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EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	PRINCETON, NJ
Ph.D. Candidate in Religion	Expected May 2029
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	TUSCALOOSA, AL
Master of Arts in Religion in Culture	May 2024
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER	ROCHESTER, NY
Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Religion	May 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Heritage is Choice: When Latter Day Saints Construct the Lamanite</i>	PRINCETON, NJ
Personally Led	November 2024
A historiographic inquiry into the category of the “Lamanite” by analyzing its rhetorical creation through individuals such as George P. Lee and Spencer W. Kimball in the 1970’s.	
<i>Critical Phenomenology Goes Digital!</i>	TUSCALOOSA, AL
Personally Led	January – April 2024
A digital project that uses topic modeling to analyze rhetoric used in 125 newspaper articles from 1829 until 1832 about the publication of the Book of Mormon.	
<i>The Public's Response to the Book of Mormon: A Critical Phenomenology of Scripture</i>	TUSCALOOSA, AL
Personally Led	2023
Investigated The Book of Mormon’s public reception using Heidegger’s concept of the “readiness-to-hand”, Folkert’s typology of Canon, and Bells textualization model.	
<i>Decoding Diaspora: J. A. Rogers’ Mythic Africa</i>	TUSCALOOSA, AL
Data and Interpretation Lead with Dr. Richard Newton	January 2023 - May 2024
Implemented digital tools in creating a multi-dimensional Scalar project on J. A. Rogers’ “<i>Facts about the Negro</i>”.	
<i>HONORS THESIS: Asherah’s Decline: The Burning of Sacred Poles</i>	ROCHESTER, NY
Undergraduate Researcher with Dr. Anne Merideth	June 2021- May 2022
Conducted a diachronic study of the figure Asherah through an analysis of her relationships with three main consorts, early scholars of Biblical Studies, and the Deuteronomistic Historian.	
<i>Dante’s Hellish Fantasy: Subcreation in the Nine Circles</i>	ROCHESTER, NY
Meliora Scholar Research Program with Dr. Jack Downey	January 2020 - May 2020
Explored the relationship between a creative writing theory called Subcreation and how it applies to Dante’s <i>Inferno</i>.	
<i>Heaven and Hell: A Creative Writing Process</i>	ROCHESTER, NY
Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Research	June 2020 - August 2020
Analyzed the relationship between Subcreation and Christian depictions of the afterlife.	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Blount Scholars Program Junior Fellow

Professor Toni Copeland & Professor Deborah Keene

TUSCALOOSA, AL

August 2023 – May 2024

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Teaching Assistant

Professor Stocchi-Peruchio

ROCHESTER, NY

August 2021 – May 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, HTML, CSS, Jupyter

Software: Certified in QGIS mapping through Spatial Lab, Adobe Cloud (Photoshop, Premiere Pro, Acrobat, Illustrator, Bridge, Camera Raw, Audition), OBS Studio, StreamLabs, Microsoft Office 365, AntConc, ABBYY FineReader, Zoom Workplace

Hardware: SMA Scanners, EPSON Flatbed Scanners

DIGITAL PROJECTS

"Bond or Free, Black or white: Joseph Smith for President", Podcast Episode. 2025. <https://blog.clahearn.com/bond-or-free-black-or-white-joseph-smith-for-president/>

"Mormon Colonies in Mexico – Single Women Analysis". Python Project, 2025, <https://github.com/caseylogana0122/DHProject>

"Re-Mapping Mormonism". Omeka and Neatline Project, 2023 <https://dev.clahearn.com>

"You are a Toaster": An Analysis on the Categorization of the Human. Scalar Project, 2022 <https://scalar.usc.edu/works/posthumanism-3/index>

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A'Hearn, Casey Logan, 2025. "*Heritage is Choice: When Latter Day Saints Construct the Lamanite*", Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 22, 2025.
- A'Hearn, Casey Logan. 2024. "The Public's Response to the Book of Mormon: A Critical Phenomenology of Scripture". *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts, Cultural Histories, and Contemporary Contexts* 15 (1): 49–68. <https://doi.org/10.1558/post.27477>.
- A'Hearn, Casey L. "'Critical Phenomenology Goes Digital': An Analysis of the Public's Response to the Book of Mormon." (*Oral Presentation, University of Alabama, April 2024*) at the Religion in Culture Research Symposium.
- A'Hearn, Casey. "Asherah's Decline: The Burning of Sacred Poles", *Journal of Undergraduate Research* 21, no. 2 (2023): 62-73
- A'Hearn, Casey L. "Dante's Hellish Fantasy: Subcreation in the Nine Circles," (*In Process*).
- A'Hearn, Casey L. "Heaven and Hell: A Creative Writing Process". (*Oral Presentation, University of Maryland, March 2021*) at the 22nd Annual National Conference for McNair Scholars and Undergraduate Research.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Princeton's President's Fellowship 2024-2025
- Ulysses V. Goodwyn Awardee 2023-2024
- Blount Scholars Program Junior Fellow for 2023-2024
- HASTAC Fellowship for 2022-2024
- University of Alabama McNair Graduate Fellowship 2022- 2023
- University of Rochester Dorothy and Anthony Lisio Prize Recipient 2022
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Scholar at the University of Rochester during 2020-2022
- University of Rochester Meliora Scholar 2019
- University of Rochester Xerox Scholarship Recipient 2018

SELECTED WRITINGS, BOOK REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Book review of “*Seeing Things: Technologies of Vision and the Making of Mormonism*” by Mason Kamana Allred on <https://readingreligion.org/9781469672588/seeing-things/>

Blog post “What’s in a Name?” - <https://blog.clahearn.com/intro/whats-in-a-name/>

Peer reviewed blog post “Is Guru Ravidas English?” - <https://religion.ua.edu/blog/2024/05/08/is-guru-ravidas-english/>

Peer reviewed blog post “Seeing Joseph Smith Jr.’s First Vision as an Ideology.”
<https://religion.ua.edu/blog/2023/11/08/seeing-joseph-smith-jr-s-first-vision-as-an-ideology/>

Interview with Julianne Losacco for “How Does Curiosity Lead to Opportunity? A Student’s Development of New Skills.” - <https://religion.ua.edu/blog/2023/11/16/how-does-curiosity-lead-to-opportunity-a-students-development-of-new-skills/>

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBER	REMOTE
American Academy of Religion GSC Member	January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027

DRUID CITY PRIDE 2023-2024	TUSCALOOSA, AL
Volunteered with local leaders in creating, conducting, and maintaining events for LGBTQI+ community in Tuscaloosa.	

WORK EXPERIENCE

RELIGION FOR BREAKFAST LLC.	REMOTE
Production Assistant	April 2024 – Present

UBEROI TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP	REMOTE
Technical Assistant	July 8th, 2024 – July 12th, 2024

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	TUSCALOOSA, AL
Digital Services Student Assistant Under Jessica Kincaid	March 2023 – August 2023

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER	ROCHESTER, NY
Office Assistant in the Financial Aid Office Under Marlene King	May 2019 – May 2022