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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Graduate Program in Religious Studies
Ph.D. Religion and Culture (2014)
Dissertation: “Good Fences: American Sexual Exceptionalism and Minority Religions”
Minor fields: Gender and Sexuality Studies; Literature; Cultural Studies

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Graduate Program in Religious Studies
M.A. Religion and Culture (2009)
Thesis: “Mythical Beasts: How Queer Bodies Expand the Religious Imaginary”
Minor fields: Gender and Sexuality Studies; Literature; Cultural Studies

Drew University, Caspersen School of Graduate Studies
M.A. Women's Studies (2004)
Thesis: “Eve and the 'Other' Woman: Gen. 3:16 and Gen. 4:1 in Anglo-American Fantastic Literature”
Minor fields: Religious Studies; Literature

Boston University, College of Communication
B.S. Print Journalism (2000)
Concentration fields: Literature; History
Writing-intensive program in modern British literature and history, Oxford University, 1999

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Syracuse University
Department of Religion
Visiting Assistant Professor of Race, Religion, and Politics, Fall 2016 – present

Bates College
Department of Religious Studies
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow for Innovative and Creative Pedagogy in the Humanities, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016

Elon University
Department of Religious Studies
Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Department of Religious Studies
Teaching Fellow, Fall 2010 – Spring 2013
Teaching Assistant, Fall 2006 – Fall 2009

Women's and Gender Studies Department
Teaching Assistant, Spring 2010; Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT, continued

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

History Department

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2010

North Carolina State University

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Lecturer, Spring 2010

Carolina Courses Online

Department of Religious Studies

Teaching Fellow, Summer 2010; Summer 2011 – Fall 2011; Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

COURSES TAUGHT

Syracuse University

Election! Race, Religion, and Politics in the Contemporary United States (honors course)

What's God Got to Do with It? Introduction to the Study of Religion

Black and Blue: American Religion and the Regulation of Black Bodies

American Minority Religions: Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus

Bates College

They're Coming to Get You, Barbara: Religion and the Monstrous Feminine

- Crosslisted in Women and Gender Studies

Election! Religion and American Politics

- Crosslisted in American Cultural Studies

Religion and Monsters: What Scares Us and Why It Matters

- Crosslisted in American Cultural Studies

Religion and Sexuality

- Crosslisted in Women and Gender Studies

American Minority Religions, 1945 – Present: Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus

- Crosslisted in American Cultural Studies and Women and Gender Studies

Elon University

American Minority Religions (REL 324)

Religion in a Global Context (REL 110)

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Critical Theories of Religion, Sex/Gender, and Sexuality (RELI 424)

History of Global Christianities (RELI 161)

New Religious Movements in America (RELI 242, co-taught with Dr. Yaakov Ariel)

North Carolina State University

Religion in American History (REL 320)

Carolina Courses Online

Religion and Culture (RELI 121)

Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion (RELI 122)

History of Western Christianities (RELI 161)

COURSES ASSISTED**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill***Religious Studies Department*

Introduction to Hebrew Bible, with Dr. Bennie H. Reynolds III (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)
 Gnosticism, with Dr. Zlatko Plese (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)
 Religion in America, with Dr. Yaakov Ariel (American Religions)
 Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion, Dr. Randall Styers (Religion and Culture)
 Archaeology of Ancient Palestine, with Dr. Jodi Magness (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)
 Varieties of Early Christianity, with Dr. Zlatko Plese (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)

Women's and Gender Studies Department

Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, with Drs. Karen Booth and Silvia Tomášková (Gender Studies)
 Introduction to Women's Studies, with Dr. Joanne Hershfield (Women's Studies)

History Department

History of American Sexuality, with Dr. John Sweet (Colonial American History)

GRANTS SECURED

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies

Grant: Consultant for Faculty Conversations on Teaching and Learning (December 2013)

AWARDS AND COMPETITIVE POSITIONS

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship for Creative and Innovative Pedagogy in the Humanities (2014-2016) \$130,000

Robert Miller Fund Travel Grant (November 2012)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte Faculty Colloquium Honorarium (February 2012)

Religion and Sexuality Seminar Research Honorarium (November 2011)

Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship (September 2011) \$5250

Human Rights Campaign Dissertation Scholarship (June 2011) \$15,000

Human Rights Campaign Summer Institute, endowed by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Program
 Directed by Drs. Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, and Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
 Vanderbilt University (July – August 2011)

UNC-CH Future Faculty Fellowship Honorarium (March 2010)

UNC-CH Sexuality Studies Summer Research Fellowship (March 2010) \$1000

Robert Miller Fund Travel Grant (November 2009)

Religion and Sexuality Summer Research Seminar, endowed by the Carpenter Foundation
 Directed by Dr. Mark Jordan, Harvard Divinity School
 Emory University, Atlanta, GA (July 2009)

PUBLICATIONS***Articles and Book Chapters (** denotes peer-reviewed)***

“‘They Do That to Foreign Women’: Domestic Terrorism and Contraceptive Nationalism in *Not Without My Daughter*,” *The Muslim World*, forthcoming October 2016.**

“‘They Couldn’t Get My Soul’: Recovered Memories, Ritual Abuse, and the Specter(s) of Religious Difference,” (forthcoming in edited volume).

“Staying After Class: Surviving Heaven’s Gate,” *Nova Religio*, forthcoming February 2017.**

“Manning the High Seat: *Seidr* as Self-Making in Contemporary Norse Neopaganisms,” in *Magic and the Modern*, ed. Marco Edward Bever and Randall Styers. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press (forthcoming winter 2017).

“Thinking Sex and American Religions,” *Religion Compass* 5 (2011): 772–787.**

“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, 258-273. New York: Continuum, 2010.

“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.**

Encyclopedia Articles

“Mormon Traditions,” in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Embodied Religion*, ed. Kent Brintnall. London: Macmillan (2016).

“Sex and New Religions,” in *The Oxford Handbook of New Religious Movements*, 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 New York Heidelberg Dordrecht London (2014).

Scholarly Online Journals

“When the Vampire Looks: Gender and Surveillance in *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*,” *Mizan POP!*, April 18, 2016. <http://www.mizanproject.org/pop-post/when-the-vampire-looks>

“Vanilla ISIS, White Tears, and the Adventures of Captain Moroni,” *Religion Dispatches*, January 7, 2016. <http://religiondispatches.org/vanillaisis-white-tears-and-the-adventures-of-captain-moroni/>

“#YesAllWomen: Online Feminism, Religion, and Risk,” *Feminist Studies in Religion – @TheTable: Feminism Online*, ed. Midori E. Hartman, September 15, 2015. <http://fsrinc.org/blog/yesallwomen-online-feminism-religion-and-risk-table-feminism-online>

PUBLICATIONS, continued***Scholarly Online Journals***

“Defending Minority Religions,” with Andrew Aghapour, *Religion Dispatches – The Cubit*, ed. Andrew Aghapour and Michael Schulson, July 9, 2015. <http://religiondispatches.org/always-be-uppercutting/>

“Tooken: Women, Brainwashing, and the Gospel of ‘Kimmy Schmidt,’” *Religion Dispatches – The Cubit*, ed. Andrew Aghapour and Michael Schulson, April 3, 2015. <http://religiondispatches.org/dont-be-tooken-in-by-kimmy-schmidts-cult/>

“Everything New Is Old Again: New Religious Movements as American Minority Religions,” *Spotlight on Teaching: Religious Studies News*, ed. Benjamin E. Zeller and Eugene Gallagher, January 26, 2015. <http://rsn.aarweb.org/spotlight-on/teaching/new-alternative-religions/everything-new-old-again>

“Don’t Stand So Close To Me: On Not Hearing Elizabeth Smart,” *Juvenile Instructor*, ed. Cristine Hutchinson Jones, May 15, 2013. <http://www.juvenileinstructor.org/dont-stand-so-close-to-me-on-not-hearing-elizabeth-smart/>

Book Reviews

Review of *Proclaiming Liberation. The Historical Roots of LGBT Religious Organizing, 1946–1976*, by Heather Rachelle White. *Journal of Religion*, forthcoming.

Review of *Convulsing Bodies: Religion and Resistance in Foucault*, by Mark Jordan. *Religious Studies Review*, forthcoming.

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 (Fall/Winter 2012): 326 – 333.

Review of *Cyberhenge: Modern Pagans on the Internet*, by Douglas E. Cowan. *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review* 1:2 (Autumn 2010): 156 – 158.

INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS

Respondent, “Scripting the Archive,” Bates College (May 2016)

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

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

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

“Females Are Strong As Hell?: Gender, Abuse, and American Minority Religions,”
Convocation speaker, Centre College (October 2015)

“Religion Unzipped,” keynote speaker for Eastern International Region AAR (May 2015)

INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS, continued

“Gender and American Foreign Policy,” for Global Islam, Bates College	(May 2015)
“Monotheisms 101,” for Lewiston High School first year history classes	(December 2014)
“Religion and Feminism” for EFFECT – Elon’s Student Feminist Group	(October 2013)
“Return of the Goddess” for Religion and the Counterculture	(April 2013)
“Class Politics, Sexuality, and Moral Reform,” for History of American Sexuality	(February 2013)
“Feminist Spiritualities,” for Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies	(October 2012)
Invited Panelist, “Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality in the Classroom,” SECSOR-AAR	(March 2012)
Invited Participant, “Sex, Religion, and the Public Sphere” at Elon University	(February 2012)
“American Religious Intolerance” for the UNC Charlotte Religious Studies Faculty Colloquia	(February 2012)
“Religion, Gender, and Sexuality” for the UNC/Duke Working Group in Feminism and History	(October 2011)
“Victorian Women and the History of Medicine” for History of American Sexuality	(September 2011)
“Scripting Religious Intolerance” for the HRC’s Program for Religious and Theological Study	(August 2011)
“Reconciling Religion and Sexuality” for Southeastern Regional Unity Conference	(April 2011)
“Neopaganism, Goddess Worship, and Witchcraft” for New Religious Movements	(July 2010)
“Courtship: Romance, Seduction, and Sexual Scripts” for American Sexualities	(February 2010)
“The Gnostic Problem” for Gnosticism	(March 2009)
“Gender and Gnosticism” for Gnosticism	(March 2009)
“Goddess Worship in the United States,” for Introduction to American Religions	(April 2008)
“Ethics,” for Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion	(March 2007)
“Sexual Violence and Power,” for History of American Sexuality	(September 2006)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- “Women Against Islam: Muslim Men, American Women, and the Gendering of Islamophobia,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Contemporary Islam Group, San Antonio, November 2016
- “Gender, Abuse, and American Minority Religions: ‘White Dudes Hold the Record for Creepy Crimes,’” Second Conference for the International Society for Heresy Studies,” “Heresy and Television,” New York, June 2016
- “‘They Do That to Foreign Women’: Domestic Terrorism in Mahmoody’s *Not Without My Daughter*,” Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, “Specters of Islam: Transnational Genealogies of Anti-Muslim Sentiment,” Boston, April 2016
- “‘This Is Not About Religion’: The State of Texas v. Yearning for Zion,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion in the American West Group, Atlanta, November 2015
- Chair and moderator, “New Religions and Popular Culture,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, New Religious Movements Group, Atlanta, November 2015

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, continued

“Sleeping With the Enemy: Domestic Terrorism and Contraceptive Nationalism in *Not Without My Daughter*,”
Shifting Boundaries: The Study of Islam in the Humanities Conference, Burlington, April 2015

Respondent, “From the Charmed Circle to Sacred Kink: Theorizing Boundaries in Religion and Sexuality,”
American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion and Sexuality Group, San Diego, November 2014

“‘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
Panel Session, Atlanta, March 2014

“‘The Wall Between Us’: American Sexual Exceptionalism and Minority Religions,” INFORM 2014 Anniversary
Conference, London School of Economics, United Kingdom, January 2014

Chair and moderator, “Parallel Prejudices: Anti-Mormonism and Religious Intolerance in American History,”
American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion and Popular Culture/Mormon Studies Group
joint session, Baltimore, November 2013

“‘Common Sense is No Match for the Voice of God’: Krakauer’s Misreading of Elizabeth Smart,” American
Academy of Religion National Conference, Mormon Studies Group, Chicago, November 2012

“Thinking Sex and American Religions,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional
Conference, Religion in America Section (roundtable on gender, class, race, and sexuality in American Religions
classrooms), Atlanta, March 2012

“Captive Bodies, Queer Religions: Scripting North American Religious Difference,” American Academy of
Religion National Conference, North American Religions Section, San Francisco, November 2011

“Conversion to Narrative: Magic as Religious Language in Grant Morrison’s *Invisibles*,” American Academy of
Religion National Conference, Religion and Popular Culture Group, Atlanta, November 2010

“Queer, Not Gay: Limits of Acceptable Sexual Transgressions in NRM Discourse,” American Academy of
Religion National Conference, Religion and Sexuality Consultation, Montreal, November 2009

“Open Source Religions v. Citationality: The Function of Literature in Contemporary Pagan Praxis,” American
Academy of Religion National Conference, Contemporary Pagan Studies Group, Montreal, November 2009

“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 Area, Greensboro, NC, March 2009

“Dangerous ‘Interscctions’: ‘Unmanliness’ in Abject Religious Discourse,” American Academy of Religion
National Conference, Joint Session between Queer Theory/LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation and
Performance Studies Consultation, Chicago, October 2008

“Susceptible to Pleasures: Queer Agency’s Role in Expanding Religious Imaginaries,” Ohio State University’s
“Religion Matters: The Material Effects of Religion on Bodies” Conference, Columbus, October 2008

“LiberCorpus: Grant Morrison’s Reflexive Relationship with his *Invisibles*,” Boston University’s Luce Center
“Graven Images: Religion in Comic Books & Graphic Novels” Conference, Boston, May 2008

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, continued

“Be Witched, OR, The Function of Citation with Abject Religious Discourse,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, American Religion Area, Atlanta, March 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE*Academic Journal*

Religion Compass – Religions in the Americas Section
Co-Editor, December 2013 – present

Administrative Leadership

New Religious Movements Group, American Academy of Religion
Co-chair, Steering Committee, 2016 – present

New Religious Movements Group, American Academy of Religion
Member, Steering Committee, 2013 – 2015

AAR Student Liason Program

Representative, UNC Religious Studies Department, 2007 – 2009

Peer Review

Reviewer, *Routledge: Religion*. Edited by Nicole Eno. February 2016.

Reviewer, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. Edited by Catherine Wessinger. June 2015.

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

Reviewer, *Routledge: Religion*. Edited by Eve Mayer. September 2014.

Reviewer, *Theology and Sexuality*. Edited by Marika Rose. April 2014.

Bates College

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow Program, Speaker Series, “Teaching: New Steps – Improvisation and Innovation in the Humanities”
January – May 2016

Religious Studies Department, Speaker Series, “Convictions: Race, Religion, and Surveillance”
February – April 2016

Religious Studies Department, Humanities Division, and Program in Women and Gender Studies
Speaker Series, “Unusual Positions: Controversial Approaches to the Study of Religion and Sexuality”
February – April 2015

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Fellows’ Blog, “Innovation @ Bates” – creation and maintenance

Office of Intercultural Education

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Planning Committee, fall 2014

“Perspectives on Ferguson” panelist, MLK Day, January 2015

“Social Media and Political Change” panelist, MLK Day, January 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, continued*Bates College*

Multifaith Chaplaincy

- “Islamophobia in America,” panelist, April 2015

- MLK Interfaith Service, January 2015

- Black Lives Matter Vigil, December 2014

Office of Equity and Diversity

- Title IX Advisor

Elon University

Religious Studies Department

- Wabash Center grant writing for consultant services, fall 2013

- Writing Excellence Initiative data aggregation and reporting, fall 2013

- Faculty Colloquium, September 2013

- Graduate School Workshop, October 2013

Elon Feminists for Equality, Change, and Transformation

- Student Colloquium on Religion and Feminism

Elon Global Village Community

- Discussion Leader, “The Peril and Promise of Religion: Reflections on the 75th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* (Night of Broken Glass) and the Road to the Holocaust,” November 2013

Truitt Center for Religious Life

- Interfaith lunch-and-learn, Pagan and earth-centered traditions, January 2014

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Religious Studies Department

- Founder and Chair, Graduate Student Teaching Committee, 2010 – 2012

- Committee Member, 2010 - 2013

- Graduate Research Consultant to Dr. Randall Styers, 2010 – 2011

- Webmaster, 2009 – 2011

- Maintained department website, department news blog, and website for the minor in Christianity and Culture

- Research Assistant to Dr. Ruel Tyson, 2009 – 2013

- Religion and Critical Theory Reading Group, organized by Drs. Randall Styers (UNC) and Liz Clark (Duke)

- Steering Committee member, fall 2010 – 2013

American Studies Program

- Research Assistant to Dr. Michelle Robinson, Summer 2013

Sexuality Studies Program

- Graduate Student Representative to the Sexuality Studies Board, 2010 – 2013

LGBTQ Center

- Safe Zone Panelist and Facilitator, 2009 – 2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, continued

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Carolina Women's Center

Director Search Committee, 2012

Center for Faculty Excellence

Graduate Student Liaison, November 2010 – May 2012

Future Faculty Fellowship Program, May 2010

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion

National Women's Studies Association

North American Association for the Study of Religion

American Studies Association

Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies

International Society for Heresy Studies