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APPOINTMENTS

- 2022-present University of Colorado Boulder, Associate Professor
Department of Women and Gender Studies and Program in Jewish Studies
- Director of Jewish Studies, effective January 1, 2023
(on-leave 2023-2024)
 - Associate Director for Undergraduate Studies, Program in Jewish Studies
(2022)
 - Academic Director of the Post-Holocaust American Judaism Collection
(2022-present)
 - Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Women and Gender Studies
(Fall 2022)
- 2019-2022 University of Colorado Boulder, Assistant Professor
Department of Women and Gender Studies and Program in Jewish Studies
- Associate Director for Undergraduate Studies, Program in Jewish Studies
(2021-2022)
- 2015–2019 Albright College, Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies
Affiliated Faculty: Women and Gender Studies
- 2014–2015 American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellow
Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, NY
- 2013–2014 Fairfield University, Affiliated Faculty, Department of Religious Studies

EDUCATION

- 2013 PhD, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University
American Religious Cultures
- 2005 MDiv, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University
Christianity and Culture
- 2000 BA with Honors, Swarthmore College
Majors in English and Religion, Concentration in Women's Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Books

A Mixed Multitude: A History of Jews of Color in the United States (under contract with Princeton University Press)

God Bless the Pill: Contraception and Sexuality in Tri-Faith America (under contract with University of North Carolina Press)

Beyond Chrismukkah: The Christian–Jewish Interfaith Family in the United States (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018)

Finalist: National Jewish Book Award in American Jewish Studies from the Jewish Book Council

Reviewed in: *Reading Religion* (AAR); *H-Judaic*; *eSocialSciences*; *Contemporary Jewry*; *Christian Century*; *The Catholic Standard*; *Religion*; *The Journal of the American Jewish Archives*; *Material Religion*; *American Jewish History*; *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*

Popular Books

The Racism of People Who Love You: Essays (Boston: Beacon Press, January 2023)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Asian American Jews, Race, and Religious Identity,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 89, no. 3 (2021): 978-1005.

“The Changing Jewish Family: Jewish Communal Responses to Interfaith and Same-Sex Marriage,” with Brett Krutzsch. *American Jewish History* 104, no. 4 (2020): 553–577.

“Christmas in the Room: Gender, Conflict, and Compromise in Multi-Religious Domestic Space,” *Religions* 11, no 6 (2020): 281.

“Prescribing the Diaphragm: Protestants, Jews, Catholics, and a Changing Culture of Contraception,” *American Religion* 1, no 2 (2020): 27-52.

“Chrismukkah: Millennial Multiculturalism,” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 25, no. 1 (2015): 82-109.

“Negotiating the Interfaith Marriage Bed: Religious Difference and Sexual Intimacies,” *Theology and Sexuality*. 18, no. 1 (2012): 19-41.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

“You are Jewish if You Want to Be: The Limits of Identity in a World of Multiple Religious Practices,” in *Beyond Jewish Identity*, eds. Jon Levisohn and Ari Y. Kelman (Brighton, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2019), 17-35.

“Family Planning is a Christian Duty: Religion, Population Control, and the Pill in the 1960s,” in *Devotions and Desires: Histories of Sexuality and Religion in the 20th Century United States*, eds. Gillian Frank, Bethany Moreton, and Heather White (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018), 152-169.

“I Chose Judaism, but Christmas Cookies Chose Me: Food, Identity, and Familial Religious Practice in Christian/Jewish Blended Families,” in *Religion, Food, and Eating in North America*, ed. Benjamin E. Zeller et al (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014), 154-172.

Encyclopedia Articles and Primary Source Readers

Commentary on “Paul Cowan with Rachel Cowan, *Mixed Blessings: Overcoming the Stumbling Blocks in an Interfaith Marriage*” in *The New Jewish Canon: Ideas and Debates, 1980-2015*. (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2020) 346-351.

“Religion, Modernity, and Assimilation in America” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. John Corrigan (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018). Peer reviewed.

“Race and American Judaism,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. John Corrigan (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018). Peer reviewed.

“Contraception and the Sexual Revolution,” in *The Social History of the American Family*, eds. Lawrence Ganong and Marilyn Coleman (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2014).

“Interfaith Marriage,” in *Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions*, eds. Gary Laderman and Luis León (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2014)

“Adolescents and Children,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, eds Charles Lippy and Peter Williams (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010).

“Marriage,” in *The Encyclopedia of Muslim–American History*, ed. Edward E. Curtis IV (New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2010).

“Education,” in *The Encyclopedia of Muslim–American History*, ed. Edward E. Curtis IV. (New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2010).

Book Reviews

Review of *Jewish Veganism and Vegetarianism: Studies and New Directions*, edited by Jacob Ari Labendz and Shmuly Yanklowitz in *Journal of Jewish Indentities*. 14 no 1 Jan 2021, p 124-126.

Review of *The Public Work of Christmas: Difference and Belonging in Multicultural Societies*, edited by Pamela E. Klassen and Monique Scheer. *Material Religion* 17 no 3 May 2021, p 432-434

Review of *Ambivalent Embrace: Jewish Upward Mobility in Post-War America*, by Rachel Kranson. *Material Religion*, (2019) 387-388.

Review of *Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians and Fractured American Politics*, by R. Marie Griffith. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (2018) 853-856.

Review of *Coming of Age in Jewish America: Bar and Bat Mitzvah Reinterpreted* by Patricia Keer Munro. *H-Judaic* (2017)

Review of *Losing Our Religion: How Unaffiliated Parents Are Raising Their Children*, by Christel Manning. *Journal of the Scientific Study of Religion*, 55:4 (2016) 877-878.

Review of *Walking Where Jesus Walked: American Christians and Holy Land Pilgrimage*, by Hillary Kael. *Material Religion*, 12:3 (2016) 393-394.

Review of *Righteous Rhetoric: Sex, Speech, and the Politics of Concerned Women for America*, by Leslie Dorrough Smith. *Theology and Sexuality*, 21:2 (2015) 167-169.

Review of *Kosher Christmas: 'Tis the Season to Be Jewish*, by Joshua Plaut. *American Jewish Archives Journal*, LXV, 1&2 (2013): 114-116.

Review of *Witnessing Suburbia: Conservatives and Christian Youth Culture*, by Eileen Luhr. *Practical Matters* 2 (2009).

Review of *We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom*, by Tisa Wenger. *ARC, the Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* 36 (2008): 139–141.

Selected Public Essays

[“New Doc Claiming Columbus Was Jewish May Have Some Accuracy Issues—But There’s A Far Bigger Issue We Need to Reckon With,”](#) *Religion Dispatches*, October 30, 2024.

[“In ‘Nobody Wants This,’ rom-com gets century old tropes with a new twist—the cute rabbi,”](#) *The Conversation*, October 3, 2024. (Reprinted by PBS, Religion News Service, San Francisco Chronicle, and others)

[“Jewish law has always been clear: Emergency abortions are an essential right,”](#) *The Forward*, June 27, 2024.

[“The American Jewish future is interfaith. It’s about time our rabbis are, too,”](#) *The Forward*, June 21, 2024.

[“Fiddler on the Roof may be many Americans’ image of Judaism – but American Jews’ heritage is stunningly diverse,”](#) *The Conversation*, June 12, 2024. (Reprinted by Religion News Service, San Francisco Chronicle, and others)

[“For American Jews, interfaith weddings are a new normal – and creatively weave both traditions together,”](#) *The Conversation*, May 28, 2024.

[“Asian Jewish Americans have a double reason to celebrate their heritage in May,”](#) *The Conversation*, May 14, 2024.

[“Hanukkah celebrations have changed dramatically—but the same is true of Christmas,”](#) *The Conversation*, December 5, 2023.

[“The Racial and Religious Contours of American Family Planning,”](#) *The Revealer*, October 4, 2023.

[“On Sukkot, the Jewish ‘Festival of Booths,’ each sukkah is as unique as the person who builds it,”](#) *The Conversation*, September 26, 2023

[“‘Untraditional’ Hanuakkah Celebrations Are Often Full of Traditions for Jews of Color,”](#) *The Conversation*, December 16, 2022.

[“Anti-abortion laws are an attack on religious freedom”](#) with Tisa J. Wenger. 360info.org.

[“The Supreme Court’s abortion decision is based on a myth. Here’s why,”](#) with Lauren MacIvor Thompson. *The Washington Post*. June 24, 2022.

[“There is no one ‘religious view’ on abortion: A scholar of religion, gender and sexuality explains,”](#) *The Conversation*, June 13, 2022.
republished in [“America’s religious communities are divided over the issue of abortion: 5 essential reads,”](#) *The Conversation*, June 24, 2022

[“Protestants and the pill: How US Christians helped make birth control mainstream,”](#) *The Conversation*, May 24, 2022.

[“To tree, or not to tree? How Jewish-Christian families navigate the ‘December Dilemma,’”](#) *The Conversation*, December 15, 2021

[Review of *Beyond the Synagogue: Jewish Nostalgia as Religious Practice*,](#) by Rachel B. Gross. *Moment Magazine*, January 2021.

[“A justification for unrest? Look no further than the Bible and the Founding Fathers”](#) with Samuel Boyd, *The Conversation*, June 5, 2020.

[“The December Dilemma: Less Oy, More Joy,”](#) *The Revealer*, December 10, 2019.

[“For decades, women on the Pill suffered. They didn’t have to,”](#) with Lauren MacIvor Thompson. *Washington Post*, February 7, 2019.

[“Teaching with the Immanent Frame,”](#) *The Immanent Frame*, September 20, 2018.

[“The Convergence of Passover and Easter Can Leaven \(or Unleaven\) the Interfaith Family’s Holiday,”](#) *Religion Dispatches*, March 29, 2018.

[“Believer, Religious Studies, and the Public,”](#) *The Immanent Frame*, July 6, 2017.

[“Christmas and Hanukkah, Together Again.”](#) *Religion and Politics*. December 20, 2016.

[“Interfaith Kids Are Still Being Raised Jewish. Here’s How,”](#) *The Forward*. October 26, 2016.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

2023-2024	Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University Visiting Associate Professor of Women’s Studies and North American Religions, Colorado Scholar, Women’s Studies in Religion Program Research Associate
2023	University of Colorado Provost's Faculty Achievement Award

2021	Henry Luce Foundation grant for Advancing Public Knowledge on Race, Justice, and Religion in America through a project called “Jews of Color: Histories and Futures”
2020	University of Colorado Boulder Center for the Humanities and Arts Faculty Fellowship (awarded 2020 to be taken Spring 2022)
2020	Cashmere Subvention Award in Jewish Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies from the Women’s Caucus of the Association of Jewish Studies
2019	Faculty Success Grant, University of Colorado Boulder Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion Program
2019	Finalist: National Jewish Book Award in American Jewish Studies from the Jewish Book Council
2018-2019	Young Scholars of American Religion Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University, led by Sylvester Johnson (VirginiaTech) and Sally Promey (Yale University); 1 of 10 junior scholars selected for two-year series of workshops on research and pedagogy
2018-2019	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Early Career Fellowship
2018-2019	The Rabbi Theodore S. Levy Tribute Fellowship, American Jewish Archives
2018-2019	Sophia Smith Collection Travel-to-Archives Grant, Smith College
2018-2019	Rockefeller Archive Center Research Stipend, Rockefeller Archive Center
2018	Albright College Faculty Research Award
2017	Leonard Hastings Schoff Publication Fund Subvention Grant, Religion in America University Seminar, Columbia University
2016-2017	David B. Larson Fellowship in Health and Spirituality, John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC (awarded 2015)
2014-2015	New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Research Grant
2012–2013	Robert W. Woodruff Library Fellowship, Emory University
2011–2012	Northeastern Consortium for Faculty Diversity Dissertation Fellow and Humanities Scholar-in-Residence, Allegheny College

WORKSHOPS

2019	LEAP Introductory Leadership Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion Program (Awarded 2019 for January 2020 participation)
2017-2018	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty of Asian and Pacific Islander Descent
2017	Teaching Interfaith Understanding Seminar sponsored by the Council for Independent Colleges and the Interfaith Youth Core
2017	Situating American Jewish Studies, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
2014-2015	Paula E. Hyman Mentoring Program Emerging Scholar

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

American Religious Diversity; Gender and Sexuality; Religion, Race, and Ethnicity; American Religious History; American Jewish History and Culture; Theory and Methods in the Study of Religion; Theories of Religious Practice; Material Culture

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 2024 “More Babies and More Birth Control: American Jews and the Politics of Reproduction,” Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2024 “The Interracial, Interfaith Family in Today’s American Jewish World,” Kutler Lectures in Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- 2024 “Debating Birth Control and Abortion in American-Jewish Life,” Kutler Lectures in Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- 2024 “The Racism of People Who Love You: The Challenges of Autobiographical Writing,” Yale Divinity School, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2023 “Jews, Contraception, and the Culture Wars,” The Schusterman Centers for Jewish Studies at the University of Texas, Austin and the University of Oklahoma, Norman (via Zoom)
- 2023 “Contraception and the Culture Wars,” Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2023 “The Racism of People Who Love You: Writing Memoir,” College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho
- 2023 “The Racism of People Who Love You: Being a Person of Color in White Spaces—Even Jewish White Spaces,” The Louis Bunis Memorial Lecture at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Wyncott, PA (via Zoom)
- 2023 “Contraception, Culture Wars, and Congregations,” Percy Skuy Lecture at the Dittrick Medical History Center of Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
- 2022 “Amid the Other Others: Jews and the Navigation of Race in the United States,” Keynote Address at the Society for Jewish Ethics (zoom)
- 2021 “Conservative Impulses: Queer Jews and Interfaith Families,” The Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA (virtual)
- 2020 “The Diaphragm Debates,” Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (virtual)
- 2019 “The Interfaith Family in the 21st Century,” Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY.
- 2018 “Moving Beyond Chrismukkah: How We Think About Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families” Towson University, Towson, MD
- 2018 “The Interfaith Family in the New Millennium,” Lafayette College, Easton, PA.

2017 Morality, Contraception, and Religion in Post-World War America, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

Invited Presentations and Panels

2024 Roundtable and Workshop, Second Annual Conference on Jewish Life in the Diaspora: American Jewish Life, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

2024 “Michael Twitty’s African American Seder and the Creation of a Black Jewish Culinary Ritual,” Jews and Black Theory: Conceptualizing Otherness in the Twenty-First Century, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2024 "On To Be A Liberal Jew in the Late 20th Century: Reflections on Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz," Conference: Jewish Women Thinkers, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

2024 “Family Planning for the Family of Man,” North American Religions Colloquium, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2024 “Family Planning for the Human Family,” Graduate Program in Religion, Brown University, Providence, RI

2024 “Jewish Continuity and the Culture Wars,” Graduate Program in American Religion, Yale University, New Haven, CT

2023 “Ethical Scholarship: Gender, Religion, & Difference,” Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2023 “Stories of Transracial Adoption,” Town Hall Seattle, Seattle, WA

2023 “The Racism of People Who Love You: Writing from Life Workshop,” Boston University Honors College, Boston, MA

2023 “Contraception and Continuity Work in Progress,” College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho

2023 “On the Racism of People Who Love You with Samira Mehta and A-lan Holt,” California Institute of Integral Studies Public Programs, San Francisco, CA (virtual)

2023 “Jewish Women of Color in Their Own Words,” *Hadassah Magazine* via Zoom <https://www.hadassah.org/story/watch-jewish-women-of-color-in-their-own-words>

2023 “The Scholar of Religion in the Public Sphere,” University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

2022 The Leonard Gilman symposium on Jewish Perspectives on Reproductive Rights: Jews, Religious Liberty, and Reproductive Freedom in the United States,” Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

- 2022 “Jews of Color: Oral History Methods” at Centres and Margins in Postwar Jewish Worlds, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK
- 2022 “Norplant and Welfare: Responsible Parenthood in Secular Form,” Sensory Cultures of Religion Research Group, Yale University, New Haven, CT (virtual)
- 2022 “The Pill and the Politics of Race,” Religions of America Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (virtual)
- 2022 “The Pill and the Family in Tri-Faith, Cold War America?” The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL (virtual)
- 2021 “Who Counts and How? Reckoning with Continuity and Community,” Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (virtual)
- 2021 “Tri-Faith Contraception and the Politics of Race,” Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (virtual)
- 2021 Conversation with Laura Arnold Liebman about *Once We Were Slaves: The Extraordinary Journey of a Multi-Racial Jewish Family* for the American Jewish Historical Association, New York, NY (virtual)
- 2021 “Plenary Panel,” Queer Jews: A 20th Anniversary CLGS Symposium in Memory of David Shneer, Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion, Pacific School of Religion, Berkely, CA (virtual)
- 2019 “Christian-Jewish Blended Families: A Multicultural Case Study,” at the Religious Conflict and Coexistence: The Korean Context and Beyond International Conference, Chonbuk National University, Jeonju, South Korea.
- 2019 “Bodies: Medical Innovation and Religious Interpretations of the Human Body,” at the Religion and Innovation Conference. Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.
- 2019 “Beyond Brenda’s Diaphragm: Sexuality and Contraception in Herberg’s America” at The Jewish 1950s. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2015 “Why Do They Call My Afro A Jew-fro?” Religions in America Seminar. Columbia University, New York.
- 2015 “Responsible Sex. Responsible Parenthood: Religion, Population Control, and the Pill in the 1960s,” Reproductive Rights, Health, and Access Conference Organized by the Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh.
- 2015 “Interfaith Families and American Jewish Institutions,” Council of American Jewish Museums, San Francisco.

- 2014 “God Bless the Pill?: Sexuality, American Religion, and Contraception in the Twentieth Century,” New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Talk, Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.
- 2014 “God Bless the Pill?: Sexuality, American Religion, and Contraception in the Twentieth Century,” New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Talk, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College.

Conference Papers, Roundtables, and Posters

- 2024 “Re-imagining the Midcentury,” Roundtable, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California
- 2024 “Implicit Judaism: Culture and Boundary Keeping,” Roundtable, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California
- 2024 “Michael Twitty’s African American Seder: A Culinary Ritual,” Dublin Gastronomy Symposium, Dublin, Ireland
- 2023 “What Does It Mean to Be a Minority?: American Jews and Minority Identity in 20th Century America,” Roundtable, Association for Jewish Studies, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 “Continuity, Contraception, and the Culture Wars: The Responsibility for Biological and Cultural Reproduction in the Context of Mutually Re-Enforcing Scholarly and Cultural Tropes,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Francisco, CA
- 2023 “Queer Judaism: A Book Response Roundtable,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
- 2023 “Retelling Retelling US Religious History: A 25th Anniversary Roundtable,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
- 2022 “Confronting Race in Jewish Studies: A Roundtable,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2022 “Jewish Studies and Ethnic Studies: Engaging Dynamics of Power, Privilege, and Identity,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2022 “The Ongoing Issue of Sexism in Academia: A Discussion on Steps Against It and Possible Solutions” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2022 “Religion and DEI: Possibilities and Limitations: Roundtable,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO
- 2022 “Speculative Technologies Roundtable: Religion and Contraception,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO

- 2022 “Collapsing Time and Combining Histories: Michael Twitty’s Seder Blending Israelite and African American Slavery,” British and Irish Association for Jewish Studies, London, UK
- 2021 “Jews of Color: the Genealogy of A Term” as part of a lightening session entitled “Preoccupations of American Jews: Interdisciplinary Approaches,” Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL (session organizer)
- 2021 “Where Do We Go From Here? Creating Responsiveness and Responsibility in Professional Organizations” (roundtable), Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2021 “The Food Can Be a Text: The Passover Seder and Black-Jewish Relations,” American Academy of Religions, San Antonio, TX (via Zoom)
- 2021 “The Holocaust, Contraception, and Jewish Continuity” in a Roundtable on “Sacred Scars,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (via Zoom)
- 2021 “The Rhetoric of Responsible Parenthood in Secular Debates About Contraception: A Transformation from Theology to Secular Policy,” Society for US Intellectual History, virtual (originally scheduled for November 2020, Boston, MA)
- 2020 “Seder Innovations in 20th and 21st Century America: A Roundtable,” Association for Jewish Studies, virtual (originally scheduled for Washington, DC)
- 2020 “Responsible Parenthood: Terms in Common, Theologies in Contrast,” American Catholic Historical Association, New York, NY
- 2019 “Sexuality, Politics, and American Judaism: A Roundtable Discussion,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA
- 2019 “Skipping a Generation: Grandparenting in Interfaith Families,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
- 2018 “Mothering in Multiple Identities: American-Jews, Asian Americans, and the Possibilities for Fusion,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2018 “Masculinity and the Making of American Judaism: A Reflection on Sarah Imhoff’s Work,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.
- 2018 “Sexing American Jewish History Roundtable,” American Jewish Historical Society Biannual Scholars Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Blessing the Baby: Interfaith Families Address Baby Naming, Baptism, and the Bris,” Association of Jewish Studies, Washington, DC
- 2017 “Picture Books and the Raising of Children in Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families,”

American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA

- 2017 “Clergy, Co-eds, and Contraception: Liberal Clergy and the Fight to Get Contraception to Unmarried Women in the 1960s,” *Single Lives: 200 Years of Independent Women in Literature and Popular Culture*, University College Dublin Humanities Institute, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016 “Race, Reproduction, and Religion: A Roundtable Discussion,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX. Co-organizer (with Kathleen Holscher).
- 2016 “An Ethnographic Education: Using Local Religious Sites in the Religious or Jewish Studies Classroom,” Association of Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA
- 2016 “The Water that Transforms: Swimming Pool as Secular, California Mikveh in Jill Soloway’s *Transparent*,” *Transparent: A Multidisciplinary Symposium*, Rochester, NY
- 2016 “Race, Reproduction, and American Religion: A Roundtable Discussion,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 “The Basmati Bat Mitzvah: American Jews, Asian Americans, and the Possibilities for Fusion,” American Jewish Historical Society Biannual Scholars Conference, New York, NY
- 2016 “Gender and Interfaith Parenting: Religious Identity, Communal Anxiety, and the Role of the Mother,” Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2016 “The Academic Study of American Religion in a Changing Professional Landscape,” Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2015 “Teaching Beyond the Canon: New Approaches to the Jewish Studies Classroom,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2015 “God Bless the Pill? Religion, Oral Contraception, and American Sexuality, 1960–1980,” Organization of American Historians, St. Louis, MO
- 2014 “A Kosher Christmas Dinner: Food, Tradition, and the Christian–Jewish Interfaith Household,” *Religion and Food*, The Donner Institute for Research on Religious and Cultural History, Turku, Finland
- 2014 “‘Why Do They Call My Afro a Jew-fro?’ Multifaith, Multiracial Families in Twenty-First Century America,” *Jews and Judaism in the American World of “Difference”*: The 2014 Biennial Scholars Conference on American Jewish History, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 “The Battle Over Women’s Bodies: Hobby Lobby, Religious Freedom, and the Birth Control Mandate,” *Religion, Health, and the Body in North America*, The Fetzer Center at the University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI

- 2014 “‘A [Christian] Black Man With Something of a Jewish Soul:’ Multi-faith, Multi-racial Families in 20th and 21st Century America,” Conference on Rethinking Jewish Identity and Education, Brandies University, Waltham, MA
- 2013 “Sexual Binaries/Religious Histories: A Roundtable Discussion,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 “Jewish or Jew-ish: Lessons in Jewish Identity in Children’s Books for Interfaith Families,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 “Translating the Jewish Narrative into an American Narrative: A Roundtable Discussion,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2013 “Double Minority, Double Trouble: Choices, Practices, and Challenges of the Interfaith, Multicultural Family,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA

Accepted Papers

- 2020 “Sacrality and Purity in the Mid-Twentieth Century Push for Contraception,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC (Conference Cancelled)
- 2020 “Jewish Feminist Praxis in Transnational Context,” National Women’s Studies Association, Minneapolis, MN (Conference Cancelled)

Public Lectures, Panels, and Teaching

- 2024 “The Racism of People Who Love You,” Blue Cypress Books, New Orleans, LA
- 2023 “Serving the Needs of Interfaith Families: A Workshop,” Chicago Meeting, 18Doors
- 2023 “The Racism of People Who Love You,” Grub Street, Boston, MA
- 2023 “The Racism of People Who Love You: Book Release,” Jewish Community Center, Boulder, CO
- 2023 “Serving the Needs of Interfaith Families: A Workshop,” Denver Meeting, 18Doors
- 2022 “Fighting for Reproductive Rights and Justice” (event moderator), Art, Activism, and the Engaged Humanities Series, University of Colorado Boulder (virtual)
- 2021 “The Hidden History of Jews and Reproductive Rights in America: Reactionary Moments,” The Jewish Women’s Archive (virtual)
- 2021 “The Eco-Kashrut Movement: Where It Came From, Where It Is Going,” Congregation Bonai Shalom, Boulder, CO
- 2021 “The Diaphragm Debates” at the Harvard Divinity School Women’s Studies in Religion Program Colorado Steering Committee Luncheon, Denver, CO

- 2020 “Beyond Chrismukkah: Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families in the United States” at Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation, Deerfield, IL (virtual)
- 2020 “Celebrating the Holidays: A Modern-Day Perspective” at Temple Beth Shalom, New City, New York (virtual)
- 2020 “Black and Indian and Biracial Women: A VP Forum” webinar hosted through the University of Colorado Boulder Department of Women and Gender Studies
- 2020 “Eco-Kashrut: Food, Jews, Justice” webinar hosted through the University of Colorado Boulder Program in Jewish Studies Peak to Peak series
- 2020 “*The New Jewish Canon* Book Club Part IV,” a panel discussion with Claire Sufrin, editor of *The New Jewish Canon*, and four contributors sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute
- 2020 “Mrs. America: Feminism Then and Now,” a panel discussion on the HULU series about the ERA sponsored by The Jewish Women’s Archive (virtual)
- 2018 “The Religiously Complex Congregation in the Religiously Complex World” The Unitarian Universalist Association Minns Lecture Series, Boston and Cambridge, MA
- 2010 “Interfaith Family Life: One or Both, Religion or Ethnicity?” Limmud Southeast, Clayton, GA
- 2010 “Interfaith Families: Sitcom or Family Drama,” Limmud Southeast, Clayton, GA

ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS

- 2023-present Center for Jewish History Scholars Working Group: Shared and Contested Spaces and Identities: American Jews and African Americans
- 2023-present Center for Jewish History Scholars Working Group: Jewish Reproduction
- 2020-present American Religious History Feminist Reading Collective (founder)
- 2017-2022 Co-chair. Religions and Families in North America Seminar, American Academy of Religion (ongoing 5-year seminar)
- 2020-2021 American Jewish History, American Jewish Historians, and the Opportunities Offered to Us by Black Lives Matter
- 2017 Situating American Jewish Studies Working Group

ADMINISTRATIVE, ACADEMIC, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2024-present	Series Editor, "North American Religion Series," New York University Press.
2024-present	Academic Advisor, "Black and Jewish Experience" a documentary hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr, McGee Media
2024-present	Academic Advisor, "For LGBTQ+ and Jews of Color Initiatives," Keshet: For LGBTQ Equity in Jewish Life
2024-present	Provost Search Committee, University of Colorado Boulder
2024-present	Editorial Advisory Board, Darom Book Series, Wayne State University Press
2023-present	Board Member and Blog Co-Editor, Feminist Studies in Religion
2022-present	Co-Chair, North American Religions Program Unit, American Academy of Religion
2021-present	Academic Advisory Council, Jewish Women's Archive
2021-present	Alumni Advisory Group. John D. Kluge Center of the Library of Congress
2021-present	Creative Editor, American Religion Journal
2022-2023	Social Science Dean Search Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder
2021-2022	Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, Program in Jewish Studies University of Colorado Boulder
2021-2022	Merit Overhaul Committee, Department of Women and Gender Studies University of Colorado Boulder
2021-2022	Selection Committee, National Jewish Book Award, Women's Studies Division
2020-2022	Board Member, eFeminist Studies in Religion
2020-2022	Executive Committee (At-Large Member), Program in Jewish Studies University of Colorado Boulder
2016-2022	Steering Committee Member. North American Religions Section. American Academy of Religions
2020-2021	Merit Committee, Department of Women and Gender Studies University of Colorado Boulder
2020-2021	Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Research Awards Academic Advisory Committee Brandeis University
2018-2021	Task Force on Inclusion and Diversity, Association for Jewish Studies

2019-2020	Undergraduate Committee, Program in Jewish Studies University of Colorado Boulder
2019-2020	Undergraduate Committee, Department of Women and Gender Studies University of Colorado Boulder
2018-2019	Deep Dive Team: Faculty and Staff Salary and Peer Group Goals, Albright College Committee to assess Faculty and Staff compensation at Albright College, in order to make recommendations to the administration and board of trustees
2018-2019	Deep Dive Team for Retirement Benefit, Albright College Committee to assess Faculty and Staff retirement benefits at Albright College, in order to make recommendations to the administration and board of trustees
2017-2019	Educational Policy Committee, Albright College The mission of the elected Educational Policy Council (EPC) is to plan, initiate, assess, and administer, in collaboration with the CAO, policies pertaining to the curriculum and teaching mission of the Albright College faculty. Elected by the faculty.
2015-2018	Board Member. Women's Caucus of the Association for Jewish Studies. Member. Women's Caucus of the Association for Jewish Studies subcommittee on travel grants
2013-2016	Monthly Contributor. <i>Religion and American History: A Group Blog on American Religious History and Culture.</i>
2013	Organizer. Sexual Binaries/Religious Histories: A Roundtable Discussion, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD

MEDIA APPEARANCES

2024	“For Chicago’s interfaith families, Christmas and Hanukkah are a chance to explore new traditions,” <i>The Chicago Tribune</i> . December 25, 2024.
2024	“How the U.S. election will shape abortion access in Australia,” God Forbid, Australian Broadcasting Corporation. November 8, 2024.
2024	“The largest branch in American Judaism now ordains rabbis in interfaith marriages,” Weekend Edition, National Public Radio. August 18, 2024.
2024	“Words Count: From “Woman” to “Mother,” “Embryo” to “Child,” Interfaith Voices, National Public Radio. May 9, 2024.
2023	“Defining life and personhood: What science, philosophy, and religion have to say,” Life Examined, KCRW, March 11, 2023.

- 2022 [“Synagogue sues Florida over abortion limits, a possible template for future challenges,”](#) France 24. June 28, 2022.
- 2022 [“Avortement : un rabbin attaque l’État de Floride au nom de la liberté religieuse,”](#) *La Croix*. June 17, 2022.
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- 2022 [“Faith-based foodies don’t stop at kosher or halal in search of sustainable eating”](#) (May 13, 2022)
- 2022 MSNBC [“Deadline: White House”](#) (February 10, 2022)
- 2022 [“‘A chance to change the world’ — new initiative to elevate voices and experiences of Jews of Color”](#) *The Forward* (January 21, 2022)
- 2021 Movistar TV show [“Volver para ser otros”](#)
- 2021 [“Public Hanukkah celebrations kick off Sunday: Guide to Colorado Springs events”](#) (November 24, 2021)
- 2021 [“The Extra with Shannon Brinias: Holiday Extravaganza,”](#) (November 24, 2021)
- 2021 [“Experts weigh in on potential for legal battles over religious exemptions”](#) 9News (September 13, 2021)
- 2021 [“What is Rosh Hashanah? Here's what you need to know about the Jewish New Year,”](#) *USA Today* (September 2, 2021)
- 2021 [“The latest scoop on the Ben & Jerry’s controversy,”](#) *The Forward* (July 27, 2021)
- 2021 [“The Single Most Important Statistic from the Pew Survey is about Food,”](#) *The Forward* (May 13, 2021)
- 2020 Episode 1 [“Hanukkah”](#) of The Primary Source Podcast: A Podcast from the Taube Center for Jewish Studies.
- 2020 cited in [“Colorado Catholics consider implications of Pope’s support of same-sex civil unions,”](#) Fox Denver News (October 21, 2020)
- 2020 cited in [“In Kamala Harris’ richly textured background, a portrait of America today,”](#) *The Christian Science Monitor* (August 2020)
- 2019 [“Expert Witness”](#) in *US Catholic* (December 2019)
- 2018 [“Author Interview”](#) on “The Anxious Bench” of *Patheos*

- 2018 [Judaism Unbound Podcast](#)
- 2018 [Jewish History Matters Podcast](#)
- 2018 [New Books in Religion Podcast](#)
- 2018 “[Author Interview](#)” in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*
- 2018 Religion News Service “[Author Talk](#)”
- 2017 “[Mixed Blessings](#),” Episode 4 the Sexing History Podcast
- 2016 “Albright professor is awarded a year-long fellowship” by Susan Shelly in the *Reading Eagle* (July 16, 2016)
- 2016 “[‘Chrismukkah’: Interfaith Families Negotiate A Christmas-Hanukkah Combination](#)” Interview on All Things Considered
- 2015 “Albright professor working on a book to see how multifaith families observe December holidays” by Bruce Posten in the *Reading Eagle* (December 12, 2015)
- 2010 “[How Mormon Is the Twilight Saga?](#)” Interview on Interfaith Voices

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French (reading and writing), Spanish (reading), German (reading)