SILAS W. ALLARD

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Ethics and Society, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University, 2025

Dissertation: "Constructing the People: Political Theology, the US Supreme Court, and the Myth of the Ontological Nation"

Juris Doctor, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, 2011

Master of Theological Studies, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, 2011

Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 2004

EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA

Associate Teaching Professor, January 2025 – Present

Adjunct Professor, August 2024 – December 2025

Visiting Assistant Professor of Practice, August 2022 – August 2024

Department of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Instructor, Introduction to Religion and Law, January 2025 – December 2025

Journal of Law and Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Co-editor, August 2013 – Present

Executive Editor, September 2025 – Present

Managing Editor, August 2013 – September 2025

Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Senior Fellow, August 2013 – Present

Managing Director, September 2018 – August 2019

Associate Director, August 2013 – August 2018

United States Court of International Trade, New York, NY

Law Clerk to Chief Judge Donald C. Pogue, September 2011 – July 2013

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Christianity and the Law of Migration, ed. Silas W. Allard, Kristin E. Heyer, and Raj Nadella (Routledge, 2021)

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Borders as Sites of Exclusion and Engagement," in *Christianity and the Law of Migration: An Introduction*, ed. Silas W. Allard, Kristin E. Heyer, and Raj Nadella (Routledge, 2021)

"Introduction: Law and Theology in the Age of Migration," in *Christianity and the Law of Migration: An Introduction*, ed. Silas W. Allard, Kristin E. Heyer, and Raj Nadella (Routledge, 2021)

"Hopelessly Practicing Asylum: Asylum Seekers, Advocates, and Hostile Jurisdictions," in *Christianity and International Law: An Introduction*, ed. Pamela Slotte and John D. Haskell (Cambridge University Press, 2021)

"Christianity and a Global Law for Migration," in *Christianity and Global Law: An Introduction*, ed. Rafael Domingo and John Witte, Jr. (Routledge, 2020)

"Religious Kinesis: A Challenge to the Plenary Power Doctrine's Anthropology of Stasis," in *The Meaning of My Neighbor's Faith: Interreligious Reflections on Migration*, ed. Laura Alexander and Alexander Wong (Rowman & Littlefield, 2019)

"A Desired Composition: Regulating Vulnerability through Immigration Law," in *Vulnerability and the Legal Organization of Work*, ed. Martha Albertson Fineman and Jonathan W. Fineman (Routledge, 2018)

"Global and Local Challenges to Refugee Protection," *International Journal of Legal Information* 46, no. 1 (2018)

"Vulnerability, the Responsive State, and the Role of Religion," in *Exploring Vulnerability* (Vandenhoeck + Ruprecht, 2017) (coauthored with Martha Albertson Fineman)

"Reimagining Asylum: Religious Narratives and the Moral Obligation to the Asylum Seeker," *Refuge* 29, no. 1 (2013) (peer-reviewed)

"Looking to Fill an International Regulatory Gap: Brazil Brings the Issue of Exchange Rates and Trade before the World Trade Organization," *Emory International Law Review* 26, no. 2 (2012) (coauthored with Antonia Pereira)

"In the Shade of the Oaks of Mamre: Hospitality as a Framework for Political Engagement between Christians and Muslims," *Political Theology* 13, no. 4 (2012) (peer-reviewed)

"Casualties of Disharmony: The Exclusion of Asylum Seekers under the Auspices of the Common European Asylum System," *Emory International Law Review* 24, no. 1 (2010) (law review comment)

REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Race, Equality, Citizenship, and Belonging: Reading James Baldwin and *Wong Kim Ark*," *Journal of Law and Religion* 37, no. 2 (2022) (special issue introduction co-authored with M. Christian Green, Vincent Lloyd, and David True; simultaneously published in *Political Theology* 23, no. 5 (2022))

"Christianity and the Law of Migration: A Dialogue in Social Responsibility," The Fr. Lydio F. Tomasi, C.S. Annual Lecture on International Migration, *Center for Migration Studies* (December 7, 2021), https://cmsny.org/publications/christianity-and-the-law-of-migration-a-dialogue-in-social-responsibility/

"Asylum: The Constraint of a Definition and the Agency of a Claim," *Moral Agency under Constraint* (blog) (August 3, 2020), https://scholarblogs.emory.edu/moralagency2019/2020/08/03/claiming-asylum-as-moral-agency/

"Editorial: On the Future of Law and Religion," *Journal of Law and Religion* 34, no. 3 (2019)

"Editorial: On Tradition and Change in Law and Religion," *Journal of Law and Religion* 34, no. 2 (2019) (coauthored with Michael J. Perry)

"Review of Seeing the Myth in Human Rights, by Jenna Reinbold," Journal of Law and Religion 32, no. 1 (2018)

"Editorial: On the Legacy of Saba Mahmood," *Journal of Law and Religion* 31, no. 2 (2018)

"Review of Atheist Awakening: Secular Activism and Community in America, by Richard Cimino and Christopher Smith," Journal of Law and Religion 31, no. 1 (2016)

"Who Am I? Who Are You? Who Are We? Law, Religion, and Approaches to an Ethic of Migration," *Journal of Law and Religion* 30, no. 2 (2015)

"Review of *Theology for International Law*, by Esther D. Reed," *Interpretation* 69, no. 3 (2015)

"Editorial: On Inequality and the Prophetic Voice in Law and Religion," *Journal of Law and Religion* 29, no. 2 (2014)

"Review of Driven from Home: Protecting the Rights of Forced Migrants, edited by David Hollenbach," Journal of Refugee Studies 24, no. 3 (2011)

WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

"A Constellation of Foundings: Chae Chan Ping, Chinese Exclusion, and the Making of America," *Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion* (in press)

"Anti-harboring Statutes and the Criminalization of Democracy," in *Religion, Migration, and Global Justice: Public Theologies in Displacement*, ed. Ulrich Schmiedel and Elise Lindkvist (Brill, in development)

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"From Johnson-Reed to Hart-Celler: The Theo-logic of US Immigration Policy," Religion and Migration Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 22–25, 2025

"A Constellation of Foundings: *Chae Chan Ping*, Chinese Exclusion, and the Making of America," presented at the Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 18–22, 2022

"We Were Always and Are Never Postmigration: Settler Society, Migrant Exclusion, and the Making of America," presented at the European Academy of Religion, Bologna, Italy, June 20–23, 2022

"Encounter and the Ethical Preconditions of Immigration Policy," presented at the Southeastern Immigration Studies Association (SEISA) Annual Meeting, The Citadel and the College of Charleston, Conference Sessions Online, April 7–10, 2021

"On the Moral Agency of Making a Claim for Asylum," presented at the Southeastern Immigration Studies Association (SEISA): Current Trends in Immigration Research and Activism, The Citadel and the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, February 20–22, 2020

"Beyond Borders: The Case for Cross-Disciplinary Engagement on Migration," presented at the Comparative Religious Ethics Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22–26, 2019

"Toward a Human Centered Refugee Policy: Exploring How Asylum and Refugee Policy Ignore the Person at the International and Local Level in the United States," presented at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, June 6–10, 2018

"Crossing Borders: Religion, Migration, and a Critique of the Legal Subject," presented at the Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 21–24, 2015

"The Vulnerable Subject and Religion: The Importance of Thinking about Institutions," presented at Vulnerability: A New Focus for Theological and Interdisciplinary Anthropology, Internationales Wissenschaftsforum Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, September 6–9, 2015

"Reimagining Asylum: Alternative Narratives of Flight in Sacred Scriptures," presented at the Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22–25, 2014

"Good Workers and Bad Immigrants: The Role of Productivity in Immigration Reform Legislation," presented at Immigration Reform and Beyond? The 5th Conference on Immigration to the US South, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, October 23–25, 2014

"The Productive Subject in US Immigration Policy," presented at The Feminism and Legal Theory Project at 30: A Workshop on Labor and Employment, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 25–26, 2014

"Reimagining the Asylum Narrative: Travelling from Charity to Duty through Stories from the Desert," presented at the Centre for Refugee Studies Annual Student Conference, York University, Toronto, Canada, April 27–28, 2012

"Interpreting a Subject in the Law: The Construction and Performance of Refugee Identity in US Asylum Law," presented at the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Annual Conference, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, May 11–13, 2011

"In the Shade of the Oaks of Mamre: Hospitality as a Framework for Political Engagement Between Christians and Muslims," presented at Christianity and Islam: Between Love, Law, and Secularity, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, United Kingdom, October 12–13, 2010

"An Ethic of Asylum: Moving Beyond Identity and Discrimination, Recognizing the Obligation to Protect," presented at the Centre for Refugee Studies Annual Student Conference, York University, April 8–9, 2010

INVITED LECTURES

"The Legacy of *Trump v. Hawaii* at the Intersection of Immigration and Religious Freedom," Religious Liberty Law Section, State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, April 19, 2023

"Christianity and the Law of Migration: A Dialogue in Social Responsibility," Fr. Lydio F. Tomasi, C.S., Lecture on International Migration, Center for Migration Studies (online), December 7, 2021

"Hope, Resilience, and the Role of the Advocate," Keynote Address, Annual Chapter Luncheon, Georgia-Alabama Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, Atlanta, GA, June 1, 2018

"Global and Local Challenges to Refugee Protection," lecture to the International Association of Law Librarians Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 24, 2017

"The International Law of Migration," lectures to foreign law students, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, July 12, 2017

"International Human Rights," lectures to foreign law students, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, July 27–28, 2016

PANELS, WORKSHOPS, AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"A Constellation of Foundings: Chae Chan Ping, Chinese Exclusion, and the Making of America," *Race* and *Religion* in the Law of Migration: Comparing E.U. and U.S. Contexts, Lund University/Online, May 26–28, 2025, and March 11–13, 2026

"The Chosen and the Heathen: A Political Theology of Migration," Christian Legal Thought from the Margins, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, November 7, 2025

"Nation, Nativity, and Migrancy in *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia* and *Worcester v. Georgia*," Religion in the America's Colloquium at Emory, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, February 15, 2024 (in conversation with Kate Rosenblatt)

"Conversation with an Author on *Christianity and the Law of Migration*," Society for Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL, January 5–8, 2023

Panelist, "Academic Religion Centers as Sites of Training and Employment for PhDs," Applied Religious Studies Committee, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20 – 23, 2021

Respondent, Religion, Borders, and Immigration Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (online), November 19 – December 10, 2020

Panelist, "Regional Panel Discussion," Continued Relevance and Challenges of the 1951 Refugee Convention on the Global and Local Levels, *Emory International Law Review* Symposium, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA, February 28, 2019

"Immigration Law for Non-Lawyers," Migration and Border Crossings Conference, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, February 7–9, 2019

"Legal and Religious Thought on Borders," Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 16–20, 2018

Panelist, "Nationalism and Citizenship," Center for Migration Studies Annual Academic and Policy Symposium, New York, NY, October 9, 2018

Panelist, "Nationalism, Refugee Protection, and Migration Policy," Church Center of the United Nations, New York, NY, May 2, 2018

"Empowering Religious Communities as Justice for All Stakeholders," presented at Eliminating Barriers to Justice IV: Comparison of Language Access in Federal Forums with Georgia Practice and A Comprehensive Law and Policy Update Regarding Access to Justice in Georgia's Civil Justice System, Georgia State University, November 15, 2017

"What's the Law on Religious Expression in the Public Square? The First Amendment's Establishment Clause," workshop presentation at the International Center for Law and Religion Studies' Religious Freedom Annual Review, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, July 6–7, 2017

Panel Chair and Discussant, "Workshop on Illiberal Democracy," Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, May 18, 2017

Panelist, "Immigration and Presidential Power," Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 28, 2017

Respondent to Keynote Speaker Derreck Kayongo, CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights, at Asylum, Refuge, and Relocation: Multifaith and Community Responses to Global Migration, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA, February 6, 2017

"Frozen in Time: Our Reified Nation," presented at the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry Faculty Response Forum, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, January 27, 2017 (presented with Elizabeth Bounds)

"Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings," presented at Moving Georgia Forward through Innovative Pro Bono, hosted by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and the State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, January 20, 2017

"Moving Words: Naming and Norming People in Motion," presented at the Laney Colloquium in Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 20, 2016

"How Does the Concept of the 'Vulnerable Subject' Clarify and/or Complicate Civil, Political, and Religious Spheres of Authority and Responsibility?" presented at The Religion, Vulnerability, and Resilience Project: Planning Symposium, Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership, Chicago, IL, June 1–2, 2015

"Theology and a Challenge to Legal Orders," presented at a roundtable accompanying the McDonald Distinguished Lecture on Christian Scholarship, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, March 16, 2015

"Overview of the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Legislation," presented at the Forum on Immigrant Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, September 9, 2013

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

"Law and Religion: An Interdisciplinary Toolkit for the Humanities Scholar," Grant for a 2026 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute (co-PI with Whittney Barth)

Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellow, 2024 – 2025

Outstanding Research Scholar – Humanities, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2021

Young Alumni Award, Emory University School of Law Alumni Association, 2020

George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2019 – 2024

Marion Luther Brittain Award, Emory University, 2011 (highest student honor)

Mary Katherine (Myki) Mobley Award, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2011 (for academic excellence and significant social concern)

Order of the Coif, Emory University School of Law, 2011

Outstanding Commitment to Public Service Award, Emory University School of Law, 2011

Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory University School of Law, 2007 – 2011

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Missouri, 2003 (junior year inductee)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MEDIA APPEARANCES

"Asylum: Charity or Something More," *The Case for Immigration* (podcast), May 8, 2019, http://www.thecaseforimmigration.com/episodes/episode-04-asylum-charity-or-something-more

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Co-Convener, "Migration and Border Crossings," Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA, February 7–9, 2018

Convener, "Justice for All: Ensuring Ethical Representation and Access to Justice for Immigrants" (15th Annual Legal Ethics and Professionalism Symposium), Emory University, Atlanta, GA, November 14, 2014

Co-Convener, "Religion Newswriters Association Pre-Conference: Focus on Immigration," Emory University, Atlanta, GA, September 18, 2014

Co-Convener, "A Global Conversation: Exploring Interfaith and International Models for the Interaction of Religion and State" (Religious Legal Theory Conference V), Emory University, Atlanta, GA, February 24–25, 2014

Co-Convener, "Advancing the Consensus: 60 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Emory University, Atlanta, GA, October 16–18, 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit, American Academy of Religion, Co-Chair November 2025 – Present; Steering Committee Member November 2022 – November 2025

Center for Contemplative Science and Secular Ethics at Emory University, Advisory Board Member, April 2016 – Present

Student Representative, Policy and Curriculum Committee, Graduate Division of Religion, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2022 – 2024

Georgia Immigration Working Group, Past Chair, April 2019 – March 2020; Chair, July 2017 – April 2019; Advisory Committee, November 2014 – July 2017; Detention Subgroup Facilitator, November 2014 – July 2017

El Refugio Hospitality House, Board of Directors, March 2016 – December 2019; Advisory Board Member, March 2015 – March 2016

Georgia Justice for All Working Group, Member, February 2017 – January 2018

Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty, Board Member, September 2005 – May 2007

Peer Reviewer: *Journal of Interreligious Studies*; Cambridge University Press (book proposals); Oxford University Press (book proposals)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Licensed to Practice Law in the State of New York

American Academy of Religion

American Immigration Lawyers Association

Normative Theory of Immigration Working Group

Political Theology Network

Southeastern Immigration Studies Association