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Professor Worthen's research explores North American religious and intellectual history.

Description

Molly Worthen is an assistant professor of history in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences. Her research focuses on North American religious and intellectual history, particularly the ideas and culture of conservative Christianity. She is the author of the books "Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism" (Oxford University Press, 2013), and "The Man On Whom Nothing Was Lost: The Grand Strategy of Charles Hill (Houghton Mifflin, 2006.) Worthen teaches courses in global Christianity, North American religious and intellectual culture, and the history of politics and ideology. She is a contributing opinion writer for The New York Times and has also written about religion and politics for Slate, the Boston Globe, Foreign Policy and other publications. She is working on a 36-lecture course for the Teaching Company's Great Courses series, "History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Rise of Evangelicalism," scheduled for release in 2018.

Topics

American Religious and Intellectual History, American Christian History, Conservative Christianity, American evangelical Christian life, Global Christianity, The history of politics and ideology

Past Talks

• "Inside the Mind of the Christian Right: A Deep History of the Culture Wars" •
Connell Lecture

• "The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism" •
Crum Lecture

"Evangelicals and the Authority Problem"
Lecture

• "The Curious History of the Christian Worldview: Theological Origins of the Culture Wars" •
Schrag Lecture

• "Adventures in Ideas: American Christianity" •
UNC-Chapel Hill

Education

Yale University
Ph.D. Religious History

Yale University
M.Phil and M.A. American Religious History

Yale University
B.A. History

Accomplishments

Religion Newswritersâ€™ Association Nonfiction Book Award
First Place, 2015. Prize for best nonfiction book of the year pertaining to the study of religion.

Theron Rockwell Field Prize
2011. University-wide award for "œbest poetic, literary, or religious work of scholarship."

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship
2006-2010. U.S. government award to support doctoral studies and research.

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