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- **Research Areas:** Religious Studies, Political Theology, and the Philosophy of Religion.
- **Teaching Areas:** Ethics, Religion and Violence, Religion and Conspiracism, Mennonite Studies.

## Current Position

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow** (2021-2023).

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, DEPARTMENT FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION (DSR). TORONTO, ONTARIO.

- Project: "Critique of Conspiracism: Violence, Religion & History" • Supervisor: Dr. Pamela Klassen.

## Education

### PHD in Religious Studies

MCMMASTER UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES (2016-2021).

- Dissertation: "Ontologies of Violence: Jacques Derrida, Mennonite Pacifist Epistemology, and Grace M. Jantzen's *Death and the Displacement of Beauty*." (defended May 5, 2021; rated 'excellent').
- Committee: Travis Kroeker (supervisor), Dana Hollander, Morny Joy, Dawne McCance (external).
- Competencies: Major Exams in Western Religious Thought, Minor Exams in Religion and Politics.
- Directed study units and examinations on Buddhism (2019) and Chinese traditions (2020).
- Research language study in German (2017) and French (2019).

### Master of Theological Studies

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO & CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (2013-2015).

- Thesis on "The Concept of the Secular and the Dutch Collegiants in the Radical Enlightenment."<sup>1</sup>
- Committee: Troy D. Osborne (supervisor), J. D. Rempel, and J. D. Mininger (external).
- Fundamentals of University Teaching Certificate, UW Centre for Teaching Excellence (2015).

### Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English, Rhetoric & Professional Writing

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO (2009-2013).

- Undergraduate thesis on Adorno, writing, and totality, supervised by Winfried Siemerling.

## Scholarships and Awards

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship. \$90,000 (2021-2023).
- CGS-SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canadian Graduate Scholarship. \$105,000 (2018-2021).
- Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre A. James Reimer Award, co-recipient. \$5,000 (2020).
- Ontario Graduate Fellowship, Government of Ontario. \$12,000 (2017-2018).
- Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre A. James Reimer Award. \$10,000 (2016).
- CGS-SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master's Scholarship. \$17,500 (2013-2014).
- University of Waterloo President's Graduate Scholarship. \$10,000 (2013-2014).
- Conrad Grebel University College Full Tuition Scholarship \$8,000 (2013-2015).

## University Teaching

- **Instructor**, "Conspiracy Theories & Religion" Fall 2021. Arts First 130. University of Waterloo.
- **Instructor**, "What on Earth is Religion?" Spring 2021. Religious Studies, McMaster University.
- **Instructor**, "What on Earth is Religion?" Spring 2019. Religious Studies, McMaster University.
- **Instructor**, "Violence and Religion." Fall 2018. Religious Studies, McMaster University.

## University Employment

**Departmental Assistant.** McMaster University, Department of Religious Studies (July-Dec. 2020).

- Assisted faculty members and sessional instructors with online teaching and resources.
- Assembled data and assisted the Graduate Chair in departmental recruitment efforts.
- Assembled reports and prepared training materials on major online learning platforms.
- Drafted a proposal for a certificate program in “Religion, Health, and Well-Being.”

**Teaching Assistant** (Online). McMaster University, Department of Religious Studies

- Death & Dying: The Western Experience (2x: Spring 2020, Fall 2020)

**Teaching Assistant** (Lectures and Grading). McMaster University, Department of Religious Studies

- Cults, Conspiracies, and Close Encounters (3x: Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Winter 2021-online)
- What on Earth is Religion? (3x: Winter 2018, Winter 2019, Winter 2020)

**Teaching Assistant** (Grading). McMaster University, Department of Religious Studies

- God, Reason, and Evil (Winter 2017)
- Religious Themes in Modern Culture (Fall 2016)

**Research Assistant** to Dr. Troy D. Osborne, Conrad Grebel University College (2014-2015)

- Compiled a bibliography of scholarship in Anabaptist and Mennonite history for a forthcoming textbook, *Anabaptists: A History*.

**Teaching Assistant** (Grading). University of Waterloo, Department of Religious Studies

- Power and Corruption in the Bible (2014)
- Cults and New Religious Movements (2013)

## Administrative Experience and Service

- Editorial Board member, *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion (2022-present).
- Co-organizer of the Political Theology Network Post-Dissertation Writing Group (2021-present).
- Organizing Committee: Anabaptism & Philosophy Roundtable lecture series (2021-present).
- Graduate Affairs Committee Representative, Religious Studies, McMaster University (2019-2020).
- Board of Governors: Program Committee. Conrad Grebel University College (1 Term, 2016-2019).
- Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, Graduate Conference Committee Member (2017-2018).
- Manuscript review for the journal *Angelaki* (2017, 2021).
- Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor, University of Waterloo Knowledge Integration Program (2015).
- Graduate Student Colloquium Series Coordinator, Conrad Grebel University College (2014-2015).
- Grad Student Rep. Academic Dean Search Committee, Conrad Grebel University College (2015).

## Professional Associations

- American Academy of Religion (2013-).
- Canadian Philosophical Association (2013-2018).

## Public Work

- “Challenging the notion that religion fosters violence,” *The Conversation* (October 2017).

## Publications and Research Contributions

### Books

3. *Critique of Conspiracism: Religion, Violence, and History*. Proposal in-progress 2021-2022.

• **Description:** How does conspiratorial thinking work? Why are people inclined to see the world through the lens of conspiracy theories and what does conspiracism have to do with religion? This book begins by showing how conspiracism is a worldview that has significant religious characteristics, and then moves beyond this descriptive connection to provide a critique of conspiratorial reason that neither takes up a position of superiority over conspiracy theorists nor dignifies the distortions of conspiratorial thinking. By using methodological perspectives from the scholarly study of religion, critical theory, and political theology, *Critique of Conspiracism* provides a new approach to the problems of conspiracism while focusing on its instrumental use of the past and tendency to lead toward violence. The book concludes by turning to one remedial strategy for addressing the problems of conspiracism: the trauma-informed perspective of Internal Family Systems therapy, which conceptualizes multiplicity in the self and treats the dissociations and disconnections that also underpin conspiracism.

2. *Ontologies of Violence: Jacques Derrida, Mennonite Political Theology, and the Problem of Displacement*. Revise and resubmit 2021-2022.

• **Description:** *Ontologies of Violence* traces the entanglement of violence and ontology through the works of French philosopher Jacques Derrida, Mennonite pacifist political theologians, and feminist philosopher of religion Grace M. Jantzen. Although they approach the problem of violence with very different frames of reference, Derrida, Jantzen, and certain Mennonite political theologians each understand violence to have a distinctly ontological and epistemological character, while also arguing that ontology and epistemology themselves are vulnerable to charges of violence. Through readings of Derrida's essay "Violence and Metaphysics," debates between Mennonites and the Anglican theologian John Milbank, and Jantzen's late trilogy *Death and the Displacement of Beauty*, this book provides a new paradigm for thinking about violence as a diagnostic concept that implies the violation of value-laden boundaries. By tracing the reception of Derrida through the philosophical turn in 21<sup>st</sup> century Mennonite thought, and by following and developing Jantzen's critique of displacement, this study uncovers the shifting normative foundations of violence in our present public and political discourse.

1. *Postsecular History: Political Theology and the Politics of Time*. Radical Theologies and Philosophies Series. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022.

• **Description:** This book explores how contemporary approaches to the meaning of time and history follow patterns that are simultaneously political and theological. Even after the postsecular critiques of Christianity, religion, and secularity, many influential divisions of time and history continue to be formed by providential narratives that mediate between experience and expectation in movements from promise to fulfilment. In response to the persistence of theological influence within ostensibly secular ways of understanding time and history, *Postsecular History* revisits and revises the concept of periodization by tracing powerful efforts to divide time into past, present, and future, and by critiquing historical partitions between the Reformation and Enlightenment. Developing a critique of theopolitical periodization in six chapters, *Postsecular History* questions how relations of possession, novelty, freedom, and instrumentality implied in the prefix 'post' are reproduced in the discourse on the postsecular and the field of political theology.

- **Interview:** “Histories of the Postsecular: An Interview with Maxwell Kennel” *Anabaptist Historians* (November 25<sup>th</sup> 2021).
- **Launch Symposium:** hosted by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre with comment from Kyle Gingerich Hiebert, Pamela Klassen, Travis Kroeker, Mike Driedger, Jennifer Otto.

## Journal Special Issue

Guest editor of a special issue on Mennonite Political Theology: *Political Theology* 22.3 (May 2021).

- Maxwell Kennel, “Introduction: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Mennonite Political Theology.”
- Susanna Guenther Loewen, “The Personal is Political: The Politics of Liberation in Mennonite-Feminist Theologies.”
- Daniel Shank Cruz, “Mennonite Speculative Fiction as Political Theology.”
- Russell Johnson, “Building Peace in a Culture War: Christian Witness in a Polarized Society”
- Hans Harder, “Between Bourgeois Existence and Violence,” (1979). Trans. Vic Thiessen.

## Edited Manuscripts

Edgar Metzler, *Let's Talk About Extremism*. Originally published in 1968 in the Herald Press Focal Pamphlet series. 25 pp. Ed. Maxwell Kennel. *Anabaptist Historians* (January 2021).

Emma LaRoque (Ed.). *In Search of Peace: A Challenge from Four Non-white North American Mennonites*. Originally published in 1976 by the Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section. 40 pp. Ed. Maxwell Kennel. *Anabaptist Historians* (October 2020).

Robert Friedmann, *Design for Living: Regard, Concern, Service, and Love*. Edited by Maxwell Kennel. Foreword by Leonard Gross (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2017): 200 pp. ISBN: 9781532632051.<sup>2</sup>

- Includes my “Editor’s Introduction: Discovering the Other Friedmann,” pp. xv-xx.
- Reviews by: Chuck Roth in *Mennonite Life* 72 (2018), Justin Heinzekehr in the *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 93.4 (2019), Astrid von Schlachta in the *Conrad Grebel Review* 38.3 (2020).
- See my biographical work on the book and its author in “The Philosophical Legacy of Robert Friedmann” *Anabaptist Historians* blog (August 2020).

## Research Articles

13. “Violent Displacements” *Angelaki* 27.6 (forthcoming 2022).
12. “Violent Inclinations” *Conrad Grebel Review* 40 (forthcoming 2022).
11. “Plato, Adorno, and the Dialectic” *Identities* 18 (forthcoming Fall 2021).
10. “Violence and the Romance of Community: Darkness and Enlightenment in Patrick Friesen’s *The Shunning*,” *Literature & Theology* 33.4 (December 2019): 394-413.<sup>3</sup>
9. “Periodization and Providence: Time and Eternity between Nietzsche’s *Zarathustra* and Augustine’s *Confessions*,” *Telos* 188 (Fall 2019): 103-126.<sup>4</sup>
8. “Mennonite Political Theology and Feminist Critique,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 93.3 (July 2019): 393-412.<sup>5</sup>

7. "The Gospel of All Creatures: An Anabaptist Natural Theology for Mennonite Political Theology," *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 37 (2019): 353-368.<sup>6</sup>
  6. "Müntzer, Taubes, and the Anabaptists: Emancipatory History and Political Theology," *Political Theology* 20.3 (2019) [online-September 2018]: 191-206.
  5. "The Regulation of the Subject by the Technology of Time," *Rhizomes* 34 (2018): 1-11.
  4. "Critique of Metaphysical Violence," *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review/Revue canadienne de philosophie* 58.1 (2019) [online-November 2017]: 125-162.
  3. "Mennonite Metaphysics? Exploring the Philosophical Aspects of Mennonite Theology from Pacifist Epistemology to Ontological Peace" *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 91.3 (July 2017): 403-421.<sup>7</sup>
  2. "Postsecular History: Contemporary Continental Philosophy of Religion and the Seventeenth Century Dutch Collegiant Movement," *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 46 (2017): 406-432.<sup>8</sup>
  1. "Identity, Ontology, and the Two / Идентитет, онтологија, и две," *Identities: Journal for Politics, Gender, and Culture* 13 (2016-2017): 101-136. English & Macedonian. Trans. Jordan Šišovski.
- Dialectics Unbound*. Dead Letter Office Series (Brooklyn, NY: Punctum Books, 2013): 41 pp.<sup>9</sup>

### Non-Peer Reviewed Contributions

- "Secular Mennonite Social Critique: Pluralism, Interdisciplinarity, and Mennonite Studies," in *Anabaptist Remix*. Ed. Lauren Friesen and Dennis Koehn (Basel: Peter Lang, forthcoming 2022).
- "Factory Time," *Hamilton Arts and Letters* 14.1 (Spring 2021).
- "A Grace Jantzen Bibliography (1977-2020)," *Anabaptist Historians* (May 2021).
- "Religious Studies and Internal Family Systems Therapy," *Implicit Religion* 23.3 (2020): 293-304.
- "Secular Mennonites and the Violence of Pacifism: Miriam Toews at McMaster," *Hamilton Arts and Letters* 13.2 (Fall 2020). Special 'Mennonite' Issue, edited by Grace Kehler.
- "Philosophy," an entry in the *Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online*. Update to the 1989 entry by J. Lawrence Burkholder. <https://gameo.org/index.php?title=Philosophy> (April 2020).

### Review Essays

- "Questioning Secularization, History, and Ethics," on *Radical Secularization? An Inquiry into the Religious Roots of Secular Culture*. Ed. Latré et. Al. *Society for Contemporary Thought and the Islamicate World*. (October 2016): 1-7. [peer reviewed]
- "Parricide and Polemic," on *Transgression and the Inexistent: A Philosophical Vocabulary*, Mehdi Belhaj Kacem, *PhaenEx* 11.2 (Fall/Winter 2016): 103-108.
- "The Recovery of the One," on *Cut of the Real: Subjectivity in Poststructuralist Philosophy*, Katerina Kolozova, *Parrhesia: A Journal of Critical Philosophy* 22 (2015): 126-130.
- "Post-Secularism, Immanence, and the Critique of Transcendence," on *Deleuze and the Naming of God*, Daniel Colucciello Barber, *PhaenEx* 9.2 (Fall/Winter 2014): 188-198.
- "The Spirit of Contradiction," on *Introduction to Antiphilosophy*, Boris Groys, *PhaenEx: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* 8. 1 (2013): 311-323.
- "Weakness, Paradox, and Communist Logics," on *Hermeneutic Communism*, Gianni Vattimo and Santiago Zabala, *Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy* 16.2 (2012): 251-259.

## Scholarly Book Reviews

### Recent Reviews

- *Hope in a Secular Age*, David Newheiser, *Literature & Theology* (online-2021).
- *Recovering from the Anabaptist Vision*, *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 39 (2021): 247-249.
- *Queering Mennonite Literature*, Daniel S. Cruz, *Religion & Literature* 52.2 (2020): 164-167.
- *Apokalypse und Politik* by Jacob Taubes, *Telos* 192 (Fall 2020): 192-194.
- *Architectonics of Hope*, Kyle Gingerich Hiebert, *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 36 (2018).<sup>10</sup>

### Reviews for *Reading Religion* (American Academy of Religion)

- *Another Finitude: Messianic Vitalism and Philosophy*, Agata Bielik-Robson (2020).
- *Apocalyptic Political Theology: Hegel, Taubes, and Malabou*, Thomas Lynch (2019).
- *Chosen Nation: Mennonites and Germany in a Global Era*, Benjamin Goossen (2017).
- *Life in the Spirit*, Douglas Finn (2017).
- *Bodies of Peace*, Myles Werntz (2016).

### Reviews for *Symposium* (Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy)

- *Critique as Social Practice*, Robin Celikates (online-2019).
- *At the Heart of Reason*, Claude Romano (online-2017).
- *Givenness and Hermeneutics*, Jean-Luc Marion (online-2014).
- *Soft Subversions*, Félix Guattari (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.), *Symposium* 16.1 (2012): 270-272.
- *Acting Out*, Bernard Stiegler, *Symposium* 15.2 (2011): 248-251.<sup>11</sup>

### Reviews for the *Conrad Grebel Review* (Conrad Grebel University College)

- *Writing Faith*, Timothy Stanley, *CGR* 38.1 (2020): 71-73.
- *Recollections of a Sectarian Realist*, J. Lawrence Burkholder, *CGR* 37.1 (2019): 91-93.
- *Take and Read*, Paul Doerksen, *CGR* 36.1 (2018): 99-100.
- *From Theology to Theological Thinking*, J-Y Lacoste, *CGR* 34.3 (2016): 315.
- *Toward an Anabaptist Political Theology*, A. James Reimer, *CGR* 34.1 (2016): 102-104.
- *Atonement, Justice, and Peace*, D.W.S. Belousek, *CGR* 31.1 (2013): 83-85.

### Reviews for *Dialogue* (Canadian Philosophical Association)

- *Cosmic Pessimism*, Eugene Thacker, *Dialogue* 57.3 (September 2018): 674-675
- *Intellectuals and Power*, Francois Laruelle, *Dialogue* 57.3 (September 2018): 654-656.
- *Heidegger: Question of Being and History*, Jacques Derrida (online-2017).

### Older Reviews

- *In Search of Promised Lands*, Samuel J. Steiner, *Anabaptist Witness* 3.2 (2016): 137-138.
- *The Trace of the Face in the Politics of Jesus*, John Patrick Koyles, *Direction* (2014): 274-276.
- *Constantine Revisited*, Ed. J. D. Roth, *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 88.4 (2014): 546-549.

### Popular Book Reviews for the *Canadian Mennonite*

- *The Absent Christ*, Justin Heinzekehr *CM* 24.8 (2020): 24.
- *Mennonite Ethics*, J. Lawrence Burkholder, *CM* 23.2 (2019): 11.
- *The Challenge is in the Naming*, Lydia Neufeld Harder, *CM* 22.17 (2018): 24.
- *European Mennonites and the Challenge of Modernity*, *CM* 21.12 (2017): 23.
- *Empire Erotics and Messianic Economies of Desire*, P. Travis Kroeker, *CM* 20.18 (2016): 25.
- *Rewriting the Break Event*, Robert Zacharias, *CM* 18.14 (2014): 32.
- *For a Church to Come*, Peter C. Blum, *CM* 17.22 (2013): 32.
- *Ecclesial Repentance*, Jeremy Bergen, *CM* 16.9 (2012): 27.

## Scholarly Presentations

- “Violence, Religion, and Conspiratorial Thinking” American Academy of Religion. November 2021. [postdoctoral project summary]
- “Posthumanism and Postsecular History,” Webinar Panel. Posthumanism Research Institute. Brock University. March 8, 2021. [book project summary]
- “Ontologies of Violence: Deconstruction, Pacifism, and Displacement,” Webinar Panel. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. October 29, 2020. [dissertation summary]
- “Secular Mennonite Social Critique: Pluralism, Interdisciplinarity, and Mennonite Studies,” Scholar’s Forum, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre. Jan 8, 2020. [research project summary]
- “Political Theology and the Politics of Time: Theopolitical Periodization in *Neoliberalism’s Demons*” Panel on “The Devil and the Demons: Neoliberal Theology in the Work of Adam Kotsko.” Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit. American Academy of Religion. San Diego. Nov 23, 2019.
- “Friesen-Foucault: Violence and Community between *The Shunning* and *The Politics of Truth*,” Religion and Public Life Conference. Wilfrid Laurier University. Waterloo, Ontario. March 16, 2019.
- “Epistemology of Refusal,” Refusing to Fight: Reimagining War in Global Perspectives. Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts. Brock University. St. Catharines, Ontario. Oct 12, 2018.
- “Beyond the Crisis and Fatigue of Mennonite Identity,” Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference VIII. Toronto, Ontario. June 16, 2018.
- “Political Theology and the Philosophy of Religion,” Situating Philosophy of Religion. Annual Graduate Symposium, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. April 21, 2018.
- “Emancipatory History: Supersessionism, Restitutionism, and Taubes’ *Occidental Eschatology*” Mennonite Scholars and Friends Meeting. American Academy of Religion. Boston. Nov 17, 2017.
- “Ecumenism, Secularity, and the Gospel of All Creatures,” 18<sup>th</sup> Believer’s Church Conference, Goshen College. Goshen, Indiana. September 16, 2017.
- “A Critique of Ontological Peace,” Anabaptist Theology Conference: Methods and Practices, Humanitas Anabaptist Centre. Langley, British Columbia. June 7, 2017.
- “Postsecularity and Nonviolent Epistemology” American Academy of Religion Eastern International Region. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario. April 28, 2017.
- “Mennonite Metaphysics? Exploring a Contradiction,” Scholar’s Forum, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, Toronto School of Theology. Toronto, Ontario. January 23, 2017.
- “The Critique of Power,” Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference VII. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Elkhart, Indiana. June 2, 2016.
- “The Secular, Secularism, and Secularization: A Conceptual Constellation,” McMaster University Religious Studies Graduate Conference. McMaster University. Hamilton, Ontario. October 18, 2015.
- “Toward an Anabaptist Mennonite Literary Hermeneutics,” Mennonite/s Writing Conference VII: Movement, Transformation, Place. Fresno Pacific University. Fresno, California. March 14, 2015.
- “Saturation and Reduction between Phenomenology and Hermeneutics,” Canadian Philosophical Association, Congress of the Humanities. University of Ottawa. Ottawa, Ontario. May 31, 2015.
- “Hermeneutics and the Phenomenology of Givenness,” Breached Horizons: The Work of Jean-Luc Marion, CAREP, King’s University College, Western University. London, Ontario. March 28, 2015.
- “A Proposal for Nonviolent Metaphysics,” Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference VI. Canadian Mennonite University. Winnipeg, Manitoba. May 30, 2014.
- “Mennonite Identity and Metaphysics,” Research Seminar, Institute of Anabaptist Mennonite Studies. Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo. Waterloo, Ontario. May 10, 2013.
- “What is a Compendium? Figuration and the Question of the Book in Theory-Writing,” Theory Session, Centre for Theory and Criticism, University of Western Ontario. October 26, 2012. Reviewed, revised, and published as “What is a Compendium?” *Continent* 3.1 (Spring 2013): 44-49.
- “The Pharmakon of Technology: Bernard Stiegler’s *Technics and Time, Volume 1*,” Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts. Kitchener, Ontario. September 23, 2011.

## Public Presentations, Colloquia, and Guest Lectures

- “Publishing in Graduate School” McMaster University Department of Religious Studies Professional Development Workshop Panel. December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- “Conspiracy Theories and Religion” Cathedral Chats Interview. Christ Church Cathedral. Hamilton, Ontario. December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- “Methodological Considerations in Religious Studies,” Guest Lecture for Dr. Jennifer Otto’s seminar “Methods in Religious Studies,” University of Lethbridge. February 24, 2021. [Invited]
- “Religious Studies and Normativity,” Guest Lecture for Dr. Dana Hollander’s seminar “Issues in the Study of Religions.” Department of Religious Studies, McMaster University. Dec 9, 2020. [Invited]
- “Political Theology and Dissociation: A Response to Malinda Berry.” Theology and Peacebuilding Consultation. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. March 10, 2020. [Invited]
- “Mennonites and Philosophy: A Brief History,” Niagara Anabaptist Colloquium. Organized by Michael Driedger. Brock University. February 21, 2020. [Invited]
- “Factory Time: Simone Weil, Theopolitical Labor, and the Neoliberal University,” Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions Conference: Building Solidarity Across Movements. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto. August 17, 2019. [Session Chair: Precarious Work at the University]
- “A Peace Church in a Culture War? Secular, Philosophical, and Political Mennonite Social Critique,” Public lecture series organized by Jonathan Seiling. Respondent: Carol Penner, Conrad Grebel University College. Grace Mennonite Church, St. Catharines, Ontario. February 1, 2019. [Invited]
- “Educating for Vision between Suspicion and Sympathy,” concluding remarks at Board of Governors Retreat, Conrad Grebel University College. November 24, 2018. [Retreat Co-organizer]
- “Power, Silence, and Naming: A Response to Lydia Neufeld Harder,” Public Lecture and Book Launch. Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre. Toronto, Ontario. June 15, 2018. [Invited]
- Introductory overview and discussion moderator for the launch of Kyle Gingerich Hiebert, *The Architectonics of Hope*. Sheptytsky Institute, Toronto, Ontario. March 6, 2018. [Invited]
- “Dispossessing and Repossessing the Self,” a response to P. Travis Kroeker’s *Messianic Political Theology and Diaspora Ethics: Essays in Exile*. Graduate Student Symposium, McMaster University, Religious Studies. Hamilton, Ontario. February 13, 2018. [Event Organizer]

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## Citations and Reception

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<sup>1</sup> Cited in Andrea Beatriz Pac, “Los colegiantes del siglo XVIII: Una comunidad de lectura y escritura” *Traslaciones* 7.13 (2020): 1-19.

<sup>2</sup> Required reading for the course “Intentional Living in an Age of Distractions,” taught by Dr. Andrew Brubacher Kaethler, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Elkhart, Indiana (Winter 2018).

<sup>3</sup> Listed as one of ten secondary works on Patrick Friesen in the *Mennonite/s Writing in Canada Bibliography*, Ed. Daniel Shank Cruz, and winner of the Julian Gwyn Essay Prize at the Acadia Centre for Baptist and Anabaptist Studies (2020).

<sup>4</sup> Cited in María Guibert Elizalde, *La memoria y el olvido. Nietzsche y el primer cristianismo [Memory and Oblivion: Nietzsche and Early Christianity]*. Programa de Doctorado en filosofía. Cotutela con la Universidad Paris-Sorbonne IV. Codirected by Montserrat Herrero and Emmanuel Cattin (forthcoming 2021).

<sup>5</sup> Cited in Daniel Shank Cruz, “Mennonite Speculative Fiction as Political Theology” *Political Theology* 22.3 (May 2021) and Susanna Guenther Loewen, “The Personal is Political: The Politics of Liberation in Mennonite-Feminist Theologies.” *Political Theology* 22.3 (May 2021).

<sup>6</sup> Cited in Russell Johnson, “Building Peace in a Culture War: Christian Witness in a Polarized Society” *Political Theology* 22.3 (May 2021).

<sup>7</sup> Cited in Justin Heinzekehr, *The Absent Christ*. CHS Series No. 12 (Telford, PA: Cascadia, 2019), 70/137. and in Paul Cumin, “Alter Call: An Anabaptist Critique of Evangelical Authority” *Conrad Grebel Review* 38.1 (Winter 2020), 56.

<sup>8</sup> Cited in Tomasz Wiśniewski, “Hayden White: A Postsecular Perspective” *Rethinking History* 24 (2020), Tomasz Wiśniewski, “Dominick LaCapra’s Postsecular Reflection: A Critical Reading” *Historyka Studia Metodologiczne* 50 (2020), and Pim Geenen, “Authority may be as much injured by words as by actions: A reappraisal of Collegiant contributions to the eighteenth-century Dutch Enlightenment based on the activities of the bookseller Isaak Tirion and author Jan Wagenaar.” MA Thesis, Book and Digital Media Studies, Leiden University, 2018.

<sup>9</sup> Cited in Leonel De Gunther Delgado (et. Al), “Investigación en el entorno de la pandemia” *Arte* 12 (2021).

<sup>10</sup> Quoted in reference to the state of the discourse in Paul Doerksen, “Developing a ‘More Honest’ Political Theology?” *Conrad Grebel Review* 37.1 (Winter 2019), 30.

<sup>11</sup> Cited in Russell Alan Thomas, “Bernard Stiegler on a Unified Vision Humanity and Technology in Education” PHD Diss., School of Education and Health Sciences, University of Dayton, 2019. p. 9.