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Project Title  Religious and Political Polarization in America: A History in 2 (or 3) Parts

Project Abstract  This position will assist in research on two separate but related projects: 1) a religious history of Hillary Clinton set against the backdrop of the polarization of American Christianity from the 1960s to the present; 2) a study of evangelical constructions of militant masculinity from 1970 to the present (the rise of Donald Trump). If time allows, preliminary research will also be conducted examining the export of this religious polarization to the global Christian context (for instance, to Uganda or other African contexts, Indonesia, Nepal, Latin America, and/or other locations).

Project Outcome  This research will contribute to the publication of two books: Journey of Faith: Hillary Clinton and the Polarization of American Christianity; and a book on Militant Evangelical Masculinity. Both books are intended for the trade market; I am working with an agent to secure a trade publisher for both. Given current interest, we will sign the book on evangelical masculinity first. The Clinton book will follow. I have already conducted significant research and have published on both of these topics.