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Curriculum Vitae

### **CURRENT POSITION**

Fall 2017 – Current Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics  
Fall 2011 – Spring 17 Assistant Professor of Christian Social Ethics  
Drew Theological School  
Fall 2012 – Current Lecturer, Pastoral Care  
Yale Divinity School

### **EDUCATION**

2002 – May 2006 Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, NYC  
Ph.D. (M.Phil., 2005) Christian Social Ethics  
Dissertation: The Education of Deciding Morals: Youth, Healthy Sexual Development, and the U.S. Religious Economy  
Dissertation Advisor: Emilie M. Townes, (current) Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School  
1998 – 2000 Yale University Divinity School  
M.A.R. Concentration in Ethics and Feminist Studies, Magnum Cum Laude  
1995-1998 University of Wisconsin at Madison  
B.A. Majors: English Literature and Women and Gender Studies, Magnum Cum Laude

### **APPOINTMENTS, AWARDS, GRANT PARTICIPATION (since 2014)**

2016-2019 Digital Humanities, Mellon Grant at Drew University  
2015-2018 University Scholar of Everyday Ethics, Drew University  
2014-2017 Co-Principal Investigator, Feminist Studies in Religion Sub-grant for Human Rights Program and Mobilizing Faith for Women and Girls Initiative, Carter Center  
2015-2016 Scholar/Teacher of the Year Drew University and General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church  
2016 Digital Humanities Course Development Grant Recipient  
2014-2016 Co-Principal Investigator, Sexuality and Religion: Teaching a Changing Student Body, Wabash Center for Teaching Theology and Religion Grant

### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2006 - Current Editor  
Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, (2017-current)  
Feminist Studies in Religion Online Media, (2006-2016)  
Feminist Studies in Religion Book Series, (2014-2016)  
2006 – 2011 Deputy Director  
Religious Institute, Westport, CT (Consultant 2004-2006)  
2005-2006 Research Associate, Post-Doctoral Appointment  
Women Faculty Forum, Yale University, New Haven, CT  
2001 – 2005 Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries  
Fairfield Grace United Methodist Church, Fairfield, CT

## **ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACADEMY SERVICE**

Academic Reviewer: Journals - JFSR, Religions, and AJSE; Presses - WJK, Routledge, Fortress, Rowman and Littlefield, MacMillan

American Academy of Religion

Reviewer, Program Groups (2016)

Steering Committee, Women and Religion Section (2008-2015)

Co-chair, Consultation on Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy (2007-2009)

Full Member (2006-current)

Student Member (2000-2006)

Catholics for Choice

Board Member (2015-2018)

Center for American Progress

Women's Health Leadership Network (2008-2010)

International Doctorate of Ministry Program, San Francisco Theological Seminary

Thesis Reader (2007-current)

Guest Lecturer (2007- 2008)

Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc.

Journal, Co-Editor (2017-current)

Website and Blog Co-Editor (2006-2016)

Book Series, Co-Editor (2014-2015)

Religion Council, Human Rights Campaign

LGBTQ Mentorship and Scholarship for Religious and Theological Study Committee (2009-2014)

Society of Christian Ethics

Co-Convener, Women's Caucus (2012-2015)

Convener, Ethics of Sexualities Interest Group (2010-2013)

Women's Caucus Member (2003-current)

Student Member (2003-2006), 2004 and 2005 Board Representative for Student Caucus

Union Seminary Quarterly Review, New York, NY

Senior Editor (2004-2005)

## **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION SERVICE**

*Theological School*

Religion and Society, Graduate Division of Religion Convenor (Fa 2018-Sp2019, Fa2020-Sp2021)

Association of Theological Schools Accreditation, Co-Chair (Fa 2019-current)

Curriculum Committee, MDiv Co-Convener (Sp2018-current)

Curriculum Transformation Committee (Sp2015-2017)

Committee on Faculty (Fa 2015-Sp 2016) (Fa 2019- current)

Deans' Council (Fa 2012-Sp 2014) (Fa 2016 - Sp 2017) Chair, Spring 2013

Contextual Education Constellation/Contextual Learning Committee (Fa 2011- Sp 2012) (Fa 2014)

*University*

Online Teacher DVT Training (2020)

Middle States Accreditation, Standard III Group (2019-2020)

Medical Humanities, Interim Director (Sp 2019)

Digital Humanities Committee (2016-current)

Academic Computing Advisory Committee (Fa 2014-2017)

Institutional Review Board (Fa 2013 - 2016) Chair, Fa 2014-Sp 2016

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## SCHOLARSHIP

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*The Ethics of Digital Sexuality*, Kate Ott, Prophetic Christianity Series Eerdmans Press (under contract, expected 2022).

*Teaching Sexuality and Religion in Higher Education*, co-editors Kate Ott and Darryl Stephens, Routledge (2020).

*Christian Ethics for a Digital Society*, Rowman & Littlefield (2019).

*Sex + Faith: Talking to our Kids from Birth to Adolescence*, Westminster John Knox Press (2013).

*Faith, Feminism, and Scholarship: The Next Generation*, co-editors Melanie L. Harris and Kate M. Ott, Palgrave Macmillan (2011).

*Just Hospitality: God's Welcome in a World of Difference*, Letty M. Russell, co-editors Kate M. Ott and J. Shannon Clarkson, Westminster John Knox Press (2009).

#### Book Chapters

"An Ecclesiology of 'Do Not Stop Them'" in *Digital Ecclesiology for a Post-Pandemic World*, ed. Heidi Campbell, Wipf & Stock (forthcoming 2021).

"Sexual Desire, Relationships, and Practices among Young People" co-author Lauren Sawyer in *Philosophy of Sex*, eds. Clare Chambers, Lori Watson, and Brian Earp, Routledge (forthcoming 2021).

"Perspective Transformation for Professional Formation and Responsible Citizenship" in *Teaching Sexuality and Religion in Higher Education*, eds. Kate Ott and Darryl Stephens, Routledge, 2020.

"Feminist Strategies for Outsider-Insiders: Our Year Teaching Navy Chaplains" (co-authored with Kristen J. Leslie) in *Feminist Praxis Against U.S. Militarism* eds. Nami Kim and Anne Joh, Lexington Books - Postcolonial and Decolonial Studies in Religion and Theology series, 2019.

"Orgasmic Failure: Ethical ReVisions of Adolescent Sexuality" in *Theologies of Failure* eds. Roberto Sirvento and Ducan Reyburn, Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2019.

"Why we need besties (Friendship)" in *Encountering the Sacred: Feminist Reflections on Women's Lives*, eds. Rebecca Todd Peters and Grace Y. Kao. New York: T&T Clark, 2019.

"Reproducing Justice" in *Women, Religion, and Revolution* eds. Gina Messina-Dysert and Xochitl Alvizo, *Feminist Studies in Religion*, 2017.

"Creating 'Open Source' Community: Just Hospitality or Cyberspace Ivory Tower?" in *Feminism and Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Technology, Dialogue and Expanding Borders* eds. Gina Messina-Dysert and Rosemary Ruether, Routledge Press, 2014.

"Created for Pleasure: Masturbation" in *Talking Taboo: American Christian Women Get Frank About Faith* eds. Erin Lane and Enuma Okoro, White Cloud Press, 2013.

"Sexual Health and Integrity" in *Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach* eds. Patricia Jung and Darryl Stephens, Fortress, 2013.

"Feminism and Justice: Who We Are, What We Do?" in *Faith, Feminism, and Scholarship: The Next Generation*, co-editors Melanie L. Harris and Kate M. Ott, Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

"Searching for an Ethic: Sexuality, Children, and Moral Agency" in *New Feminist Christianity: Many Voices, Many Views*, eds. Mary E. Hunt and Dianne L. Neu, Skylight Paths Publishing, 2010.

"Faith, Feminism, and the Next Generation of Justice Movements" in *Population, Justice and the Environmental Challenge*, ed. Laurie Mazur, Island Press, 2009.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"Digital Spiritual Embodiment: Power, Difference, and Interdependence" *CURSOR\_ Vol 3: Theologies of the Digital*, 2020. <https://cursor.pubpub.org/issue3-theologiesofthedigital>

“Taking Children’s Moral Lives Seriously: Creativity as Ethical Response Offline and Online”  
*Religions* 10 (9), 525, 2019. <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/10/9/525>

“Social Media and Feminist Values: Aligned or Maligned?” *Frontiers: A Journal of Women’s Studies*,  
 Volume 39, Number 1 (2018).

“Inviting Perspective Transformation: Sexual History Awareness for Professional Formation” in *Teaching  
 Theology and Religion*, (Spring 2017).

“Embodied Learning: Teaching Sexuality and Religion to a Changing Student Body” co-authored with  
 Darryl Stephens, in *Teaching Theology and Religion*, (Spring 2017).

“Sex and Candy: Unwrapping How We Define Sexuality” *American Journal of Sexuality Education*,  
 Volume 11, no 1 (2016).

“Children as An/other Subject: Redefining Moral Agency in a Postcolonial Context” in *Journal of  
 Childhood and Religion* Volume 5, Issue 2 (May 2014).

“From Politics to Theology: Responding to Roman Catholic Ecclesial Control of Reproductive Ethics” in  
*Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Volume 30 Number 1 (2014).

“Sex and the Seminary: Preparing Ministers for Sexual Health and Justice” with Amanda Winters in  
*American Journal of Sex Education* Vol 6, no. 1 (Spring 2010).

“Re-Thinking Adolescent Sexual Ethics: A Social Justice Obligation to Adolescent Sexual Health”,  
*Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, Volume 7, Issue 2 (2007).

#### Invited Articles

“Matthew 25: 14-30, Commentary 2: Connecting the Reading with the World” in *Connections  
 Commentary*. Westminster John Knox Press, Year A, Vol. 3 (2020).

“Matthew 25: 31-46, Commentary 2: Connecting the Reading with the World” in *Connections  
 Commentary*. Westminster John Knox Press, Year A, Vol. 3 (2020).

“Loving your Neighbor During a Pandemic, According to Kids” *Sojourners*, March 18, 2020.  
<https://sojo.net/articles/using-love-commandment-talk-covid-19-kids> and  
<https://sojo.net/articles/loving-your-neighbor-during-pandemic-according-kids>

“ReVisioning Sexuality: Relational Joy and Embodied Flourishing,” with Lorien Carter, MSW for the Joy  
 and Adolescent Faith and Flourishing project, Yale Institute for Youth Ministry, March 2020  
[https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resource/revisioning-sexuality-relational-joy-and-embodied-flourish  
 ing/](https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resource/revisioning-sexuality-relational-joy-and-embodied-flourishing/)

“A Meal, a Theology, a Vision of Hospitality” in *Resistance and Blessing: Women, Ministry, and YDS,  
 Reflections*, Fall 2019. [https://reflections.yale.edu/article/resistance-and-blessing-women-ministry-and-  
 yds/meal-theology-vision-hospitality](https://reflections.yale.edu/article/resistance-and-blessing-women-ministry-and-yds/meal-theology-vision-hospitality)

“Trust Women and the Common Good” Response to Rebecca Todd Peters, *Trust Women* in Syndicate  
 Network, <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/trust-women/>. May 2019.

“Shouldn’t We Just Trust Christian Leaders?: Power is dynamic, so accountability should be too.”  
*Sojourners*, December 2018.  
<https://sojo.net/magazine/december-2018/shouldnt-we-just-trust-christian-leaders>

“Sex, Theology, and Teenage Choices” in *Sex, Gender, Power: A Reckoning, Reflections* Yale Divinity  
 School Magazine, Fall 2018.

“Boisterous Opposition, then Theological Calm” in *Sex, Gender, Power: A Reckoning, Reflections* Yale  
 Divinity School Magazine, Fall 2018.

“The Intersection of Sexuality and Religion: Changing the Conversation” in *Voices*, Journal of the American Academy of Psychotherapy, Vol 54, No 2, Summer 2018.

“But, She Answered Him” Mk 7: 28: Change and Accountability” in Gender Questions: Gender Identity and Youth Ministry on *Engage*, Princeton Institute for Youth Ministry, May 2018, <http://iym.ptsem.edu/resources/engage/gender-questions/#tab-id-2>

“The Internet Endureth Forever” in *Sojourners*, March 2017 at <https://sojo.net/magazine/march-2017/internet-endureth-forever>

“5 Ways to Teach Kids about Justice: Look for Teachable Moments” in *Sojourners*, May 2016 at <https://sojo.net/magazine/may-2016/5-ways-teach-kids-about-justice>

“Addressing Sexuality in the Classroom: Overcoming Silence and Taboo,” Darryl W. Stephens and Kate M. Ott, *Religious Studies News*, April 22, 2015.

“Hacking the System” In *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Vol 31.2 (2015), 140-144.

“Animating Children” for *Syndicate*, June 2015 Roundtable on *Queer Art of Failure*, Judith (Jack) Halberstam (Duke University Press, 2011) at <https://syndicatetheology.com/commentary/animating-children/>

“Accessing the Revolution” in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Vol 30.2 (2014), 165-166.

“Twitter Activism” in TheThoughtfulChristian.com, division of Westminster John Knox, June 18, 2014, <http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/Products/TC0584/twitter-activism.aspx>

“Not for Women Only: Are Blurred Lines Really the Problem?” in *Religious Studies News*, October 2013 <https://www.aarweb.org/publications/rsn-october-2013-are-blurred-lines-really-the-problem>

“The Need for Sexuality Education in Professional Ethics Training” in *ATS Colloquy*, Volume 21, Number 1, Fall 2012. <http://www.ats.edu/resources/publicationspresentations/pages/colloquy.aspx>

“Feminist Mothering of Sons: Ethical Practices for Everyone” in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Vol 27.2 (2011), 143-147.

“Thinking Out Loud About Feminism” in Women’s Journeys from Progress to Peril edition of *Reflections, A Yale Divinity School Magazine*, (Fall 2011),10-12.

“For a Graduate Student, Parenting is Political,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Volume 23, Number 2 (2007).

“The Should of Womanism: Youth and Sexuality.” *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 58 no. 3-4 (October 2004): 213-215.

### Book Reviews

*Un/Familiar Theology: Reconceiving Sex, Reproduction and Generativity*, Susannah Cornwall (New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic, 2017) in *Reading Religion*, 2017. <http://readingreligion.org/books/unfamiliar-theology>

*Beyond the Abortion Wars: A Way Forward for a New Generation*, Charles Camosy (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2015) in *Marginalia*, Fall 2016.

*Sex and the Soul: Juggling Sexuality, Spirituality, Romance, and Religion On America's College Campuses*, Donna Freitas (Oxford ; New York: Oxford University Press, 2008) in *National Catholic Reporter*, September 2016.

*Sexual Ethics: A Theological Introduction*, Todd A. Salzman and Michael G. Lawler (Georgetown University Press, 2012, 250 pp) in *Conscience* XXXIV No. 1, 2013.

*Catholic and Feminist: The Surprising History of the American Catholic Feminist Movement*, Mary J. Henhold for *Conscience: The News Journal of Catholic Opinion*, Vol XXX, no. 4(Winter 2009).

*An Introduction to Third World Theologies*, ed. John Parratt for *The Journal of Religious Studies*, Vol 35, no 3-4(2006): 597-598.

## Curriculum

“Creating a Sexual Ethic” with Lorien Carter in *Quest for Life Curriculum*, Yale Youth Ministry Institute, April 2020. <https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resource/creating-a-sexual-ethic/>

“Sexual Education Assessment Exercise” with Lorien Carter in *Quest for Life Curriculum*, Yale Youth Ministry Institute, April 2020.

<https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resource/jaff-curriculum-on-sexual-education-assessment-beacons-of-joy/>

“Being a Welcome and Inclusive Youth Group” with Lorien Carter *Quest for Life Curriculum*, Yale Youth Ministry Institute, April 2020.

<https://yaleyouthministryinstitute.org/resource/being-a-welcome-and-inclusive-youth-group/>

“A Strategy For The Delivery Of Religious Ministry To Nones, Dones, And Millennials” FY18 Professional Development Training Course, Navy Chaplain Corps, Curriculum development and validation, 2017.

“Pro-Choice Catholic Theology” Course, Designed for Activists in the *Catholicas por el Derecho a Decidir (CDD)*, Managua, Nicaragua, 2015.

“What Digital Story are You Telling?” Leader’s Guide and Participant Handout, *TheThoughtfulChristian.com*, 2014.

“Defining Pornography”, Leader’s Guide and Participant Handout, *TheThoughtfulChristian.com*, 2014.

“Contemplating Sex: Sexual Ethics for Today’s Teens,” Leader’s Guide and Participant Handout, *TheThoughtfulChristian.com*, 2013.

“Responding to Violence in Jesus’ Time and Now”, Leader’s Guide and Participant Handout, *TheThoughtfulChristian.com*, 2013.

\*for more curricula see <http://kateott.org/using-sex-faith-as-a-parent-and-teen-sunday-school-curriculum/>

## Research Reports and Congregational Studies

*Sex and the Seminary: Preparing Ministers for Sexual Health and Justice*, (Religious Institute: Westport, CT, 2009).

*A Time to Be Born: A Faith-based Guide to Assisted Reproductive Technologies*, Kate M. Ott, (Religious Institute: Westport, CT, 2009).

*Congregational Study* - “Healthy Relationships” and “Dating: A Balancing Act” *The Thoughtful Christian.com* Youth Series, Westminster John Knox, October 2009.

*Congregational Study* - “Is Lying Ever Okay,” Youth Series; *The Thoughtful Christian.com* Youth Series, Westminster John Knox, August 2008.

*Congregational Study* - “Sexual Purity for Teens: What?” Adult Series; “Breaking the Code: Purity and Relationships,” *The Thoughtful Christian.com* Youth Series, Westminster John Knox, March 2008.

*Age of AIDS: A Guide for Faith-based Communities*, Kate M. Ott (Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Christian Community, 2007).

## **PUBLIC LECTURES AND PROFESSIONAL PAPERS (SELECTED)**

April 2020 “Tech, Sex and Values: Sexual Ethics in a Digital World” Annual Gallagher Memorial Lecture, Albright College. Reading, PA.

March 2020 “Evangelization in the Digital Age” a webinar conversation with Dr. Kate Ott, Anna Capizzi Galvez, Rev. Sam Sawyer, SJ, and Rev. Michael D. Place. Catholic Common Ground Initiative

November 2019 “Digital Spiritual Embodiment: Power, Difference, and Interdependence” at Theologies of the Digital: An International Research Colloquium, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ

September 2019 “Everydayness and Moral Creativity” Plenary Speaker, St. Elisabeth’s Academy All-School Retreat, Florham Park, NJ.

April 2019 “Ethics of Digital Technology in Ministry Contexts” Guest lecture in Religious Education in Context, Eden Seminary, St. Louis, MO.

April 2019 “Good Sex: Living our Values with Body and Soul” Annual Wartmann Lecture at First Unitarian Society of Madison, WI.

March 2019 “Healthy Boundaries and Professional Ethics” co-lead with Msgr. Stephen Rossetti of Catholic University of America, Washington Theological Consortium, Howard Divinity School, Washington DC.

November 2018 “How Catholic is a Reproductive Justice Framework?” for Trust Women (Beacon Press, 2018): From a Justification Paradigm to Reproductive Justice, Women and Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.

November 2018 Moderator, “Sharing our Knowledge: Feminist Collaborations Across Generations Surviving the Neoliberal Academy”, Feminist Studies in Religion Pre-Conference, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.

October 2018 Good Sex: Living our Values with Body and Faith (250 attendants) Community Life Program, Furman University, South Carolina.

October 2018 Life Enhancing Settings: The Technology and Ethics of Everyday Living, Tipple Vosburgh Workshop, Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ

September 2018 Healthy Boundaries for Clergy and Spiritual Teachers: End It Now Summit, Seventh Day Adventist Church, National Division, Live-streamed globally, Washington, DC.  
<https://vimeo.com/297184836>

June 2017 Gender and Religion in Interfaith Work: Religion, Conflict and Culture Summer Institute, Drew University, Madison, NJ

January-June 2018 A Strategy for the Delivery Of Religious Ministry To Nones, Dones, And Millennials: FY18 Professional Development Training (12 global course locations), Navy Chaplain Corps

September 2017 The Joy of Sexuality: Sexuality Consultation, Theology of Joy and Flourishing, Yale University, New Haven, CT

June 2017 Sexuality as Relational Joy and Embodied Flourishing, Yale Youth Ministry Institute, New Haven, CT

February 2017 After the Fall (Orientation): Ethical Commitments and the Lives of Students with Jason Craig Harris at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT

November 2016 Everydayness: How we live well together, Upper School Assembly presentation, Friend’s Seminary, New York, NY

November 2016 Panelist, Power Dynamics and Gender in the Academy for Status of Women in the Profession Committee, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX

November 2016 Presider, Feminist Knowledge and Publishing for Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX

November 2016 “Sexting and Hooking-up: Talking with your Kids about Sex and Healthy  
2020, Ott

Relationships” with Ann Rodwell-Lawton of Women’s Center of Greater Danbury for Project Resilience, Ridgefield, CT

July 2016                   Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Digital Spaces as Worship Places with Shawn Spaventa at Drew Summer Music Institute: Gospel Feast, Madison, NJ

July 2016                   Women’s Rights and Global Christianity at Drew Institute on Religion and Conflict Transformation, Madison, NJ

June 2016                   Campus Safety: Challenging the New Reality, Grace Farms, New Caanan, CT

January 2016               SCE Women’s Caucus: Understanding the History, Envisioning the Future, Panelist with: Barbara Hilbert Andolsen, Fordham University and Carol Robb, San Francisco Theological Seminary/Graduate Theological Union. Moderated by Julie Hanlon Rubio, St. Louis University Society of Christian Ethics, Toronto, Canada.

November 2015            Teaching Sexuality and Religion to a Changing Student Body, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA.

November 2015            Front and Center in the AAR Classroom: Inviting Sexual Histories and Bodies to Be Seen Session Title: Teaching Sexuality and Religion: Contextual, Affective, and Trans/formative Aspects of Classroom Pedagogy, In Teaching and Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

November 2015            Engaging Asian/Asian North American Feminist Theologies, Program Unit: Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Asian North American Religion, Culture and Society Group and Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA.

June 2015                   Technology as Meaning Maker in Teaching, Pedagogical Possibilities Conference, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN

March 2015                Addressing Gender and Sexual Ethics in Youth Ministry, Yale Divinity School, Youth Ministry Fellows, New Haven, CT

January 2016               Open Source Social Media and Feminist Values: Aligned or Misaligned?, Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL

November 2015            Importance of Feminist/Womanist Scholarship in Religious Studies via Social Media, Co-Chair EFSR board of Feminist Studies in Religion, San Diego, CA.

October 2014              This Is My Body”: Coming to Voice on Sexual and Reproductive Health Tipple Vosburgh Lecture, Faith, Science, and the Church’s Voices, Madison, NJ

March 2014                Sexuality Education, Ethics, and Ministry, lecture in Pastoral Care and Counseling Seminar, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

January 2014               Sex + Faith: How Christian Educators Can Respond, Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE), San Jose, CA

December 2013            Rules of Engagement: Romance and Hook-up Culture on College Campuses, Princeton University Campus Chaplaincy Presentation, Princeton, NJ

November 2013            Over 40: What’s the Future of the Study of Women and Religion? panel, Women and Religion Section American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD

November 2013            Sex + Faith: Educating the Next Generation, Call to Action, Milwaukee, WI

September 2013           Justice in Small Things: Empowering our Moral Imagination, Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta All-Church Retreat, Montreat, NC



January 2013 Responding to Violence: Crucifixion, Newtown, and Theological Renewal, Keynote Lecture at Capital District Day of Learning, Greater New Jersey United Methodist Conference, South Morrestown, NJ

November 2012 Creating ‘Open Source’ Community: Just Hospitality or Cyberspace Ivory Tower paper presentation for Women and Religion Section panel Feminism, Religion, and Social Media: Expanding Borders in the Twenty-first Century, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL

November 2012 From Politics to Theology: Responding to Roman Catholic Ecclesial Control of Reproductive Ethics, paper presentation for Women and Religion Section panel Revisiting Our Right to Choose After Thirty Years: Abortion and Reproductive Justice Issue in the Twenty-First Century, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL

July 2012 Re-thinking Catholic Feminist Theological Education, Paper presentation, Catholic Feminist Network, WATER, and Dignity, USA, Washington, D.C.

April 2012 Being Allies in Faith and Building Bridges with Allies, Keynote and workshop with LGBTQ Coalition of Denver, CO

January 2012 Response to A Case for Professional Academic Ethics, Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, D.C.

April 2012 Children, Ethics, and Ministry, Seminary Saturdays, Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ

November 2011 Racism: Moral Choice or Accidental Acquisition in Children, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA

January 2011 Abortion: From Common Ground to Common Good, Society of Christian Ethics, San Jose, CA

November 2010 Special Topics Forum, “Cracks in the Tower: Barriers to a Career in Religion” American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Quebec.

November 2010 “Working across Religious and Feminist Divides in Reproductive Justice,” National Women's Studies Association panel, Denver, CO

September 2010 “Just Hospitality: Welcoming Difference in a Riotous Political Landscape” panel presentation for Yale Divinity School Common Book Project, New Haven, CT.

May 2010 “A Theological and Ethical Framework for Public Engagement” panel with John Bowlin, Gary Dorrien, Hak Joon Lee, and Kate Ott moderated by Gabriel Salguero at the Institute for Faith and Public Life inaugural conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ.

October 2009 Moderator, “Sex and the Church: Union Days 2009” Panel I and II, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY.

March 2009 “Seminary Education Encounters Culture Change: How sexuality can and should be part of our rabbinic education”, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, NY.

February 2009 “Sexuality Education in Churches: Sexuality, Faith, and Families”, Keynote Connecticut Association of United Church Educators (CAUCE), Glastonbury, CT, 45, Keynote – Why should we do Sexuality Education in Churches

January 2009 “Sex and the Seminary: Preparing Ministers for Sexual Health and Justice”, Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL.

November 2008 “Sexuality, the Seminary, and Social Change”, Religion Council of the Human Rights Campaign, Washington, D.C.

November 2008 “Third Wave Feminist/Activists in the Academy” Panel Presentation – Moderator, Consultation on Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy, AAR Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

October 2008 “Dealing with Sexual Abuse in Faith Communities”, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

July 2008 “Reaching Out to Faith Communities”, Association of Planned Parenthood Leaders and Educators, Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

March 2008 Limmud Gimmel: "Faith and Sexuality: Religious Visions for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Inclusion and Justice," Hazak Hazak V'nithazek: Celebrating Strength Through Inclusion at Jewish Theological Seminary, New York.

Nov 2007 “Bound for Justice: Engaging Womanist Theory and the Parallel Concerns of How Women's Bodies Are Signified from Womanist, Latina, Asian, and White Feminists' Perspectives” Womanist Approaches Section, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion.

June 2007 “The Past’s New Currency: Abstinence-only-until-marriage Policy and Its Christian Roots”, Annual Meeting, National Women’s Studies Association, Chicago, IL.

May 2007 “Reaching Out to Faith Communities”, Let’s Talk about Sex: Sister Song, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

March 2007 “Sexuality Education: Strategies for Comprehensive Sex Education” and “Organizing for Reproductive Rights in Religious Communities,” Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program and Population and Development Program, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA.

January 2007 “Adolescent Sexual Ethics, Education and Christian Perspectives,” Taskforce of the ELCA Studies on Sexuality. Dallas, TX.

Nov 2006 “Beyond ‘Just say no’: Rethinking Adolescent Sexual Ethics,” Ford Foundation sponsored colloquium “Sexuality and Religion: What’s the Connection?” Atlanta, GA.

October 2006 “Faith Development and Teachable Moments" What they want to know, what we ought to teach them,” Welcoming Children: A Weekend of Workshops on Children and Faith, First Congregational Church. Guilford, CT.

January 2006 “Promoting the Moral Agency of Youth: Sexual Ethics, Moral Development, and Adolescents in Christian Churches,” Concurrent Session Paper, Society of Christian Ethics: Phoenix, AZ.

Nov 2005 “Public Displays of Disobedience: Being a Mom and a Graduate Student” Status of Women in the Profession, American Academy of Religion: Philadelphia, PA.

March 2005 “Mending a Religious Economy of Oppression: HIV/AIDS, Religion and Young Women in Sub-Saharan Africa,” International Panel on Contradictions between Church Teachings and HIV/AIDS, Yale University Research Affiliate Program and YDS Women’s Initiative: New Haven, CT.

April 2004 “The Future of Womanist Thought.” Dr. Delores Williams Retirement Celebration, Union Theological Seminary: New York, NY.

January 2004 “Balancing Work and Family in Graduate School,” Women’s Caucus Panel, Families and Social Order, Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL

#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Subject Matter Expert, Restorative Faith Podcast, Season 2: Sexuality.

<https://www.restorativefaith.org/season-2>

“Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time” Catholic Women Preach, February 2020.

<https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/preacher/kate-ott>

“Digital Spiritual Embodiment: Power, Difference, and Interdependence” at Theologies of the Digital: An International Research Colloquium, Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ, Nov 2019,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tde1eIKgBBg>,

<https://www.ihart.com/podcast/256-princeton-theological-semi-31037053/episode/dr-kate-ott-theologies-of-54493969/>

“Christian Ethics for a Digital Society” January 2019, A Flame Ministry, BraveBold Media.

[HTTPS://WWW.SPREAKER.COM/USER/BBM\\_GLOBAL\\_NETWORK/AFLAME-MINISTRY-SHOW-44](https://www.spreaker.com/user/bbm_global_network/aflame-ministry-show-44)

From #MeToo to #HerNever, TedXDrewUniversity “Life as We Don’t Know It” Speaker, April 14, 2018, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9BFIt3LKFc>

“Sex + Faith: Talking to your Child from Birth to Adolescence” Nov 13, 2018, A Flame Ministry, BraveBold Media.

Healthy Boundaries for Clergy and Spiritual Teachers: End It Now Summit, Seventh Day Adventist Church, National Division, Live-streamed globally, Washington, DC. September 2018. <https://vimeo.com/297184836>

*Sexuality and Gender in Youth Ministry* Video Series for Yale Youth Ministry Institute, 2015-2017, <https://www.youtube.com/user/YouthMinistryNowYMI/search?query=kate+ott>

“Creating Healthy and Realistic Sexual Boundaries” Feb 12, 2016, WCXC 90.7 Morning Show, <https://wavefarm.org/wgxc/schedule/tb8bty>

“Sex + Faith: Talking to your Child from Birth to Adolescence” interview on American Church in Paris Today on Frequence Protestante, June 1, 2015.

“Talking about Sexuality and Gender in Youth Ministry” with Youth Ministry Initiative of Yale Divinity School <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd8AZSL0LG2Nt8SihWge478ZPJOffZSne>

“The Intersections of Faith, Sexuality Education and Your Congregation” UMC Healthy Families, Healthy Planet, with Teresita Matos-Post Drew TS’14, Webinar, August 27, 2014

*Sex Ed Saves Lives: Teen Dating Violence Awareness*, FaithTrust Institute and Lutheran Community Foundation, Webinar, February 20, 2014

*The Secret History of Sex, Choice, and Catholics*, Documentary Film Interview for Catholics of Choice, Fall 2012, available at <http://vimeo.com/51689325>.

WATER New Feminist Christianity: Many Voices, Many Views, Audio podcast, March 9, 2011

Interfaith Voices – Sex and the Seminary Radio Interview, February 2009

PBS – Sex and the Seminary Television Interview, February 2009

#### **WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTATIONS**

2020 “The Forum: Christian Ethics for a Digital Society” St. Bart’s, New York, May. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3MeD9ZEK1k>

2020 “Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time” Catholic Women Preach, February. <https://www.catholicwomenpreach.org/preacher/kate-ott>

2019 Sex + Faith: Living our Values, Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH, November.

2019 Bodies and Soul: Teaching Sexuality and Faith across the Curriculum, Christ Episcopal Church, Ponte Vedre, FL, October.

2019 Sex + Faith: Living our Values, First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, CT, February.

2019 What to do about Christian Ethics for a Digital Society, First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, CT, January

2018 Sexuality and Faith: SC5 Leader of Leaders Training, Columbia, South Carolina, October

2018 Sex + Faith: Talking with your Children from Birth to Adolescence, Parent Talks, Anderson and Greenville, SC Presbyterian Church (6 churches), October

2018 Sex + Faith Goes to Church, [Parent, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Teen Workshop] Reformed Church of Bronxville, NY, March

2018 Living our Values with Body and Soul, [Parent, Tween, Teen Workshop and Sunday Preaching] Grosse Point Memorial Church in Grosse Point Farms, MI, March

2017 “Beyond Consent: Healthy Relationships and Young Adults” Vine Campus Ministry, New York, NY, September

- 2017 Sex + Faith: Parent Talk and Youth Group Talk, New Rochelle United Methodist Church, NY, July
- 2017 “Sexuality Education in Faith Communities” Manhattan Magisterium of Lutheran Pastors, New York, NY, February
- 2016 “The Hunting Grounds”: Responding to Sexual Assault and Harassment at Universities and Beyond, Event Facilitator, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, April
- 2016 Religious Scholars Convening for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Washington DC, March
- 2016 Greater New Jersey, UMC Region Day of Learning, “Growing the Church Younger”, March  
Workshop 1: Body and Soul: Living our Values and Implementing Sexuality Education Plans  
Workshop 2: Sex Ed that Matters: Reaching Teens and Emerging Adults
- 2016 Sex + Faith: Parent Talk, Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, NJ, March
- 2016 Sex + Faith: Parent Talk, Presbyterian Church in Morristown, NJ, March
- 2016 Panelist at Stigma and Mercy: Prison Re-entry and Restorative Justice Conference, First United Church of Christ Guilford, February
- 2016 Living with Body and Soul: Sexuality Education in Congregations, Yorktown Presbyterian Church, NY, February
- 2016 Living our Values with Body and Soul, Calvary United Church, London, Ontario, CA. January
- 2016 Tech Etiquette for Ministry, Webinar, for UMC Provisional pastors. November
- 2015 Technology and Christian Values Webinar Series for Drew Continuing Education: September 16 - Thinking Theologically About Technology; October 7 - Technology and Sexuality.
- 2015 Sexuality and Faith: Living Our Values with Body and Soul, Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UW-Madison, WI, October
- 2015 Scholars in Action: Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls as an Agenda for Theological Education with The Carter Center and FaithTrust Institute, Atlanta, GA, November
- 2015 Sex + Faith: What Parents Need to Know, First Congregational Church in Guilford, CT, April
- 2015 Living our Values with Body and Soul, [Parent, Tween, Teen Workshop and Sunday Preaching] Grosse Point Memorial Church in Grosse Point Farms, MI, April
- 2015 Living our Values with Body and Soul, [Parent, 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, Teen Workshop] Reformed Church of Bronxville, NY, March
- 2014 Faith-based Sexuality Education Initiative Weekend, [Parent, Tween, Teen Workshop and Sunday Preaching] Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH, November
- 2014 Faith-based Sexuality Education Initiative Weekend, [Parent, Tween, Teen Workshop and Sunday Preaching] Faith Lutheran Church, Arlington, VA, October
- 2014 Faith-based Sexuality Education Initiative Weekend, [Parent, Tween, Teen Workshop and Sunday Preaching] Birmingham Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, MI, March
- 2014 Sex + Faith: What Parents Need to Know, First Congregational Church of Guilford, CT, March
- 2014 Sex + Faith @ Winter LoCo Engagement Party, Young Adult Ministries, London Conference United Church of Canada (via Skype) March
- 2013 Teaching a Virtual Co-Seminary Course, Faculty Showcase Drew Instructional Technologies, Madison, NJ, April
- 2013 Is There an App for That? Parenting, Technology, and Faith, First Congregational Church, Branford, CT, February

- 2012 Sexuality, Ethics, and Education in Guest Lecturer in Body and Soul Course with Dr. Dykstra, Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ, March
  - 2012 Just Hospitality: Leadership and Mission, Leadership Retreat, Sisters of Mercy at Mercy Center, Madison, CT, March
  - 2012 Negotiating Boundaries, Yale Divinity School, August
  - 2011 Sexual Ethics and Emerging Adults, Rutgers Protestant Campus Ministry, NJ, November
  - 2011 Children, Ethics and the Bible, Tipple Vosburgh Workshop, Drew University, NJ, October
  - 2011 Sexual Justice in Ministry, Feminist Action Network Retreat, Claremont, CA, October
  - 2011 Faith, Parenting and Sexuality Education, Brick Presbyterian Church, NYC. May
  - 2011 From Common Ground to Common Good: Reproductive Justice, Princeton University, NJ, March
  - 2011 Queering Sexual Ethics for Emerging Adults, Dennison University, OH, February
  - 2011 Faith, Sexuality, and Parenting, Reille United Methodist Church, Richmond, VA, February
  - 2011 Sexuality, God, and Relationships, New London Episcopal Church, Youth Group Talk, January
  - 2011 Negotiating Boundaries, Jewish Theological Seminary, January
- \*\*See full CV for additional events at [www.kateott.org](http://www.kateott.org)

#### **SERMONS @ DREW**

- October 2019, Day of the Dead: Honoring our Ancestors with Latinx Caucus
- March 2019, Finding an Ecumenical Worship Home.
- October 31, 2018, Day of the Dead: Honoring our Ancestors with Latinx Caucus
- Fall 2015, Matriculation Address, Moral Vision: Write, Wait, Wonder,  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHWgxMcBwVQ>
- February 14, 2014 Reclaiming Valentine's Day,  
<https://www.facebook.com/342968014801/videos/10152225951174802/>
- October 1, 2014 Laughter (evening family service)
- September 11, 2013 There is no need for Violence  
<https://www.facebook.com/342968014801/videos/556701364394925/>
- March 8, 2012 But she answered him  
<https://www.facebook.com/342968014801/videos/294816123916785/>

#### **ADDITIONAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES**

Yale Divinity School, CT

- Negotiating Boundaries, annual (2012-current)
- Body and Soul: Ministry for Sexuality and Justice, Spring 2010, Fall 2013
- Youth, Culture, and Christian Education, Spring 2010

2009-2013 Princeton Institute for Youth Ministry, NJ

- Mentor, 2011-2013
- Theologian In Residence, Spring 2010
- Institute Faculty, Spring 2009

2009 - 2010 Instructor/Lecturer

Drew Theological School, NJ

- Christian Ethics (CHSOC 400), Spring 2010
- Coloring Outside the Lines: Children and Moral Agency (CHSOC 428), Fall 2009

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2007 - 2010 Instructor/Lecturer

Union Theological Seminary, NY

Sexual Ethics (CE 243), Fall 2008

Sexuality Issues for Ministers (SU 190 – Intensive Format), Fall/Spring 2007/8, 2009/10

Foundations in Feminist Theology and Ethics, Reading Course, Fall 2007

2007-2008 Adjunct Faculty

Sacred Heart University, CT

Bioethics (RS 260), Spring 2008

The Search for Truth, Justice, and the Common Good (RS 299), Spring 2007

Introduction to the Study of Religion (RS101), Fall 2007

2004 - 2007 Assistant Instructor, Teaching Assistant

Yale University Divinity School, CT

Assistant Instructor with Dr. Margaret Farley and Dr. Letty M. Russell

Feminist Theology and Feminist Ethics (Spring 2007)

Assistant Instructor for Dr. Kristen Leslie and Dr. Letty M. Russell

Feminist Liberation and Feminist Pastoral Theologies (Spring 2006)

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Letty M. Russell

Theology of Hospitality in a World of Difference (Spring 2005)

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Letty M. Russell

Feminist Theologies in Postcolonial Perspectives (Spring 2004)

Fall 2005 Teaching Assistant

Union Theological Seminary, NY

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Emilie Townes

Warrior Chants and Unquiet Spirits: The Christian Protest Tradition in the US

**AREAS OF TEACHING INTERESTS** (alphabetical listing)

Biomedical/Public Health Ethics

Catholic Social Teaching

Childhood Studies and Religious Formation/Education

Christian Ethics (Historical and Modern)

Digital Ethics

Feminist (Womanist, Mujerista, Ecofeminist) Theory/Gender Studies

Liberation Theology/Ethics/Ministry practices

Professional Ethics and Boundary Training

Sexual Ethics/Sexuality Education and Ministerial Formation

Theologies of the Common Good/Public Policy and Ethics

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2015 - current Guilford Land Trust, Guilford, CT

2015 - current Christian Education Board Chair, First Congregational Church, Guilford, CT

2018-current, Board Chair

2006 – current Sunday School Teacher, First Congregational Church, Guilford, CT (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5-6<sup>th</sup>, and 7-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

2016 - 2020 Diamond Club, Guilford High School Softball Boosters, 2019-2020 President  
 2016 - 2020 Sideout Club, Guilford High School Volleyball Boosters, 2019-2020 President  
 2012 – 2017 Softball Commissioner and Player Agent, Guilford Little League, Guilford, CT  
 2012 – 2014 Catholic Feminist Network (WATER, Dignity, Women’s Ordination Conference and Call  
 to Action – joint planning group for Catholic Feminist Initiatives)  
 2006 – 2013 Board of Directors, Calvin Hill Daycare Center, New Haven, CT  
 2012 Conference Planning - LGBTQ Coalition of Denver, CO  
 2009 - 2012 Nominating Committee, First Congregational Church, Guilford, CT  
 2007 - 2009 Real Life. Real Talk. Advisory Committee, Planned Parenthood of Connecticut, New  
 Haven, CT  
 2007 – 2009 St. Francis Home for Children, Spirituality Programs Liaison, New Haven, CT  
 2001 – 2006 Leadership for youth group participation with Heifer Project International, 30 Hour  
 Famine, and Operation Hope of Fairfield, CT  
 2001 – 2005 Habitat for Humanity of Bridgeport, CT  
 2001 – 2002 Youth Bridge Building Initiative, Bridgeport Council of Churches  
 2000 Steering Committee for Opening Doors Seminar Series, Yale University