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Indiana Wesleyan University
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EDUCATION

- PhD** Baylor University, American History August 2022
Dissertation: “Saint of the Republic: Martin Luther, Myth, and National Identity in Antebellum America”
Committee: Thomas Kidd (co-chair), Robert Elder (co-chair), Andrea Turpin, Ronald Johnson, David Whitford
- MA** Marquette University, Historical Theology May 2018
Thesis: “Speaking as ‘God’s Representative’: The Mediation of God’s Words in Martin Luther’s *Reihenpredigten über I Mose* and *Ennarationes in Genesin*”
Advisor: Mickey Mattox
- BSE** John Brown University, Secondary Social Studies Education May 2013
Additional Certification: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Sciences Division, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN

- Assistant Professor of History** July 2023 to Present
- HST 103: Recent History and Politics
 - HST 180: World Civilizations
 - HST 190: World History 1500 to Present
 - HST 211: American Civilization to 1865
 - HST 230: Colonial Latin America
 - HST 301: American Foreign Relations
 - HST 302: American Political Parties
 - HST 395: Renaissance and Reformation
 - HST 400: American Constitutional History
 - HST 450: Capstone

Department of History, Baylor University, Waco, TX

- Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow** August 2022 to May 2023
- HIS 1300: U.S. History in Global Perspective (Baseball and American Empire)
 - HIS 1300: U.S. History in Global Perspective (Conspiracy Theories)

- HIS 1365: United States History to 1877
- HIS 4366: American Legal History to 1877

Teacher of Record

August 2021 to May 2022

- HIS 1300: U.S. History in Global Perspective (Conspiracy Theories)

Liberty High School, Frisco Independent School District, Frisco, TX

Social Studies Teacher

August 2013 to June 2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

Emerging Scholar Award , Indiana Wesleyan Scholarship Committee	2025–2026
Miller Fellow , Jack Miller Center	2024
Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship , Baylor University	2022–2023
Sidney E. Mead Prize , American Society of Church History	2021
Roth Paper Prize (Honorable Mention) , Mercersburg Society	2019

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Saint of the Republic: The American Myth of Martin Luther (Forthcoming, Oxford University Press)

With Thomas S. Kidd, “The Second Great Awakening Context,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Seventh-day Adventism*, ed. Michael W. Campbell, et al (Oxford University Press, 2024), 7–18.

“Waldensianism Before Waldo: The Myth of Apostolic Proto-Protestantism in Antebellum American Anti-Catholicism,” *Church History* 91, no. 3 (2022): 513–34. Winner of the Sidney E. Mead Prize.

“How Luther Became the ‘Here I Stand’ Hero,” *Lutheran Quarterly* 36, no. 1 (2022): 53–72.

“An Agent of Anarchy and Tyranny: Martin Luther and American Democracy in Antebellum Catholic Apologetics,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 39, no. 4 (2021): 1–24.

“Out of the Shadow & Into the Light: Reconsidering Schaff & Schleiermacher on the Meaning of the Reformation,” *The New Mercersburg Review*, no. 61 (2019): 22–45. Honorable Mention for Roth Paper Prize.

Reviews and Other Publications

Review of Chris Birkett, *Bill Clinton at the Church of Baseball: The Presidency, Civil Religion, and the National Pastime in the 1990s*. In *Journal of Church and State* 67, no. 1 (Winter 2025): 1-2.

Review of Gary Scott Smith, *Strength for the Fight: The Life and Faith of Jackie Robinson*, in *Ad Fontes* (January 13, 2023). URL: <https://adfontesjournal.com/book-review/the-life-and-faith-of-jackie-robinson/>

With Thomas S. Kidd, “Healing in the First Great Awakening,” *Christian History* 142 (March 2022): 23–25.

Review of John S. Oakes, *Conservative Revolutionaries: Transformation and Tradition in the Religious and Political Thought of Charles Chauncy and Jonathan Mayhew*, Society for U.S. Intellectual History (June 2019). URL: <https://s-usih.org/2019/06/conservative-revolutionaries-transformation-and-tradition-in-the-religious-and-political-thought-of-charles-chauncy-and-jonathan-mayhew-review/>

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Bringing Religious History Back into Midwestern Studies,” Lost Region Recovery Project Conference (Sioux Falls, SD), November 2025

“Reformation as Revolution: How Martin Luther Became a Hero of the Early American Republic,” Jack Miller Center History Conference (“The American Revolution and Its Legacies, from 1776 to Today”), September 2025

“‘Energy to the Soul and Buoyancy to the Spirit’: Antebellum Debates Over Baseball’s Religious Meaning,” Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture (Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York), May 2025

“Anglo-Saxon Archetype or Universal Emancipator? Appeals to Luther in Antebellum Debates over Race, Reform, and Slavery,” American Society of Church History, January 2025

Panel chair for “Remembering Catholic Violence,” American Society of Church History, January 2024

“‘A Fully Proportioned Man’ and ‘A Specimen of Collective Manhood’: The Masculinities of Martin Luther in Antebellum America,” presented in absentia to the American Society of Church History, January 2023

“‘Martin Luther was a Rioter Instead of a Reformer’: Anti-Catholic Violence and Appeals to Reformation History in the Antebellum Era,” presented in absentia to the American Catholic Historical Association, January 2023

“‘One of the Giants of the World’: Depictions of Martin Luther in Antebellum America,” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, October 2022

“The Party of Luther and Washington: Know-Nothing and Democrat Appeals to the Reformation and American Revolution, 1854–1856,” Conference on Faith and History, March 2022

“Revolution as Reformation: The Democratization of Protestant History in the Early American Republic,” European Academy of Religion, June 2020 (cancelled due to Covid)

“Luther a ‘licentious libertine, a low buffoon, and a despicable blackguard’: Catholics and New York’s 1817 Reformation Jubilee,” American Catholic Historical Association, January 2020

“Martin Luther’s Wartburg Correspondence on Palladio,” Marquette University Digital Scholarship Symposium, September 2018

“Speaking as ‘God’s Representative’: The Mediation of God’s Words in Martin Luther’s Writings on Genesis,” Loyola-Marquette Graduate Theology Colloquium, February 2018

“Where is Your Religion Before the Reformation?: Appeals to Waldensianism in Antebellum Anti-Catholic Writings,” Institute for Faith and Learning Conference on the Bible and the Reformation, October 2017

“History and Heresy: Reception and Criticism of Eusebius of Caesarea in George Syncellus’s *Selection of Chronography* and Photius’s *Bibliotheca*,” Loyola-Marquette Graduate Theology Colloquium, February 2017

“Blessed are the Poor: Understanding the Economic Context of Catholic Opposition to the Early Waldensian Movement,” Conference on Faith and History, October 2012

SELECT DIGITAL HUMANITIES/PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

Institute for Oral History, Baylor University

Dunlap Endowed Intern

Summer 2022

- Assisted in the accessioning, processing, and digitizing of oral history interviews
- Responsible for initial processing of an enormous private

- collection of WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War oral histories
- Developed metadata tags for existing oral history projects

Syriaca.org

Graduate Assistant

Summer 2018

- Assisted in the text-encoding of works of Syriac hagiography

Digital Scholarship Lab, Raynor Memorial Libraries, Marquette University

Graduate Assistant for Digital Projects

January–May 2018

- Participated in Digital Scholarship Lab projects
- Assisted Marquette faculty and student research projects
- Facilitated technology-related trainings and workshops on campus
- Semester Project: Martin Luther's Wartburg Correspondence (<http://thewartburgletters.wordpress.com>)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Fellow, Jack Miller Center

Summer 2024

Conyers Scholars Program, Baylor University

2021-2022

Designing for Online Teaching Success, Baylor University, Academy for Teaching and Learning

Spring 2021

Rochester Reform Trail, National Endowment for the Humanities, K-12 Teacher Summer Institute

July 2015

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Society of American Baseball Research, 2024–Present

American Society of Church History, 2021–Present

SERVICE

Secondary Education Committee, Indiana Wesleyan University, Spring 2024–Present

John Wesley Honors College Committee, Indiana Wesleyan University, Fall 2024–Present

Pi Gamma Mu Faculty Sponsor, Indiana Wesleyan University, Fall 2024–Present