

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Anne M. Blankenship**

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## **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy, August 2012 Religious Studies  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Dissertation: "Steps to a New World Order: Ecumenism and Racial Integration during the World War II  
Incarceration of Japanese Americans"

Master of Arts, May 2008 Religious Studies  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Thesis: "Sagebrush Trees, 'Slant-Eyed Santas' and Uncle Sam: Christmas at Minidoka Relocation Center"

Master of Arts in Religion, May 2006 History of Christianity  
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT Travel Seminar: Israel/Palestine, Fall 2005

Bachelor of Arts, May 2002 Major: German/Int'l Affairs; Minor: Religion  
University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA Study Abroad: Humbolt Universität zu Berlin, Fall 2000  
Courtauld Gallery Internship, London, Summer 2001

## **EMPLOYMENT**

*Associate Professor of Religious Studies, North Dakota State University (2019-present)*

*Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, North Dakota State University (2015-2019)*

*Associate Director, Northern Plains Ethics Institute (2015-2019)*

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Central Washington University (2014-2015)*

*Postdoctoral Research Associate, John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics,  
Washington University in St. Louis (2012-2014)*

*Teaching Fellow, Religious Studies Department, UNC-CH (2009-2012)*

*Research Consultant, The Legacy of the Japanese American Internment (Spring 2012)*

*Teaching Assistant, Religious Studies Department, UNC-CH (2007-2009, Fall 2010)*  
*Religion Department, Duke University (Spring 2010)*  
*Duke Divinity School (Fall 2008)*

*Research Assistant, Thomas Tweed, UNC-CH (2006-2007)*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Religion, Race, and Immigration: How Jews, Catholics, and Protestants Faced Mass Immigration, 1882-1924*. In progress

*Christianity, Social Justice, and the Japanese American Incarceration during World War II*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2016.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

“Just Immigration and the Social Gospel.” *Journal of Religion & Society* 21 (2020): 63-78.

“Jewish Tourism in Berlin and Germany’s Public Repentance for the Holocaust.” *Academica Turistica—Tourism & Innovation Journal*. Special Issue: Resonance of Cultural Tourism 11.2 (Dec 2018): 117-126.

“Religion and the Japanese American Incarceration.” *Religion Compass* 8.10 (Oct 2014): 317-325.

“Civil Religious Dissent: Patriotism and Resistance in a Japanese American Incarceration Camp.” *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art and Belief* 10.3 (Sept 2014): 264-293.

### **Book Chapters**

“Interreligious Responses to the Settlement House Movement, 1881-1924.” In *The Meaning of My Neighbor’s Faith: Interreligious Reflections on Immigration*, edited by Alexander Y. Hwang and Laura E. Alexander, 17-30. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019.

“Pilgrimage to the Japanese American Incarceration Camps: Deploying Collective Memory for Social Justice and Communal Healing.” In *Pilgrimage as Transformative Process: The Movement from Fractured to Integrated*, edited by Heather A. Warfield and Kate Hetherington, 125-135. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

“Asian American Religions from Chinese Exclusion to 1965.” In *The Oxford Handbook to Religion and Race in American History*, edited by Paul Harvey and Kathryn Gin Lum, 439-456. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Catholic American Citizenship: Prescriptions for Children from *Treasure Chest of Fun and Fact, 1946-1963*.” In *Graven Images: Religion in Comic Books and Graphic Novels*, edited by A. David Lewis and Christine Hoff Kraemer, 63-77. New York: Continuum, 2010.

### **Invited Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

“American Friends Service Committee: Solidarity in Action.” In *Sutra and Bible: Faith and the Japanese American World War II Incarceration*, edited by Duncan Ryuken Williams and Emily Anderson, 84. Los Angeles: Kaya, 2022.

“Christian Social Action and the World War II Japanese American Incarceration.”  
*Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 72.3 (July 2018): 304-316.

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *Open Hearts, Closed Doors: Immigration Reform and the Waning of Mainline Protestantism*, by Nicholas T. Pruitt. *Journal of American History*. Forthcoming.

Review of *Faking Liberties: Religious Freedom in American-Occupied Japan*, by Jolyon Thomas. *American Religion*. 1.2 (Spring 2020): 157-159.

Review of *The Fight for Asian American Civil Rights: Liberal Protestant Activism, 1900-1950*, by Sarah M. Griffith. *Pacific Historical Review* 88.2 (Spring 2019): 299-300.

Review of *Converting the Rosebud: Catholic Mission and the Lakotas, 1886-1916*, by Harvey Markowitz. *North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains*, 83.2 (Winter 2018): 40.

Review of *Roads Taken: The Great Jewish Migrations to the New World and the Peddlers Who Forged the Way*, by Hasia R. Diner. *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*. 12 Sept 2018.

Review of *Churches and Religion in the Second World War*, by Jan Bank. *Journal of Military History* 80.4 (Oct 2016): 1276-78.

Review of *Outsiders in a Promised Land: Religious Activists in Pacific Northwest History*, by Dale E. Soden. *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 117.3 (Fall 2016): 4.

Review of *Jane Addams in the Classroom*, ed. David Schaafsma. *Reflective Teaching*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. 23 April 2015.

Review of *Statecraft and Salvation: Wilsonian Liberal Internationalism as Secularized Eschatology*, by Milan Babik. *Politics and Religion: A Journal of the Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association*. Published online by Cambridge University Press, 10 Mar 2014.

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

“Bainbridge Island, Washington” and “Buddhist Churches of America.” In *The Densho Encyclopedia of the Japanese American Incarceration*, edited by Brian Niiya, 2012.

### **Media Contributions**

Television interview. “Easter.” *Prairie Pulse*, a public affairs program on Prairie Public (local PBS station). April 14, 2022.

Podcast Interview. “Pilgrimage to Japanese American Incarceration Camps.” *Meaningful Journeys*. January 2020.

Interview. "What Makes Today's America Different From the Country that Incarcerated the Japanese?" *The Atlantic*. November 29, 2016.

Contributor. *Religion in the American West*. [relwest.blogspot.com](http://relwest.blogspot.com).

Posts include: "Embracing and Subverting Civil Religion in the American West: Japanese Americans during World War II." December 26, 2011 & May 28, 2012.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

North Dakota State University

American Religious History  
Contemporary Religion  
History of Christianity  
History of Global Islam  
Italy: Ancient and Christian Traditions, a study abroad program  
London and Paris: The Fog of WWII, a study abroad program  
New Religious Movements  
New Testament  
Pilgrimage: A Freshman Honors Seminar  
Religion & Politics  
Religion & World War II, an independent study  
Theory and Methods in Religious Studies  
World Religions

Central Washington University

Christianity  
Islam  
New Religious Movements  
Sacred Books of the World  
World Religions

Washington University in St. Louis

Religion & American Society, 1890-present, co-taught with R. Marie Griffith  
Religion & Politics in Rural and Urban Missouri, independent field study  
Religion & Violence  
Religious Varieties: Buddhism and Islam in America

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Civil Rights & Religion  
History of Christian Traditions  
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible  
Introduction to the New Testament  
New Religious Movements  
Religion in America

Carolina Courses Online

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible  
Introduction to the New Testament

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS**

Center for Jewish History-Fordham University Research Fellowship in Jewish-Christian Relations, New York City (2022, deferred from 2020) \$5,000  
 Rabbi Amy and Gary Perlin Fellowship, American Jewish Archives (2021-2022) \$2,200  
 Young Scholar of American Religion, IUPUI Center for the Study of Religion & American Culture (2019-2022)  
 NDSU, RCA Research Development Travel Awards (received annually, 2019-present)  
 NDSU, AHSS Dean's Travel Grants (received annually, 2015-present)  
 NEH Summer Stipend (2021) \$6,000  
 American Academy of Religion, Independent Research Grant (2021) \$4,500  
 Presbyterian Historical Society Research Fellowship, Philadelphia (2020-2021) \$2,500  
 NEH Summer Scholar, Institute on Judaism in the American South, College of Charleston (2019)  
 Mary Jo Small Scholar, Society for Values in Higher Education (2018)  
 North Dakota Gateways Fellowship (2016-2018)  
 NEH Summer Scholar, Institute on American Material Culture, Bard Graduate Center (2017)  
 NDSU, AHSS Dean's Publication Costs Grant (2015)  
 Mary Jo Small Fellow, Society for Values in Higher Education (2015)  
 Coolidge Fellowship, CrossCurrents Annual Research Colloquium, Auburn Seminary, New York City (2014)  
 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics, Washington University in St. Louis (2012-2014)  
 Miller Travel Grant, UNC Department of Religious Studies (2010)  
 UNC Future Faculty Fellowship (2009)  
 UNC Center for the Study of the American South Summer Research Grant (2009)  
 Perry Family Research Award, UNC Department of Religious Studies (2009)  
 UNC Graduate and Professional Student Federation Travel Award (2009)  
 UNC Graduate School Merit Assistantship (2006-2007)  
 Dale E. Turner Scholarship, Yale Divinity School (2003-2006)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### ***International***

“Jewish Heritage Tourism in Europe: Beyond the Holocaust.” Sacred Journeys – 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference. Berlin, Germany. July 6, 2018.

“Heritage Pilgrimage on New York's Lower East Side.” Sacred Journeys: Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism – 4<sup>th</sup> Global Conference. Beijing, China. October 26, 2017.

“Pilgrimage to the Japanese American Incarceration Camps: Deploying Collective Memory for Social Justice and Communal Healing.” Sacred Journeys: Pilgrimage and Beyond Project - 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Conference. Prague, Czech Republic. May 4, 2016.

“Transnational Perspectives on Japanese Christian Nationalism and the Colonization of Manchuria & Northern China.” The Second Young Scholars’ Conference in China Studies. Hong Kong, China. December 16, 2014.

“Starting from Scratch: Marketing Short-Term Missions to American Evangelicals.” American Society of Church History and Ecclesiastical History Society Joint Meeting. Oxford, England. April 3, 2014.

“Conquering the American Frontier: Agriculture in the WWII Japanese American Incarceration Camps.” Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting. Banff, AB, Canada. June 13, 2013.

“*Mukyōkai* Christianity and the Incarceration of Japanese Christians in World War II America.” Nagoya American Studies Summer Seminar. Nanzan University, Nagoya, Japan. July 27, 2010. Abstract published in *Nanzan Review of American Studies* 32 (2010): 238.

### **National**

Panelist. “Nation-State Borders, Global Migration, and Religious Practices in a Time of Increasing International Political Conflict.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar. Denver, CO. November 19, 2022.

Presider. “Addressing Dilemmas in Teaching Religion.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Teaching Religion Unit. Denver, CO. November 22, 2022.

“Varied Approaches to Immigrant Care: The Jewish Women of Charleston, Philadelphia, and Cincinnati.” Southern Jewish Historical Society Annual Conference. Charleston, SC. October 22, 2022.

“Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant Racial Constructions during the 1924 Immigration Debates.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar. San Antonio, TX. November 21, 2021.

Presider. “Religion & Public Life: Perspectives from the Centers.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Teaching Religion Unit. San Antonio, TX. November 22, 2021.

“American Catholicism and Early Twentieth Century Immigration Reform.” American Catholic Historical Society/American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New York City, NY. January 3, 2020.

“Teaching Unfamiliar Topics.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Teaching Religion Unit. San Diego, CA. November 25, 2019.

Respondent for “The Border, Brexit, and the Church: A Comparative Theological-Ethical Analysis of U.S. Roman Catholic and Church of England Statements on Migration Today,” by Victor Carmona. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar. San Diego, CA. November 24, 2019.

Book panel on *American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War*, by Duncan Williams. Association for Asian American Studies Conference. Madison, WI. April 25, 2019.

“Interreligious Responses to the Settlement House Movement, 1880-1924.” Modern American Society and Culture Seminar. Massachusetts Historical Society. Boston, MA. April 25, 2017.

“Jewish and Catholic Responses to New York City’s Protestant Settlement House Movement.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar. San Antonio, TX. November 21, 2016.

“Reshaping the American West: Japanese American Pioneers during World War II.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group. Atlanta, GA. November 22, 2015.

“U.S. Foreign Policy, Protestants & Japan: Reconciling Nationalism, Religious Agency and Change, 1921-1941.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Law, Religion and Culture Group. San Diego, CA. November 22, 2014.

“Religious Freedoms Behind Barbed Wire: Worship in Japanese American Incarceration Camps.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. January 3, 2014.

“Planning a New World Order: United Protestant Worship During the World War II Japanese American Incarceration.” World War II and Religion Conference. The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience at Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL. December 1, 2012.

“The Question of Ethnic Churches: A Case Study of Japanese Integration after World War II.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. History of Christianity Section. San Francisco, CA. November 22, 2011.

“‘The Greatest Opportunity for Soul Winning’: Southern Evangelicalism and the Japanese American Incarceration Camps of the Arkansas Delta.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group. Atlanta, GA. November 1, 2010.

“Japanese American Pioneers: Enemy Aliens or American Archetype?” Western History Association Annual Conference. Incline Village, NV. October 15, 2010.

“American Catholic Citizenship: Prescriptions for Children from *Treasure Chest of Fun and Fact* (1946-1962).” Graven Images: Religion in Comic Books and Graphic Novels. Luce Program in Scripture and Literary Arts Conference at Boston University. April 12, 2008.

Co-authored with Shanny Luft and Pamela Mullins-Reaves. "Born Again Digital." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Religion, Media, and Culture Group. San Diego, CA. November 17, 2007. Poster on the computer game *Left Behind: Eternal Forces* also presented.

### **Regional**

President. "Ethnic History of the Northern Plains." Northern Great Plains History Conference. September 22, 2022.

"Racial Integration in America's Churches." Triangle Race Conference. Research and Resistance: Race Across the Disciplines. Durham, NC. March 31, 2012.

"A Southern View of the Japanese Internment." Center for the Study of the American South Southern Research Circle. Chapel Hill, NC. October 17, 2009.

"Christmas at Minidoka Relocation Center: Patriotism and Resistance behind Barbed Wire." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Greensboro, NC. March 15, 2009.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

"Cincinnati's Jewish Immigrant Encounter, 1884-1924." American Jewish Archives. June 30, 2022.

"Melting Pots of Various Sizes: Jewish and Catholic Approaches to Americanization." Fordham University. May 4, 2022.

"The Season of Moving Holidays: Cultural Awareness during Passover, Easter/Lent, and Ramadan." President's Council for Diversity, Inclusifon, and Respect, NDSU. March 7, 2022.

"Inclusion or Exclusion? Varieties of Americanization in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century." Provost's Research Talk Series for Equity and Inclusion. North Dakota State University. October 20, 2021.

"A Journey through the Qur'an (and Beyond!)." Panel member. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead. October 3, 2021.

"Pilgrimage as Homecoming." Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead. September 26, 2021

"The Adaptability of Christian Nationalism: American Protestants and Japanese Christianity, 1921-1941." Toyohiko Kagawa Endowed Lectureship. Princeton Theological Seminary. November 18, 2019.

"The New Sanctuary Movement." Immigration Reform panel discussion. NDSU. Fargo, ND. April 23, 2019.



"Just Immigration: Religious Controversies during the Early Twentieth Century." Religion and Justice Symposium. Creighton University. Omaha, NE. February 14, 2019.

"Christian Social Justice and the WWII Japanese American Incarceration." Presentation Prayer Center. Fargo, ND. November 29, 2018.

"Teaching about the WWII Incarceration of Japanese Americans." Great Plains Social Studies Conference. Fargo, ND. October 6, 2018.

"Confronting Fears about our Fellow Americans." Unitarian Universalist Church of Fargo-Moorhead. May 7, 2017.

"Faith and Injustice: Religious Responses to the WWII Japanese American Incarceration." 2017 International Studies Speaker Series: Social Justice in a Global World. University of North Dakota. April 12, 2017.

"Holiday Greetings from a Japanese American Incarceration Camp: Patriotism and Resistance during WWII." American Studies Speaker Series. North Dakota State University. November 30, 2016.

"Injustice and Faith in America: Religious Responses to the WWII Japanese American Incarceration." Religious Studies Speaker Series. Minnesota State University, Moorhead. November 2, 2016.

"What is Religious Studies?" Religion, Science, and Lunch Seminar. North Dakota State University. March 8, 2016.

"Faith, Solidarity & Compromises: Christian Life in the Japanese American Incarceration Camps." University of Southern California. January 15, 2016.

"Science and Islam," DHC 380: Issues in Science and Religion. Central Washington University. May 14, 2015.

"Before the Civil Rights Movement: Christian Responses to the World War II Incarceration of Japanese Americans." University of Missouri-Columbia. February 5, 2013.

"I Won't be Home for Christmas: Holidays in a Japanese American Incarceration Center." Northern Arizona University. April 21, 2011.

"Buddhism in America." RELI 140: Religion in America. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. April 4, 2011.

### **PANELS ORGANIZED**

"Religion & Public Life: Perspectives from the Centers." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Teaching Religion Unit. San Antonio, TX. November 22, 2021.

“Missionary Hagiography and American History: The Marketing of America and Protestantism.” American Society of Church History and Ecclesiastical History Society Joint Meeting. Oxford, England. April 3, 2014.

“State Authority and Religious Pluralism: Debating Religion in World War II America.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. January 3, 2014.

“Staking Claims, Creating Names: Confronting Colonial Christianity in the New West.” Western History Association Annual Meeting. Incline Village, NV. October 15, 2010.

“The ‘Light’ of Christmas: Luminosity in American Protestant Christmas Celebrations.” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Greensboro, NC. March 15, 2009.

“Born Again, Born Again Digital.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Religion, Media, and Culture Group. San Diego, CA. November 17, 2007.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Editor-in-Chief	<i>Religion Compass</i> (2023-present)
Editor	<i>Religion Compass</i> , Religion in the Americas section (2022-present)
Book Manuscript Reviewer	<i>Cognella</i> (2022) <i>Bloomsbury Publishing</i> (2021)
Book Proposal Reviewer	<i>Bloomsbury Publishing</i> (2020) <i>Routledge</i> (2020)
Article Reviewer	<i>Peace &amp; Change: A Journal of Peace Research</i> (2022) <i>Religion &amp; Society</i> (2022) <i>Journal of Asian American Studies</i> (2021) <i>North Dakota History</i> (2021) <i>The Explicator</i> (2020) <i>Journal of American Ethnic History</i> (2020) <i>Religion Compass</i> (2019) <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i> (2018)
Grant Proposal Reviewer	NEH Summer Stipends (2019)
Committee Member	Teaching Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion (2020-present) Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar, American Academy of Religion (2018-present)

Scholarly Advisory Board Member, “Sutra and Bible” exhibit, Japanese American National Museum (2020-2022)

Program Unit Reviewer, Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit, American Academy of Religion (2018)

Book Manuscript Consultant, University of Southern California (2016)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### North Dakota State University

Religious Studies committee (2016-present)

AHSS Promotion, Tenure, and Evaluation committee (2021-present)

Search committee for HPRS Interim Chair (2022)

AHSS internal NEH review board member (2021)

University Equity & Diversity committee (2019-2020)

AHSS Student Progress committee (2017-2020; chair 2018-2020)

Faculty Advisor, Secular Student Alliance (2018-2020)

Study Abroad Faculty Leader (2019, 2020, 2021)

University task force to evaluate Wellness minor (2019)

Honors Program Instructor (2018, 2019)

Associate Director, Northern Plains Ethics Institute (2015-2019)

Gateways-ND Workshop Leader (2019)

Faculty Advisor, University Lutheran Center (2016-2018)

Speaker on religious liberty, Tough Topics 2017: Let’s Figure it out Together (2017)

### Central Washington University

Campus 2 Campus faculty host (2015)

### Washington University in St. Louis

Organized “Welcoming the Stranger: A Panel Discussion on Religion & Immigration”

Guest speakers Richard Land and Ruth Melkonian-Hoover joined local interfaith activists for a public presentation and dinner with community members. (September 25, 2013.)

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Peer Teaching Evaluator (2010-2012)

Medieval/Early Modern Christianity Faculty Search Committee (2010/2011)

Carolina Summer Reading Discussion Leader (2007, 2010, 2011)

### Yale Divinity School

Admissions Committee (2006)

Faculty Curriculum Committee (2004-2006)

New Student Orientation Group Leader (2004 & 2005)

## **LANGUAGES**

English: native speaker

German: near fluency

Yiddish: conversational, basic reading proficiency

Japanese: conversational, some reading proficiency  
Spanish: reading proficiency

**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion  
Southern Jewish Historical Society  
Society for the Future of Higher Education