

Matthew Bowman

Positions

Associate Professor of History, Henderson State University, 2015

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Visiting Assistant Professor, Bowling Green State University, 2014–2015

Visiting Assistant Professor, Hampden–Sydney College, 2011–2014

Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellow, 2010–2011

Royden B. Davis Teaching Fellow, Georgetown University, 2008–2009

Education

Ph.D, American history, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 2011

Dissertation: “The Urban Pulpit: Evangelicals and the city in New York, 1880–1930”

Adviser: Michael Kazin

Major Field: US history

Minor Fields: Atlantic history, history of religion

MA with honors, history, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2004

BA, history, English, political science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2002

Teaching

Courses Taught

Surveys

US History I&II

World History I&II

Introduction to the Study of Religion

World Religions

Upper Division Courses—US History

Public History

The Emergence of Modern America, 1865-1890

The Rise of American Diversity, 1890–1945

The Age of Social Movements, 1945–1990

Immigrant America
The African American Religious Experience
Religion in American History and Life
The Paranormal in American Culture
Mormonism and the American Experience
The American Civil War

Upper Division Courses—Non-US History
Religious Diversity in the Atlantic World, 1500-1800
Witchcraft and Persecution in the Atlantic World, 1500–2012
European Reformations
Islam in the United States

Graduate
Readings in African American History
Readings in American Religion
Historiography of the United States
Research Seminar

Teaching Awards

2017 Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching, Ellis College of Arts and Sciences, Henderson State University

James Ruedy Award for Outstanding Teaching in a Survey Course, Georgetown University, 2010

Royden Davis Teaching Fellowship, Georgetown University, 2008–2009

Certificate, Apprenticeship in Teaching Program, Center for New Design in Learning and Scholarship, Georgetown University, 2008

Research and Scholarship

Books

Christian: The Politics of a Word in America, Harvard University Press, 2018

The Urban Pulpit: New York City and the Fate of Liberal Evangelicalism, Oxford University Press, 2014

The Mormon People: The Making of an American Faith, Random House, 2012

Edited Collection

Women and Mormonism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, edited collection

with Kate Holbrook, University of Utah Press, 2016

Peer Reviewed Articles

- “Liberty and Order: the Mormon Struggle with American Capitalism,” in John Corrigan, Amanda Porterfield, and Darren Grem, eds., *The Business Turn in American Religious History*, 2017
- “A Vast Infiltration: Mormonism and the FBI,” in Sylvester Johnson and Steven Weitzman, eds., *The FBI And Religion: Faith and National Security Before and after 9/11*, University of California Press, 2017
- ““The Best Social Practice:” Mormon Women and the Professionalization of Social Reform in America, 1910–1930,” in Matthew Bowman and Kate Holbrook, eds., *LDS Women in Historic And Contemporary Perspectives*, University of Utah Press, 2016
- “The Countercult Movement and Mormon Conservatism,” in John Turner and Patrick Q. Mason, eds., *Mormonism in America Since 1945*, Oxford University Press, 2016
- “Zion: The Progressive Roots of Mormon Correlation,” in Patrick Q. Mason, ed., *New Directions in Mormon Studies*, University of Utah Press, 2016
- “Eternal Progression: Mormonism and American Progressivism,” in Jana Reiss and Randall Balmer, eds., *Mormonism and American Politics since 1945*, Columbia University Press, 2015
- “Toward a Catholic History of Mormonism,” *Journal of Mormon History* 50:1 (January 2015), 198–217
- “Antirevivalism and its Discontents: Liberal Evangelicalism, the American City, and The Sunday School, 1900–1929,” in *Religion and American Culture* 23:2 (Summer 2013), 262–291
- “Matthew Philip Gill, Joseph Smith, and the Dynamics of Mormon Schism,” *Nova Religio* 14:3 (February 2011), 42–63
- “The Reverend Buck’s Theological Dictionary and the creation of evangelical identity, 1802–1851,” *Journal of the Early Republic*. 29:3 (Fall 2009), 441–475. With Samuel Brown.
- “Persecution, Prophecy, and the Fundamentalist Reconstruction of Germany, 1933–1940,” in Maria Mazzenga, ed., *American Religious Responses to Kristallnacht* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2009), 183–205
- “A Mormon Bigfoot: David Patten’s Cain and Conceptions of Evil in LDS Folklore,” *Journal of*

Mormon History 33:3 (Fall 2007), 62–82

“Sin, Spirituality, and Primitivism: the theologies of the American social gospel, 1885–1917,”
Journal of Religion and American Culture 17:1 (Winter 2007), 95–126

Reviews In

Church History: studies in Christianity and Culture

Common–place

Fides et Historia: The journal of the conference on faith and history

Journal of American Studies

Journal of Mormon History

Mormon Historical Studies

New York History

Nova Religio

Religious Studies Review

Women’s History Review

Academic Honors and Awards

2018 Faculty Excellence Award for Research, Ellis College of Arts and Sciences, Henderson State University

Best Article of the Year, for “Toward a Catholic History of Mormonism,” *Journal of Mormon History* 50:1 (January 2015), 198–217, Mormon History Association, 2016

Best Theological Article, for “Matthew Philip Gill and the Dynamics of Mormon Schism,” *Nova Religio* 14:3 (February 2011), John Whitmer Historical Society, September 2012

Bernard Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellowship, The New–York Historical Society, 2011–2012
(declined)

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2010–2011

Juanita Brooks Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Mormon History Association, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

J. Talmage Jones Award of Excellence in an Article, for “The Crisis of Mormon Christology: history, progress, and Protestantism,” *Fides Et Historia*.40:2 (Fall 2008),, Mormon History Association, May 2009

Research Fellow, Gilder–Lehrman Institute for American History, New York City, spring 2008

Presentations

Scholarly Conferences

- “Robert Bellah and the Cults: Citizenship and Religion in an Age of Exhaustion,” Society for US Intellectual History Annual Meeting, October 2017
- “The Corruption of Martin Luther; Christianity and the First World War at Two American Universities,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, January 2017
- “Race and Christianity at Howard University 1910–1925,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, January 2016
- “Christian Civilization at Two American Universities, 1915–1930,” Society for US Intellectual History Annual Meeting, October 2015
- “Purity and Danger: Mormons in the FBI,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2014
- “Evangelicals and the Progressive Movement: Embodying Scripture in a Reforming Age,” American Society of Church History, January 2014
- “Uneasy Enemies: The Evangelical Countercult Movement and Mormonism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2013
- “The Word on the Street: Embodiment and the Bible in Social Reform in Gilded Age New York,” American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, April 2013
- “Tony Kushner, *South Park*, and Mormonism in America,” Southern Modern Language Association, November 2012
- “Made Over . . . For its Conquest and Occupancy:” New York City as Evangelical Battlefield, 1880–1900,” Society for Military History Annual Meeting, May 2012
- “Evangelicalism and Pluralism in the Union School of Religion, or, the Passion of George Albert Coe, 1909–1928,” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, April 2012
- “A Progressive Apostasy: James Talmage, BH Roberts, and Protestant Apostasy Narratives in Nineteenth Century America,” at Conceptions of Apostasy, a conference at Brigham Young University, March 2012
- “The Revised Version: translations of the Word in 1880s New York,” The King James Bible and the World It Made: a conference at Baylor University Institutes for the Study of Religion, April 2011

“Converting the city: creating evangelical space in New York, 1880–1900,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2010

“Raising buildings, raising congregations: church houses in Gilded Age New York City,” American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, April 2009

“The Corruption of Martin Luther: American Fundamentalism and the Problem of Nazism,” American Academy of Religion, March 2008

“Americanism and the Image of Judaism in the American Response to the Holocaust,” United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, August 2007

Invited Talks

“Reform and the Meanings of History in Catholicism and Mormonism,” Mormonism in the Academy: A Conference in Honor of Richard Bushman,” June 2016

“The Second Vatican Council and Mormon Correlation: Restorationism and the Pure Church,” Catholics and Mormons: A New Dialogue: A Conference at Notre Dame University, December 2013

“Mormonism and the Public Square,” Seattle University Forum on Religion in Public Life, November 2012

“Eternal Progression: Mormonism and American Progressivism,” Mormonism and American Politics, a conference at Columbia University, February 2012

“Mormonism and Christianity in the Age of Mitt Romney,” Rutgers University Forum on Religious Pluralism, October 2012

“Eternal Progression: Mormonism and American Progressivism,” The Forum at Southern Virginia University, February 2012

Popular Writing and Media Appearances

Christian Century

The New Republic

Religion and Politics

Religion Dispatches

Slate

Time

The Washington Post

MSNBC

NPR's On Point
NPR's RadioWest

Service

Campus Service

Chair, Student Academic Travel Committee, Henderson State University
Ellis College Student Awards Committee, Henderson State University
Social Sciences Curriculum Committee, Henderson State University
Undergraduate Committee, Bowling Green State University
Member, Men's Studies Program, Hampden Sydney College
Committee, Charles McRae Program on Vocation and Society, Hampden Sydney College

Publication Service

Board of Editors, *Journal of Mormon History*, 2011 – 2017
Associate Editor, *Dialogue: a journal of Mormon thought*, 2009 – 2014

Conference Service

Steering Committee, American Society of Church History, 2017 – present
Program Co-Chair, Mormon History Association 2013 Annual Meeting
Organizer, *Perspectives on Women and the LDS Church*, a conference at the University of Utah, August 2012
Organizer, *At the Crossroads Again: Mormon and Methodist Encounters in the Nineteenth and Twenty-First Centuries*, a conference at Wesley Theological Seminary, February 2012

Other Experience

Seminars

Invited Participant, "Roundtable on Religion and Philanthropy in America," Center for the Study Of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, May 2018

Invited participant, "Case Studies in the History of Worship," Calvin College Summer Seminars in Christian Scholarship, July 2010

Invited participant, Seminar on Religious Responses to Reichskristallnacht in the United States, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, US Holocaust Museum, summer 2007

Summer Fellow, Maxwell Institute for Religious Studies, Brigham Young University, summer 2007

Membership

American Historical Association
American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History

Conference on Faith and History
Mormon History Association