

BRIAN CURTIS CLARK

TEACHING:

Teaching Competence: History of Modern World Christianity, History of Popular Protestantism, History of Mission, Transatlantic Methodism. Emphasis on Social History of religious communities and practices, including attention to gender dimensions of religious conflict and the formation of oppositional religious identities.

Courses Offered:

“An Introduction to Christianity: Defining Moments of a Faith,” Hartford Seminary, (Online). This course surveys the history of Christianity from the days of Jesus to the present global profusion of Christian movements. Illustrated with attention to art, architecture, and music, this course serves to introduce Christianity to those of other faiths and to enrich the historical understanding of Christians.

“Encountering World Christianity,” Hartford Seminary. This course focuses on the rapid development and transformation of Christianity in 20th Century Africa, Asia, and Latin America. This course examines the complex relationships between indigenous Christian movements and Missionaries, while charting the influence of Liberation Theology and the Pentecostalism.

"The Theology of John and Charles Wesley and Its Wider Religious Impact," Hartford Seminary (Online). This course provided an accessible introduction to the Wesleyan tradition, tracing an arc of cultural and theological influence on popular religious expressions.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:

Director of Online Learning and Faculty Associate in World Christianity, Hartford Seminary, 2015-

Director of Instructional Design, (Half-Time), Hebrew High School of New England. 2014 – 2015

Director of Instructional Technology, (Half-Time), Sigel Hebrew Academy. 2014 – 2015

Instructional Designer (Half-Time), Faculty Center for Learning and Development, University of Hartford. 2013 – 2014

Instructional Design Intern, Faculty Center for Learning and Development, University of Hartford. 2013

English Teacher, Hebrew High School of New England. 2012 – 2014

Adjunct Instructor (Online), Hartford Seminary. 2008

Ethnographic Research Assistant, Ethnologies of Scripture Reading Project, The Institute for Signifying Scripture, Claremont Graduate University. 2006 – 2008

Teaching Assistant, Boston University School of Theology. 2003 - 2004

Writing Center Coordinator & Tutor, Boston University School of Theology. 2003 - 2004

Writing Tutor, Boston University School of Theology. 2002 - 2003

EDUCATION:

Master of Education in Instructional Technology Design, University of Massachusetts, Boston. August 2015. Coursework included Learning Theory, Needs Analysis, Instructional Design Models and Methods, Multimedia Design, Multimedia Production, the Design of Blended Courses, the Design of Online Courses, Program-Level Planning and Evaluation. Now completing final course, in Universal Course Design. Capstone: "It Seemed Like Such a Good Idea: Making Sense of How Two Schools, a Major Philanthropy, and a Prestigious Teacher Training Program Agreed on a School Reform Strategy that Was Bound to Fail."

Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies, Boston University, January 2008. Coursework focused on History of Global Christianity, Modern Western Christianity, and the History of Transatlantic Methodism. Thesis: "The Contentious Birth of Wesleyan Methodism, 1738-1741: Gender, Charism, and Sectarian Division."

Master of Theological Studies, Harvard Divinity School, 1999. Coursework focused on the History of Western Christianity, Medieval to Modern.

Bachelor of Arts in English, Amherst College, 1994.

PAPERS:

"When Wesley was David and Whitefield was Absalom: Biblical Narrative and Methodist Strife", Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 17, 2012.

"Fifty-Six Years of Circuit Riding in New England: William Gordon and the Vicissitudes of 19th Century Methodism", Meeting of the American Society of Church History, January 2011.

"Diagnosing Souls, Developing Souls: Empiricism, Emotion, and Early English Evangelicalism", Meeting of the American Society of Church History, January 9, 2010.

"Seeking Guidance from the Word: U.S. Latino/a Communities and Their Scriptures", co-presented with Efrain Agosto, Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, and Jacqueline Hidalgo at "Reading Scriptures, Reading America", a conference sponsored by The Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University, October 17, 2009."

"Christology and 'Corporate' Culture Among Early Methodists and Moravians: Of the Comportment of Earthly Bodies, the Formation of Corporate Bodies, and Partaking of the Body of Christ." The Wesleyan Theological Society, March 2009.

"The Contentious Rise of Wesleyan Methodism, 1738-1741: Gender, Supernaturalism, and 'The Truth as it is in Jesus.'" The Joint Meeting of the Society of Pentecostal Studies and The Wesleyan Theological Society, March 2008.

PUBLICATIONS:

Brian Curtis Clark and Joanna Cruickshank, 'Converting Mrs. Crouch: Women, Wonders and the Formation of Wesleyan Methodism, 1738-42,' *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, Vol. 65, No.1, January 2014.

Review of Religion, gender and industry: exploring church and Methodism in a local setting by Geordan Hammond, *Methodist History*, 50 no. 3, April 2012, p. 190-191.

Review of *Evangelical Disenchantment: 9 Portraits of Faith and Doubt*, by David Hempton, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*. *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 46 no. 1, Spring 2011, p 195-197.

Review of *Heart Religion in the British Enlightenment: Gender and Emotion in Early Methodism*, by Phyllis Mack, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 45 no. 2, Fall 2010, p. 283-285

Review of *Methodism: Empire of the Spirit*, by David Hempton, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, Spring '09. *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 44 no. 1, Spring 2009, p. 266-268.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

The Outstanding Dissertation Award, Wesleyan Theological Society, 2010.

The Alice M. Brennan Humanities Fellowship, Humanities Foundation, Boston University, 2007. (Awarded to the outstanding humanities graduate student at Boston University).

The Angela J. and James J. Rallis Memorial Award, Humanities Foundation, Boston University, 2007.

The Grace Morgan Scholarship, First Church of Christ, Wethersfield, 2005, 2006.

OTHER:

Member of the American Society of Church History and the Wesleyan Theological Society.

Member of the Summer Wesley Seminar hosted by Duke University in June 2011.

Founding member of Hartford City Church, a new church in the South End.

Born in 1971.