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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-**      **Assistant Professor**  
Department of History, Brigham Young University  
Affiliate Faculty, American Studies
- 2017-19**    **Visiting Assistant Professor**  
Department of History, Brigham Young University
- 2016-17**    **Instructor**  
Department of History, Brigham Young University  
Department of Church History, Brigham Young University

## EDUCATION

- 2016**      **Ph.D.**  
History, College of William & Mary
- 2009**      **M.A.**  
History, Brigham Young University
- 2007**      **B.A.**  
History, Brigham Young University

## CURRENT RESEARCH

*Connexions: Methodism, Slavery, and Freedom in the Revolutionary Atlantic World* (in preparation to submit to an academic press)

*Missionary Interests: Protestant and Mormon Missions in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* (co-edited book proposal currently under review)

*Family, Faith, and Slavery in the Eighteenth Century Atlantic World: The Life of Dorcas Lillie* (book manuscript in progress)

“‘A very poor place for our doctrine’: Polygamy, Race, and Empire in the 1853 Mormon Mission to Jamaica.” (journal article under revision)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles

- 2019      "'The religion is assailed by most in the Country': A Letter from the First Mormon Converts in Jamaica, 1854," *Mormon Historical Studies* 20:1 (Spring 2019): 111-27. Co-authored with Rachel Felt.
- 2016      "Evangelical Religion in the Revolutionary South: An Atlantic Perspective," *Journal of Southern Religion* 18 (2016): [jsreligion.org/vol18/jones](http://jsreligion.org/vol18/jones).
- 2012      "Mormonism in the Methodist Marketplace: James Covell and the Historical Background of Doctrine and Covenants 39-40," *BYU Studies Quarterly* 51:1 (2012): 67-98.
- Best Article Award, Mormon History Association, 2013St
- 2011      "The Power and Form of Godliness: Methodist Conversion Narratives and Joseph Smith's First Vision," *Journal of Mormon History* 37:2 (Spring 2011): 88-114.
- 2009      "The Holdings of the Nauvoo Library and Literary Institute," *Mormon Historical Studies* 10:1 (Spring 2009): 153-176.

### Book Chapters

- 2015      "'An Encroachment on our religious rights': Methodist Missions, Slavery, and Religious Toleration in the British Atlantic World," in Chris Beneke and Christopher S. Grenda, eds., *The Lively Experiment: Religious Toleration in America from Roger Williams to the Present* (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield, 2015): 101-116.
- 2014      "Except among that Portion of Mankind": Early Mormon Conceptions of the Apostasy," in Miranda Wilcox and John Young, eds., *Standing Apart: Mormon Historical Consciousness and the Concept of Apostasy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014): 55-76. Co-authored with Stephen J. Fleming.

### Book Reviews

- 2019      *New Directions in the Study of African American Recolonization*, edited by Beverly C. Tomek and Matthew J. Hetrick, in *Journal of the Early Republic* (forthcoming, Winter 2019)
- 2018      *Christian Slavery: Conversion and Race in the Protestant Atlantic World*, by Katharine Gerbner, in *Black Perspectives* (November 20, 2018): <https://www.aaihs.org/from-protestant-supremacy-to-christian-slavery/>
- 2018      *The Spirit of Early Evangelicalism: True Religion in a Modern World*, by D. Bruce Hindmarsh, in *Journal of British Studies* 58:4 (October 2018): 857-58.
- 2018      *Directions for Mormon Studies in the Twenty-First Century*, ed. by Patrick Q.

- Mason, in *Mormon Historical Studies* 19:1 (Spring 2018): 143-45.
- 2018 *Leonard Arrington and the Writing of Mormon History*, by Gregory A. Prince, in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religion* 21:4 (May 2018): 139-41.
- 2017 *Jacob Green's Revolution: Radical Religion and Reform in a Revolutionary Age*, by R. Scott Rohrer, in *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 141:1 (January 2017): 93-95.
- 2016 *Embracing Protestantism: Black Identities in the Atlantic World*, by John W. Catron, in *William and Mary Quarterly* 73:4 (October 2016), 741-44.
- 2014 *The Letters of Dr. Thomas Coke*, edited by John A. Vickers, in *Methodist History* 52:3 (April 2014): 187-88.
- 2012 *God's Almost Chosen Peoples: A Religious History of the American Civil War*, by George C. Rable, in *Methodist History* 50:2 (January 2012): 119-20.
- 2011 *Sacred Borders: Continuing Revelation and Canonical Restraint in Early America*, by David F. Holland, in *Mormon Historical Studies* 12:1 (Spring 2011): 195-98.
- 2011 *Joseph Noble Bates: Polygamy and the Temple Lot Case*, by David L. Clark, in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religion* 15:1 (August 2011): 99-100.

### **Other Publications**

- 2016 "Rise of African-American Churches (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)" and "Dedication of the first Mormon Temple in Kirtland, Ohio (1836)," in *Great Events in Religion: An Encyclopedia of Pivotal Events in Religious History*, eds. Florin Curta and Andrew Holt (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2016), 824-826; 841-843.
- 2010 "The Meanings of Mormon Devotion: Robert Orsi and the Possibilities of Studying Mormon Lived Religion," *Mormon Review* 2:2 (September 2010): 1-4.
- 2010 "Ungathered" and "Smith, Joseph F." in *Mormonism: A Historical Encyclopedia*, eds. W. Paul Reeve and Ardis E. Parshall (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2010), 117-119; 184-187.

### **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS**

- 2015-16 E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Fellowship in Early American Religious Studies and Friends of the MCEAS Dissertation Fellowship, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2015 Religious Education Dissertation Grant, Brigham Young University
- 2014-15 Bicknell Scholarship, National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims
- 2014-15 Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate Studies and Research, Arts & Sciences, College of William and Mary

- 2014 Conference Travel Grant, Arts & Sciences OGSR/Graduate Student Association, College of William and Mary
- 2014 Excellence in Scholarship Award, Graduate Research Symposium, College of William and Mary
- 2013 George Washington Fellowship, General Society of Colonial Wars
- 2013 Best Article Award, Mormon History Association, for "Mormonism in the Methodist Marketplace: James Covell and the Historical Background of Doctrine and Covenants 39-40," *BYU Studies Quarterly* 51:1 (2012): 67-98.
- 2013 Mellon Research Fellowship, Virginia Historical Society
- 2013 The World is My Parish United Methodist History Grant, General Commission on Archives and History, United Methodist Church
- 2013 Provost's Summer Research Grant for Graduate Research, College of William and Mary
- 2013 Bridwell Library Fellowship, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
- 2012 Kenneth Callaway King, Jr. Memorial Fellowship, Order of First Families of Virginia
- 2012 Religious Education Dissertation Grant, Brigham Young University
- 2012 John E. Selby Graduate Teaching Award, Department of History, College of William and Mary
- 2012 Virginia Crouch Memorial Summer Research Grant, Roy R. Charles Center, College of William and Mary
- 2012 Provost's Summer Research Grant for Graduate Research, College of William and Mary
- 2009 William J. Snow Award – Best Graduate Paper in Western or Mormon History, Brigham Young University History Department
- 2008 Mark Earl Brotherson Memorial Scholarship, Brigham Young University History Department
- 2008 William J. Snow Award – Best Graduate Paper in Western or Mormon History, Brigham Young University History Department

### **PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- 2020 "'Phanaticks and Poligamists': Plural Marriage, Race, and Religion in the First Mormon Mission to Jamaica," *American Society of Church History*, New York, New York, January 2020 (accepted)
- 2019 "'A verry Poor Place for our doctrine': The 1853 Jamaica Mission and the Early Scope of Mormonism's Racial Restriction," *Mormon History Association*, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2019.
- 2019 "'The different Frutes of the Country': Ecological Imperialism and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Mormon Gathering," *Mormon Scholars in the Humanities*, Cedar City, Utah, May 2019.

- 2019 "Lands of Liberty: Methodist Migrations and the Politics of Slavery, Church, and State," American Society of Church History, Chicago, Illinois, January 2019.
- 2018 "'A very poor place for our doctrine': Polygamy, Race, and Empire in the 1853 Mormon Mission to Jamaica," Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship Brown Bag Series, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, June 2018.
- 2018 "Methodist Missions and Divisions in Britain's Maritime and Canadian Colonies, 1785-1815," Religion and Politics in Early America Conference, John C. Danforth Center, Washington University in Saint Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri, March 2018.
- 2017 "From Philadelphia to Freetown: The Beginnings of Independent Black Methodism in Transatlantic Perspective," Friday Seminar, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2017.
- 2017 "In Search of the Land of Liberty: Southern Methodism, Migration, and the Politics of Slavery" Southern Historical Association, Dallas, Texas, November 2017.
- 2016 Panelist, Roundtable: "The Revolution Will Be Blogged: Founding Digital Worlds of Intellectual History," Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Palo Alto, California, October 2016.
- 2016 Response, Undergraduate Research Workshop and Symposium, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2016.
- 2016 "The Atlantic World is my Parish: Early American Methodism in Transatlantic Perspective," Organization of American Historians, Providence, Rhode Island, April 2016.
- 2016 "Ecclesiastical Borderlands in the Revolutionary Atlantic World," Constitutional Thought and History Seminar, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, February 2016.
- 2015 "Religion and Revolution in the Atlantic World: Methodism in North America and the Caribbean," Alt-Wednesday, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, October 2015.
- 2015 "Edward Dromgoole and the Shifting Spectrum of Evangelical Attitudes Toward Slavery in Virginia, 1780-1815," Graduate Research Symposium, College of William and Mary, March 2015.
- 2014 "Finding and Using U.S. Church Records," Family History Center Brown Bag Lunch Series, Williamsburg, Virginia, September 2014.
- 2014 "Itinerant Preachers and Ecclesiastical Borderlands: Methodist Missionaries in British North America and the Caribbean, 1784-1815," Ecclesiastical History Society/American Society of Church History, Oxford, UK, April 2014.
- 2014 "In Search of the Land of Liberty: Methodist Migrations and Antislavery in Virginia, 1780-1810," Graduate Research Symposium, College of William and Mary, March 2014.

- 2014 "Evangelical Religion and Revolution in the Atlantic World: The Methodist Experience in Canada and the Caribbean," American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2014.
- 2013 "Imperial Spaces and Ecclesiastical Borderlands: Methodism in British North America, 1776-1815," North American Conference on British Studies, Portland, Oregon, November 2013.
- 2013 "An Encroachment on our religious rights': Race and Religious Toleration in the Methodist Atlantic World," No Person Shall Bee Any Wise Molested: Religious Freedom, Cultural Conflict, and the Moral Role of the State, Newport, Rhode Island, October 2013.
- 2013 Panel organizer and chair, "Racializing Religion: Mormons and Race in America, 1830-2012," Mormon History Association, Layton, Utah, June 2013.
- 2013 "In Search of the Land of Liberty: Methodist Migration and the Politics of Slavery, 1780-1805," Religion on the Move: Movement, Migration, Missions and New Media across Religious Traditions, Columbia University, New York, April 2013.
- 2012 "Mormonism in the Methodist Marketplace: A Comparative Study of Three Early Mormon Converts," Mormon History Association, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 2012.
- 2012 "'A prodigy with many hundred heads': Early Latter-day Saint Conceptions of the Great Apostasy," with Stephen J. Fleming, Exploring Mormon Conceptions of Apostasy Conference, Provo, Utah, March 2012.
- 2012 Panelist, "The Worst Fights are Behind Relatives: Mormons and Methodists in the Nineteenth Century," At the Crossroads, Again: Mormon and Methodist Encounters in the Nineteenth and Twenty-First Centuries, Washington, D.C., February 2012.
- 2011 Panel Organizer and Commenter, "Living Mormonism: Lived Religion in Latter-day Saint History," Mormon History Association, St. George, Utah, May 2011.
- 2010 Chair and Panel Discussant, "New Ways In: Writing Interdisciplinary Mormon History," Mormon History Association, Independence, Missouri, May 2010.
- 2010 "Lorenzo Dow and the Boundaries of Denominational Space in Early American Methodism," Chesapeake American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., March 2010.
- 2009 "The Un-gathered: The Religious Lives of Mormons in the American South, 1875-1910," Mormon History Association, Springfield, Illinois, May 2009.
- 2009 "Conferences, Camp Meetings, and Charismatic Religion: Methodist Converts to Mormonism and the Transmission of Sacred Space," American Society of Church History, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, April 2009.
- 2008 "'We Latter-day Saints are Methodists': The Influence of Methodism on Early Mormon Religious Experience and Discourse," Mormon History Association, Sacramento, CA, May 2008.

## **DIGITAL PROJECTS AND ONLINE WRITING**

- 2016 Research Assistant and Producer, Ben Franklin's World podcast  
(<http://www.benfranklinworld.com/>)
- 2016 Research Assistant, The Pox Hunter  
(<http://loki.stockton.edu/~games/PoxHunter.html>)
- 2015 Contributor, The American Yawp: A Free and Online, Collaboratively Built American Textbook  
(<http://www.americanyawp.com>)
- 2014- Contributor, The American Converts Database  
(<http://americanconverts.org>)
- 2014- Founding Editor, Transcribing Early American Manuscript Sermons Project  
(<http://earlyamericansermons.org>)
- 2012- Contributor, The Junto: A Group Blog on Early American History  
(<http://earlyamericanists.com>)
- 2010-2015 Contributor, Religion in American History blog  
(<http://usreligion.blogspot.com>)
- 2007- Founding Editor, The Juvenile Instructor: A Mormon History Blog  
(<http://juvenileinstructor.org>)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2019 Co-organizer (with David Golding), Missionary Interests: Protestant and Mormon Missions in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2019.
- 2017 Program Committee, Mormon History Association, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2017
- 2016-17 Organizing Committee, Sixth Biennial Faith and Knowledge Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 2017
- 2014-15 Organizing Committee, Fifth Biennial Faith and Knowledge Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia, February 2015
- 2011-13 Board, Mormon History Association
- 2009 Graduate Student Assistant, Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 2009

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

- 2013-14 Preceptor, History Writing Resource Center, The College of William and Mary
- 2006-09 Research Assistant, Joseph Smith Papers Project

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

2016- Society for U.S. Intellectual History  
2014- Organization of American Historians  
2012- Society for Historians of the Early American Republic  
2011- American Historical Association  
2009- Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture  
2008- American Society of Church History  
2007- Mormon History Association

## REFERENCES

### **Christopher Grasso**

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