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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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| Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder | 2015-present |
| Chair, Department of Religious Studies                                    | 2022-present |
| Associate Director, Center for Media, Religion, and Culture               | 2022-present |
| Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder | 2007-2015    |

### EDUCATION

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| Harvard University Divinity School, Th.D., Religion, Gender, and Culture | 2006 |
| Florida State University, M.A., Religious Studies                        | 1997 |
| Florida State University, B.A., Philosophy and Religion, magna cum laude | 1994 |

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*William James, Pragmatism, and American Culture*. Indiana University Press, American Philosophy series, 2016.

*Christian Evangelicals and Digital Media: The Mediated Gospel in America*. Under contract with Routledge Research in Religion, Media, and Culture Series.

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- “#BecauseofLuLaRoe: MLMs and the Rhetoric of Freedom, Girlboss Feminism, and Retail Ministry,” in *Selling the Sacred: Religion and Marketing from Crossfit to QAnon*, ed. Mara Einstein and Sarah McFarland Taylor. New York: Routledge, 2024.
- “Startup Culture: MLMs, Mormons, and Entrepreneurship,” *Mormon Studies Review* 10 (spring 2023): 31-41.
- “Beyond Belief: Religion, Law, and Popular Culture in the ‘Forgotten Century.’” In *The Routledge Research Companion to Law and Humanities in Nineteenth Century America*, eds. Nan Goodman and Simon Stern. New York: Routledge, 2017, 340-355.
- “Secrets of a Food Storage Mom: Mormonism, Motherhood and the Mainstreaming of Emergency Preparedness.” In *Mothers and Food: Negotiating Foodways from Maternal Perspectives*, ed. Florence Pasche Guignard and Tanya M. Cassidy. Toronto, ON: Demeter Press, May 2016.
- “The Evidence of Things Unseen: Emotional Fraud and Authenticity in the Christian Mommy Blogosphere,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 83 no. 1 (March 2015): 120-150.
- “The Story God Is Weaving Us Into: Narrativizing Grief, Faith and Infant Loss in U.S. Evangelical Women’s Blog Communities,” Special Issue: Online Memorial Culture, *The New Review of Hypermedia and Multimedia* 21 nos. 1-2 (2015): 42-56.
- “Bridging the Chasm: The Medium, the Mystic, and Religion as Mediation in the Work of William James,” *American Journal of Philosophy and Theology* 35 no. 2 (May 2014): 129-152.
- “When Religious ‘Mommy Bloggers’ Met ‘Mommy Porn’: Evangelical Christian and Mormon Women’s Responses to *Fifty Shades of Grey*,” *Sexualities* 16 no. 8 (Dec. 2013): 915-931.

#### Co-Authored Articles, Peer Reviewed

- “Reading the Religious Romance: Sexuality, Spirituality, and Motherhood in the Bible and Today.” Co-authored with Mark Roncace. In *Mother Goose, Mother Jones, Mommy Dearest: Biblical Mothers and Their Children*. Edited by Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan and Tina Pippin. *Semeia Studies* 61 (pp. 113-28). SBL, 2009; Brill, 2010.

#### Contributions to Edited Volumes

- “Momfluencers, Trad Wives, and Lived Religion Online,” in Jeffrey Mahan, *Media, Religion and Culture: An Introduction*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

- “Gender,” in *Key Words in Material Religion*, ed. S. Brent Plate. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015.
- “Mom Blogs and the Religion of Everyday Life,” in Jeffrey Mahan, *Media, Religion, and Culture: An Introduction*. 1<sup>st</sup> Edition. New York: Routledge, 2014.

### Articles, Non Peer-Reviewed

- “Scope Bacon, Twtr Hoaxes, and Joel Osteen’s Big Reveal: Hoaxes and Authenticity in an Online World,” *Religion Dispatches*, 6 May 2013, [http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/culture/7080/scope\\_bacon\\_twtr\\_hoaxes\\_joel\\_osteen\\_s\\_big\\_reveal/](http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/culture/7080/scope_bacon_twtr_hoaxes_joel_osteen_s_big_reveal/) (2900 wds)
- “Case Study: Faith, Doubt, and the Search for Truth in the Mommy Blogosphere,” *Finding Religion in the Media Work in Progress on the “Third Spaces of Digital Religion,”* Working Paper 2.0, Center for Media, Religion, and Culture, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2012. (5500 wds)
- “Feminism, Religion, and the Politics of History,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 27, no. 2 (fall 2011): 3-9. (3275 wds)
- “Roundtable: Negotiating Feminist and Gender Studies,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 26, no. 1 (spring 2010): 135-37. (1200 wds)

### Edited Journal Issues

- Special Issue of the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 25, no. 1 (spring 2009). Co-edited with Nami Kim. With substantive “Editors’ Introduction: Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and Feminist The\*logies/Studies in Religion” (Ibid., 1-18).

### Public Scholarship

- “Women Lead Religious Groups in Many Ways – Besides the Growing Number Who Have Been Ordained,” *The Conversation*, 8 December 2021, <https://theconversation.com/women-lead-religious-groups-in-many-ways-besides-the-growing-number-who-have-been-ordained-170433>. (13k views)
- “How the National Prayer Breakfast Became an Opportunity for Presidents and Faith Leaders Alike to Push Their Agendas,” *The Conversation*, 4 February 2021, <https://theconversation.com/how-the-national-prayer-breakfast-became-an-opportunity-for-presidents-and-faith-leaders-alike-to-push-their-political-agendas-153829>. (9k views)
- “In Mike Pence, Evangelicals Had Their ‘24-karat-gold’ Man in the White House,” *The Conversation*, 7 January 2021, <https://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2021/01/06/mike-pence-us-evangelicals-had-their-24-karat-gold-man-white-house-loyalty-may-tarnish>. (82k views)
- “Popular Religion and Participatory Culture” series, with Tisha Dejamane, Confessions of an Aca-Fan: The Official Weblog of Henry Jenkins, 25 September and 2 October 2018, <http://henryjenkins.org/blog/2018/9/19/popular-religion-and-participatory-culture-round-4-tisha-dejamane-and-deborah-whitehead-part-1> and <http://henryjenkins.org/blog/2018/10/1/jaz5mt9tcwerv9okrpvzrd53wgdp8> (3217 wds)
- “How the Haters and Atheists Stole Christmas (and what to do about it),” Third Spaces, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, 19 January 2015, <https://thirdspacesblog.wordpress.com/2015/01/19/how-the-haters-and-atheists-stole-christmas-and-what-to-do-about-it/> (2100 wds)
- “Real Religion? Questions of Authenticity in ‘Meet the Mormons,’” Third Spaces, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, 15 December 2014, <http://thirdspacesblog.wordpress.com/2014/12/15/real-religion-questions-of-authenticity-in-meet-the-mormons/> (1475 wds)
- “Everywhere Is Resistance: Social Media and the Turkey Protests,” Third Spaces, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, 10 June 2013, <http://thirdspacesblog.wordpress.com/2013/06/10/everywhere-is-resistance-social-media-and-the-turkey-protests/> (2375 wds)
- “Joel Osteen Is Not Losing His Religion (and What This Tells Us About Authenticity and Hoaxes Online),” Third Spaces, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, 8 May 2013, <http://thirdspacesblog.wordpress.com/2013/05/08/joel-osteen-is-not-losing-his-religion-and-what-this-tells-us-about-authenticity-and-hoaxes-online/> (1280 wds)

### Interviews

- “The Exorcist Maintains Its Terrifying Staying Power,” with Bradley Worrell, *Colorado Arts and Sciences Magazine*, 21 December 2023, <https://www.colorado.edu/asmagazine/2023/12/21/exorcist-maintains-its-terrifying-staying-power>.

“Supernatural Communications,” Hypermediations.net, 15 November 2018,  
<https://hypermediations.net/content/supernatural-communications>.

## LECTURES, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Lectures and Keynotes

- “Digitization and Jewish Culture,” Colloquium on Digitization and Jewish Culture, Hebrew Union College, November 2, 2022.
- “What’s ‘American’ about American Pragmatism?: William James and the Origins of the Pragmatist Tradition.” Department of Religion, Syracuse University, October 20, 2015.

### Conference Papers and Presentations Accepted by Blind Peer Review

- “Selling a Dream: MLMs, Moms, and Marketing in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America,” Religion and Economy Unit and Religion, Media and Culture Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20, 2023.
- “Everybody Gets a Box of Stuff, and What Did You Do With It?”: LuLaRoe and the Rhetoric of Freedom through Fashion.” Religion, Attire and Adornment Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, November 2022.
- “Response to Lynn Neal, *Religion in Vogue: Christianity and Fashion in America*,” Religion, Attire and Adornment Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 2021.
- “When Religion Becomes ‘Fake News’: Atheist and Post-Evangelical Critiques of ‘Religion as the Original Fake News,’” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Religion and Popular Culture Group, Denver, November 2018.
- “How LDS Mommy Bloggers Balance Fashion and Faith,” International Society for Media, Religion and Culture Conference: Media, Religion, and Public Scholarship, Boulder, August 2018.
- Panelist, “Religion and Media Studies in a Hypermediatic Age,” AAR-SBL Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Regional Meeting, March 24, 2017.
- “Secrets of a Food Storage Mom: Motherhood and Food Storage Practices in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Religion and Food Group, Atlanta, November 2015.
- “Joel Osteen, Evangelicalism, and the Negotiation of Religious Authority,” International Society for Media, Religion and Culture Conference, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, August 6, 2014.
- “Mediation as Religious Practice: Reading Evangelical Approaches to New Media,” International Communications Association (ICA) Pre-Conference on Religion and Media, Seattle, May 22, 2014.
- “The Story God Is Weaving Us Into: Narrativizing Grief, Faith, and Infant Loss in U.S. Women’s Religious Blog Communities,” Death Online Symposium, Durham, UK, April 10, 2014.
- “Pragmatism’s Manifest Destiny: Narrative, Nationalism, and American Identity in the Pragmatist Tradition,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, Baltimore, November 25, 2013.
- “The Ties That Bind and Break: Emotional Fraud and Community Formation in Religious Mom Blogs,” Panel on Third Spaces, Religion, and Spirituality in the Digital Age, Association of Internet Researchers (AOIR) IR Conference 14.0, Denver, October 25, 2013.
- “Vulnerable Subjects: Technologies of the Self in Women’s Religious Blog Communities,” In/Vulnerabilities and Social Change: Precarious Lives and Experimental Knowledge, Centre for Research on Economic and Social Change (CRESC) Annual Conference, SOAS/University of London, London, September 4, 2013.
- “Social Media and Religious Identity: Evangelical Blogs as Third Spaces,” Media, Religion and Culture Conference 2012, Anadolu University, Eskisehir, Turkey, July 9, 2012.
- “Religion Out of Place: ‘Tebowing’ as Conspicuous Religious Practice,” Religion in the Digital Age: Media, Performance, and “Spectacular Activism,” Annual Conference for the Mediating Religion Network, NYU Center for Religion and Media, New York University, New York, NY, June 25, 2012.
- “James, Gender, and the Academic Study of Religion,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, Atlanta, GA, November 1, 2010.
- “The Evidence of Things Unseen,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Media, Religion, and Culture Group, Atlanta, GA, October 31, 2010.
- “James’s Middle Way: Beyond Pragmatism,” Session on Religion: Spirituality and Culture, “In the Footsteps of William James: A Symposium to Honor—and Make Use of—James’s Ideas,” Conference organized by the

- William James Society in cooperation with the Houghton Library at Harvard University, Chocorua, NH, August 14, 2010.
- “Continuing the Argument: Pluralism, Continuity, and Conflict in Bernstein’s ‘Engaged Pragmatism,’” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, San Diego, CA, November 2007.
- “Feminism, Religion, and Democracy in the American Pragmatic Tradition,” Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, November 2002.
- “The Gender of Pragmatism: Exploring Rhetoric, Gender, and Religion in the Writings of William James,” Forum on Gender across the Disciplines, Harvard University, April 2002.
- Invited
- “Who Are You Following?: U.S. Evangelicals, Social Media, and Theologies of Influence,” SSRC Research Development Workshop on Spirituality and New Media, Social Science Research Council, New York, New York, November 14-16, 2024.
- Panelist, “Religion and Democracy in the Age of Wokeness,” Open and Relational Theologies Unit and Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 19, 2023.
- “Response: William James and the Philosophy of Law,” William James Society/American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, February 23, 2023.
- “Response: Why Video Games Matter for the Study of Religion,” “Exploratory Session: Expanding the Guild: Why Video Games Matter for the Study of Religion and Vice Versa,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2020.
- Presenter, “On the Borders of Public Scholarship,” Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms: The Challenge of Social Imaginaries in Media, Art, Religion, and Decoloniality Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO, January 8, 2020.
- Respondent, “The Body as Media: Skinvertising, Virtual Reality, and Embodiment,” Religion, Media and Culture Program Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 25, 2019.
- “Media and the Quest for Authenticity in U.S. Religion,” Mackenzie Workshop, First Congregational Church, Boulder, January 27, 2018.
- Presenter, “Between Fake News and Natural Media,” 2017 AAR Religion and Media Pre-Conference Workshop, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 17, 2017.
- Panelist, “William James as Public Intellectual,” session sponsored by the William James Society, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 17, 2017.
- Panelist, “William James’s Contributions to the Study of Religion,” session sponsored by the William James Society, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- Panelist, “Media, Gender, and Religion: Concluding Reflections,” Conference: Media, Gender and Religion, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder, January 2016.
- Respondent, Panel on Nineteenth Century Women and Religious Reform, Quaker Studies Group and Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- Led graduate seminar on William James, for Theory and Method in the Study of Religion, Department of Religious Studies, Syracuse University, October 2015.
- Panelist, “Religion and the Master Narrative” Conference, Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2015.
- Respondent, Panel on Pragmatism and Ethics, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 25, 2014.
- Panelist, “Issues and Future Directions for Studying Mediated/Mediatized Religion,” ISMRC Post-Conference Workshop, Canterbury, UK, August 7, 2014.
- Roundtable on Brad Gregory’s *The Unfinished Reformation*, Center for Medieval and Modern Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, April 1, 2014.
- Roundtable on Post-Holocaust American Judaism with Shaul Magid (Indiana University), Program for Jewish Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, March 6, 2014.
- Panelist for “Third Spaces, Religion and Spirituality in the Digital Age,” International Conference on Religion: The Global View, Center for Media, Religion, and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder, January 11, 2014.
- “Blogging the Truth: Authenticity, Mediated Faith and Doubt in U.S. Evangelical Christian Digital Cultures,” Media and Religion Workshop, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, February 10, 2012.

- “Reflections on the Ethics and Aesthetics of ‘Authentic’ Religion in a New Media Age,” International Conference on Digital Religion, Center for Media, Religion, and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder, January 14, 2012.
- “The Evidence of Things Unseen: Faith and Authenticity in the Blogosphere,” presentation given at the Finding Religion in the Media Research Symposium, Center for Media, Religion, and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder, October 21, 2011.
- “Seeing and (Not) Believing: Religious Faith and Authorial Credibility in the Blogosphere,” Media Spaces, Religion Networks, and Social Change: A Transatlantic Collaborative Workshop organized by Mediating Religion International Research Network, London, June 27, 2011.
- “The Seen and the Unseen,” presentation given to the Workshop on Digital Religion, sponsored by the CMRC, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2-3, 2011.
- Organizer, faculty member, and panelist at “Feminist Theologies: Heritage and Future,” Summer Forum sponsored by FSR Inc. and WATER and funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, Washington, DC, June 15-20, 2008.
- “Generational Issues in Third Wave Feminist Theology and Feminist Studies in Religion,” Teaching for Change: Creating Knowledges, Transforming Institutions, Conference sponsored by *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* and funded by the Wabash Center, Ford Foundation, and Luce Foundation, Cambridge, MA, June 2005.
- “William James and Teresa of Avila,” Conference on Philosophy, Religious Experience, and Feminist Critique, Harvard Divinity School, April 1999.

## RECENT GRANTS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Co-PI, “Religion in Emergent Media Spaces: Collective Study and Liberatory Imagination,” \$750,000 grant awarded by the Henry Luce Foundation, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder 2024-present
- Member of Working Group, “Jews of Color: Histories and Futures,” \$250,000 grant awarded by the Henry Luce Foundation, Program in Jewish Studies and University Libraries, University of Colorado Boulder 2022-present
- Co-PI, “Public Religion and Public Scholarship in the Digital Age,” \$500,000 grant awarded by the Henry Luce Foundation, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Colorado, Boulder 2017-2024
- Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Faculty Award, University of Colorado 2021
- Provost’s Achievement Award 2017
- Ronald Stump Colorado Creed Award, CU Gold, University of Colorado 2015
- ASSETT Development Award, University of Colorado 2014
- NEH Summer Institute Participant, “Problems in the Study of Religion,” University of Virginia 2014
- Kayden Research Grant, University of Colorado 2014
- Dean’s Fund for Excellence Award, University of Colorado 2013
- Schwalbe Travel Grant, Center for Humanities and the Arts 2013
- Graduate Council for the Arts and Humanities Visiting Scholar Grant 2013
- ASSETT Award of Excellence, Outstanding Teacher for Technology in Teaching 2013
- Nomination, Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Faculty Award, University of Colorado 2011-2012
- Dean’s Fund for Excellence Award, University of Colorado 2010
- ASSETT Development Award, University of Colorado 2010
- Wabash Center Summer Research Fellowship 2010
- Fellow, Wabash Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities 2009-10

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

### Courses at CU

- RLST 5030 Contemporary Issues in the Study of American Religions, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2017, Spring 2016
- RLST 4820/5820 Religion and the Environment, Spring 2021
- RLST 4820/5820 Religion, Media and Culture, Fall 2014
- RLST 4030/5030 Religion and the Rhetoric of Authenticity, Fall 2024, Fall 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2013, Fall 2011
- RLST 2500 Religions in the U.S., Spring 2025, Summer 2024 (online), Summer 2023 (online), Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2012, Spring 2012, Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2007

RLST 2500 Religions in the U.S. Honors, Fall 2022, Fall 2014  
 RLST 3000 Christian Traditions, Spring 2011, Spring 2008  
 RLST 3001 Modern Christianity, Spring 2018  
 RLST 4830 Senior Seminar: Circumscribing a Discipline: Exploring the Boundaries of the Academic Study of Religion, Spring 2025, Spring 2024, Spring 2023, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013  
 RLST 4830 Senior Seminar: Conversion, Spring 2012 (with separate weekly graduate meetings), Spring 2011  
 RLST 4030/5030 Pragmatism, Religion, and American Culture, Fall 2010  
 RLST 4030/5030 Religion and the American Pragmatist Tradition, Spring 2007  
 RLST 4030/5030 Christianity and Culture, Fall 2012, Fall 2009 and Fall 2007  
 RLST 4820/5820 Gender and Religion, Spring 2008  
 RLST 4030/5030 Christianity and Democracy, Spring 2009

### **Prior Teaching Experience**

Instructor, Introduction to Religion, Florida State University, Summer 1996, Fall 1996, Summer 1997

### **M.A. Committees, Director**

Ackley, Orem. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 Holmes, Kolony, M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 Vaidis, Ana. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 Cavazos, Cynthia. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 Mullenix, Jamie. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 McElduff, Hanna. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 Wood, Emma. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 Wayand, Devin. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, in progress.  
 Holleman, Grace. "Editors of the American Imagination: Ella Lyman Cabot and Religion, Gender and Nation in Progressive Era Public Education." M.A. Thesis, May 2024.  
 Zapf, Jonathyn. "A Field-Wide Norm for Religious Studies." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, November 2023.  
 Trujillo, Blake. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, June 2023.  
 Bauman, Sam. "I Am Everything You Fear: Examining the Archetype of the Christian Rapture Film Antichrist." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, January 2023.  
 Homan, Graham. "Science vs. Religion: Contestations of Power and Knowledge on Mauna Kea." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, November 2022.  
 Shefa, Anbareen. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, July 2022.  
 Toledo, Claudia. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, January 2022.  
 Sarafan, Jamie. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, April 2021.  
 Bishop Jonas, Cynthia. "Colonizing Resistance: Religious Freedom and Civil Rights in Contemporary Political Discourse." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies.  
 Rowlett, Cameron. "Altar of Tech: Mythology, Sainthood and Magic in the Apple Brand." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2020.  
 Liang, Celetia. "The New Message from God as Lived Religion." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, July 2019.  
 Connelly, Michael. "Out of the Broom Closet and into the Fire: Examining How Modern Witches Communicate with Each Other and the World at Large." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2019.  
 Wilson, Elizabeth. "Perennialism as Justification for the Appropriation of Buddhist Meditation," M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2018.  
 Sheridan, John. "Hutterite Religion: Grappling with Religious Diversity and Complexity." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, July 2017.  
 Ramsey, William. "Let All the Children Boogie: Occult Presences through the Musical Performances of Sun Ra, David Bowie, Magma, and Janelle Monáe." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2017.  
 Wright, Joshua. "'The Devil Hates That Doctrine': Hell in American Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism, 1900-2015." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2016.  
 Lewis, Elizabeth. "To Hell and Back: Power, Violence, and Sexuality in Urban Fantasy." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2016.  
 Wojdyla, Denise. "Roll for Initiative: The Religion of Fear and the Rhetoric Against *Dungeons and Dragons* during the 1980s." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, June 2014.  
 Peterson, Kristin. "Post a Comment Below: Aesthetics and Authenticity in the YouTube Hijabi Community." M.A.

- Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2013.
- Lancellotti, Danielle. "Unitarian Universalism and Immigration Justice in the United States: A Study of Human Rights Rhetoric in the 2010 and 2012 General Assemblies." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, January 2013.
- Babur, Isa. M.A. Examinations in Medieval Christian-Muslim relations. (Non-Thesis Option.) Religious Studies, November 2012.
- Glenn, Alexis. "Pious Inventories: Competency, Vocation, and the Construction of the Virtuous Self in Seventeenth-Century Massachusetts Bay." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2012.
- Di Manno, Talia. Dual M.A., HIST and RLST. "'Old Rome Was I Now New Rome Shall Be Praised': Christianity and Classical Culture in the Roman Guidebook Tradition." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2012.
- Marsh, Sarahbelle. "Rolfing: Structural Integration as American Metaphysical Religiosity." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, January 2012.
- Schorey, Shannon Trosper. "'Religion Is Free Scientology Is Neither': Legal and Media Authorities in the Negotiation of Religious Pluralism." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, January 2012.
- Schachter, Kaira. "Democracy, Plurality, and Others: The Insider/Outsider Dilemma in Teaching Religion in Public Schools." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, December 2011.
- Nilles, Angela. "Jon Stewart and the Daily Show: Changing American Ethics through Pragmatic Conversation." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2011.

### **M.A. Committees, Member**

- Endres, Audrey. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, May 2024.
- Violet, Andrew. M.A. Portfolio, Religious Studies, November 2021.
- Unruh, Paden Alexander. "Magicians and Miracle-Workers: A New Method in the Realm of Magic." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2020.
- Sampson, Dillon. "On the Simulations of Indigeneity." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, August 2019.
- Fazeli, Saman. "Moḥammad Mojtahed Šabestari: The Search for New Modes of Being Muslim." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2019.
- Dominguez, Israel. "Existence as Resistance: *Curanderismo* as a Framework for Decolonization." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2017.
- Alexander, Amanda. "Regimes of Belief: On the Pervasiveness of Religion as Belief from Locke to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2017.
- Brandt, Caitlyn. "Prophesies of Hope, Acts of Refusal." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2017.
- Huether, Kathryn. "Hearing the Holocaust: Music, Film, Aesthetics." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2016.
- Lehrer, Tyler. "Global Networks, Local Aspirations: Gender, Lineage, and Localization in Sri Lanka's *Bhikkuni* Ordination Dispute." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2016.
- Sibley, Austin. M.A. Comprehensive Exams, Anthropology, November 2015.
- Kisiel, Katie. "Alternate Possibilities: Reimagining the Rothko Chapel." M.A. Thesis, Art and Art History, July 2015.
- Sajovich, Christina. "Decolonizing Yoga: Authenticity, Feeling and Subversion in Modern Postural Yoga." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2015.
- Sass, Jordan. "Religion on Trial: Religious Freedom Jurisprudence and the Constitution of Religious Subjectivity." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2015.
- Hannon, Vic. "Boycotting Chick-Fil-A: A Tale of Religion, Politics, and Consumption." M.A. Thesis, Journalism and Mass Communication, May 2013.
- Perry, Alex. M.A. Comprehensive Examinations, Religious Studies, April 2013.
- Piacenza, Joanna. "Mobile Mindfulness: Practicing Digital Religion on Smartphones with Buddhist Meditation Apps." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2013.
- Anderson, Virginia. "Lived Religion and Foodways in the American South." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, December 2012.
- Koestner, Claire. "The Westboro Baptist Church: Antagonism and (In)Tolerance." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, November 2012.
- Miller, Claire. "Dharma for Keiki: Presenting a New Model for Understanding Buddhist Communities in the United States." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2012.
- Maly, Angela. "Politics of Park51: Space, Emplacement, and Muslim Subjectivity." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2012.
- Vandenend, Andreas. "Agency, Norms, and Language Games in the Study of Islam and Gender." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2012.

- Semba, Sakuma. "American Prophet: Martin Luther King, Jr." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, November 2011.
- Diaz, Kristian. "*Paahu* (Water) and Hopi Traditions: A Study of Contemporary Religious Discourse." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, September 2011.
- Martinez, Dominic. "Polynesian Saints: In-Between the Lived Religion of Polynesian Identities and Mormon Identities." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, December 2010.
- Barszez, Magdalena Ayala. "Unlocking the Silence: Media, Religion, Culture and Identity Negotiation of Women in Contemporary Paraguay." M.A. Thesis, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, May 2010.
- Candela, Tracy. "Reflections of the 'inner self': The JBS Swift Ramadan Conflict and the Evaluation of Muslim Hearts." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, March 2010.
- Beyer, Amanda. "Myths of American Religiosity: Understandings of Church and State and the Effect on Supreme Court Rulings." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2009.
- Booker, Stephanie. "Correctly and Consistently Christian: Medical Missionaries and Lutheran HIV Prevention in Arusha, Tanzania." M.A. Thesis, Geography, April 2009.
- Kramer, Howard. "The Apocalyptic Speculation of the New Age Left: Social and Political Implications." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, July 2008.
- Schermerhorn, Seth. "Regulating Desecration and the San Francisco Peaks: Native American Sacred Land Claims and the Problem of Authenticity." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, May 2008.
- Travin, Amy. "Manifesting the Middle Method: The Religious Left and Democrats Embodying Pragmatism." M.A. Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2008.

#### **Ph.D. Committees, Member**

- Bamford, Art. "New and Improved: Protestant Revivalism and the Origins of Modern American Advertising." Ph.D. defense, Department of Media Studies, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder, December 2023.
- Roschman, Melodie. Identity, Counternarrative, and Community in Progressive Christian Women's Memoir." Ph.D. defense, Department of English, University of Colorado Boulder, March 2022.
- Campbell, D. Ashley. Imagining *E Pluribus Unum*: Narrating the Nation Through Mediated American Civil Religion." Ph.D. defense, Department of Media Studies, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder, June 2021.
- Schorey, Shannon. "The Internet is Holy: New Religious Movements and the Fight for the Future of the Internet." Ph.D. defense, Department of Religious Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill, November 2018.
- Bartlett, Ryan. "The Implications of Digital Technologies for the LDS Church and for Orthodox, Heterodox, and Post-Mormon Identity." Ph.D. defense, Department of Media Studies, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder, August 2018.
- Peterson, Kristin. "Voiceless Icons No More: The Self-Representations of Muslim American Lives in Digital Media." Ph.D. defense, Department of Media Studies, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder, April 2018.
- Rees, Myev. Ph.D. examinations, Department of Religious Studies, Northwestern University.
- Fullington, Randall. "Teach Me Your Word, O Lord: Religious Discourse, Literary Congregations, and the Ineffable in American Fiction." Ph.D. defense, Department of English, University of Colorado Boulder, August 2016.
- Kim, Seung Soo. "Imagining Religion and Modernity in Post-Colonial Korea: Neo-liberal Brand Culture and Digital Space." Ph.D. defense, Department of Media Studies, College of Media, Communication and Information, University of Colorado Boulder, May 2016.
- Renga, Ian Parker. "We Want to Bring Them into What We Love": An Investigation of Desire in Two Alternative Teacher Preparation Programs." Ph.D. defense, School of Education, University of Colorado Boulder, August 2015.
- De Nicolo, Martin Anthony. "Politics, the Judeo-Christian Tradition, and the Modern West: Envisioning Political Liberalism through an Arendtian Lens," Ph.D. defense, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, May 2014.

#### **B.A. Honors Thesis Committees**

- Johnson, Sam. B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2025.
- Reynolds, Joshua. "Religious Figures in Cinema: The Moral Dilemma of Authority." B.A. Honors Thesis, Cinema, November 2024.
- Hogan, Casey. "The Relationship between Individual Differences in Levels of Internalizing Symptomatology and



- White Matter Tract Integrity in Adolescents.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Psychology and Neuroscience, April 2024.
- Franklin, Emily. “The Thick Darkness Where God Was: Christian Nationalism Through the Lens of the American South.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Political Science, April 2023.
- (Chair) Bisantz, Lillian. “Betrayed by the Divine and Overlooked by Scholarship: An Inquiry into Spiritual Abuse and Religious Trauma.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, October 2022. Selected for Fall 2022 Honors Thesis Symposium.
- (Chair) Iskenderian, Bryn. “Naming the Enemy: An Analysis of How Presidential Rhetoric and Foreign Policy Contributed to American Islamophobia During the Bush, Obama and Trump Administrations.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2022.
- Sorensen, Kaitlynn. “Elements of Collaboration in a Female Small Business: A Focused Ethnographic Study.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Sociology, March 2022.
- Thaut, Sophia. “Understanding Secular Ritual Through *Afghanistan: Requiem for a Generation*.” B.M. Honors Thesis, College of Music, April 2021.
- Halvorson, Kathryn. “Experiencing Religious Change: Latter-day Saint Women’s Perceptions of Church Policy Changes and Their Impact.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Sociology, April 2020.
- (Chair) Vaidis, Anastasia. “This Is What Democracy Looks Like: How a Religious Interest Group Seeks to Implement Bible Literacy Courses in Public Education.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2020.
- Blum, Gina. “‘There Is No ‘I’ in Land’: Religion, Protest and Resistance in Music at Standing Rock and the TMT Protest.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2019.
- Corbett, Ian. “Radicalization Theory: An Imminent Threat.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2019.
- Rains, Morgan. “The Ruins of Catholicism in Gothic Literature.” B.A. Honors Thesis, English, April 2018.
- Borovsky, Damian. “Narrating Preterition: Postsecularism, Analysis, and *Gravity’s Rainbow*.” B.A. Honors Thesis, English, April 2018.
- Shriver, Carly. “What is Unveiled Through Veiling: Understanding the Complex Narratives of the Modern Hijabista Movement.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2017.
- (Chair) Preti, Vincent. “Mapping Orchard Beach.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2016.
- Hilty, Bailey. “More Than the Physical: Running as a Spiritual Experience.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, March 2016.
- (Chair) Ptasznik, Anna. “Thru-Hiking as Pilgrimage: Transformation, Nature, and Religion in Contemporary American Hiking Novels.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2015.
- Davies, Samuel. “The Religious Imperative of Confucianism.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2015.
- Carroll, Emma Kate. “The Complexity of Peace: A Case Study of the Peaceful Islamic-Christian Coexistence in Senegal.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Anthropology, April 2015.
- (Chair) Ballard, Sarah Sedell. “Responding to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Churches United Against HIV and AIDS.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2014.
- Bialek, Marieta. “Thai Ecology Monks: Contesting Views of the Forest.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2014.
- Shields, Caleb. “Analyzing the Place and Role of Deference in the Academic Study of Religion: Theorizing Critical Alternatives to Deference towards Religion.” B.A. Honors Thesis, *cum laude*, Religious Studies, November 2013.
- Kamp, Jeffrey. “Perceived Social Support and Individual Differences in Childhood Traumatic Grief.” B.A. Honors Thesis, *magna cum laude*, Psychology, April 2013.
- Ohler, Keith. “Strange Bedfellows: Progressive Christian Voices for LGBT etc. Equality.” B.A. Honors Thesis, *cum laude*, Religious Studies, April 2012.
- (Chair) Mason, Alison. “Exploring the Implications of the Influence of the Emerging Church in College-Aged Christians.” B.A. Honors Thesis, *cum laude*, Religious Studies, April 2011.
- Kleinkopf, Katie. “Resurrecting the Body: The Valuation of the Body in Proto-Orthodox Christianity, 30-300 A.D.” B.A. Honors Thesis, *magna cum laude*, History, April 2011.
- (Chair) Javornik, Christopher. “An Unnatural Examination of Catholic Natural Law.” B.A. Honors Thesis, *summa cum laude*, Religious Studies, November 2008. Selected as Outstanding Graduate, College of Arts and Sciences, December 2008.
- Stewart, Seth Martin. “Full of the Holy Spirit: A Defense of Dr. Jeremiah Wright and the African-American Sermon.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Ethnic Studies, November 2009.
- (Consulting Committee Member) McNelly, Mary. “Hope for the New Camelot: Aligning Barack Obama with the American Mythological Memory of John F. Kennedy.” B.A. Honors Thesis, Religious Studies, April 2009.

**Senior Theses, Director (Non-Honors)**

Rouben, Alec. "The Transmission of Yoga: An Ancient Spiritual Tradition Collides with a Capitalist Economy."  
Senior Thesis, Asian Studies, December 2014.

**Directed Independent Studies**

Religion and Public Health. Lillian Bisantz, B.A. Candidate, Religious Studies, Spring 2022.  
Religion and Food Justice. Anbareen Shefa, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2022.  
Religion and Popular Culture. Claudia Toledo, M.A. Candidate, Fall 2021.  
Contemporary Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the U.S. Bryn Iskenderian, B.A. Candidate, Fall 2021.  
Religion and the Environment. Baird Feeney and Amalia Kamlet, B.A. Candidates, Fall 2021.  
Readings in Women, Gender and Religion. Jamie Sarafan, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2021.  
Readings in 19<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Religious Movements. Jamie Sarafan, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2019.  
Wiccan Ethics. Michael Connelly, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2019.  
Contemporary Evangelical Christianity. Cynthia Bishop Jonas, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2018.  
American Religion and Law. Moriah Arnold, M.A. Candidate, Fall 2017.  
New Religious Movements. Cameron Rowlett, John Sheridan, Celestia Liang, and Michael Connelly, M.A. Candidates, Spring 2017.  
Contemporary Issues in the Study of American Religions. Elizabeth Lewis, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2016.  
Re-enchanting Reality: The Intersection of Magic and Religion in Fantasy Literature. Megan Schmauder, B.A. Candidate, Spring 2016.  
Hell in America. Joshua Wright, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2015.  
Christianity in the United States. Austin Sibley, M.A. Candidate (Anthropology), Spring 2015.  
Gender, Violence, and the Supernatural in Contemporary Fiction. Elizabeth Lewis, M.A. Candidate, Fall 2014.  
Christianity and Witchcraft in the Context of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in South Africa. Sarah Ballard, B.A. Candidate, Religious Studies, Fall 2013.  
Virtuous Subjects, Moral Agency, and Construction of Religious History. Alexis Glenn, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2012.  
Religious Conversion. Virginia Anderson. M.A. Candidate, Spring 2012.  
Religion, Education, and the Law. Kaira Schachter, M.A. Candidate, Fall 2011.  
Religion, Legitimacy, and the Law. Shannon Trosper Schorey, M.A. Candidate, Fall 2011.  
Christianity and Culture in Early Modern Italy. Talia Di Manno, M.A. Candidate, Fall 2010.  
Religion and the Notion of "Legitimacy" in the United States. Lisle Kohler, M.A. Candidate, Spring 2008.

**Teaching Enrichment Activities**

Continuing Conversations: Supporting Latine Students, University of Colorado Boulder, September 19, 2024  
Course Design Series: Redesign Considerations and Cidilabs, University of Colorado Boulder, May 7, 2024.  
Implementing Best Practices with Students of Concern, University of Colorado Boulder, October 2023.  
Summer Online Teaching Academy, University of Colorado Boulder, Spring 2023  
Workshop on using Omeka in the classroom, THATCamp, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 21, 2014  
NEH Pedagogy Workshops, University of Virginia, July 2014. Leader for workshops on teaching theory and method in religious studies and teaching with technology.  
Leader, "Creating Criteria and Rubrics for Grading Papers and Exams," RLST TA Luncheon Workshop, October 3, 2012  
Leader, "Navigating Graduation Requirements," RLST TA Luncheon Workshop, February 2012  
FTEP CLIP (Classroom Interview Process) for RLST 2500: Religions in the U.S., with Leslie Irvine, November 30, 2011  
FTEP Consultation with Mary Ann Shea, November 15, 2011  
FTEP Consultation on Teaching Portfolio with James Symons, November 8, 2011  
Leader, "Creating Criteria and Rubrics for Grading Papers and Exams," RLST TA Luncheon Workshop, September 28, 2011  
FTEP Early Career Faculty Program, Luncheon, April 2011  
"Faith, Truth, and Advocacy in the Classroom," Teaching Roundtable Luncheon, Wabash Center and AAR Teaching Religion Series, Oct. 31, 2010, Atlanta, GA  
FTEP Early Career Faculty Program, "Large Lecture Courses: Challenges and Rewards," Oct. 13, 2010

FTEP Early Career Faculty Program, "FCQs and Teaching," Sept. 3, 2010  
 Grant recipient, ASSETT Development Award, for project entitled "Multimedia Case Studies for Exploring Religious Diversity in the U.S.," May 2010  
 Panelist, "Teaching with Technology," Wabash Center, June 13, 2010  
 Wabash Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities, 2009-2010  
 "Teaching 'Lesser Known' Traditions in the World Religions Classroom," Teaching Roundtable Luncheon, Wabash Center and AAR Teaching Religion Series, Nov. 8, 2009, Montreal, Canada  
 FTEP Early Career Faculty Program, "Interpreting FCQs," Oct. 30, 2009  
 FTEP Early Career Faculty Program, Introductory Faculty Lunch, Sept. 11, 2009  
 Panelist, "Using Case Studies in Teaching Religious Studies," Wabash Workshop, July 2009  
 COLTT (Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology) Conference, University of Colorado-Boulder, August 12-13, 2008  
 Introduction to iClickers, ITS Training Workshop, June 4, 2008  
 Introduction to PowerPoint 2007, ITS Training Workshop, May 22, 2008  
 FTEP 2008 Summer Institute, Session A, May 12-16, 2008  
 ASSETT Focus Group for Using Technology in Large Classrooms, March 14, 2008  
 FTEP "Teaching in a Nutshell" Workshop, Feb. 26-March 4, 2008  
 FTEP Workshop, "Preparing a Teaching Portfolio," Feb. 20, 2008  
 Consultation on teaching with Marcia Yonemoto, FTEP Early Career Faculty Associate for the Humanities, Feb. 15, 2008  
 Introduction to CU Learn, ITS Training Workshop, Jan. 31, 2008  
 FTEP Workshop on CU Intramural Funding and Grantwriting, Nov. 29, 2007  
 Wabash Dinner for New Teachers, sponsored by Wabash Center, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov. 18, 2007  
 FTEP Workshop, "Teaching the First Day of Class," Nov. 13, 2007  
 FTEP Workshop, "Being Fully Present with Students," Sept. 25, 2007  
 FTEP Early Career Faculty Program, First Year Faculty Coffee, Sept. 21, 2007  
 LEAP (Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion) Introductory Leadership Workshop, University of Colorado-Boulder, May 16-18, 2007  
 Graduate Writing Fellow, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, Spring 2002

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Profession

Member, Program Committee, American Academy of Religion, 2016-2021.  
 Editorial Board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2018-2022.  
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 2004-present.  
 Co-Chair, Religion, Media and Culture Group, American Academy of Religion, 2018-2023.  
 At-Large Representative, William James Society, 2016-2018, 2021-present.  
 Co-organizer, "Fire on the Mountain: Media, Religion and Nationalism" Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, January 10-13, 2024.  
 Co-organizer, "Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms: The Challenge of Social Imaginaries in Media, Art, Religion, and Decoloniality," Conference, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO, January 7-11, 2020.  
 Organizer, Invited Lecture by James Kloppenberg (Harvard University), "William James on Obligation and Belief," William James Society/American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2018.  
 Co-organizer, ISMRC Conference: Media, Religion, and Public Scholarship, Boulder, August 2018.  
 Organizer, International Conference on Media, Gender, and Religion, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder, January 7-10, 2016.  
 Co-Chair, Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, 2012-2018.  
 Steering Committee, Religion, Media and Culture Group, American Academy of Religion, 2015-2017.  
 Steering Committee, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion, 2011-2016.  
 Chair, Panel on Religious Authority, Rocky Mountain Regional AAR Conference, Denver, CO, March 2022.  
 Chair, Panel on Literature, Religion, and Transforming Borders, Conference: "Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms," Boulder, January 2020.

Chair, Panel on Apocalypticism and Media, International Society for Media, Religion and Culture Conference: Media, Religion, and Public Scholarship, Boulder, August 2018.

Chair, Panel on “Kitchen Religion,” Women and Religion and Religion and Food Sections, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2016.

Chair, Panel on Evangelicalism and Media, Conference: Media, Gender and Religion, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder, January 2016.

Chair, Panel on Sites of Christianity in Digital Media, Conference: Media and Religion: The Global View, Center for Media, Religion, and Culture, University of Colorado Boulder, January 10, 2014.

Chair, “The Quest for Justice: Strategies and Resources for Women’s Religious Activism,” Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012.

Chair, “Revisiting Our Right to Choose After Thirty Years: Abortion and Reproductive Justice Issues in the Twenty-First Century,” Women and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 19, 2012.

Chair, “Affordances of Authority in Digital Religious Space,” International Conference on Digital Religion, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, January 15, 2012.

Chair, “Cornel West and Prophetic Pragmatism,” Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2011.

Chair, Session on Culture: Politics and Pluralism, “In the Footsteps of William James: A Symposium to Honor—and Make Use of—James’s Ideas,” Conference organized by the William James Society and the Houghton Library at Harvard University, Chocorua, NH, August 15, 2010.

Reviewer, *New Media and Society*, *Journal of Religion*, *Media*, and *Digital Culture*, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*; book reviewer for Routledge

President of Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc., a 501c3 educational nonprofit, 2021-present.

Secretary/Clerk of Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc., a 501c3 educational nonprofit, 1997-2021.

Web Board, Feminism in Religion Forum, <http://www.fsrinc.org>, 2006-2014.

Conference Co-organizer, “Teaching for Change: Creating Knowledges, Transforming Institutions,” Conference sponsored by *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* and funded by the Wabash Center, Ford Foundation, and Luce Foundation, Cambridge, MA, June 2005.

Managing Editor, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 1998-2003.

### **University of Colorado, Boulder**

Associate Director, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, 2021-present.

Senior Research Fellow, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, 2010-2021.

Member, Academic Futures Committee, Fall 2017-2019.

Chair, Department of Religious Studies, 2022-present.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, 2016-2021.

Member, Executive Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2016-present.

Member, DAT Team, Department of Religious Studies, 2019-present.

ASC Representative, Department of Religious Studies, 2018-2021.

ASC Diversity Committee, 2019-2021.

Department Honors Director and College of Arts and Sciences Honors Council, 2013-present.

DACA Training and DACA Representative, Department of Religious Studies, 2018-present.

Crucial Conversations Training, January 2019.

Interim Department Chair, December 2016-January 2017.

Acting Associate Director, Center for Media, Religion and Culture, Fall 2016.

Kayden Awards Committee, 2016-2018.

University of Colorado Faculty Leadership Institute participant, 2016-17.

ASSETT Development Award Review Committee, Spring 2016.

BFA Faculty Representative, 2014-2018.

BFA Subcommittee on Student Affairs, 2017-2018.

BFA Faculty-Student Mentor Program Volunteer, 2014-15.

Department of English, Reviewer for Faculty Grant Proposals, Fall 2016.

Department of Religious Studies, Search Committee for Islamic Studies, 2014-15.

Department of Religious Studies, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2014-2018.

Department Representative for Admitted Student Day(s).

Department of Religious Studies, Summer FIRST Scholar Grant Liaison, 2014 and 2018.

Member, Jenn Hlavacek Prize Committee for Outstanding Senior Thesis in Religion and Society, 2014-2017.  
 Department Representative, Undergraduate Majors Fair.  
 Organizer, "The Ambivalence of Religious Peacebuilding: Contested Histories, Boundaries and Spaces in Jerusalem," lecture by Jolyon Mitchell, October 29, 2018.  
 Organizer, "A History of Religion in 5 ½ Objects," lecture by S. Brent Rodriguez-Plate, Sept. 30, 2013. Won GCAH Visiting Scholar Grant. Co-sponsored with Center for Religion, Media, and Culture.  
 Organizer, "Sinners, Saints, and Gamers: Religion and Video Games," lecture event featuring Rachel Wagner (Ithaca College) and Jason Anthony (Time Magazine), co-sponsored with the Center for Media, Religion, and Culture, April 15, 2013.  
 Merit Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies, April 2013.  
 Respondent, Faculty Book Event, Department of Religious Studies, March 14, 2013.  
 Community Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2012-13.  
 Website co-redesigner and coordinator, Department of Religious Studies, 2010-2014. Complete overhaul of departmental website and ongoing maintenance, <http://rlst.colorado.edu>.  
 Organizer, Panel Discussion on "Digital Religion" with Heidi Campbell (Texas A&M University), Piotr Bobkowski (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), and Chris Helland (Dalhousie University), Department of Religious Studies, March 3, 2011.  
 Organizer, Department of Religious Studies Annual Lester Lecture, Amy Hollywood (Harvard Divinity School), "Love and the Heretic," Sept. 17, 2009; and "Roundtable Discussion: Ritual in the Academic Study of Religion" with Professor Hollywood, Sept. 18, 2009.  
 Presentation on "Religion and Community in Colorado," University of Colorado President's Leadership Class Experiential Weekend on "Religion and Community," Feb. 23, 2008; March 9, 2009; Sept. 26, 2009; Nov. 6, 2010.  
 Member and author of report, Cluster Group D (Critical Interpretation and Evaluation of Texts), College of Arts and Sciences, Feb. 2009.  
 Merit Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2008-09.

### **Community**

Panelist, Solstice Celebration, Denver Museum of Nature and Science panel held in conjunction with their Stonehenge exhibit, June 2021; spoke on contemporary religious interpretations of Stonehenge  
 U.S. Census panelist, Jewish Community Center, 2020.  
 Guest speaker for unit on religion, Platt Middle School, Boulder, CO, January 22, 2019.  
 Panelist for talkback discussion of "Testament of Mary," play by Colm Toibin, directed by Ami Dayan. Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, CO, April 2017.  
 Panelist for talkback discussion of "Handler," play by Robert Schenkkan, produced by Dragonfly Arts and Christa Ray, directed by Jeremy Williams. Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, CO, Feb. 4, 2009. Provided expertise on subject of play, snake-handling religion in rural Appalachia.

### **MEDIA RELATIONS**

Consultant for Kayla Jimenez, "Tony Evans Steps Down, Yet Another Controversy for Celebrity Pastors in the USA," *USA Today*, June 13, 2024.  
 Consultant for Kaylee Harter, "World Beyond: Longmont's Metaphysical, Mystical and Witchy Shops – and What They Tell Us About American Spirituality," *Boulder Weekly*, March 20, 2024.  
 Consultant for Megan Banta, "Multilevel Marketing in Utah and How It Links to the LDS Church," *Salt Lake Tribune*, January 13, 2024.  
 Consultant for Elizabeth Hernandez, "Church on a Paddleboard? Denver Presbytery's New Communities Offer Diverse Ways to Worship in a Changing World," *Denver Post*, January 7, 2024.  
 Consultant for Debbie Kelley, "Putting the Jesus in Halloween: Christian Might Takes on Secular Fright," *The Colorado Springs Gazette*, October 24, 2022.  
 Consultant for Caitlin Rockett, "Changing the Rules: Local Voices Weigh in on the United Methodist Church's Impending Schism over LGBTQ Inclusion," *Boulder Weekly*, March 19, 2020, <https://www.boulderweekly.com/entertainment/changing-the-rules/>.  
 Consultant for Noah Zucker, article on Jewish Renewal, *Daily Camera*, April 2019.  
 Consultant for Aimee Heckel, "How Buddhist Is Boulder?," *Daily Camera*, 12 June 2016, [http://www.dailycamera.com/lifestyles/ci\\_30002119/how-buddhist-is-boulder](http://www.dailycamera.com/lifestyles/ci_30002119/how-buddhist-is-boulder).  
 Consultant for 9News Denver, "The People Planet: The Search for God," 23 April 2015,

<http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/features/2015/04/21/the-people-planet/26110255/>.

Consultant for 9News Denver, "A Look at the State of Religion in Colorado," 5 April 2015,

<http://www.9news.com/story/life/2015/04/05/a-look-at-the-state-of-religion-in-colorado/25330497/>.

Consultant for BBC Trending Report, "The Man Who Says He Can 'Destroy' Evolution," BBC, 3 June 2014,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXup50UjI8&feature=youtu.be>.

Consultant for Alan Prendergast, "There's Nothing Holier-Than-Thou About Gil Jones," *Denver Westword News*, 22 August 2013

Consultant for Magdalena Wegryzn, "Megachurch Populations Swell, Despite Some Backlash," *Longmont Times-Call*, 5 February 2010.

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion

William James Society

International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture

International Communication Association

Association of Internet Researchers