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### **Education**

**Duke University**, Graduate Program in Religion  
Ph.D., Religion and Culture, 1997

**Yale Divinity School**  
M.A.R., 1984, Magna Cum Laude

**Yale Law School**  
J.D., 1984

**Duke University**  
A.B. in English, 1980, Summa Cum Laude

### **Academic Employment**

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

Department of Religious Studies  
Associate Professor of Religion and Culture, 2007 to present  
Department Chair, 2013-2018  
Acting Assistant Dean for Honors, Spring 2013  
Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Associate Professor, 2008-2013  
Associate Chair, 2007-2013  
Director of Graduate Studies, 2007-2013  
Acting Department Chair, Fall 2008 and Fall 2011  
Assistant Professor of Religion and Culture, 2001-2007  
Member, Board of Governors, University of North Carolina Press, 2019 to present  
Department of Communication Studies, Adjunct Professor, 2009 to present  
Curriculum in Women's Studies, Affiliated Faculty  
Program in Sexuality Studies, Affiliated Faculty

**Union Theological Seminary**, New York  
Acting Academic Dean, Spring 2001  
Assistant Professor of the Philosophy of Religion, 1997-2001

### **Scholarships, Awards, and Honors**

Senior Faculty Research Leave, UNC Chapel Hill, Spring 2019

University Distinguished Teaching Award for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction,  
 UNC Chapel Hill, 2012  
 Institute for the Arts and Humanities Academic Leadership Fellow, UNC Chapel Hill,  
 2012-2013  
 Office of Undergraduate Curricula Course Development Grant, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer  
 2006  
 Institute for the Arts and Humanities Spray-Randleigh Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill,  
 Spring 2004  
 University Research Council Grant, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2003  
 Spray-Randleigh Research Fellowship, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2002  
 Williamson Course Development Grant, UNC Chapel Hill, Summer 2002  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Dissertation Grant, 1995-96  
 Honorary Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1995-96  
 Duke University Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1995-96 (declined)  
 Kearns Fund Fellowship, Duke University Graduate Program in Religion, 1994-95  
 Graduate School Fund Fellowship, Duke University Graduate Program in Religion, 1993-94  
 James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University, 1990-93  
 Tew Prize for Scholastic Excellence, Yale Divinity School, 1984  
 Phi Beta Kappa, Duke University, 1979  
 Angier B. Duke Memorial Scholarship, Duke University, 1978-80  
 National Merit Corporate Scholarship, 1976-80  
 Opel Memorial Scholarship for study abroad, Duke University, 1978-79

## **Publications**

### ***Books***

Edward Bever and Randall Styers, eds., *Magic in the Modern World: Strategies of Repression and Legitimization* (University Park: The Penn State University Press, 2017)

Armin Lange, Eric M. Meyers, Bennie H. Reynolds III, and Randall Styers, eds., *Light Against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the Contemporary World*, *Journal of Ancient Judaism Supplements*, vol. 2 (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011)

*Making Magic: Religion, Magic, and Science in the Modern World*, American Academy of Religion Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004)

Assistant editor, *Women and Religion: The Original Sourcebook of Women in Christian Thought*, rev. ed., ed. Elizabeth Clark and Herbert Richardson (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996)

### ***Articles and Book Chapters***

“Religious Studies, Past and Present,” in *Religious Studies and Rabbinics: A Conversation*, eds. Elizabeth T. Alexander and Beth A. Berkowitz (New York: Routledge, 2017), 25-38

*Religion/Theory/Critique: Classic and Contemporary Approaches*, ed. Richard King (New York: Columbia University Press, 2017):

Chapter 8, "David Hume," 97-103  
 Chapter 29, "Classical Anthropological Theories of Religion," 315-326  
 Chapter 45, "Contemporary Continental Philosophy and the 'Return of the Religious,'" 497-505

Edward Bever and Randall Styers, "Introduction," in *Magic in the Modern World: Strategies of Repression and Legitimization*, ed. Edward Bever and Randall Styers (University Park: The Penn State University Press, 2017), 1-14

"Bad Habits: How Superstition Disappeared in the Modern World," in *Magic in the Modern World: Strategies of Repression and Legitimization*, ed. Edward Bever and Randall Styers (University Park: The Penn State University Press, 2017), 17-32

"Afterward," in *Melania: Early Christianity Through the Life of One Family*, ed. Catherine M. Chin and Carolin T. Schroeder (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2016), 283-86

"Magic," in *The Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*, ed. Kocku von Stuckrad and Robert Segal (Leiden: Brill, 2015)

"Religion and Cultural Theory," *Critical Research on Religion* 1(1) (2013): 72-79

"Magic and the Play of Power," in *Defining Magic*, eds. Bernd Otto and Michael Stausberg, *Critical Categories in the Study of Religion* (Sheffield, England: Equinox Publishing, 2013), 255-62

"Mana and Mystification: Magic and Religion at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," *WSQ: Women's Studies Quarterly* 40:3/4 (Fall/Winter 2012): 226-43

"Displacements and Proliferations: Moves Beyond Dualism in Contemporary Continental Thought," in *Light Against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the Contemporary World*, ed. Armin Lange, Eric M. Meyers, Benjamin Reynolds, and Randall Styers (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2011), 325-347

"Post-Colonial Theory and the Study of Christian History," *Church History* 78:4 (December 2009): 849-54

"Gianni Vattimo and the Return of the Sacred," *Annali d'Italianistica* 25 (2007): 47-75, special issue on "Literature, Religion, and the Sacred"

"The Cleansing Flood: Capital Punishment, Atonement, and the Christian Right," *Differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 18(3) (Fall 2007): 97-127

"Slaughter and Innocence: The Rhetoric of Sacrifice in Contemporary Arguments Supporting the Death Penalty," in *Human Sacrifice in Judeo-Christian and Other Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Karin Finsterbusch and Armin Lange, *Numen Book Series* Vol. 112 (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2006), 321-51

"Liberal Values and the Public Classroom: A Response to Stephen Webb," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70(1) (March 2002): 159-68

"Protestant Perspectives on Justice and Zealous Representation," *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 28(4) (April 2001): 1047-55

"The 'Magic' of 'Science': The Labeling of Ideas," in *Labeling: Pedagogy and Politics*, ed. Glenn M. Hudak and Paul Kihn (London and New York: RoutledgeFalmer, 2001), 235-49

*Women and Religion: The Original Sourcebook of Women in Christian Thought*, rev. ed., ed. Elizabeth Clark and Herbert Richardson (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1996):

Chapter 7, "Woman as Witch: Witchcraft Persecutions in the Old and New Worlds," 119-43

Chapter 12, "Movements for Religious and Social Reform in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century America," 237-64

Chapter 13, "Twentieth-Century Sexual Issues: Contraception, Abortion, and Homosexuality," 265-305

Chapter 14, "Feminist Liberation Theologies," 306-37

### **Selected Scholarly Presentations and Conference Participation**

"Religion et magie," Atelier International de Reflexion in connection with the establishment of the Centre d'Etudes des Religions et des Spiritualités, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, Senegal, May 2018

Panelist, Book review panel on Nicholas Meylan, *Mana: A History of A Western Category* (Brill 2017), Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (Method and Theory in the Study of Religion), March 2018

Panelist, "Professional Conduct Task Force Public Forum," American Academy of Religion (Professional Conduct Task Force), November 2017

Panelist, "Rethinking Theory, Methods, and Data: A Conversation between Religious Studies and Sociology of Religion," American Academy of Religion (Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Sociology of Religion Group), November 2016

"Repetition Anxiety: Who Hates Habit, and Why?," Habits and Spirits: Sound, Place, Technology, King's College London, May 2016

"David Hume on the Passions, Affect, and Religion," American Academy of Religion (Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group), November 2015

Presiding, "The Medicalization of Religion: Bodies and Brains as Loci of Control," American Academy of Religion (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group), November 2015

"Is There a Future in Interdisciplinarity?," New Directions for Humanities Graduate Education, Jackman Humanities Institute and School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, April 2015

Participant, "Manuscript Workshop on J. Kameron Carter, *The Color of Sovereignty: Poetic Blackness in the Wake of Political Theology*," Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University, January 2015

Presiding and respondent, "Far From Heaven: Perspectives on Hell through the Ages," American Society for Church History at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2015

"Graduate Student Formation," with Lauren Leve, Conference for Graduate School Program Directors and Deans, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Indianapolis, October 2014

Keynote address, "Religion in the Modern University," Jewish Studies Mellon Corridor Project Conference on Jewish Studies and the Academic Study of Religion, University of Rochester, March 2014

Presiding, "Religious Change and Technological Mediation in Modern America," American Academy of Religion (North American Religions Section), November 2013

"Training Graduate Students for a Twenty-first Century World," Shifting Sands of the Academy: Examining Trends in Higher Education, American Academy of Religion (Academic Relations Committee), November 2013

Panelist, "Special Topics Forum: Sexual and Gender Identity at the Intersections--Pedagogy," American Academy of Religion (The Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession), November 2013

"Concluding Remarks," Late Antiquity Made New Symposium: A Celebration of the Career of Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University, April 2013

Keynote address, "What Is Religious Studies?," Religious Studies and Rabbinics: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue, The University of Virginia, February 2013

Facilitator, "Time, Space, and Difference," American Academy of Religion (Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group), November 2012

Respondent, "Religious Exchanges and Transactions in North America," American Academy of Religion (North American Religions Section), November 2012

Panelist, "Social Theory and Religion, 2013-2015)," American Academy of Religion (Social Theory and Religion Cluster), November 2012

Presiding, "The Centenary of *The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*: The Enduring Analytical Impact of Émile Durkheim," American Academy of Religion (Social Theory and Religion Cluster), November 2012

"Analytical Research in the Eye of a Normative Claims Storm," American Academy of Religion (The Study of Religion as an Analytical Discipline Workshop: The Analytical Handling of Norms and Values in the Study of Religion), November 2012

"Faithful Discourse: Religion in American Political Advocacy," Ethically Formed?: An American Religion, Law, and Politics Symposium, The Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, Durham, NC, September 2012

Panelist, "Editors Meet Critics: Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Robert A. Yelle, and Mateo Taussig-Rubbo, eds., *After Secular Law*," North American Association for the Study of

Religion, November 2011

Presiding, "Industrial Effervescence: Manufacturing Economic Selves and Producing Religious Collectivity in American History," American Academy of Religion (North American Religions Section), November 2011

Moderator, "Religious Freedom, Sacred Sites, and Land Rights," American Indian Land Rights and Religious Freedom Symposium, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, April 2011

"Superstition and Scientific Progress," Rhetorics of Progress: Science and Technology in the Making of American Religions, American Academy of Religion (North American Religions Section), November 2010

Respondent, "Bodies and Law: Torture, Sex Change, and Same Sex Marriage," American Academy of Religion (Law, Religion, and Culture Group), November 2010

Presiding, "'Religion' in the Making: Social, National, and Global Formations," American Academy of Religion (Cultural History of the Study of Religions Group), November 2010

Panelist, "Remembering Mary Daly: A Reflection on Her Life and Work," Duke Divinity School, February 2010

"The Turn to Religion," UNC Chapel Hill Department of Communication Studies Colloquium, January 2010

Respondent, "The Buddha's Stand-ins: Living Saints and the Powerful Dead in Buddhist Southeast Asia," American Academy of Religion (Religion in Southeast Asia Consultation), Montreal, Quebec, November 2009

Presiding, "Negotiating the Legal Boundaries of Religion," American Academy of Religion (Joint Session of the Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and the Law, Religion, and Culture Group), Montreal, Quebec, November 2009

"Postcolonial Theory and the Study of Christian History," American Society of Church History Spring Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, April 2009

"Teaching Religious Diversity and Conflict," Conference on Education, Innovation, and Discovery: The Distinctive Promise of the American Research University, The Reinvention Center, Washington, D.C., November 2008

Panelist, "Mark DeWolfe Howe, *The Garden and the Wilderness*," American Academy of Religion (Law, Religion, and Culture Group), November 2008

Presiding, "Class Revisited," American Academy of Religion (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group), November 2008

Panelist, Wabash Center Conference for Graduate School Deans and Program Directors, IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana, October 2008

"Bad Habits: How Superstition Disappeared in the Modern World," Magic: Frontiers and Boundaries, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, June 2008

Panelist, "God and Country: *Differences* Journal Salon," Cultural Studies Association U.S., May 2008

Presiding, "Trans-Atlantic Perceptions of Christianity," American Society of Church History, January 2008

"Gender Theory and the Study of Religion," "Sexuality and the Politics of Magic," and "Gender and Sexuality in Western Christianity," National Sexuality Resource Center 2007 Summer Institute on Sexuality, Inequality and Health, San Francisco State University, July 2007

Panelist, Roundtable Discussion with Gianni Vattimo, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, November 2006

Panelist, "Memory, Transformation and Religion after September 11, 2001," Symposium on the Future of September 11, Hofstra University and World Trade Center Family Center, September 2006

Respondent, "Science and Religion in the Early Modern Period," Shakespeare Association of America, April 2006

Panelist, "Disempowered Voices in Legal Academia," Yale Law School, March 2006

"Strategies for Speaking about Sexuality in Church," Duke University Divinity School, November 2005

Respondent, Graduate Research Colloquium, UNC Charlotte Department of Religious Studies, April 2005

"*Mana* and Mystification," Religion and Agency: Theoretical Issues and Historical Cases, North American Association for the Study of Religion, November 2004

Presiding, "Religion, Spirituality, and Modernity," American Academy of Religion (Religion and Popular Culture Group), November 2004

Presiding, "'I Am No Prophet': Functions of Prophecy in Holy Books and Beyond," UNC Chapel Hill, October 2004

"'The Disclaimer of His Sex': Theories of Magic, Modernity, and Desire," Sexuality After Foucault, Centre for the Study of Sexuality and Culture, University of Manchester, England, November 2003

"Modern Irrationality: Western Theories of Superstition Following the Enlightenment," Society of Biblical Literature (Late Antiquity in Interdisciplinary Perspective Section), November 2003

"Displacements and Proliferations: Moves Beyond Dualism in Contemporary Continental Thought," Light Against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the Contemporary World, UNC Chapel Hill, June 2003

Panelist, "Light Against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the

- Contemporary World," UNC Chapel Hill, June 2003
- "Magic, Desire, and the Making of the Modern Subject," Barnard College, March 2003
- Respondent, "'Virtual Practices: De/Reterritorializing Identities and the Internet," American Academy of Religion (Religion and the Social Sciences Section), November 2001
- "Magic in the Definition of Religion and Science," Science and Religion in the Age of Capital and Empire, University of Michigan, November 2001
- "Protestant Perspectives on Zealous Representation," CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution, Institute for Dispute Resolution, New York, January 2001
- Panelist, "Ellen T. Armour's *Deconstruction, Feminist Theology, and the Problem of Difference* and Thomas A. Carlson's *Indiscretion: Finitude and the Naming of God*," American Academy of Religion (Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group), November 2000
- Presiding, "Create the Common Good: A Symposium on Theological Education and American Public Life," Union Theological Seminary and Auburn Theological Seminary (sponsored by the Lilly Endowment), September 2000
- "Postmodernism and the Interpretation of Texts," Bible/Church/World: The Challenge of Scripture to Changing Cultures, A Conference for Pastors and Church Leaders, Auburn Theological Seminary, June 2000
- "Religion, Magic and Deviance: Foucault and the Bounds of Piety," Michel Foucault: Religious Explorations, A Scholars Colloquium Sponsored by the Visiting Jesuit University Professorship, Loyola University of Chicago, April 2000
- "Law, Education, and Public Sphere Activisms," Whose Millennium?: Religion, Sexuality, and the Values of Citizenship, The City University of New York, April 2000
- Respondent, "Engaging Communities: Union's Curriculum, Urban Realities: A Curriculum Symposium funded by the Carpenter Foundation," Union Theological Seminary, March 2000
- "Do Religion and Lawyering Really Have Anything To Do With Each Other?," Religious Values and the Practice of Law: A Continuing Legal Education Course, Fordham University School of Law, March 2000
- Participant, "Symposium on the Relationship between the News Media and Mainline Protestantism," The Aspen Institute Faith and Public Policy Program, Washington, D.C., June 1999
- Panelist, "Public Curriculum and Religious Liberties: Accommodating Religious Points of View in the Public Curriculum," Public Curriculum, Private Choice: Cultural Liberties, Religious Liberties and Public Education Policy: A Symposium on Religion, Democracy and Public Education, New York University School of Law, March 1999
- Panelist and moderator, "The Role of the Lawyer in a Situation of (Inter and Intra) Religious Controversy," Conference on Rediscovering the Role of Religion in the Lives of Lawyers



and Those They Represent, Fordham University School of Law, December 1998

Respondent, "The Politics of Religious Illegitimacy," American Academy of Religion (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group), November 1998

"Philosophy of Religion and Its Other," American Academy of Religion (Philosophy of Religion Section), November 1997

"Orientalism and the Geographies of Magic," American Academy of Religion (Comparative Studies in Religion Section), November 1996

Presiding, "Where is Religion Going?: Twentieth-Century Evolutionary Theories of Religion," American Academy of Religion (History of the Study of Religion Group), November 1995

"Overlapping Consensus and Its Limits: The Relation of the Religious to the Political in the Recent Work of John Rawls," American Academy of Religion (Religion and the Social Sciences Section), November 1994

"Michael Taussig and the Experience of the Other," American Academy of Religion (Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group), November 1992

Panelist, "Discovering Religion or Inventing It?: The Context of Contact," American Academy of Religion (Religion and the Social Sciences Section), November 1992

### **Selected Public Lectures**

"How to Construct a Syllabus: Structuring a Class to Promote Learning & Engagement in the Teaching of Religion," Duke University Graduate Program in Religion, November 2017

"Witch Hunting and Trials in the Early Modern Era," History, Social Commentary, and Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, Program in the Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, October 2016

"Magic and Its Appeal," Themes and Performances from Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods" Table Talk, Program in the Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, November 2014

"Religion and Science Revisited," Religion and Science Symposium, Kenan-Biddle Partnership, Duke University, March 2014

"What Magic Means in the Modern World," The Mary Renault Society, Raleigh, NC, March 2013

Respondent, Philip Goff, "Politics and the Election," Duke Divinity School, October 2012

"Religion and Sexuality in the University Classroom," Program in Sexuality Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, September 2012

"Religion," Carolina United Retreat, UNC Chapel Hill, August 2012

Panelist, "Remembering Adrienne Rich: Readings and Reflections," Duke University, April 2012

Panelist, “‘Till Death Do Us Part: Marriage in the United States,” The Parr Center for Ethics, UNC Chapel Hill, April 2012

“Gender and Sexuality in Christian History,” The Mary Renault Society, Raleigh, NC, March 2012

Presenter, “Religious Difference in the Classroom,” Teaching So Everyone Learns: Managing Culturally Difficult Topics and Situations in the Classroom, UNC Chapel Hill, August 2011

“Gender and Religion,” Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, NC, June 2011

Panelist, “David Wojnarowicz, ‘A Fire in my Belly’: Versions, Debates, Implications,” Ackland Art Museum, UNC Chapel Hill, January 2011

“Global Christianity Today,” Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC Chapel Hill, December 2010

“The Proposed Islamic Cultural Center at Ground Zero: How Do We Discuss the Issue?,” Carolina on the Road Conversation Series, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill, New York, November 2010

“Visions of Life After Death,” Ackland Art Museum, UNC Chapel Hill, November 2010

“Religious Freedom and the Modern World,” Ethical Humanist Society of the Triangle, Chapel Hill, NC, September 2010

Facilitator, “Facilitating Difficult Dialogues in the Classroom,” Teaching So Everyone Learns: The Inclusive Curriculum Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, August 2010

"Spinoza and the Origins of Religious Freedom," Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC Chapel Hill, April 2010

“Religious Freedom,” RELIC Forum, UNC Chapel Hill, February 2010

Panelist, “Marriage and Family Rights: Who’s Allowed and Who Decides?,” The Parr Center for Ethics, UNC Chapel Hill, April 2009

Panelist, “*For the Bible Tells Me So*: Religion in American Gender Politics,” UNC Chapel Hill, October 2008

"Believers and Infidels: When Religion Divides the World," Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation 2008 Ministers' Conference, Judea Reform Synagogue, Durham, N.C., February 2008

"Religion, Magic, and Science," College for Lifelong Learning, General Alumni Association, UNC Chapel Hill, November 2007

Panelist, "Who Deserves to Die?: The Ethics of Capital Punishment," The Parr Center for Ethics, UNC Chapel Hill, October 2007

Moderator, "*Jesus Camp* and American Religion," UNC Chapel Hill, March 2007

- Panelist and Facilitator, "Feminist Ethics: Celebrating the Life and Teachings of Beverly Wildung Harrison," Holy Ground, First Presbyterian Church, Asheville, N.C., March 2007
- "Christianity and the Right to Marry," UNC Chapel Hill, October 2006
- Moderator, "Christian Diversity in Contemporary America," UNC Chapel Hill, October 2006
- Panelist, "Contraception, Abortion, and World Religions," UNC Chapel Hill, March 2006
- "Tough Religious Questions and Why You Should Be Asking Them," UNC Chapel Hill Carolina Crossfire, December 2005
- "Justifying Executions: Current Theological Arguments in Favor of the Death Penalty," UNC Chapel Hill Religious Studies Department Seminar, October 2005
- "Competing Freedoms? Balancing the Establishment and Free Exercise Clauses," Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC Chapel Hill, July 2005
- Panelist, "Debates over Same-Sex Marriage," UNC Chapel Hill, March 2004
- "How Magic Makes Religion," North Carolina State University, November 2003
- "The Idea of the Miraculous," North Carolina Renaissance Program, UNC Chapel Hill, May 2003
- Panelist, "When Religions Go to Work," Triangle Society of Human Resources Management/ Raleigh-Wake County Human Resources Management Association Annual Joint Meeting, February 2003
- "Magic and Religion in the Modern World," Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC Chapel Hill, October 2002
- "God in Postmodern Thought," Columbia University, March 2002
- "Perspectives on Divine Action," three-week study course, First Church of Christ Congregational, Redding Center, Connecticut, March-April 2001
- "Perspectives on Divine Action," two-week study course, All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, New York, December 2000
- "Peacebuilding," presentation with Thomas Porter, Union Day, Union Theological Seminary, April 2000
- Miracles and Divine Action," six-week study course at The Riverside Church, New York, February-March 1999
- Panelist, "Forming Theologies at Union: The Connective and Cutting Edge," Union Day, Union Theological Seminary, April 1998
- "Miracles, Magic and Divine Action," First Congregational Church, Greenwich, Connecticut February 1998

## **Professional Service**

### **American Academy of Religion**

Treasurer, 2018-2021  
 Chair, Finance Committee, 2018-2021  
 Member, Board of Directors, 2018-2021  
 Member Executive Committee, 2018-2021

### **National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution**

Member, Advisory Committee on Religion and Science, 2017 to present

### **Study of Religion as an Analytical Discipline Workshop**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Member, Steering Committee, 2012 to present

### **Council on Graduate Studies in Religion**

Chair, 2016-2019  
 Vice-Chair, 2013-2016

### **Professional Conduct Task Force**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Member, 2017-2018

### **Responsible Research Practices Seminar,**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Member, 2013-2015

### **Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Co-Chair, Steering Committee, 2009-2014  
 Member, Steering Committee, 2005-2014

### **Social Theory and Religion Cluster**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Co-Chair, Steering Committee, 2011-2014  
 Member, Steering Committee, 2011-2014

### **Law, Religion, and Culture Group**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Member, Steering Committee, 2007-2013

### **North American Association for the Study of Religion**

Member, Executive Council, 2007-2010

### **Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**

#### **American Academy of Religion**

Member, Steering Committee, 2007-2012

### **Association for Religion and Intellectual Life/CrossCurrents**

Board of Directors, 2003 to present

### ***Critical Research on Religion: An Interdisciplinary Journal***

Member, Editorial Board, 2012 to present

### ***Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft***

Editorial Board, 2005 to present

### ***Mondi: Movimenti simbolici e sociali dell'uomo***

Editorial Advisory Board, 2016 to present

### ***Journal of the American Academy of Religion***

Editorial Board, 1998-2004

**Legal Experience****Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher**, Los Angeles and New York

Corporate associate, 1984-90, with experience including general corporate practice, project finance, mergers and acquisitions, general securities and financial institutions work, and certain labor matters; member of the firm Hiring Committee

**Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher**, Los Angeles

Summer associate, 1983

**Cravath, Swaine & Moore**, New York

Summer associate, 1982

**New Haven Legal Assistance**, New Haven, Connecticut

Research assistant in family and consumer law, 1981-82

**Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice**, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Summer associate, 1981

**North Carolina Institute of Government**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Research intern with the North Carolina Division of Prisons, Summer 1980