

Curriculum Vitae

J. Derrick Lemons

CONTACT INFORMATION

J. Derrick Lemons
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Ministry 2008
Asbury Theological Seminary
Honorable Mention Distinguished Dissertation Award

Master of Divinity 1997
Asbury Theological Seminary

Bachelor of Science 1994
Southern Wesleyan University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2024-Present
Professor with tenure- The Department of Religion

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2019-2024
Associate Professor with tenure- The Department of Religion

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2013-2019
Assistant Professor- The Department of Religion

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2011-2013
Lecturer- The Departments of Anthropology and Religion

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2009-2011
Instructor- The Departments of Anthropology and Religion

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2024-Present
Head- The Department of Religion

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2023-2024
Graduate Coordinator- The Department of Religion

The University of Georgia Athens, GA 2014-Present
Director of the Center for Theologically Engaged Anthropology

AFFILIATE POSITIONS

The University of Georgia *Athens, GA* 2020-Present
Affiliate Faculty Member in The Qualitative Research Program

The University of Georgia *Athens, GA* 2015-Present
Religion Fellow for The Willson Center for the Humanities and Arts

ELECTED POSITIONS

University System of Georgia *Atlanta, GA* 2024-2027
Faculty Council Representative

University of Georgia *Athens, GA* 2025-2026
University Council Executive Committee Chair

University of Georgia *Athens, GA* 2024-2025
University Council Executive Committee Chair-Elect

American Academy of Religion *Atlanta, GA* 2019-2023
Regionally Elected Coordinator

American Academy of Religion *Atlanta, GA* 2019-2020
Southeast Region President

BOOKS AND SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES EDITED

Lemons, J. Derrick and CHAN, Shun-hing, eds. *Religious Change in Contemporary China*. Leiden: Brill. (Under review).

Lemons, J. Derrick and Amos Yong. *Trump and the Politics of Prayer: Inside the Spiritual World of His Faith Advisory Team*. New York: Bloomsbury. (October 2026)

Lemons, J. Derrick and Kendall Marchman. *Special Issue: Convergences and religious change in Asian religion*. *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 36, No. 2, (2025).

Lemons, J. Derrick and Richman, Naomi. *Anthropologies of Religious Change*. *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 33, No. 3, (2022).

Lemons, J. Derrick. *Book forum on Joel Robbins' Theology and the Anthropology of Christian Life*, *History and Anthropology*, 33, No. 4, (2022).

Lemons, J. Derrick. *American Culture: A Student's Guide to Ethnographic Research*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company, 2021.

Lemons, J. Derrick. *Special Journal Issue: Theologically Engaged Anthropology*. *Ethnos*, 86, No. 3, (2021).

Lemons, J. Derrick. *Theologically Engaged Anthropology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018, 384 pages.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Lemons, J. Derrick. *Epilogue: Currents of Convergence—Religious Change in Asian Contexts*. *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 36, No. 2, (2025).

Lemons, J. Derrick. "From Dim Past to Bright Future: A Response to Timothy Larsen's article "British Social Anthropologists and Missionaries in the Twentieth Century." *On Knowing Humanity Journal*, 8, No. 2 (July 2024). *With permission, portions of this article were repurposed from my 2018 article in *St. Mark's Review*.

Stanford, William, Ted Futris, Geoffrey Brown, and J. Derrick Lemons. "Parental and Contextual influences on religious transmission in adolescence." *Applied Developmental Science*, 28(3), 391-408 (2024), DOI: 10.1080/10888691.2023.2223999

Lemons, J. Derrick. "The Room Where It Happened: How Evangelical Leaders Used a Closed-Door Meeting to Change Sentiment for Donald J. Trump." *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 33, No. 3, (2022): 349-359. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1111/taja.12449>

Richman, Naomi and J. Derrick Lemons. "Introduction: From Rupture to Repair." *The Australian Journal of Anthropology*, 33, No. 3, (2022): 337-348. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1111/taja.12456>

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Thy Kingdom Come: A Theologically Engaged Anthropological Study of President Trump's Evangelical Advisors' Everyday Millenarianism." *History and Anthropology*, 33, No. 4, (2022).

Lemons, J. Derrick. "An Introduction to Theologically Engaged Anthropology." *Ethnos*, 86, No. 3, (2021): 401-407.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "An Afterword: Conversations among Theology, Anthropology and History." *St. Mark's Review*, 244, No. 2, (2018):114-123.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "The Slain Resurrected God: A Reconsideration of Anthropologists and the Christian Faith." *The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology*, 34, No. 2 (2016): 140-152, accessed Apr 16, 2018, <https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/cja/34/2/ca340210.xml> (This paper was part of an author meets his critics special journal section entitled "Faith in Anthropology" which was edited by Brian Howell and featured papers by T.M. Luhrmann, Timothy Larsen, Jon Bialecki and James Bielo.)

Lemons, J. Derrick. "The Ethics of Everyday Life: The Next Word." In *The Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* 33, No. 2 (2015): 111-139, accessed Apr 16, 2018, <https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/cja/33/2/ca330210.x> (This paper was part of an author meets his critics special journal section entitled "Anthropology and Moral Philosophy" which was edited by Michael Banner and featured papers by Lesley A. Sharp, Richard Madsen, John H. Evans, and Thomas J. Csordas.)

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Communitas at the Tables: Jesus, the Marginalized, and the Modern Church." *The Asbury Journal*, 70, No. 1, (2015): 157-170.

Paula P. Lemons and J. Derrick Lemons. “Questions for Assessing Higher-Order Cognitive Skills: It Is Not Just Bloom’s.” *CBE—Life Sciences Education* 13, No. 1 (2013) 1–12.

Lemons, J. Derrick. “The Evolution of Missional Church Characteristics.” *Journal for the American Society of Church Growth* 20, No. 1 (2009) 51-58.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Lemons, J. Derrick, and Hannah Howard. “Anthropology and Theology.” *Oxford Bibliographies*. February 22, 2018. Updated December 2025. Accessed April 6, 2026. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199766567/obo-9780199766567-0185.xml>

Lemons, J. Derrick and CHAN, Shun-hing, Introduction to *Religious Change in Asia*. (Under review—chapter submitted).

Lemons, J. Derrick, Introduction to *Theologically Engaged Anthropology*, 1-17. Edited by J. Derrick Lemons. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

Lemons, J. Derrick. “New Insights from an Old Dialogue Partner.” In *Theologically Engaged Anthropology*, edited by J. Derrick Lemons, 18-28. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

Lemons, J. Derrick. “Anthropology and Theology” last modified February 22, 2018. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Anthropology*, edited by John L. Jackson, Jr., 1-11. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199766567/obo-9780199766567-0185.xml>

Lemons, J. Derrick. “The ‘Us-Them’ Dilemma: The Need for Reflexivity while Teaching Interreligious Encounters.” In *Teaching Interreligious Encounters*, edited by Marc A. Pugliese and Alexander Y. Hwang, 39–50. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. “Feels Right Exegesis: Qualitative Research on How Millennials Read the Bible.” In *The Bible in American Life*, edited by Philip Goff, Arthur E. Farnsley and Peter J. Thuesen, 275–282. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.

VIDEO

Lemons, J. Derrick. (Producer/Director) and Tyler Zoanni (Videographer/Editor) “Theologically Engaged Anthropology Considered.” November 2020. https://youtu.be/kLERA_uoSfQ

Lemons, J. Derrick. (Producer/Director) and Tyler Zoanni (Videographer/Editor) “Beyond Awkward.” Video presented at American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2016.

PODCAST

Lemons, J. Derrick. (Producer/Director) “CTEAPOD.” This podcast highlights the work of anthropologists and theologians who utilize frameworks supporting Theologically Engaged Anthropology. <https://anchor.fm/derrick-lemons> Podcast produced with the American Anthropological Association.

- Interview with Pastor Kelvin L. Cobaris, Faith Advisor to President Trump – March 2025.
- Theological Considerations about Rapid Religious Change with Martyn Percy – January 2023
- An Updated Consideration of the Urapmin's Utilization of Rapid Religious Change with Joel Robbins – December 2022
- Part 1 Ethnographic Insights about Rapid Religious Change with Abby Day, Anisha Gheewala-Lohiya, and Jonathon Miles-Watson – August 2022
- Part 2 Ethnographic Insights about Rapid Religious Change with Matt Tomlinson, Naomi Richman, and Priscilla Garcia – October 2022
- Journalists Discussing Rapid Religious Change with John Blake, Maria Len Rios, and Audrey Galex – September 2020
- Anthropologists Discussing Rapid Religious Change with Tanya Luhrmann, Devaka Premawardhana, Jon Bialecki, Courtney Handman, Rachelle Scott, and Joseph Hellweg – September 2020
- Tic tok, tick tock: Time, religion and News with Debra Mason – September 2020
- Voices of Rapid Religious Change with Tanya Luhrmann – September 2020
- Rapid Religious Change-Religion in the Age of Social Distancing (Covid-19) with Lily Baldwin – September 2020

FUNDRAISING (Received = \$65,500)

Religion Department Excellence and Support Fund

2024-2025: \$13,800

Christian Studies Excellence and Support Fund

2024-2025: \$11,500

Jewish Studies Excellence and Support Fund

2024-2025: \$40,200

GRANTS (Received = \$1,459,979)

Administrative/Service Grants (Received = \$363,282)

Religion Graduate Student Office Improvement. UGA Graduate School, May 2025. **\$18,100**

Classroom Enhancement from UGA Office of Space Planning & Management, April 2025. **\$203,519**

Cultivating the Spiritual Well-being of UGA Students. University of Georgia Foundation, August 2025-July 2026. **\$85,000**

Tabling Set-up, Shirts, and Swag Recruitment Grant. UGA Graduate School, January 2024-June 2024. **\$1,663**

UGA Student Ambassadors Outreach Program. \$45,000 from Interfaith Youth Core; \$10,000 from the President's Venture Fund, August 2021-December 2021. **\$55,000**

Research Grants (Received = \$1,096,697; Applied for \$5 million)

The Gullah Geechee Spirituality Project. Funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., **Co-Principal Investigator**, multi-institutional award, **\$5,000,000 total; \$1,000,000 subaward to the University of Georgia.** January 2027-December 2031. **\$5 million.**

Between Relativism and Reproach: Exploring Value Judgements about Good Human Lives within Theologically Engaged Anthropology. The John Templeton Foundation, July 2025-2028. **\$259,255**

Between Relativism and Reproach: Making Value Judgements about Human Flourishing within Theologically Engaged Anthropology. The Office of Research and the Office of Global Engagement, January 2025-June 2025. **\$15,000**

Theologically Engaged Anthropology Postdoctoral Researcher. The Office of the Vice President for Research, the Willson Center for the Humanities and Arts, and the Religion Department at UGA, August 2025-July 2028. **\$245,077**

Theologically Engaged Anthropology II: Why do religious beliefs at times change very quickly and what kinds of societal impacts do these changes have? \$234,671 from The John Templeton Foundation; \$46,600 from the Willson Center for the Humanities and Arts at UGA; \$18,000 from the Centre for Sino-Christian Studies at Hong Kong Baptist University; \$19,000 from the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion; \$6,000 from Franklin College at UGA; \$1,600 from the departments of Religious Studies and Anthropology at University of Toronto; \$1,500 from the Department of Religion at UGA, July 2018- June 2023. **\$327,371**

Theologically Engaged Anthropology II: How does theology influence humans to make rapid religious cultural changes? Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, June 2018. **\$6,000**

Theologically Engaged Anthropology: What can Theology Contribute to Cultural Anthropology and Ethnography? The John Templeton Foundation, December 2014-December 2017. **\$216,994**

Theologically Engaged Anthropology: What can Theology Contribute to Cultural Anthropology and Ethnography? The Willson Center for the Humanities and Arts at the University of Georgia, 2016-2017. **\$9,000**

Anthropology and Comparative Theology: A Working Relationship? The Willson Center for the Humanities and Arts at the University of Georgia, 2014-2015. **\$3,000**

The Pastor as Missional Church Architect. A Study Grant from The Louisville Institute (A Lilly Endowment funded program), 2009. **\$15,000**

INVITED SEMINARS, LECTURES, AND CONSULTATIONS

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Examining Relativism within the Anthropology-Theology Dialogue." Panel Participant. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, October 2025.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Free Speech: It's Value and It's Limits." The Vice Chancellor's Dinner Dialogue. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, May 2025.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "The Impact of Evangelical Theology on American Political Life." Embassy of France, Washington, DC, July 2024.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Declaring and Decreeing Victory for Donald J. Trump from the Heavens to the White House in 2020." Paper presented via Zoom. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, October 2023.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Introduction to Anthropologies of Religious Change: From Rupture to Repair." Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 2023.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Publish or Perish." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region, Athens, GA, March 2023.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "From Rupture to Repair: President Trump's Evangelical Advisors' Effort to Repair a "Stolen" Election." Paper presented via Zoom. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, February 2023.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Engaging African Realities Workshop." Paper presented and workshop lead via Zoom. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, August 2021.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Trumped: Rapid Religious Change in the Midst of Changing Times." Paper presented via Zoom. Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, SAR, October 2020.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "AAR Presidential Address: Rapid Religious Change." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region, Athens, GA, February 2020.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change: American Southern Millennial's Changing Views about Same-Sex Marriage." Paper presented at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, October 2019.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically Engaged Anthropology." Paper presented at Vrije University, Amsterdam, Netherlands, November 2018.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change." Paper presented at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2018.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Intersections of Theology, History, and Anthropology." Paper presented at Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, November 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically Engaged Anthropology: Dialogical and Transformative Research on Religion." Paper presented at Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, SAR, October 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Feels Right Exegesis: A Southern Christian Millennials Use of the Bible." Paper presented at Duke University, Durham, NC, March 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Feels Right Exegesis: How Millennials Read the Bible Concerning Same-Sex Marriage." Paper presented at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, March 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: An Introduction to a Conclusion." Paper presented at The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, July 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: A True Collaboration." Paper presented at Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, July 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: A Way Forward in a Hostile Academic Setting." Paper presented at Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, July 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Toward a Theologically-Engaged Anthropology." Paper presented for Windows on the World Provost Colloquium Series, Eastern University, St. Davids, PA, April 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: A Catholic Response." Paper presented at Pontificia Universita Antonianum, Rome, Italy, February 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: The Human Difference Considered." Paper presented at The Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, Oxford, UK, July 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: A Dialogue with Emerging Scholars." Paper presented at The University of Oxford, Oxford, England, February 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: New Insights from an Old Dialogue Partner." Paper presented at Trinity College, The University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, February 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: Comparative Theologians as Anthropological Guides." Paper presented at The Department of Theology and Religion, The University of Durham, Durham, England, January 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Feels Right Exegesis: Qualitative Research on How Millennials Read the Bible." Paper presented at The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indianapolis, IN, August 2014.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "American Millennials and Their Religious Beliefs." Paper presented at the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History, Athens, Georgia, May 2014.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Anthropology and Theology: A Working Relationship?" Paper presented at The University of Georgia, Moore College-Honors Program, Athens, Georgia, March 2014.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Religious Leader as Change Agent: An Applied Anthropological Model for Cultural Change within a Religious Communitas." Paper presented at The University of Georgia, Department of Anthropology, Athens, Georgia, December 2010.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Missional Shifts within the Southern Baptist Convention." Paper presented at The Boston Theological Institute, Boston, MA. November 2010.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Is my "Afterword: Theological-Anthropological Postscript on Democracy" a bridge too far?" Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 2025.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "President Donald J. Trump's Faith Advisory Boards' Claims of Truth." Paper presented at International Association for the History of Religions World Congress, Kraków, Poland, August 2025.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Between Relativism and Reproach: Making Value Judgements about Human Flourishing within Theologically Engaged Anthropology." Paper presented at The Athens Institute, 10th Annual International Symposium on Religion & Theology, Athens, Greece, May 2025.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Political Tensions between Trumppers and Never-Trumppers." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion-SE, Charleston, SC, March 2024.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "For the Glory of God and the Good of the Nation." Panelist at The American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2023.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Authority and Truth: President Trump's Evangelical Advisors' Effort to Repair a "Stolen" Election." Paper presented at Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Victoria, British Columbia, CN, May 2023.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theological Politics: The Impact of Dominion Postmillennial Theology on Former President Trump's Evangelical Pentecostal Advisors." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Seattle, Washington. November 2022.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Where do regional learned societies fit within the mission of the American Academy of Religion?" Panelist at The American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2022.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Global Prayer for Election Integrity: What do Evangelical Prayers for President Trump's Reelection Reveal about Conspiratoriality?" Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2021.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "The Impact of Dispensational Premillennial Theology on Former President Trump's Evangelical Southern Baptist Advisors." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, Maryland. November 2021.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: A Workshop for Emerging Scholars." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2019.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change: American Southern Millennial's Changing Views about Same-Sex Marriage." Paper presented at Christ Church, The University of Oxford, Oxford, England, October 2019.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change: Why do Religious Beliefs Change Very Quickly, and What Kinds of Societal Impacts do These Changes Have?." Paper presented at Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Toronto, CN, May 2019.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Author Meets Critics: Anthropologists respond to Derrick Lemons' Theologically-Engaged Anthropology." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "A Response: The Emerging Church in the Sacralisation of Inclusivity." Paper presented at Christ Church, The University of Oxford, Oxford, England, October 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "A Response: Anthropological Inquiry in the South Korean Megachurch." Paper presented at The Center for Theologically Engaged Anthropology—The University of Georgia, Athens, GA, September 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically Engaged Anthropology: Lessons Learned from a Collaboration between Theologians and Anthropologists." Paper presented at American Society of Missiology, Wheaton, Illinois, June 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "When God Reads What We Write: A Response to the Rhythms of Reading and Writing across Theology and Anthropology." Paper presented at The Society for the Anthropology of Religion, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically Engaged Anthropology: A Transformative Encounter Considered." Paper presented at Christ Church, The University of Oxford, Oxford, England, February 2017.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Pastors as Missional Church Architects: Divergent Visions of Growing the Local Church." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "An Outline of Theologically Engaged Anthropology." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: Important Themes Considered." Paper presented at Theologically-Engaged Anthropology Mini-Conference sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation, Trinity College, The University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England, February 2016.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Anthropologists Respond to Timothy Larsen's book *The Slain God: Anthropologists and the Christian Faith*." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, November 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: An Introduction." Paper presented at Theologically-Engaged Anthropology Mini-Conference sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation, Atlanta, GA, September 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: A Consideration of Contextual Theology as a Collaborative Discipline of Study." Paper presented at The Society for the Anthropology of Religion, San Diego, CA, April 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "The Ethics of Everyday Life," Paper presented at The Society for the Anthropology of Religion, San Diego, CA, April 2015.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: Anthropologists in Dialogue with Theology." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 2014.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Theologically-Engaged Anthropology: Theologians in Dialogue with Anthropology." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "The Religion Learner's Manifesto: Conversations on the Production of knowledge within the Field of Religious Studies." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region, Atlanta, GA, March 2014.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "In Search of Demons: An Ethnographer's Discovery of the Need for Reflexivity during a Spontaneous Exorcism Ritual in Haiti." Paper presented at American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 2013.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "America as Mission Destination: The Reshaping of Christianity in America by Missionaries from the Global South." Paper presented at American Society of Missiology, Wheaton, Illinois, June 2013.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Mentoring Undergraduate Research in the Lived Religious Experience of Others." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region, Greenville, SC, March 2013.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Questions of Faith: The Making of Questions Requiring Higher-Order Cognitive Skills." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region, Atlanta, GA, March 2012.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Bishop Leslie Newbigin: From Colonial Missionary in India to American Evangelical Sage." Paper presented at The British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference, Savannah, GA, February 2012.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Haitian Vodou: A Syncretized Religion." Paper presented at The University of Georgia, Anthropology Society, November 2011.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Called to Teach: The Mission of Teaching Undergraduates." Paper presented at The Association of Professors of Mission, Chicago, IL, June 2011.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Missional Shifts within the Evangelical Church in America." Paper presented at The American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region, Louisville, KY, March 2011.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Missional Shifts within the Wesleyan Church." Paper presented at American Society of Missiology, Techny, Illinois, June 2010.

CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED

Lemons, J. Derrick. "*Between Relativism and Reproach*." Co-organizer. University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, June 2026.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Author Meets His Critics: Joel Robbins' Theology and the Anthropology of Christian Life." Session organizer and chair. American Anthropological Association, Baltimore, Maryland. November 2021.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Religious Change in Asia." Co-organizer. Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, SAR, October 2020.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change." Conference organizer. The American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region, Athens, GA, February 2020.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change." Conference organizer. Christ Church, The University of Oxford, Oxford, England, October 2019.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change Considered." Session organizer and chair. Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Toronto, CN, May 2019.

Lemons, J. Derrick. "Rapid Religious Change." Conference Organizer. University of Toronto, Toronto, CN, May 23-24, 2019.

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

University of Georgia *Athens, GA*

PhD students:

- The Department of Religion at UGA:
 - Rachel Balducci. Current Student.
 - Secco Cruz. Current Student.
 - Meg Rooney (with Ingie Hovland). Current Student.

Examining committee member for two PhD students:

- The Institute for Higher Education at UGA: Mark Mayfield. Defended October 2022.
- The College of Family and Consumer Science: Bill Stanford. Defended April 2022.

Master's students:

- The Department of Religion at UGA:
 - Gabriel Dungan. Current Student.
 - Sarah Burns. Defended March 2023.

Asbury Theological Seminary *Wilmore, KY*
Major Professor

John Whitsett. "Overcoming the Omission: A Study in Determining the Foundational Beliefs and Values that Lead to the Effective Implementation of Corporate Prayer in the North American Context." Defended May 2013.

MENTORED UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- 2023 Surya Blasiolo, "Metaphysical to Material: the Transformation of Evangelical Sources of Authority in the Context of the 2020 Presidential Election."
- 2017 Rachel Grace, "An Ethnography about College Student Advocates for Peace."
- 2014 Annie Stocklin. "American Millennials and Their Religious Beliefs."
- 2014 Joanna Caffrey. "Tumbling Through Undergraduate Research."
- 2010 Lauren Marsh. "The Western Church in the Mirror."

WORKSHOPS

- Participant. "Religious Site Visits." Sponsored by The Wabash Center for Teaching Theology and Religion. October 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of Georgia *Athens, GA* 2009-Present

Courses: RELI 1003-Introduction to Religious Thought

RELI 2003H-Introduction to Religious Thought (Honors)

RELI/ANTH 4110/6110-Anthropology and American Religion

RELI/ANTH 4111/6111-Theologically Engaged Anthropology

The University of Georgia *Athens, GA* 2009-2013

Courses: ANTH 1102-Introduction to Anthropology

ANTH 2120H-Introduction to Anthropology (Honors)

ANTH 3265-Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 4900-Applied Anthropology

AWARDS, HONORS, AND DISTINCTIONS

- 2024 **Albert Christ-Janer Creative Research Award** from the University of Georgia.
- 2022-2023 **Excellence in Teaching Award** Student Nomination from Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.
- 2019-2023 Elected **Regionally Elected Coordinator** of The American Academy of Religion.

- 2019-2020 Elected **President** of The American Academy of Religion, SE Region.
- 2016 and 2017 Nominated for the **Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award** from Franklin College.
- 2014, 2015 **Career Development Recognition** from Career Center at UGA
- 2015, 2021, 2022 **Thank a Teacher** at UGA.
- 2014 **Discovery Program Namesake Honor** from the University of Georgia Dawg Camp Executive Board
- 2014 **Outstanding Professor Award** from the Student Government Association at the University of Georgia
- 2008 **Honorable Mention Distinguished Dissertation Award** from Asbury Theological Seminary
- 2005 **Beeson Pastor Fellowship** from Asbury Theological Seminary
- 2003 **Fred Fletcher Award** from the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department
- 2002 **Young Leader Award** from the Alumni Association of Southern Wesleyan University
- 1996 **Robert K. Murphy Scholarship** from Asbury Theological Seminary
- 1994 **Roy Lee Parker Award** for Academic Excellence and Leadership from the Faculty of Southern Wesleyan University
- 1994 **American Legion Award** from the American Legion of South Carolina

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Regionally Elected Coordinator, The American Academy of Religion, 2019-2023.
- President, The American Academy of Religion, SE Region, 2019-2020.
- Vice-President, The American Academy of Religion, SE Region, 2018-2019.
- Vice-President Elect, The American Academy of Religion, SE Region, 2017-2018.
- Co-Chair, The Teaching of Religion Section, The American Academy of Religion, SE Region, 2012-2017.
- The Board of Visitors, Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC, 2012-2021.
- Distinguished Dissertation Committee Panelist, Asbury Theological Seminary, May 2013, 2014.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

- Member University of Georgia Athletic Association Board-Student Wellness Sub-Committee, 2025-2026
- Elected Faculty Representative, University of Georgia Athletic Association Board, 2025-2028
- Member, Search Committee for Director of UGA's Equal Opportunity Office, 2025
- Member, Humanities Council, 2024-present
- Chair, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, 2024-2026
- Member, Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, 2024-2027
- Member, University System of Georgia Faculty Council Representative, 2024-2027
- Chair, UGA University Council Executive Committee, 2025-2026
- Chair-Elect, UGA University Council Executive Committee, 2024-2025
- Member, UGA University Council Executive Committee, 2024-2027
- Franklin Humanities PRAC Representative, 2023-2025.

- Member, UGA University Council, 2023-2026.
- Member, Faculty Admissions Committee, 2023-2026.
- Member, UGA University Council Executive Committee, 2021-2024
- Member, UGA Human Resources Committee, 2020-2023
- Member, UGA Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, 2021.
- Member, UGA University Council, 2019-2022.
- Chair, Undergraduate Assessment Committee-Department of Religion, 2013-2020.
- Religion Faculty Search Committee-Department of Religion, 2017-2018.
- Chair, Franklin College of the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017.
- Franklin College of the Arts and Sciences-Faculty Senator, 2014-2017.
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- Chair, Undergraduate Assessment Committee-Department of Religion, 2013-2018.
- Religion Faculty Search Committee-Department of Religion, 2013-2014.
- Graduation Marshall, Spring 2013.
- Undergraduate Committee-Department of Anthropology, 2011-2013.
- Introduction to Anthropology Course Coordinator-Department of Anthropology, 2011-2013.
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Coordinator-Department of Anthropology, 2011-2013.
- Archeology Faculty Search Committee-Department of Anthropology, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion
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