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### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

John C. Danforth Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011-  
Director, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2011-  
John A. Bartlett Professor, The Divinity School, Harvard University, 2009-2011  
Professor, Department of Religion, Princeton University, 2006-2009  
Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Princeton University, 2003-2006  
Director, Program in the Study of Women and Gender, Princeton University, 2007-2009  
Associate Director, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 1999-2003  
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, Northwestern University, 1996-1998  
Visiting Research Fellow, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, 1995-1996

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Harvard University, Study of Religion (American Religious History), 1995  
M.A. Harvard University, Study of Religion, 1992  
A.B. University of Virginia, Political & Social Thought, 1989 (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)

### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS**

*Making the World Over: Confronting Racism, Misogyny, and Xenophobia in US History* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2021).

*Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians and Fractured American Politics* (Basic Books, 2017). \*Starred [review](#) in *Publishers Weekly*; other reviews in [Kirkus](#), [Wall Street Journal](#), [Barnes & Noble Review](#), [Christianity Today](#), [The Gospel Coalition](#), [Washington Post](#), [Journal of the American Academy of Religion](#), [The New Republic](#), [Reading Religion](#), [LA Review of Books](#), [National Catholic Reporter](#), and [New York Review of Books](#).

*Religion and Politics in the Contemporary United States*, co-edited with Melani McAlister (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008).

*American Religions: A Documentary History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007).

*Women and Religion in the African Diaspora: Knowledge, Power, and Performance*, co-edited with Barbara Dianne Savage (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006).

*Born Again Bodies: Flesh and Spirit in American Christianity* (University of California Press, 2004).

*God's Daughters: Evangelical Women and the Power of Submission* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997; paperback 2000).

## PUBLICATIONS: SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“Individual Lives, Broader Contexts: Mormon Women’s Studies and the Refashioning of American History and Historiography,” in *Mormon Women’s History: Beyond Biography*, ed. Rachel Cope (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2017), pp. 227-237.

“Crossing the Catholic Divide: Gender, Sexuality, and Historiography,” in *Catholics in the American Century: Recasting Narratives of U.S. History*, ed. R. Scott Appleby and Kathleen Sprows Cummings (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2012), pp. 81-107.

“American Religion’s Fascination with Sex,” in *The Cambridge History of Religions in America*, Volume 3, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012).

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“Beyond Diversity and Multiculturalism: Pluralism and the Globalization of American Religion.” *OAH Magazine of History*, January 2008, 24-27.

“Conclusion: Gay Religion as a Cultural Production,” in *Gay Religion*, eds. Scott Thumma and Edward R. Gray (Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 2004), 367-376.

“Heavenly Hunger,” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 13 (Fall 2004), 62-71.

“Maintaining Empathy: A Response to Stephen Prothero, ‘Belief Unbracketed,’” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 32:3 (Summer 2004), 18.

“The Generous Side of Christian Faith: Successes and Challenges of Mainline Women’s Groups.” In *The Quiet Hand Of God: Faith Based Activism And The Public Role Of Mainline Protestantism*, ed. Robert Wuthnow and John H. Evans, (University of California Press, 2002), 80-107.

“Apostles of Abstinence: Fasting and Masculinity During the Progressive Era,” *American Quarterly* 52:4 (December 2000), 599-638.

“Body Salvation: New Thought, Father Divine, and the Feast of Material Pleasures,” *Religion and American Culture* 11:2 (Summer 2001), 119-153.

“Female Suffering and Religious Devotion in American Pentecostalism, 1900-1935.” In *Women and Twentieth-Century Protestantism*, eds. Margaret L. Bendroth and Virginia Brereton (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2001), 184-208.

“‘Don’t Eat That’: The Erotics of Abstinence in American Christianity,” *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture* 1:4 (Fall 2001), 36-47. Anthologized in *The Gastronomica Reader*, ed. Darra Goldstein (University of California Press, 2010), 34-50.

“Kathryn Kuhlman.” In *Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary, Completing the Twentieth Century*, ed. Susan Ware (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2004), 354-356.

## **PUBLICATIONS: SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS (continued)**

“The Charismatic Movement.” In the *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, eds. Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006), 457-467.

“Fasting, Dieting, and the Body in American Christianity.” In *Perspectives on American Religion and Culture*, ed. Peter W. Williams (Malden, Mass: Basil Blackwell, 1999), 216-227.

“There Seems to Be a Growing Interest Today in Religiously Based Diet Programs – What’s Going On?” *Eating Disorders: The Journal of Treatment and Prevention* 9:2 (Spring 2001): 185-187.

“‘Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory’: The Vocabulary of Pious Emotion in the Narratives of American Pentecostal Women, 1910-1945.” In *An Emotional History of the United States*, eds. Peter Stearns and Jan Lewis (New York: NYU Press, 1998), 218-240.

“Revising Our Assessment of Evangelical Women.” *Tikkun* 13:2 (Mar/Apr 1998), 18-19, 90.

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“The Affinities Between Feminists and Evangelical Women,” *Chronicle of Higher Education* 17 October 1997, B6-7.

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“Wifely Submission: The SBC Resolution,” *Christian Century* 115:19 (July 1-8, 1998): 636-638 [co-written with Paul Harvey].

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## **PUBLICATIONS: PUBLIC ESSAYS AND ONLINE COMMENTARY**

“Making the World Over: Confronting Racism, Misogyny, and Xenophobia in U.S. History,” Religion & Politics, May 4, 2021: <https://religionandpolitics.org/2021/05/04/making-the-world-over-confronting-racism-misogyny-and-xenophobia-in-u-s-history/>.

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“Bearing Witness at the Women’s March on Washington,” *Religion & Politics*, January 24, 2017: <http://religionandpolitics.org/2017/01/24/bearing-witness-at-the-womens-march-on-washington/>.

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“What Phyllis Schlafly Believed: An Unreleased Interview with the Late Anti-Feminist Activist,”

*Religion & Politics*, September 6, 2016: <http://religionandpolitics.org/2016/09/06/what-phyllis-schlafly-believed-an-unreleased-interview-with-the-late-anti-feminist-activist/>.

“Orlando Shooting: An Attack at the Center of America’s Fault Lines,” *Religion & Politics*, June 14, 2016: <http://religionandpolitics.org/2016/06/14/orlando-shooting-an-attack-at-the-center-of-americas-fault-lines/>.

“On Planned Parenthood, Beware of False Prophets,” *Religion & Politics*, October 6, 2015:

<http://religionandpolitics.org/2015/10/06/on-planned-parenthood-beware-of-false-prophets/>.

“The Establishment Clause: An Interview with Judge Guido Calabresi,” *Religion & Politics*, March 27,

2014: <http://religionandpolitics.org/2014/03/27/the-establishment-clause-an-interview-with-judge-guido-calabresi/>.

“More than Faith: For Trayvon Martin, a Promise to Act,” *Religion & Politics*, July 17, 2013:

<http://religionandpolitics.org/2013/07/17/more-than-faith-for-trayvon-martin-a-promise-to-act/>.

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“Sanford and Wife” [on the media coverage of Mark and Jenny Sanford] in *Religion in the News*, Fall 2009, Vol. 12, No. 2:

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Dyan Elliot, *The Corrupter of Boys: Sodomy, Scandal, and the Medieval Clergy* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020) and Rachel Hope Cleves, *Unspeakable: A Life Beyond Sexual Morality* (University of Chicago Press, 2020), in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (forthcoming).

Susan Hill Lindley and Eleanor J. Stebner, eds., *The Westminster Handbook to Women in American Religious History* (Westminster John Knox, 2008), in the *Journal of Presbyterian History* 87:2 (2009): 84.

Tanya Erzen, *Straight to Jesus: Sexual and Christian Conversions in the Ex-Gay Movement* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006), in *Church History* 77:1 (March 2008), 225-228.

**PUBLICATIONS: REVIEW ARTICLES** (continued)

Nancy Tatom Ammerman, *Pillars of Faith: American Congregations and Their Partners* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005), in *American Journal of Sociology* 112:1 (July 2006), 339-341.

Review essay of Joy Dixon, *Divine Feminine: Theosophy and Feminism in England* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001); Kathi Kern, *Mrs. Stanton's Bible* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001); and Ann Braude, *Radical Spirits: Spiritualism and Women's Rights in Nineteenth-Century America*, 2nd edition (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2001 [Beacon Press, 1989]). In *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 30:3 (Spring 2005), 1984-1989.

Pamela Klassen, *Blessed Events: Religion and Home Birth in America* (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2001), in *Journal of Religion* 84:4 (October 2004), 669-670.

Grant Wacker, *Heaven Below: Early Pentecostals and American Culture* (Harvard University Press, 2001), in *Journal of American History* 89:1 (June 2002), 266.

Beryl Satter, *Each Mind a Kingdom: American Women, Sexual Purity, and the New Thought Movement, 1875-1920* (University of California Press, 1999), in *Journal of Religion* 82:1 (January 2002), 115-116.

Sarah Coakley, ed., *Religion and the Body* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), in *The Hedgehog Review: Critical Reflections on Contemporary Culture* 3:2 (Summer 2001), 116-123.

Brenda E. Brasher, *Godly Women: Fundamentalism and Female Power* (Rutgers University Press, 1998); and *Battle for the Minds*, a documentary about fundamentalism, politics, and women, in the *National Women's Studies Association Journal* 13:1 (Spring 2001), 152-155.

Bruce David Forbes and Jeffrey H. Mahan, eds., *Religion and Popular Culture in America* (University of California Press, 2000), in *Journal of Religion* 81:3 (July 2001), 521-523.

Review essay of Carolyn DeSwarte Gifford, ed., *Writing Out My Heart: Selections from the Journal of Frances E. Willard, 1855-96* (University of Illinois Press, 1995); Susan Juster and Lisa MacFarlane, eds., *A Mighty Baptism: Race, Gender, and the Creation of American Protestantism* (Cornell University Press, 1996); and Rosemary Rueher and Rosemary Skinner Keller, eds., *In Our Own Voices: Four Centuries of American Women's Religious Writing* (Harper San Francisco, 1995). In *Reviews in American History* 25:2 (June 1997), 220-26.

Michelle Mary Lelwica, *Starving for Salvation: The Spiritual Dimensions of Eating Problems among American Girls and Women* (Oxford, 1999), in *Christian Century* 117:6 (23 February 2000), 219-220.

Philip A. Mellor and Chris Shilling, *Re-forming the Body: Religion, Community and Modernity* (Sage, 1997), in *Sociology of Religion* 60:2 (Summer 1999), 200-201.

Teresa M. Shaw, *The Burden of the Flesh: Fasting and Sexuality in Early Christianity* (Fortress Press, 1998), in *Christian Century* 116:9 (17 March 1999), 317.

Joel A. Carpenter, *Revive Us Again: The Reawakening of American Fundamentalism* (Oxford University Press, 1997), in *Church History* 67:4 (December 1998): 820-822.

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Robert Bruce Mullin, *Miracles and the Modern Religious Imagination* (Yale University Press, 1996), in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 66:2 (Summer 1998), 452-55.

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Barry Alan Shain, *The Myth of American Individualism: The Protestant Origins of American Political Thought* (Princeton University Press, 1994), in *Journal of Church and State* 37:4 (Autumn 1995), 906-7.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE – WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS**

Director, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, 2011-  
 Review Committee on Faculty Personnel Procedures, 2020-  
 Faculty Advisory Board, Prison Education Project, 2017-  
 Arts & Sciences Dean Search Committee, 2019-2020  
 Presidential Debate Steering Committee, 2016  
 Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion and Personnel, Arts & Sciences, 2013-2016, Fall 2017  
 Core Faculty, Religious Studies Program, 2011-2014  
 Executive Committee and Affiliated Faculty, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 2011-2015

**– HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Faculty Council (elected), Harvard Divinity School, 2010-2011  
 Tenure Review Committee for Marla Frederick, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 2009-2010  
 Faculty Member, Committee on the Study of Religion, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 2009-2011  
 Standing Committee on Higher Degrees in the History of American Civilization, FAS, 2009-2011  
 Selection Committee, Women's Studies in Religion Program, The Divinity School, 2009-2011

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE – PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

Old Dominion Fellow, Humanities Council, 2008-2009  
 Target of Opportunity Committee, 2008-2009  
 Committee on Conference and Faculty Appeal, 2006-2009  
 Faculty Fellow, Whitman College, 2007-2009  
 (continued)  
 Task Force on the Status of Women and Minority Faculty at Princeton, 2006-2007  
 Chair, Search Committee in African American Religious History, Department of Religion, 2006-2007  
 Rights and Rules Committee, spring 2006  
 Faculty/Staff Sexual Harassment Panel, 2005-2007  
 University Research Board, 2005-2006  
 Interdepartmental Committee for the Program in American Studies, 2004-2009  
 Interdepartmental Committee for the Program in the Study of Women and Gender, 2003-2009; Program Director, 2007-2009  
 Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Religion, 2003-  
 Faculty Fellow, Mathey College, 2004-2007  
 Advisory Committee, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, 2003-2005  
 Departmental Representative, Department of Religion, 2004-2006  
 Graduate Committee, Department of Religion, 2003-2004  
 Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Princeton University, 2001-2002

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE BEYOND HOME INSTITUTION**

American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee, American Academy of Religion, 2020-2023  
 Commission on the Practice of Democratic Citizenship, convened by the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, 2018-2020  
 External Review Committee, Department of Religion, Carleton College, 2017-2018  
 Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer, 2015-2018 (appointed by Prof. Jon Butler), 2018-2021 (reappointed by Prof. Earl Lewis)  
 Reader/Review, Radcliffe Fellowship Program, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University, 2014-present  
 External Review Committee, Department of Religion, Mount Holyoke College, Fall 2014  
 Editor, *Religion & Politics*, 2012-present  
 Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2005-2010  
 Editorial Board, *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, 2004-2010  
 Board of Consultants, *Journal of Religion*, 2003-2010  
 Board of Editors, *Cambridge History of Religions in America (CHRA)*, 2007-2010  
 Co-editor (with Melani McAlister) of a special issue of *American Quarterly* on Religion and Politics in Contemporary America, Fall 2007  
 Jury member for Louisville Institute summer stipend grants, fall 2004  
 Search Committee, Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2003  
 Co-Director, Religion and Sexuality Consultation, AAR, 2004-2007  
 Research Grants Jury, American Academy of Religion, 2003-2005  
 Reviewer of the Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, 2003  
 Steering Committee, North American Religions section of the American Academy of Religion, 2000-03  
 Council of the American Society of Church History, 2000-2003  
 Mentor for Undergraduate Fellows Program, Fund for Theological Education, 2002-2003

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIPS**

Board of Trustees, College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME, 2020-  
 Board of Directors, Camp Beech Cliff, Mount Desert, ME, 2012-2018



## **INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Endowed Cole Lecture on the Christian Religion, Vanderbilt University, October 11, 2021.

“A Century of Struggle: The Battle for Women’s Rights in American Religion and Politics.” Department of Religion and Philosophy and the Women’s and Gender Studies Program cosponsored lecture, High Point University, November 5, 2020: <http://www.highpoint.edu/religion/fall-lecture-series/>.

“Welcoming the Stranger: Immigration and American Values,” Scudder Lecture, University of Florida, February 6, 2020.

“Sex and American Christianity: The Religious Divides that Fractured a Nation,” Schmidt Lecture in Religion and Public Life, Texas Christian University, Sept. 24, 2019.

“God and Sex in America,” Center for Global Humanities, University of New England, April 29, 2019.

“Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians & Fractured American Politics,” Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, April 10, 2019.

Richard E. Myers Lectures, University Baptist Church, Charlottesville VA, February 26-28, 2019.

“Religion and Politics,” part of the Democracy in a Challenging Era series, Center for Politics, University of Virginia, February 13, 2019.

Charles Wellborn Lecture, Florida State University, November 9, 2018.

Cushwa Center Lecture, University of Notre Dame, October 25, 2018.

Charles Edmondson Historical Lectures, Baylor University, September 17-18, 2018.

“Gender and Sexuality Rights v. Religious Rights: Which Come First?” States of Religious Freedom, Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, May 4, 2018.

Morton-Kenney Public Affairs Lecture, Southern Illinois University, April 16, 2018.

Marjorie Hall Thulin Endowed Lecture, University of Illinois, April 12, 2018.

“Sex and American Christianity: The Religious Divides that Fractured a Nation,” Arizona State University, March 15, 2018.

Aileen H. Clyde 20<sup>th</sup> Century Women’s Legacy Archive Lecture, University of Utah, March 8, 2018.

Chicago Humanities Festival, November 5, 2017.

“Moral Combat: Sex, Politics, and the Fracturing of American Christianity,” University of Minnesota, Morris, September 21, 2017.

“Moral Combat: Twenty-First-Century Politics and the Fracturing of American Christianity,” Endowed Connell Lecture, Lehigh University, April 26, 2017.

**INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (continued)

Respondent on Panel, "Evangelical Networks and Transnational Alliances," Organization of American Historians annual meeting, April 9, 2017.

"Moral Combat: Sex, Politics, and the Fracturing of American Christianity," Louisville Institute plenary address, January 18, 2017.

"Moral Combat: Why Sex Divides Us," Clemson University, October 18, 2016.

Panelist on "Give me Religious Liberty or Give me an Amicus Brief!" Religion News Association annual meeting, Washington D.C., September 23, 2016.

"God-Talk and American Politics: Religion in the 2016 Race for the Presidency," College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor ME, July 11, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, Conference on "Sex & Money," Columbia University, New York NY, April 22, 2016.

"Religion, Politics, and Public Life: Conceptual Rubrics, Interfaces, and New Directions," Keynote Speaker, Conference on "Religion and Public Life," Boston College, Boston MA, April 1, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, Conference on "Beyond Biography: Sources in Context for Mormon Women's History," Brigham Young University, Provo UT, March 3, 2016.

Panelist on Session on Grant Wacker's *America's Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping of the Nation*, American Society of Church History annual meeting, Atlanta GA, January 9, 2016.

Respondent on Panel, "After Marie Griffith's *God's Daughters* (University of California Press, 1997): Narrating the Power of Submission in Contemporary Pentecostalism," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Atlanta GA, November 21, 2015.

"Religion and Politics: New Directions for Research and Collaboration," Mellon Seminar in Historical, Global, and Emerging Humanities, Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University, December 3, 2014.

Panelist on "New Media, New Audiences: Making the Study of Religion Online," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Diego CA, November 22, 2014.

"Beyond the Ivory Tower: Historical Scholarship for the Common Good," LDS Church History Department at Temple Square in Salt Lake City, UT, May 1, 2014.

"Intersections of Intolerance: Christianity, Sex, and Politics in America," Lecture, Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance, Rice University, April 11, 2014.

Panelist on "The Challenges of Religious Tolerance in America and Globally," Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance, Rice University, April 10, 2014.

"Religion and Politics in the United States Today: Timely Issues, Pressing Problems," Fudan University in Shanghai, April 2, 2014.

"Religion, Sex, and Politics: An American History," Univ. of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Feb. 18, 2014.

"Christians, Sex and Politics," Willis D. Wood Endowed Lecture, Amherst College, February 11, 2014.

**INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (continued)

Symposium participant on “Gender and Sexuality in Law and Religion,” Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies and the Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Univ. of Michigan, Feb. 3, 2014.

Panelist on “Religion and Reproductive Freedom,” Planned Parenthood St. Louis Women’s Leadership Circle and Eden Theological Seminary, Eden Seminary, January 30, 2014.

Symposium participant Participant at a Forum titled “Job Market Realities, Strategies, and Opportunities,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Baltimore MD, November 23, 2013.

Panelist on “Religious Diversity and the Common Good,” Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College, November 13, 2013.

“Birth Control: Is it Moral? Margaret Sanger and Changing Views of Contraception,” Religion and Internationalism Colloquium, Brown University, October 8, 2013.

“On Not Living the Lie: American Christianity and Shifting Politics of Sexuality,” Endowed Sorensen Lecture, Yale Divinity School, October 7, 2013.

“God-Talk and American Politics, Part I: Contraception, Science, and Sex Education” and “God-Talk and American Politics, Part II: Life and Death, Healthcare and Guns,” Endowed Schmiechen Lectures, Eden Theological Seminary, October 2, 2013.

“Christians, Sex, and Politics: An American History,” Lecture, Virginia Center for the Study of Religion, University of Virginia, September 18, 2013.

“Belonging and Participation in American Religion,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI, June 7, 2013.

“A Conversation Around Themes from *No Longer Invisible: Religion in University Education*, by Douglas and Rhonda Jacobsen (Oxford University Press, 2012), American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago IL, November 18, 2012.

“In Gods Some Trust: Religious and Secular Forces in the 2012 Presidential Debate,” William Hal Furr Dialogue on Philosophy and Religion, University of Mississippi, October 19, 2012.

Endowed Lecture, Lee Institute, Ladue Chapel, St. Louis MO, March 12, 2012.

Respondent to “Rethinking Contemporary Evangelicalism” panel, American Historical Association annual meeting, January 8, 2012.

Respondent to “Contemporary Evangelical Sexualities” session, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco CA, November 21, 2011.

Respondent to “Mormon Women and Modernity” panel, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco CA, November 19, 2011.

“Narrativity in the Study of North American Religions,” panelist, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco CA, November 19, 2011.

**INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (continued)

“Abuse in the Early Study of Religion,” Conference on the Catholic Sex Abuse Crisis and the Study of Religion, Yale University, September 23, 2011.

“Primitives, Pagans, and Savage Rivals: Sex and the Shaping of the Modern Study of Religion,” Boardman Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, April 19, 2011.

“What’s Left to Say About Religion and the Body? New Directions in a Changing Field,” Keynote Address, American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, March 17, 2011.

Respondent to “The Righteous Fast: Nation of Islam, Mormon, Jewish, and Christian Perspectives” panel, American Historical Association annual meeting, January 6, 2011.

“Religion and Current Political Divides: A Response to Robert D. Putnam,” Tanner Lectures, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, October 27, 2010.

“From Camp Meetings to Chastity Rings, Sex in American Religion and Politics,” Ray Frank Robbins annual lecture, Samford University, March 4, 2010.

“Christians, Sex, and Politics,” featured lecture in the series *New Directions in the Study of American Culture*, Scherer Center for the Study of American Culture, University of Chicago, December 3, 2009.

Panelist at a Session titled “Ethnographies of Religion: Practice, Problems, and Possibilities,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Montréal, November 9, 2009.

“Love and Faith: Romance and Religion,” Conference on Love as the Practice of Freedom? Romance Fiction and American Culture, Princeton University, April 24 2009.

Response to Mark D. Jordan, “Christian Moms Beat Homosexual Recruiters—Over and Over Again,” Orr Lecture, Dartmouth College, April 17, 2009.

“Catholics After Kinsey: Gender, Sexuality, and Catholic Historiography,” conference on Catholicism in the American Century at the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, April 18, 2008.

“The Groundbreaking Work of Caroline Walker Bynum and its Impact on American Religious Historians,” conference on Gender and Religion, co-sponsored by the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study and Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, April 3, 2008.

“A Critical Appreciation of the Scholarship of David D. Hall,” American Society of Church History annual winter meeting, January 5, 2008.

“Gendering Religion Across the Globe,” Templeton Lecture, Girls Preparatory School, March 6, 2008.

“Religion and Politics in U.S. History: Democracy and the Risks of Pluralism,” Princeton Adult School, February 26, 2008.

“Women and the Impact of Religious Pluralism,” Conference on Religious Pluralism in Modern America, Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions, University of Wisconsin, April 13, 2007.

“Born Again Bodies: Flesh and Spirit in American Christianity,” University of Denver, April 2007.

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Respondent to "Religion, Text, and Sex: Contemporary Religious Sex Manuals," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Washington D.C., November 18, 2006.

Author meets Critics session featuring responses to *Born Again Bodies: Flesh and Spirit in American Christianity*, American Society of Church History annual meeting, Philadelphia PA, January 7, 2006.

Meet the Author session featuring responses to *Born Again Bodies: Flesh and Spirit in American Christianity*, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, November 5, 2005.

Respondent to "Varieties of Contemporary Women's Religious Experience," American Studies Association annual meeting, November 2005.

"Born Again Bodies: Flesh and Spirit in American Christianity," Puff Lecture, Miami University of Ohio, September 29, 2004.

"Mortifying Women: Christian Perfectionism and Female Appetites in Nineteenth-Century America." Plenary Address at conference on "Women in American Religious Life," sponsored by the Martin Marty Center at the University of Chicago Divinity School, October 8-10, 2003.

"Gender and the Study of American Religions," Conference on "Reflections on the Study of Religion" in honor of John F. Wilson, Princeton University, October 24-25, 2003.

"Christian Body Gospels and American Fitness Culture," American Historical Association annual meeting, Chicago IL, January 3, 2003.

Respondent to "Experiencing Experience: Dilemmas of Fieldwork in the Study of Religion," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 2002.

"The Emergence of Lived Religion as an Area of Research," Panelist with Nancy Ammerman and Alan Wolfe, Lived Religion Workshop, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, June 14, 2002.

"Born Again Bodies: Women and the Weight of Modern Christianity," Paper Presented at the Rutgers University Workshop on Christianity, Women, and the Body, April 25, 2002.

"Slim For Him: Christianity and the American Diet Obsession," Montclair State University, March 21, 2002.

"Manly Starvation: Fasting, Fitness, and Masculinity During the Progressive Era," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Denver CO, November 18, 2001.

"Religion and the Body," presentation at the Material History of American Religion Project teaching conference, "Teaching the New American Religious History," June 6, 2001.

"Pray Your Weight Away: The Culture of American Christian Diet and Fitness," Ninth Annual Sociology of Religion Lecture Series at Loyola University, April 2, 2001.

"Turning the Dissertation into a Marketable Book," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Nashville TN, November 19, 2000.

# **INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (continued)**

“Bodies of Faith: The Flesh as Burden and Blessing in Evangelical Women’s Experience,” Wesleyan Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies Conference, October 6, 2000.

“Appetite, Abstinence, and Bodily Perfection: Modern Christianity and the American Diet Obsession,” Keynote, Bi-Annual Symposium in Religious Studies, University of North Carolina, August 25, 2000.

“Diet, Discipline, and Devotion: Christianity and the Body in American Culture,” Columbia University Seminar in American Religion, October 25, 1999.

“Loved on a Smaller Scale: Representations of Christian Femininity in Evangelical Diet and Fitness Programs,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, June 5, 1999.

“Abstinence, Discipline, and Bodily Perfection: Protestant Christianity and the American Diet Obsession,” Horning Lecture Series in the History of Science, Oregon State University, March 11, 1999.

“An End to Secularization? A Response to Charles Cohen, Paul Boyer, and David Hollinger,” American Society of Church History annual meeting, January 1999.

“Researching *God’s Daughters*,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Orlando FL, November 1998.

“Signs, Wonders, and Material Religion,” Response to the Evangelical Theology and Popular Culture joint session, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Orlando FL, November 1998.

Panelist at session on “Interpreting American Women’s Religious History: Negotiating Traditional Boundaries Among Disciplines,” Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Indianapolis IN, April 1998.

“Power in Submission? The Changing Roles of Women in American Evangelicalism,” Symposium on my book, *God’s Daughters*, and Brenda Brasher, *Godly Women*, sponsored by the Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, October 1998.

“Discipline, Diet, and Devotion: Explorations of Christian Fitness Culture in the Twentieth Century,” Chicago Area Group for the Study of Religious Communities, April 1998.

“Female Devotional Practices in American Pentecostalism,” Women and Twentieth-Century Protestantism Conference, April 1998.

“Food and Fitness in Twentieth–Century Evangelical Culture,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco CA, November 1997.

Commentator at session on “Body and Soul: Religion, Healing, and American Churches, 1840-1940,” American Society of Church History annual meeting, January 1998.

“Revivalism and the American Missionary Impulse,” Lecture given at the Multinational Institute of American Studies, New York University, July 1997, July 1998, and July 1999.

“Religion, Gender, and Power: Expanding the Vocabulary,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, New Orleans LA, November 1996.

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Response to Douglas Petersen, "Toward a Latin American Pentecostal Political Praxis," Society for Pentecostal Studies annual meetin20-pg, March 1996.

"Praying in Print: Testimonies, Requests, and Devotional Practices of American Pentecostal Women, 1920–1945," American Society of Church History annual meeting, January 1996.

"Evaluating Postmodern Forms of Historical Narrative: A Response to John Demos' *Unredeemed Captive: A Family Story from Early America*," AAR annual meeting, November 1995.

"Prayer, Protest, Power: Wifely Submission and Resistance among Conservative Christian Women," Public lecture, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, October 4, 1995.

Co-leader, with Ramón Gutierrez, of seminar on "Devotional Lives: The Gendering of Religious Practices and Catholic Spirituality," University of Notre Dame, September 29–October 1, 1995.

"Helpmeets and Prayer Warriors: Negotiations of Gender in Women's Aglow," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago IL, November 1994.

"Praying for the Home: Narratives of Submission and Surrender in Women's Aglow Fellowship," Conference on Lived Religion, Harvard Divinity School, September 1994.

"What Happens When Women Pray?: Prayer and Paradox in Women's Aglow," Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Guadalajara, Mexico, November 1993.

**HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Research Fellow, Project on "Gender, Sex, and Power: Towards a History of Clergy Sex Abuse in the U.S. Catholic Church," Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 2020-2022

Research Fellow, Project on "Material Economies of Religion in the Americas: Arts, Objects, Spaces, Mediations," (funded by the Henry Luce Foundation and Yale University), Center for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion, Yale University, 2016-2020

Installation as the John C. Danforth Distinguished Professor in the Humanities, September 4, 2013.

President's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Princeton University Commencement, June 2008

Cotsen Fellowship for Distinguished Teaching, Princeton University, 2008-2009

Research Grant, American Academy of Religion individual award, 2006-2007

Research Associate, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School, 2002-03

Director, Project on Women and Religion in the African Diaspora (Ford Foundation), 2001-05

Research Fellow, Project on "Material History of American Religion" (funded by the Lilly Endowment), 1996-2001 [Project Director: James Hudnut-Beumler]

Research Fellow, "The Public Role of Mainline Protestantism" Project (funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts), 1999-2001 [Project Director: Robert Wuthnow]

Recipient, Arthur Vining Davis Foundation Grant (for training advanced graduate students and junior faculty to use information technology in research and teaching), Summer 1999

Research Grant, "Women and Twentieth-Century Protestantism" (funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts), 1996–1998 [Project Directors: Margaret Bendroth and Virginia Brereton]

Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, Harvard University, 1994–1995

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, awarded by Harvard University, 1994

Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, Research Grant, 1993–94

Tinker Foundation Research Grant for Study in Latin America, Summer 1991

**MANUSCRIPT READER/REFEREE**

Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press, University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, University of California Press, University of North Carolina Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press, Yale University Press, New York University Press, Indiana University Press, *American Quarterly*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Religion and American Culture*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
American Historical Association  
American Society of Church History  
American Studies Association  
Organization of American Historians  
Berkshire Conference of Women Historians