

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Ross Douglas Moret**

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**General Information**

University address: Dean of Undergraduate Studies  
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**Professional Preparation**

2018 PHD, Florida State University. Major: Religion. Ethics. Supervisor: John Kelsay.

Ross Moret. (2018). *More than Discourse: Islam, Others, and Radicalization in the West*. (Doctoral dissertation, Florida State University). Retrieved from ProQuest, fsu14376.

2011 MA, Princeton Theological Seminary. Major: Divinity.

2007 MALS, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN. Major: Theology. Highest Honors.

2005 MA, Florida Atlantic University. Major: History. American History.

**Nondegree Education and Training**

2017 Practicum in Teaching Islam, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

2015 American Muslims: History, Culture, and Politics (National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute), George Washington University, Washington, DC.

2010 Auburn Seminary Christian-Jewish Seminarian Program on Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (2nd Cohort), New York City, Israel, and Palestine.

## **Professional Experience**

- 2018–present Teaching Faculty I, Dean Undergraduate Studies, Florida State University. Responsible for teaching courses and developing the Honors Experience Program, including curriculum as well as extracurricular and co-curricular events.
- 2017–2018 Editorial Assistant, Journal of Religious Ethics, Florida State University. Worked as a copy-editor and journal administrator.
- 2014–2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Religion, Florida State University. Taught courses, served as a teaching assistant, and helped professors with research.
- 2014–2016 Managing Editor, Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal, Florida State University. Worked as the journal administrator and head copy-editor.
- 2013 Editorial Assistant, Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal, Florida State University. Worked as a copy-editor.
- 2005–2006 Instructor, History, Valparaiso University. Taught courses in Western Civilization and US History.
- 2003–2005 Graduate Teaching Assistant, History, Florida Atlantic University. Responsible for leading group discussions and grading papers.
- 2004 Instructor, Humanities, Palm Beach Atlantic University. Taught a course entitled Humanities in the Modern West.

## **Honors, Awards, and Prizes**

- Dissertation Research Grant, Florida State University (2017). (\$1,000).  
Alumni Association Distinguished Student Award, Valparaiso University (2007).  
Graduated with Highest Honors, Valparaiso University (2007).  
Graduated magna cum laude, Palm Beach Atlantic University (2003).  
Society of Colonial Wars Award, Society of Colonial Wars, Palm Beach, FL (2003). (\$500).

## **Fellowship(s)**

Lucius Moody Graduate Fellowship in Religion (2015–2017).

National Endowment for the Humanities (2015).

I was a participant in the NEH Summer Institute, American Muslims: History, Culture, and Politics.

Auburn Seminary Christian-Jewish Seminarian Program on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (2010).

This was a funded dialogue/travel experience to Israel and Palestine for Christian seminarians and rabbinical students.

## **Current Membership in Professional Organizations**

American Academy of Religion

Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics

Society of Christian Ethics

## **Teaching**

Broadly, my areas of expertise are religious studies, ethics, Islamic traditions, and Christian traditions. Most of the courses I teach address issues related to these areas from an interdisciplinary perspective.

## **Courses Taught**

Ethics, Religion & Superheroes (HUM2937)

Freedom & Religion (HUM2937)

Liberty and Oppression (HUM2937)

Modern Thought, Religion&Film (REL3171)

Religious Ethics and Moral Problems (REL3170)

Multicultural Dimensions of Film and 20th-Century Culture (HUM3321)

# Developments in Western Civilization through the Ages

# United States History to 1877

# Humanities in the Modern West

## **New Course Development**

Ethics, Religion, and Superheroes (2018)

Freedom and Religion (2018)

Liberty and Oppression: Race, Religion, and Politics in America (2018)

## **Curriculum Development**

FSU Honors Experience Program Freedom and (In)equality Course Cluster co-developed with Honors Faculty (2018)

## **Bachelor's Committee Member**

Baysinger, M., student. *Correcting for Mineral Interference in Organic Samples When Using FTIR Spectroscopy.*

## **Supervision of Student Research Not Related to Thesis or Dissertation**

Valdes, T. (Sep 2018–present).

I worked with Thalia through UROP.

Vaughn, R. (Sep 2018–Apr 2019).

I worked with Rhianna through UROP.

Burgin, S. (Sep 2017–Jun 2018).

I worked with Simone through UROP. We also co-authored a journal article: "Intercultural Struggle and the Targeting of Noncombatants: The Case of the Islamic State." *Religions* 9.8 (July): 230, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel9080230>.

Nevin, S. (Sep 2017–Apr 2018).

I worked with Selina through UROP. We also presented a paper together at the Southeaster Commission for the Study of Religion annual meeting entitled "Incidental Terror: The Dar al-Farooq Islamic Center, Bloomington."

## **Research and Original Creative Work**

My research is largely conducted in the overlapping space of religion and ethics, particularly in relation to Christian and Muslim traditions.

## **Program of Research and/or Focus of Original Creative Work**

My current program of research has to do with bringing the findings of cognitive science into conversation with the field of religious ethics.

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

Moret, R. (2019). The Cultural Turn: Empirical Studies and their Implications. *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 47.1, 180-191.

This is an extended review essay that responds to Richard Miller's book *Friends and Other Strangers*.

Moret, R., & Burgin, S. (2018). Intercultural Struggle and the Targeting of Noncombatants: The Case of the Islamic State. *Religions*, 9.8, 1-10.  
doi:<https://doi.org/10.3390/rel9080230>

This article illustrates how the processes of cultural cognition work in the development of extremism, particularly in the case of the Islamic State group.

Moret, R. (2016). Democracy as a Social Practice: Jeffrey Stout, Miroslav Volf, and the Democratic Virtues. *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 99.2, 193-221.

This article critiques Jeffrey Stout's work on virtue by putting it into conversation with the writing of Miroslav Volf.

# Moret, R. (2008). Potential for Apocalypse: Violence and Eschatology in the Israel-Palestine Conflict. *Journal of Religion and Society*, 10, 1-14. Retrieved from <https://dspace2.creighton.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10504/64364/2008-4.pdf?sequence=1>

This article analyzes Jewish, Christian, and Muslim stances on the Israel/Palestine issue in light of research on ethnic violence and genocide.

# Moret, R. (2007). Beyond Sola Scriptura: Placing Open Theism within American Cultural Trends. *Stone Campbell Journal*, 10.2, 213-230.

This article argues that the roots of a theological movement called open theism are historical, not hermeneutical, in nature.

### Invited Reviews

Moret, R. (2016). Does Democracy Require Metaphysics? A Review of Franklin Gamwell's *Religion Among We the People*. *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 99.4, 479-483.

This is a review of Franklin Gamwell's *Religion Among We the People*.

## Refereed Reviews

Moret, R., & Moret, J. (2013). Facing up to and Forgiving: Joshua Oppenheimer's *The Act of Killing*. *The Cresset*, 77.1, 30-32. Retrieved from [http://thecresset.org/2013/Michaelmas/Moret\\_M2013.html](http://thecresset.org/2013/Michaelmas/Moret_M2013.html)

This is a review of Joshua Oppenheimer's film *The Act of Killing*.

# Moret, R. (2009). Review of *The Eucharist and Ecumenism: Let Us Keep the Feast*, by George Hunsinger. *Princeton Theological Review*, 40.1, 75-77.

# Moret, R. (2008). "Religulous: Is Religion Ridiculous?" Review of *Religulous*. *The Cresset*, 73.2, 36-38. Retrieved from [http://thecresset.org/2008/Advent%202008/Moret\\_A08.html](http://thecresset.org/2008/Advent%202008/Moret_A08.html)

## Presentations

### Refereed Papers at Conferences

*For refereed papers at conferences, 16.7% were international, 41.7% were national, 41.7% were regional in scope.*

Moret, R. (accepted). *Teaching Comparative Religious Ethics Through Student Group Site Visits*. Paper to be presented at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA. (National)

Moret, R. (accepted). *Understanding Polarization: Perspectives from Moral Psychology and Religious Ethics*. Paper to be presented at Oxford Symposium on Religion, Oxford University, Oxford, UK. (International)

Schwabe, A., & Moret, R. (accepted). *Under Construction: Building a Cutting-Edge Honors Program to Foster Personal, Social, and Academic Success and Satisfaction*. Paper to be presented at National Collegiate Honors Council Annual Conference, National Collegiate Honors Council, New Orleans, LA. (National)

Moret, R. (presented 2018, November). *Innateness and Moral Foundations Theory*. Paper presented at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. (National)

Moret, R., & Nevin, S. (presented 2018, March). *Incidental Terror: The Dar al-Farooq Islamic Center, Bloomington*. Paper presented at Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA. (Regional)

Moret, R. (presented 2017, November). *Race, Social Science, and the Cultural Turn in Religious Ethics*. Paper presented at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA. (National)

- Moret, R. (presented 2017, January). *Love, Violence, and the Rhetoric of the Islamic State*. Paper presented at Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics Annual Meeting, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics, New Orleans, LA. (National)
- Moret, R. (presented 2016, November). *Love and Religion: What We Can Learn from Social Science*. Paper presented at International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation Annual Conference, International Center for Ethno-Religious Mediation, New York, NY. (International)
- Moret, R. (presented 2016, March). *A Jihad of Words, Muslima Style*. Paper presented at Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. (Regional)
- Moret, R. (presented 2015, March). *Contextualizing Interreligious Dialogue*. Paper presented at Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. (Regional)
- Moret, R. (presented 2015, March). *Investigating the Negotiation of Norms: What the 'Pragmatic Turn' in Comparative Religious Ethics has to Contribute to International Studies*. Paper presented at International Studies Association Annual Convention, International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. (International)
- Moret, R. (presented 2014, March). *Democracy in Practice or Public Reason Violated? Reading 'A Common Word Between Us and You' with Jeffrey Stout and John Rawls*. Paper presented at Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA. (Regional)
- Moret, R. (presented 2014, February). *Narrative and Legitimation in The Act of Killing*. Paper presented at Florida State University Religion Graduate Student Symposium, Florida State University Department of Religion, Tallahassee, FL. (National)
- Moret, R. (presented 2013, November). *Jeffrey Stout and the Democratic Virtues*. Paper presented at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD. (National)
- Moret, R. (presented 2013, March). *The Nonsense of Denigrating the Prophet Muhammad*. Paper presented at Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Greenville, SC. (Regional)

## Digital Projects

### Invited Digital Projects

Moret, R. (Contributor). (2017). *American Muslims: History, Culture, and Politics* [Website]. George Washington University and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Retrieved from <https://religion.columbian.gwu.edu/american-muslims-history-culture-and-politics>  
My contribution falls under the section "The Immigrant Muslim Experience".

### Essays

Moret, R. (2015). *The Moral Perils and Opportunities of George R. R. Martin's Fiction*. The Cresset 79.1.

pgs. 42-45, available at [http://thecresset.org/2015/Michaelmas/Moret\\_M15.html](http://thecresset.org/2015/Michaelmas/Moret_M15.html).

# Moret, R. (2012). *The Knight of Faith and the Dark Knight*. The Cresset 76.2.

pgs. 25-29, available at [http://thecresset.org/2012/Advent/Moret\\_A2012.html](http://thecresset.org/2012/Advent/Moret_A2012.html).

### Service

#### Florida State University

##### FSU University Service

Reviewer, Roundtable Leader, and Interviewer, Presidential Scholars Applicant Review (2019).

##### FSU Department Service

Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Representative, Graduate Student Representation Committee, Department of Religion, Florida State University (2017–2018).

Hospitality Subcommittee, Panel Organizer, Panel Moderator, Graduate Student Symposium Organizing Committee, Department of Religion, Florida State University (2013–2018).

Guest Author Respondent, Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Colloquium (2016).

I offered the introductory response to David Little's book *Essays on Human Rights* (2016).

Organizer, Religion Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Workshop (2015).



### **FSU Program Service**

Faculty Member, All Honors Planning Committee (2018–present).

Faculty Leader, Community Engagement Student Leadership Committee (2018–present).

Faculty Member, Curriculum Planning, Honors Experience Program Faculty Committee (2018–present).

Faculty Leader, Field Trips/Excursions Student Leadership Committee (2018–present).

Faculty Leader, Social Events Student Leadership Committee (2018–present).

### **The Profession**

#### **Editor for Refereed Journals**

# Associate Editor, *Princeton Theological Review* (2008–2010).

#### **Guest Reviewer for Refereed Journals**

*Journal of Religious Ethics* (2014–present).

#### **Service to Professional Associations**

Served on the Nominations Committee, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (2017–2018).

### **The Community**

Coach, Northwest Leon County Little League Baseball (2013–2018).

Invited Lecturer, Jesus and the Prophets According to Islam, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, FL (2017).

Invited Lecturer, The Muslim Understanding of Islam as the Natural Religion of Humanity, St. John's Episcopal Church, Tallahassee, FL (2016).

Invited Lecturer, Introducing Islam, St. Paul's United Methodist Church (2015).

# Professional activities that occurred prior to my employment at FSU.