

# LAUREN A. TASSONE

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## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

*Ph.D. Student, Religion*

August 2024 - Present

Subfield: North American Religions

**Harvard Divinity School**, Cambridge, MA

*Master of Theological Studies*

May 2024

Concentration: Religion, Ethics, and Politics

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI

*Bachelor of Arts, cum laude*

May 2017

Majors: Cognitive Science and Organizational Studies (Honors)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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**James B. Angell Scholar**, University of Michigan

2016, 2017

For students achieving an “A” record for two or more consecutive terms

**University of Michigan University Honors**

2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

**Organizational Studies Department Thesis Grant**, University of Michigan

2016

**Stephen T. Lutz Honors Thesis Grant**, University of Michigan Honors Program

2016

**University of Michigan Sophomore Honors Award**, Honors Program

2015

For outstanding student achievement and engagement within the Honors Program

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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**Resident Tutor**, Harvard College Winthrop House

July 2024 - present

- Committees: Humanities, Interfaith/Multiculturalism, CARE/SHARE, Community Night

**Non-Resident Tutor**, Harvard College Winthrop House

August 2023 - July 2024

- Committees: Religious Studies, Interfaith/Multiculturalism, Arts/Music

**Teaching Fellow**, Harvard College

Fall 2023

- Course: Pluralism: Case Studies in American Diversity

- Instructor: Professor Diana Eck

- Completed training modules through The Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Michigan Ross School of Business

Spring 2016, 2017

- Courses: Foundations in Positive Organizational Scholarship, Action Learning in Positive Organizational Scholarship

**Resident Advisor**, University of Michigan Honors Program

January 2015 - May 2017

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**The Revolutionary Love Project with Valarie Kaur**

May 2023 - present

Graduate Scholar, Program and Curriculum Design

- Analyze qualitative listening tour data; write case studies showcasing participant stories

**Harvard Divinity School, Office of Religion and Public Life**

September 2022 - May 2023

Online Training and Education Assistant

- Researched and designed religious literacy curriculum for audiences from a variety of professions engaging in online education opportunities through Religion and Public Life

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**Undergraduate Honors Thesis** April 2016 - May 2017

*Dogmatism and Religion: When the Need to be Right Impedes Helping*

- Directed original research, wrote thesis under guidance of Professor Stephen Garcia
- Readers: Professors Stephen Garcia (Advisor), Joshua Rabinowitz, and Mark Mizruchi

**University of Michigan, Research and Sponsored Projects** April 2015 - May 2016

Research Assistant to Julia Lee, then-Harvard Postdoctoral Fellow (now U of M Ross Professor)

- Developed research questions; assisted in survey methodology; wrote research proposals
- Coded and interpreted qualitative data for Harvard publication *Commuting with a Plan*

Research Assistant to Haoyang Yan, then-2nd Year Doctoral Student in Psychology

- Conceptualized surveys; drafted Nudge Theory research proposals; proctored studies

## INVITED LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS, AND PRESENTATIONS

**“New Media, New Narratives, New Nuns”** April 2024

Harvard Divinity School Stendahl Symposium, Cambridge, MA

**“#MediaNuns and the Millennial American Catholic Sister”** March 2024

The Boisi Center for Religion & American Public Life, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

*Conference: Digital Humanity?: Artificial Intelligence, Spirituality, Art of Human Connection*

**“Bridges Across Humanity: A Book Discussion with Akhil Gupta”** November 2023

Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

**“From *Inter Mirifica* to Instagram: Roman Catholic Sisters on Social Media”** July 2023

The Lay Centre, Rome, Italy

**“Dogmatism and Religion” Undergraduate Honors Thesis Defense** April 2017

University of Michigan Organizational Studies Department, Ann Arbor, MI

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Braven**, New York, NY June 2020 - August 2022

Learning & Development Manager

- Designed curriculum and facilitated 25+ virtual learning sessions for 90 staff and interns

**St. Mary Student Parish**, Ann Arbor, MI May 2016 - July 2017

Interfaith Intern

- Chaired the U of M Bicentennial Interfaith Conference, hosting over 150 participants

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**World Faith** January 2020 - present

Vice President, Board of Directors

**Harvard Divinity School Faculty Search Committee** October 2023 - May 2024

Graduate Student Liaison, Charles Chauncey Stillman Professorship Faculty Search Committee

**Harvard Divinity School, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life** May 2023 - May 2024

Noon Service Steering Committee Member

**Harvard Divinity School, Office of Student Life** May 2023 - May 2024

Student Group Leader for Harvard Divinity School Catholic Renewal

## LANGUAGES

**English:** native | **Spanish:** reading knowledge