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OVERVIEW

An interdisciplinary environmental studies scholar, Robin Veldman's research examines how religious beliefs and cultural identity shape attitudes toward nature. Building on the theory and methodology of religious studies, her teaching and scholarship use the tools of the humanities and social sciences to interpret human-environmental interactions. The ultimate goal of Dr. Veldman's research is to help scholars, scientists, students, and the public better understand how environmental beliefs and values intersect with religion, culture, politics and history.

EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Religious Studies (Religion and Nature), University of Florida
NSF-IGERT Fellow, Adaptive Management in Water, Wetlands and Watersheds
- 2008 M.A., Religious Studies (Religion and Nature), University of Florida
- 2002 B.A. magna cum laude, Environmental Studies, Dartmouth College

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Texas A&M University (August 2018 to present)
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Iowa State University (2014 - 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript in Preparation

The Gospel of Climate Skepticism: Why Evangelical Christians Oppose Action on Climate Change
[forthcoming 2019 with University of California Press]

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2016 Veldman, Robin Globus. "What is the Meaning of Greening? Cultural Analysis of a Southern Baptist Environmental Text." *Journal of Contemporary Religion*. 31(2): 199-222.
- 2015 Veldman, J.W., E. Buisson, G. Durigan, G W. Fernandes, S. Le Stradic, G. Mahy, D. Negrieros, G.E. Overbeck. R.G. Veldman, N.P. Zaloumis, F.E. Putz, W.J. Bond. "Toward an old-growth concept for grasslands, savannas, and woodlands." *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*. 13(3): 154-162.
- 2012 Veldman, Robin Globus. "Narrating the Environmental Apocalypse: How Imagining the End Facilitates Moral Reasoning Among Environmental Activists." *Ethics & the Environment*. 17(1): 1-23.

Edited Volumes and Special Issues

- 2014 Veldman, Robin Globus, Andrew Szasz and Randolph Haluza-Delay, eds. *How the World's Religions are Responding to Climate Change: Social Scientific Investigations*. (Abingdon: Routledge).
- 2012 Veldman, Robin Globus, Andrew Szasz and Randolph Haluza-DeLay, eds. Special Issue on Religions and Climate Change. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*. 6(3).

Book Chapters

- 2014 Veldman, Robin Globus, Andrew Szasz and Randolph Haluza-DeLay. "Social science, religions and climate change" and "Climate change and religion as global phenomena: Summing up and directions for further research," in Robin Globus Veldman, Andrew Szasz and Randolph Haluza-DeLay (eds.), *How the World's Religions are Responding to Climate Change: Social Scientific Investigations*. (Abingdon: Routledge), pp. 3-19 and 297-315.
- 2011 Globus, Robin and Bron Taylor. "Environmental Millennialism," in Catherine Wessinger (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Millennialism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 628-64.

Other Publications

- 2018 Veldman, Robin Globus. Review of *Religion and Ecological Crisis: The "Lynn White Thesis" at Fifty*, edited by Todd LeVasseur and Anna Peterson. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*. Forthcoming.
- 2017 Veldman, Robin Globus. Review of *How Climate Change Comes to Matter: The Communal Life of Facts* by Candis Callison. *Journal of Religion*. 97(1): 103-104.
- 2016 Veldman, Robin Globus. Review of *A Political Theology of Climate Change* by Michael Northcott. *Worldviews*. 20(1): 99-101.
- 2013 Veldman, Robin Globus. Review of *Between God and Green: How Evangelicals Are Cultivating a Middle Ground on Climate Change* by Katharine K. Wilkinson. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*. 7(3): 360-2.
- 2013 Veldman, Robin Globus. "Does End Time Belief Really Cause Climate Change Apathy?" *Religion Dispatches*. Online at www.religiondispatches.org/archive/atheologies/7144/does_end_time_belief_really_cause_climate_change_apathy/.
- 2013 Veldman, Robin Globus. Review of *Religion in Environmental and Climate Change*, by Dieter Gerten and Sigurd Bergmann (eds). *Journal of Contemporary Religion*. 28(1): 172-3.
- 2011 Globus, Robin. Review of *The Pursuit of Ecotopia*, by E.N. Anderson. *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*. 5(2): 241-3.
- 2009 Globus, Robin. "New Age Spirituality," in Willis Jenkins and Whitney Bauman (eds), *Encyclopedia of Sustainability: The Spirit of Sustainability* (London: Berkshire), pp. 289-90.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 Iowa State College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Initiative (single course release, \$5,000 [declined])
- 2014 Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities (CEAH) Research Grant, Iowa State University (single course release, \$5,000)

- 2014 Graduate School Dissertation Award, University of Florida (\$8,300)
- 2012 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Finalist
- 2012 Tedder Family Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Florida (\$2,000)
- 2011 Graduate Student Council Research Grant, University of Florida (\$250)
- 2010 Bob Graham Center for Public Service Case Study Research Grant, University of Florida (\$4,000)
- 2008-10 NSF-IGERT Fellowship. "Adaptive Management in Water, Wetlands and Watersheds," University of Florida (\$60,000)
- 2008-10 Grinter Fellowship, University of Florida (\$4,000)
- 2001 Kimball Foundation Environmental Studies Grant, Dartmouth College (\$700)

TRAVEL AWARDS

- 2013 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (\$350)
- 2013 Religion Department Graduate Student Travel Award (\$250)
- 2009 CLAS Graduate Student Travel Award (\$250)
- 2009 Religion Department Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500)
- 2009 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant (\$250)
- 2007 Religion Department Graduate Student Travel Award (\$200)

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2010 Passed Ph.D. comprehensive exams with distinction, University of Florida
- 2002 Magna cum laude, Dartmouth College
- 2002 Phi Beta Kappa, Dartmouth College
- 1999-2000 Rufus Choate Scholar, Dartmouth College
- 1998 National Merit Scholar

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited Panels and Paper Sessions Organized

- 2016 Panelist, "Appraising Research on Religion and Climate Change." Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS), Washington, D.C., June 8-12.
- 2015 Respondent, "Local and Transnational Religious Environmental Discourses." Religion and Ecology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 21-24.
- 2014 "To Green or Not to Green and Everything in Between: Assessing Trends, Patterns and Gaps in Scholarship on Religion and the Environment." Paper session organized for the Sociology of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, December 21-24.
- 2012 "Is God Green? Not so much: Critical perspectives on the 'greening' of religion." Paper session organized for the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) Annual Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, June 22-24.
- 2009 "From human dimensions to humanism: Dilemmas in the interdisciplinary study of human relationships with the environment." Paper session organized for the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) Annual Meeting, Madison, WI, October 8-11.

Papers Presented

- 2018 "Confidence Men: Christian Right Leaders and the Promotion of Climate Skepticism." Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Chicago, IL, November 8-11, 2018.
- 2017 "'Global warming alarmists remove our motivation to thank God for his gifts of cheap, abundant energy resources': How Leaders in the Christian Right Used Evangelical Mass Media to Promote Climate Skepticism." American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, Nov. 18-21.
- 2017 "Barriers and Opportunities for Evangelical Environmentalism: Results from an Ethnography in Georgia, USA." Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Tuscon, AZ, June 21-24.
- 2016 "An Ethnographic Study of Evangelicals, Eschatology, and Climate Change." American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 19-22.
- 2014 "Toward A Broader Conceptualization of Religions' Engagement with the Environmental Crisis." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, December 21-24.
- 2014 "Social factors influencing conservative Christians' attitudes toward the environment and climate change." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, December 21-24.
- 2012 "How Conservative Christians Talk about Climate Change." Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) Annual Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, June 22-24.
- 2012 "A Problem-Based Approach to Understanding Millennial Movements." Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 2-8.
- 2010 "Pollution and the Moral Community: Examining the Role of Value Uncertainty in Adaptive Management." University of Florida Graduate Student Council Interdisciplinary Research Conference, Gainesville, FL, February 3.
- 2009 "Re-creation's Shadow Side: Exploring Narratives of Apocalypse." "Recreate, Replace, Restore," Ohio Northern University Working Group on Religion, Ethics and Nature Conference, Ada, OH, April 17-19.
- 2009 "Adding Ethics to Water Management." International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture (ISSRNC) Annual Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 23-26.
- 2009 "From Barriers to Bridges: Examining the Role of Narrative in Interdisciplinary Environmental Scholarship." Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) Annual Conference, Madison, WI, October 8 -11.
- 2008 "'There's Hope But Not For Us': Theorizing Environmental Apocalypticism." International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC) Annual Meeting, Morelia, Mexico, January 17-20.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Religious Traditions of the World (Fall 2018, Texas A&M)

Religion and Ecology (Fall 2016, Iowa State University)

Religion in America (Fall 2014, Fall & Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Iowa State University)

The End of the World (Spring 2011, University of Florida)
Religion, Ethics and Nature (Fall 2010, University of Florida)
Water, Environment & Society, lead instructor of team-taught course (Spring 2009, University of Florida)

Teaching Assistant

The Good Life (Fall 2012, University of Florida)
Social Ethics (Spring 2007, University of Florida)
Judaism in the Americas (Fall 2006, University of Florida)

Teaching Material

2011 Globus, Robin and Susanna W. Blair. "Coping with a 'Wicked Problem' at Newnans Lake, FL. Case study teaching resource." Civic Library: Bob Graham Center for Public Service. <http://www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu/civic/civic-library>.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Leadership

2018 Board member. International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture
2009-12 Board member (student representative). International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture

Editorial

2017-present Associate Editor. Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (previous positions held: 2014-2017, Senior Assistant Editor. 2011-2014, Assistant Editor. 2007-2010, managing editor, editorial assistant, and subscriptions coordinator)
2011-present Manuscript reviewer. Environmental Values, Environmental Communication, Global and Planetary Change, Biotropica, Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, WIREs Climate Change, Ethics, Policy & Environment
2016 Proposal reviewer. Swiss National Science Foundation
2012 Book manuscript reviewer. Routledge

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

ISU Departmental website coordinator, 2015 to 2017
ISU Curriculum committee. 2015 to 2017.
Master's thesis committee. "The emergence and evolution of trans-corporeality in Charles Darwin's On The Origin of Species and Henry David Thoreau's Walden and "Walking," by Adam Haenlein. Defended Spring 2016, Iowa State University.
Master's thesis committee. "The Marriage Division: A Case Study on Clerical Dissension in the United Methodist Church," by Erin Meek. Defended Summer 2015, Iowa State University.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2012 "Can the World's Religious Traditions Help Stop Climate Change?" All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Putnam Congregation. 30 September.
2009 "Religion and Conservation Behavior." Robinson Avian Ecology Laboratory Group, University of Florida. October 30.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences
International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2017 Quoted in the Washington Post, "Why so many white evangelicals in Trump's base are deeply skeptical of climate change" by Sarah Pulliam Bailey, June 2.
- 2013 Alternet Radio Hour. Interview with Joshua Holland. Aired July 20.
- 2013 The Thom Hartmann Program. Interviewed for "Everything You Know Is Wrong." Radio/TV. Aired July 22. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mF0cfN-TLoQ>.