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EDUCATION

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)

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLE

“Veiling and Unveiling: The life and art of Corita Kent.” *America Magazine*, November 2025.

INTERVIEW (on my work)

“Harvard PhD Candidate Lauren Tassone Dives into How Media Portrays Women in Catholicism.” Harvard Divinity School Dean’s Report, 2024.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Loeb Religious Freedom Summer Term Fellowship, Harvard University 2025
To support research in the University of Notre Dame’s Hesburgh Library Archives

“Best Paper” Award, Boston College Boisi Center Annual Conference 2025

James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan 2016, 2017

University Honors, University of Michigan 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

UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

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

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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

The Revolutionary Love Project with Valarie Kaur

May 2023 - August 2024

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

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

April 2016 - May 2017

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

- 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 Cunningham

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

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

An Analysis of “Catholic Feminism”

November 2025

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

“The Algorithm and the Archive: Social Media as History...”

June 2025

Conference on the History of Women Religious, The University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

“Unveiling Political Resilience: The Life and Serigraphy of Corita Kent”

April 2025

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

“Pro-choice Nuns? The Diverse Public Voice...”

January 2025

American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY

“Do Nuns Just Want to Have Fun? #MediaNuns...”

November 2024

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

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“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

“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

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

American Academy of Religion beginning January 2026
Graduate Student Member, Graduate Student Committee

Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion August 2024 - present
Graduate Student Representative, Doctoral Subcommittee

World Faith January 2020 - present
Vice President, Board of Directors, 2020-2024 | Advisory Board Member, 2025

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 | **Latin:** reading knowledge