

Weston Wright

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Profile

An aspiring PhD candidate with experience teaching students of all ages and backgrounds. Whether it is philosophy, religious studies, or theatre he uses his skills from six years of teaching and teacher-aiding to create a welcoming environment that students can thrive in. He is about to conclude his M.A. program with his master's thesis. At this time, he is currently searching for Ph.D. Programs so that he can achieve becoming a professor in academia.

Education

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

M.A. in Religious Studies, expected May 2024

Master's Thesis, *Differentiating Magic*, defense February 2024

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

B.A. in Religious Studies & Philosophy, May 2021

Research Interests

- Magic, Esoterica, Occultism
- Sociology of Religion, Religion & Modernity
- Social & Communication Theory
- Ancient and Modern expressions of Paganism
- New Religious Movements

Professional Organizations

2024 *American Academy of Religion* member

Honors and Awards

Dean's List of Scholars, USF, Fall 2020

Teaching Experience

Graduate teaching Assistant, University of South Florida

Department of Religious Studies

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REL3850: World Religions for Healthcare Professionals (Fall 2022-Current), Instructors Tori Lockler PhD and Garret Potts PhD, *Duties: Grading, Student Liaison, Field Trip Planning, Course Management*

REL3852: Religious Perspectives on Health, Death, and Dying (Spring 2023), Instructor Tori Lockler PhD, *Duties: Lecturing, Grading, Student Liaison, Field Trip Planning, Course Management*

REL3167: Sustainable Development & Religion (Summer 2023), Instructor Tori Lockler PhD, *Duties: Grading, Student Liaison, Course Management*

Instructor of Acting & Performance, Tampa Bay Performing Arts Academy

Acting 101 (Spring 2018-Fall 2021) *Duties: Design Curriculum, Lecture, Learned How to Teach*
History of Theatre (Fall 2020-Fall 2021) *Duties: Design Curriculum, Lecture, Learned How to Teach*

References

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