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Education

| 1990 | Ph.D., Yale University, Department of History |
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| | 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

| July 2020-Dec 2021 | Interim Dean of the Graduate School and Vice Provost for Graduate |
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| | Education |
| | Washington University in St. Louis |
| 2019-2020 | Faculty Fellow, Office of the Provost |
| | Washington University in St. Louis |
| 2016-2020 | Director, Program in Religious Studies |
| | Washington University in St. Louis |
| 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 |
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Academic Honors

| Spring 2019 | Visiting Affiliate Faculty, Brigham Young University |
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| March 2017 | Visiting Honorary Professor, University of Auckland |
| June 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 (declined) |
| 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 (declined) |
| 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 |
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Bibliography

1. Books and Book Chapters:

Books:

 ${\it Making\ Zion: A\ History\ of\ Global\ Mormonism},\ under\ contract\ with\ Basic\ Books,\ anticipated\ completion\ 2022$

Global Mormonism: Theory and Case Studies from Asia, ed. by Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye and Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp, manuscript under review, University of Illinois Press

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

"Global Mormonism in Political Context." Mormon Studies Review 8 (2021): 23-35. https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5406/mormstudrevi.8.2021.0023.

"Pulling Toward Zion: Mormonism in its Global Dimensions," *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Mormonism*, ed. R. Gordon Shepherd, A. Gary Shepherd, Ryan T. Cragun (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020): 143-62.

"The Seeds in North County: Christ the King United Church of Christ, Florissant, MO," *The Material World of Modern Segregation*, ed. Iver Bernstein and Heidi Kolk, forthcoming.

"Gender and Culture in a Global Church," *The Routledge Handbook of Mormonism and Gender*, ed. Amy Hoyt and Taylor G. Petrey (Routledge, 2020): 11-25.

"Anxiety and Obligation in the Practice of History," *To Be Learned is Good: Faith and Scholarship Among the Latter-day Saints*, ed. Spencer Fluhman, Kathleen Flake, Jed Woodworth (Provo: Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, 2018): 49-54.

"Mormons and the Bible," in Philip L. Barlow and Terryl L. Givens, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Mormonism* (Oxford University Press, 2015): 121-133.

"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.

Refereed Papers/Articles

- "The Clock and the Compass: Mormon Cultures in Motion," *Journal of Mormon History* 43:2 (April 2017): 1-19.
- "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:

"Scholars of Religion and Politics Respond to the Capitol Insurrection." *Religion and Politics* (January 12, 2021), https://religionandpolitics.org/2021/01/12/scholars-of-religion-and-politics-respond-to-the-capitol-insurrection/.

"Sharing Deep Joy and Deep Pain in an African-American Church," *Faith Counts* (April 9, 2018) at http://faithcounts.com/sharing-deep-joy-and-deep-pain-in-an-african-american-church/

"Comment: 'Fatal Convergence in the Kingdom of God," *Journal of the Early Republic* 37:2 (Summer 2017): 353-356.

"The Stealth Sarsaparilla: Mentorship as Scholarship," Special Section of *Fides et Historia* 47:2 (Summer/Fall 2015).

"Roundtable Discussion: Challenging Mormon Race Scholarship," with Gina Colvin, Elise Boxer, Melissa Inouye, and Janan Graham-Russell, *Journal of Mormon History*, 41:3 (July 2015): 259-283.

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

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

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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 Gina Colvin and Joanna Brooks, eds., *Decolonizing Mormonism: Approaching a Postcolonial Zion* (Sociology of Religion, June 2019, at https://academic.oup.com/socrel/advance-article/doi/10.1093/socrel/srz020/5518350.

Review of Rachel Cope, Amy Easton-Flake, Keith Erekson, and Lisa Olsen Tait, eds., *Mormon Women's History: Beyond Biography* (Mormon Studies Review, vol. 6, 2019): 127-133)

Review of W. Paul Reeve, Religion of a Different Color: Race and the Mormon Struggle for Whiteness (Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, volume 49, no. 2, Summer 2016): 182-188.

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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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.

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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 2021)

Conferences Organized

"Women Making History," a conference on Mormon Women's History in honor of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Provo, UT, June 2019

"Resistance and Innovation: Empire and Native Christianity in the Pacific," with Prof. Melissa Inouye, University of Auckland, March 2017

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

| Oct 2021 | Leonard J. Arrington Mormon History Lecture, "A Marvelous Work: Reading Mormonism in West Africa," Utah State University |
|--------------|---|
| Feb 2020 | Keynote Speaker, Conference on "New Directions in American Religious Studies: Space, Institution, Tourism, Business," University of California at Santa Barbara |
| Nov 2019 | "Mormon and Protestant Missionary History: Comparative Perspectives," Keynote Presentation at Conference on Protestant and Latter-day Saint Missions in the 19th and 20th Centuries, Church History Library, Salt Lake City, UT |
| October 2019 | "Pulling Toward Zion," Vernon Lecture at the Mormon Social Science Association Meeting, St. Louis |
| June 2019 | "Gender in a Globalizing Church," Presentation at Conference on "Women Making History: in celebration of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich," Provo, UT |
| June 2019 | "Sister Saints': the state of Mormon women's history," Mormon History Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT |
| March 2019 | "Framing Global Mormonism," Le mormonisme décentré: état des lieux de 180 ans d'expansion internationale, University of Bordeaux Montaigne, Bordeaux, France |
| March 2019 | "This is a Woman's Church,' Prophetesses, Domestics, and Rangatira in Mormon History," Eugene England Lecture, Utah Valley University |

| March 2019 | "Making Zion: Mormonism in a Global Context," presentation to the editorial board of the Joseph Smith Papers Project, Salt Lake City, UT |
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| Feb 2019 | "The Global Reach of the LDS Faith," presentation at the Mormon- Evangelical Dialogue group, Provo, UT |
| Feb 2019 | "Pulling Toward Zion: the Global Dimensions of Mormon Growth," Colloquium for Maxwell Institute Scholars, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT |
| Jan 2019 | "Religious Identity and Alternative Nationalism: Mormonism in a Global Context," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago |
| Jan 2019 | "Indigenous Identity and Mormon Community: The History of the Church College of New Zealand," Faculty seminar, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT |
| June 2018 | "The Book of Abraham: New Views of an Old Text," Mormon History Association Meeting, Boise, ID |
| March 2018 | "Mormonism as Alternative Nationalism," Religion and Politics in Early American History Conference, Washington University in St. Louis |
| Sept 2017 | "A Bible! A Bible! We have got a Bible': Mormonism and the Renewal of Scripturalization in America," Conference on the Living Reformation, Brigham Young University |
| August 2017 | "Mormonism and the Law," Fudan University, Shanghai, China |
| June 2017 | "Competing Conceptions of Authority in Mormon Nauvoo," Mormon History Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis |
| April 2017 | "The Material World of Modern Segration: Power, Race and Politics at Christ the King, UCC in Florissant," Modern Segregation Conference sponsored by American Culture Studies, Washington University in St. Louis |
| March 2017 | "American Jesuits and the World: A Response to John McGreevy," Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame |
| March 2017 | "Does Christ Have a Culture? Christianity, Colonialism and the Pacific," School of Cultures, Languages and Linguistics, University of Auckland |
| March 2017 | "The Maori Appropriation and Reception of Mormonism," Conference on Native Christianity in the Pacific, University of Auckland |
| March 2017 | "When Cultures Talk Back: Religious History and the Politics of Postcoloniality," School of Humanities, University of Auckland |
| November 2016 | "Without Note or Comment: On Scripture and the <i>Bible Cause</i> ," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX |

| October 2016 | "Baptizing the Founding Fathers: Mormon Nationalism," University of Iowa Invited Lecture |
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| October 2016 | "Mormonism as an Alternative Nationalism," U.S. Intellectual History Conference, Stanford University |
| June 2016 | "Accountability and Obligation: Mormon Teaching and Research," Mormonism in the Academy: Teaching, Scholarship & Faith, Provo, UT |
| June 2016 | "The Clock and the Compass: Mormon Culture in Motion," Presidential Address to the Mormon History Association Conference, Snowbird, UT |
| April 2016 | Discussant for Matt Chick, Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis |
| Dec. 2015 | "African American Religion and Politics in Postbellum Virginia," response to Dr. Nicole Turner, Richards Civil War Era Center, Pennsylvania State University |
| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| February 2011 | The State of Mormon Scholarship, Conference on LDS Faith and Scholarship, Duke University |
| January 2011 | "Richard Bushman and the Legacy of <i>Rough Stone Rolling</i> ," 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 "Writing our Way into History: Gender, Race, and the Creation of Black April 1999 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 "Haiti and the Serpentine Trail" October 1997 Conference on Protestant Missions in North America, Emerald Isle, NC "Religion on the Pacific Rim" April 1997 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 "Sister Aimee and Her Biographers" December 1995 Yale Collogium 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 "Teaching African-American Religion," MURAP Program presentation June 1995 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

i. Undergraduate courses:

Mormonism in Global Perspective

Religion and Society in the U.S.

Scriptures and Cultural Traditions (Interdisciplinary Program in the Humanities)

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 21 Ph.D dissertations (1989-present)

 Member of approximately 57 additional MA/Ph.D committees at University of North Carolina, Duke, Claremont Graduate University, Harvard University, SMU, UC-Davis, University of Utah, UT-Austin, University of California at Davis, Washington University in St. Louis.

Grants

| April 2018 | Recipient, Newman Exploration Travel Fund for trip to Ghana and Portugal, Wash U Libraries |
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| 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 (declined) |
| 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 (declined) |
| 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 |
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Professional Service

To the Discipline

- Organizer, "American Religious History in a New Political Era: Prospects and Possiblities," Deer Isle, ME, September 2021
- Organizer, Conference on American Religious Life: The State of the Field, Harvey Cedars, NJ, September 2019
- Faculty mentor and Co-Organizer, Consultation on Mormon Women's History, 2019-2021
- Organizer, Conference on New Directions in American Religious History, Deer Isle, ME, September 2018
- Faculty Mentoring, Mormon Historical Association Meeting, June 2018
- Organizer for one-day mentoring conference for Young Scholars in American Religion, Denver, CO, January 2017
- Member, Local Arrangements Committee for St. Louis Meeting, Mormon History Association, June 2017
- Chair, Nominating Committee, Mormon History Association, 2017-18
- President, Mormon History Association, 2015-2016
- External Consultant for proposed Concentration in American Religions, Stanford University, January 2016
- External Consultant for American Religious Data Archive, Pennsylvia State University, Sept 2015
- 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 Religious Studies at Indiana University-Bloomington (2016); Department of Religion, Kalamazoo College (2016); 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 and 2016)
- Evaluator, Fellowship Applications, American Academy of Berlin (2017, 2019)
- Evaluator, National Humanities Center Fellowship Competition (2005-present)
- Evaluator, NEH and ACLS Fellowship Competitions (2001-2004, ACLS 2013-15)
- American Society of Church History
 - Chair of Nominating Committee, 2013
 - o President-Elect and Chair of Program Committee, 2011
 - o Program Committee for Annual Meeting, 1992, 2008
 - o Council Member, 1994-97
 - o Nominating Committee 1997-98
 - o Program Committee for Spring Meetings, 2000, 2005
 - o 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, 1992-1996

Editorial Boards

- Member, Board of Directors, Journal of the Mormon Social Science Association, 2020-
- National Advisory Board, Joseph Smith Papers Project, Jan. 2014-present
- Advisory Board, The Mormon Studies Book Series, Farleigh Dickinson University Press, 2013present
- Board of Directors, Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, 2013-2018
- Editorial Advisory Board, Mormon Studies Review, 2013-2019
- Board Member, Religion and American Culture, 2012-2015
- Board Member, Journal of Africana Religions, 2011-2018
- 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

- Chair, Review Committees for Academic Support Services, the Writing Center, and the Teaching Center, 2019-20
- Faculty Mentor, Workshop for Grant and Book Proposals, 2019
- Member, Truman Fellowship Selection Committee, 2016-2018, 2019
- Board Member, Association of Women Faculty, 2018-2020
- President, Association of Women Faculty, 2016-2018
- Director of Program in Religious Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, 2016-present
- Member, Next Generation Humanities PhD planning committee, 2016-2018
- Member, Advisory Board, Program in the Humanities, 2016-present
- Planning Committee, Presidential Debate Event, Center on Religion and Politics, 2016
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, 2015-16
- Facilitator, First Year Reading Program, 2015-2017
- Co-President, Association of Women Faculty, 2015-2018
- Advisory Board Member, Association of Women Faculty, 2015
- Ferguson Academic Seed Fund Steering Committee Member, 2015-2016
- Committee Member, Religion and Law Search, 2015-2017
- 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

- Consultant for historical exhibit "Acts of Faith: Religion in the American West," to open at the New York Historical Society 2023
- "Christianity and the American West," Digital roundtable sponsored by the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, June 23-24, 2020
- "Memorials and memorialization," Given at Webster House Retirement Community, Palo Alto, CA, July 2018
- "Faith and Ferguson in St. Louis," Speaker Series on Reckoning with Race, Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, April 10, 2016

- "Mormons and Internationalization," Colloquium in Mormon Studies, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri, March 8, 2016
- 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
- Mormon Social Science Association
- Organization of American Historians
- Western Historical Association
- Mormon History Association
- U.S. Intellectual History