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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- Present Boston University: Graduate Department of Religious Studies
Ph.D.- Psychology of Religion (defended 23, Oct., 2018)
- 2013 Boston University: School of Theology
M.T.S.- Psychology and Theology, Summa cum laude
- 2006 North Carolina State University
B.A.- Interdisciplinary Studies, Magna cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

- Curtis, C., Morgan, J., Laird, L. (2018). Mothers' gardens in arid soil: A study of religious and spiritual coping among marginalized U.S. mothers with depression. *Journal of Spirituality in Mental Health*.
- Morgan, J., Curtis, C. E., Laird, L. D. (2017). Stress and hope at the margins: Qualitative research on depression and religious coping among low-income mothers. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*, 39(3), 205-234.
- Laird, L. D., Curtis, C. E., Morgan, J. (2017) Finding spirits in spirituality: What are we measuring in spirituality and health research? *Journal of Religion and Health*, 56(1), 1-20.
- Morgan, J., Clark, D., Tripodis, Y., Halloran, C. S., Minsky, A., Wildman, W. J., Durso, R., & McNamara, P. (2016). Impacts of religious semantic priming on an intertemporal discounting task: Response times and neural correlates. *Neuropsychologia*, 89, 403-413.
- Morgan, J., & Sandage S.J. (2016). A developmental model of interreligious competence. *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*, 38(2), 129-158.
- Smart, K., Durso, R., Morgan, J., & McNamara, P. (2016). A potential case of remission in Parkinson's disease. *Journal of Complementary and Integrative Medicine*, 13(3).

Morgan J. (2016): Religion and dual-process cognition: a continuum of styles or distinct types? *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 6(2), 112–129.

Sandage, S. J., & Morgan, J. (2014). Hope and positive religious coping as predictors of social justice commitment. *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*, 17(6), 557–567.

Morgan, J. (2013). Styx. *Anamesa*, 11(2).

Morgan, J. (2013). Untangling false assumptions regarding atheism and health. *Zygon®*, 48(1), 9–19.

Book Chapters

Morgan, J., Caldwell-Harris, C., Wood, C. (in press). Reflective thought, religious belief, and the social foundations hypothesis. In G. Pennycook (Ed.), *The new reflectionism in cognitive psychology: Why reason matters* (pg. tbd). New York: Psychology Press.

Sandage, S.J., Paine, D.R., Morgan, J. (in press). Relational spirituality and transformation: A differentiation based model. In T.M. Crisp, S.L. Porter, & G.A. TenElshof (Eds.), *Psychology and spiritual formation: A psychologically and theologically informed spirituality* (pg. tbd). Westmont, IL: IVP Academic.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

2013-2018 Lindamood Fellow, Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion
2015-2017 Sinai and Synapses Fellow
2013 Pardee Graduate Summer Fellow (selected)
2012 Carr Science and Religion Scholarship
2012 Boston University Springboard Research Award
2011-2013 Boston University, School of Theology Merit Scholarship

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Invited Presentations:

Morgan, J. (2017). “The neuroscientific study of religious cognition.” Presentation at the 2017 American Association for the Advancement of Science, Rabbinic Education series at Hebrew College.

Morgan, J. (2017). “Religion and Self-Regulation: Moving beneath the surface.” Paper presented at the 2017 Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Religion and Spirituality Preconference.

Morgan, J. (2016). Panel respondent to Vacek’s *Madness: American Protestant responses to mental illness*. Paper presented at the 2016 Eastern International Region AAR Conference.

Papers Presented:

- Morgan, J. (2018). "Religion, varieties of self-regulation, and cooperation: It depends on how you feel." Paper accepted for presentation at the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion Conference.
- Morgan, J. (2018). "The importance of how people believe: Moralization processes mediate the relationship between religiosity and cooperation." Paper presented at the Erice workshop on Future Directions on the Evolution of Rituals, Beliefs and Religious Minds.
- Morgan, J. (2017). "Emotional appraisals guiding the way from religion to effortless self-regulation." Paper presented at the second International Conference on the Evolution of Religion.
- Morgan, J. (2017). "Implicit pathways between religious engagement and self-regulation." Paper presented at the 2017 International Association for the Psychology of Religion Congress.
- Morgan, J. (2016). "Varieties of religious coping: Expanding the current models of depression and spirituality." Paper presented at the 5th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion.
- Morgan, J. (2015). "Cosmopolitan Ideology and Religiosity in Istanbul: How Cultural Context Shapes the Relationship between Cognitive Style and Religion." Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- Morgan, J. (2015). "Cognitive styles and religion in Turkey: The influence of context." Paper presented at the 2015 International Association for the Psychology of Religion Congress.
- Morgan, J. (2015). "Neural evidence for the role of religion on self-control: Is it really a matter of strength?" Paper presented at the 4th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion.
- Curtis, C., Laird, L., & Morgan, J. (2015) "Spirituality and Maternal Depression." Paper presented at the 4th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion.
- Morgan, J. (2014) "Losing Faith in Depression: Toward a more expansive relationship between religion and depression in African American communities." Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- Morgan, J. & Durso R. (2014) "Religion and delay of gratification: Neurocognitive factors of religious cognition and self-control." Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

Posters Presented:

- Sandage, S.J., & Morgan, J. (2014). "Hope and positive religious coping as predictors of social justice commitment." Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, DC.

Sandage, S. J., Morgan, J., & Paine, D., (2014). "Relational Spirituality, Intercultural Competence, and Social Justice Commitment: Empirical Findings and Emerging Questions." Poster presented at the 2014 Counseling Psychology Conference in Atlanta.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present: Teaching Assistant: edX Science of Religion MOOC with Edward Slingerland, Ph.D. & Azim Shariff Ph.D.
- 2013-2016 Mentor guiding research and theses for master level RAs with the Cognition and Religious Coping project.
- 2014-2015 Science and Religion Colloquium organizer and discussion leader.
- 2011-2013 Tutor with Boston University's College Behind Bars program.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Present Co-Investigator: "Spiritual Resources and Maternal Depression: A Qualitative Investigation." with Lance Laird, Th.D. & Cara Curtis
- Present Research Assistant: "Cognition and Religious Coping in Parkinson's Disease" with Principle Investigator- Patrick McNamara, Ph.D.
- Present Co-Investigator: "Cognitive Style and Religious Attitudes" with IBCSR, Connor P. Wood, Ravi Iyer, Ph.D. and Thomas Talhelm, Ph.D.
- 2014-2015 Research Assistant: "Developmental models for Interreligious Competencies" with Principle Investigator- Steven J. Sandage, Ph.D.
- 2013-2015 Research Assistant: "Constraining Environments: Cognitive Styles and Religiosity in Istanbul." with Principle Investigator- Catherine Caldwell-Harris, Ph.D.
- 2013 Research Assistant: "Dispositional Hope, Religious Coping, & Social Justice Commitment." with Principle Investigator- Steven J. Sandage Ph.D.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Present International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion: Executive
Committee Treasurer

Peer-reviewer for:

PLOS ONE

Transcultural Psychiatry

UNIVERSITY SERVICE_____

2014-2016: Graduate Student Organization Representative

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE_____

2008-2011 Experiential Education Crew Leader with the Montana
Conservation Corps

2006-2008 Experiential Education Leader for Habitat for Humanity through
AmeriCorps