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Education

1990 **Ph.D.**, Yale University, Department of History
Dissertation Director: Professor David Brion Davis
1986 **M. Phil.**, Yale University, Department of History
1985 **M.A.**, Yale University, Department of Religious Studies
1982 **B.A.**, *Summa cum laude*, Amherst College
double major, Religion and English Literature
1981 Phi Beta Kappa, Amherst College

Professional Experience

2013-present **Archer Alexander Distinguished Professor in the Humanities**
Washington University in St. Louis
Professor Emerita
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2010-2013 **Professor and Chair of Religious Studies**
Adjunct Professor of American Studies
Associate Director, Institute for Arts and Humanities (2012-2013)
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2008-2010 **Associate Professor and Chair of Religious Studies**
Adjunct Associate Professor of American Studies
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1996-2008 **Associate Professor of Religious Studies**
Adjunct Associate Professor of American Studies
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1990-1995 **Assistant Professor of Religious Studies**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Fall 1989 **Instructor with Special Provision in Religious Studies**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1988-1989 **Visiting Lecturer in Religion**, Amherst College
Spring 1988 **College Seminar Instructor**, Yale University
Spring 1987 **Copeland Fellow**, Amherst College

Academic Honors

2014 Recipient, James W.C. Pennington Award, University of Heidelberg, for
achievement in African American history
2010-2012 Faculty Engaged Scholars Program, UNC Center for Public Service
Spring 2008 Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill
2001-2002 Leadership Fellow, Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill

Spring 1998	Institute for the Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill
Fall 1997	W. N. Reynolds Faculty Research Leave, UNC Chapel Hill
1995	John T. Lupton Grant for Course Enrichment, UNC Chapel Hill
1994	Summer Research Fellowship, Louisville Institute
1993-1994	American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid (<i>declined</i>)
1993-1994	Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, National Humanities Center
1993-1994	NEH Fellowship for University Professors
1993	University Research Council Grant, UNC Chapel Hill
Fall 1993	Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities (<i>declined</i>)
1992-93	Fellow, Young Scholars in American Religion Program Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI
1991	Faculty Development Grant, UNC Chapel Hill
1990	Frederick W. Beinecke Dissertation Prize, Yale University
1990	American Academy of Religion Research Grant
Summer 1990	Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill
1988	Research Grant, "Evangelicals, Voluntary Associations and American Public Life," Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals
1988	Association of American Colleges Research Grant
1987	John F. Enders Research Fellowship, Yale University
1987	Copeland Fellowship for Visiting Scholars, Amherst College
1983	George Stebbins Moses Scholarship in Religion, Amherst College
1982-1983	George A. Plimpton Fellowship, Amherst College
1982-1983	Watson Fellowship for Independent Study, Thomas J. Watson Foundation
1982	Mosely Thesis Prize in Religion, Amherst College
1981	Phi Beta Kappa, Amherst College

Bibliography

1. Books and Book Chapters:

Books:

Women's Work: From Antebellum America to the Harlem Renaissance, ed. by Kathryn Lofton and Laurie Maffly-Kipp (Oxford University Press, 2010)

American Scriptures, *Penguin Classics* series, with an introduction by Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp (Penguin, 2010)

Setting Down the Sacred Past: African-American Race Histories (Harvard University Press, 2010)

Penguin Classics edition of *The Book of Mormon*, with an introduction by Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp, 640 pp. (Penguin, 2008)

African American National Biography, 8 volumes, series editors Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham; Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp, Religion editor of approximately 250 entries (Oxford University Press, 2008)

Proclamation to the People: Nineteenth-Century Mormonism and the Pacific Basin Frontier, ed. by Laurie Maffly-Kipp and Reid Neilson, 408 pp. (University of Utah press, 2008)

Practicing Protestants: Studies in American Christian History, edited with an introduction by Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Leigh Eric Schmidt, and Mark Valeri, 376 pp. (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006)

Religion and Society in Frontier California, 241 pp. (Yale University Press, 1994)

Book Chapters

“Mormons and the Bible,” in Philip Barlow and Terryl Givens, *Oxford Handbook to Mormonism* (in press).

“Tracking the Sincere Believer: ‘Authentic’ Religion and the Enduring Power of Joseph Smith, Jr.,” in Reid L. Neilson and Terryl L. Givens, eds., *Joseph Smith: Reappraisals after Two Centuries*, (Columbia University Press, 2008): 175-188.

“Looking West: Mormonism and the Pacific World, in *The Mormon History Association's Tanner Lectures: The First Twenty Years*, ed. by Dean L. May, Reid Larkin Neilson, Richard L. Bushman, Jan Shipps, Thomas G. Alexander (University of Illinois Press, 2006): 319-336.

“Meeting the Gods of China and Bronze: The Uncomfortable Pleasures of Asian Religions in the American West,” in Fay Botham and Sara M Patterson, eds., *Race, Religion, Region: Landscapes of Encounter in the American West* (University of Arizona Press, 2006): 60-88.

“Haiti and the Serpentine Trail: African Missions and African Americans,” *The Foreign Missionary Enterprise at Home: Explorations in North American Cultural History*, Dan Bays, Mark Noll, and Grant Wacker, eds. (University of Alabama Press, 2003): 29-43.

“Routing the Republic: Religion and the American West,” in John W. Welch, ed., *Lectures on Religion and the Founding of the American Republic* (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Press, 2003): 125-136.

“Writing our Way into History: Gender, Race, and the Creation of Denominational Identity,” *Women and Twentieth Century Protestantism*, Margaret Bendroth and Virginia Brereton, eds. (University of Illinois Press, 2001): 164-183.

“Redeeming Southern Memory: The Negro Race History,” *Where Those Memories Grow: History, Memory, and Southern Identity*, W. Fitzhugh Brundage, ed. (UNC Press, 2000): 169-189.

“Historicizing Religion in the American West,” *Perspectives on American Religion and Culture*, Peter Williams, ed. (Blackwell, 1999): 11-21.

“Mapping the World, Mapping the Race: The Negro Race History, 1874-1915,” *American Church History: A Reader*, Henry Warner Bowden and P.C. Kemeny, eds. (Abingdon Press, 1998).

“Eastward Ho! American Religious History from the Perspective of the Pacific Rim,” *Retelling American Religious History*, Thomas A. Tweed, ed. (University of California Press, 1996): 127-148.

“Denominationalism and the Black Church,” *Reimagining Denominationalism*, Russell Richey and R. Bruce Mullin, ed. (Oxford University Press, 1994): 58-73.

2. Refereed Papers/Articles

“The Burdens of Church History,” *Church History* 82:2 (June 2013): 353-367.

“Mormonism and Gender,” Forum for *Religion & American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, 23:1 (Winter 2013).

“A Retrospective on the Scholarship of Richard Bushman,” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 44, no. 3 (Fall 2011): 1-43.

“Resurrecting Liberals: The New Age of American Spirituality,” *Modern Intellectual History* 6:2 (2009): 445-456.

“Putting Religion on the Map,” *Journal of American History* 94:2 (September 2007): 515-19.

“Engaging Habits and Besotted Idolatry: Practicing Race in the American West,” *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art and Belief*, Volume 1, Number 1 (January 2005): 72-97.

“Religion and Class in American Life,” Forum for *Religion and American Culture* 15:1 (Winter 2005): 1-29.

“A Calvinist Country?” *The Journal of the Historical Society* 3 (Summer/Fall 2003): 445-452.

“Searching for America’s God,” Review Essay, *Church History* 72/3 (September 2003): 634-638.

“If It's South Dakota You Must Be Episcopalian: Lies, Truth-telling, and the Mapping of U.S. Religion,” *Church History* 71/1 (March 2002): 132-142.

“Looking West: Mormonism and the Pacific World,” *Journal of Mormon History* 26/1 (Spring 2000): 41-63.

“Mapping the World, Mapping the Race: The Negro Race History, 1874-1915,” *Church History* 64/4 (December 1995): 610-626.

3. Other Unrefereed Works:

“Roundtable Discussion: Challenging Mormon Race Scholarship,” with Gina Colvin, Elise Boxer, Melissa Inouye, and Janan Graham-Russell, *Journal of Mormon History* (forthcoming): 259-283.

“What They Learned From the Mormons,” *Mormon Studies Review* 2 (2015): 1-10.

“Should a Candidate’s Mormon Beliefs be an Election Issue?” *Congressional Quarterly Researcher* vol. 22, no. 37 (October 19, 2012), p. 905.

“A Plea for the West?” Religion in the American West online blog, 1-30-12 at <http://relwest.blogspot.com/2012/01/plea-for-west.html>

“The Double Legacy of Mormons,” in “Room for Debate,” *New York Times* Op-Ed Section, 1-29-12

“A Mormon President? The LDS Difference,” *Christian Century*, 21 August 2007 and online at <http://www.christiancentury.org/article.lasso?id=3594>

“Tracking the Sincere Believer: ‘Authentic’ Religion and the Enduring Legacy of Joseph Smith, Jr.,” *Sunstone*, Issue 140 (Dec. 2005): 28-36.

Introduction, *The Church in the Southern Black Community*, Digital Documentary Project, May 2001 (<http://docsouth.unc.edu/church/introduction.html>).

“Religions in America: A Working Paper for the Pew Charitable Trusts,” September 2001

“Why is Religion Important?” *Ideas*, 7/ 2 (Fall 2000): 32-36.

“Forty-Niner Faith,” *Christian History*, 19/2 (May 2000): 25-27.

“African-American Religion After The Civil War,” *Divining America*, National Humanities Center, 2000 (<http://www.nhc.rtp.nc.us:8080/tserve/nineteen/nkeyinfo/nafrican.htm>).

“African-American Religions in the Nineteenth Century,” *Divining America Project*, National Humanities Center, 1997.

Contributing Editor, *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, Stephen Prothero, Gardiner Shattuck, and Edward Queen, ed. (New York: Facts on File, 1996), 21 entries.

“Religion: From 1700 to the Present,” *The Oxford Companion to Women's Writing in the United States*, Cathy Davidson and Linda Wagner-Martin, ed. (Oxford University Press, 1994): 755-57.

“Religious Pluralism and American Cultural Identity,” *Excursus: A Review of Religious Studies* 3:1 (January 1990): 4-6.

“The Connecticut Missionary Society,” “The New York Missionary Society,” and “Cushing Eells,” *Dictionary of Christianity in America* (InterVarsity Press, 1990): 312, 382-383, 822.

Book Reviews:

Review of Kurt Widmer, *Unter Zions Panier: Mormonism and Its Interaction with Germany and Its People, 1840–1990* (*Journal of American History*, 2015, 101 [4]): 1240-1241.

Review of Samuel Morris Brown, *In Heaven as It Is on Earth: Joseph Smith and the Early Mormon Conquest of Death* (*Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, vol. 46, no. 1, Spring 2013): 206-10.

Review of Edward Blum and Paul Harvey, *The Color of Christ: The Son of God and the Saga of Race in America* (*Journal of Southern Religion* 14 (2012): <http://jsr.fsu.edu/issues/vol14/maffly-kipp.html>).

Review of *Gold Rush Saints: California Mormons and the Great Rush for Riches*, in the *Journal of Mormon History* 33:3 (Fall 2007): 215-18.

“Who’s that on the \$50 bill? Placing Joseph Smith in America’s National Story,” *Books & Culture* (January-February 2006): 11, 42.

Review of Jon Krakauer, *Under the Banner of Heaven*, in *BYU Studies* 43/4 (2004): 157-60.

Review of Stephen Haynes, *Noah’s Curse: The Biblical Justification of American Slavery*, in *The Christian Century* 119/26 (Dec. 18-31, 2002): 38-39.

Review of Ferenc Morton Szasz, *Religion in the Modern American West*, in *Church History* 71:1 (March 2002): 216.

Review of John Hope Franklin and Loren Scheweninger, *Runaway Slaves: Rebels on the Plantation*, in *The Christian Century* 117/4 (August 30-September 6, 2000): 881-882.

Review of Jon Sensbach, *A Separate Canaan: The Making of an Afro-Moravian World in North Carolina, 1763-1840*, in *Religious Studies Review* 25:4 (Oct. 1999): 443.

Review of Milton C. Sernett, *Bound for the Promised Land: African American Religion and the Great Migration*, in *American Historical Review* 104/3 (June 1999): 927-928.

Review of Christine Heyrman, *Southern Cross*, in *Raleigh News and Observer*, July 6, 1997

Review of *A Contest of Faiths*, by Susan M. Yohn, in *American Historical Review* 102/2 (April 1997): 531-532.

Review of Aimee Semple McPherson: *Everybody's Sister*, by Edith Blumhofer, *Pew Notes: Notes from the Pew Program in Religion and American History* (Fall 1996): 1-4.

Review of *Keepers of the Covenant: Frontier Missions and the Decline of Congregationalism, 1774-1818*, by James R. Rohrer, *Journal of American History* 83/3 (Fall 1996): 1005-1006

Review of *The Uneasy Center: Reformed Christianity in Antebellum America*, by Paul H. Conkin, *Journal of American History* 82/4 (March 1996): 1572-1573.

Review of *The Angel and the Beehive: The Mormon Struggle with Assimilation*, by Armand L. Mauss, *Western Historical Quarterly* 27:1 (Spring 1996): 101-102.

Review of *African-American Christianity: Essays in History*, ed. by Paul E. Johnson, *Religious Studies Review* 21 (1996): 346.

Review of *Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement in the Black Baptist Church, 1880-1920*, by Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 26/1 (Summer 1995): 148-149.

Review of *Southern Baptists Observed: Multiple Perspectives on a Changing Denomination*, ed. by Nancy Tatom Ammerman, *Southern Cultures* 1/2 (Winter 1995): 266-269.

Review of *Old Ship of Zion: The Afro-Baptist Ritual in the African Diaspora*, by Walter F. Pitts, Jr., *Religious Studies Review* 21/1 (January 1995): 59-60.

Review of *Under Their Own Vine and Fig Tree: The African-American Church in the South, 1865-1900*, by William E. Montgomery, *Religious Studies Review* 21/1 (January 1995): 60.

Review of *A Violent Evangelism: The Political and Religious Conquest of the Americas*, by Luis N. Rivera, *Religious Studies Review* 20/1 (January 1994): 73-74.

Review of *The American Encounter with Buddhism, 1844-1912: Victorian Culture and the Limits of Dissent*, by Thomas A. Tweed, *Religious Studies Review* 19/3 (July 1993): 277.

Review of *Frontier Faiths: Church, Temple, and Synagogue in Los Angeles, 1846-1888*, by Michael E. Engh, *Religious Studies Review* 19/3 (July 1993): 277.

Review of *Female Piety in Puritan New England: The Emergence of Religious Humanism*, by Amanda Porterfield, *Religious Studies Review* 19/2 (April 1993): 145.

Manuscripts under contract:

A History of Mormonism, Basic Books (due 2015)

Editorial Projects:

Guest Editor for special issue on “Women and Religious Authority” for *Religions*, with Jill Peterfeso (2011), online at http://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/women_authority/

African-American Religion: A Documentary History Project, David Wills (General Editor), Laurie Maffly-Kipp (Contributing Editor), 1996-2006

Scholarly Papers and Presentations

- June 2015 “Leonard Arrington and the New Mormon History,” Mormon History Association Annual Meeting, Provo, UT
- January 2015 “The Stealth Sarsaparilla: Mentorship as Scholarship,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, New York
- October 2014 “Practice Makes Perfect: Mormons and the Politics of Cultural Representation,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Missouri, Columbia
- Sept 2014 “How to Survey a Religion: Mormonism and the Challenges of Generalization,” Department of Religious Studies, UT-Austin
- June 2014 “James W.C. Pennington and the African American Race History,” Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg
- May 2014 “Religion, Desire, and the Quest for Unmediated Experience,” Religion and Sexuality Conference, Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis
- April 2014 “Mormons and the Promise of Religious Freedom,” Center for American Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- February 2014 “How to Survey a Religion: Mormonism and the Challenges of Generalization,” Virginia Center for the Study of Religion, University of Virginia
- January 2014 “African Americans, Religion, and the Civil War,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- October 2013 “Mormon Schisms: The Scriptural Logic of Abundance,” Claremont Graduate University
- September 2013 “Anchored in Revelation: Scripture and Schism in the Restoration,” Howard Lecture, John Whitmer Historical Association Annual Meeting, Council Bluffs, IA
- June 2013 “The Enduring Dilemma of Materiality: The Golden Plates as a Place of Enchantment,” Annual Meeting of the Mormon History Association, Layton, UT

March 2013 "From Fetish to Art: African American Liberation and the Colonial Creation of Culture," Trinity College, Hartford, CT

January 2013 Presidential Address, "The Burdens of Church History," Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, New Orleans

October 2012 "Mormonism and the U.S. Presidential Race," Institute of North American Studies, King's College, London

September 2012 "Mormons and Race," American Religions Colloquium, The Danforth Center on Religion and Politics

April 2012 "Politics in a Colonial Age: African Americans and the Fetishes of Enslavement," seminar on North American Religions, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

April 2012 "Saints of Darkness: Mormons, Race, and the Issue of an African American Priesthood," University of Tennessee at Knoxville

April 2012 "The Long Mormon Moment," Public lecture at the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

March 2012 Religion and Politics Roundtable, Society of Professional Journalists Regional Meeting, Elon University

March 2012 Roundtable on teaching race in American Religious History, Southeastern Conference for the Study of Religion (regional AAR), Atlanta, GA

February 2012 "Fetish Views: African American Missionary Aesthetics and Politics in a Colonial Age," Clemson University

October 2011 "Moments before the Mormon Moment," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD

October 2011 Revisiting the "Negro Race History," Yale University Americanist Seminar

September 2011 "Gathering up the Fragments: African American Religious History and the Politics of Race," Vanderbilt University

June 2011 Panelist, "Religion's Role in Personal Identity," Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, IUPUI-Indianapolis

April 2011 "Exhibiting the Material Culture of African American Life," Princeton University

March 2011 Panelist, "Religious Pluralism in America," Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill

February 2011 The State of Mormon Scholarship, Conference on LDS Faith and Scholarship, Duke University

- January 2011 “Richard Bushman and the Legacy of *Rough Stone Rolling*,” Joint Session of the American Historical Association and American Society of Church History Annual Meetings
- November 2010 “Survival Histories,” Department of Religion and Theology, King’s College London
- October 2010 “African-American Missionaries and the Material Display of Civilization,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- March 2010 “The Internationalization of the Mormon Church,” Amherst College
- June 2009 “The Clock and the Compass: Steering Toward Zion,” Conference on Sacred Space, Brigham Young University
- May 2009 “Early Mormon Ritual,” Annual Meeting of the Mormon History Association, Springfield, IL
- February 2009 “Religion and Spirituality: Reconsiderations,” Reconsidering the African American Community: Third Annual New Perspectives on African American History and Culture Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill
- October 2008 “Problems, Prospects, and Possibilities,” Conference in American Religious History, Honoring the Career of David D. Hall, Harvard Divinity School
- April 2008 “Saints of Darkness: Black Mormons and the Problem of the Priesthood” The Humanities Project at University of Rochester
- Nov 2007 “Visions of Paradise Dancing in Our Heads: Religious Tradition and the Outsider in Hawai’i” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- April 2007 “Missions on the Margins” American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT
- May 2006 “Marginal Mormons” Mormon History Association Annual Meeting, Caspar, Wyoming
- April 2006 “Believing in Color: Race and Religion at the End of the Century” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting
- March 2006 “Through the Prism of Race and Ethnicity: Reimagining the History of Religion in the American West” Conference at Arizona State University, Department of Religious Studies and the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict
- November 2005 “Religion by Region” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion
- July 2005 “Tracking the Sincere Believer: Joseph Smith and the Problem of Authentic Religious Experience” Sunstone Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

February 2004 “Engaging Habits and Besotted Idolatry: Race and Religion in the American West”
Conference on Race and Religion in the American West at Claremont Graduate University

January 2004 “Theorizing the History of American Protestant Practice”
Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History

March 2003 “African-American Communal Narratives”
Yale Faculty in Religious History meeting

March 2003 “Mormons and the Bible in American History”
Conference on Mormon History and Theology, Yale Divinity School

November 2002 “Race and Religion: Narratives of Intersection”
Lilly Seminar in American Religion, National Humanities Center

May 2001 & 2002 Participant, Wabash Consultation on Teaching the History of Christianity

March 2000 “Religion and the American West”
The Wirth Forum on Religion and the Environment
The Center of the American West, University of Colorado at Boulder

February 2000 “Writing their Way into History”
UNC Women's Studies Colloquium Lunchtime Series

August 1999 “Teaching American Religion on the Pacific Rim”
Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association

May 1999 Plenary Speaker at the Mormon Historical Association Annual Meeting

March 1999 “Russian Orthodoxy and Theology in Twentieth-Century America”
Conference on Russian Orthodoxy in America, Amherst College

January 1999 “Whose Pluralism? Missions to the Chinese in Early California”
Peters Lecture in Western History, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies
Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

January 1999 “Rhetorics of Pluralism in the West”
Duke Divinity School Black Students’ Forum

January 1999 “Religion and Art in America,” Luce Foundation Academic Consultation

November 1998 “The Quest for Transcendence in American Life”
Faculty Seminar, Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC

June 1998 “The Effect of African-American Missionary Activity on African Americans at Home,” Conference on the Missionary Impulse in North America
Wheaton College, IL

April 1999 “Writing our Way into History: Gender, Race, and the Creation of Black Denominational Life,” Conference on Women and Twentieth Century Protestantism, Chicago, IL

- November 1997 "The Wonders of the Ancient Past: Black Freemasonry and the Creation of Racial and Religious Identity in Antebellum America," Harvard University
- October 1997 "Haiti and the Serpentine Trail"
Conference on Protestant Missions in North America, Emerald Isle, NC
- April 1997 "Religion on the Pacific Rim"
Featured Speaker, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- January 1997 "Building History: Black Communal Narratives in the Antebellum North"
Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History
- October 1996 "Border Crossings: Religion, Geography and the American West"
Graduate Theological Union Colloquium
- March 1996 "Blacks Building History: Masonic Narratives and Biblical Precedents"
Centre for American Studies, University of Western Ontario
- February 1996 "Black Denominations in Nineteenth-Century America"
Sonya Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, UNC
- January 1996 "‘Authors of This Mysterious and Beautiful Order’: Protestantism, Freemasonry, and Racial Identity in Antebellum America"
Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta
- December 1995 "Sister Aimee and Her Biographers"
Yale Colloquium for Area Faculty in American Religious History
- October 1995 "The Study of Religion and American History: An Assessment"
National Humanities Center
Working Conference on Religion in American Intellectual Life
- June 1995 "Teaching African-American Religion," MURAP Program presentation
- March 1995 "Mapping the World, Mapping the Race: African-American Protestant Leaders, 1868-1915," UNC Chapel Hill
- January 1995 "Race, Race Narratives, and Religious Identity"
Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture
- November 1993 "African-American Communal Memory: Denominational Identity and the Construction of Race," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion
- April 1993 "Race, Race Histories, and Denominational Identities in African-American History," University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- November 1992 "Methodist Missions to the Chinese in California"
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco
- March 1992 "An Opening to the Pacific: Protestant Missions to the Chinese in Frontier California," Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA

- June 1991 “Evangelicalism and Gender on the Frontier”
Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, Wheaton, IL
- April 1991 “Gender, Religion, and the Bill of Rights”
American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, Richmond, VA
- April 1991 “The Significance of C. Eric Lincoln's Work to the Field of American Religion,” Duke University
- March 1991 “The Origins of the Negro Race History, 1870-1910”
Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta
- September 1990 “Religion and Gender in Gold Rush California”
Women's Studies Lunch Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- December 1989 “Chaos and Community on the Northern California Frontier”
American Society of Church History Annual Conference, San Francisco
- October 1989 “The Divine Efficacy of Womanhood”
History of Christianity Colloquium, Duke University
- November 1988 “Regionalism and Revivalism in Early California”
Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago

Recent Teaching Activities

i. Undergraduate courses:

Religion and the State: Global Mission, Global Empire
Religions in America
Ethnicity, Race and Religion
Religion and Literature in the U.S.
African-American Religion
Mormonism and the American Experience

ii. Graduate seminars:

African American Religions
Theory and Method in Religious Studies
Cultural Contact in American Religion
American Scriptures

Graduate advising

- Primary advisor for 18 Ph.D dissertations (1989-present)
- Member of 49 additional MA/Ph.D committees at UNC, Duke, Claremont Graduate University, Washington University in St. Louis, and Harvard University

Grants

Spring 2008 Institute for the Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship
2007-08 Research grant, Dept. of Religious Studies MacLester Faculty Development Fund
2005-06 Research grant, Dept. of Religious Studies MacLester Faculty Development Fund
2005-06 Research Support Fellowship, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, UNC Chapel Hill

Fall 2003	Funded research leave from the Lilly Foundation, Inc. (part of Collaborative Grant, see below)
Spring 2003	Research and Study Leave, Dept. of Religious Studies
2002-2005	Wabash Center Grant, "Teaching Religion in a Secular Setting," (\$45,000)
2001-2002	Leadership Fellow, Institute for Arts and Humanities UNC Chapel Hill
2001-2005	Collaborative Grant, "American Christian Piety and Practice: Charting the History from Puritan Devotionalism to Baby-Boomer Spirituality" Lilly Foundation, Inc. (\$672,000)
2000-2001	University Research Council Grant
2000-2001	UNC/IBM General College Curriculum Technology Enhancement Grant
1998-1999	Collaborative Investigator, Schwab Fellows Opportunity Grant Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill
Spring 1998	Institute for the Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship
Fall 1997	W. N. Reynolds Faculty Research Leave
1996	Brandes Course Development Award, UNC Chapel Hill
1996	University Research Council Grant, UNC Chapel Hill
Summer 1995	Ford Foundation Fellowship for Course Enrichment and Mentoring for Minority Undergraduates, UNC General College
Summer 1995	Mentor, Minority Undergraduate Research Assistant Program Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill
1995	John T. Lupton Grant for Course Enrichment, UNC Chapel Hill
1994	Summer Research Fellowship, Louisville Institute
1993-1994	American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid (<i>declined</i>)
1993-1994	Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, National Humanities Center
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Fall 1993	Faculty Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities (<i>declined</i>)
1992-1993	Fellow, Young Scholars in American Religion Program Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI
1991	Junior Faculty Development Grant, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1990	American Academy of Religion Research Grant
Summer 1990	Faculty Fellow of the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill
1988	Research Grant, "Evangelicals, Voluntary Associations and American Public Life" Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals
1988	Association of American Colleges Research Grant
1987	John F. Enders Research Fellowship, Yale University
1987	Copeland Fellowship for Visiting Scholars, Amherst College
1983	George Stebbins Moses Scholarship in Religion, Amherst College
1982-1983	George A. Plimpton Fellowship, Amherst College
1982 - 1983	Watson Fellowship for Independent Study, Thomas J. Watson Foundation

Professional Service

To the Discipline

- Faculty Mentor, Young Scholars in American Religion Program, Center on Religion and American Culture, IUPUI, 2014-2016
- President-Elect, Mormon History Association, 2014-15
- President, American Society of Church History, 2012-13
- External Evaluator for review of the Department of Religion, Claremont Graduate University (2014); Department of Religion at Amherst College (2013); Department of Religious Studies,

Univ. of Iowa (2011); and the Department of Religious Studies, Univ. of Tennessee at Knoxville (2010)

- Evaluator, National Humanities Center Fellowship Competition (2005, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2014)
- Evaluator, NEH and ACLS Fellowship Competitions (2001-2004, ACLS 2013-15)
- American Society of Church History
 - Chair of Nominating Committee, 2013
 - President-Elect and Chair of Program Committee, 2011
 - Program Committee for Annual Meeting, 1992, 2008
 - Council Member, 1994-97
 - Nominating Committee 1997-98
 - Program Committee for Spring Meetings, 2000, 2005
 - Committee on Relocation of *Church History*, 2003
- American Academy of Religion
 - Steering Committee for Consultation on Religion in the American West, 2007-2012
 - Steering Committee for Mormon Studies Consultation, 2006-2012
 - Steering Committee for Afro-American Religious History, 1993-1995
 - Co-Chair, Afro-American Religious History Group, 1995-97
 - AAR Book Awards Jury, Historical Category, 2000-2005
- Convener, Working Group on Religion and Conflict in American Culture
Sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation and the National Humanities Center, 1997-99
- Member, Carolina Speakers Bureau, 1995-97
- Referee, Grants Competition, Pew Fellowship Program in American Religious History
Yale University, Fall 1995
- Consultant, Pew Charitable Trusts, Religion Division
- Moderator, Young Scholars in Religion listserv, 1992-present

Editorial Boards

- National Advisory Board, Joseph Smith Papers Project, Jan. 2014-present
- Advisory Board, The Mormon Studies Book Series, Farleigh Dickinson University Press, 2013-present
- Board of Directors, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 2013-present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Mormon Studies Review*, 2013-present
- Board Member, *Religion and American Culture*, 2012-2015
- Board Member, *Journal of Africana Religions*, 2011-
- Board Member, *Journal of Mormon History*, 2009-2012
- Board Member, *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 2007-09
- Board Member, *African American National Biography Project*, 2005-2009
- Board Member, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2005-2010
- Scholarly Advisor, *The Christian Churches and the Southern Black Community*
- Digital Documents Project, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1998-present
- *Documenting the American South*, Digital Documents Project, 1998-present
- *Church History: A Journal of Christianity and Culture*, 1997-2004
- *The North Star* (on-line journal of African American Religious History), 1997-2005

At Washington University in St. Louis

- Co-President, Association of Women Faculty, 2015-
- Advisory Board Member, Association of Women Faculty, 2015
- Ferguson Academic Seed Fund Steering Committee Member, 2015-present
- Committee Member, Religion and Law Search, 2015-present
- Director of Fellows, Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, 2014-15

At UNC

- Member, Chancellor's 21st-Century Vision Committee, 2012-13

- Chair, Sub-Committee on Academics and Athletics, Faculty Executive Committee, 2012
- Selection Committee, Executive Director, Institute for Arts and Humanities, 2012
- Selection Committee, Royster Professorship in Graduate Studies, 2012
- UNC Junior Faculty Development Awards Committee, 2010-2011
- UNC Competitive Faculty Leave Committee, 2010-2011
- University Teaching Awards Committee member, 2010-2011
- Elected Member, Faculty Executive Committee, 2009-present
- Elected Member, Faculty Grievance Committee, 2008-2011
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies, 2008-present
- Chair, Search Committee in Hebrew Bible, Dept. of Religious Studies, 2008-09
- Search Committee, Director for Program in Humanities and Human Values, 2007
- Search Committee, Latin American Religions, Dept. of Religious Studies, 2007
- Faculty Director, Royster Society of Fellows, Graduate School, 2007-2010
- Nominating Committee for the Faculty Council, UNC-CH, 2007
- Selection Committee for the Graduate School Impact Awards, 2006-07
- Member, Search Committee, Latin American Religions, 2007
- Elected Member, Faculty Council, 2006-2009
- Selection Committee for the Kauffman Fellowship in Entrepreneurship, 2006
- Selection Committee for the Faculty Mentoring Award, UNC Graduate School, 2006
- Board member, Program in Humanities and Human Values, 2005-
- Acting Chair, Curriculum in American Studies, Fall 2004
- Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, 2004-2008
- Member, Honors College Advisory Board, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2004-2005
- Member, Advisory Board, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2003-09
- Acting Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Fall 2002
- Member, Administrative Board of the Graduate School, 2002-
- Chair, Modern Islam Search, Department of Religious Studies, 2001-2002
- Chair, UNC Rhodes Nominating Committee, 2001-2002
- UNC Office of Distinguished Scholarships Advisory Board, 2001-2004
- Plenary speaker at student forum on Religious Pluralism, UNC-Chapel Hill, March 2001
- "Church History to the settlement of the New World"
- Talk to Living Well Student Organization, UNC-CH, April 2000
- Mentor, Post-doctoral minority scholars program, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1999-2001
- Interim Director, Office of Distinguished Scholarships and Intellectual Life, Spring 2001
- Chair, Philosophy of Religion search, 2000-2001
- Advisory Board, Phi Beta Kappa chapter, 2000-2002
- Group Leader, Spencer Foundation Fellowship Educational Forum, UNC-CH, February 2000
- Summer School Coordinator, Dept. of Religious Studies, 1999-2000
- Advisory Board, Living Well Student Organization, 2000-2001
- Chair, American Studies Faculty Search, 1999-2000
- Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Religious Studies, 1999-2002
- Member, UNC Rhodes Scholarship Nominating Committee, 1998-2001
- UNC Housing Advisory Board, 1996-97
- AAUP local chapter, member-at-large, 1996-7
- Curriculum in American Studies, Advisory Committee, 1996-2007
- Elected Representative, UNC Faculty Council, 1996-1999
- Meeting with Students of Incoming Freshmen, UNC-CH, C-Tops Program, 1995-97
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of Religious Studies, 1995-97
- Frank Porter Graham Lecture Committee, 1995-97
- Mentor, "Womentoring," Office of Leadership Development, UNC Chapel Hill, 1992-93
- Undergraduate Mentor, Carolina Teaching Fellows Program, UNC Chapel Hill, 1991-92
- "Race and Religion in America," Faculty Panel for Race Relations Week, February 1991

In the Community

- Guest Lecturer, “Creating a More Perfect Union in the Bible Belt: Building Community and Cultural Understanding through the Study of Religion and Civil Society,” *Religious Pluralism in Tennessee: Bridging Cultures at Community Colleges Program*, sponsored by The National Endowment for the Humanities and the Tennessee Board of Regents, July 13-17, 2015
- “Becoming Christians: Emerging African American Religious Communities in the American South,” Seeds of Independence Lecture, Gunston Hall, Mason Neck, VA, Feb. 2015
- “Mormonism and the Pacific Basin,” Miller/Eccles Study Group, Oct. 2012
- “Religion and Politics in America,” Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC, Sept. 2012
- “Imagining Religious Communities,” Presentation at United Church of Chapel Hill, Sept. 2012
- Online Seminar for High School Teachers on Religion and Abolition, March 2012, National Humanities Center
- “The Religious Roots of Abolition,” *America in Class* Series of Resources for High School Teachers, online at <http://americainclass.org/lessons/religious-roots-of-abolition/>, 2011
- Workshop facilitator, National Humanities Center Online Professional Development Seminars for High School Teachers, Spring and Summer 2010
- Workshop facilitator, “Teaching Religion in the History Classroom,” Project in Historical Education (UNC History Department) for high school teachers, December 2007
- Lead faculty member for the North Carolina Humanities Council Summer Teachers’ Institute, Chapel Hill, NC, June 2005 and June 2006
- Member, Leadership Fellows Forum, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2002-present
- Panelist on the Civil Rights Movement
 - Southeast Regional Civil Rights Summit, Chapel Hill, April 2001
- “The American West,” Jacksonville, NC, part of “Let’s Talk About It” book series of the Onslow County Public Library, September 1999
- “The Quest for Transcendence in American Life,” Faculty Seminar
 - Sponsored by the Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC, Nov. 1998
- “African-American Religion and Activism”
 - UNC Christian Studies Student Forum, Nov. 1998
- “Gender and the Culture Wars,” Program in the Humanities Summer Seminar
 - UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 1995
- “Images of Jesus in America,” Program in the Humanities Summer Seminar
 - UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 1994
- “Race and Religion in America,” Radio Interview on *Soundings*
 - National Humanities Center, February 1994
- “The Great Awakening,” Program in the Humanities Summer Seminar
 - UNC Chapel Hill (Summer 1992)
- Instructor in Humanities Festival, “African American Religion”
 - Chapel Hill High School (April 1992)
- “Martyrdom in American Religion: Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X”
 - Program in the Humanities Weekend Seminar, UNC Chapel Hill, April 1991
- “Religion and the American Experience,” Instructor for NEH Faculty Development Seminar, Vance-Granville Community College, Henderson, NC (January 1991)
- Various interviews for
 - The Leonard Lopate Show (WNYC)
 - National Public Radio
 - Idaho Public Radio
 - Wisconsin Public Radio
 - WCHL and WUNC (radio)
 - WTVD and WRAL (television)
 - *The Economist*, *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*

- Numerous newspapers in Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina and Utah
- Manuscript reviewer for numerous University Presses

Professional Organization Membership

- American Academy of Religion
- American Historical Association
- American Society of Church History
- John Whitmer Historical Association
- Organization of American Historians
- Western Historical Association
- Mormon History Association