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Areas of Specialization

- Comparative Religion
- Death, Dying & Remembering

Education

- Harvard University, Ph.D. (2009)
  Dissertation, *Holy Wars, Cold Wars and Dirty Wars; Manufacturing Martyrs in the Two-thirds World: A Case Study*
  Director: Kimberley C. Patton
- Harvard University, A.M. (2009)
- University of Hawaii, M.A. (1996)
- St. Andrews Presbyterian College, B.A. (1992)

Academic Appointments

- 2011-Present Assistant Professor of BIC & Religion, Baylor University
- 2007-2011 Lecturer in Religion, University of Hawaii Leeward
- 2006 Visiting Part-time Lecturer, Rhode Island School of Design
- 2001 Visiting Part-time Lecturer, University of Vermont

Scholarly Activity

Books

Virtual Afterlives: Grieving the Dead in a World Without Mourning
University Press of Kentucky: 2014.

The World Religions: Essential Readings and Handbook
Pearson Publishing: 2010.

Refereed Book Chapters

"Virtual Memorials: Bereavement and the Internet." In *Our Changing Journey to the End: Reshaping Death, Dying, and Grief in America*, edited by Christina Staudt and J. Harold Ellens. 2 vols. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2013, pp.193-206 (vol.1).

"Tombstone Technology: Global Deathscapes and the Funeral Industry," chapter for Springer Publishing House's Human Computer Interaction Book Series, *Post-mortem Digital Legacy and Interaction*, 2013, pp.101-113.

Forthcoming Book Chapters & Publications
"Tweeting Death and Pinning Memorials: Remembering the Dead in Bits and Pieces," chapter for *Digital Death: Mortality and Beyond in the Online Age*, Praeger Publishers Forthcoming October, 2014.

Other Refereed Publications
"Holy Wars & Dirty Wars: Martyrdom as a form of social protest," *Journal of World Christianity*. Forthcoming 2014.

"Through the Looking Glass: The Impact of Area Studies on the Study of Core Texts," Article and Presentation for the Association of Core Texts and Courses Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN. Submitted.

Conference Proceedings
"Carlos Mugica: A Dirty War Martyr and Symbol of Contradiction" Midwest Association of Latin American Studies Oklahoma City, OK; First annual conference proceeding, submitted 11/29/11

Recent Conference Presentations
11th Death, Dying and Disposal Conference, "Where Theory Meets Practice," The Open University, Milton-Keynes, England, September 5-8, 2013
"The Moving Shrine"

2012 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture: Technology and Human Flourishing Waco, TX, October 26, 2012, Panel Chair

International Sociology Association (ISA) Forum of Sociology
Buenos Aires, Argentina; August 1- August 4, 2012
"Holy Wars & Dirty Wars: Martyrdom as a form of Social Protest," Human Rights Panel

Association of Core Texts & Curriculum, Milwaukee, WI. March 29-April 1, "Through the Looking Glass: The Impact of Area Studies on the Study of Core Texts."

Columbia Seminar on Death, Columbia University, NYC. March 24, "Virtual Mourning: Shifting Discourses of Bereavement."

Southwest American Association of Religion Meeting, Dallas, TX. March 9-11, "Carlos Mugica: Martyr of Argentina's Dirty War"

Midwest Association of Latin American Studies Oklahoma City, OK "Carlos Mugica: A Dirty War Martyr and Symbol of Contradiction"

Other Publications
"Death of Thanksgiving," Blog for *Huffington Post*, November 13, 2013.

"Vampires, Zombies, Martyrs & Saints," Blog for *Huffington Post*, October 25, 2013.

"Suicide at Sixty," Blog for *Huffington Post*, September 30, 2013.

Let's Go China
St. Martin's Press, Researcher-writer, fall, 2000

Book Reviews
China Review International
University of Hawaii Press, book review on Norman Kutcher's Mourning in Late Imperial China; Filial Piety and the State, Spring, 2001.

University of Hawaii Press, book review on Nan Huai-Chin's Chinese Zen, Spring 2001.

Journal Reviews
Reviewer for *Mortality*, the top English journal on Death and Dying

Media Press & Interviews
"The Academic Minute," *Inside Higher Education and National Public Radio*, December 12, 2013.

*Yale Books Unbound, HuffPos*t Blog highlighted, November 8, 2013

Pacific Standard Magazine "The Way We Mourn Now," October 9, 2013.

Discovery News "Modern Mourning: New Ways We Honor Our Dead," October 2, 2013

Pressetext "Virtuelle Grabsteine und Tattoos neur Trauer-Trend," October 2, 2013

International Business Times "Virtual Tombstones and Tattoos from Cremated Remains Increasingly Popular," October 1, 2013

Argentina Star, "New, Unusual Methods of Honoring the Deceased Becoming Popular," October 1, 2013

Science Daily "Tattoo Tributes, Mobile Memorials and Virtual Visitations: Grieving in the 21st Century," September 24, 2013.

Grants & Awards
NEH/ALA Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Grant (Co-PI), 2013
Baylor University Diversity Enhancement Grant, 2013-2014
Baylor University Summer Sabbatical Award, 2013
Baylor University Teaching Development Grant, 2013
Harvard University Center for the Study of World Religions Residence Fellow