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## EDUCATION

2011-2016. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. PhD in Cultural Studies.  
Dissertation: *Everyday Enchantments and Secular Magic in Montréal*. (Advisor: James Miller, Ph.D.)

2008-2009. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. MA in Religion in Modernity and Postmodernity.  
Thesis: *Magic, Modernity, and New Religious Forms*. (Advisor: James Miller, PhD)

2004-2008. Concordia University, Montréal, QC. BA in Religious Studies.  
Honours Thesis: *The Religion of the Market: Sublime Profit, Divine Consumption*. (Advisor: Richard Foltz, PhD)

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2016-2018. Flora Jane Baker Postdoctoral Fellow. Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. 2017. "Enchantment and Re-Enchantment." *Religion Compass*. (Commissioned review article; in progress).

Young, Pamela Dickey, Heather Shipley, and Ian Alexander Cuthbertson. 2016. "Religion, Gender and Sexuality among Youth in Canada: Some Preliminary Findings." *The Bulletin For the Study of Religion*. 45 (1): 17-26.

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. 2014. "Finding Religion." *The Elements Experiment*.  
<http://elements.utoronto.ca/pages/finding-religion-by-ian-alexander-cuthbertson/>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. 2009. "Female Initiation: From Rites of Passage to Ritualized Performance." *Journal of Religion and Culture* 21: 7-25.

### Book Chapters

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. 2018. "Preaching to the Choir? Religious Studies and Religionization." In *Method Today: Redescribing Approaches to the Study of Religion*. Ed. Brad Stoddard. Sheffield: Equinox. (at press)

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. 2017. "Why is Religion So Often Involved in Politics." In *Religion in Five Minutes*. Eds. McCutcheon, Russell and Craig Martin. Sheffield: Equinox.

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. 2017. "Atheism and its Consequences." In *Fabricating Identities*. Ed. Touna, Vaia. Sheffield: Equinox.

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. 2016. "Rightly Disdained by Intelligent Persons: Magic, Superstition, and the Disenchantment of the World." In *Fabricating Difference*. Ed. Ramey, Steven. Sheffield: Equinox.

### **Book Reviews**

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. Book Review on Reading Religion (AAR) of Ryan, Phil "After the New Atheist Debate." <http://readingreligion.org/books/after-new-atheist-debate>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. Book Review on Reading Religion (AAR) of Stack, Trevor, Naomi Goldenberg, and Timothy Fitzgerald, Eds. "Religion as a Category of Governance and Sovereignty." <http://readingreligion.org/books/religion-category-governance-and-sovereignty>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. Book Review in *Studies in Religion* Vol. 44, No. 4. (2015) of S. Brent Plate, "A History of Religion in 5 ½ Objects: Bringing the Spiritual to Its Senses," pp. 540-541.

### **Web-Based Publications**

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. "Muslim Terror." Culture on the Edge.  
<https://edge.ua.edu/chp2/muslim-terror/>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. "Politicizing Poutine." Culture on the Edge.  
<https://edge.ua.edu/?s=poutine>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. "Objects: The Personal and the Powerful" The Elements Experiment.  
<http://elements.utoronto.ca/pages/issue-1-4-editorial-objects-the-personal-and-the-powerful/>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. "I'm Not That Superstitious." Studying Religion in Culture.  
<http://religion.ua.edu/blog/2016/01/im-not-that-superstitious/>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. "NAASR Notes". Religion Bulletin.  
<http://www.equinoxpub.com/blog/2015/05/naasr-notes-ian-cuthbertson/>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. "Reflections on Teaching 161: Contemporary Problems in Religion and Culture." Practicum: Critical Theory, Religion, and Pedagogy.  
<http://www.practicumreligionblog.blogspot.ca/2014/09/reflections-on-rels-161-contemporary.html>

Cuthbertson, Ian Alexander. *The Charter of Quebec Values*. The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere.  
<http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2014/02/20/the-charter-of-quebec-values/#Cuthbertson>

## SCHOLARSHIPS

2014-2016. SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship. \$40,000  
2012. Ontario Graduate Scholarship. \$15,000  
2011. Senator Frank Carrel Fellowship. \$10,000  
2008. Senator Frank Carrel Fellowship. \$10,000  
2008. Queen's Graduate Award. \$4,000

## AWARDS

2014. 4th International Conference on Religion and Spirituality Graduate Scholar Award  
2008. Concordia University Boyd Sinyard Prize for Religious Studies.  
2008. Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Student Excellence Award. \$2,000.  
2008. Concordia University, B.A. Degree Conferred with Great Distinction

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2016. "Religionization." NAASR Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.

2016. "The Promise of Enchantment." Cultural Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference: *Undisciplined*, Kingston, ON.

2016. "The Problem With Re-Enchantment: Half-Belief, Irony, and Play." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Calgary, AB.

2015. "(Dis)enchantment and the Affective Space of Modernity." 5<sup>th</sup> International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Emotional Geographies, Edinburgh, UK.

2015. Panel Presentation with Dr. Pamela Dickey Young and Dr. Heather Shipley, "Youth in Canada: Religion, Gender, Sexuality." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Ottawa, ON.

2015. "Secular Magic and the Limits of Modernity." American Academy of Religion Eastern International Regional Conference, Montréal, Québec.

2015. "Everyday Enchantments." 4e Colloque pour Étudiants et Jeunes Chercheurs sur le Religieux Contemporain, Sherbrooke, QC.

2015. "Making the Case for Secular Magic." Colloque de l'AÉCSSR-UQAM 2015 / AECSSR-UQAM 2015 Conférence, Montréal, QC.

2015. "Disenchantment and the Modern Imaginary." Unravelling Religion Conference, Kingston, ON.

2014. "Talking About What Isn't There: Secular Magic in Montréal." Elements Experiment Conference, Toronto, ON.

2014. "Ostentatious Objects: Borderline Religion and Secular Magic in Montréal." Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, St. Catharines, ON.

2014. "Everyday Enchantments and Secular Magic in Montréal." American Academy of Religion Eastern International Regional Conference, Syracuse, NY.

2014. "Modernity, Secularization, and Disenchantment in Québec." Fourth International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, Heredia, Costa Rica.

2014. "Everyday Enchantments: Modern Magic in a Secular City." 3e Colloque pour Étudiants et Jeunes Chercheurs sur le Religieux Contemporain, Sherbrooke, QC.

2014. "What Not to Wear: Religion, Ostentation, and Social Classification in Québec," McGill-CREOR Graduate Student Conference: *Perceiving Religion*, Montreal, QC.

2014. "Insincerely Spiritual: Secularization, Disenchantment, and the Conditions of Modern Believing," Unravelling Religion Conference, Kingston, ON.

2013. "Selling Out? Investigating Religion as Consumption," American Academy of Religion Eastern International Regional Conference, Toronto, ON.

2013. "Changing Religion / Religious Change," Concordia University Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference: *Brave New World: Traditions and Transitions*, Montreal, QC.

2012. "Not Quite Religion," Cultural Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference: *Undisciplined*, Kingston, ON.

2009. "Consumer Rituals in the Religion of the Market," McGill-CREOR Graduate Student Conference: *Performing Self and Community: New Perspectives on Ritual Practice*, Montreal, QC.

## TEACHING

2017-2018. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Religion: RELS 801: Religion in Modernity.

2017-2018. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Religion: RELS 163: Religion and Popular Culture.

2016. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Religion: RELS 807: Religion and Nonreligion.

2015-2017. Dawson College, Montréal, QC. Instructor, Humanities Department: 345-101-MQ: Reality.

2015-2017. Dawson College, Montréal, QC. Instructor, Humanities Department: 345-102-MQ: Religious Fundamentalisms.

2015-2017. Dawson College, Montréal, QC. Instructor, Humanities Department: 345-BXH-DW: Practical Ethics

2013-2016. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Lecturer, School of Religion: RELS 161: Contemporary Problems in Religion and Culture.

2012-2013. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Teaching Assistant, School of Religion: RELS 161: Contemporary Problems in Religion and Culture.

2009. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Teaching Assistant, School of Religion: RELS 235: Religion and the Environment.

2008. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Teaching Assistant, School of Religion: RELS 326 Religion and Politics in Iran.

2008. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. Teaching Assistant, School of Religion. RELS 226: Islam.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2011-2016. Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., Research Assistant to Prof. Pamela Dickey Young; working on initiatives related to the SSHRC-funded MCRI Religion and Diversity Project. Research assistant for the Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Among Youth in Canada (RGSY) Project

## SUPERVISIONS

Emily Halprin. 2016-2017. *Network Sociality and Religion in the Digital Age*. MA Religious Studies, Queen's University.

Ruth Chitiz. 2016-2017. *The Silencing of Religious Articulations in the Formal Public Sphere: A Critical Response to Jürgen Habermas' Conception of a Postsecular Society*. MA Religious Studies, Queen's University.

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2014. Participated in *Introducing Theory in the Classroom Workshop* organized by the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)

2011-2015. Attended annual Teaching Development Day workshops presented by the Centre for Teaching Learning, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.

2010. Attended workshops at the First Nations Education Council (FNEC) Annual First Nations Education Conference

2010. Attended workshops at the Québec Provincial Association of Teachers Annual Convention

2009. Attended Ministère de l'éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) English Language Arts Training Sessions

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

2017. Head of Operations Spirituality, Nature and Culture Laboratory (SNC-LAB).

2017. Executive Council Member North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR).

2016-2017. Editor of the Engaging Religion Blog, School of Religion, Queen's University, Kingston, ON

2017. Organizer of Unravelling Religion 4: Bodies and Objects. Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. Queen's University School of Religion, Kingston, ON. May 12-13.

2016. Reviewer of a Proposed New Edition for Taylor and Francis Group.

2016. Reviewer of Article Manuscript for *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*.

2016. Organizer of Unravelling Religion 3: Space, Place, and Affect. Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. Queen's University School of Religion, Kingston, ON. May 13-14.

2015. Reader for the Queen's Major Award Recipient Applications

2015. Organizer of a panel entitled 'Exploring the TA/Prof Relationship' for Teaching Development Day at Queen's University, Kingston, ON. September 9.

2015. Participant in Prof Talk Activities that seek to introduce first year students to the challenges of higher education. Queen's University. Kingston. ON. September 9.

2015. Co-organizer of Engaging Boredom: Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. Queen's University, Kingston, ON. April 26.

2015. Organizer of Unravelling Religion 2: Projecting the Secular. Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. Queen's University School of Religion, Kingston, ON. March 6-7.

2014-2016. Student Ambassador for the American Academy of Religion.

2014. Co-presenter. *Time Management: The Coveted Key to a Healthy Work-Life Balance*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting Student Lounge Roundtable Workshop.

2014. Organizer of Unravelling Religion: Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. Queen's University School of Religion, Kingston, ON. Feb 28-March 01.

2013. Volunteer for the Queen's Reads Discussion Group for first year students

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR)

North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)