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Curriculum Vitae
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Discipline of Anthropology
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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2025- Lecturer in Anthropology (Education Focused)
 University of Sydney
- 2020-2024 Junior Research Fellow in Social Anthropology
 Trinity College, University of Cambridge
- 2019-2020 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, UC San Diego

EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D.
 Dept. of Anthropology, Sociocultural Track.
 University of California, San Diego.
 Dissertation Title: *Sin and Sovereignty: Relations of Moral
 Responsibility and Human Freedom among Urban Baptists in
 Zimbabwe*
- 2011 M.A., Anthropology
 University of California, San Diego
- 2008 B.A. Anthropology, *magna cum laude*
 Wheaton College, IL

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2023 "Responsibility without Choice: Harare's Baptist Christians and Normative
 Freedom amidst Uncertainty." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
 91(2), June 2023: 326-345.
 <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfad066>
- 2022 "Spacetimes of Sociality, Neighbourhood Others and the
 Immoralities of Self-Protection among Middle-Class Baptists in
 Harare, Zimbabwe." in "Negative Ethics," ed. Corinna
 Howland and Tom Powell Davies, special issue, *L'Homme*
 (July/Dec 2022) 243-244: 31-60.
 <https://doi.org/10.4000/lhomme.43776>
- 2021 "Marrying in a Single Moment: Zimbabwean Baptist Ethics and the
 Management of Kin Relations" *Africa* 91(5): 893-912.
 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0001972021000632>

- 2021 "Sin and Sovereignty in the Lives of Urban Baptists in Zimbabwe." *Ethnos*
[online 2019] 86(3): 408-425.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2019.1640263>

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming* "What is a Christian citizen? Learning about the possibilities of political action from apolitical actors" in *Ecumenical Christianity and Politics in Zimbabwe 1980-2023*. David Maxwell, David Kaulemu and Munetsi Ruzivo, eds, 137-151. Harare: Catholic University of Zimbabwe
- 2024 "Divine Control Read Backwards: How Zimbabwe's New Calvinists Narrate God's Plans." In *Christian Temporalities: Living Between the Already Fulfilled and the Not Yet Completed* Anna-Karina Hermkens, Matt Tomlinson, and Simon Coleman, eds, 93-113. Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan
- 2017 Joel Robbins and **Leanne Williams Green**. "In What Does Failure Succeed? Conceptions of Sin and the Role of Human Moral Vulnerability in Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity," In *Straying from the Straight Path: How Senses of Failure Invigorate Lived Religion*, edited by Daan Beekers and David Kloos, 21-36. New York: Berghahn.

Book Reviews

- 2022 Review of *Every-day Crisis Living in Contemporary Zimbabwe*. Edited by Kirk Helliker, Sandra Bhatasara and Manase Kudzai Chiweshe. African Studies Review. doi:10.1017/asr.2022.74
- 2019 Review of *A Diagram for Fire: Miracles and variation in an American charismatic movement*. By Jon Bialecki. Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion.
- 2018 Review of *On Knowing Humanity: Insights from theology for anthropology*. London and New York: Routledge. Edited by Eloise Meneses and David Bronkema. Anthrocybib: The Anthropology of Christianity Bibliography Blog.

Film Reviews

- 2024 "'Machanic Manyeruke: The Life of Zimbabwe's Gospel Music Legend' Ault, James dir. *Journal of Religion in Africa* 1.aop (2024): 1-3.
- 2024 William Jones, Joel Robbins, Rupert Stasch, **Leanne Williams Green**. "On Behalf of the Living" Otto, ton, Christian Suhr and Gary Kildea (eds). *JRAI* (N.S.) 30, 1152-1166.

Manuscripts Under Review

- 2023 "Kultur- und Sozialanthropologie". Handbuch Interkulturell Theologie. "Cultural and Social Anthropology/Anthropology of Christianity". with Julian Sommerschuh. Handbook of Intercultural Theology. ed. Franz Gmainer-Pranzl, Judith Gruber, Andreas Heuser, Klaus Hock, Claudia Jahnel und Anja Middelbeck-Varwick. Springer

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2023 Fellow, Center for Theologically Engaged Anthropology
University of Georgia
- 2018 George G. Haydu Prize for the Study of Culture, Behavior, and
Human Values. Department of Anthropology, UC San Diego. \$4,000.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Martin Rees Conference Series Fund Grant. £3,913
- 2018 Visiting PhD Studentship. Department of Social Anthropology,
University of Cambridge, UK. Jan-March.
- 2014 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant. \$19,951
- 2012-2014 Competitive research funding from various UC San Diego sources. \$5590

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 *Baptist Freedoms and human sinfulness: Accounts of responsibility in postcolonial Harare*
Research Seminar. Centre for Religion and Public Life.
University of Leeds.
Leeds, UK. 2. Nov.
- 2023 *Reasonable suffering: Baptist account of sin and responsibility in postcolonial Harare*
Research Seminar. Center for the Study of World Christianity.
School of Divinity. University of Edinburgh.
Edinburgh, UK, 17 Oct.
- 2023 *Urban Baptists and the challenges of moral life in Harare.*
Research Seminar. Department of Religion, Philosophy and Ethics.
University of Zimbabwe. Harare, Zimbabwe. 29 Sept.
- 2023 *When to blame sin: Zimbabwe's middle-class Baptists debate their responsibilities.*
Bar Theology, Westcott House Theological College. Cambridge, UK. Feb. 1.
- 2022 *'Independent but not free': Baptist accounts of freedom in post-colonial Harare*
Christianity and Change in the Global South Seminar.
University of Cambridge, UK. March 4.
- 2021 *Responsibility without Choice: Harare's Baptist Christians and Normative Freedom amidst Uncertainty.*
Department Seminar
Department of Anthropology
Brigham Young University, September 29.
- 2021 *The Primacy of Moral Responsibility: Baptist Christians and Alternative Views of Freedom in a Zimbabwean City.*
Senior Seminar
Department of Social Anthropology
University of Cambridge, UK. April 30.

- 2018 *Urban Baptists and the ritual force of wedding ceremonies in Harare, Zimbabwe.* Anthropology of Africa Seminar
London School of Economics, UK, March 13.
- 2018 *Human responsibility and Original Sin: Moral freedom in the lives of urban Baptists in Zimbabwe.*
Anthropology of Christianity Working Group
University of Edinburgh, UK. February 22.
- 2018 *Human Responsibility and divine action: How sin and sovereignty shape the moral lives of urban Baptists in Zimbabwe.*
Cambridge University Social Anthropology Society (CUSAS)
Department of Social Anthropology
University of Cambridge, UK. February 8.

INVITED RESPONDENT

- 2023 Respondent to Timothy Jenkin's paper. *First Contact: Communication and its limits.* Inter-Religious Relations Seminar. Faculty of Divinity. University of Cambridge. Feb. 28.
- 2022 Respondent to Richard Madsen's paper. *Inequality, culture war, and imperiled common good: America and China.* Ethics and Social Change: Economy, Religion and Moral Transformation hosted by the Max-Cam Institute. Cambridge. 8 September.
- 2022 Invited Respondent to Keynote Speaker Karen Lauterbach. GloPent Conference, European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism. "Pentecostalism and Socio-cultural Change"
University of Cambridge, UK. April 2.
- 2021 Respondent to Naomi Richman's Paper "*Deviance and Desire: Representations of Sexuality and Evil in the Nigerian Deliverance Churches*"
Centre for the Study of World Christianity, University of Edinburgh.
23 March.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences Organised

- 2024 *Freedom in Comparative Anthropological Perspective.*
Co-organised with Meredith McLaughlin and Ori Mautner
Trinity College, University of Cambridge. Cambridge, UK
June 12
- 2022 Unbind: Reimagining the Academic Monograph
(<https://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/unbind>)
Cambridge Digital Humanities and Centre for Research in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CRASSH), Cambridge. 10 June.
- 2021 Opening Lines Writing Symposium for Early Career Researchers.
Selwyn College. University of Cambridge. 11-12 December.
- 2012 Assistant Organizer. Comparative Christianities Conference.
UC San Diego. April 28.

Panels Organised

- 2024 Ingie Hovland and **Leanne Williams Green**. *Back to Spacetime: How does it change our understanding of religion?*. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association
Tampa, FL. Nov. 20
- 2023 **Leanne Williams Green** and Jordan Haug. *Revisiting Class in Religious Life: Tool of Oppression, Pathos of the Lumpenproletariat, or Something Else?*
Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association.
Toronto, Canada. Nov. 17
- 2021 **Leanne Williams Green** and Naomi Richman. *Morality and Gender Politics in African Christianities*. Society for the Anthropology of Religion. May 16.
- 2018 **Leanne Williams Green** and Julian Sommerschuh. *The ethics of two sovereigns: Christians between God and the State*.
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Jose, CA.
November 14-18.

Selection of Papers Presented

- 2024 "Punctuality in Place: The Aesthetics of Orderly Worship in Urban Zimbabwe" Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association
Tampa, FL. Nov. 20
- 2024 *A Motivated Anthropology: Interventions and Judgments in Malinowski's "Freedom and Civilization"*.
Freedom in Comparative Anthropological Perspective
Trinity College, Cambridge. 12 June
- 2023 *Spiritual Freedom and its Political Contours Among Zimbabwean Baptists*.
Panel: Lexicons of Freedom, Experiences of Emancipation. European
Conference of African Studies. Cologne, Germany. 2 June.
- 2023 *The disruptive gift: a Baptist Politics of Joy in urban Zimbabwe*
Association of Social Anthropologists Annual Meeting. SOAS, London.
13 April
- 2023 *Certain Responsibilities: Anthropological Accounts of Original Sin among Zimbabwe's urban Baptists*. Society for the Study of Theology
Annual Meeting.
University of Warwick. 18 April
- 2022 *Professionals and Homecrafters: Christian women, class critique and Generational aspiration in postcolonial Harare*.
ReWorking Work: Labour
and Livelihoods in the Global South. Philomathia Social Science Research
Symposium
Cambridge, UK. 29 June

- 2022 *Certain Responsibilities: sin, sovereignty and Baptist freedom in postcolonial Harare (Book Pitch)*
Unbind: Reimagining the Academic Monograph.
Cambridge Digital Humanities and Centre for Research in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CRASSH), Cambridge. 10 June.
- 2021 *Teaching Gender, Teaching Class: Morality between generations in Zimbabwean Baptist Christianity*. Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Biennial Meeting
Online. May 16.
- 2019 *Divine Control Read Backwards: Zimbabwean Calvinists in the uncertain present*. American Anthropological Association/Canadian Anthropology Society Meetings. Vancouver, Canada. November 21.
- 2018 *Zimbabwean Baptist Christians and responsibility under sovereignty*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Jose, CA. November 16.
- 2017 *God's "sovereignty" and human depravity: how Baptists in Zimbabwe articulate hopefulness by moral living*.
American Anthropological Meetings. Washington DC. November 29.
- 2017 *Lobola and the White Wedding when things are "tight": Baptist Christians in Zimbabwe negotiate two cultural institutions of marriage*
African Studies Association Annual Meetings. Chicago. November 18.
- 2017 *Divine action and human responsibility: Urban Baptists in Zimbabwe negotiate sin and responsibility*. Center for Theologically Engaged Anthropology Mini-Conference. Atlanta. September 18.
- 2013 *Doctrinal dis-ease: Thinking Weber on religion, value and class in urban Zimbabwe*. Society for the Anthropology of Religion Meetings. Pasadena, CA. April 14.
- 2012 *Boundary-drawing, Christian self-hood and social change: What does a focus on morality offer the student of culture?* CARD Conference.
Fuller Theological Seminary. Pasadena, CA. April 14.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecture Series

Department of Social Anthropology,
University of Cambridge

2022, 2023 *Anthropology of Christianity*
Course: *Ethical Life and the Anthropology of the Subject*
(Spring 2022, Autumn 2022, Autumn 2023 Terms)

2021 *Africa's Middle-Classes (Online)*
Course: *Ethnographic Areas, Africa*

Undergraduate Dissertation Supervisor

2021/2 Title: "The cultural and institutional pressures of workplace identity and belonging for African-born NHS nurses in the South-East of England."

Course Instructor of Record

University of California, San Diego

Department of Anthropology

Language and Culture (Fall 2019)

Aging: Culture and Health in Late Life Human Development (Winter 2020)

Food, Culture and Society (Spring 2020. Online)

Point Loma Nazarene University

San Diego, California

Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2017)

Writing Instructor and Teaching Assistant

University of California, San Diego

Making of the Modern World Writing Program

(Fall 2012-Spring 2015, Spring 2017)

Teaching Assistant

University of California, San Diego

Department of Anthropology

Language in Society (Summer 2019, Summer 2017)

Race and Racisms (Spring 2018)

Debating Multiculturalism (Summer 2014, Summer 2013)

Meaning and Symbols in Social Life (Winter 2012)

Jokes, Monsters and Strangers (Spring 2012)

International Studies Program

Culture and Society in International Perspective (Spring 2011, Fall 2011)

Program for the Study of Religion

Introduction to Religion (Winter 2011)

Urban Studies Program

Environmental and Preventative Health Issues (Fall 2010)

Academic Counselor/Writing Program TA

International Center, UCSD.

International Triton Transition Program. (Summer 2013)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019 Graduate Research Assistant/Editorial Assistant
UCSD-hosted Scholar at Risk

2015-2017 Dissertation Fieldwork Research
Harare, Zimbabwe

2017 Graduate Research Assistant
“Social Norms Sustaining Child Marriage in Far North and South-East
Cameroon: A Qualitative Study with Four Ethnic Groups”
UNICEF Project, Center on Global Justice, UC San Diego

2009-2010 Graduate Student Researcher
Professor Joel Robbins
Department of Anthropology, UC San Diego

ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2024-current Area Editor, Modern/Global Christianity
Religious Studies Review

2023-current Advisory Board Member. Open Encyclopaedia of Anthropology.
<https://www.anthroencyclopedia.com/>

2018-2023 Co-Curator, New Directions in the Anthropology of Christianity
Formerly The Anthropology of Christianity Bibliography Blog
[AnthroCyBib]
<https://www.new-directions.sps.ed.ac.uk/>

2022-current Reviewer for Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute,
The Australian Journal of Anthropology

2021-2023 Co-convener, Opening Lines Writing Group for Writers of First Academic
Books
CRASSH, University of Cambridge.

2022-current Member, College Liaison Committee
Trinity College, Cambridge

2022-current Member, Wyse Committee
Administering the Williams Wyse Fund for student and fieldwork funding
Trinity College, Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge

2020-2023 Admissions interviewer for undergraduate applicants
Human, Social and Political Sciences Tripos.
Trinity College, Cambridge

2018-2019 (Post)Graduate Professionalization Coordinator,
Department of Anthropology, UC San Diego

2018 Organiser, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion TA training
Division of Social Sciences, UC San Diego

2018-2019 Graduate Student Organizer
Interdisciplinary Faculty Group on the Study of Religion
International Institute, UC San Diego

2012-2014 Student Coordinator
Christianities Research Group
Departments of Anthropology and Sociology, UC San Diego

CURRENT AND PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
Society for the Anthropology of Religion
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Lambda Alpha, National Collegiate Honors Society for Anthropology