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Disciplines and Discourses: Religious Studies, Political Theology, Critical Theory, Health Equity.
Research Areas: Critiques of the secular-religious distinction, ontologies of violence, epistemologies of conspiracism, interdisciplinary Mennonite Studies and histories of sixteenth century Anabaptist radicalism, and critical-philosophical approaches to Health Equity and Social Accountability.

CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

Senior Research Associate (Research Engagement) at the **Dr. Gilles Arcand Centre for Health Equity** (formerly the **Centre for Social Accountability**) at the **Northern Ontario School of Medicine University**, in Thunder Bay, Ontario, working on socially accountable research. (April 2022-present).
— Joint position as **Social Accountability Coordinator** with **Towards Unity for Health** (TUFH).
— **Affiliate** with the **Canadian Institute for Far-Right Studies** (CIFRS).

RECENT POSITION AND DEGREES

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Fellow in the **Department for the Study of Religion (DSR)** at the **University of Toronto**. Project: “Critique of Conspiracism” (2021-2023), under the supervision of Pamela Klassen, FRSC.

PHD in Religious Studies

McMASTER 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 on May 5th 2021, rated ‘excellent,’ no corrections). Committee: Travis Kroeker (supervisor), Dana Hollander, Morny Joy, Dawne McCance.
- Major Exams in Western Religious Thought, Minor Exams in Religion and Politics.
- Directed study units and examinations on Buddhism (2019) and religions in China (2020).
- Research language study and reading knowledge 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.”
- Committee: Troy D. Osborne (supervisor), J. D. Rempel, and J. D. Mininger (external).
- Fundamentals of University Teaching Certificate, University of Waterloo Centre for Teaching Excellence (2015).

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

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO (2009-2013).

- Undergraduate thesis on the Frankfurt School and writing, supervised by Winfried Siemerling.

Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

- Co-Investigator and lead writer on a successful **SSHRC Partnership Grant** application, titled: “Community-Engaged Research in Education, Advocacy, and System Transformation for Advancing Health Equity (CREATE),” \$2.43 million CAD, (2023-2030). PI: Dr. Erin Cameron.
- Research Associate and writer on a **SSHRC Connections Grant**, titled “Leveraging Innovation in Accreditation through Social Accountability and Education,” \$50,000, (2023). PI: Dr. Erin Cameron.
- **SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship**. University of Toronto, DSR. \$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 (Graduate and Undergraduate)

- Instructor, “Religion and Violence (Reading Course),” Philosophy Dept., Lakehead U. Winter 2024.
- Instructor, “Introduction to Instructional Design (Grad.).” Faculty of Ed., Lakehead U. Summer 2023.
- Instructor, “Researching in Education for Change (Grad.).” Faculty of Ed., Lakehead U. Spring 2023.
- Instructor, “It’s the end of the world as we know it” Winter 2023. DSR. University of Toronto.
- 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.
- 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 resources for *Radicals and Reformers: A Survey of Global Anabaptist History*.

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

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

Project Management, Report Writing, and Event Coordination

- Coordinator for the Dr. Gilles Arcand Centre for Health Equity Affiliates Program (April 2022-2024).
- Content coordinator for the Dr. Gilles Arcand Centre for Health Equity website (April 2022-2024).
- Regular grant writing support for physician researchers on health workforce strategy and policy.
- Conference support for Learning Health Systems meetings and AI for Public Health meetings.
- Coordinator for the International Social Accountability and Accreditation Symposium Series – a five-event speaker series co-hosted by the International Social Accountability and Accreditation Steering Committee, TUFH, and NOSM University (2023). <https://www.arcandcentre.ca/research/isaasc>
- Author of “Celebrating the Centre for Social Accountability,” *NOSM U Communications*. August 2022. <https://www.nosm.ca/2022/08/16/celebrating-the-centre-for-social-accountability/>
- Author of two confidential conference reports from the AFMC meetings in Quebec City, April 2023.
- Editor of the Institutional Self-Assessment Social Accountability Tool (ISAT) 2.0. *The Network: Towards Unity for Health (TUFH), an official non-state actor of the World Health Organization (WHO)*. March 2024. <https://socialaccountabilityhealth.org/self-assessment/>

Administrative Experience and Service

- Editorial Board member for *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion (2022-present).
- Organizing Committee: Anabaptists and Philosophy Roundtable lecture series (2021-present). <https://www.pandorapress.com/anabaptists--philosophy-roundtable-lecture-series.html>
- Manuscript review for the *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, *Angelaki* (journal articles: 2017, 2021), the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* (article: 2023), the Pennsylvania State University Press (book manuscript: 2022), and Bloomsbury (proposal: 2022).
- Co-organizer of the Political Theology Network Post-Dissertation Writing Group (2021-2023).
- 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).
- 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 Association membership with the American Academy of Religion (2013-present).

Publications and Research Contributions

Books

4. *Mennonite Metaphysics: Social Critique Out of the Sources of the Radical Reformation*. Theopolitical Visions Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade, under contract. Submission of first draft planned for late 2025.

Description: Both drawing from and contributing to the ongoing identity crises of the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition, *Mennonite Metaphysics* revisits the sources of the Radical Reformation and reinterprets their reception by Mennonite thinkers, all in order to articulate an interdisciplinary vision of religion, politics, and social critique. By returning to sixteenth

century Anabaptist radicalism and dissent and by re-examining critiques of violence in neglected Mennonite documents, the twelve essays in this book provide philosophical, literary, political, and secular reinterpretations of the Mennonite tradition in order to reframe how we think about the metaphysical foundations of language, categorization, and inquiry. In *Mennonite Metaphysics*, Maxwell Kennel argues that the place of the Anabaptist movements between and beyond Catholicism and Protestantism, and the Mennonite pacifist critique of redemptive violence that refuses both passivity and violence, both constitute unique middle and third ways that mediate between philosophical oppositions, and can therefore contribute to more robust forms of social critique well beyond the tradition. By reflecting the interdisciplinary breadth of Mennonite Studies and tracing the recent movement of its pacifism into the domains of ontology and epistemology, *Mennonite Metaphysics* challenges simplistic approaches to identity and community by resisting reductive distinctions between secularity and religion, and offers a theopolitical vision that provides metaphysically-laden and antiviolen solutions to deeply rooted social problems.

3. *Critique of Conspiracism: Critical Theory, Religion, and the Limits of Conspiratorial Reason*. Conspiracy Theories Series. London: Routledge, under contract. Submission by end of 2024.

Description: What is the relationship between conspiratorial thinking and critique? How do conspiracy theories – albeit in distorted and blindered ways – mirror the forms of suspicion that are found in critical theories and education in critical thinking? How can conspiracism as an all-encompassing epistemology be critiqued without forcibly opposing one form of criticism with another? *Critique of Conspiracism* provides a detailed treatment of these questions without ceding ground to the oversimplifications of conspiratorial thinking and without taking up a patronizing distance from the very human desire to see the world in conspiratorial terms. *Critique of Conspiracism* takes the study of conspiracy theories in new interdisciplinary directions through three critical paradigms: contemporary critical theories in the Frankfurt School tradition (Ch. 1), the scholarly study of religion and critical forms of political theology (Ch. 2), and the therapeutic modality of ‘Internal Family Systems’ (Ch. 3). The conclusion provides concrete suggestions for responding to conspiracy theorists that avoid the pitfalls of moral abstinence (“who am I to judge?”) and debunking (the exertion of epistemological force) by examining connections between conspiracism and public health.

2. *Ontologies of Violence: Deconstruction, Pacifism, and Displacement*. Political and Public Theologies Series no. 4. Leiden: Brill, 2023. 250 pp. <https://brill.com/display/title/64885>

Description: *Ontologies of Violence* provides a new paradigm for understanding the concept of violence through comparative interpretations of French philosopher Jacques Derrida, philosophical theologians in the Mennonite pacifist tradition, and Grace M. Jantzen’s feminist philosophy of religion. By drawing out and challenging the remarkably similar priorities shared by its three sources, and by challenging the assumption that differences necessarily

lead to displacement, *Ontologies of Violence* provides a critical theory of violence by treating it as a diagnostic concept that implies the violation of value-laden boundaries.

Interviews

- with Caleb Zakarin at the *New Books Network* (July 6, 2023): <https://newbooksnetwork.com/ontologies-of-violence-deconstruction-pacifism-and-displacement>
- with Siri Hansen at the Department for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto (December 5, 2023): <https://www.religion.utoronto.ca/news/violence-values-and-violation-kennel>

Reviews

- Review by Guy Lancaster in *Marx & Philosophy Review of Books* (November 1, 2023)
- Reviews forthcoming in *Reading Religion* (2024) and *Macrina Magazine* (2024).
- Symposium forthcoming in *Syndicate* (2024).

1. *Postsecular History: Political Theology and the Politics of Time*. Radical Theologies and Philosophies Series, no. 27. Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022. (Hardcover 2022, Softcover 2023). <https://link.springer.com/book/9783030857578>

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.

Launch Symposium hosted by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, with comments from Pamela Klassen, Travis Kroeker, Michael Driedger, and Jennifer Otto. March 2nd 2022.

Launch Symposium proceedings published in *Political Theology* 24.3 (2023): 338-358.

- Jennifer Otto, “Postsecular Entanglements.”
- Travis Kroeker, “Postsecular History or Figural Messianism?”
- Pamela Klassen, “Time Immemorial, Here and Now.”
- Maxwell Kennel, “Beyond the Postsecular?”

Interviews:

- “Histories of the Postsecular: An Interview with Maxwell Kennel” *Anabaptist Historians* (November 2021) [<https://anabaptisthistorians.org/2021/11/25/histories-of-the-postsecular-an-interview-with-maxwell-kennel/>]
- “Can we get past the past?” *Department for the Study of Religion Communications*, University of Toronto (April 2022) [<https://www.religion.utoronto.ca/news/can-we-get-past-past-conversation-postdoctoral-fellow-maxwell-kennel>]
- “Postsecular History” *New Books Network* (July 2022) [<https://newbooksnetwork.com/postsecular-history>].

Reviews in the *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 96 (October 2022): 608-610, and *Reading Religion* (December 2023), with further reviews forthcoming in *History & Theory*, *Political Theology*, and *The Conrad Grebel Review*.

Research Articles

17. “Integrating Indigenous data sovereignty principles into learning health systems: a critical framework analysis and cross-sectional survey of Canadian practice-based research and learning networks” in preparation for *Canadian Family Physician*. Authors: Brianne Wood, Barbara Zelek, Roya Daneshmand, Maxwell Kennel, Sophia Myles, Robyn O’Loughlin, and Darrel Manitowabi.
16. “Anabaptism contra Philosophy” *Conrad Grebel Review* vol. 40, no. 2 (Spring 2022). Special issue on Anabaptists and Philosophy, with a response from Christian Early. Delayed publication in early 2024.
15. “Violent Displacements: On Grace Jantzen’s *Death and the Displacement of Beauty*” *Angelaki* 27.6 (December 2022): 67-82.
14. “Violent Inclinations” *Conrad Grebel Review* 39.2 (Spring 2021): 118-134.
13. “Plato, Adorno, and the Dialectic” *Identities* 18.1-2 (2021): 84-97.
12. “Violence and the Romance of Community: Darkness and Enlightenment in Patrick Friesen’s *The Shunning*,” *Literature & Theology* 33.4 (December 2019): 394-413.
11. “Periodization and Providence: Time and Eternity between Nietzsche’s *Zarathustra* and Augustine’s *Confessions*,” *Telos* 188 (Fall 2019): 103-126.
10. “Mennonite Political Theology & Feminist Critique,” *MQR* 93.3 (July 2019): 393-412.
9. “The Gospel of All Creatures: An Anabaptist Natural Theology for Mennonite Political Theology,” *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 37 (2019): 353-368.

8. "Müntzer, Taubes, and the Anabaptists: Emancipatory History and Political Theology," *Political Theology* 20.3 (2019) [online-September 2018]: 191-206.
7. "The Regulation of the Subject by the Technology of Time," *Rhizomes* 34 (2018): 1-11.
6. "Critique of Metaphysical Violence," *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review/Revue canadienne de philosophie* 58.1 (2019) [online-November 2017]: 125-162.
5. "Mennonite Metaphysics? Exploring the Philosophical Aspects of Mennonite Theology from Pacifist Epistemology to Ontological Peace" *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 91.3 (July 2017): 403-421.
4. "Postsecular History: Contemporary Continental Philosophy of Religion and the Seventeenth Century Dutch Collegiant Movement," *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 46 (2017): 406-432.
3. "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.
2. "What is a Compendium?" *Continent* 3.1 (Spring 2013): 44-49.
1. *Dialectics Unbound*. Dead Letter Office Series (Brooklyn, NY: Punctum Books, 2013): 41 pp.

Journal Special Issue

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

- Maxwell Kennel, "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 as director and series editor of Pandora Press (January 2022-present).

See Maxwell Kennel and Tim Saari, "Chasing the Mystery" *Conrad Grebel University College Alumni Series* (August 2023): <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/news/maxwell-kennel>

1. Richard Loughheed, *Menno's Descendants in Quebec: The Mission Activity of Four Anabaptist Groups 1956-2021*. 2022. 255 pp. (publication and corrected edition).
2. *Intercessory Prayer and the Communion of Saints: Mennonite and Catholic Perspectives*. Ed. Darrin W. Snyder Belousek and Margaret R. Pfeil. 2022. 260 pp. (corrections, typesetting, and publication).
3. *Bridgefolk: An Anthology of the Mennonite-Catholic Theological Colloquium* (Bridgefolk Series), General Editor: Gerald W. Schlabach. 2022. 570 pp. (compilation, commissioning of new preface).
4. Hadje Cresencio Sadjé, *Theology at the Border: Community Peacemaker Teams and the Refugee Crisis in Europe*. 2022. 100 pp. (review, English editing, typesetting, and publication).
5. Ron Thiessen. *Menno in Athens: A Novel*. 2022. 200 pp. (review, editing, typesetting, and publication).

6. Carla Klassen, *These Songs We Sing*. 2022. 200 pp. (review, editing, typesetting, and publication).
7. Colin Godwin, *Anabaptist Meditations*. 2022. 150 pp. (review, editing, typesetting, and publication).
8. M. Darrol Bryant, *Crossing Borders: Stories from my Life and Encounters with the World's Religions*. 2023. 214 pp. (editing, typesetting, and publication).

Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies (New Series)

Series Editor: Dr. Maxwell Kennel

<https://www.pandorapress.com/anabaptist-and-mennonite-studies-series.html#/>

Volume 1. Gary Waite, *Anti-Anabaptist Polemics: Dutch Anabaptism and the Devil in England, 1531-1660*. Thunder Bay: Pandora Press, 2023. 267 pp. (directing peer review, editing, typesetting, publication).

Volume 2. Cornelius J. Dyck, *Hans de Ries: A Study in Second Generation Dutch Anabaptism*. Thunder Bay: Pandora Press, 2023. 372 pp. (editing from typescript, typesetting, and publication).

Volume 3. Edmund Pries, *Anabaptist Oath Refusal: Basel, Bern, and Strasbourg, 1525-1538*. Thunder Bay: Pandora Press, 2023. 485 pp. (directing peer review, editing, typesetting, publication).

Volume 4. J. Lawrence Burkholder, *Mennonite Ethics: From Isolation to Engagement*. 2nd Edition. Ed. Lauren Friesen. Thunder Bay: Pandora Press, 2023. 550 pp. (editing new edition, typesetting, and publication).

Volume 5. Linda A. Huebert Hecht, *Women in Early Austrian Anabaptism: Their Days, Their Stories*. 2nd Edition. Thunder Bay: Pandora Press, 2023. 320 pp. (editing new edition, typesetting, publication).

Volume 6. *The Anabaptist Lodestar: Interpretations of Anabaptism on the Eve of a 500-Year Celebration*. Edited and Translated by Leonard Gross. forthcoming 2024 (editing, typesetting, and publication).

Volume 7. Astrid von Schlachta, *Anabaptists from the Reformation to the 21st Century*. Trans. Victor Thiessen. forthcoming 2024. 350 pp. (commissioning, editing translation, typesetting, publication).

Volume 8. Gottfried Seebaß, *Müntzer's Heir: The Work, Life, and Theology of Hans Hut*. Trans. Amalie Enns and Victor Thiessen. Forthcoming 2025. 550 pp. (commissioning, editing translation, typesetting, publication).

Edited Volumes

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.

- 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).

Non-Peer Reviewed Contributions

7. "Metaphysics of the Book," *Macrina Magazine*, 2023.
6. with Erin Cameron, Cynthia Larche, Charles Boelen, and Bob Woollard, "Leveraging Accreditation to Move Health Institutions toward Socially Accountability," *Social Innovations Journal* 21 (2023).
5. "Secular Mennonite Social Critique: Pluralism, Interdisciplinarity, and Mennonite Studies," in *Anabaptist Remix*. Ed. Lauren Friesen and Dennis Koehn (Basel: Peter Lang, 2022), 49-76.
4. "Factory Time," *Hamilton Arts and Letters* 14.1 (Spring 2021).
3. "Religious Studies and Internal Family Systems Therapy," *Implicit Religion* 23.3 (2020): 293-304.
2. "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.
1. "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).

Posts and Editions for *Anabaptist Historians*

<https://anabaptisthistorians.org/author/maxwellkennel/>

5. "Pandora Press in 2022" *Anabaptist Historians* (July 2022).
4. "A Grace Jantzen Bibliography (1977-2020)," *Anabaptist Historians* (May 2021).
3. 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).
2. 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).
1. "The Philosophical Legacy of Robert Friedmann" *Anabaptist Historians* blog (August 2020).

Public Work

"Challenging the notion that religion fosters violence," *The Conversation* (October 2017).
<https://theconversation.com/challenging-the-notion-that-religion-fosters-violence-85677>

Review Essays

- “Questioning Secularization, History, and Ethics,” on *Radical Secularization*. 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.

Book Reviews

Recent Reviews

- *Apocalyptic Theopolitics*, Elizabeth Phillips, *Conrad Grebel Review* (forthcoming 2024).
- *Reading Mennonite Writing: A Study in Minor Transnationalism*, Robert Zacharias. *Reading Religion*. December 2023.
- *Secular Non-Violence and the Theo-Drama of Peace*, Layton Friesen, *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 96 (December 2022): 606-608.
- *Hope in a Secular Age*, David Newheiser, *Literature & Theology* 36.1 (March 2022): 133-135.
- *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.

Reviews for the Journal of Mennonite Studies (University of Winnipeg)

- *Outlasting the Weather*, Patrick Friesen, *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 40.2 (2022): 228-230.
- *Recovering from the Anabaptist Vision*, *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 39 (2021): 247-249.
- *Architectonics of Hope*, Kyle Gingerich Hiebert, *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 36 (2018).

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 (2nd Ed.), *Symposium* 16.1 (2012): 270-272.
- *Acting Out*, Bernard Stiegler, *Symposium* 15.2 (2011): 248-251.

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).

Scholarly Presentations

- “What is Social Accountability? Philosophical and Critical Considerations” NOSM University Division of Human Sciences Seminar Series. January 18th 2024. 1 hour accredited CEPD Session.
- “Social Accountability, Health Care, and Religion: Social Bonds of Public Trust between Secularity and Religion.” American Academy of Religion: Bioethics Unit. San Antonio, Texas. November 2023.
- “Transgression and Accountability: Boundaries and Violence in Miriam Toews’ *Women Talking* and Jenny Hval’s *Girls Against God*.” American Academy of Religion: Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum. San Antonio, Texas. November 2023.
- “Social Accountability and Methodological Violence: Reframing Socially Accountable Research.” Northern Health Research Conference. Thunder Bay, Ontario. June 1st 2023.
- “Mennonite Literary Criticism and/as Secular Social Critique,” Mennonite/s Writing 2022: An International Conference. Goshen College. Delivered by proxy, September 30, 2022.
- “Anabaptism contra Philosophy: On Violence, Enmity, and Interdisciplinarity,” Anabaptism and Philosophy Roundtable lecture series no. 2. April 25th 2022.
- “Metaphysics of the Book” Theory Sessions lecture series. Western University. March 25th 2022.
- “Conspiracism and Critique: A Critical Theory and Political Theology of Conspiratorial Thinking” Colloquium Series. Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto. March 17th 2022.
- “Postsecular Entanglements” A response to an online launch symposium for my book *Postsecular History*, hosted by the Toronto Mennonite Theological Center. Toronto, Ontario. March 2nd 2022.
- “Violence, Religion, and Conspiratorial Thinking” American Academy of Religion. Religion and Popular Culture Unit. November 2021.
- “Posthumanism and Postsecular History,” Webinar Panel. Posthumanism Research Institute. Brock University. March 8, 2021.
- “Ontologies of Violence: Deconstruction, Pacifism, and Displacement,” Webinar Panel. Canadian Society for the Study of Religion. October 29, 2020.

- “Secular Mennonite Social Critique: Pluralism, Interdisciplinarity, and Mennonite Studies,” Scholar’s Forum, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre. Jan 8, 2020.
- “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,” 18th 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.
- “The Pharmakon of Technology: Bernard Stiegler’s *Technics and Time*” Society for Literature, Science, and the Arts. Kitchener, Ontario. September 23, 2011.

Public Presentations, Colloquia, and Invited Lectures

- “Power, Breath, and Violence,” A response to Maria José de Abreu’s *The Charismatic Gymnasium*. Connaught Initiative “Entangled Worlds” event. University of Toronto. February 28th 2022. [Invited]
- “Divine Conspiracies?” A series of presentations on the relationship between religion and conspiracy theories for: the Rainham Mennonite Church (September 19, 2021), the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Niagara (January 9, 2022), the Glenview Park Secondary School (Jan 12, 2022), the Torch Club of Niagara (May 18, 2022), and the Rockway Mennonite Church (May 22, 2022). [Invited]
- “Conspiracy Theories and Religion” A “Cathedral Chats” Interview with Dr. Robert Jones, III. Christ Church Cathedral. Hamilton, Ontario. December 8th 2021. [Invited]
- “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,” Coalition of Graduate Employee Unions Conference: Building Solidarity Across Movements. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto. August 17, 2019. [Session Chair]
- “A Peace Church in a Culture War? Secular, Philosophical, and Political Mennonite Social Critique,” Public lecture series. 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. Nov 24, 2018. [Board member and retreat Co-organizer]
- “Power, Silence, and Naming: A Response to Lydia Neufeld Harder’s Mennonite Feminist Theology,” 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]