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EDUCATION

PhD, Religious Studies, August 2018

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Dissertation: "Competing Christianities: Social Dynamics of Religious Change in the Upper South" Committee: Profs. Linell Cady, Joel Gereboff, and Gaymon Bennett

MA, summa cum laude, Religious Studies, May 2013

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

BA, summa cum laude, Religious Studies and History, May 2001

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Current	Associate Teaching Professor, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, Arizona State University
	Director, Sports @ Humanities Institute, Arizona State University
	Associate Teaching Professor, American Studies (Affiliate)
	Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University
2018-2023	Lecturer/Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, Arizona State University
2016-2018	Adjunct Faculty, Chandler Gilbert College
2015-2018	Adjunct Faculty, Western Kentucky University
2015-2018	Faculty Associate, Arizona State University
2014-2015	Research Assistant, Center for the Study of Religion & Conflict Arizona State University
2013-2014	Adjunct Instructor, Honor's College and Diversity & Community Studies, Western Kentucky University

2010-2013 Coordinator, Institute for Citizenship & Social Responsibility Western Kentucky University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Religion and Sport, Race and Religion, Religion and Popular Culture, American Christianities, Religious Trends in the United States, Exvangelicalism and Evangelicalism

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Shoemaker, Terry. Spiritual Resurgence: Cultural Transformations and the Spiritual but Not Religious. Fortress Press. Under Contract, 2026.

Shoemaker, Terry. Religion and Sports: The Basics. Routledge. 2024.

Terry Shoemaker, Rachel Schneider Vlachos, and Xochitl Alvizo. *The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion, Vol. 2: Curations and Durations, Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2022.*

Shoemaker, Terry. *The Prophetic Dimension of Sport*. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, 2018.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Shoemaker, Terry. "Typologies of Religious Approaches to Recreational Sport," *International Journal of Sport and Religion* 3.1 (2025): 27-47.

Shoemaker, Terry and Ciara Bernal. "Skateboarding and Embodied Subjective-Life Spirituality," *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, (2024).

Shoemaker, Terry. "Skateboarding and Pickleball as Spirituality? Methodologies and Considerations," *International Journal of Sport and Religion* 1:2 (2023).

Shoemaker, Terry. "Current Issues: Religion and Professional Football, A Conversation with Retired Football Players Matt Ware and Hamza Abdullah," *International Journal of Sport and Religion* 1:2 (2023).

Shoemaker, Terry. "Religion and Sport: Future Directions for the Field," *International Journal of Sport and Religion* 1:1 (2023).

Shoemaker, Terry. "World Religion and 'Fake News': A Pedagogical Response in an Age of Post-Truth," *Teaching Theology and Religion* 22 (2019), 280-290.

Shoemaker, Terry. "Deconversion, Sport, and Rehabilitative Hope," Religions 10 (2019), 1-13.

Shoemaker, Terry. "Escaping Our Shitty Reality: Counterpublics, *OITNB*, and Religion" *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 29:3 (2017), 218-230.

Shoemaker, Terry and Alexandria Griffin. "Religion, Counterprivates, Disabilities," *Critical Research on Religion*, November 5:3 (2017), 227-250.

Shoemaker, Terry and James Edmonds. "The Limits of Interfaith?: Interfaith Identities, Emerging Potentialities, and Exclusivity" *Culture and Religion* 17 (2016), 200-212.

Shoemaker, Terry. "The Mason Jar Mentality: Conservative Protestantism and Interfaith Cooperation in the American South," *Journal of Inter-Religious Studies* 15 (2014), 81-87.

Shoemaker, Terry and William Simpson. "Revisiting Sacred Metaphors: A Religious Studies Pedagogical Response to the Rise of the Nones," *Journal of Religion and Society* 16 (2014), 1-16.

Book Chapters

Shoemaker, Terry. "Sport, Religion, and Absence: The Subfield of Religion and Sport as an Explanatory Tool for the Moment," *Religion and Sports in North America*, Edited by Jeffrey Scholes and Randall Balmer. Routledge: 2023.

Shoemaker, Terry, Rachel Schneider Vlachos, and Xochitl Alvizo. "The Emerging Church Movement: Possible Futures and Trajectories," in *The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion, Vol. 2*, Edited by Terry Shoemaker, Rachel Schneider Vlachos, and Xochitl Alvizo. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2022.

Shoemaker, Terry. "Crafting Subversive Church: The Ecclesiological Life of Emerging Christians in the Upper South," in *The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion, Vol. 2,* Edited by Terry Shoemaker, Rachel Schneider Vlachos, and Xochitl Alvizo. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2022.

Shoemaker, Terry. "God, Guts, and Glory: An Investigation of Relational Support Mechanisms for War Veterans Provided by Religious Communities," in *Objective Religion II* edited by Byron R. Johnson. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2022.

Shoemaker, Terry. "Running the Prophetic Point: The NBA, Black Lives Matter and Prophetic Imagination," in *The Prophetic Dimension of Sport*, Edited by Terry Shoemaker, Springer International Publishing, 2018, 37-49.

Shoemaker, Terry. "Deconstructing Westphalia: The Emerging Church, Citizen Pilgrims, and Globalization," in *The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion, Vol. 1*, Edited by Randall Reed and Michael Zbaraschuk, Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2018, 66-83.

Bain-Selbo, Eric and Terry Shoemaker. "Southern Reconstructing: Sports and the Future of Religion in the American South" in *Sport and Religion in the Twenty-First Century* edited by Mary Lou Sheffer and Brad Schultz, Lexington Books, 2016, 133-152.

Public Work

"The French Baron Who Revived the Olympics Believed They Were More Than Sport – They Were a Religion of Perfection and Peace," with Dr. Jeff Scholes, *The Conversation*, August 2, 2024.

"Why the Olympic Games Are a 'Civil Religious' Ceremony with a Global Congregation," *The Conversation*, July 6, 2024.

"Gen Z Is Moving Away from Traditional Religion, but That Doesn't Mean They Aren't Spiritual," *KJZZ*, November 16, 2023.

"Where I Go: Praying to the Pickleball Gods," Zócalo Public Square, November 10, 2022.

"Skateboarding's Spiritual Side – Skaters Find Meaning in Falls and Breaking the Monotony of Urban Life," *The Conversation*, March 3, 2022.

"God Save the Capitol," Zócalo Public Square, January 5, 2022.

"Understanding Evangelicalism in America Today," The Conversation, August 4,

"Why Younger Evangelicals Are Leaving the Faith," The Conversation, July 15, 2021.

"White Gen X and Millennial Evangelicals are Losing Faith in the Conservative Culture Wars," *The Conversation*, June 22, 2021.

"Our Need For Sports During the Pandemic Is Far Deeper Than Just Entertainment," *Religion Dispatches*. May 6, 2020.

"A Journal of the Plague Year: An Archive of COVID-19," Religion Curator. Arizona State University, 2020.

The Podcast of the Plague Year – Curator and Host, 2020-2021.

"Why We Miss Sports," KJZZ Phoenix, AZ (Interview), April 2020.

"The Religious Mourning of 'Saint' Kobe Bryant Continues," *Religion Dispatches*. February 25, 2020.

"To Be Welcoming: Religion," (Religious Bias and Discrimination Training) Starbucks and Arizona State University Collaboration, 2019.

Book Reviews

Pitt, Richard N. Church Planters: Inside the World of Religion Entrepreneurs. New York: Oxford University Press, 2022. In Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 61(2), 2022.

Corrina Laughlin, *Redeem All. How Digital Life is Changing Evangelical Culture*, UC Press, 2021. In *California History*, 2023.

Gortner, David T. Varieties of Personal Theology: Charting the Beliefs and Values of American Young Adults. Surrey, England: Ashgate, 2013. In Reviews in Religion and Theology 21(2): 219-222.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2025 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

HST/REL 598 – Religion in the United States

REL 383/ASB 383 – Religion and Sport

REL 101 – Religion and Public Life

REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture

REL 593 – Applied Project

REL 493 – Honors Thesis Project

Spring 2025 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 383/ASB 383 – Religion and Sport

REL 101 – Religion and Public Life

REL 321 – Religion in America

Fall 2024 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture (2 Sections)

REL 101 – Religion and Public Life (2 Sections)

REL 321 – Religion in America

REL 493 – Honors Thesis Project

Summer 2024 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture

REL 101 – Religion and Public Life

Spring 2024 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 383/ASB 383 – Religion and Sport

REL 502 – The Study of Religion II (Graduate Course)

REL 101 – Religion and Public Life (2 Sections)

REL 394 – Spirituality in America

REL 493 – Honors Thesis

Fall 2023 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture (2 sections) REL 321 – Religion in America REL 101 – Religion and Public Life (2 Sections) Spring 2023 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture (2 sections) REL 383 – Religion and Sports REL 394 – Spirituality in America REL 101 – Religion and Public Life Fall 2022 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture REL 101 – Religion, Culture, Public Life REL 383 – Religion and Sports Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies Spring 2022 REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online] REL 101 – Religion, Culture, Public Life [Online] REL 383 – Religion and Sports [Online] REL 394 – Spirituality in America REL 499 – Individualized Instruction – Topic: White Christian Nationalism Fall 2021 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online] REL 101 – Religion, Culture, Public Life [Online] REL 383 – Religion and Sports [Online] Summer 2021 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online] Spring 2021 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies REL 101 – Religion, Culture, and Public Life [Online] REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online] REL 321 – Religion in America [Online] REL 383/ABS 383 – Religion and Sports [Online] REL 690 – Graduate Independent Study Topic: Religion & Pop Culture Theory Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies Fall 2020 REL 101 – Religion, Culture, and Public Life [Online] REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online] Summer 2020 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies REL 101 – Religion, Culture, and Public Life [Online] REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online]

Spring 2020 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 321 – Religion in America [Online]

REL 321 – Religion in America

REL 101 – Religion, Culture, and Public Life [Online]

Fall 2019 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 307 – Religion: Theory and Practice

REL 394 – Special Topics Seminar: Bible Belt Religion

REL 321 – Religion in America [Online]

REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online]

Summer 2019 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 321 – Religion in America [Online]

REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online]

REL 100 – Religions of the World [Online]

Spring 2019 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 321 - Religion in America

REL 202 – Religion and Popular Culture [Online]

REL 107/SGS 107 – Religion and Globalization

REL 201 – Religion and the Modern World

Fall 2018 Arizona State University, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies

REL 321 - Religion in America

REL 321 - Religion in America [Online]

REL 100 - Religion, Culture, and Public Life

REL 202 - Religion and Popular Culture [Online]

INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2024 "Are Sport Really the New Religion?: Some Considerations," Sport and Religion Research Alliance, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 2023 "Public Facing Scholarship," Graduate Society for Public Access to the Humanities, Arizona State University and University of California, Irvine, April, Tempe, Arizona.
- 2022 "The Future of Religion," Rice University Center for Religion and Public Life, December, Houston, Texas
- 2021 "Expanding the Voices," Inclusive Teaching Strategy Series, February, Arizona State University
- 2019 "Running the Prophetic Point: Sports and Prophetic Activity in America," Western Kentucky University, October, Bowling Green, Kentucky

PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 "Football Brotherhood: The College Football Kinship," with Professor Tracy Canada and retired NFL Player Hamza Abdullah, moderated by Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University.
- 2024 "Engaging Spirituality: A Conversation on Methods and Stakes," American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. Panel.
 - "Religion and Sport Fandom," American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. Panel Moderator.
 - "Religious Protections and Politics in a Secular America," Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. Moderator and Organizer.
 - "The Sport and Religion Connection: A Conversation Between Scholars," ASU Sport @ Humanities Institute Event with Professors Randall Balmer, Tracy Fessenden and Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
 - "The Online Dialogue Opportunity," ASU Accessibility Awareness Day, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
 - "Exploring the Future of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Higher Education," Conference on Higher Education, Values, Identity, Belonging, and Purpose, University of Missouri-Kansas City with Dr. Vivienne Felix.
- 2023 "Religious Interventions: Religion and Power Dynamics in the Bible Belt," British Sociological Association, Bristol University, Bristol, UK, July, paper.
 - "Sports as Spiritual Practice? Debating the Usefulness of 'Spiritual' in Studies on Sport," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November, paper.
- 2022 "Virtual Mentoring Conference," Society for the Future of Higher Education, February, virtual moderator and organizer.
 - "Religion and Sport Under Duress," American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November, Moderator
- 2021 "Skateboarding, Violence, Spirituality," American Academy of Religion, November, San Antonio, TX
 - "Back to the Future: Public Demonstrations of Possessive Whiteness and the 6th of January," British Association for American Studies, April, Virtual
- 2020 "Gallery of Wicked Provocations," (presider), Society for Values in Higher Education, Virtual, July

- "Religion and Popular Culture Bootlegging Religion," (response) Arizona State University Graduate Association of Religious Studies Symposium, April, Tempe, AZ
- 2019 "The Emerging Church Movement: Possible Futures and Trajectories," (paper) American Academy of Religion, November, San Diego, CA
 - "What We Talk About When We Talk About War: The Humanities and the Moral Costs of Conflict," (panel) School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
 - "Orange is the New Black, Religion and Rehabilitation: The Continued Utility of Religion in American Popular Culture," Religion in American Life Symposium, July, University of East Anglia, Norwich, England
 - "Critiques of Higher Education," (response) Society for Values in Higher Education, July, Chicago, IL
 - "Liberal Arts and the World of Work," (presider) Society for Values in Higher Education, July, Chicago, IL
 - "Political and Religious Rehabituation: Emerging Christianities, Complicity and Resistance," (paper) Western Region American Academy of Religion, March, Tempe, AZ
- 2018 "Authors Meet Critics: Millennials, *The Emerging Church and Religion, Vol. 1: Problems and Prospects* (Wipf and Stock, 2018)" (panel) American Academy of Religion, November, Denver, CO
 - "'God Armour' and Meaning Making," (paper) ASU Graduate Student Symposium Arizona State University, April, Tempe, AZ
- 2017 "Crafting Subversive Church: The Ecclesiological Lives of Post-Culture War Christians in the Upper South," (paper) American Academy of Religion, November, Boston, MA
 - "Sports and Popular Culture" (panel) Arizona State University, November, Tempe AZ
 - "The Micropolitics of Progressive Christians in the Upper South," (paper) Arizona State University Graduate Association of Religious Studies Symposium, April, Tempe, AZ
 - "Sport as Religious Pulpit: Basketball, Black Lives Matter, and Prophetic Imagination" (paper) International Association of Communication and Sport, April, Phoenix, AZ
 - "An Epistemology of Church Through Craft," (presentation) Arizona State University Religious Studies Forum, March, Tempe, AZ
- 2016 "The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion," (respondent) American Academy of

- Religion, November, San Antonio, TX
- "Orange is the New Alternative Religion: Religion as Resistance," (paper) Graduate Student Symposium Arizona State University, February, Tempe, AZ
- 2015 "Deconstructing Westphalia: The Emerging Church and Falkian 'Citizen Pilgrims,'" (paper) American Academy of Religion, November, Atlanta, GA
 - "Southern Reconstructing: Sport and the Future of the American South," (paper) The Spirit Of Sports Conference, Baylor University, November, Waco, TX
 - "Faculty Perspectives: On the Ground in Higher Education," (paper) Society for Values in Higher Education Annual Meeting, July, Bowling Green, KY
 - "Resurrecting Noah: Analyzing the Ark Encounter Construction as Normative *Communitas*" (paper) Western Region American Academy of Religion, March, Santa Clara, CA
- 2014 Critical Research on Religion panel, Theme: "Is the Emergent/ing Church Important?" (presiding) American Academy of Religion, November, San Diego, CA
 - "Revisiting Sacred Metaphors: A Religious Studies Pedagogical Response to the Rise of the Nones" (paper) Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion, March, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 "Star Spangled Saints: Ritual Practices that Legitimate War and Violence in the American Church" (paper) American Academy of Religion, November, Baltimore, MD
 - "The Civic Relevance of Interfaith Collaboration" (panel) AASC&U American Democracy Project, June, Denver, CO
 - "God, Guts, & Glory: An Investigation of Relational Support Mechanisms for War Veterans Provided by Faith Communities" (paper) Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion, March, Greenville, SC
- 2012 "Organizing Religion: The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Civic Work" (panel) AASC&U American Democracy Project, June, San Antonio, TX

GRANTS

- 2019 Mary Jo Small Fellowship, Society for the Future of Higher Education
- 2018 Arizona State University Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict Friends of the Center Summer Research Grant
 - Arizona State University CLAS Doctoral Fellowship for First Generation Graduate Students

- 2017 Dissertation Research Grant, Arizona State University School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies
- 2016 Arizona State University Graduate Education Student Support Services Travel Award

Arizona State University Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict – Friends of the Center Summer Research Grant

2015 Arizona State University Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict Faculty Seminar Grant "Religion, Sport, Violence."

Mary Jo Small Fellowship, Society for Values in Higher Education

Research Block Grant, Arizona State University School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies

- 2014 Arizona State University Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grant
- Western Kentucky University Community Partnership Incentive Award RecipientFair Trade University Intern Grant Recipient
- 2011 Western Kentucky University Community Partnership Incentive Award Recipient

ACADEMIC SERVICE

National

Co-editor – International Journal of Sport and Religion – Catholic University of America Press

American Academy of Religion

- Steering Committee Member Research Track The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion (2015-2020)
- Steering Committee Member Unit Religion, Sport and Play Unit (2017-Present)

Public - A Journal of Imagining America, Peer Reviewer (2015-2016) Journal of Contemporary Ethnography – Peer Reviewer (2016-2017) Soundings – Peer Reviewer (2016-Present) Religions – Peer Reviewer (2019-Present)

Arizona State University

- Co-Director Sports @ Humanities Institute
- ASU College Senate Representative 2023-25

- Career Track Faculty Search Committee
- Graduate Student Association Professional Consultant
- Sport, Society, and the Human Experience undergraduate/graduate degree development program 2022-Present
- Spirituality and Public Life Project with Center for the Study of Religion & Conflict 2022-Present
- Religion and Professional Life Graduate Certificate Development Committee 2022
- Learning Enterprise REL 101 Course Development Lead 2021-22
- Dissertation Committee Member Heather Wetherholt
- Honors Thesis Committees Member
- Faculty Forum Planning Committee 2021/2022/2023
- Journal of the Plague Year religion curator
- Podcast of the Plague Year creator, curator, and host
- Committee for Undergraduate Education 2019/20
- ASU/Starbucks Anti-Bias Training Development Team 2019/20
- Lead Planner/Organizer Graduate Symposium on Religion (Theme "Intersections and Resistances") April 6 and 7, 2017
- Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Certification Modules Spring 2017
- Provost Teaching Improvement Team (2016-2017)
- Graduate Association of Religious Studies President (2016-2017)
- Graduate and Professional Student Association Travel Grant Reviewer (2014-2017)
- Graduate and Professional Student Association Research Grant Reviewer (2014-Present)
- Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict Faculty Seminar Co-Coordinator (2015-2016)

Society for the Future of Higher Education:

- Vice-President 2020-23, 2024-Present, President-Elect 2025
- Program Committee Lead
- Virtual Mentoring Conference Co-Organizer and Moderator
- Mary Jo Small Fellows Program Organizer and Coordinator

Western Kentucky University:

- Diversity & Community Studies Curriculum Committee, Spring 2014
- Faculty Search Committee: Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Fall 2013/Spring 2014
- Chair Staff Search Committee: Program Support Specialist, Summer 2013
- Faculty Search Committee: Director of the Institute for Citizenship & Social Responsibility, May 2013
- Kentucky Engagement Conference Sessions Selection Committee Chair, Summer 2012
- WKU Fair Trade Steering Committee, 2010-2014
- Community Partnership Incentive Awards Committee, 2010-2014
- Faculty Search Committee: Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, August 2010

REFERENCES

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