

MEGAN GOODWIN

S A C R E D W R I T E S

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP ON RELIGION

I write, teach, and produce podcasts about race, gender, sexuality, politics, popular culture, and American minority religions. I also train scholars in public writing, livework, and effective social media use.



EDUCATION

UNC Chapel Hill

(2014) Ph.D. Religious Studies
(2009) M.A. Religious Studies

Drew University

(2004) M.A. Women's Studies

Boston University

(2000) B.S. Print Journalism

CONTACT

Northeastern University

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EXPERIENCE

Program Director

Sacred Writes | August 2018 - present

- Pedagogical design & implementation of public scholarship trainings
- Publicity, outreach, & facilitation for media partnerships
- Communications strategies & social media presence
- Website design & content

Visiting Lecturer | Philosophy & Religion

Northeastern University (August 2018 - present)

- Cults & Sects
- Religion & Sexuality
- Global Religions
- Women & Western Religion

Visiting Scholar | WGS Program

Northeastern University (August 2017 - May 2018)

- Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies researcher-in-residence

Lecturer | Philosophy

University of Southern Maine (January 2018 - May 2018)

- Philosophy of Literature: How to Do Things with Words

Instructor | Humanities

MCPHS University (January 2018 - May 2018)

- World Religions

Visiting Assistant Professor | Religion

Syracuse University (August 2016 - May 2017)

- Black + Blue: US Religion and the Regulation of Bodies of Color
- American Minority Religions: Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus
- Election! Race, Religion, and American Politics
- What's God Got to Do with It? Introduction to the Study of Religion

EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities | Religion

Bates College (August 2014 - June 2016)

- They're Coming to Get You, Barbara! Religion & the Monstrous Feminine
- Election! Religion & American Politics
- Religion & Monsters: What Scares Us and Why It Matters
- Religion & Sexuality
- American Minority Religions: Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus

Visiting Assistant Professor | Religious Studies

Elon University (August 2013 - May 2014)

- American Minority Religions: Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus
- Religions in a Global Context

Teaching Fellow | Religious Studies

UNC Chapel Hill (August 2010 - May 2013)

- Critical Theories of Religion, Sex/Gender, and Sexuality
- History of Global Christianities
- New Religious Movements (co-taught with Yaakov Ariel)

Carolina Courses Online (Summer 2010 - Spring 2013)

- Religion and Culture
- Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion
- History of Western Christianities

Lecturer | Philosophy & Religious Studies

NC State University (January 2010 - May 2010)

- Religion in American History

Teaching Assistant | Religious Studies, History, WGS

UNC Chapel Hill | August 2006 - May 2013

- Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- History of American Sexuality
- Hebrew Bible
- Gnosticism
- Religion in America
- Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion
- Archaeology of Ancient Palestine
- Varieties of Early Christianity

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Abusing Religion: Literary Persecution, Sex Scandals, and American Minority Religions (Rutgers 2020)

Articles

"Unmasking Islamophobia: Anti-Muslim Hostility and/as White Supremacy," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 88.2 (2020): 354-386.

"Unpacking the Bunker: Sex, Abuse, and Apocalypticism in 'Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,'" *CrossCurrents* 68.2 (2018): 237-259.

"They Couldn't Get My Soul: Recovered Memories, Ritual Abuse, and the Specter(s) of Religious Difference," *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 47.2 (2018): 280-298.

"'They Do That to Foreign Women': Domestic Terrorism and Contraceptive Nationalism in *Not Without My Daughter*," *The Muslim World* 106.4 (2016): 759-780.

"Staying After Class: Memory and Materiality beyond Heaven's Gate," *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 20.4 (2017): 80-93.

"Thinking Sex and American Religions," *Religion Compass* 5.12 (2011): 772-787.

"Queer, Not Gay: Limits of Acceptable Sexual Transgressions in NRM Discourse," *ARC: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies*, McGill University 36 (2009): 75-95.

Chapters

"'I Can Take Your Eyes': Islam and Gendered Surveillance in *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*," in *New Approaches to Islam in Film*, ed. Kristian Petersen. Abingdon: Routledge, forthcoming.

"This Field Which Is Not One / The Body Is Smart: Rethinking Theory in the Study of Religion," in *Critique in Context: Surveying Key Categories in the Study of Religion*, ed. Rebekka King. Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming.

"Becoming Muslim: Deleuze and the Racialization of American Islam," in *Deleuze and Islam*, ed. Michael Muhammad Knight. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University, forthcoming.

PUBLICATIONS

Chapters

"Costs of Corporate Conscience: How Women, Queers, and People of Color Are Paying for Hobby Lobby's Sincerely Held Beliefs," in *Religion in the Age of Obama*, ed. Juan M. Floyd-Thomas and Anthony Pinn, pp. 94-107. New York: Bloomsbury, 2018.

"Manning the High Seat: Seiðr as Self-Making in Contemporary Norse Neopaganisms," in *Magic in the Modern World*, ed. Marco Edward Bever and Randall Styers, pp. 152-170. University Park, PA: Penn State University, 2017.

"Conversion to Narrative: Magic as Religious Language in Grant Morrison's Invisibles," in *Graven Images: Religion in Comic Books and Graphic Novels*, ed. Christine Hoff Kraemer and A. David Lewis, pp. 258-273. New York: Continuum, 2010.

Encyclopedia & Handbook Entries

"Gender, Race, and American Islamophobia," in *The Routledge Handbook of Islam and Gender*, ed. Justine Howe. Abingdon: Routledge (2020).

"Mormon Traditions: Gender, Sexuality, and Embodiment," in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Embodied Religion*, ed. Kent Brintnall. London: Macmillan (2016).

"Sex and New Religions," in *The Oxford Handbook of New Religious Movements, Second Edition*, ed. James R. Lewis. Oxford: Oxford (2016).

"Gender," in *The Bloomsbury Companion to New Religious Movements*, ed. George D. Chryssides and Benjamin E. Zeller. New York: Bloomsbury (2014).

"Sexuality Studies," in *The Bloomsbury Companion to New Religious Movements*, ed. George D. Chryssides and Benjamin E. Zeller. New York: Bloomsbury (2014).

"Sexuality and American Religions," in *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion, Second Edition*, eds. David Leeming, Katherine Madden, and Stanton Marlon. New York: Springer (2014).

Book Reviews

"Hard Times Like God": Review of *Muslim Cool: Race, Religion, and Hip-Hop in the United States*, by Su'ad Abdul Khabeer. *American Academy of Religion's Reading Religion*.

Review of *Convulsing Bodies: Religion and Resistance in Foucault*, by Mark Jordan. *Religious Studies Review* 42.3 (2016): 190.

Review of *Polygamy in Primetime: Media, Gender, and Politics in Mormon Fundamentalism*, by Janet Bennion. *Mormon Studies Review* 2 (2015): 166-171.

Review of *Pray the Gay Away: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays*, by Bernadette Barton. *Theology and Sexuality* 20.2 (2014): 151-180.

"Dis/enchantment: Locating Modernity between Secularism and 'The Sacred.'" Review of *The Place of Enchantment: British Occultism and the Culture of the Modern* by Alex Owen and *Authors of the Impossible: The Paranormal and the Sacred*, by Jeffrey Kripal. *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly* 40: 3&4 (2012): 326-333.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Essays

"UVM Might Be Done with Religion, but Religion Is Not Done with Us," *Religion Dispatches* (7 December 2020)

"Abuse Happens Because We Let It," *Sojourners* (7 July 2020)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Essays

"This Is Not an Antiracist Reading List, OR, the Treachery of Allyship," *Feminist Studies in Religion* (11 June 2020), with Yohana Agra Junker, Pacific School of Religion

"How a Stars and Stripes Hijab on 'RuPaul's Drag Race' Reveals America's Troubling Relationship to Gender, Ethnicity, and 'That Religion,'" *Religion Dispatches* (27 April 2020), with Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst

"Michelle Remembers and the Satanic Panic," *The Revealer* (4 February 2020)

"Abusing Religion: Race, Islam, and *Not Without My Daughter*," *The Revealer* (29 May 2019)

"Abusing Religion: Polygyny, Mormonisms, and *Under the Banner of Heaven*" (20 February 2019)

"Absent an Imam, Domineque Ray's Execution by Alabama Disenfranchises Muslims," *Religion News Service* (13 February 2019)

"This Field Which Is Not One, OR, the Body Is Smart," *NAASR* (16 November 2018)

"Trump Pardons the Hammonds, Arsonists Who Inspired Bundy Standoff," *Religion Dispatches* (11 July 2018)

"Sarsour's Struggle for Justice: It Is Our Duty to Think Harder or Sit Down," *The Maydan* (7 August 2018)

"Planned Parenthood? Forsaking American Women for the Mother of All Bombs," *Religion Bulletin* (16 May 2017)

"When the Vampire Looks: Gender and Surveillance in *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*," *Mizan POP* (18 April 2016)

"#VanillaISIS, White Tears, and the Adventures of Captain Moroni," *Religion Dispatches* (7 January 2016)

Essays

"#YesAllWomen: Online Feminism, Religion, and Risk," *Feminist Studies in Religion* (15 September 2015)

"Defending Minority Religions," *Religion Dispatches* (9 July 2015), with Andrew Aghapour

"Tooken: Women, Brainwashing, and the Gospel of 'Kimmy Schmidt,'" *Religion Dispatches* (3 April 2015)

"Everything New Is Old Again: New Religious Movements as American Minority Religions," *Spotlight on Teaching* (26 January 2015)

"Don't Stand So Close to Me: On Not Hearing Elizabeth Smart," *Juvenile Instructor* (15 May 2013)

Podcasts

Keeping It 101: A Killjoy's Introduction to Religion Podcast, written & produced with Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, UVM

"Welcome Back, Nerds!" (13 January 2021)

"Review Session: What Did We Learn? Where Do We Go from Here?" (9 December 2020)

"Extra Credit with Prof. Judith Weisenfeld," (25 November 2020)

"Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in What's *Not* the United States," (11 November 2020)

"Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in What's *Now* the United States," (28 October 2020)

"Race and Religion in South Asia and, Well, Not-the-US," (14 October 2020)

"Race and Religion in What's *Now* the United States," (30 September 2020)

"Intersectionality," (16 September 2020)

"#ScholarStrike," (3 September 2020)

Podcasts

Keeping It 101: A Killjoy's Introduction to Religion Podcast, written & produced with Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, UVM

"Race, Gender, and Sexuality: What's Religion Got to Do with 'Em?" (2 September 2020)

"Smart Grrl Summer: Religion & Pop Culture," (22 July 2020)

"Smart Grrl Summer: Religion & Sound with Prof. Vicki Brennan," (8 July 2020)

"Smart Grrl Summer: Religious Nationalism," (24 June 2020)

"Smart Grrl Summer: Cults," (10 June 2020)

"Review Session: What Have We Learned and What Happens Next?" (6 May 2020)

"Extra Curriculars: Ru-ligion Ru-vealed! The T on 'RuPaul's Drag Race,'" (22 April 2020)

"Extra Credit with Prof. Omid Safi," (8 April 2020)

"You Might Be Done with Religion, but Religion Is Not Done with You," (24 March 2020)

"Very Special Episode: Religion in the Time of 'Rona,'" (17 March 2020)

"What Does It Mean to Be 'Religious?'" (11 March 2020)

"World Religions: Shall We Not," (26 February 2020)

"Major Religions? Minor Religions? Must We?" (12 February 2020)

"Who Gets Left out of 'Religion?'" (29 January 2020)

"What the Heck Is Religion, and What the Heck Is This Podcast?" (13 January 2020)

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Interviews

"Abusing Religion with Dr. Megan Goodwin," *The Classical Ideas Podcast* (17 January 2021), interviewed by Greg Soden

"Cults and New Religious Movements," *Australian Broadcasting Company: Rear Vision* (13 December 2020), interviewed by Keri Philips

Unnamed QAnon Podcast Project, *Audible: Tortoise Media* (2 December 2020), interviewed by Gary Marshall

"The QAnon Phenomenon," *Wesleyan University E2020 Initiative* (2 November 2020), with Jeff Sharlet and Mary-Jane Rubenstein

"QAnon Didn't Just Spring Forth from a Void," *Religion Dispatches* (10 September 2020), interviewed by Adam Willems

"The Roots of QAnon," *Religious Studies Project: Discourse* (31 August 2020), with Savannah Finver, S. Jonathon O'Donnell, and David G. Robertson

Unnamed Satanic Panic Project, *Blumhouse* (7 October 2020)

Unnamed Heaven's Gate Project, *20/20* (24 September 2020)

"Becoming Less Racist: Lighting the Path to Anti-Racism with Simran Jeet Singh," *Religion News Service* (24 July 2020)

"QAnon, Satanic Panic, and New Religious Movements," *Sacred Tension* (14 July 2020), interviewed by Stephen Bradford Long

"Religious Studies, Sexuality, and Religious Freedom: Tips for Sharing Scholarship with the Public," *Religious Freedom Center: Freedom Forum Institute* (12 December 2018)

"The Waco Tragedy, Explained," *Vox* (19 April 2018), interviewed by Tara Isabella Burton

"Challenges and Responsibilities for the Public Scholar of Religion," *Religious Studies Project* (25 March 2018), interviewed by Andrew Mark Henry

"The Big 80s," *The Witch Hunt Podcast* (3 September 2017), interviewed by Nancy Mades-Byrd

"Cults on CNN's 'Believer,'" *Study Religion* (August 2017), interviewed by Michael J. Altman

"Media and Minority Religions," *Rational Faiths* (5 December 2015), interviewed by Brian Dillman and Benjamin Knoll

"Directions in the Study of Religion," *Marginalia* (28 April 2015), interviewed by Kristian Petersen

PRESS

On Podcasting

"Easter Celebration in Isolation," *BBC Radio 4 Extra: Podcast Radio Hour* (10 April 2020)

On Pedagogy

"Using Pop Culture to Teach Critical Thinking," *Women in Higher Education* (1 May 2017)

"#SyrRelBodies: US Religions and the Regulation of Bodies of Color," *Sowing the Seed* (24 April 2017)

"College Classes that Give Us Hope for the Next Generation," *Elle* (29 June 2016)

CONSULTING

Research

CENTRA Technology, Inc.
Board of Experts (2017-2018)

Public Scholarship

Women Engaging the Catholic Social Tradition
University of San Francisco (2020)

Bridging Voices
British Council (2020)

Catholicism and the Common Good
Duquesne University (2020, 2018)

Northeastern University / ACLS
Religion, Journalism, and International Affairs
(2017-2018)

Website Design

Simran Jeet Singh (2020)

Women Engaging the Catholic Social Tradition
University of San Francisco (2020)

American Religion
Indiana University (2019)

Course & Syllabus Design

Shabana Mir, American Islamic College
Sophia Arjana, Western Kentucky Univ.

Grant Writing

Matthew Pierce, Centre College

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Henry Luce Foundation | \$750,000 (2018-2022)

Public-Facing Scholarship and Applied Religious Studies and Theology
PI: Liz Bucar, Northeastern University

New England Humanities Consortium | \$3026 (2020-2021)

Maintaining Accessibility and Developing Resources for "Keeping It 101: A Killjoy's Introduction to Religion Podcast"
PI: Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont

Henry Luce Foundation | \$4910 (2020, declined)

Religion and Sexual Abuse Project

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies & American Academy of Religion | \$1000 (2018-2019)

Teaching Against Islamophobia Seminar

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation | \$150,000 (2014-2016)

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Creative Pedagogy in the Humanities
Bates College, Religion Department

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies | \$3000 (2013)

Consultant for Faculty Conversations on Teaching and Learning

Human Rights Campaign | \$15,000 (2011-2012)

Religion and Faith Program LGBT Dissertation Scholarship

American Academy of Religion (November 2011)

Religion and Sexuality Seminar Research Fellowship

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation (July 2011 | July 2008)

Human Rights Campaign Summer Institute
Religion and Sexuality Summer Research Seminar

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Robert Miller Travel Fund Grant (November 2012, November 2009)
Religion and Sexuality Seminar Research Fellowship (November 2011)
Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship (\$5250 | September 2011)
Sexuality Studies Summer Research Fellowship (\$1000 | March 2010)

INVITED ENGAGEMENTS

Keynotes & Convocations

"Public Humanities, Public Jokes: An Interview with the Killjoys Behind Hit Religion Podcast *Keeping it 101*," Religion in the Public Sphere, University of Toronto (March 2021), with Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst

"Abusing Religion," Religion and Abuse Graduate Student Conference, Indiana University Bloomington (March 2020)

"Risk as Feminist Pedagogy," Religion and Abuse Graduate Student Conference, Indiana University Bloomington (March 2020)

INVITED ENGAGEMENTS

Keynotes & Convocations

"This Field Which Is Not One/The Body Is Smart," North American Association for the Study of Religion National Meeting (November 2018)

"Covering Women: Race, Religion, and Resistance," University of Vermont (April 2018)

"Uncovering Islamophobia: White Supremacy and American Islam," Boston University (April 2018)

"The Way Forward Is with a Broken Heart: Risk as Pedagogy," Boston University (April 2018)

"Threatening Whiteness: Islam's Challenge to American White Supremacy," Northeastern University (January 2018)

"Social Media Literacy," Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies (June 2016)

"Islamophobia in the Classroom," Bates College (May 2016)

"Creative Pedagogy in Religious Studies," Bates College (December 2015)

"Religion Unzipped: Thinking Sex in the Study of Religion," AAR Eastern International Region (May 2015)

"Dr. Strange-net, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Twitter," Centre College (October 2015)

"Gender, Abuse, and Minority Religions," Centre College (October 2015)

"Monotheisms 101," Lewiston High School (December 2014)

"Religion and Feminism," for EFFECT: Elon's Student Feminist Group (October 2013)

"Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality in the Classroom," AAR Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (March 2012)

"Sex, Religion, and the Public Sphere" at Elon University February 2012

"American Religious Intolerance," UNC Charlotte Religious Studies Faculty Colloquium (February 2012)

"Scripting Religious Intolerance" for the HRC's Program for Religious and Theological Study August 2011

Panels and Workshops

"Teaching Against Islamophobia," American Academy of Religion National Meeting (November 2019)

"Exploring Public Theology and Public Scholarship," American Academy of Religion National Meeting (November 2019)

"Public Theology and Media Engagement," University of Southern California (February 2019)

"Contingency Possibilities: Career Options within and beyond the Academy," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Applied Religious Studies (November 2018)

"Teaching Against Islamophobia," American Academy of Religion National Meeting (November 2018)

"The Crisis in the Catholic Church and the Future of Investigative Reporting" Northeastern University (September 2018)

"Teaching Against Islamophobia," Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning (August 2018)

"Politics of Gender and Religion," ACLS/Luce Religion, Journalism, and International Affairs (April 2018)

"*Religion and Popular Culture in America: A Critical Analysis*," American Academy of Religion National Meeting (November 2017)

INVITED ENGAGEMENTS

Panels and Workshops

"I Am That Girl (Teaching Body Positivity)," Syracuse University (March 2017)

Respondent and Chair, "Black Rights," International Society for Heresy Studies (June 2016)

"Gender, Abuse, and American Minority Religions: 'White Dudes Hold the Record for Creepy Crimes,'" International Society for Heresy Studies (June 2016)

Respondent, "Scripting the Archive," Bates College (May 2016)

Respondent, "Improvisation and Innovation in the Humanities," Bates College (January 2015)

"Sex, Religion, and the Public Sphere" at Elon University February 2012

"Religion, Gender, and Sexuality" for UNC/Duke Working Group in Feminism and History (October 2011)

"Reconciling Religion and Sexuality" for Southeastern Regional Unity Conference (April 2011)

Guest Lectures

On Abusing Religion:

- College of William and Mary (March 2021)
- University of Central Florida (March 2021)
- Eckerd College (March 2021)
- Virginia Tech (November 2020)
- Harvard University (November 2020)
- Kalamazoo College (October 2020)
- Fairfield University (October 2020)

"Race, Gender, and American Islamophobia," American Islamic College (April 2021)

"Gender Roles, Sexual Difference, and Minority Religions," Suffolk University (February 2018)

"Foreign Reptiles: Anti-Mormonism and Islamophobia," Boston University (February 2018)

"Reporting on Religion," Northeastern University (January 2018)

"Science Fiction and Marginal Religions," Yale University (November 2017)

"Polygyny as Religious Sexual Ethics," Northeastern University (November 2017)

"Science Fiction, Religion, and Innovation," Yale University (October 2016)

"Gender and American Foreign Policy," Bates College (May 2015)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Research Presentations

"The Media Ecosystem in the Public Understanding of Religion," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Public Understanding of Religion (scheduled November 2020, postponed due to COVID)

"Podcasting Is Pedagogy," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Teaching Religion (scheduled November 2020, postponed due to COVID)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Research Presentations

"Roundtable: Religion, Secularity, and The Satanic Temple," American Academy of Religion National Meeting (scheduled November 2020, postponed due to COVID)

"The Future of New Religious Movements," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, New Religious Movements (November 2019)

"The Smiling God as *Mysterium Tremendum*: Monstrous Introductions to Religious Studies," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, New Religious Movements and Sacred Texts, Theory, & Theological Construction (November 2018)

"Disciplining Religio-Racial Difference: Anti-Klan Laws v. Women of Color," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, North American Religions and Afro-American Religious History (November 2017)

"Misremembrance of Muslims Past: #MAGA and White Conservative Counteremory," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Religion, Memory, History (November 2017)

"I Can Take Your Eyes: Gender and Surveillance in A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night," The Place of Religion in Film Conference, Syracuse University (April 2017)

"Gendering the End of Days," On the Edge: New Directions in the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion Conference, Elon University (February 2017)

"Women Against Islam: Muslim Men, American Women, and the Gendering of Islamophobia," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Contemporary Islam (November 2016)

"'They Do That to Foreign Women': Domestic Terrorism in Mahmood's Not Without My Daughter," Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, "Specters of Islam: Transnational Genealogies of Anti-Muslim Sentiment" (April 2016)

"'This Is Not About Religion': The State of Texas v. Yearning for Zion," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Religion in the American West (November 2015)

"Sleeping with the Enemy: Domestic Terrorism and Contraceptive Nationalism in Not Without My Daughter," Shifting Boundaries: The Study of Islam in the Humanities Conference, University of Vermont (April 2015)

"'Weird Babel of Tongues': Collaborative Approaches and Uncertain Learning Outcomes in Undergraduate Research," Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Conference, Teaching and Learning (March 2014)

"'The Wall Between Us': American Sexual Exceptionalism and Minority Religions," INFORM 2014 Anniversary Conference, London School of Economics (January 2014)

"'Common Sense is No Match for the Voice of God': Krakauer's Misreading of Elizabeth Smart," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Mormon Studies (November 2012)

"Captive Bodies, Queer Religions: Scripting North American Religious Difference," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, North American Religions (November 2011)

"Conversion to Narrative: Magic as Religious Language in Grant Morrison's Invisibles," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Religion and Popular Culture (November 2010)

"Queer, Not Gay: Limits of Acceptable Sexual Transgressions in NRM Discourse," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Religion and Sexuality (November 2009)

"Open Source Religions v. Citationality: The Function of Literature in Contemporary Pagan Praxis," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Contemporary Pagan Studies (November 2009)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Research Presentations

"The Motherhood Paradox: Desire and Travail in Genesis 3:16 and Genesis 4:1" Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, Hebrew Bible (March 2009)

"Dangerous 'Interscctions': 'Unmanliness' in Abject Religious Discourse," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Queer Theory/LGBT Studies in Religion, and Performance Studies (October 2008)

Oversight and Service

Chair and moderator, "Minority and Emerging Religious Communities," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, New Religious Movements (November 2018)

"Professional Conduct Task Force Public Forum," American Academy of Religion National Meeting (November 2017)

Chair and moderator, "Commodities and Commodifications of Emergent Spiritualities," American Academy of Religion National Conference, New Religious Movements (November 2016)

Chair and moderator, "New Religions and Popular Culture," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, New Religious Movements (November 2015)

Respondent, "From the Charmed Circle to Sacred Kink: Theorizing Boundaries in Religion and Sexuality," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Religion and Sexuality (November 2014)

Chair and moderator, "Parallel Prejudices: Anti-Mormonism and Religious Intolerance in American History," American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Religion and Popular Culture and Mormon Studies (November 2013)

SERVICE

American Academy of Religion

Co-chair, Teaching Against Islamophobia (2019 - present)

Co-chair, New Religious Movements (2016 - 2019)

Professional Conduct Task Force (2017 - 2018)

Steering Committee, New Religious Movements (2013 - 2015)

Student Liaison (2007 - 2009)

Feminist Studies in Religion

Steering Committee, EFSR (2018 - 2020)

Religion Compass

Co-editor, Religions in North America (2013 - 2017)

Manuscript Referee

Routledge: Religion. Edited by Jack Boothroyd (May 2018)

Routledge: Religion. Edited by Sarah Gore (August 2017)

Theology and Sexuality. Edited by Kent Brintnall (March 2017)

Routledge: Religion. Edited by Nicole Eno (February 2016)

Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions. Edited by Catherine Wessinger (June 2015)

Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society. Edited by Susan Hill. October 2014.

Routledge: Religion. Edited by Eve Mayer (September 2014)

Theology and Sexuality. Edited by Marika Rose (April 2014)

MEMBERSHIP

American Academy of Religion

2007 - present