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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Yale University, Divinity School, American Studies, Religious Studies Assistant Professor, 2009-2014 Associate Professor on term, 2014-2017 Associate Professor, tenured, 2017-present	2009-present
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. in passing, 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

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books**

*Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, October 2017. xi + 288pp.

Author-Meets-Critics Book Session, Law, Religion, and Culture Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2017.

*We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom*. Chapel Hill: Published in association with the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, by the University of North Carolina Press, 2009. 360pp

Author-Meets-Critics Book Session, co-sponsored by North American Religions Section and Native Traditions in the Americas Group, American Academy of Religion, October 2010.

Reviewed in *American Historical Reviews*, *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, *American Indian Quarterly*, *Archives de sciences sociales des religions*, *Choice*, *Ethnohistory*, *History of Religions*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Arizona History*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Journal of Law and Religion*, *Journal of Religion*, *Marburg Journal of Religion*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Western Historical Quarterly*.

#### **Refereed Articles**

Co-authored with Gale Kenny, "Missionaries, Religious Freedom, and 'Native Liberty' in the Interwar Belgian Congo." In process.

"Indian Dances and the Politics of Religious Freedom, 1870-1930," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 79:4 (December 2011): 850-878. doi: 10.1093/jaarel/lfr061.

“‘We Are Guaranteed Freedom’: Pueblo Indians and the Category of Religion in the 1920s.” *History of Religions* 45:2 (November 2005), 89-113. Reprinted in *Indigenous Religions*, 4 volumes, edited by Graham Harvey and Amy Whitehead. Routledge Press, 2017.

“Land, Culture, and Sovereignty in the Pueblo Dance Controversy.” *Journal of the Southwest* 16:2 (Summer 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.

### **Journal Essays and Book Chapters**

“Sovereignty,” in *Religion, Law, U.S.A.*, edited by Joshua Dubler and Isaac Weiner. (New York: New York University Press, forthcoming).

“Unitarians in an Age of Empire: Settler Colonialism, Liberal Religion, and the World’s Parliament of Religions,” *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 42 (forthcoming, 2018).

“Religious Liberty in Trump’s America.” *Christian Century* (forthcoming, October 2017).

“Freedom to Worship,” in *The Four Freedoms: FDR’s Legacy of Liberty for the United States and the World*, edited by Jeffrey Engel, 73-110. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

“‘A New Form of Government’: Religious-Secular Distinctions in Pueblo Indian History,” in *Religion as a Category of Governance and Sovereignty*, edited by Trevor Stack, Naomi Goldenberg and Timothy Fitzgerald, 68-89. Leiden: Brill, 2015.

“American Religious Freedom: Pride and Prejudice,” in *The Future of Race, Reflections: A Magazine of Theological Reflection from Yale Divinity School*. Spring 2013.

“Religious Thought in America, 1945 to the Present,” in *Cambridge History of Religions in America*, vol. 3, edited by Stephen J. Stein, 674-697. Cambridge University Press, 2012.

“The God-in-the-Constitution Controversy: American Secularisms in Historical Perspective,” in *Comparative Secularisms in a Global Age*, edited by Linell Cady and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, 87-105. Palgrave MacMillan, 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.

### **Book Reviews**

“Nationhood and Resistance: *New World A-Coming* and the (Re)making of Race, Religion, and Nation in African American History,” Roundtable Forum on Judith Weisenfeld’s *New World A-Coming: Black Religion and Racial Identity during the Great Migration* (New York University Press, 2017). Forthcoming in *Journal of Africana Religions*, Spring 2018.

Fannie Kahan, *A Culture’s Catalyst: Historical Encounters with Peyote and the Native American Church in Canada*. Edited and with an introduction by Erika Dyck. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press, 2016. *Pacific Historical Review*, forthcoming.

Nicolas Howe, *Landscapes of the Secular: Law, Religion, and American Sacred Space*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2016. *Religious Studies Review* 43:2 (June 2017): 152.

David Mislin, *Saving Faith: Making Religious Pluralism an American Value at the Dawn of the Secular Age*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015. *Church History* (March 2017).

- Paul Harvey, *Bounds of Their Habitation: Race and Religion in American History*. American Ways Series. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2017. *Reading Religion* (February 24, 2017), <http://readingreligion.org/books/bounds-their-habitation>.
- Chad Seales, *The Secular Spectacle: Performing Religion in a Southern Town*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. *The Journal of Religion* 95:4 (October 2015): 581-582.
- Flannery Burke, *From Greenwich Village to Taos: Primitivism and Place at Mabel Dodge Luhan's*. Lawrence: University of Kansas Press, 2008. *New Mexico Historical Review* 87:2 (Spring 2012).
- Thomas C. Maroukis, *The Peyote Road: Religious Freedom and the Native American Church*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2010. *Pacific Historical Review* (August 2011): 475-76.
- Michael F. Steltenkamp, *Nicholas Black Elk: Medicine Man, Missionary, Mystic*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2009. *Church History* 79:3 (September 2010): 734-36.
- Greg Johnson, *Sacred Claims: Repatriation and Living Tradition*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2007. *Hawai'ian Journal of History*, 43 (2009): 209-11.
- 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), 861-63.
- Paul J. Vanderwood, *Juan Soldado: Rapist, Murderer, Martyr, Saint*. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2004. *Western Historical Quarterly* (Spring 2006), 89-90.
- Judith Weisenfeld, *African-American Women and Christian Activism: New York's Black YWCA, 1905-1945*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1997. *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. *Koinonia: The Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Forum* 10:2 (Fall 1998).

### Online Essays and Interviews

- "The Complexities of Racial and Religious Identities," *Black Perspectives*, African American Intellectual History Society Blog, <http://www.aaihs.org/black-perspectives>, September 29, 2017.
- "Five Books I Can't Do Without," in *Books We Love*, Part 3, curated by Roberto Sirvent, *Political Theology Network*, August 15, 2017, <http://www.politicaltheology.com/blog/books-we-love-part-3-roberto-sirvent/>.
- "Tisa Wenger: Contesting Religious Freedom," in *Cosmologics Magazine*, interview by Lewis West. <http://cosmologicsmagazine.com/>. Spring 2017.
- "Pluralism, Native Americans, and American Religious History," Newberry Library Blog, August 6, 2012, <https://www.newberry.org/pluralism-native-americans-and-american-religious-history>
- "Religion, Religions, Religious... and Race," Interview with Kelly Baker and Tisa Wenger, by Edward Blum, *Religion in American History: A Group Blog*, March 3, 2012. <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2012/03/religion-religions-religious-and-race.html>.
- "Native American Religious Freedom: An Interview with Tisa Wenger," by Paul Harvey, *Religion in American History: A Group Blog*, April 30, 2009, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2009/04/paul-harvey-my-colleague-in-young.html>.
- For *Religion in the American West*, [relwest.blogspot.com](http://relwest.blogspot.com)
- "WHA in Denver: A Recap," with Quincy Newell, October 15, 2012
- "Reflections from the California (Bay Area) Archives," June 11, 2012
- "OAH 2012 in Milwaukee," April 27, 2012

- "Religion and the Public School System: Why the West Matters," April 16, 2012  
 "Book of the Month: Darren Dochuk, *From Bible Belt to Sunbelt*," December 5, 2011  
 "Religion in the American West Seminar Meeting," November 3, 2010  
 "In Memoriam, David Weber," August 31, 2010  
 "Tribute to Ferenc Szasz," June 23, 2010  
 "Environmentalism vs. Indian Religious Freedom," May 13, 2010

## **INVITED LECTURES**

- 2018 Symposium on Religion, Citizenship, and Power. Department of Religion, University of Illinois. April 10-12, 2018.
- 2018 Religion and Public Life Lecture Series, Columbia University. March 22, 2018.
- 2018 Religion and the State. Public Panel. Conversations on Morality, Politics, and Society, Center for Ethics and Human Values, Ohio State University. January 26, 2018.
- 2017 "Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal." Crossroads of Religion and Politics. Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University. October 16, 2017.
- 2017 "Race, Empire, and American Religious Freedom." Armstrong Lecture. Department of Religion, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan. February 16, 2017.
- 2016 "Unitarians in an Age of Empire," Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society Keynote Speaker. UU History Convocation 2016, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota. October 28, 2016.
- 2016 "Race, Religious Freedom, and the Tri-Faith Movement, 1925-1950." Conference on Religious Freedom in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Claremont Graduate University. March 25, 2016.
- 2015 "Mapping Religion in the Philippines: Religious Freedom and the Unsettled Secularisms of U.S. Empire." Religion and Media Pre-Conference Workshop, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. November 20, 2015.
- 2015 "Indian Dances and the Settler Secular: Making Religion on the Reservation." Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. October 19, 2015.
- 2015 "Mapping Religion in the Philippines: The Unsettled Secularisms of U.S. Empire." Keynote Speaker. University of Toronto Graduate Student Conference: Divine Maps, Sacred Stories: Cartography and History in Religious Imaginations. Toronto, Ontario. April 16, 2015.
- 2013 "Freedom of Worship." Public panel on The Four Freedoms: FDR's Legacy of Liberty for the United States and the World. Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University. Dallas, Texas. November 7, 2013.
- 2013 "Race, Racism, and American Religious Freedom." Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. March 20, 2013.
- 2010 "We Have a Religion: The Ironies of Religious Freedom in Native American History," and "Sacred Places and Same-Sex Marriage: American Models of Religion and the Secular." Guest Scholar. Center for the Study of Religion, Law, and Democracy, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon. March 11, 2010.
- 2009 "We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom." Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque. August 9, 2009.

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2018 Plenary Panel. Beyond Identity Politics? Scholars Conference on American Jewish History. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. June 17-19, 2018.

- 2018 Panelist. Race, Religion, and the Nation State. American Society of Church History Winter Meeting. Washington, D.C., January 4-7, 2018.
- 2017 Response, Author Meets Critics Roundtable, Tisa Wenger, *Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal*. Law, Religion, and Culture Group. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts. November 2017.
- 2017 Panelist. Author Meets Critics: A Conversation about Finbarr Curtis's *The Production of American Religious Freedom*. Religion and Economy Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston, Massachusetts, November 2017.
- 2017 Roundtable Respondent. Is Dissent Secular?: Religion, Disruption, and the Liberal State. American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. November 11, 2017.
- 2017 Chair and Comment, "Opening Religious Frontiers (or Why Religion Should Matter to Historians). Western History Association. San Diego, California, November 2, 2017.
- 2017 Chair and Comment, "Foreign Religions and Foreign Relations: U.S. Engagements with the World in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century." Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. Arlington, Virginia. June 24, 2017.
- 2017 Panelist. Cultural Production and American Religion. 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture. Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana. June 3, 2017.
- 2016 Panelist. Author Meets Critics Roundtable on John Corrigan, *Emptiness: Feeling Christian in America*. North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. November 21, 2016.
- 2015 Panelist. Neutrality, Separation, and Religion: Does Religious Diversity Challenge Traditional Accommodations? Law, Religion, and Politics Conference. Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut. November 6, 2016.
- 2015 "Religious Freedom and U.S. Empire." Religious Cultures of U.S. Imperialism Panel. American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario. October 10, 2015.
- 2015 "Pluralism, Secularism, and Religious Freedom in the Southern Baptist Convention." Jointly sponsored session at the annual meetings of the American Historical Association and American Society of Church History, New York City. January 4, 2015.
- 2013 Panelist, "What Can the Study of American Judaism Bring to Religious Studies? A Roundtable on Theory and Methods," Study of Judaism Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. November 25, 2013.
- 2013 Panelist, "Religion and U.S. Empire," North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. November 25, 2013.
- 2013 "The Cult Scare and the Shifting Politics of American Religious Freedom, 1975-1985." *No Person Shall Bee Any Wise Molested: Religious Freedom Cultural Conflict, and the Moral Role of the State*. A conference for the collaborative project "The Spectacle of Toleration: Learning from the Lively Experiment." Newport, Rhode Island. October 3, 2013.
- 2013 "The Invention of Religious Freedom as an American Ideal," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, San Francisco. April 14, 2013.
- 2012 "Religious Freedom and the Jewish Question, 1900-1920," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago. November 17, 2012.
- 2012 "Pluralism, Secularism, and Southern Baptist Ideologies of Religious Freedom," Discourses of Pluralism and Secularism Panel, Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Meeting, New York City. (Conference cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy.) November 1, 2012.

- 2011 "Indian Dances and the Politics of Religious Freedom, 1900-1930," Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Meeting, Sacramento. May 19, 2011.
- 2011 "Getting Religion: New Themes for the Study of the American West," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston. (Organized and chaired panel, "Why Study Religion in the American West?") January 8, 2011.
- 2010 Comment on session, "Defining Religious Freedom: Reading Tisa Wenger's *We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom*." North American Religions Section and Native Traditions in the Americas Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta. October 30, 2010.
- 2010 "Native Americans and the Dilemmas of Religious Freedom," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. April 8, 2010.
- 2009 "The Ironies of Religious Freedom in Native American History," Indigenous Religious Traditions Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montréal. November 9, 2009.
- 2009 "Rewriting the First Amendment: Competing American Secularisms, 1850-1900." International Conference on Religious Freedom, Pluralism, and Secularisms, Delhi, India. January 6, 2009.
- 2008 "Race, Religion, and Nation: Protestant Home Missions in the American West, 1870-1930," American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C. January 4, 2008.
- 2007 "Native American Religions in the Modern Quest for Re-enchantment," Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Phoenix. April 14, 2007.
- 2007 "Defining Religion in Indian Affairs," American Academy of Religion Western Region, Berkeley, California. March 26, 2007.
- 2006 Panelist, "Piety, Practice, Performance: Action and Embodiment in American Christianity," History of Christianity Section, American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C. November 19, 2006.
- 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 Region, Claremont, California. March 13, 2006.
- 2006 Conference Co-Convener, "Through the Lens of Race and Ethnicity: Re-envisioning the Religious History of the American West," funded by Institute for Humanities Research, Department of Religious Studies, and Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. March 3-4, 2006.
- 2005 "'Religious Liberty for the Individual': Indian Dances and the Politics of Religious Freedom in the 1920s," American Academy of Religion Western Region, Tempe, AZ. March 13, 2005.
- 2004 "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, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. October 22, 2004.
- 2004 "Competing Theories of Religion in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, Boston. March 25, 2004.
- 2003 "Religious Freedom Debates in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta. November 22, 2003.
- 2002 "Savage Debauchery or Sacred Communion? Gendered Constructions of Primitive Religion in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," Berkshire Women's History Conference, Storrs, Conn. June 7, 2002.
- 2002 "Original American Quakers or Loathsome Sodomites? Comparative Religion in the Pueblo Dance Controversy," American Society of Church History, San Francisco. January 6, 2002.

- 2001 "Contesting Primitive Religion: Pueblo Views of Religion in the Dance Controversy," American Academy of Religion, Denver. November 17, 2001.
- 1999 "'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 Region, Arlington, Virginia. February 26, 1999.
- 1999 "Mother, Christ, Communist, and Feminist: The Shifting Representations of Ann Lee," American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Region, Arlington, Virginia. February 25, 1999.
- 1998 "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.
- 1995 "Female Physicality in Margery Kempe and Julian of Norwich," American Academy of Religion Western Region, Redlands, California. March 1995.

## **WORKSHOPS AND COLLOQUIA**

- 2016 "Making Religion on the Reservation: Native Americans and the Settler Secular." Yale Group for the Study of Native Americans. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. October 25, 2016.
- 2016 "Making American Whiteness: Jewish Identity and the Tri-faith Movement." Columbia University Seminar on Religion in America. Columbia University, New York. October 6, 2016.
- 2015 "Religious Freedom and the Logics of War and Empire." American Religious History Workshop. Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. December 7, 2015.
- 2013 "Religious Freedom: The Making of an American Ideal, 1740-1830." Invited colloquium presenter. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics. Washington University, St. Louis. January 31, 2013.
- 2012 "Religious Freedom in Twentieth Century America." Pre-circulated paper, Princeton Workshop on American Religious History, Princeton University. April 26, 2012.
- 2010 "Indian Dances and the Politics of Religious Freedom, 1870-1930." Yale Law Journal reading group, Yale University. November 18, 2010.
- 2010 "The Ironies of Religious Freedom in Native American History." Religion, Politics, and Society Workshop, MacMillan Center, Yale University. April 5, 2010.
- 2010 "The Ironies of Religious Freedom in Native American History." American Religious History Workshop, Yale University. March 1, 2010.
- 2010 "The Ironies of Religious Freedom: 'Religion' and 'Religious' Minorities in the U.S." Invited paper, Religious-Secular Distinctions Conference, British Academy, London. January 15, 2010.
- 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.

## **RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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| Selected Participant, Religion and U.S. Empire Collaborative Project<br>Directors Sylvester Johnson and Tracy Leavelle<br>Funding from the Kripke Center, Creighton University | 2013-2015   |
| Lynn E. May Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives  | Summer 2012 |
| Lilly Theological Research Grant, Association of Theological Schools   | 2011-2012   |
| Griswold Research Award, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University  | Summer 2010 |

Selected Participant, Young Scholars in American Religion Program, Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, IUPUI	2007-2009
Summer Stipend, "We the People" Initiative, National Endowment for the Humanities	2006
Co-Convener, "Race, Ethnicity, and Modernity: Re-Envisioning the Religious History of the American West." A collaborative research project supported by a \$10,000 seed grant 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
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
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
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

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

### **Yale University Courses**

- REL 700b: Transitional Moments in Western Christianity II: American Religious History (2010, 2011, 2014, 2016)
- REL 703: Methods and Sources in Historical Research (2010, 2016, 2017)
- REL 705: Race and Religion in American History (2009, 2012, 2014)
- REL 718/RLST 686: Religion in the American West (2010, 2012, 2015, 2018)
- REL 720: Religious Freedom in U.S. History (2010, 2013, 2015, 2017)
- REL 728/AMST 442: Religion and U.S. Empire (2017)
- REL 730: Native Americans and Christianity (2013, 2016, 2018)
- REL 745: Race, Religion, and Theology in America (co-taught with Chloë Starr, 2016)
- REL 763: Primary Readings in American Christianity, 1870-1940 (2011, 2013, 2017)
- AMST 705a/ HIST 720a/ RLST 705a: Readings in Religion and American History, 1600-2012 (Doctoral seminar co-taught with Harry Stout, fall 2013)

### **Arizona State University Courses**

- REL 320: American Religious Traditions (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- REL 405: Religion in the American West (2007)
- REL 405: Race and Religion in the Americas (2008)
- REL 405: Religion, Politics, and Protest in the U.S. (2005)
- REL 598/691: The Study of Religion in North America (2005, 2006, 2007)
- REL 598/691: Religion in the U.S. West (2006)



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

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

## **Yale Thesis and Exam Committees**

### **Doctoral Students**

Hale, Tiffany. History. Qualifying Exam, Religion and Colonialism, April 2015. Ph.D. Thesis Committee. "Hostiles and Friendlies: Memory, Institutions, and the 1890 Ghost Dance." Approved, August 2017.

Curts, Kati. Religious Studies. Qualifying Exam, American Religious History, 1865-present, January 2013. Ph.D. Thesis Committee, "Assembling Fords: A Harrowing History of Religion in the Automobile Age." Approved with distinction, May 2016.

Musselman, Cody. Religious Studies. Qualifying Exam, American Religious History, December 2017.

Rabin, Shari. Religious Studies. Qualifying Exam, American Religious History, 1870-present, December 2011.

### **Masters' Students**

Hawks, A.J. Advisor for S.T.M. Thesis, "American Nür: Islam, Media Symbolism, Transnational Identities, and the Incorporation of Muslim Immigrants in the American Civil Sphere," Yale Divinity School, 2016-2017.

Johnson, Isaac. Reader for M.A.R. Thesis, The Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha. Yale Divinity School, Spring 2017.

Oates, N'Kosi. Advisor for M.A.R. Thesis, "The Black Panther Party and the Meaning of Alienation: The Formation of Existentialism and Black Existentialism in the Fight for Black Liberation." Yale Divinity School, 2016-2017. Co-directed with Glenda Gilmore.

Uca, Eda. Reader for M.A.R. Thesis, Noble Drew Ali and the Moorish Science Temple. Yale Divinity School, Spring 2017.

Wyrsh, Peter. Advisor for M.A.R. Thesis, Yale Divinity School, Spring 2017.

Gullotta, Daniel. Reader for M.A.R. Thesis. "A Prophet for President: A Study of the Political Career of Joseph Smith, His Campaigns for the United States Presidency in the 1844 Election, and the Imagination of Jacksonian America," Yale Divinity School, Fall 2016.

Peckham, Hannah. Advisor for MAR Thesis, "Women Beyond the Cave": Melody Green, 1982-1995," Yale Divinity School, Fall 2016.

Crumley, Jaimie. Advisor for S.T.M. Thesis, "Free Agent: the Theo-Political Mind of Maria W. Stewart, 1803-1879," Yale Divinity School, May 2016.

Karandy, Kurt. Advisor for M.A.R. Thesis, "Channeling the Spirit: Performances of Religion and Race in Post-Civil Rights Era Sitcoms." Yale Divinity School, May 2013.

Snow, Brigid. Reader for M.A.R. Thesis, "Promising and Obligation in Congregations and Contract Law." Yale Divinity School, May 2013.

Yang, Sunggu Paul. Advisor for S.T.M. Thesis, "A Social, Reconciliatory, and Ecumenical Theology and Spirituality of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr." Yale Divinity School, May 2011.

### **Bachelors' Students**

Richards, Kellee. Advisor for B.A. Thesis, "Latter-day Soldiers: Mormon Soldiers of World War II and Their Impact on the Globalization of Mormonism." Religious Studies, May 2016.

Barnes, Katherine. Reader for B.A. Senior Essay, "'They'll be Known as The Winchester Gospel': Neoreligiosity in *Supernatural's* 'The Monster at the End of This Book.'" American Studies, May 2016.

Stokes, Terry. Reader for B.A. Thesis. "Cristo Saparuquiwa (I Will Follow Christ Only): Praise Music at the Intersection of Aymara Culture and Evangelical Culture in the Bolivian Andes." Latin American Studies, May 2016.

Gipson, Lawrence. Reader for B.A. Thesis. "Religions of Elihu: The Integration of Catholics, Jews, and Muslims into Protestant Yale." Religious Studies, May 2011.

### **External Thesis Committees**

Godwin, Jeremy. "Anti-Racism and Public Pedagogy: Articulating a Religio-Aesthetic Approach." Ph.D. Dissertation, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prospectus Defense, April 2017.

Alson, B. "The Ghost Dance Religion of 1890 and the Mormons: A Study of Comparisons." M.A. Dissertation, Religious Studies, University of Cape Town, April 2011.

### **ASU Thesis and Exam Committees**

#### **Doctoral Students**

Wertman, Ann. "Polygamy, Prop. 8, and the Peculiar People: Sexuality in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Ph.D., Religious Studies. April 2014.

Daughtrey, Doe. "'Molly Mormons Can Be Reiki Masters Too': New Age Beliefs & Practices among Women with Mormon Backgrounds," Ph.D., Religious Studies, December 2012.

Hendrickson, Brett. "Healing Borders: Cross-Cultural Expressions of Mexican Folk Healing." Ph.D., Religious Studies, May 2010.

Ursic, Elizabeth. "Worshipping Christ-Sophia: Christians Praying to God as She: Catholic Nuns, Protestant Ministers, and Christian Communities Negotiating Feminism and Christianity for the New Millennium." Ph.D., Religious Studies, May 2010.

#### **M.A Theses and Portfolios**

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

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

(Chair) 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., Religious Studies, April 2009.

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

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

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

#### **B.A. Honors Theses**

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### Public

- Panelist, "Preparing for 2050: The Changing Face of Race in America," International Festival of Arts & Ideas, New Haven, CT June 16, 2013
- Consultant, International Association for Religious Freedom Peace Commission, UK 2012-2014  
([www.iarf.net](http://www.iarf.net))
- Visiting Scholar, "Out of Many: Religious Pluralism in America: An NEH Bridging Cultures in Community Colleges Program," Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois 2012-2013  
Seminar workshop June 25-29, 2012

### Profession

- Editorial Board, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 2017-2019
- Advisory Board, *Religio et Lex* 2016-2018  
(Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, Virginia Wesleyan University)
- Religion and Law Editorial Board, *Religious Studies Review* 2016-2018
- Steering Committee, Religion and US Empire Seminar, American Academy of Religion 2014-2018
- Council Member, American Society of Church History 2013-2016
- Arrington-Prucha Prize Committee, Western History Association 2013-2015
- Co-Chair, Law, Religion and Culture Group, American Academy of Religion 2010-2013
- Steering Committee, Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion 2009-2012
- Steering Committee Member and Website Editor, Religion in the American West Seminar 2007-2012  
American Academy of Religion
- Program Committee, American Society of Church History Winter Meeting 2012
- Program Committee, North American Association for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting 2011
- Editorial Board, Religion in the Americas Section, *Religion Compass* (online peer-reviewed journal from Blackwell Publishing) 2008-2010
- Fellowships Panel, Religious Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities 2009
- Co-Chair, Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation/Group 2005-2009  
American Academy of Religion
- Women's Caucus Representative, American Academy of Religion, Western Region 2005-2008
- Book Manuscript Referee*  
University of Chicago Press (2016), Columbia University Press (2012), Oxford University Press (2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017), Routledge Press (2007, 2009, 2010), University of Alabama Press (2012), University Press of Florida (2008, 2009)
- Article Manuscript Referee*  
*American Indian Culture and Research Journal* (2008, 2009), *American Indian Quarterly* (2014, 2015), *Human Rights Review* (2012), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2005), *Journal of Religion* (2014), *Journal of Religious History* (2012), *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* (2010), *Pacific Historical Review* (2011), *Religion* (2011), *Religion Compass* (2009), *Western Historical Quarterly* (2011, 2016)
- Tenure and Promotion Evaluator*  
Hamilton College (2017)  
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**Yale University**

Curriculum Committee, Yale Divinity School	2015-2018
Admissions Committee, Yale Divinity School	2012-2014
Search Committee, Dean of the Chapel, Yale Divinity School	2010-2011
Finance & Development Task Force, Long Range Planning, Yale Divinity School	2010-2011
Worship Committee, Yale Divinity School	2010-2011
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

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American Academy of Religion  
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