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- Columbia University, Ph.D., Religion, May, 1996. M.Phil, May 1992.
Dissertation: *Imagining the Future of American Religion at the New York World's Fair, 1939-40*
- Harvard University, M.Div., June 1986
- Boston University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, May, 1982

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Drew University, Associate Professor of American Religious Studies (July 2004- present); Assistant Professor (July 1997-June 2004)
- Drew University, Director, Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict (September 2009-May 2011)
- Colgate University, Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion (August 1996 - June 1997)
- New School University, Lang College, Adjunct Instructor (August - May 1995)
- Barnard College, Adjunct Instructor (Fall 1994, Fall 1995)

PRIZES AND AWARDS

- Karen McCarthy Brown Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate Division of Religion, Drew University (2014)
- Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award, General Board of Higher Education in Ministry of the United Methodist Church (2012)
- Thomas H. Kean Scholar/Mentor of the Year Award, Caspersen School of Graduate Studies, Drew University (2005)

COURSES TAUGHT

- The History of Christianity 1 and 2
- American Jesus: Images of Christ in U.S. Cultures
- The Rise of the Christian Right
- God, Sex, and the Making of American Families

- The Minister in the Mirror of American Pop Culture
- American Mystics
- Pastoral Formation

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- “Mainline Protestants and Narratives of Declension,” *Oxford Handbook of Religion and the News*, Diane Winston, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), 185-198.
- “The Temple of Religion and the Politics of Religious Pluralism: Judeo-Christian America at the New York World’s Fair, 1939-1940,” in *After Pluralism: Reimagining Religious Engagement*, Courtney Bender and Pamela Klassen, eds. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010), 201-222.
- “Religion and the Freedom to Marry: Historical Reflections on Marriage Equality in America,” in *Our Family Values Same-Sex Marriage and Religion*, Traci West, ed. (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2007), 35-51.
- “New York, the New Babylon? Fundamentalism and the Modern City in Reverend Straton’s Jazz Age Crusade” in *Faith in the Market: Religion and the Rise of Urban Commercial Culture*, John Giggie and Diane Winston, eds. (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2002), 74-87.
- (with Randall Balmer) “Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa” in *American Congregations*, eds. James W. Lewis and James P. Wind (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994), Vol. 1, 663-98.
- “Battling Satan in the City: Charles Henry Parkhurst and Municipal Redemption in Gilded Age New York,” *American Presbyterians* 71 (Winter 1993): 243-52.

On-Line Commentary

- “Sainthood and Celebrity.” *Trans/Missions*, April 29, 2011
- “Won’t You Not Be My Neighbor: Culture Wars and Public Media.” *Trans/Missions*, March 14, 2011
- “Losing/Finding My Religion (at Comic-Con).” *Trans/Missions*, July 30, 2010
- “Pity the Protestants?” *Trans/Missions*, May 13, 2010
- “Using Media to Mirror Reality? The Nerve!” *Trans/Missions*, March 15, 2010
- “Religion Is as the Religious Do.” *Trans/Missions*, January 15, 2010
- “Religion Gone Rogue? On Sarah Palin’s Faith-Based Book,” *Trans/Missions*, November 20, 2009
- “Promise Keepers 2.0: Women and Jews Invited.” *Religion Dispatches* August 5, 2009

Encyclopedia Entries

- “1968: The Metropolitan Community Church is Founded in Los Angeles.” *GLBT History* (Salem Press / EBSCO Publishing, 2005).
- “Parliament of the World’s Religions” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, Vol. 2 (New York: Continuum), 1263-64.
- “Self-Mutilation,” “Spirit Possession,” and “Trance” in *Contemporary American Religion: An Encyclopedia* (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2000), Vol. 2.
- “American Hebrew,” “American Israelite,” and “American Jewess” in *Popular Religious Magazines of the United States* (Westport: Greenwood Press, 1995).

Book Reviews

- Review of Mark J. Cartledge, A.J. Swoboda, eds., *Scripting Pentecost: A Study of Pentecostals, Worship, and Liturgy* in *Homiletic* 42 (July 2017), [online](#)
- Review of Matthew Avery Sutton, *American Apocalypse: A History of Modern Evangelicalism* in *Homiletic* 40 (June 2015), [online](#)
- Review of Carrie Tirado Bramen, *The Uses of Variety: Modern Americanism and the Quest for National Distinctiveness* in *Journal of Religion* 83 (October 2003): 639-40.
- Review, *Re-Telling U.S. Religious History*, ed. Thomas Tweed, in *Church History* 68 (September 1999): 486-8.
- Review, Bruce Bawer, *Stealing Jesus* in *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 27 (Spring 1998): 30-1.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- American Society of Church History
- American Studies Association

CONFERENCES, PANELS, AND COMMUNITY FORUMS

- Invited Panelist and Respondent, Queer Christianities 2: A Conference at the New School, Saturday, May 4 2013.
- Invited Presenter, “Religious Worlds of New York,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, July 19, 2012.
- Presentation, “The Cultural Politics of the Christian Right,” *Thinking on Thursdays Series* Interweave/Calvary Episcopal Church, October 18, 2012, Summit, NJ
- Invited Panelist, “Courtney Bender’s *The New Metaphysicals*,” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, December 10, 2010.
- Invited Panelist, “After Pluralism,” Institute for Religion and Public Life, Columbia University, December 2, 2010.

- Presenter, “My Brother’s Keeper: People of Faith Confront Hate Crimes,” sponsored by the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, New York, NY, November 20, 2010.
- Paper Presented, “Making the Pieta a Star: Michelangelo’s Pieta at the New York World’s Fair, 1964-1965,” Roman Catholic Studies Group and Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, October 31, 2010.
- Invited Panelist, “Democracy and the American Creed,” Multinational Institute of American Studies, New York University, July 6, 2009.
- Invited Panelist, “Instituting Religion” Conference, Department of Religion, Columbia University, April 30, 2008.
- Paper presented, “Religion at the World’s Fair,” International World’s Fair Symposium, San Francisco, California, March 30, 2005.
- Invited Lecturer, “The Pope and the Pieta at the New York World’s Fair,” Center for American Catholic Studies, Fordham University, New York, New York, March 31, 2004.
- Invited Lecturer, “Is the United States a Christian Nation?” Ewha Women’s University, Seoul, Korea, March 9, 2004.
- Seminar Co-Leader, “Religion in American Public Life,” a week-long seminar co-sponsored by the American Studies Institute in Asia and the Hong Kong America Center, City University of Hong Kong, February 29-March 5, 2004.
- Paper presented, “The Pope and the Pieta at the New York World’s Fair,” Religion and Popular Culture and Anthropology of Religion Consultation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 24, 2003.
- Invited Panelist, “Encountering History: Snapshots of a Growing Movement,” Consultation on Multifaith Education, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 23, 2003.
- Respondent, History of Christianity Panel, “Making American Christian Citizens,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 19, 2001.
- Invited speaker, “Dancing on the Epidemic’s Edge: ‘Tribal Rites’ in the Age of AIDS,” Department of Religion Colloquium, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, October 18, 2000.
- Paper presented, “Haym Salomon in *Son of Liberty*: Warner Brothers Judeo-Christian Warrior, 1939,” American Studies Association, Detroit, MI, October 13, 2000.
- Panel chair and respondent, “American Jesus,” American Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, October 30, 1999.
- Invited panelist, “Urban Spaces: City Streets and Public Spaces,” Celebrating 60 Years of American Studies at Barnard College, New York, NY, October 9, 1999.
- Paper presented, “Surfing the Web for the Judeo-Christian Tradition,” Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Arlington, VA, February 26, 1999.

- Respondent, "On Ethnography as Practice," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, November, 21, 1998.
- Invited presenter, "Dancing on the Epidemic's Edge: 'Tribal Rites' in the Age of AIDS," Conference on Religion Outside the Institutions, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, June, 6, 1998.
- Invited participant, Auburn Seminary Consultation on New Directions in the Study of Religion in Urban America, Chicago, IL, January 24, 1998.
- Paper presented, "Exhibiting Judeo-Christian America at the New York World's Fair," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 23, 1997.
- Respondent, "Ritualizing Religious Bodies," American Studies Association, Washington, D.C., October 31, 1997.
- Paper presented, "MTV's Fool for Christ," Tri-Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, March 31, 1995.
- Paper presented, "Visions of Utopia at the 1939-40 New York World's Fair," Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New York, NY, March 18, 1994.
- Paper presented, "Battling Satan in the City: Charles Henry Parkhurst's City Vigilance League of New York, 1892-94," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 23, 1992.
- Paper presented, "Cultural Fashions and American Metaphysics: Trance Channeling in the New Age," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 17, 1990.

Other Professional Activities

- Gay Men and Religion Group, American Academy of Religion: Co-Chair (2011-2013); Steering Committee (2009-2014)
- Queer Studies in Religion Consultation, American Academy of Religion, Steering Committee (2011-2014)
- Reviewer of manuscripts for Oxford University Press and University of California Press.