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## EDUCATION

- 2023 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Ph.D. in Religious Studies (Religion and Culture)  
Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies
- 2013 Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island  
M.A. in Theatre Arts and Performance Studies (TAPS)
- 2010 Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut  
M.A. *Cum Laude* in Religion (Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies)  
Yale Institute of Sacred Music (ISM), New Haven, Connecticut
- 2010 Université Paris Sorbonne, Paris, France  
Intensive French Course
- 2007 Biola University, La Mirada, California  
B.S. *Summa Cum Laude* in Studio Art (Drawing and Painting)  
B.A. *Summa Cum Laude* in Music (Trumpet)  
Torrey Honors Institute (Classics Program)
- 2005 Oxford University, Oxford, England  
Scholars' Semester in Oxford

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025 – Visiting Assistant Professor: Department of Anthropology, University of Memphis  
2023 – 2025 Visiting Assistant Professor: Department of Religious Studies, Rhodes College

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed

- Henriksen, Beck A. 2026. "The Production of PEACE: Neoliberal Identities & PEACE History in Contemporary Rwanda." *American Examples: New Conversations about Religion* 6.
- Henriksen, Beck A. 2025. "The Body in African Evangelicalism: Scholarship and New Directions in Gender, Sexuality, and Disability Studies." *Religion Compass* 19, no. 8: e70026.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/rec3.70026>.
- Mozhui, Khyobeni, **Beck A. Henriksen**, Lauren A. Bell, Ingrid Bretherton, Ada S. Cheung, and Boris Novakovic. 2025. "Tracking Epigenetic Biomarkers of Health and Aging During the Initial Year of Gender-Affirming Hormone Therapy." *The Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine* 98, no. 2: 105.
- Henriksen, Beck A. 2009. "He, Him, Himself: A Critical Examination of the Exclusively Masculine Language in Karl Barth's *The Epistle to the Romans*." *Glossolalia* 2, no. 1.
- Henriksen, Beck A. 2009. "Shifting Encounters: An Exploration of Bill Viola's *Study for Emergence*." *Glossolalia* 1, no. 1.

**Revise & Resubmit**

Henriksen, Beck A. "Equality Complementarianism: Religious Gender Politics in Contemporary Rwanda." *Nova Religio*.

**In preparation**

Henriksen, Beck A. "Silence & Surveillance: (In)visibility & Queer Counterpublics in Post-genocide Rwanda." Invited peer-reviewed article for *QTR: A Journal of Trans and Queer Studies in Religion*, Duke University Press.

**Book Reviews**

Henriksen, Beck A. 2019. Review of *Rwanda Before the Genocide: Catholic Politics and Ethnic Discourse in the Late Colonial Era* by J. J. Carney (2016). *Reading Religion*.

<https://readingreligion.org/9780190612375/rwanda-before-the-genocide/>.

Henriksen, Beck A. 2018. Review of *The Age of Evangelicalism: America's Born-Again Years* by Steven P. Miller (2016). *Reading Religion*. <https://readingreligion.org/9780190636692/the-age-of-evangelicalism/>.

Henriksen, Beck A. 2013. Review of *Civilizing Women: British Crusades in the Colonial Sudan* by Janice Boddy (2007). *Association for Feminist Anthropology*.

**Visual Art**

Henriksen, Beck A. (visual art), and Ioana B. Jucan (text). 2018. *Cosmology of Worlds Apart*. O Balthazar Press & Collective.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2025 – Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Memphis  
 Culture/Identity/Power (Fall 2025)  
 Anthropological Theory (Fall 2025)  
 American Communities (Fall 2025)
- 2023 – 2025 Visiting Assistant Professor: Department of Religious Studies, Rhodes College  
 The Bible & Queer Theory (Spring 2025, Spring 2024)  
 Religion & Queer Africa (Spring 2025)  
 Religion, Queer Theory, & Art (Spring 2025)  
 Queer Theory & Religion (Fall 2024)  
 The Bible, Gender, & Sexuality (Fall 2024, Fall 2023 – 2 sections)  
 First-Year Writing: The Body & Religion (Fall 2024)  
 First-Year Writing: Feminist & Queer Topics in Religion (Spring 2024)  
 Christianity, Gender, & Sexuality (Spring 2024)  
 Gender Theory & Religion (Fall 2023)
- 2020 - 2023 Teaching Fellow (Instructor of Record): Department of Religious Studies, UNC  
 Introduction to Religion & Culture (Summer 2023 - online course)  
 Religion & Violence (Fall 2021)  
 Religious Things (Summer 2021 - online course)  
 Gender Theory & the Study of Religion (Fall 2020)
- 2018 – 2020 Teaching Assistant: Department of Religious Studies, UNC  
 Human Animals & Religious Ethics (Summer 2020 - online course)  
 Introduction to Religion and Culture (Fall 2019)  
 Introduction to Jewish Studies (Spring 2019)

Supernatural Encounters: Zombies, Vampires, Demons, and the Occult in the Americas (Fall 2018)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator (August 2022 – April 2023)

Dissertation research

- Designed and carried out ethnographic project at PEACE Plan, Kigali, Rwanda. Conducted participant observation, semi-structured in-depth interviews and unstructured informal interviews. Collected, processed, and analyzed all data for project.
- Designed and carried out ethnographic project with LGBTQ non-governmental organizations, Kigali, Rwanda. Conducted participant observation, semi-structured in-depth interviews and unstructured informal interviews, and focus groups. Collected, processed, and analyzed all data for project.

Qualitative Researcher (August 2021 – July 2022)

Chancellor's Science Scholars Program, UNC

- Conducted structured in-depth interviews with UNC students in Chancellor's Science Scholars Program, UNC, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Collected and processed my data, analyzed all data for project.

Graduate Research Consultant (January 2021 – May 2021)

Department of Women's & Gender Studies, UNC

- Presented on various feminist research methodologies and met with each student in Introduction to Feminist Thought to develop their final research projects.

Graduate Research Consultant (January 2018 – May 2018)

Department of Religious Studies, UNC

- Met with each student in the departmental undergraduate seminar to develop their final research projects.

Research Assistant (August 2017 – May 2018), Department of Religious Studies, UNC

Research Assistant (August 2013 – December 2013), Department of Theatre Arts and Performance Studies, Brown University

Research Assistant (August 2010 – May 2011), Willis Jenkins, Yale Divinity School

## GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Sacred Writes Carpenter Cohort, Northeastern University
2024	Institute for Health Equity and Community Justice Grant, Rhodes College
2024	Arts and Health Research Team Grant, University of Memphis
2024	American Examples Cohort, The University of Alabama
2022	Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship, Graduate School, UNC
2020	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
2020	Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, Graduate School, UNC
2020	Robert Miller Graduate Student Excellence Award, Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC
2019	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS; Kinyarwanda, in Kigali, Rwanda), African Studies Center, UNC

2019	(Beyond the) Campus Programs Award, Humanities for the Public Good, UNC
2019	Humanities Professional Pathway Award, Humanities for the Public Good, UNC
2019	Prof. Bernard Boyd Graduate Fellowship in Religious Studies, UNC
2018	FLAS Fellowship (Kinyarwanda, in Kigali, Rwanda), African Studies Center, UNC
2017 – 2018	Doctoral Merit Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, UNC
2014	Artisan's Asylum Grant, Artisan's Asylum, Somerville, MA
2012	FLAS Fellowship (Kinyarwanda), Boston University
2011 – 2013	Full-Tuition Scholarship and Stipend, Brown University
2010	ISM Student Grant: Summer Language Study, Yale ISM
2009	Dominique De Menil Scholarship, Yale ISM
2008	Women, Religion, & Globalization Project Grant, Rwanda, The Luce Foundation
2007 – 2010	Full-Tuition Scholarship, Yale ISM
2007 – 2010	Academic Merit Scholarship, Yale ISM

## PRESENTATIONS

2024	"Rick Warren's PEACE Plan: The Influence of Mission Work on Ethnicity and Queerness in Rwanda's Reconciliation," The 1994 Genocide in Rwanda and its Implications for Ongoing Thought: Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
2024	"LGBT Marginalization, (In)Visibility, and Queer Politics of Survival in Rwanda," Sexual Surveillance Panel: Religion and Sexuality Unit, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
2022	"Hegemonic Masculinity and the Intertwining of U.S. Missionary Exceptionalism and Rwanda as Model Nation," World Christianity Unit Panel: Gender and Social Reconstitution in World Christianity, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO
2020	"Trans* Fat: Disidentification, Evangelicalism, and Possibilities for Trans* Bodies," Joint Panel: Gay Men and Religion Unit and Men and Masculinities Unit and Queer Studies in Religion, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA [virtual]
2019	"Trans* Fat: Disidentification, Evangelicalism, and Possibilities for Trans* Bodies," Religions in America, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), East Carolina State University, Greenville, NC
2013	"The Flexible Servant: Neoliberal Subjectivity in Contemporary U.S. Evangelicalism," Master's Presentation, Brown University
2010	"Purpose in Rwanda: A Feminist Postcolonial Critique of the Partnership Between Rick Warren and Paul Kagame," WGSS Colloquium, Yale University
2010	"Art and Conflict in Rwanda: A Presentation of Readings, Reflections, and Video Art, Scholars in Process," Yale University
2010	"He, Him, Himself: A Critical Examination of the Exclusively Masculine Language in Karl Barth's The Epistle to the Romans," Yale Divinity School

## LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND PUBLIC-FACING WORK

2025	Designed & Presented Workshop: "Gender & Sexual Minorities: Best Practices," Changent, National Nurse Home Visitation Program
2025	Designed & Presented Workshop: "Gender, Sexuality, and Healthcare," Family Medicine Health Systems Rotation, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Rhodes College
2025	Community Course: "The Gift of Gender: Living, Theorizing, and Being Trans" at the Meeman Center for Lifelong Learning, Rhodes College

- 2024 Designed & Presented Workshop: “Gender, Sexuality, and Healthcare,” Family Medicine Health Systems Rotation, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Rhodes College
- 2024 Lecture: “Trans Health Disparities: Cis-Normativity & Gender Discrimination in Healthcare Settings,” Health Professions Advising and Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Equity, Rhodes College
- 2023 Guest Lecture (with Darell Kiner, MSW): “The Minority Stress Model and Structural Stigma: Applications to Gender and Sexuality, Institute for Health Equity and Community Justice, University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- 2021 Guest Lecture: “Animals, Gender, & Sexuality,” Human Animals and Religious Ethics, Fall Semester, UNC
- 2020 Guest Lecture: “Animals, Gender, & Sexuality,” Human Animals and Religious Ethics, UNC
- 2020 Guest Presenter: P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), Durham, NC
- 2019 Guest Lecture: “Gender and Sexuality in Judaism,” Introduction to Jewish Studies, UNC
- 2018 Guest Lecture: “Feminist Zombies: Taking Back the Night,” Supernatural Encounters: Zombies, Vampires, Demons, and the Occult in the Americas

### **PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE**

- 2025 Panel Moderator: The Unholy Trinity: Vulvas, Virginity, and Violence, Gender & Sexuality Studies Symposium, Rhodes College
- 2024 – 2025 Faculty Advisor: Sexual Health and Information Coalition, Rhodes College
- 2021 – 2024 Program Committee: University of California at Riverside, Conference on Queer and Transgender Studies in Religion
- 2021 – 2023 Development and Outreach Chair: Graduate Student Organizing Committee, Department of Religious Studies, UNC
- 2021 Graduate Coordinator: Duke/UNC Religion & Theory Reading Group
- 2018 Graduate Co-Coordinator: Duke/UNC Religion & Theory Reading Group
- 2012 – 2013 Graduate Student Representative to TAPS Faculty, Brown University
- 2011 – 2012 Co-Coordinator: “Performing Under Pressure: Conference on Life, Labor, and Art in the Academy,” Brown University
- 2011 – 2012 Treasurer: Listening LabOratory, Brown University
- 2011 Installation Coordinator: Incarnation: Black Spiritualities in American Art, Yale ISM
- 2010 Coordinator: Scholars in Process Colloquium, Yale University

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2022 Equity in Teaching Institute, Center for Faculty Excellence, UNC
- 2022 Course Design Institute, Center for Faculty Excellence, UNC
- 2021 LGBTQIA Safe Zone Training, LGBTQ Center, UNC

### **LANGUAGES**

Kinyarwanda, French, Spanish, German