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### Institutions of Higher Education Attended

PHD, Univ of California-Los Angeles.

MA, San Francisco State University.

BA, University of Oregon.

### Previous Teaching Positions

Senior Lecturer / Associate Professor of Instruction, Texas State University. (August 2016 - Present).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Wittenberg University. (August 1, 2013 - June 1, 2016).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Indiana University. (August 1, 2010 - June 1, 2013).

Visiting Assistant Professor, Loyola Marymount University. (August 1, 2008 - June 1, 2010).

### Significant Professional Works

#### *Book Chapters*

Paddison, J. A. (in press). "The Birth of the Cult Leader: Thomas Lake Harris, New Religions, and the American West". *Religion in the U.S. West: Empire and Caretaking*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

#### *Books*

Paddison, J. A. (2025). *Unholy Sensations: A Story of Sex, Scandal, and California's First Cult Scare*. New York: Oxford University Press.

#### *Other*

Paddison, J. A. (2025). *How Have Cults Shaped American History?* (3rd ed., vol. 75, pp. 9).

Paddison, J. A. (2023). Review of *We Are Not Animals: Indigenous Politics of Survival, Rebellion, and Reconstitution in Nineteenth-Century California*. [Review of the book *We Are Not Animals: Indigenous Politics of Survival, Rebellion, and Reconstitution in Nineteenth-Century California*]. (vol. 54, pp. 183-84).

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