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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Yale University, Divinity School, Assistant Professor of American Religious History	2009-
Arizona State University, Department of Religious Studies, Assistant Professor	2004-2009
Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion, Acting Associate Director	2003-2004
Southern Methodist University, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Bill and Rita Clements Research Fellow	2002-2003

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Religion (M.A., 1999)	2002
Claremont Graduate University, M.A. in Women's Studies in Religion	1997
Eastern Mennonite University, B.A. in English, Summa cum Laude	1991

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Selected Participant, Young Scholars in American Religion Program, Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis	2007-2009
Summer Stipend, "We the People" Initiative, National Endowment for the Humanities	2006
Bill and Rita Clements Research Fellowship, Clements Center for Southwest Studies Southern Methodist University	2002-2003
New Scholars Award, Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion	2002
Harold P. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University	2001-2002
Dissertation Research Award, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University	2001-2002
Annual Research Awards, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University	1998-2000
Margo Goldsmith Research Assistantship, Claremont Graduate University	1994-1995
Presidential Scholarship, Eastern Mennonite University	1987-1991

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Co-Convener for the collaborative research project, "Race, Ethnicity, and Modernity: Re-Envisioning the Religious History of the American West." Seed Grant (\$10,000) from Arizona State University's Institute for Humanities Research	2005-2006
Early Career Associate, History of American Christian Practice Project Directors Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Leigh Schmidt, and Mark Valeri Funded by the Lilly Foundation	2002-2004
Pre-doctoral Fellow, Cinema and Religious Expression Project Directors Jeffrey Stout and P. Adams Sitney Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion	2000-2001

PUBLICATIONS

Book

We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009.

Essays

"Rewriting the First Amendment: Competing American Secularisms, 1850-1900," in *Public Religion, Secularism, and Democracy*, edited by Linell Cady and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd. Routledge Press, 2010.

"The Practice of Dance for the Future of Christianity: 'Eurythmic Worship' in New York's Roaring Twenties," in *Practicing Protestants: Histories of Christian Life in America*, edited by Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Leigh Schmidt, and Mark Valeri, 222-249. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006.

"Modernists, Pueblo Indians, and the Politics of Primitivism," in *Race, Religion, Region: Landscapes of Encounter in the American West*, edited by Fay Botham and Sara Patterson, 101-114. University of Arizona Press, 2006.

"'We Are Guaranteed Freedom': Pueblo Indians and the Category of Religion in the 1920s." *History of Religions* 45:2 (November 2005), 89-113.

"Land, Culture, and Sovereignty in the Pueblo Dance Controversy." *Journal of the Southwest* 16:2 (Fall 2004), 381-412.

"Female Christ and Feminist Foremother: The Many Lives of Ann Lee." *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 18:2 (Fall 2002), 5-32.

Reviews

Greg Johnson, *Sacred Claims: Repatriation and Living Tradition.* Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2007. *Hawai'ian Journal of History* vol. 43 (2009).

Andrea Smith, *Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances.* Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2008. *Journal of Church and State* 50:4 (Autumn 2008), 734-36.

Jennifer C. Snow, *Protestant Missionaries, Asian Immigrants, and Ideologies of Race in America, 1850-1924.* New York: Routledge, 2007. *Church History* 76:4 (December 2007).

Paul J. Vanderwood, *Juan Soldado: Rapist, Murderer, Martyr, Saint.* Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2004. *Western Historical Quarterly* (Spring 2006).

Judith Weisenfeld, *African-American Women and Christian Activism: New York's Black YWCA, 1905-1945.* Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1997. In *Koinonia: The Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Forum* 11:2 (Fall 1999).

Christine Leigh Heyrman, *Southern Cross: The Beginnings of the Bible Belt.* New York: A. A. Knopf, 1997. In *Koinonia: The Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Forum* 10:2 (Fall 1998).

Works in Progress

"Religious Thought in America," essay to appear in the *Cambridge History of Religions in America*, vol. 3, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Cambridge University Press).

"Making America: Protestant Home Missions in the Nineteenth-Century West," essay in preparation, to be submitted to *Church History* or the *Journal of Religion and American Culture*.

The Ironies of Religious Liberty in America, 1850-1950, book project underway.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

“The ironies of religious freedom: ‘religion’ and ‘religious’ minorities in the U.S.,” Conference on the Category of ‘Religion’: Boundaries and Their Consequences. British Academy, London, U.K., January 14-16, 2010.

Presider for the session, “Imagining Territories: Land and Regional Identity in Colorado and Kansas,” Religion in the American West Consultation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Montréal, Quebec, Canada, November 9, 2009.

“The Ironies of Religious Freedom in Native American History,” Indigenous Religious Traditions Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Montréal, Quebec, Canada, November 9, 2009.

“We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom.” Invited Lecture, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 9, 2009.

Respondent to session, “Twentieth-Century Religion in the U.S. Southwest,” Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association, 102nd Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 8, 2009.

“Rewriting the First Amendment: Competing American Secularisms, 1850-1900,” International Conference on Religious Freedom, Pluralism, and Secularisms. Delhi, India, January 4-7, 2009. Public Religion, Secularism, and Democracy: An International Cross-Disciplinary Project, funded by the Ford Foundation.

“Race, Religion, and Nation: Protestant Home Missions in the American West, 1870-1930,” American Society of Church History Meeting. Washington, D.C., January 3-5, 2008. (Co-organized panel: “Through the Lens of Modernity: Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in the American West.”)

Respondent to session, “Indigenous Christianities in the Americas: Comparative Approaches and the Vine Deloria Challenge,” American Society of Church History Meeting. Washington, D.C., January 3-5, 2008.

“Native American Religions in the Modern Quest for Re-enchantment,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Annual Meeting. Phoenix, Arizona, April 14, 2007.

“Defining Religion in Indian Affairs,” American Academy of Religion Western Regional Meeting. Berkeley, California, March 26, 2007.

Panelist, “Piety, Practice, Performance: Action and Embodiment in American Christianity,” History of Christianity Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 19, 2006.

“‘Our Own Great Spirit’: Pueblo Indians and Christianity in the Early Twentieth Century,” Arizona State University Graduate Studies Conference, Christianity and Colonialism in the Southwest and Beyond, Tempe, Arizona, March 31, 2006.

Panelist, “Race and Ethnicity in the American West/Special Session: Re-imagining and Re-conceptualizing the Religious History of the American West,” American Academy of Religion Western Regional Meeting. Claremont, California, March 13, 2006.

Co-Convener for the Conference, “Through the Lens of Race and Ethnicity: Re-envisioning the Religious History of the American West,” funded by Arizona State University’s Institute for Humanities Research, Department of Religious Studies, and Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict. Tempe, Arizona, March 3-4, 2006.

Respondent to Beau Seegmiller, “Are Mormons Polytheists?” Sunstone Arizona Conference, Tempe, Arizona, January 14, 2006.

- Chair for the session, "Courtrooms, Schoolrooms, and the Making of Religion," Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2005.
- "'Religious Liberty for the Individual': Indian Dances and the Politics of Religious Freedom in the 1920s," American Academy of Religion Western Regional Meeting. Tempe, Arizona, March 13, 2005.
- "The Practice of Dance for the Future of Christianity: 'Eurythmic Worship' in New York's Roaring Twenties," History of American Christian Practice Project Final Conference. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 22, 2004.
- "Competing Theories of Religion in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts, March 25, 2004.
- "Religious Freedom Debates in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia, November 22, 2003.
- "Savage Debauchery or Sacred Communion? Gendered Constructions of Primitive Religion in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," Berkshire Women's History Conference. Storrs, Connecticut, June 7, 2002 (Co-organized panel: "Gender, Sexuality, and the Primitive in American Religious Discourse, 1840-1930.")
- "Original American Quakers or Loathsome Sodomites? Comparative Religion in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," American Society of Church History Meeting. San Francisco, California, January 6, 2002 (Organized panel: "Native Americans and Christianity in the West.")
- "Contesting Primitive Religion: Pueblo Views of Religion in the Dance Controversy," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado, November 17, 2001.
- "'The Women Had Full Sway': Women's Missionary Societies and Racial Uplift in the A.M.E. Church, 1860-1900," American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting. Arlington, Virginia, February 26, 1999.
- "Mother, Christ, Communist, and Feminist: The Shifting Representations of Ann Lee," American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting. Arlington, Virginia, February 25, 1999.
- "Gender and Knowledge in the Religious Experience of Rebecca Cox Jackson," Graduate Student Conference on Gender and Knowledge, Rutgers University Institute for Research on Women. New Brunswick, New Jersey, April 3, 1998.
- "Female Physicality in Margery Kempe and Julian of Norwich," American Academy of Religion Western Regional Meeting. Redlands, California, March 1995.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses at Yale

Race and Religion in American History (Fall 2009)

Courses at ASU

REL 320: American Religious Traditions (Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Fall 2007)

REL 405: Religion in the American West (Fall 2007)

REL 405: Race and Religion in the Americas (Spring 2008)

REL 405: Religion, Politics, and Protest in the U.S. (Fall 2005)

REL 598/691: The Study of Religion in North America (Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Spring 2007)

REL 598/691: Religion in the U.S. West (Spring 2006)

REL 598/691: Defining Religion in American Public Life (Fall 2006)

REL 598/691: Missions and Missionaries in the Americas (Spring 2008)

Prior Teaching Experience

Religions of the World (Montclair State University, New Jersey, Fall 2003)

Native American Religions (Southern Methodist University, Spring 2003)

Women and Religion in the United States (Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Spring 2004)

Doctoral Committees

Daughtrey, Doe. Ph.D. candidate, Religious Studies. Comprehensive Exams, April 2007. "Molly Mormons Can Be Reiki Masters Too': New Age Beliefs & Practices among Women with Mormon Backgrounds."

Hendrickson, Brett. Ph.D. candidate, Religious Studies. Comprehensive Exams, April 2008. "Healing Borders: Cross-Cultural Expressions of Mexican Folk Healing."

Ursic, Elizabeth. Ph.D. candidate, Religious Studies. Comprehensive Exams, April 2007. "Worshipping Christ-Sophia: Christians Praying to God as She: Catholic Nuns, Protestant Ministers, and Christian Communities Negotiating Feminism and Christianity for the New Millennium."

Wertman, Ann. Ph.D. candidate, Religious Studies. Comprehensive Exams, February 2008. "The LDS Church and Gay/Lesbian Experience."

M.A. Committees, Chaired

Lucas, Beverly. "Waco and the Limits of Tolerance: Narrating Tragedy and Negotiating Memory." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, August 2008.

Mueller, Daniela. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, September 2007.

(Co-Chair.) Nikoghosyan, Verzhine. "At the Crossroads of Cultures: Armenian Ethnic Identity and Religion," M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2009.

(Co-Chair.) Orens, Geoffrey. "Sufi Orders in North America," M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2007.

M.A. Committees, Member

Cabot, Vicki. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, May 2008.

Correa, Matthew. "The 'Soul' Revisited: Relational Theories of Indigenous Worldviews," M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, November 2005.

Martinear, Sonya. "African Americans and the Synodical Conference Colored Missions, 1877-1930," M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies (In Progress).

Penkava, Francis. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, December 2004.

Seegmiller, Beau. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, February 2006.

Smith, Kondan. "Nineteenth-Century Mormonism or 'An Unloved Child': National Culture and the Contested Notions of Americanness and the American Kingdom of God," M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, November 2006.

Wright, Emily. "Not of Themselves: Contemporary Practices in American Protestant Dance," M.F.A. Thesis, Dance, November 2007.

B.A. Honors Thesis Committees

(Chair) Kale, Joanna. "The Geography of Sacred Space and Its Expression in Early Mormonism, 1820 to 1849." B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, Spring 2008.

Rolsky, Luis. "Civil Religion in Twenty-First Century America," B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2006.

(Chair) Zollinger, Shannon. "The United States and 19th Century Mormonism: The Effects of Assimilating to a Greater State," B.A. Honors Thesis, History/Political Science, November 2005.

Directed Studies

Protestants and Religious Minorities in America, Spring 2008 (Hannah Smith, BIS student)

Quakers in Colonial America, Spring 2007 (Cynthia Vale, MLS student)

Religion and Commercial Culture, Fall 2005 (Kristen Davidson, BIS student)

Teaching Enrichment

Faculty Panelist, Teaching Large Classes Series, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Arizona State University October 16, 2006

Arizona Tri-University Learner-Centered Education Grant 2005-2006
Selected as one of ten ASU faculty to participate; declined

Wakonse-Arizona Fellow 2005
Wakonse provides inspiration and support for college teaching and learning

"Student-Centered Approaches to the Graduate Seminar" May 20, 2005
Led workshop session at Wakonse-Arizona Annual Conference

Rookie Camp, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, ASU Fall 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Profession

Steering Committee Member and Website Editor, Religion in the American West Seminar 2007-2012
American Academy of Religion

Editorial Board, Religion in the Americas Section, *Religion Compass* (online peer-reviewed journal from Blackwell Publishing) 2008-2010

Co-Chair, Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation/Group 2005-2010
American Academy of Religion

Women's Caucus Representative, American Academy of Religion, Western Region 2005-2008

Book Manuscript Reviews 2007, '08, '09
Routledge Press, University Press of Florida, Oxford University Press

Article Reviews 2005, 2008, 2009
Journal of the American Academy of Religion, American Indian Culture and Research Journal, Religion Compass

Yale University

Professional Services Committee, Yale Divinity School 2009-2010

Arizona State University

Advisory Board, Institute for Humanities Research 2006-2008

Graduate Committee, Department of Religious Studies 2004-2005

Princeton University

Chair, Religion Department Graduate Student Committee 2000-2001

Assistant organizer and website designer, Religion and Cinema Conference http://www.princeton.edu/~csrelig/cinema	2000-2001
Assistant Workshop Coordinator, Center for the Study of Religion	1998-1999
Consultant to Faculty on Course Website Design	1998-1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
American Studies Association
Organization of American Historians
Western History Association