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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
PhD, Education, 2023
Dissertation Title: *The Search for the 'Right' College: An Ecological and Ethnography Study of White Evangelical College Decision-Making*

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
EdM, Human Development and Psychology, 2012

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
ThM, Hebrew Bible, 2008
Thesis Title: *The Implications of the Hypostatization of Wisdom: From Proverbs to the Gospel of John*

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
MTS, Hebrew Bible, 2006

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
BA, History and Religious Studies
Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Edwards, B. N. "Getting Plugged In": Understanding How Evangelical Leaders Help Students Preserve Ontological Security in Navigating Non-Sectarian Higher Education." Submitted to *Religion & Education*. Under review.

Edwards, B. N. "'Biblical' Worldview: An Important Consideration for White Evangelical College Choice Theory." Submitted to *Harvard Educational Review*. Under review.

Edwards, B. N. "*Imago Dei* as Social Identity: Understanding White Evangelical Objections to Bodily Issues in Educational Contexts." Submitted to *Religion and American Culture*. Under review.

Non-Peer Reviewed

Edwards, B. N. "America Needs More Than Civil Religion" Review of *Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise*, by Eboo Patel, *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, Number 26, Issue 26 (20 March 2019): 84-86. https://irstudies.org/index.php/jirs/article/view/363

PRESENTATIONS

"Teaching Religious Literacy: Teacher Panel." Moderated panel for **Religion and Education Collaborative.** Zoom Colloquium, January 2024.

"White Evangelicals and Belonging in Four-Year Post-Secondary Education." **Is the Good Life Political? Seminar, University of Virginia Karsh Institute for Democracy**. Charlottesville, VA, January 2024.

"The Search for the 'Right' College: An Overview of White Evangelical College Decision-Making with Implications for Practice." **Religion and Education Collaborative**. Zoom Colloquium, September 2023.

"'Getting Plugged In': Understanding How Evangelical Leaders Help Students Preserve Ontological Security in Navigating Non-Sectarian Higher Education." **Harvard Graduate School of Education Doctoral Colloquium**. Cambridge, MA, April 2023.

"In the world, but not of the world: How evangelical sub-culture impacts youth ministers' views of American higher education." **Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion**. Athens, GA, February 2020.

"Changing the job of professors at elite universities and colleges in the U.S.: discussant with Harry Brighouse." **Civic and Moral Education Initiative**. Cambridge, MA, September 2017.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Post-Doctoral Fellow and Lecturer, 2024-Present
University of Virginia, College of Arts and Sciences

Instructor in Education, 2021-2022
Harvard Graduate School of Education

A118: Religious Literacy in K-12 Public Schools: Global Perspectives

Leading Teaching Fellow in Writing and Composition, Fall 2021-Present
Harvard Graduate School of Education

Teaching Fellow in Education, 2018-2023
Harvard Graduate School of Education

A011: Essentials of Coaching for Leaders and Educators
A702: Proseminar in Higher Education
HPL101: How People Learn
S010: Questionnaire and Survey Design: Principles and Methods
S504: Introduction to Qualitative Research for Doctoral Students
S510: Qualitative Research Methods in Practice

Teaching Fellow in General Education, 2016-2017
Harvard College

Culture and Belief 30: The Hebrew Bible

GRANTS

Harvard Graduate School of Education Term-Time Research Grant (Fall 2022)
Harvard Graduate School of Education Term-Time Research Grant (Spring 2022)
Harvard Graduate Society Summer Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (Summer 2018)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Harvard University Dissertation Fellowship (2022-2023)
Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Distinction (2016)
Harvard Hero Award (2012)
Star Family Prize for Excellence in Academic Advising (2012)
William Louis Poteat Scholarship (2002-2006)