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### **EDUCATION**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Graduate Program in Religious Studies

Ph.D. Religion and Culture (2014)

Dissertation: "Good Fences: American Sexual Exceptionalism and Minority Religions"

Minor fields: Gender and Sexuality Studies; Literature; Cultural Studies

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**, Graduate Program in Religious Studies

M.A. Religion and Culture (2009)

Thesis: "Mythical Beasts: How Queer Bodies Expand the Religious Imaginary"

Minor fields: Gender and Sexuality Studies; Literature; Cultural Studies

**Drew University**, Caspersen School of Graduate Studies

M.A. Women's Studies (2004)

Thesis: "Eve and the 'Other' Woman: Gen. 3:16 and Gen. 4:1 in Anglo-American Fantastic Literature"

Minor fields: Religious Studies; Literature

**Boston University**, College of Communication

B.S. Print Journalism (2000)

Concentration fields: Literature; History

Writing-intensive program in modern British literature and history, Oxford University, 1999

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**Northeastern University**

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

WGSS Visiting Scholar, Fall 2017 – Spring 2018

**Syracuse University**

Department of Religion

Visiting Assistant Professor of Race, Religion, and Politics, Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

**Bates College**

Department of Religious Studies

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow for Innovative and Creative Pedagogy in the Humanities, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016

**Elon University**

Department of Religious Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014

## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT, continued**

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

Department of Religious Studies

Teaching Fellow, Fall 2010 – Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2006 – Fall 2009

Women's and Gender Studies Department

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2010; Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

History Department

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2010

### **North Carolina State University**

Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Lecturer, Spring 2010

### **Carolina Courses Online**

Department of Religious Studies

Teaching Fellow, Summer 2010; Summer 2011 – Fall 2011; Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

## **CONSULTING**

### **CENTRA Technology, Inc.**

Board of Experts – Analysis on Religion and Countering Violent Extremism, May – August 2017

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Syracuse University**

[Black and Blue: American Religion and the Regulation of Bodies of Color](#) (honors course)

[American Minority Religions: Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus](#)

[Election! Race, Religion, and Politics in the Contemporary United States](#) (honors course)

[What's God Got to Do with It? Introduction to the Study of Religion](#)

### **Bates College**

[They're Coming to Get You, Barbara: Religion and the Monstrous Feminine](#)

- Crosslisted in Women and Gender Studies

[Election! Religion and American Politics](#)

- Crosslisted in American Cultural Studies

[Religion and Monsters: What Scares Us and Why It Matters](#)

- Crosslisted in American Cultural Studies

[Religion and Sexuality](#)

- Crosslisted in Women and Gender Studies

[American Minority Religions, 1945 – Present: Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus](#)

- Crosslisted in American Cultural Studies and Women and Gender Studies

### **Elon University**

[Goddesses, Guns, and Gurus: American Minority Religions](#)

[Religions in a Global Context](#)

**COURSES TAUGHT, continued****University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**[Critical Theories of Religion, Sex/Gender, and Sexuality](#)[History of Global Christianities](#)

New Religious Movements in America (co-taught with Dr. Yaakov Ariel)

**North Carolina State University**

Religion in American History

**Carolina Courses Online**

Religion and Culture

Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion

History of Western Christianities

**COURSES ASSISTED****University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill***Religious Studies Department*

Introduction to Hebrew Bible, with Dr. Bennie H. Reynolds III (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)

Gnosticism, with Dr. Zlatko Plese (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)

Religion in America, with Dr. Yaakov Ariel (American Religions)

Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion, Dr. Randall Styers (Religion and Culture)

Archaeology of Ancient Palestine, with Dr. Jodi Magness (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)

Varieties of Early Christianity, with Dr. Zlatko Plese (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)

*Women's and Gender Studies Department*

Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, with Drs. Karen Booth and Silvia Tomášková (Gender Studies)

Introduction to Women's Studies, with Dr. Joanne Hershfield (Women's Studies)

*History Department*

History of American Sexuality, with Dr. John Sweet (Colonial American History)

**AWARDS AND COMPETITIVE POSITIONS**

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship for Creative and Innovative Pedagogy in the Humanities (2014-2016) \$130,000

Robert Miller Fund Travel Grant (November 2012)

University of North Carolina at Charlotte Faculty Colloquium Honorarium (February 2012)

Religion and Sexuality Seminar Research Honorarium (November 2011)

Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship (September 2011) \$5250

Human Rights Campaign Dissertation Scholarship (June 2011) \$15,000

Human Rights Campaign Summer Institute, endowed by the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Program  
 Directed by Drs. Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, and Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary  
 Vanderbilt University (July – August 2011)

UNC-CH Future Faculty Fellowship Honorarium (March 2010)

UNC-CH Sexuality Studies Summer Research Fellowship (March 2010) \$1000

**AWARDS AND COMPETITIVE POSITIONS, continued**

Robert Miller Fund Travel Grant (November 2009)

Religion and Sexuality Summer Research Seminar, endowed by the Carpenter Foundation

Directed by Dr. Mark Jordan, Harvard Divinity School

Emory University, Atlanta, GA (July 2009)

**GRANTS SECURED**

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies

Grant: Consultant for Faculty Conversations on Teaching and Learning (December 2013)

**PUBLICATIONS*****Articles and Book Chapters (\*\* denotes peer-reviewed)***

“Costs of Corporate Conscience: How Women, Queers, and People of Color Are Paying for Hobby Lobby’s Sincerely-Held Beliefs,” in *Religion in the Age of Obama*, ed. Juan Marcial Floyd-Thomas and Anthony Pinn. New York: Bloomsbury (forthcoming).

“‘They Couldn’t Get My Soul’: Recovered Memories, Ritual Abuse, and the Specter(s) of Religious Difference,” *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* (under review for special edition on religion & medicine).\*\*

“Gendering the End of Days: Religion and Abuse in ‘Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,’” *Crosscurrents* (special issue on apocalyptic media), forthcoming.\*\*

“Manning the High Seat: *Seiðr* as Self-Making in Contemporary Norse Neopaganisms,” in *Magic in the Modern World*, ed. Marco Edward Bever and Randall Styers. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2017.

“Staying After Class: Memory and Materiality beyond Heaven’s Gate,” *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 20.4 (2017): 80-93.\*\*

“‘They Do That to Foreign Women’: Domestic Terrorism and Contraceptive Nationalism in *Not Without My Daughter*,” *The Muslim World* 106.4 (2016): 759-780.\*\*

“Thinking Sex and American Religions,” *Religion Compass* 5 (2011): 772–787.\*\*

"Conversion to Narrative: Magic as Religious Language in Grant Morrison's Invisibles," in *Graven Images: Religion in Comic Books and Graphic Novels*, ed. Christine Hoff Kraemer and A. David Lewis, 258-273. New York: Continuum, 2010.

"Queer, Not Gay: Limits of Acceptable Sexual Transgressions in NRM Discourse," *ARC: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* 36 (2009): 75-95.\*\*

**PUBLICATIONS, continued*****Encyclopedia Articles***

“Mormon Traditions: Gender, Sexuality, and Embodiment,” in *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Embodied Religion*, ed. Kent Brintnall. London: Macmillan (2016).

“Sex and New Religions,” in *The Oxford Handbook of New Religious Movements, Second Edition*, ed. James R. Lewis. Oxford: Oxford (2016).

“Gender,” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to New Religious Movements*, ed. George D. Chryssides and Benjamin E. Zeller. New York: Bloomsbury (2014).

“Sexuality Studies,” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to New Religious Movements*, ed. George D. Chryssides and Benjamin E. Zeller. New York: Bloomsbury (2014).

“Sexuality and American Religions,” in *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion, Second Edition*, eds. David Leeming, Katherine Madden, and Stanton Marlon. New York: Springer New York Heidelberg Dordrecht London (2014).

***Scholarly Online Journals***

“Sarsour’s Struggle for Justice: It Is Our Duty to Think Harder or Sit Down,” *Maydan*, forthcoming.

“Planned Parenthood? Forsaking American Women for the Mother of All Bombs,” *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, “Theorizing Religion in the Age of Donald Trump” Series, May 16, 2017.

<http://bulletin.equinoxpub.com/2017/05/theorizing-religion-in-the-age-of-trump-megan-goodwin/>

“When the Vampire Looks: Gender and Surveillance in *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*,” *Mizan POP!*, April 18, 2016. <http://www.mizanproject.org/pop-post/when-the-vampire-looks>

“Vanilla ISIS, White Tears, and the Adventures of Captain Moroni,” *Religion Dispatches*, January 7, 2016.

<http://religiondispatches.org/vanillaisis-white-tears-and-the-adventures-of-captain-moroni/>

“#YesAllWomen: Online Feminism, Religion, and Risk,” *Feminist Studies in Religion – @TheTable: Feminism Online*, ed. Midori E. Hartman, September 15, 2015. <http://fsrinc.org/blog/yesallwomen-online-feminism-religion-and-risk-table-feminism-online>

“Defending Minority Religions,” with Andrew Aghapour, *Religion Dispatches – The Cubit*, ed. Andrew Aghapour and Michael Schulson, July 9, 2015. <http://religiondispatches.org/always-be-uppercutting/>

“Tooken: Women, Brainwashing, and the Gospel of ‘Kimmy Schmidt,’” *Religion Dispatches – The Cubit*, ed. Andrew Aghapour and Michael Schulson, April 3, 2015. <http://religiondispatches.org/dont-be-taken-in-by-kimmy-schmidts-cult/>

“Everything New Is Old Again: New Religious Movements as American Minority Religions,” *Spotlight on Teaching: Religious Studies News*, ed. Benjamin E. Zeller and Eugene Gallagher, January 26, 2015.

<http://rsn.aarweb.org/spotlight-on/teaching/new-alternative-religions/everything-new-old-again>

“Don’t Stand So Close to Me: On Not Hearing Elizabeth Smart,” *Juvenile Instructor*, ed. Cristine Hutchinson Jones, May 15, 2013. <http://www.juvenileinstructor.org/dont-stand-so-close-to-me-on-not-hearing-elizabeth-smart/>

**PUBLICATIONS, continued*****Book Reviews***

Review of *Muslim Cool: Race, Religion, and Hip-Hop in the United States*, by Su'ad Abdul Khabeer. American Academy of Religion's [Reading Religion](#), forthcoming.

Review of *Proclaiming Liberation. The Historical Roots of LGBT Religious Organizing, 1946–1976*, by Heather Rachelle White. *Journal of Religion*, forthcoming.

Review of *Convulsing Bodies: Religion and Resistance in Foucault*, by Mark Jordan. *Religious Studies Review* 42.3 (2016): 190.

Review of *Polygamy in Primetime: Media, Gender, and Politics in Mormon Fundamentalism*, by Janet Bennion. *Mormon Studies Review* 2 (2015): 166-171.

Review of *Pray the Gay Away: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays*, by Bernadette Barton. *Theology and Sexuality* 20.2 (2014): 151-180.

“Dis/enchantment: Locating Modernity between Secularism and ‘The Sacred.’” Review of *The Place of Enchantment: British Occultism and the Culture of the Modern* by Alex Owen and *Authors of the Impossible: The Paranormal and the Sacred*, by Jeffrey Kripal. *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly* 40: 3&4 (Fall/Winter 2012): 326 – 333.

**INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS**

“ <i>Religion and Popular Culture in America: A Critical Analysis</i> ,” AAR National Meeting	(November 2017)
I Am That Girl (Teaching Body Positivity), Syracuse University	(March 2017)
Social Media Literacy, Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies	(June 2016)
“Islamophobia in the Classroom,” Bates College	(May 2016)
Respondent, “Scripting the Archive,” Bates College	(May 2016)
Respondent, “Improvisation and Innovation in the Humanities,” Bates College	(January 2015)
“Creative Pedagogy in Religious Studies,” Bates College	(December 2015)
“Dr. Strange-net, or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Twitter,” Centre College	(October 2015)
“Females Are Strong As Hell’: Gender, Abuse, and American Minority Religions,” Convocation speaker, Centre College	(October 2015)
“Religion Unzipped,” keynote speaker for Eastern International Region AAR	(May 2015)
“Gender and American Foreign Policy,” for Global Islam, Bates College	(May 2015)
“Monotheisms 101,” for Lewiston High School first year history classes	(December 2014)
“Religion and Feminism” for EFFECT – Elon’s Student Feminist Group	(October 2013)
“Return of the Goddess” for Religion and the Counterculture	(April 2013)
“Class Politics, Sexuality, and Moral Reform,” for History of American Sexuality	(February 2013)
“Feminist Spiritualities,” for Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies	(October 2012)
Invited Panelist, “Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality in the Classroom,” SECSOR-AAR	(March 2012)

**INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS, continued**

Invited Participant, "Sex, Religion, and the Public Sphere" at Elon University	(February 2012)
"American Religious Intolerance" for UNC Charlotte Religious Studies Faculty Colloquium	(February 2012)
"Religion, Gender, and Sexuality" for UNC/Duke Working Group in Feminism and History	(October 2011)
"Victorian Women and the History of Medicine" for History of American Sexuality	(September 2011)
"Scripting Religious Intolerance" for the HRC's Program for Religious and Theological Study	(August 2011)
"Reconciling Religion and Sexuality" for Southeastern Regional Unity Conference	(April 2011)
"Neopaganism, Goddess Worship, and Witchcraft" for New Religious Movements	(July 2010)
"Courtship: Romance, Seduction, and Sexual Scripts" for American Sexualities	(February 2010)
"The Gnostic Problem" for Gnosticism	(March 2009)
"Gender and Gnosticism" for Gnosticism	(March 2009)
"Goddess Worship in the United States," for Introduction to American Religions	(April 2008)
"Ethics," for Philosophical Approaches to the Study of Religion	(March 2007)
"Sexual Violence and Power," for History of American Sexuality	(September 2006)

**SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- "Disciplining Religio-Racial Difference: Anti-Klan Laws v. Women of Color," American Academy of Religion National Conference, North American Religions and Afro-American Religious History Program Units, Boston, November 2017
- "Misremembrance of Muslims Past: #MAGA and White Conservative Countermemory," American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion, Memory, History Program Unit, Boston, November 2017
- "I Can Take Your Eyes: Gender and Surveillance in *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*," The Place of Religion in Film Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, April 2017
- "Gendering the End of Days," On the Edge: New Directions in the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion Conference, Elon University, Elon, NC, February 2017
- "Women Against Islam: Muslim Men, American Women, and the Gendering of Islamophobia," American Academy of Religion National Conference, Contemporary Islam Group, San Antonio, November 2016
- Moderator, "Commodities and Commodifications of Emergent Spiritualities," American Academy of Religion National Conference, New Religious Movements Group, San Antonio, November 2016
- "Gender, Abuse, and American Minority Religions: 'White Dudes Hold the Record for Creepy Crimes,'" Second Conference for the International Society for Heresy Studies," "Heresy and Television," New York, June 2016
- "'They Do That to Foreign Women': Domestic Terrorism in Mahmood's *Not Without My Daughter*," Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion, "Specters of Islam: Transnational Genealogies of Anti-Muslim Sentiment," Boston, April 2016

**SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, continued**

“‘This Is Not About Religion’: The State of Texas v. Yearning for Zion,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion in the American West Group, Atlanta, November 2015

Chair and moderator, “New Religions and Popular Culture,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, New Religious Movements Group, Atlanta, November 2015

“Sleeping With the Enemy: Domestic Terrorism and Contraceptive Nationalism in *Not Without My Daughter*,” Shifting Boundaries: The Study of Islam in the Humanities Conference, Burlington, April 2015

Respondent, “From the Charmed Circle to Sacred Kink: Theorizing Boundaries in Religion and Sexuality,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion and Sexuality Group, San Diego, November 2014

“‘Weird Babel of Tongues’: Collaborative Approaches and Uncertain Learning Outcomes in Undergraduate Research,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Conference, Teaching and Learning Panel Session, Atlanta, March 2014

“‘The Wall Between Us’: American Sexual Exceptionalism and Minority Religions,” INFORM 2014 Anniversary Conference, London School of Economics, United Kingdom, January 2014

Chair and moderator, “Parallel Prejudices: Anti-Mormonism and Religious Intolerance in American History,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion and Popular Culture/Mormon Studies Group joint session, Baltimore, November 2013

“‘Common Sense is No Match for the Voice of God’: Krakauer’s Misreading of Elizabeth Smart,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Mormon Studies Group, Chicago, November 2012

“Thinking Sex and American Religions,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Conference, Religion in America Section (roundtable on gender, class, race, and sexuality in American Religions classrooms), Atlanta, March 2012

“Captive Bodies, Queer Religions: Scripting North American Religious Difference,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, North American Religions Section, San Francisco, November 2011

“Conversion to Narrative: Magic as Religious Language in Grant Morrison’s *Invisibles*,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion and Popular Culture Group, Atlanta, November 2010

“Queer, Not Gay: Limits of Acceptable Sexual Transgressions in NRM Discourse,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Religion and Sexuality Consultation, Montreal, November 2009

“Open Source Religions v. Citationality: The Function of Literature in Contemporary Pagan Praxis,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Contemporary Pagan Studies Group, Montreal, November 2009

“The Motherhood Paradox: Desire and Travail in Genesis 3:16 and Genesis 4:1” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, Hebrew Bible Area, Greensboro, NC, March 2009

“Dangerous ‘Interscctions’: ‘Unmanliness’ in Abject Religious Discourse,” American Academy of Religion National Conference, Joint Session between Queer Theory/LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation and Performance Studies Consultation, Chicago, October 2008



**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE***Academic Journal*

*Religion Compass* – Religions in the Americas Section  
Co-Editor, 2013 – 2017

*Administrative Leadership*

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

New Religious Movements Group, American Academy of Religion  
Co-chair, Steering Committee, 2016 – present

New Religious Movements Group, American Academy of Religion  
Member, Steering Committee, 2013 – 2015

## AAR Student Liason Program

Representative, UNC Religious Studies Department, 2007 – 2009

*Peer Review*

Reviewer, *Routledge: Religion*. Edited by Sarah Gore. August 2017.

Reviewer, *Theology and Sexuality*. Edited by Kent Brintnall. March 2017.

Reviewer, *Routledge: Religion*. Edited by Nicole Eno. February 2016.

Reviewer, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. Edited by Catherine Wessinger. June 2015.

Reviewer, *Fat Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Body Weight and Society*. Edited by Susan Hill. October 2014.

Reviewer, *Routledge: Religion*. Edited by Eve Mayer. September 2014.

Reviewer, *Theology and Sexuality*. Edited by Marika Rose. April 2014.

*Bates College*

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow Program, Speaker Series, “Teaching: New Steps – Improvisation and Innovation in the Humanities”  
January – May 2016

Religious Studies Department, Speaker Series, “Convictions: Race, Religion, and Surveillance”  
February – April 2016

Religious Studies Department, Humanities Division, and Program in Women and Gender Studies  
Speaker Series, “Unusual Positions: Controversial Approaches to the Study of Religion and Sexuality”  
February – April 2015

## Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Fellows’ Blog, “Innovation @ Bates” – creation and maintenance

## Office of Intercultural Education

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Planning Committee, fall 2014

“Perspectives on Ferguson” panelist, MLK Day, January 2015

“Social Media and Political Change” panelist, MLK Day, January 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, continued**

### *Bates University*

#### Multifaith Chaplaincy

“Islamophobia in America,” panelist, April 2015

MLK Interfaith Service, January 2015

Black Lives Matter Vigil, December 2014

#### Office of Equity and Diversity

Title IX Advisor

### *Elon University*

#### Religious Studies Department

Wabash Center grant writing for consultant services, fall 2013

Writing Excellence Initiative data aggregation and reporting, fall 2013

Faculty Colloquium, September 2013

Graduate School Workshop, October 2013

#### Elon Feminists for Equality, Change, and Transformation

Student Colloquium on Religion and Feminism

#### Elon Global Village Community

Discussion Leader, “The Peril and Promise of Religion: Reflections on the 75th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* (Night of Broken Glass) and the Road to the Holocaust,” November 2013

#### Truitt Center for Religious Life

Interfaith lunch-and-learn, Pagan and earth-centered traditions, January 2014

### *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

#### Religious Studies Department

Founder and Chair, Graduate Student Teaching Committee, 2010 – 2012

Committee Member, 2010 - 2013

Graduate Research Consultant to Dr. Randall Styers, 2010 – 2011

Webmaster, 2009 – 2011

Maintained department website, department news blog, and website for the minor in Christianity and Culture

Research Assistant to Dr. Ruel Tyson, 2009 – 2013

Religion and Critical Theory Reading Group, organized by Drs. Randall Styers (UNC) and Liz Clark (Duke)

Steering Committee member, fall 2010 – 2013

#### American Studies Program

Research Assistant to Dr. Michelle Robinson, Summer 2013

#### Sexuality Studies Program

Graduate Student Representative to the Sexuality Studies Board, 2010 – 2013

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, continued**

*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

LGBTQ Center

Safe Zone Panelist and Facilitator, 2009 – 2013

Carolina Women's Center

Director Search Committee, 2012

Center for Faculty Excellence

Graduate Student Liaison, November 2010 – May 2012

Future Faculty Fellowship Program, May 2010

**MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

National Women's Studies Association

Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies