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EMPLOYMENT

- 2017-present** Affiliate Faculty, Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 2016-present** Professor and Holstein Family and Community Chair of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
- 2010-2013** Chair, Religion Department, Whitman College
- 2009-2016** Associate Professor of Religion and Gender Studies and Garrett Fellow, Whitman College
- 2006-2013** Director of Gender Studies, Whitman College
- 2005-2009** Assistant Professor of Religion and Gender Studies, Whitman College
- 2004-2005** Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Whitman College
- 2003-2004** Johnston Visiting Professor of Religion, Whitman College
- 2002-2003** Faculty, U.C. Santa Barbara Fulbright Summer Institute on American Religion
- 2002-2003** Lecturer in Religious Studies, Women's Studies, Sociology, and Black Studies, U.C. Santa Barbara
- 2000-2002** Faculty Fellow, Department of Religious Studies, University of California Santa Barbara

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2000** University of California Santa Barbara, Religious Studies
- M.A. 1996** Claremont Graduate School, Women's Studies in Religion
- B.S. 1993** Stanford University, Biological Sciences

PUBLICATIONS—BOOKS

- Religion, The Body, and Sexuality*. Co-authored with Nina Hoel and Liz Wilson. New York: Routledge, expected 2020 (under contract).
- Queer Religiosities: An Introduction to Queer Studies in Religion*. Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, expected 2019 (under contract).
- Queer Nuns: Religion, Activism, and Serious Parody*. Sexual Cultures Series. New York: New York University Press, 2018.
- Religion in Today's World: Global Issues, Sociological Perspectives*. New York: Routledge, 2013.
- Queer Women and Religious Individualism*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009.
Winner of 2010 Book Award, ASA Sociology of Religion Section.
- Coming Out in Christianity: Religion, Identity, and Community*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003.
- Sexuality and the World's Religions*, ed. with David W. Machacek. Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2003.

PUBLICATIONS—FILM AND PERFORMANCE

- “Anonymous/Invisible.” Performance piece on intimate partner violence. Premiered February 2014 at Whitman College. Also performed under the direction of Professor Jessica Cerullo, October 9, 2014, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA.
- Each of Us* (Directed). DVD, 54 min., 2006. Documentary on religion in the lives of lesbians, bisexual women, and transgender people in Los Angeles.

PUBLICATIONS—JOURNAL ISSUES

- Terrorist Assemblages *Meets the Study of Religion: Rethinking Queer Studies*. Special issue of *Culture and Religion*, edited and wrote introduction. Vol. 15, no. 2 (2014).
- Queer Perspectives on New Religious Movements*. Special issue of *Nova Religio*, ed. with David W. Machacek. Vol. 11, no. 4 (2008).
- Queer Cultures and Religion*. Special issue of *Culture and Religion*, ed. with Elizabeth Currans. Vol. 5, no. 2 (2004).

PUBLICATIONS—ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, AND REVIEWS

Refereed Articles

- “Religion is Already Transed; Religious Studies is not (Yet) Listening,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 34, no. 1 (2018), 84-88.
- “Is This All There is to Talk About?” *The Immanent Frame*, 3 November 2017. Available online: <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/11/03/is-this-all-there-is-to-talk-about/>.
- “Methodological Promiscuity and Undisciplined Intellectual Orgies,” *Scholar & Feminist Online* 14, no. 2 (2017). Available online: <http://sfonline.barnard.edu/queer-religion/>.
- “The Separation of Church and Sex: Conservative Catholics and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” *e-misférica* 13, no. 1 (2017). Available online: <https://hemisphericinstitute.net/es/emisferica/emisferica-131/4525-the-separation-of-church-and-sex-conservative-catholics-and-the-sisters-of-perpetual-indulgence-es.html>.
- “*Religio*: The Ties that Bind.” Roundtable essay, *Critical Research on Religion* 4, no. 3 (2016), 286-91.
- “Sexuality, Gender, and Religious Attendance.” *Fieldwork in Religion* 7, no. 2 (2013).
- “‘Spiritual Sluts’: Uncovering Gender, Ethnicity, and Sexuality in the Postsecular.” *Women’s Studies* 41, no. 6 (2012).
- “Bodily Transgressions: Ritual and Agency in Self-Injury.” *Scholar & Feminist Online* 9, no. 3 (2011).
- “Introduction: Queering the Study of New Religious Movements.” Co-authored with David W. Machacek. *Nova Religio* Vol. 11, no. 4 (2008).
- “Outlaws or In-Laws? Queer Theory, LGBT Studies, and Religious Studies.” *Journal of Homosexuality* 52, nos. 1/2 (2006).
- “When Sheila’s a Lesbian: Religious Individualism among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Christians.” *Sociology of Religion* 63, no. 4 (2002).
- “Murderers and Martyrs: Violence, Discourse, and the (Re)construction of Meaning.” *Culture and Religion* 2, no. 2 (2001).
- “Of Markets and Missions: The Early History of the Metropolitan Community Church.” *Religion and American Culture* 11, no. 1 (2001).

Invited Book Chapters

- “Devotional Objects from the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” In *Queer Objects: An International Edited Collection on LGBT Material Culture*, ed. Chris Brickell and Judith Collard. Dunedin, NZ: University of Otago Press; Manchester, England: Manchester University Press; New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press (simultaneous international release), in press.
- “LGBT Christians.” In *The Bloomsbury Companion to Studying Christians*, ed. Stephen E. Gregg and George D. Chryssides. New York: Bloomsbury, in press.
- “Consuming Spirituality: SBNR and Neoliberal Logic in Queer Communities.” In *Being Spiritual but not Religious: Past, Present, Future(s)*, ed. William B. Parsons, 128-45. New York: Routledge, 2018.
- “Contestations, Reinscriptions: Negotiating the Worlds of Sexuality and Religion in the U.S.” In *The Ashgate Research Companion to Sexuality and Religion*, ed. Stephen J. Hunt and Andrew K. T. Yip. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2012.
- “Researching LGBTQ Populations and Religion: Ethics, Recruitment, and Research Design.” In *Researching Homosexualities*, ed. Constantinos N. Phellas. Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate, 2012.
- “Spirituality, Activism, and the ‘Postsecular’ in the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” In *Religion, Gender, and Sexuality in Everyday Life*, ed. Andrew K. T. Yip and Peter Nynäs. Aldershot: Ashgate, 2012.
- “Queer Theory and the Study of Religion.” In *Queer Religion*, ed. Donald Boisvert and Jay Emerson Johnson. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2011.
- “Gender Roles, Sexuality, and Children in Millennial Movements.” In *The Oxford Handbook on Millennialism*, ed. Catherine Wessinger. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- “Queering the Mainstream, Mainstreaming the Queer: LGBT People and Religion in the U.S.” In *American Faith: Changes, Challenges, and a New Spirituality*, ed. Charles H. Lippy. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2006.
- “Same-Sex Eroticism and Gender Fluidity in New and Alternative Religions.” In *New and Alternative Religions in the United States*, ed. Eugene V. Gallagher and W. Michael Ashcraft. Westport, CT: Praeger/Greenwood, 2006.
- “Discourse Bless America: Rebuilding the National Mythos after September 11.” In *Religion, Politics, and the American Experience: New Perspectives, New Directions*, ed. David S. Gutterman and Andrew R. Murphy, 25-48. Lanham, Md.: Lexington, 2006.
- “A Religion of One’s Own: Gender and LGBT Religiosities.” In *Gay Religion: Innovation and Continuity in Spiritual Practice*, ed. Scott Thumma and Edward R. Gray. Walnut Creek, Calif.: Alta Mira, 2004.
- “Dancing on the Fence: Researching Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Christians.” In *Personal Knowledge and Beyond: Reshaping the Ethnography of Religion*, ed. James V. Spickard, J. Shawn Landres, and Meredith B. McGuire. New York: NYU Press, 2001.

Reference Articles

- “Homosexuality and Religion.” In *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality*, ed. Mark LaFlaur. Malden, Mass.: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.
- “Sexuality, Religion and.” In *The Encyclopedia of Sociology*, ed. George Ritzer and J. Michael Ryan. London: Blackwell, 2009.
- “Women’s Roles in New Religions.” In *The Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender*, ed. Fedwa Malti-Douglas. New York: Macmillan, 2007.
- “Religion and Sexuality.” In *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, ed. George Ritzer. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007.

- “Catholics and Catholicism”; “LGBTQ Churches, Temples, and Religious Groups”; “Perry, Troy.” In *Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America*. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2003.
- “Gay and Lesbian Congregations.” In *Reader’s Guide to Lesbian and Gay Studies*, ed. Timothy Murphy. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2000.
- “Metropolitan Community Church.” In *Contemporary American Religion*, ed. Wade Clark Roof. New York: Macmillan, 1999.

Conference Proceedings, Blog Entries, and Public Intellectual Work

- “Queer Nuns: Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are ‘Serious Parody,’ Forcing Us to Redefine Nuns.” *Religion Dispatches*, 3 May 2018. Available online: <http://religiondispatches.org/queer-nuns-sisters-of-perpetual-indulgence-are-serious-parody-forcing-us-to-redefine-nuns/>.
- “Story-Telling and Story-Hearing.” OUTing the Past Festival blog entry, 16 March 2018. Available online: <http://www.outingthepast.org.uk/academic/otp2018-conference-spotlight-melissa-wilcox/>.
- Interview with Greg Soden, *Classical Ideas Podcast*, 23 January 2018. Available online: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_n1X4W2oV_g.
- “Is This All There is to Talk About?” *The Immanent Frame*, 3 November 2017. Available online: <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/11/03/is-this-all-there-is-to-talk-about/>.
- “Biopolitics, Necropolitics, and Disavowed State Religion,” Proceedings: Fifth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, (Indianapolis: Center for the study of Religion and American Culture, 2017), 30-32. Available online: <https://raac.iupui.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Proceedings2017.pdf>.
- “The Sisters from An(other) Academic’s Perspective,” *RFD*, 2017.
- “Having Our Own Backs.” *Religious Studies News*, 30 March 2016. Available online: <http://rsn.aarweb.org/guide-guild/having-our-own-backs>.
- “What Are You Going to Do with *That*?” *Religious Studies News*, 20 October 2015. Available online: <http://rsn.aarweb.org/articles/what-are-you-going-do-with-that>.
- “Silence = Death: Coming Out of the Queer IPV Closet.” *Huffington Post*, October 6, 2014. Available online: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/melissa-m-wilcox/silence-death-coming-out-_b_5921532.html.
- “LGBTTSQQIAA: Figuring Out the ‘Alphabet Soup’ of Sexual and Gender Identity Terms.” *Contexts*, 2014.
- “Parodic Politics.” *The Immanent Frame*, 2010. Available online: <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/08/06/parodic-politics/>.
- “‘Really Different’: Freaks and Queers in the Study of Religion.” *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* 39, no. 4 (2010).
- “Negotiating Social Power in the Classroom.” *CSSR Bulletin* 32, no. 4 (2003).

Book Reviews

- “Blackpentecostal Breath: The Aesthetics of Possibility.” Book review, *Reading Religion*, 2017. Review essay on sexuality studies in religion (Moslener, *Virgin Nation*; Petro, *After the Wrath of God*; Vasey-Saunders, *The Scandal of Evangelicals and Homosexuality*; White, *Reforming*

- Sodom*), *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 32, no. 2 (2017), 325-30.
- “Globalized Religion and Sexual Identity: Contexts, Contestations, Voices.” Book review, *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (2016).
- “Spaces Between Us: Queer Settler Colonialism and Indigenous Decolonization.” Book review, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* vol. 23, no. 2 (2014).
- “Religious and Sexual Identities: A Multi-faith Exploration of Young Adults.” Book review, *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (2014).
- “Queer Inclusion in the United Methodist Church.” Book review, *Contemporary Sociology* (2006).
- “Queering Creole Spiritual Traditions.” Book review, *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (2005).
- “Queer Theory and the Jewish Question” and “The Queer God.” Book reviews, *Nova Religio* 8, no. 3 (2005).
- “Expressions of Ethnography: Novel Approaches to Qualitative Methods.” Book review, *Contemporary Sociology* 33, no. 5 (2004).
- “Weathering Change: Gays and Lesbians, Christian Conservatives, and Everyday Hostilities.” Book review, *Sociology of Religion* 65, no. 4 (2004).
- “The Silence of Sodom: Homosexuality in Modern Catholicism.” Book review, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70, no. 4 (2002).
- “Que(e)rying Religion: A Critical Anthology.” Book review, *Sociology of Religion* 63, no. 1 (2002).

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2019** Invited participant, “Social Dimensions of Spirituality” conference, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, April 2019
Invited speaker, Religion and Sexuality speakers’ series, Fordham University, April 2019
- 2018** Keynote speaker, “Sovereignty and Strangeness” conference, Northwestern University, October 2018
Invited participant, American Religions Speakers’ Series, Columbia University, May 2018
Keynote speaker, “(Re)Sister Week,” Purdue University, April 2018
Invited participant, “Taking Exception: Queering American Religion II” conference, Indiana University Bloomington, April 2018
Invited speaker, Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice (INCISE), Canterbury Christ Church University, UK, March 2018
- 2017** Rufus Monroe and Sofie Hoegaard Paine Lecture, Department of Religious Studies, University of Missouri, November 2017
Invited participant, Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, June 2017
Invited participant, “Taking Exception: Queering American Religion” conference, Indiana University Bloomington, March-April 2017
With Sherine Hafez, Tamara Ho, and Andrea Smith: Center for Ideas and Society grant for developing a UCR research group on queer and transgender studies in religion
- 2016** Keynote address, “Beyond the Culture Wars: LGBTIQ History Now” conference, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, December 2016
Aasta Hansteen Lecture on Gender and Religion, University of Oslo, Norway, August 2016
Invited participant, “Being Spiritual but not Religious: Past, Present, Future(s)” conference, Rice University, TX, March 2016
Invited participant, “Embodied Religion: Social Structures and Religious Experience” conference, Princeton University, March 2016
- 2015** Georgia Harkness lecturer, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, Berkeley, CA, October 2015
- 2013** Invited participant, “At the Intersections of Queer Studies in Religion” conference, Barnard College, November 2013
Louis B. Perry Summer Research Award (for student-faculty teams), Whitman College
Invited participant, Eighth *Encuentro* of the Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics, São Paulo, Brazil. Cancelled attendance due to unexpected illness.
- 2012** Abshire Research Award (for student-faculty teams), Whitman College
Louis B. Perry Summer Research Award
- 2011** Abshire Research Award, Whitman College
Louis B. Perry Summer Research Award
Invited participant, “The Politics of Living Religion/Spirituality and Gender/Sexuality in Everyday Context” conference, London, England.
- 2010** Invited participant, SSRC workshop on “The Politics of Spirituality”
Keynote address, Uncovering Gender conference, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

- Appointed Paul Garrett Fellow, Whitman College
 American Sociological Association Book Award, Sociology of Religion Section
 Louis B. Perry Summer Research Award
 Earl Lecturer, Pacific School of Religion
- 2008** Arcus Foundation grant for LGBTIQ reception at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting
 Whitman College mini-grant, "Student and Program Assessment in an Interdisciplinary Context"
 Honorable Mention, "20 Powerful Lesbian Academics," *Curve* 18, Vol. 2 (2008)
- 2007** Louis B. Perry Summer Research Award, Whitman College
- 2006** Adam Dublin Award for multicultural studies (For faculty-student teams), Whitman College
- 2004** Abshire Research Award, Whitman College
- 2001** Faculty Research Grant, UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center (Queer Visions Conference)
 Individual Research Assistance Grant, American Academy of Religion
 Faculty General Research Grant, UCSB Academic Senate
 Faculty Research Grant, UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center (LAWS Project)
 Fichter Research Grant, Association for the Sociology of Religion
 UCSB Residential Education Outstanding Faculty
- 2001** Finalist, Lancaster Dissertation Award 1999-2001
- 2000** Professor Robert S. Michaelsen Award in American Religions
- 1999** Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, Graduate Division, UCSB
- 1998** Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, Graduate Division, UCSB
- 1996-2000** Regents' Special Fellowship, University of California Santa Barbara
- 1996-1997** Junior Research Fellow, UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND LECTURES

- "*Queer Nuns: Serious Parody as Performative Activism.*" Invited book talk, Center for Ideas and Society, UC Riverside, May 2018.
- "*Queer Nuns.*" Invited book talk, American Religions Group, Columbia University, May 2018.
- "Serious Parody, Past and Present: An Introduction to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence." Keynote address, (Re)Sister Week, Purdue University, April 2018.
- "Ethnographic Orthodoxies: Queer Feminist Research Ethics in a Neoliberal Age." Invited talk, Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice (INCISE), Canterbury Christ Church University, March 2018.
- "The Nuns Are Coming!: The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence and Queer Activism in Australia and England, 1981-1995." Presented at OUTing the Past 2018, Liverpool John Moores University, March 2018.
- "Sinning Some More: What Counts as Religion, Who Gets to Say, and Why?" Presented at Pomona College, March 2018.
- "Queer Nuns: Serious Parody and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence." Rufus Monroe and Sofie Hoegaard Paine Lecture, Department of Religious Studies, University of Missouri, November 2017.

- “To Russia with Love: Religion, Global Capitalism, and Gay Solidarity.” Presented at “Thank G@d We’re Not Like Them! Global Dimensions of Religious Othering,” an Orfalea Center Global Religion Hub Workshop, University of California Santa Barbara, October 2017.
- “Erotic Solidarity: Queer Religious and Political Commentary in the 2016 Orthodox Calendar.” Presented at Queering Paradigms VIII: Fucking Solidarity, Vienna, Austria, September 2017.
- “Biopolitics, Necropolitics, and Disavowed State Religion.” Presented at the Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, June 2017.
- “Serious Parody: Queer Activism and Religion.” Guest lecture, University of San Francisco, February 2017.
- “Apocrypha and Sacred Stories: Queer Worldmaking, Historical ‘Truth,’ and the Ethics of Research in Living Communities.” Keynote address, “Beyond the Culture Wars: LGBTIQ History Now” conference, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, December 2016.
- “Surviving the Trumppocalypse: Notes on Home, Coalition, Choruses, and Justice(s).” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- “Sacred Clowns and Settler Colonials: Colonial Discourse and Queer Resistance in the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” Presented at the annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, Montreal, QC, November 2016.
- “Em-bodying Nuns: Queer Embodiment and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” Aasta Hansteen Lecture on Gender and Religion, University of Oslo, August 2016.
- “Consuming Spirituality: SBNR and Neoliberal Logic.” Presented at the “Being Spiritual but not Religious: Past, Present, Future(s)” conference, Rice University, TX, March 2016.
- “We ARE Nuns, Silly!”: Queer Nuns’ Claims to Authenticity.” Presented at the “Embodied Religion: Social Structures and Religious Experience” Workshop, Princeton University, NJ, March 2016.
- “A Sacred, Powerful Woman Housed in a Man’s Body’: Complexities of Gender and Religion in the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” Georgia Harkness lecture, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, Berkeley, CA, October 2015.
- “Sincerest Form of Flattery? Serious Parody and Twenty-First Century Queer Nuns.” Presented at the conference “Queering Paradigms 6,” Canterbury, England, July 2015.
- “Beneath the Whiteface: Postcolonial and Critical Race Perspectives on the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- “Methodological Promiscuity and Undisciplined Intellectual Orgies.” Presented at the conference “At the Intersections of Queer Studies and Religion,” Barnard Center for Research on Women, November 20-21, 2013.
- “Outside and Inside the Mainstream: Race and the Politics of Inclusion in the SPI,” co-authored with Luís Alba-Sánchez (Whitman ’14). Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY, August 2013.
- “Opiate or Elixir? Religion in Queer Communities.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2013.
- “Serious Parody: Genderfuck, ‘Religionfuck,’ and the Politics of Spirituality in the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” Presented at “Radically Gay: The Life and Visionary Legacy of Harry Hay,” Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, City University of New York, September 27-29, 2012.

- “Religious Parody and Social Change: The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence,” co-authored with Caroline Carr (Whitman ’13). Presented at the annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, Co., August 2012.
- “Activism and the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence: Performance, Parody, Religion, and Resistance.” Presented at the “Queer Places, Practices, and Lives” conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 18-19, 2012.
- “None Nuns: Spirituality and Politics in the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.” Presented at the Social Science Research Council workshop, “Spirituality and Politics,” New York, NY, October 2010.
- “Uncovering Gender and Sexuality in Postmodern Religion.” Keynote address, “Religious Pluralism: Uncovering Gender” conference. University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland, September 2010.
- “Serious Parody: The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence as Postmodern Religion,” co-authored with Liam Mina (Whitman ’11). Presented at the annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, Ga., August 2010.
- “‘A Spiritual Being Having a Human Experience’: Gender, Sexuality, and Religious Individualism.” Earl Lecture, January 2010, Pacific School of Religion
- “Freaks and Queers in the Study of Religion.” Presented at the annual meeting, American Academy of Religion, Teaching Religion Section and Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation, Montréal, QC, 2009.
- “Bodily Transgressions: Reading Self-Injury through Ritual and Feminist Theory.” Presented at the annual meeting, American Academy of Religion, Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group, Chicago, Ill, 2008.
- “Generations.” Panel presentation, Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, Calif., 2007.
- “Religion and Same-Sex Marriage in Canada and the U.S.,” co-authored with Erin Flaucher (Whitman ’07). Presented at the annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, N.Y., August 2007.
- “Religion: Opiate of the Queers?” Panel presentation, annual meeting, Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, Calif., 2007.
- “‘A Spiritual Being Having a Human Experience’: Spirituality, Identity, and Practice among Queer Women.” Presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Ore., October 2006.
- “Identity Factors in Contemporary Religious Patterns: A Theoretical Consideration.” Presented at the annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, Penn., August 2005.
- “Queer Diversities: Implications for Activists, Religious Organizations, and Public Policy.” Presented at the annual meeting, Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C., March 2005.
- “Assessing and Developing LGBT Studies and Queer Theory in Religion.” Presented at the annual meeting, WECSOR/AAR-Western Region, Tempe, Ariz., March 2005.
- “Subject, Abject, Sacred, Profane: Kristeva and Otto as Tools for Theorizing Religion and Social Power.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion, Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection group, San Antonio, Tex., November 2004.
- “Gender and the Religion Gap: Queering the Patterns of Religious Affiliation.” Presented at the CLGS Lecture Series, Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Cal., October 2004.

- “Queer Seekers: Religion and Identity Negotiation in Los Angeles.” Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, Cal., August 2004.
- “Teaching Toward Justice: Dilemmas of Pedagogical Activism.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion, Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion section, Toronto, Ont., November 2002.
- “Core Issues in the Ethnography of Religion.” Panel presentation, annual meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2002.
- “Discourse Bless America: Rebuilding the National Mythos after September 11.” Presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2002.
- “Where Have All the Women Gone? Gender and Lived Religion in Queer L.A.” Presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2002.
- “From Social Margin to Center Stage: Individualism, Queer Congregations, and the ‘Homosexuality’ Debates.” Presented at the annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Anaheim, Calif., August 2001.
- “Rights of Passage: Celebrating Queer Women’s Lives.” Keynote talk, tenth anniversary celebration of the Women’s Studies in Religion program, Claremont Graduate University, April 2001.
- “When Sheila’s a Lesbian: Religious Individualism among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Christians.” Presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, Tex., October 2000.
- “Voicing the Silence: The AIDS Quilt, the Shower of Stoles, and Freedom of Symbolic Speech.” Presented at the annual meeting, American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Tenn., November 2000.
- “Saint Matthew: Remaking the World after the Death of a Gay Man.” Presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, Mass., Nov. 1999.
- “The Making of a Martyr: Religious Responses to the Death of Matthew Shepard.” Presented at the Western Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, Calif., March 1999.
- “‘Come to the Water’: Christianity and Sexual Identity in the Metropolitan Community Church.” Presented at the annual meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Montreal, Quebec, November 1998.
- “Uppity Religion: Z. Budapest and Dianic Witchcraft.” Presented at the Western Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., March 1997.

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Administration, Committees, Consultations, and Juries

Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2018-present

Editorial board member, Religion and the Social Order book series, Brill Academic Publishers, 2017-present

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies, UCR, 2017-present

Member, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, American Academy of Religion, 2017-2020

Member, Professional Conduct Task Force, American Academy of Religion, 2017-2018

UCPath Faculty Liaison, University of California, Riverside, 2017-2018

Chair, Gender and Sexuality Studies Breadth Requirement Ad Hoc Committee, University of California, Riverside, 2017

External advisory board member, INCISE (Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice), Canterbury Christ Church University, 2016-present

Editorial board member, *Religion and Gender*, 2016-2018

Member, Committee on Planning and Budget, University of California, Riverside, 2016-2017

Nominations committee member, Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association, 2016

Steering committee member, Stanford Pride Oral History Project, 2015

Editorial board member, *Contexts*, 2014-2017

Editorial board member, *Nova Religio*, 2014-2017

Editorial board member, *Qualitative Sociology*, 2014-2017

Professional mentor, AAR mentoring program for under-represented scholars, 2013-present

Co-chair, AAR Sociology of Religion Group, 2013

Working Group on Retaining Faculty at Whitman, Whitman College, 2012-2013

Councilmember, ASA Sociology of Religion Section, 2011-2014

Jury member, ASA Sociology of Religion Section book award, 2011-2012

Steering Committee member, AAR Sociology of Religion Consultation, 2011-2012

Chair, Religion Department, Whitman College, 2010-2013

Whitman Center for Teaching and Learning Committee, 2008-2011

Executive Council member, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2008-2010

Planning committee, "LGBT Religious Scholarship and Social Change: Mapping the Landscape and Setting the Agenda," Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, 2008-2009

Founding Chair, AAR Committee on the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession, 2007-2013

Whitman College Council on Student Affairs, 2007-2010

Organizer, Whitman College writing network program, 2007-2010

SSSR Student Travel Grant Committee, 2007-2009

Whitman College President's Advisory Council on Diversity, 2007-2008

Director of Gender Studies, Whitman College, 2006-2013

Organizer, Whitman College Feminist Teaching Network, 2006-2010

Editorial board member, *Sociology of Religion*, 2006-2008

Member, Whitman College Action against Hate Committee, 2006-2007

Jury member, LGBT Religious History paper award, 2005-2013

Founding Chair, AAR Consultation on Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion, 2005-2010

Invited participant, Consultation on Religion and Sexuality, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2005

Founding Chair, Whitman College Action against Hate Committee, 2004-2006

Nord Award committee (for student work in LGBT studies), Whitman College: 2004-2005

Committee member, Student Initiated Outreach Program, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2002-2003

Participant, Graduate Advisors' Consultation, Wabash Center, 2002

Invited participant, Lived Religion workshop, Boisi Center, Boston College, 2002

Organizer and grant writer, "Queer Visions in the Americas: A Conference on LGBT/Q Studies in Religion." U.C. Santa Barbara, 2002

Advisory Committee member, LGBT Religious Archives Network (LGBT-RAN), 2001-2012

Founder and faculty organizer, Women, Gender, and Religion focus group, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2001

Search Committee member for director of Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, U.C.
Santa Barbara, 2001

Peer Reviewer/Referee

American Journal of Sociology

American Sociological Review

Contexts (Current editorial board member)

Current Sociology

Feminist Formations

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion

Journal of Adolescent Research

Journal of Contemporary Religion

Journal of Homosexuality

Journal of Lesbian Studies

Journal of the American Academy of Religion (Associate Editor starting in 2018)

Journal of the History of Sexuality

National Science Foundation

Nova Religio (Current editorial board member)

NWSA Journal

Qualitative Sociology (Current editorial board member)

Religion

Religion and Gender (Current editorial board member)

Review of Religious Research

Sexualities

Sexuality Research and Social Policy

Signs

Social Compass

Social Problems

Sociology of Religion (Former editorial board member)

Sociological Spectrum

Symbolic Interaction

The Sociological Quarterly

Transgender Studies Quarterly

Ashgate

Bloomsbury

New York University Press

Oxford University Press

Penn State University Press

Prentice Hall

Routledge

Rutgers University Press

Wadsworth

Tenure and promotion cases

2015: 1 case

2017: 2 cases

2018: 2 cases

Public Lectures, Interviews, and Campus Events

- Interview with Matt McDonel, JOY Radio (Australia), May 2018
- Interview with Robert Hopwood, *The Desert Sun*, March 2018
- Interview with Greg Soden, *Classical Ideas* (podcast), December 2017
- Guest lecturer and roundtable participant on the intersections of sexuality, gender, and religion, Saint Mary's College of California, March 2016
- Moderator, "Difficult Dialogues: Masculinities at Whitman," Whitman College, December 2014
- Interview on religion in LGBTQ communities with Bailey Bryant, University of Illinois, October 2014
- Playwright and panelist, "Anonymous/Invisible," Whitman College, October 2014
- Interview on LGBTQ religious history with Jaweed Kaleem, Senior religion reporter, *The Huffington Post*, 26 June 2014
- "Advocating for LGBTQ Survivors of Domestic Violence." Co-presented with Nicole Pitsavas, Psy.D. to Domestic Violence Services of Benton and Franklin Counties, Kennewick, Wash., February 2014
- Panelist, "Feminism and Race," Whitman College, 2013
- Panelist, "Religion and Sexuality," Whitman College, 2013
- Moderator, "FeMENism: Men in feminism," Whitman College, 2011, 2012
- Interview with Iris Deroeux, freelance writer for French publications, 8 Feb. 2011
- Interview on the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, @Issue, iChannel, Toronto, Canada, 2011
- Consultant for panel on gender experiences, hosted by Feminists Advocating Change and Education and Men at Whitman, 2010
- "The Sacred (and the) Self: Queer Women and Identity Negotiation." Guest lecture, Central Washington University, May 1, 2008
- Interview on LGBT Christians with Jeff Brumley, *Florida Times-Union*, 2008
- Interview on transsexuality and evangelical Christianity with Kelli Kennedy, Associated Press, 2007
- Interview on transgender issues in Christianity with Daniel Burke, Religion News Service, 2007
- Interview on MCC church defections, with Jim Haug, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, 2007
- Interview on evangelicals and homosexuality with Eric Gorski, *Denver Post*, 2006
- Invited speaker, Academic Recognition Banquet, Whitman College, 2005
- Visiting educator, Pacific Lutheran University, 2005
- "Connecting Whitman" public forum: "Religion in the November Elections," 2004
- Public forum (sponsored by Feminists Advocating Change and Empowerment): "The Brandon Teena Story," 2004
- Public lecture: "Sexual Orientation, Christianity, and Identity Negotiation." Presented at Shalom United Church of Christ, Richland, Wa., 2004
- Guest lecture: "Religion and the Sociology of Gender," Walla Walla College, 2004
- Interview with Peter Monaghan for the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* "Verbatim" column (published 5/21/04)
- Public lecture: "Drag Nuns, Gender-Crossing Gods: Gender Diversity in Religious Studies." Presented through Lyman Hall lecture series, Whitman College, 2004
- Public lecture: "LGBT Issues in Christianity." Presented at First Congregational Church, Walla Walla, Wa., 2004
- Interview on religion and same-sex marriage, KEPR (Tri-Cities, Wa.; aired 3/15/04)
- Interview on gay and lesbian ordination, *Chicago Sun-Times*, 2003

Public lecture: “Queer Religiosities.” Presented through the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2003

Workshop leader: “Power and Privilege in the Classroom.” Presented as part of the Feminist Pedagogy Series, Women’s Studies Program, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2003

Panel participant: “Reconciling Religion and Sexual Orientation.” Presented through the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2002

Public workshop: “Queering the Bible.” Presented through the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2001

Public lecture: “Sociological Perspectives on Sexual Orientation and Religion.” Presented through the Queer Resource Center, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2000

Public lecture with Nancy Ramsey Tosh: “Mothers and Goddesses: Women in Search of the Feminine Divine.” Presented through the UCSB Affiliates, 2000

Continuing Education and Skill Development

Participant, Global Studies Seminar, Whitman College, September-December 2014

Participant, Evaluator Workshop, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, 2012

Participant, Cross-Disciplinary Learning and Teaching Initiative workshop on masculinity studies, Whitman College, January-May 2011

Participant, two workshops on faculty mentoring, Whitman College, 2009

Participant, workshop on advising the senior thesis, Whitman College, 2009

Certified Sexual Misconduct First Responder, Whitman College, 2008

Participant, Evaluator Workshop, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, 2008

Participant, “Gender, Sexuality, and the Return of Religion” conference, Syracuse University, 2007

Participant, Conference on Innovations in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at the Liberal Arts Colleges, St. Olaf and Carleton Colleges, 2007

Certified “Train the Trainer” (Hate crime/hate incident prevention and education), Stop the Hate, 2004

Distance education: Taught a videoconferencing section of “Religion, Oppression, and Resistance” through U.C. Santa Barbara’s Ventura Center, 2003

Service at Conferences

Panelist, “Locating the Spiritual but not Religious,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, 2018

Respondent, “Skin in the Game: Ethnographies of Religious Embodiment,” Anthropology of Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, 2018

External reviewer, Gay Men and Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015

Paper session co-chair, “Sexualities and Religion,” Religion Section, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2015 (wrote the call for papers, reviewed proposals, and designed the paper session)

External reviewer, Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2014

Paper session convener, Religion Section, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2014

Roundtable session convener, American Sociological Association Sexualities Section, San Francisco, CA, August 2014

Author Meets Critics panelist for Bender, Cadge, Levitt, and Smilde, *Religion on the Edge: De-Centering and Re-Centering the Sociology of Religion*, at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 2013

Author Meets Critics panelist for Bernadette Barton's *Pray Away the Gay: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays*, at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY, August 2013

Roundtable session designer and convener, American Sociological Association Religion Section, New York, NY, August 2013

Respondent for session on "Queering Women's Religious History: Desire, Identity, and Religious Practice." American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 2012

Panelist, Sex, Gender, Sexuality, and Religion cluster. Theme: "Naming Our History, Rebuilding Our Alliances, Mapping Our Future." American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 2012

Panelist, Special Topics Forum, "Beyond Identity Politics." American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago, IL, 2012

Session convener, Insurgent Scholarship workshop and "Author Meets Critics: Jasbir Puar's Terrorist Assemblages," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2011

Session convener, "Queer Careers," American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Montréal, QC, 2009

Session convener, "Gender Politics," Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia, Penn., 2005

Roundtable session convener, "Interactions of Religion and Sexuality: Theories and Methods," American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, Penn., 2005

Session convener, Cultural Turn-III Conference, U.C. Santa Barbara, 2001

Campus Service (Non-committee)

Pre-major advising, 2005-2016

Major advising: Gender Studies and Religious Studies, 2004-2016

Thesis advising: Gender Studies, Religious Studies, and Race and Ethnic Studies, 2004-2016

"Masculinities at Whitman," discussion facilitated as part of the Residence Life "Cookies and Controversy" series, November 2014

Faculty advisor, Active Minds student club, 2013

Faculty Marshal, 2009-2013

"Simone de Beauvoir," presentation to Whitman Encounters faculty, 2012

"Voices of Whitman" peer discussion leader training, 2009-2012

Faculty mentor, Whitman College, 2009-2012

"Reading Luke and Romans as Complicit Texts," presentation to Whitman Core faculty, 2007

Organized Labor Day teach-in at Whitman College, 2005

Faculty advisor, Whitman College Coalition Against Homophobia, 2004-2006

Mentor, Whitman College Intercultural Center, 2003-2005

Mentor, U.C. Santa Barbara LGBT mentoring program, 2002-2003

Informal advising and mentoring, undergraduate and graduate, 2000-present

Panel participant on name change for U.C. Santa Barbara's Queer Resource Center, 2000

Graduate Students Advised – Dissertation Committee Chair

Kathryn Phillips, C.Phil. 2018, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside

Danielle Dempsey, C.Phil. 2017, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside

Jessica Rehman, C.Phil. 2015, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside
Corinne Knight, Ph.D. 2017, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside

Graduate Students Advised – Dissertation Committee Member

Joshua Earls, C.Phil. 2018, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside
Hassanah El-Yacoubi, C.Phil. 2018, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside
SJ Crasnow, Ph.D. 2017, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside
“From the Gay Synagogue to the Queer Shtetl: Normativity, Innovation, and Utopian Imagining
in the Lived Religion of Queer and Transgender Jews”
Géraldine Morel, Ph.D. 2012, Institut d’Ethnologie, Université de Neuchâtel
“Être Abakuá à la Havane: Pouvoir en Jeu, Enjeux de Pouvoir et Mise en Scène de Soi”

Graduate Students Advised – Qualifying Exam Committee Chair

Danielle Dempsey, C.Phil. 2017, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside
Ph.D. qualifying exam committee chair

Graduate Students Advised – Qualifying Exam Committee Member

Elizabeth Miller, C.Phil. expected 2019, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside –
Administering theory and methods exam
Joshua Earls, C.Phil. 2018, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside – Reader
Hassanah El-Yacoubi, C.Phil. 2018, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside –
Administered minor field exam in American Religions
Kathryn Phillips, C.Phil. 2018, Department of Religious Studies, U.C. Riverside – Reader

COURSES TAUGHT: University of California, Riverside

Religion, Society, and Culture
Queer Religiosities
Religion and Violence
Religion and Science
Religions in Contact (graduate seminar)
Topics in Queer and Transgender Studies in Religion (graduate seminar)
Independent Study (graduate): Queer and Transgender Studies in Islam

COURSES TAUGHT: Whitman College

Antiquity and Modernity
Critical Voices
Feminist and Liberation Theologies
Gender, Body, and Religion
Introduction to Gender Studies
Men and Masculinities
New Religious Movements
Queer Religiosities
Queer Studies
Religion, Oppression, and Resistance
Religion and Sexuality in Global Perspective
Religion and Society
Religious Intolerance in the Contemporary U.S.

Seminar in the Academic Study of Religion (Senior Seminar)
Senior Seminar in Gender Studies
Women and Religion in American History
Women in World Religions
Independent Study: Contemporary Feminist Theory and Application
Independent Study: Mass Media Coverage of Religion
Independent Study: Materialist Feminism
Independent Study: Queer Theory
Independent Study: Religion and Globalization
Independent Study: Religious Individualism in the Contemporary United States
Independent Study: Transgender Studies

COURSES TAUGHT: University of California, Santa Barbara

Ethnography, Religion, and Gender
Feminist Research and Practice
Gender, Body, and Religion
Introduction to the Study of Religion
Queer Religiosities
Religion, Oppression, and Resistance
Religious Tolerance and Intolerance in the Contemporary U.S.
Sociology of Sexual Politics
Women and Religion in America
Women, Politics, and Power
Women, Religion, and Spirituality
Women, Spirituality, and the Religious Community
Women's Studies: Issues in the Humanities

LANGUAGES

French: Speaking and reading competency
Spanish: Speaking and reading competency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
(Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession 2017-20; Founding chair, Queer Studies in Religion Group; Founding chair, Committee on the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession; Co-chair, Sociology of Religion Group, 2013)
American Sociological Association (Council member of Religion Section, 2011-2014; Nominations Committee of Religion Section, 2016)
Association for the Sociology of Religion (Editorial board member, *Sociology of Religion*, 2006-2008; Council member, 2008-2010)
International Association for the Study of Religion and Gender
National Women's Studies Association
Sexuality Studies Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Student travel grant committee member, 2007-2009)

CURRENT PROJECTS

I am currently writing a textbook on queer religiosities for Rowman & Littlefield, expected out in 2019, and a co-authored textbook on religion and human sexuality for Routledge, expected out in 2020. In addition, I am developing two nascent monograph projects: one on spirituality in leather cultures, tentatively entitled *Ecstasies*, and one on theoretical interventions at the intersections of religious studies with intersectional queer and transgender studies, tentatively entitled *Queering/Religioning*.