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Academic Work Experience

Fall 2014-	Assistant Professor Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama
Fall 2013-Spring 2014	Instructor Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama

Education

2013 Ph.D.	Emory University (Religion, American Religious Cultures) <i>Dissertation</i> : "Imagining Hindus: India and Religion in Nineteenth Century America"
2008 M.A.	Duke University (Religion) <i>Thesis</i> : "Travel, Mapping, and Contact: Hinduism in Nineteenth-Century American Magazines"
2006 B.A.	College of Charleston, (Religious Studies, English)

Publications

Books

Heathen, Hindoo, Hindu: Representations of India in America, 1721-1893, (New York: Oxford University Press), 2017.

America's Gandhi: A History of Mohandas K. Gandhi in American Culture
In-progress

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Before Hinduism: Missionaries, Unitarians, and Hindoos in Nineteenth Century America."
Religion & American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation 26, no 2 (Summer 2016): 260-295.

"The Construction of Hinduism in America" *Religion Compass* 10, no. 8 (2016): 207-216.

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“Where Did this Box of Books Come From?: In Search of an Explanation for The Norton Anthology of World Religions.” *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion* 28 (2016): 287-296.

“Podcasting Religious Studies.” *Religion* 45, no. 4 (2015): 573-584.

“Dispelling the Magic: Blogging in the Religious Studies Classroom.” *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy* 25, no. 1 (Spring/Summer 2014): 119-123.

“‘The Manners and Customs of Nations’: India in American Schoolbooks, 1830-1860.” *Journal of Theta Alpha Kappa* 35, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 1-21.

Book Chapters

“The Business of Asian Religions: Guru Entrepreneurs and Godmen CEOs” in *The Business Turn in American Religious History*. John Corrigan, Darren Grem, and Amanda Porterfield eds. (New York: Oxford University Press) 2017.

“It’s Hard Out There for a Theorist” in *Theory in a Time of Excess: Beyond Reflection and Explanation in Religious Studies Scholarship*. Aaron W. Hughes ed. (Sheffield, UK: Equinox Publishing), 2017.

“Death in *True Grit*” in *The Coen Brothers’ Religion: Mythology, Morality and the American Landscape*. Elijah Siegler ed. (Baylor University Press, 2016).

“Orientalism in the 19th Century.” *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*. Paul Harvey and Kathryn Gin Lu eds. (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017)

Non-Refereed Essays & Articles

“Hinduism” in *Dictionary of American History, Supplement: America in the World 1776 to the Present*. Edward J. Blum et al. eds. (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Charles Scribner’s Son, 2016)

“India” in *Dictionary of American History, Supplement: America in the World 1776 to the Present*. Edward J. Blum et al. eds. (Farmington Hills, Mich.: Charles Scribner’s Son, 2016)

“Constructed in Doubt: The Evangelical Invention of Religion in Early America.” *Fides et Historia* 46, no. 2 (Summer Fall/2014): 60-63.

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“Religion and Education” in Gary Laderman and Luis León, eds. *Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions*. 4 vols. 2nd ed. (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2014): 936-954.

“Swami Vivekananda and Hinduism in America” *Faith in the City: Chicago’s Religious Diversity*, A digital project of the Newberry Library.
<http://faith.galecia.com/essays/swami-vivekananda-and-hinduism-america>

“How Many Religions Are There?” in *Religion in 5 Minutes*. Russell McCutcheon and Aaron W. Hughes eds. (Equinox Publishing, forthcoming 2017)

Book Reviews

Scripturalizing the Human: The Written as the Political, Vincent L. Wimbush, ed., *Critical Research on Religion*, forthcoming 2017.

American Gurus: From Transcendentalism to New Age Religion (Oxford University Press, 2014), Arthur Versulius. *The Journal of Religion* 96, no. 1 (January 2016): 159-161.

“Pig Pickin’ in North Carolina: Southern Secularism and Religion,” *The Secular Spectacle: Performing Religion in a Southern Town* (Oxford University Press, 2013). *Marginalia Review of Books* October 28, 2014
<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/pig-pickin-north-carolina-southern-secularism-religion/>

Dixie Dharma: Inside a Buddhist Temple in the American South (University of North Carolina Press, 2012), Jeff Wilson. *Sociology of Religion* 73, no. 4 (Winter 2012): 456-457.

Public Scholarship

2014-Present *Marginalia Review of Books*
Asian Section Editor
<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org>

2013-Present Studying Religion in Culture Blog
Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama
<http://religion.ua.edu/blog/author/maltman/>

2013-2016 *Sacred Matters: Religious Currents in Culture*
<http://scholarblogs.emory.edu/sacredmatters>
Managing Editor

2009-2015 Religion in American History Blog
Posts at:
<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/search/label/michael%20altman%27s%20posts>

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2009-2011 Religion Dispatches
Began as guest blogger but became a regular contributor and also assisted an editor/reporter with research for stories on religion and politics.
Posts/articles at:
<http://www.religiondispatches.org/contributors/michaeljaltman/>

Teaching Training

Fall 2014 Active Learning Initiative
University of Alabama College of Arts & Sciences

Fall 2011 Technology, Pedagogy, Curriculum
Emory Center for Interactive Teaching

Summer 2009 Piedmont Program in Sustainability, Teaching, and Curriculum
Emory University

Courses Taught

University of Alabama

REL 100 (105)	Honors Introduction to Religious Studies (Honors)
REL 241 (245)	American Religious History (Honors)
REL 350	Religion in Colonial Empire
REL 351	Asian Religions in American Culture
REL 483	Religion in Colonial India

Emory University

REL 209	History of Religions in America
REL 100	Introduction to Religion: Christian and Hindu Traditions
TTE3	Theological Reasoning

Conference Presentations

Roundtables

“Teaching the “Asian Religions” Survey: Challenges and Opportunities”
American Academy of Religion, November 2015

“Doubting the Democratization Thesis: A Roundtable Discussion of Amanda Porterfield’s *Conceived in Doubt: Religion and Politics in the New American Nation*”
American Society of Church History, January 2014

“Exceeding Boundaries: Approaches to Transnationalism in North American Religions,”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2012

“Religion: A President’s Perspective with President Jimmy Carter,”
Emory University, February 2010

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“Multi-Faith Religious Liberalism,” Roundtable of the Unitarian Universalist Friends and Scholars,
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2009

Paper Presentations

“Theory in a Time of Excess: On the Restraint of Theory”
North American Association for the Study of Religion/American Academy of Religion, November 2015

“Hinduism and American Protestantism: Playing Out Domestic Debates Abroad”
American Academy of Religion, November 2014

“Sightings and Blind Spots: The "Protestant Lens" and the Construction of Hinduism,”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2011

“American Hinduism: A Global Religion in the 19th Century,”
American Studies Association Annual Meeting, October 2011

“Methodists and India: Mapping, Contact, and Travel in the Christian Advocate, 1860-1890,”
American Society of Church History, January 2011

“The Manners and Customs of Nations:” India in American Schoolbooks, 1830-1860,”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, October 2010

“Enchantment, Knowledge, and Literature: Indian Religion in Harper’s New Monthly Magazine, 1850-1890,”
Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March 2009

“Contact, Travel, and Mapping: Popular Representations of Hindus in Nineteenth Century American Magazines,”
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2008

“Reason, Conflict and Christian Science: the Laurie Walker Case,”
7th Annual Graduate Student Symposium, Florida State University, March 2008

“Towards an Interdisciplinary Theory of Diaspora,”
Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March 2008

“Imagined Contact: Representations of Hindus in the 19th Century American Print,”
Cultures in Contact: 4th Annual Graduate History Symposium, University of Toronto, February 2008

“The Newest Branch on the Tree: Tracing the Genealogy of the American Religions Timeline,”
American Society of Church History, January 2008

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“Christian Exodus: Christianity, Constitution, and Marketing,”
Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March 2006

Academic Service

2012- Present Co-chair of the North American Hinduism Group, American Academy of
Religion

2012-2014 Organizing Committee, THATCamp AAR