., *Faith and Race in American Political Life*, University
of Virginia Press.

BOOK CHAPTERS, CONT.

- 2012 “Intersecting Faith and Race” (Introduction), in Robin Jacobson and Nancy Wadsworth, Eds., *Faith and Race in American Political Life*, University of Virginia Press.
- 2008 “Fractured Believers: Race and Religion as Intersectional Aspects of United States Political Development” in *Race and U.S. Political Development*, Joseph Lowndes (University of Oregon), Julie Novkov (SUNY Albany), and Dorian Warren (Columbia University), Editors. Routledge Press, pp. 312-336.

REVIEWS & OTHER INVITED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 (with Aleš Črnič) “Trans-Universal Zombie Church of the Blissful Ringing,” entry, Word Religions and Spirituality Project, June 16.
- 2018 “Review of The Urban Church Imagined by Jessica M. Barrons and Rhys H. Williams,” *Politics & Religion*, 11 (2018), pp. 695-698.
- 2017 “When the Religious Other Seems Abhorrent: Thoughts on the Power of Scholars to Represent the ‘Repugnant Cultural Other’” (Review of Alan Rodgers *The Child Cases: How America’s Religious Exemption Laws Harm Children.*) *Tulsa Law Review*, 52 (3), Spring 2017, pp. 633-41.
- Featured review: “On Robert P. Jones’s *The End of White Christian America*,” *Politics & Religion*, 10 (2017), pp. 461-65.

MEDIA & PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2018 “The racial demons that help explain evangelical support for Trump.” *Vox*, April 30.
- 2017 “Louis C.K.’s apology is imperfect. It is also important.” *The Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*, November 14.
- (with Billy J. Stratton) “A more nuanced approach to painful parts of Colorado history,” *Denver Post*, June 9.
- 2016 (with Lorna Bracewell) “The ‘pussyhats’ (and other things) make protests fun—which keeps people coming back,” *The Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*, February 22.
- “Rodeo in the Rain – American Politics and Religion in the 2016 Presidential Race.” *Political Theology Today*, March 29.
- “Does the 2016 Election Mark the End of White Christian America?” *Political Theology Today*, August 30.
- 2015 “No, Trump’s anti-Muslim Proposals Aren’t anti-American. They’re Just the Latest Entries in a History of American Religious and Racial Persecution,” *The Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*, December 15.
- 2014 “White Kids Will Be Kids,” *The Pacific Standard Magazine*, December 17. <http://bit.ly/1GtgIMD>
- “Lessons from the John Evans Panel,” *Denver Post*, December 10. <http://dpo.st/iwGe6l4>
- “Commemorating a Massacre: Lessons for Political Scientists,” *The New West: Official Blog of the Western Political Science Association*, November 24. <http://bit.ly/1zujbo4>
- 2010 “Down with Demonology: The Left Can Do Better,” *Huffington Post*, March 18. <http://huff.to/1Co6WyV>

Media Appearances

- [Interview on sexual misconduct in the news](#), Politics Unplugged, The Denver Channel, November 19, 2017.
Interview, Colorado State of Mind, Rocky Mountain PBS, November 11, 2014.
Interview, Colorado Matters, Colorado Public Radio, November 3, 2014 (John Evans Committee)
“DU Report Concludes Culpability for Sand Creek Massacre,” 9News, November 3, 2014.

PUBLICATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

- 2002 “Stimulate Conversation: Colorado College Campus Pro-Social Norms Campaign” Website (www.whynotask.ccasa.org) and Curriculum resource packet about sex and consent among college-age people.
- 2000 “Sexual Assault Hotline Training Manual,” (Producer and Writer) Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault.
- 1995 “Xeno-Phobia: The Politics of Breast Cancer,” *Free Society*, Volume 4, Number 2, pp. 10-15; 31-33.

FUNDING/GRANTS

- 2020 **University of Denver Professional Research Opportunities for Faculty**
- 2019 **University of Denver Internationalization Grant**
- 2018 **University of Denver Office of Special Programs Development Grant** for research and course development for special seminar on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and subsequent state-led efforts to memorialize the genocide and prevent future violence. \$5,265.
- 2016 **University of Denver Internationalization Grant** for research in Ljubljana, Slovenia. \$1,500.
- AHSS Dean’s Award for Faculty Excellence** for research in Ljubljana, Slovenia. \$2,500.
- 2008-09 **Faculty Research Fund (88631-139007)**
“Multiracial Church-Building Efforts in Evangelical Churches,” \$3,000.
- 2008-09 **Professional Research Opportunities for Faculty (88743-139007)**
Ambivalent Miracles book project, \$9,500.
- 2008-09 **Public Good (Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning)**
Development Grant, “Neighborhood and Community Determinants of School Success: The Case of Manual High School.”

PRESENTATIONS TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2018 “Hardly Living but Very Much Alive: Contemporary Employments of Zombie in Political Realtime,” Western Political Science Association, Activism and Policy section, March 29.
- 2017 “Unsettling a Founding Myth: Reflections of the DU John Evans Study Committee,” Association for Conflict Resolution, Dallas, Texas, October 13.
- “Trends in American Populism,” Panel on Organizing and Movements Post-2016 Election, University of Denver, April 18.
- “Confronting Amnesia as Scholarly Practice,” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC., April 15.
- Discussant, “Red, Black, Yellow, and White: Remembering Race in the History of the Americas,” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC. April, 14.

- 2016 Presenter: “Herbert Marcuse, The Walking Dead, and Political Theory”; Chair: Religion and Political Attitudes; Discussant: Perspectives on LGBT Politics, ” Southern Political Science Association, Political Theory section, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 6-8.
- 2015 “Herbert Marcuse Stalks “The Walking Dead.” Association for Political Theory. Boulder, CO.
- 2015 Panelist, “John Evans Study Committee Report Overview,” Symposium on Sand Creek Massacre: Acknowledgement and Repair,” May 22, University of Denver.
- 2015 Chair: “Sexuality and Community” (Political Theory); Discussant: “LGBT and Sexuality Issues: Public Attitudes and Media Framings” (LGBT Issues, Gender, and Sexuality); and “Religiosity and Political Engagement” (Religion and Politics), Southern Political Science Association, January 14-18, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 Chair: “Explorations in Shared Fate: Race, Ethnicity, and Sexuality” (32-11, Race, Ethnicity, Politics.” Annual Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Discussant: 'Doing' Race in Church: Adventures in Navigating Racial Politics across Different Faith Cultures (32-13 Race, Ethnicity, and Politics).
- 2013 “Of Milestones and Millstones: Religion-Race Intersectionality in the 2012 Presidential Election,” Intersectionality Section Panel, Western Political Science Association, Hollywood, CA.
- Discussant: “Intersectional Politics of Labor and the State,” Intersectionality Section, WPSA, Hollywood, Ca.
- 2010 “Could This Be Political Anthropology? Reflections on Studying Evangelical Subcultures,” Qualitative Methods Panel, American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 “Charting the History of Racial Change Efforts by U.S. Evangelicals,” Not as It Seems: Gender, Race, and Faith in Intersection, Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 “Deep Intersectionality in California’s Same-Sex Marriage Battles: A Complex Proposition,” Race, Marital Norms, and Legal Enforcements Workshop, Critical Race Studies Symposium, UCLA School of Law.
- “Faith and Race in American Political Life,” Under-Examined Intersectionalities Workshop, Critical Race Studies Symposium, UCLA School of Law.
- 2010 “Bridging Racial Change: Political Orientations in the Evangelical Multiracial Church Movement,” *Southern Political Science Association*, Atlanta, GA
- 2009 “A Complex Proposition: Intersectionality in California’s Prop 8 Battle,” *Southwest Political Science Association*, Denver, Colorado.
- 2008 “Creating a Safe Space for Dialogue,” *Religion and the Secular University Conference*, University of Denver
- 2007 “Religious Bridging: Evangelical Racial Reconciliation as a Race Project,” Intersections of Race, Class and Religion: Faith and Boundary Crossing Section, *American Political Science Association*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2007 “Reconciling Fractures: The Intersections of Race and Religion in American Political Development,” Agency and Racialized Political Development, *Western Political Science Association*, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- “Miracles and Reluctance: Evangelical Racial Reconciliation Efforts as a Platform for Coalition-Building,” Intersections of Race and Religion in American Politics, *Western Political Science*

Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- 2006 “Fractured Believers: Race and Religion as Intersectional Aspects of United States Political Development,” *Contemporary Concerns Panel, Race and U.S. Political Development Conference*, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2006 Panel Chair and Presenter, “The ‘Curse of Ham’ Revisited: Ralph Reed, Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Possibility of a Multi-Racial ‘Moral Values’ Coalition,” History and Politics Section, *Western Political Science Association*, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2003 “The Curse of Ham? Ralph Reed’s Strategic Hero Worship of Martin Luther King Jr.,” *Futures of American Studies Institute*, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire.
- 2003 “Race and Religion in America: The Case of Evangelicals,” for Political Culture: Macrothemes panel, *Western Political Science Association*, Denver, CO.
- 2002 “Awakenings: The Impact of Denominational Schisms on Evangelical Racial Reconciliation Efforts” Politics & History Section, *American Political Science Association*, Boston, MA.
- 2002 “Conservative Evangelicals and the New Race Discourse: The Power of the Religious Alternative,” Race, Ethnicity & Diversity Section, *Western Political Science Association*, Long Beach, CA.
- 2002 “Race, Religion and Reconciliation” Presentation for *Mellon Seminar for the Humanities Faculty*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- 1999 “God’s Timing: Evangelical Race Politics at the Millennium’s Edge” Poster Session, *American Political Science Association*, Atlanta, GA.
- 1996 “Conservative Evangelicals and the New Race Discourse: African American Perspectives,” *Northeastern Political Science Association Conference*, Boston.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Zombies and Political Awakening: Tales from Slovenia” For Denver Museum of Contemporary Art “Three Things” series, July 29.
- 2017 “Dude, Seriously? On the Dirty, Dirty Magic of Bromantic Comedies.” For Denver Museum of Contemporary Art “Three Things” series, June 8.
- “Race and Religion in Current U.S. Politics: History, Narrative, Ideology,” University of Ljubljana, Ziga Vodovnik’s Political Theory Course (public talk), March 7.
- “On Losing Students Tragically,” Supporting Holistic Student Wellbeing on an Inclusive Campus,” University of Denver, January 12.
- 2016 “The DU John Evans Study Committee Report: Its Context, Challenges, and Impact,” for Violence and Settler Colonialism Class, University of Denver, November 17.
- “Ambivalent Miracles and the Research Behind it: Methods in the Study of Evangelical Subcultures,” for Katherine Turpin’s doctoral colloquium. Iliff School of Theology, January 14.
- “Topics to (Stop) Avoiding at Dinner: Race, Religion, and U.S. Politics,” Colby Community College, April 5, 2016, and Flathead Community College, March 9-10, 2016.
- “Merle Haggard: Branded Man,” for Denver Museum of Contemporary Art, Mixed Taste: Lectures on Unrelated Subjects, August 5.

- 2015 "One November Morning: Art on the Sand Creek Massacre. Contextualizing the Art in the John Evans Committee Report." University of Denver Department of Anthropology. February 24.
- 2014 "Niccolo Machiavelli and the Current Moment," Best of Mixed Taste Lecture Series, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, August 21.
- "Three Groups Changing American Political Life," AHSS Salon Series, April 23.
- "Sand Creek Massacre and the DU John Evans Committee," Margie Thompson's MFJS class, April 8.
- "Marriage, the Military, and Maddow: Lessons from My FSEM," University of Denver Gender and Women's Studies Panel," February 25.
- "Religious Racial Change in Denver, Colorado," for University of Denver, Department of Religious Studies Sesquicentennial Series on Religion in Colorado Politics, February 19.
- 2013 "Religion in American Politics: Changing Realities," DU Alumni Conference, October 25.
- "Racial Segregation and Change in Denver," Race and Religion in Colorado Roundtable, University of Denver Department of Religious Studies, October 11.
- "Evangelicals and the Politics of Racial Healing," DU Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Faculty Lecture Series
- "Bucking Up to the Dark Side: The Shadow in Carl Jung," Mixed Taste Exhibition for Museum Directors, Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, October 22.
- 2012-13 "Faith and Race in American Politics," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Seminar, Summer and Fall, Cherry Creek and Golden, Colorado
- "How Sorry Are We? The Value of Public Apology and Forgiveness," DU AHSS Salon Series
- "Thomas Jefferson: Of Genius and Contradiction," Denver Museum of Contemporary Art, Tag Team Lectures on Unrelated Subjects
- 2011 "Tammy Wynette: Floating Adhesions," Denver Museum of Contemporary Art, Tag Team Lectures on Unrelated Subjects
- 2010 "Connecting Faith and Race in American Political Life: The Case of the Islamic Center Controversy," Colorado School of Mines Hennebach Lecture.
- "Bucking Up to the Dark Side: The Shadow in Carl Jung," Denver Museum of Contemporary Art Tag Team Lectures on Unrelated Subjects.
- "Alliance Across Race, Sex, and Religion: Is that Even Possible? Lessons from California's Proposition 8 Battle," Colorado School of Mines.
- 2009 "Machiavelli," Denver Museum of Contemporary Art, Tag Team Lectures on Unrelated Subjects.
- 2008 "David Domke and Kevin Coe's *The God Strategy: How Religion Became a Political Weapon in America*," for Chaplain's Lunch Discussion series.
- "Intersecting Race and Religion in U.S. Politics," University of Denver Humanities Institute Salons on the Rocks, Winter Park, Colorado.
- "Race, Religion and American Politics," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), Central Presbyterian Church, Denver.

- “Religion, Politics & Misogyny,” Consuming Misogyny Symposium, University of Denver.
- 2008 “Ambivalent Miracles: Racial Transformation in the World of Conservative Evangelicals,” AHSS Lecture Series, University of Denver.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020 University of Denver PROF Award Recipient
- 2016 University of Denver Faculty Service Award
Dean’s Award for Faculty Excellence (DAFE)
Internationalization Grant for travel to Slovenia
- 2001-2003 Carnegie Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Cornell University
- 2001 Hannah Arendt Award for Best Dissertation in Politics, New School University
- 1999 Research Assistant Stipend for David Plotke, Graduate Faculty.
- 1998-1999 Elinor Goldmark Black Dissertation Scholarship for Studies of Social Change
- 1997-1998 Research Assistant Stipend for David Plotke’s public policy course, Graduate Faculty
- 1997 Eugene Lang College Teaching Fellowship, New York
- 1997 Eugene Lang College Teaching Internship, New York
- 1997 Award of "Distinction" on Major Field Qualifying Exam
- 1996-1997 Tuition Scholarship and Research Assistantship, Graduate Faculty
- 1995-1996 University Fellowship, Graduate Faculty
- 1995-1996 Research Assistantship for Jacob Landynski, Graduate Faculty
- 1993-1994 Research Assistantships for Ira Katznelson and Victoria Hattam, Graduate Faculty
- 1993-1995 New School Tuition Scholarships
- 1991 Award of Highest Honors in Departments of Women's Studies and Modern Society and Social Thought, UC Santa Cruz
- 1986 Recipient of Manhattan Beach Lion's Club and special writing scholarships

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| Chancellor’s Task Force on Native American Inclusivity | Chancellor’s DU Impact 2025 Implementation Committee |
| DU John Evans Committee (Chair) | Religion & Social Change Committee |
| DU Honors Committee | Political Science Theory Search |
| AHSS Teaching Task Force | Queer Faculty Alliance, Chair |
| Faculty Senate | Ammi Hyde Interviews |
| DU Joint Committee (Iliff) | DU Fishbowl Discussions |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

American Political Science Association (APSA)

- 2010 Table chair, “The Methods Café,” Intersectionality Research: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Class, Sexuality, Religion table.
- 2009 Weber Paper Award Committee
- 2008 Discussant, “Intersecting Race and Religion,” *American Political Science Association*, Boston, Massachusetts, Labor Day Weekend.
- 2007 Follett Award Committee 2007
- 2006 Discussant, “Religion and Politics in Contemporary European Democracies,” *American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Section Memberships

Religion and Politics; Politics and History; Race, Ethnicity and Politics

Western Political Science Association (WPSA)

- 2012 Section Chair, Gender, Race and Intersectionality Section (#16)
Discussant, Panel 16.02, “Who Do We Think We Are? Rethinking Agency in a Neoliberal Age,”

- March 22, 2012.
- 2010 Discussant, "Revealing the Hidden in the Creation of Sexual Identity," Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
Table chair, "The Methods Café," Intersectionality Research: Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Class, Sexuality, Religion table
- 2009 Discussant, "Adding Religion to Intersectionality," *Western Political Science Association*, Vancouver, BC

American Association for the Study of Religion (AAR)

Southern Political Science Association

- 2015 Discussant, "LGBT and Sexuality Issues: Public Attitudes and Media Framing." New Orleans, LA.
Discussant, "Sexuality and Community." New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 Critic, "Author Meets Critics: Cynthia Burack's *Sin, Sex & Democracy* (SUNY Press, 2009)
Discussant, "Politics and the Social Gospel" Panel.

OTHER RELATED EMPLOYMENT

- 1998 to 2004 **Contract Writer and Sexual Assault Prevention Education Coordinator** at the **Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault**, a non-profit agency. Designer, writer and producer of a sexual assault hotline manual distributed to all Colorado sexual assault-related agencies. Serving on Legislative Committee and Education Committee, which supports sexual assault prevention education programs throughout the state.
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REFERENCES

- **David Plotke, Ph.D.**

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(Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship Supervisor)

Professor of Government

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