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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1995 – Present **Barnard College**, Department of Religion  
Professor, 2007 –  
Ann Whitney Olin Professor, 2013-2018  
Associate Professor, 2003-2007  
Assistant Professor, 1995-2003
- 1994-1995 **Occidental College**, Department of Religion  
Assistant Professor
- Spring 1993 **University of California at Berkeley**, Program in Religious Studies  
Visiting Assistant Professor
- 1987-1994 **College of Wooster**, Department of Religious Studies  
Assistant Professor (On leave 1990-91, 1992-94)
- Spring 1987 **Mount St. Mary's College**, Department of Religious Studies  
Instructor (half-time)
- 1982-1983 **Claremont Graduate School**, Institute for Antiquity and Christianity  
Assistant to the Director (half-time)
- 1979-1981 **Brown University**, Sarah Doyle Women's Center  
Staff Coordinator (half-time)
- 1979-1981 **Rhode Island Council on Domestic Violence**  
Executive Director (half-time)

### EDUCATION

- 1981-1987 **Claremont Graduate School**  
Ph.D., Religion (Christian Origins), 1987  
MA, Religion, January 1986
- 1975-1979 **Brown University**  
A.B. (Honors), English and American Literature

### LANGUAGES

English, French (conversant, reading), Italian (conversant, reading), German (reading); ancient languages: Greek (classical, Hellenistic, koine); Latin; Hebrew; Coptic

## GRANT ACTIVITY

- Spring 2011 **Mellon/Barnard Center for Translation Studies**  
for technical assistance on English translation from Italian of Pier Paolo Pasolini, *San Paolo*  
(published by Verso Books, 2014)
- Fall 2008 **Barnard College**, Faculty Research Mini-Grant  
for research assistant for survey article on “Body” for *Cambridge Companion to Ancient  
Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Barbette Stanley Spaeth (published by Cambridge University  
Press, 2013)
- Fall 2008 **Barnard College**, Senior Faculty Research Leave
- Fall 2004 (used  
Spring 2006) **Mellon Faculty New Directions Research Grant**  
for new research and curriculum development on global Christianity
- Spring 2004 **Barnard College**, Faculty Research Mini-Grant  
for editorial assistant for *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts and Contemporary Worlds*
- 2003-2004 **New York University**, Center for Religion and Media  
Senior Research Scholar, *Religion, Media, and Human Rights Working Group*
- Spring 2000 **Barnard College**, Special Assistant Professor Leave
- June 1998 **American Academy in Rome**  
Visiting Scholar
- 1996-1997 **Rutgers University**, Center for Historical Analysis  
Post-Doctoral Fellowship
- June-August  
1996 **NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers**  
American Academy in Rome, “The Art of Ancient Spectacle”
- 1992-1994 **University of California at Berkeley**, Beatrice Bain Research Group on Women and Gender  
Affiliated Scholar
- Fall 1992 **Henry Luce III Fund for Distinguished Scholarship**
- 1990-1992 **American Academy of Religion**  
Collaborative Research Grants for the Bible and Culture Collective for *The Postmodern Bible*  
(published by Yale University Press, 1994)
- 1990-1991 **Annenberg Research Institute**  
Research Fellowship
- 1990-1991 **College of Wooster**  
Faculty Research Leave
- Spring 1992 **College of Wooster**  
Summer 1988 Summer Research Grants
- 1981-1987 **Claremont Graduate School**  
Merit, Tuition, and Dissertation Fellowships

**ACADEMIC AND  
PROFESSIONAL  
HONORS**

- 2007 – Present **American Society of the Study of Religion**  
Elected to membership, April 2007
- Spring 2002 **Gladys Brooks Excellence in Teaching Award**, Barnard College
- November 2001 **Society of Biblical Literature**, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession  
Senior Scholar as Mentor Award
- 2000 – Present **Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas/Society for the Study of the New Testament**  
Elected to membership, August 2000

**PUBLICATIONS/ BOOKS / MONOGRAPHS, EDITED COLLECTIONS, AND TRANSLATIONS**

- 2014 Pier Paolo Pasolini, *Saint Paul: A Screenplay*. Authorized English translation from Italian.  
London: Verso Books, 2014.
- 2004 *Martyrdom and Memory: Early Christian Culture Making*. New York: Columbia University  
Press, 2004. Paperback edition, 2007.
- 2004 *Interventions: Activists and Academics Respond to Violence*. Edited with Janet R. Jakobsen.  
New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2004.
- 2001 *Women, Gender, Religion: A Reader*. Edited with the assistance of Rosamond C. Rodman. New  
York: Palgrave/St. Martin's Press, 2001.
- 1996 *Reimagining Christian Origins: A Colloquium Honoring Burton L. Mack*. Edited with Hal  
Taussig. Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1996.
- 1995 *The Postmodern Bible*. Co-editor and co-author as member of the Bible and Culture Collective.  
New Haven: Yale University Press, 1995.
- Portuguese translation: *A Bíblia pós-moderna*. Translated by Barbara Theoto Lambert.  
São Paulo: Edições Loyola, 2000.
- 1991 *Imitating Paul: A Discourse of Power*. Literary Currents in Biblical Interpretation Series.  
Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1991.
- German translation: *Paulus nachahmen. Mimesis als Machtstrategie in den  
Paulusbriefen*. In *ReligionsKulturen* series. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer Verlag, 2010.

**PUBLICATIONS/ SPECIAL ISSUES OF SCHOLARLY JOURNALS**

- 2017 *Queer/Religion*  
Guest editor, *Scholar & Feminist Online* 14.2 (Winter 2017)  
Barnard Center for Research on Women  
<http://sfoonline.barnard.edu/queer-religion/>
- 2007 *God and Country*  
Guest editor, *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 18.3 (Fall 2007)  
Duke University Press

- 2004 *Reverberations: On Violence*  
 Guest editor, *Scholar & Feminist Online* 2:2 (Winter 2004)  
 Barnard Center for Research on Women  
[www.barnard.edu/sfonline/reverb](http://www.barnard.edu/sfonline/reverb)
- 2001 *Sexuality in Late Antiquity*  
 Guest editor with Daniel Boyarin, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 10:3-4 (July/October 2001)  
 University of Texas Press

**PUBLICATIONS/ ARTICLES, ESSAYS, BOOK CHAPTERS, TRANSLATIONS**

- 2017 “Sexual Renunciation II: Developments since 2000.” In *The Early Christian World*, 2nd ed., ed. Philip Esler. London/New York: Routledge, 2017. Forthcoming.
- 2017 “Paul and Pasolini Retrospectively.” *Biblical Interpretation*. Forthcoming.
- 2017 “Radicalism, Violence, and Religious Texts.” *The Bible and Critical Theory*. Forthcoming.
- 2017 “Introduction.” *Queer/Religion. Scholar & Feminist Online* 14.2 (Winter 2017).
- 2017 “The Future of Sainthood.” In *Melania: Early Christianity in the Life of One Family*, ed. Catherine M. Chin and Caroline T. Schroeder, 271-82. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2017.
- 2015 “The Bishops, the Sisters, and Religious Freedom.” In *The Politics of Religious Freedom*, ed. Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Saba Mahmood, and Peter G. Danchin, 220-30. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015.
- 2014 “Translating Pasolini Translating Paul.” Translator’s Introduction to Pier Paolo Pasolini, *Saint Paul: A Screenplay*, xv-xlii. London: Verso Books, 2014.
- 2013 “Body.” In *Cambridge Companion to Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, ed. Barbette Stanley Spaeth, 252-280. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- 2012 “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” In *Things: Material Religion and the Topographies of Divine Spaces*, ed. Dick Houtman and Birgit Meyer, 232-49. New York: Fordham University Press, 2012.
- 2011 “«Verser notre sang, non celui des autres»: Rituel et résistance en temps de guerre.” *Terrain: revue d’ethnologie de l’Europe* no. 56 (2011): 22-41.
- 2010 “The Philosophers’ Paul in the Frame of the Global: Some Reflections.” *South Atlantic Quarterly* 109.4 (2010): 653-676.  
 · Reprinted in *Paul and the Philosophers*, ed. Ward Blanton and Hent de Vries, 143-158. New York: Fordham University Press, 2013.
- 2010 “What’s the Difference?: Religion and the Question of Theory.” *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 21.1 (Spring 2010): 124-136.
- 2007 “God and Country: An Introduction.” *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 18.3 (Fall 2007): 1-6.

- 2007 "Persecution Complexes: Identity Politics and the 'War on Christians.'" *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 18.3 (Fall 2007): 152-180.
- 2007 "Theologizing Human Rights: Christian Activism and the Limits of Religious Freedom." In *Non-Governmental Politics*, ed. Michel Feher with Gaëlle Krikorian and Yates McKee, 673-687. New York, Zone Books, 2007.
- 2006 "The Ambivalent Legacy of Violence and Victimhood: Using Early Christian Martyrs to Think With." *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 6 (2006): 1-24.
- 2006 "Divining the Future Places of Religion: A Partial Response to Graham Ward, 'The Future of Religion.'" *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74 (2006): 187-191.
- 2006 "Théologiser les droits de l'homme: La nouvelle Bible des évangélistes américains." *Vacarme* no. 34 (hiver 2006): 196-200. Numéro special: *Politique non gouvernementale*: <http://www.vacarme.org/article561.html>.
- 2005 "Praying for the Persecuted Church: U.S. Christian Activism in the Global Arena." *Journal of Human Rights* 4 (2005): 321-51.
- 2005 "Globalization, Transnational Feminisms, and the Future of Biblical Critique." In *Feminist New Testament Studies: Global and Future Perspectives*, ed. Musa Dube, Althea Spencer-Miller, and Kathleen O'Brien Wicker, 63-78. New York: Palgrave, 2005.
- 2005 "Gender and Ideology Critique in the Study of Paul's Letter to the Romans: A Response to Pamela Eisenbaum and Teresa J. Hornsby." In *Gender, Tradition and Romans: Shared Ground, Uncertain Borders*, ed. Cristina Grenholm and Daniel Patte, 167-79. New York: T & T Clark, 2005.
- 2005 "Persecution and Spectacle: Cultural Appropriation in the Christian Commemoration of Martyrdom." *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 7 (2005): 102-36.
- 2004 "Feminists Responding to Violence: Theories, Vocabularies, and Strategies." In *Interventions: Activists and Academics Respond to Violence*, ed. Elizabeth A. Castelli and Janet R. Jakobsen, 1-9. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.
- 2004 "Problems, Questions, and Curiosities: A Response to Ivan Strenski's 'Why Is It Better to Know Some of the Questions than All of the Answers?'" In *The Future of the Study of Religion: Proceedings of Congress 2000*, ed. Slavica Jakelic and Lori Pearson, 173-88. Leiden: Brill, 2004.
- 2004 "Introduction." In *Reverberations: On Violence*, special issue of *Scholar and Feminist Online* 2:2 (Winter 2004): [www.barnard.edu/sfonline/reverb/intro.htm](http://www.barnard.edu/sfonline/reverb/intro.htm).
- 2003 "The *Ekklesia* of Women and Feminist Utopia: Locating the Work of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza in North American Feminist Thought." In *On the Cutting Edge: The Study of Women in Biblical Worlds*, ed. Jane Schaberg, Alice Bach, and Esther Fuchs, 36-52. New York: Continuum Press, 2003.
- 2001 "Foucault's *History of Sexuality*: The Fourth Volume, or, A Field Left Fallow for Others to Till." Coauthored with Daniel Boyarin. *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 10:3-4 (July/October 2001): 357-74.

· Reprinted in *Readings in the Theory of Religion: Map, Body, Text*, ed. Scott S. Elliott and Matthew Waggoner, 259-273. Critical Categories in the Study of Religion Series.

London: Equinox, 2009.

- 2001 “Women, Gender, Religion: Troubling Categories and Transforming Knowledge.” In *Women, Gender, Religion: A Reader*, ed. Elizabeth A. Castelli with the assistance of Rosamond C. Rodman, 3-25. New York: Palgrave/St. Martin’s Press, 2001.
- 2001 “History’s Queer Touch: A Forum on Carolyn Dinshaw’s *Getting Medieval: Sexualities and Communities, Pre- and Postmodern*.” *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 10 (2001): 165-212. Organized and edited forum; my introduction appears at 165-66.
- 2000 “Ultimately, It’s Not a Change of Color, but a Whole Change-of-Subject-Kind-of-Thing.” In *African Americans and the Bible*, ed. Vincent L. Wimbush with the assistance of Rosamond C. Rodman, 849-51. New York: Continuum Press, 2000.
- 2000 “Asterius of Amasea, *Ekphrasis on the Holy Martyr Euphemia*.” Introduction and translation from Greek in *Religions of Late Antiquity in Practice*, Princeton Readings in Religion, ed. Richard Valantasis, 464-68. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.
- 1999 “Disciplines of Difference: Asceticism and History in Paul.” In *Asceticism and the New Testament*, ed. Vincent L. Wimbush and Leif Vaage, 171-85. New York: Routledge, 1999.
- 1999 “Paul on Women and Gender.” In *Women and Christian Origins*, ed. Mary R. D’Angelo and Ross S. Kraemer, 221-35. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.
- 1998 “Lesbian Historiography Before the Name? A Forum on Bernadette Brooten’s *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996).” *GLQ* 4 (1998): 557-630. Organized and edited forum with Ann Pellegrini; my introduction appears at 557-58.
- 1998 “Gender, Theory, and *The Rise of Christianity*: A Response to Rodney Stark.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 6 (1998): 227-57.
- 1996 “Drawing Large and Startling Pictures: Reimagining Christian Origins by Painting Like Picasso.” Coauthored with Hal Taussig. In *Reimagining Christian Origins*, ed. Elizabeth A. Castelli and Hal Taussig, 3-21. Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1996.
- 1996 “Imperial Reimaginings of Christian Origins: Epic in Prudentius’s Poem for the Martyr Eulalia.” In *Reimagining Christian Origins*, ed. Elizabeth A. Castelli and Hal Taussig, 173-84. Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1996.
- 1995 “Asceticism—Audience and Resistance.” In *Asceticism*, ed. Vincent L. Wimbush and Richard Valantasis, 178-87. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.
- 1994 “Heteroglossia, Hermeneutics, and History: A Review Essay of Recent Feminist Studies in Early Christianity.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 10:2 (1994): 73-98.
- 1994 “Allegories of Hagar: Reading Galatians 4:21-31 with Postmodern Feminist Eyes.” In *The New Literary Criticism and the New Testament*, ed. Elizabeth Struthers Malbon and Edgar McKnight, 228-50. Sheffield: University of Sheffield Press, 1994.
- 1994 “Visions and Voyeurism: Holy Women and the Politics of Sight in Early Christianity.” *Protocol of the Colloquy of the Center for Hermeneutical Studies, 6 December 1992*, new series 2. Berkeley: Center for Hermeneutical Studies, 1994.
- 1994 “Paul’s Letter to the Romans.” In *Searching the Scriptures, Vol. 2: A Feminist Commentary*, ed.

- Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, 272-300. New York: Crossroad Press, 1994.
- 1992 “Mortifying the Body, Curing the Soul: Beyond Ascetic Dualisms in *The Life of St. Synclitica*.” *differences: a Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* 4:2 (1992): 134-53.
- 1991 “Interpretations of Power in 1 Corinthians.” *Semeia* 54 (1991): 197-222.  
 · Reprinted in *Foucault and Theology: The Politics of Religious Experience*, ed. James Bernauer and Jeremy R. Carrette, 19-38. London: Ashgate, 2004.
- 1991 “‘I Will Make Mary Male’: Pieties of the Body and Gender Transformation of Christian Women in Late Antiquity.” In *Bodyguards: The Cultural Contexts of Gender Ambiguity*, ed. Julia Epstein and Kristina Straub, 29-49. New York: Routledge, 1991.  
 · Reprinted as “Female Martyrs” in *Feminism & Theology*, ed. Janet Soskice and Diana Lipton, 62-71. Oxford Readings in Feminism. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- 1991 Translation of Mieke Bal, “Narratology as Critical Theory,” *On Storytelling*, ed. David Jobling, 27-48. Translated with David Jobling. Sonoma, CA: Polebridge Press, 1991.
- 1990 “*Les belles infidèles*/Fidelity or Feminism? The Meanings of Feminist Biblical Translation.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 6:2 (1990): 25-39.  
 · Reprinted in *Searching the Scriptures*, Vol. 1: *A Feminist Introduction*, ed. Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, 351-65. New York: Crossroad, 1993.
- 1990 “Pseudo-Athanasius’s *Life and Activity of the Holy and Blessed Teacher Synclitica*.” Translation, introduction, and critical notes in *Ascetic Behavior in Graeco-Roman Antiquity: A Sourcebook*, ed. Vincent L. Wimbush, 265-311. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1990.
- 1990 “Beyond the Language and Memory of the Fathers: Feminist Perspectives in Religious Studies.” Co-authored with James McBride. In *Transcending Boundaries: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to the Study of Gender*, ed. Pamela Frese and Michael Coggeshall, 113-50. New York: Bergin and Garvey, 1990.
- 1988 “Sex Education in Gnostic Schools: A Response to Richard Smith.” In *Images of the Feminine in Gnosticism*, ed. Karen L. King, 361-66. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1988.
- 1986 “Virginité and its Meaning for Women’s Sexuality in Early Christianity.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 2:1 (1986): 61-88.  
 · Reprinted in *A Feminist Companion to Patristic Literature*, ed. Amy-Jill Levine with Maria Mayo Robbins, 72-100. *Feminist Companion to the New Testament and Early Christian Writings* 12. New York: T & T Clark, 2008.
- 1984 “Traditions and Transitions: Women’s Studies and a Balanced Curriculum: A Selected Bibliography.” In *Toward a Balanced Curriculum: A Sourcebook for Initiating Gender Integration Projects*, ed. Bonnie Spanier, et al., 252-85. Cambridge: Schenkman, 1984.

**PUBLICATIONS/ REPORTS AND OCCASIONAL PIECES**

- 2017 “From Parody to Hyperreality in Ang Lee’s ‘Billy Lynn’s Long Halftime Walk.’” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, February 24, 2017.  
<https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/from-parody-to-hyperreality-in-ang-lees-billy-lynns-long-halftime-walk/>

- 2017 “A Tale of Two Melanias.” *The Revealer: A Review of Religion and Media*, February 9, 2017. <https://wp.nyu.edu/therevealer/2017/02/09/a-tale-of-two-melanias/>
- 2016 “Senseless.” Exhibition notes for solo exhibition of paintings, drawing, and prints by Reynaldo García Pantaleón at La Casa: A Space for the Arts. New York City.
- 2016 “Meeting Saba Mahmood on the Streets of Fifth-Century Alexandria,” contribution to a forum on Saba Mahmood, *Religious Difference in a Secular Age: A Minority Report* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016), for *Syndicate Theology*, July 2016. <http://syndicatenetwork.flywheelsites.com/commentary/meeting-saba-mahmood-fifth-century-alexandria/>.  
Print version: “Meeting Saba Mahmood on the Streets of Fifth-Century Alexandria,” *Syndicate Theology* 3.4 (July/August 2016): 26-29.
- 2016 “Paradoxes of International Religious Freedom,” contribution to *Beyond Religious Freedom*, a forum on Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, *Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015), for *Immanent Frame*, publication of the Social Science Research Council, May 2016. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2016/05/05/paradoxes-of-international-religious-freedom/>
- 2016 “Researching and Responding to Violence, Ten Years On,” in Violence and Representations of Violence Section at 10: Retrospect and Prospect, a forum of the *Ancient Jew Review*, March 2016. <http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2016/3/16/researching-and-responding-to-violence-ten-years-on?rq=castelli>
- 2013 “‘After the Apocalypse She Missed Her Dog’: Reading Lucy Corin’s *One Hundred Apocalypses and Other Apocalypses*.” *The Revealer*, October 2013. <http://therevealer.org/archives/18551>
- 2013 “Reza Aslan—Historian?” *The Nation*, August 2013. <http://www.thenation.com/article/175688/reza-aslan-historian>
- 2012 “The Bishops, the Sisters, and Religious Freedom.” Forum on The Politics of Religious Freedom, ed. Elizabeth Shakman Hurd and Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Social Science Research Council, *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere*, May 16, 2012. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2012/05/16/the-bishops-the-sisters-and-religious-freedom/>
- 2011 “On Commemoration: Reflections on 9/11.” Barnard College, September 14, 2011. <http://barnard.edu/headlines/commemoration-reflections-911>
- 2011 “Failure to Deliver: Predictions that did not predict and a case-closing report that did not close the case.” *The Revealer*, May 26, 2011. <http://therevealer.org/archives/6580>
- 2009 “Slouching toward Copenhagen.” A review of *Antichrist*, directed by Lars von Trier, 2009. *Artforum* (October 2009): 81-82. <http://www.artforum.com/inprint/id=23734>
- 2009 “It’s Not about a Hurricane. It’s about America.” With Jennifer Wright Knust and Erin Runions. *SBL Forum*, October 2009. <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=846>
- 2007 “From Theorizing the Other to the Theories of Others.” *Spotlight on Teaching*. Theme: *The Other Within Christianity: Diversifying our Knowledge Production*. *Religious Studies News* (American Academy of Religion Edition). October 2007.



- 2006 Interview with Adele Horne, documentary filmmaker. *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts and Contemporary Worlds* 2.2/2.3 (2006): 316-327. Interview with the filmmaker of *The Tailenders* (2006), a documentary about the Christian missionary group, Global Recordings Network, which uses low-tech audio devices to evangelize indigenous peoples around the world.
- 2006 “Notes from the War Room.” *The Revealer: A Daily Review of Religion and the Press*, 5 April 2006: [http://www.therevealer.org/archives/timely\\_002500.php](http://www.therevealer.org/archives/timely_002500.php). A report on “The War on Christians and the Values Voter” Conference, Washington, DC, 27-28 March 2006.
- 2004 “Reading the Book of Ruth.” *House of Ruth Newsletter* (Fall 2004): 2-3. (A publication of the House of Ruth, Assisting Families Victimized by Domestic Violence, Claremont, California.)
- 2004 “Shockwave! New Media Warriors Try to Shake the World.” *The Revealer: A Daily Review of Religion and the Press*, 4 March 2004: [http://www.therevealer.org/archives/timeless\\_000224.php](http://www.therevealer.org/archives/timeless_000224.php).
- 2004 “How? What Can We Do About the State of the World? - A Panel of Activists.” *Reverberations: On Violence*, special issue of *Scholar and Feminist Online* 2:2 (Winter 2004): <http://www.barnard.edu/sfonline/reverb/castell1.htm>.
- 2003 “Religion after September 11: Hijacking It, Exonerating It, Getting Over It?” *Spotlight on Teaching. Theme: Peace and Violence in Religions. Religious Studies News (American Academy of Religion Edition)*. October 2003.
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- 1997 “Response to Charlotte Allen’s ‘Is Nothing Sacred?’ in *Lingua Franca*.” *Bulletin of the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion* 26 (1997): 79-80.

#### **PUBLICATIONS/ BOOK REVIEWS**

- 2017 Review of Anthony M. Petro, *After the Wrath of God: AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), *emisférica* 13.1 (2017), the journal of the Hemispheric Institute, NYU; special issue: *States of Devotion*. <http://hemisphericinstitute.net/en/emisferica/emisferica-122/after-the-wrath-of-god-aids-sexuality-and-american-religion-by-anthony-m-petro.html>
- 2016 Review of Stephen D. Moore, *Untold Tales from the Book of Revelation: Sex and Gender, Empire and Ecology* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014) for *Review of Biblical Literature*.
- 2016 Review of Benjamin L. White, *Remembering Paul: Ancient and Modern Contests over the Image of the Apostle* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) for *Church History*
- 2012 Review of Stephen P. Ahearne-Kroll, Paul A. Holloway, and James A. Kelhoffer, eds., *Women and Gender in Ancient Religions: Interdisciplinary Approaches* (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 263; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010) for *The Classical Review* 62.2 (2012): 543-45.
- 2011 Review of Chloë Taylor, *The Culture of Confession from Augustine to Foucault: A Genealogy of the “Confessing Animal”* (New York: Routledge, 2009), for “Letters in Canada 2009” in *University of Toronto Quarterly* 80 (2011): 366-368.

- 2010 Review of Jason C. Bivins, *Religion of Fear: The Politics of Horror in Conservative Evangelicalism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 78 (2010): 301-303.
- 2010 Review of Thomas Sizgorich, *Violence and Belief in Late Antiquity: Militant Devotion in Christianity and Islam* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009), for *Catholic Historical Review* 96 (2010): 512-514.
- 2009 “Progressive Hauntings.” Review of Molly McGarry, *Ghosts of Futures Past: Spiritualism and the Cultural Politics of Nineteenth-Century America* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2008), for *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 15 (2009): 338-340.
- 2008 Review of Virginia Burrus, *Saving Shame: Martyrs, Saints, and Other Abject Subjects* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007), for *Journal of Late Antiquity*.
- 2007 Review of Shmuel Shepkaru, *Jewish Martyrs in the Pagan and Christian Worlds* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006), for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75 (2007): 996-997.
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- 2006 Review of Karen L. King, *What is Gnosticism?* (Cambridge: Belknap Press of the Harvard University Press, 2003), for *Biblical Interpretation* 14 (2006): 546-549.
- 2005 Review of Laura S. Nasrallah, *An Ecstasy of Folly: Prophecy and Authority in Early Christianity* (Harvard Theological Studies 52; Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2003), for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 73 (2005): 1243-46.
- 2005 “The Morals of the Story.” A review of Jim Wallis’ *God’s Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn’t Get It* (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2005), for the online journal, *Slate* ([www.slate.com/id/2111701/](http://www.slate.com/id/2111701/)). January 2005.
- 2003 Review of Shawn Kelley, *Racializing Jesus: Race, Ideology and the Formation of Modern Biblical Scholarship* (London: Routledge, 2002), for *Biblical Interpretation*.
- 2003 Review of Jane Schaberg, *The Resurrection of Mary Magdalene: Legends, Apocrypha, and the Christian Testament* (New York: Continuum, 2002), for *Interpretation*.
- 2002 Review of Mathew Kuefler, *The Manly Eunuch: Masculinity, Gender Ambiguity, and Christian Ideology in Late Antiquity* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001), for *Classical Bulletin*.
- 2002 Review of A. K. M. Adam, ed., *Handbook of Postmodern Biblical Interpretation* (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2000) for *Biblical Interpretation* 10 (2002): 76-79.
- 2001 Review of Emily Cheney, *She Can Read: Feminist Reading Strategies for Biblical Narrative* (Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1996) for *International Studies in Philosophy* 33 (2001): 145-46.

- 2000 Review of Elizabeth A. Clark, *Reading Renunciation: Asceticism and Scripture in Early Christianity* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999) for *Church History* 69 (2000): 637-8.
- 2000 Review of Sandra Hack Polaski, *Paul and the Discourse of Power* (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999) for *Interpretation* 54 (2000): 328-30.
- 2000 Review of Bernadette J. Brooten, *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996) for *Journal of Biblical Literature* 119 (2000): 127-9.
- 1999 Review of Kristen E. Kvam, Linda Schearing, and Valarie H. Ziegler, eds., *Eve and Adam: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Readings on Genesis and Gender* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999) for *Church History* 68 (1999): 962.
- 1999 Review of Laura Levitt, *Jews and Feminism: The Ambivalent Search for Home* (New York: Routledge, 1997); Miriam Peskowitz, *Spinning Fantasies: Rabbis, Gender, and History* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997); and Miriam Peskowitz and Laura Levitt, eds., *Judaism Since Gender* (New York: Routledge, 1997) for *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 25 (1999): 623-26.
- 1998 Review of Joyce E. Salisbury, *Perpetua's Passion: The Death and Memory of a Young Roman Woman* (New York: Routledge, 1997) for *Women's Review of Books* 15:5 (March 1998): 14-15.
- 1997 Review of Bernadette J. Brooten, *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism* (Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 1996) for *Women's Review of Books* 14:6 (March 1997): 15-16.
- 1996 "Will It Be a Church Same-Sex Union?" Review of John Boswell, *Same-Sex Unions in Premodern Europe* (New York: Villard Books, 1994) for *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies* 3 (1996): 289-99.
- 1996 Review of Carla Ricci, *Mary Magdalene and Many Others: Women Who Followed Jesus* (trans. Paul Burns; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1994) for *Interpretation* 50 (1996): 430-31.
- 1996 Review of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, *But She Said: Feminist Practices of Biblical Interpretation* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1992) and *Jesus: Miriam's Child, Sophia's Prophet: Critical Issues in Feminist Christology* (New York: Continuum, 1994) for *Religious Studies Review* 22 (1996): 296-300.
- 1996 Review of Stephen D. Moore, *Poststructuralism and the New Testament: Derrida and Foucault at the Foot of the Cross* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1994), for *Interpretation* 50 (1996): 316-18.
- 1995 Review of Margaret M. Mitchell, *Paul and the Rhetoric of Reconciliation: An Exegetical Investigation of the Language and Composition of 1 Corinthians* (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 1993), for *Interpretation* 49 (1995): 214-16.
- 1994 Review of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, *But She Said: Feminist Practices of Biblical Interpretation* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1992), for *Religious Studies Review* 20 (1994): 132.
- 1994 Review of Mark Allan Powell, comp., *The Bible and Modern Literary Criticism: A Critical Assessment and Annotated Bibliography* (New York: Greenwood Press, 1992), for *Interpretation* 48 (1994): 218.

**CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS,  
SEMINARS,  
READINGS &  
PERFORMANCES**

- March 2017 *Invited Paper.* “Legacies of Ancient Christian Ambivalence toward Violence.” Reconsidering Religion and Violence: A Symposium. Center for the Study of Religion, Ohio State University.
- February 2017 *Invited Paper.* “Prefiguring Medieval Women's Struggles for Authority.” Rethinking Philosophy's Past, 1300-1800. Columbia University Center for Science and Society.
- October 2016 *Invited Paper.* “Theory, Interdisciplinarity, and Religion before “Religion” in Origen’s *Contra Celsum*.” Religion Before “Religion” Symposium. Bowdoin College.
- September 2016 *Conference Respondent.* Afterlives of Violence. Queen’s University, Kingston, ON.
- May 2016 *Invited Seminar.* “Gender, Theory, Antiquity.” Methodologieseminar SoSe at Münchner Zentrum für Antike Welten [Distant Worlds: Munich Graduate School for Ancient Studies], Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München, Germany.
- April/May 2016 *Invited Paper.* “Telling Time with Epiphanius: Periodization and Metaphors of Genealogy and Gender in the *Panarion*.” Engendering Time in the Ancient Mediterranean. Conference at Bates College.
- November 2015 *Panelist.* Academic Freedom in Peril—And What to Do About It. Academic Relations Committee. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 2015 *Panelist.* (Corinthian) Women Prophets: Past, Present, and Future. Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible; Paul and Politics; Rhetoric of the New Testament. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2015 *Panelist.* Violence and Representations of Violence Section at 10: Retrospect & Prospect. Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2015 *Panelist.* “A Wild Patience Has Taken Me This Far”: Future Avenues of Feminist Scholarship. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- May 2015 *Moderator.* “Sexual Freedom/Religious Freedom.” Why Sex? Why Gender?: Activist Research for Social Justice. Barnard Center for Research on Women. Barnard College.
- November 2014 *Respondent.* Pasolini’s Paul. Paul and Politics Seminar; Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- September 2014 *Panelist.* Who Was Simone Weil?: A Panel Discussion. Barnard College Department of English.
- September 2014 *Reader/Performer.* “An Unmade Film, An Unfinished Revolution.” Public Conversation with Nathan Schneider. Word Up Community Bookshop/Librería Comunitaria. New York City.
- August 2014 *Reader/Performer.* “Pier Paolo Pasolini’s Outline of a Screenplay for a Film About Saint Paul (in the Form of Notes for a Production Director).” Staged Reading. Light Industry, Greenpoint/Brooklyn.

- May 2014 *Participant*. Convening of the Public Rights/Private Conscience Project. Center for Gender and Sexuality Law. Columbia University Law School.
- April 2014 *Expert Commentator*. Faculty Book Manuscript Workshop: Mona Hassan, *Longing for the Lost Caliphate: Transregional Imaginaries of State and Muslim Community*. John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University.
- February 2014 *Invited Paper*. “Theologizing Human Rights: Christian Activism and the Limits of Religious Freedom.” Law and Sexuality Colloquium: Law, Rights, Religion. Columbia University Law School.
- November 2013 *Co-organizer and facilitator*. Colloquium: At the Intersections of Queer Studies and Religion. Barnard Center for Research on Women. Under the auspices of the Interdisciplinary Innovations in the Study of Religion and Gender: Postcolonial, Post-Secular and Queer Perspectives Project of Utrecht University.
- April 2013 *Invited Paper*. “Rereading *The Life of Melania the Younger*: From Women’s History to Using Saints to Theorize With.” *Late Antiquity Made New: A Symposium Celebrating the Work of Elizabeth A. Clark*. Duke University.
- November 2012 *Respondent*. Redefining the Discourses of Martyrdom and Sacrifice in Early Christian Cultural Formation. Redefining Early Christianity Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2012 *Respondent*. Embodiments of Violence. Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2012 *Panelist*. In memory of Jane Schaberg. *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Session. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- October 2012 *Panelist*. “‘Contrary to religious beliefs or moral convictions’: Rights, Refusals, Responsibilities.” Religious Exemptions, Sexual Freedom, and the Biopolitics of U.S. Healthcare. Conference sponsored by the Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics and the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. New York University.
- March 2012 *Seminar*. “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” Gender and Sexuality Reading Group. Boston University.
- February 2012 *Invited Paper*. “Remembering and Forgetting in Lactantius’s *De Mortibus Persecutorum*.” Memory and Forgetting Seminar. Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins. University of Pennsylvania.
- November 2011 *Invited Paper*. “Translating Pasolini Translating Paul.” Religion and the Media Workshop – What’s Next for Texts: Scripting Religion in a Networked World. Pre-conference Workshop, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 2011 *Panelist*. What Is the Future of Biblical Studies in Academia? Questions, Challenges, Visions. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2011 *Panelist*. Responses to and Conversation with *The Bible in Theory: Critical and Postcritical Essays*, by Stephen D. Moore (SBL, 2010). Bible and Cultural Studies. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2011 *Panelist*. On Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Robert Yelle, and Mateo Taussig-Rubbo, eds., *After Secular Law* (Stanford University Press, 2011). North American Association for the Study of

Religion. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.

- April 2011 *Discussant*. Paper by María José de Abreu, "The Work of Confession in the Stage of Mechanical Reproduction." Works-in-Progress in Latin American Society and History, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, New York University.
- March 2011 *Invited Paper*. "Legislating Religious Identity in Late Antiquity: The Example of the Theodosian Code." Beyond Scare Quotes: Rethinking Words and Things in the Study of Ancient "Judaism" and "Christianity" Seminar. Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, University of Pennsylvania.
- December 2010 *Moderator*. "Balance and Crisis." Reworking Political Concepts: A Lexicon in Formation Conference. New School for Social Research/Society of Fellows, Columbia University.
- November 2010 *Invited Paper*. "Martyrs and Memory in Late Antiquity." Memory in Greco-Roman and Christian Religion. Memory Perspectives on Early Christianity and its Greco-Roman Context Consultation, Greco-Roman Religions Section, Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- October 2010 *Moderator*. Christianity and the Global Politics of Sexuality Panel. Barnard Center for Research on Women. Barnard College.
- June 2010 *Invited Participant*. "Torture and Christianity: Some Preliminary Observations." Christianity and Torture Conference. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.
- April 2010 *Presider*. "Gender and Generational Relations." The Challenge of Integration in the 21st Century: Muslim Immigrants in the United States and France Conference. School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.
- March 2010 *Invited Paper*. "'First They Came for the Swingers': Christian Warriors, Digital Surveillance, and Spiritual Mapping in the Texas Panhandle." Digital Religion: Transforming Knowledge and Practice Conference. Center for Religion and Media, New York University.
- March 2010 *Invited Paper*. "Pasolini and Political Theology: The Unmade *San Paolo*." University Seminar on the New Testament, Columbia University.
- November 2009 "New Orleans and Flood Narratives: Screening of *Trouble the Water*, dir. Carl Deal and Tia Lessin (2006)." Bible and Cultural Studies Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2009 *Invited Panelist*. Review panel of Burton L. Mack, *Myth and the Christian Nation: A Social Theory of Religion* (London: Equinox Publishing, 2008). Ideological Criticism of the Bible Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2009 *Invited Panelist*. Review panel of Patricia Cox Miller, *The Corporeal Imagination: Signifying the Holy in Late Ancient Christianity* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009). Religious World of Late Antiquity Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2009 *Respondent*. Cyborg, Hauntology, and Spectrality. Joint Session of the Gender, Sexuality and the Bible Group with the Reading, Theory, and the Bible Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2009 *Respondent*. Consultation on Religion, Memory, History. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.

- October 2009 *Invited Paper*. “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” University Seminar on North American Religion. Columbia University.
- August 2009 *Keynote Address*. “Beyond Late Antiquity: Christian Martyrs and their Cultural Afterlives.” Passages from Antiquity to the Middle Ages IV Conference, University of Tampere, Finland, 20-22 August.
- June-July 2009 “Pasolini and Political Theology: The Unmade *San Paolo*.” Critical Theory and Biblical Interpretation Section. International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.
- February 2009 *Keynote Address*. “Religious Identity through the Prism of Spectacle in Early Christianity.” Symposium on Identity in Late Antiquity. Center for Late Ancient Studies. Duke University/University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- January 2009 “Pasolini and Political Theology: The Unmade *San Paolo*.” Bridging Seminar of the Center for Religion and Media. New York University.
- November 2008 *Invited Paper*. “Spectacles of Punishment and Revenge: Reading Lactantius’s *On the Deaths of the Persecutors*.” *Special Session*: Jews, Christians, and ‘Fatal Charades’: Engaging the Work of Kathleen Coleman. Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2008 *Invited Paper*. “Notes toward a Reading of Pasolini’s *San Paolo*, in the Form of a Letter to George Aichele.” Semiotics and Exegesis Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting..
- November 2008 *Invited Discussant*. On Jennifer Wright Knust, *Loose Texts, Loose Women: A History of Jesus, an Adulteress, and the Gospel of John*. Conference of the Association of Theological Schools and the Henry Luce Foundation, 2007-2008 Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology. Pittsburgh.
- October 2008 *Respondent*. To Melani McAlister, “The Persecuted Body: Evangelical Internationalism, Islam, and the Politics of Fear.” Bridging Seminar of the Center for Religion and Media, NYU.
- April 2008 *Keynote address*. “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” Authorizing Inscriptions: Religion, Aesthetics, and Global Media Conference. University of California at Davis.
- November 2007 *Invited panelist*, Critical Religious Literacy: Strategies for Engaging Global Fundamentalisms. Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2007 *Invited panelist*. Symposium on Martyrdom in Comparative Perspective. The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. Georgetown University.
- April 2007 *Keynote address*. “Gender and the Role of Biblical Studies in an Age of Re-enchantment.” New Testament Society of South Africa Annual Meeting. University of Stellenbosch.
- March 2007 *Invited discussant*. Race and Ethnicity in New Testament and Early Christian Studies. Center for the Study of World Religions. Harvard University.
- March 2007 *Panelist*, Empires Old and New: Feminist Perspectives. Barnard Center for Research on Women, Barnard College.
- December 2006 *Panelist*, Screening and discussion of *The Tailenders* (dir. Adele Horne, 2006). Center for

Religion and Media, New York University.

- November 2006 *Panelist*, On the impact of Joan W. Scott's "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis." Barnard Center for Research on Women, Barnard College.
- June 2006 *Keynote address*. "Uncivil Religion: Notes from the Christian War Room." Future of the Religious Past Conference, "Religion and Power," University of Amsterdam.
- June 2006 *Invited Paper*. "'When You See Blood, It Brings Truth': Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War." Modern Mass Media, Religion and the Question of Community Conference. University of Amsterdam.
- June 2006 *Discussant*. Modern Mass Media, Religion and the Question of Community Conference, University of Amsterdam.
- May 2006 *Keynote address*. "Making Bodies Count: Catholic Snapshots from a Time of War." Center for Religion and Media Conference, "Body Counts/Bodies Count," New York University.
- November 2005 "U.S. Persecution Complexes and the Scriptural in Contemporary Political Discourse." Bible and Cultural Studies Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2005 *Respondent*, Panel on my book, *Martyrdom and Memory: Early Christian Culture Making*. Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- October 2005 *Panelist*, "Epochs of Memory." The State of Social Memory Studies International Workshop, University of Virginia.
- June 2005 *Invited paper*. "Projecting Suffering." Filmic Encounters with Christianity session at "Mediating Religion and Film in a Post-Secular World" Conference. Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam.
- June 2005 *Panelist*, "Rethinking the Intersections of Gender, Religion, and Human Rights." National Council for Research on Women Annual Conference, "POWER Matters: Reshaping Agendas through Women's Leadership." New York City.
- June 2005 *Plenary lecture*. "The Ambivalent Legacy of Violence and Victimhood: Using Early Christian Martyrs to Think With." North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago.
- April 2005 "Early Christians Go to the Movies." Center for the Ancient Mediterranean Spring Film Festival and Symposium: *The Ancient World in Film*. Columbia University.
- March-April 2005 *Moderator and Respondent*, "Media-ated Identities and Politics." Under Construction: History, Identities, and Representation in the Studies of Religion. Religion Department Graduate Students Association First Annual Conference. Columbia University.
- November 2004 *Respondent*, "The Second and Third Centuries." Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2004 *Presider*. "Scripture, Sexuality, and the Body." Special session on Religion in the Public Arena. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2004 *Presider*. "Qur'an/Bible." Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section. Society of Biblical Literature.



- May 2004 *Panelist*, “Other Holy Lands, Other Experiences.” Conference on Religious Witness: The Intimate, the Everyday, the World. Center for Religion and Media, New York University.
- May 2004 *Respondent*, “Circuits of Suffering.” Conference on Religious Witness: The Intimate, the Everyday, the World. Center for Religion and Media, New York University.
- April 2004 *Invited paper*. “Early Christian Martyrdom and the Spectacle of Suffering.” Comparative Martyrdom: Christian, Jewish, and Islamic Traditions Conference. University of Texas at Austin.
- February 2004 *Moderator*, “Practitioners and Practices.” Theorizing Scriptures: An International Transnational Conference. Institute for Signifying Scriptures. Claremont Graduate University.
- February 2004 “Praying for the Persecuted Church: American Christian Activist Engagements with Violence, Conflict, and the Language of Religious Freedom in the Global Arena.” Confession/Testimony/Witnessing” Bridging Seminar, Center for Religion and Media, New York University.
- December 2003 *Respondent*, “Islam, Media, Society: Mobilizing for War and Martyrdom.” War, Religion, and Spectacles of Suffering Conference. Center for Religion and Media, New York University.
- November 2003 “Globalization, Transnational Feminisms, and the Future of Biblical Critique.” Interrogating Non-Violence Panel at the Feminist Responses/Alternatives to Violence in a Transnational Context Conference. San Francisco State University.
- November 2003 *Presider*, Ideological Criticism of the Bible Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- October - *Invited Paper*. “Persecution and Spectacle: Cultural Appropriation in the Christian  
November 2003 Commemoration of Martyrdom.” Persecution and Conflict in Ancient Mediterranean Religions Conference. Mershon Center, Ohio State University.
- November 2002 *Panelist*, “Martyrdom: The Interconnections between Jews and Christians and their Literature.” Hellenistic Judaism Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2002 *Presider*, Reading, Rhetoric, and the Bible Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2001 “Idoltrous Spectacles and Christian Tableaux: The Paradox of Early Christian Cultural Criticism on the Spectacles.” Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 2001 “Delayed Gratification: Queer Theory and Biblical Studies.” Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- July 2001 “Christian Bodies and Roman Spectacles.” Rhetoric, the Body, and Religion Section. International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Rome, Italy.
- November 2000 *Respondent*, “Romans and Gender Relations.” Romans through History and Culture Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 2000 *Presider*, “History’s Queer Touch: Responses to Carolyn Dinshaw’s *Getting Medieval: Sexualities and Communities, Pre- and Postmodern*.” Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion & Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Groups. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- September 2000 *Respondent*, “The Proper Object of the Study of Religion.” Congress 2000: The Future of the

Study of Religion, co-sponsored by Boston University Department of Religion and Harvard Divinity School.

- August 2000 "Gender and Sacrifice in Early Christian Martyrological Literature." Religion and Gender Section (Theme: *Sacrifice and Empowerment: Religion, Gender, and Agency in Trans-Cultural Context*). International Congress of Historical Sciences. Oslo, Norway.
- April 2000 "Self-Writing, Technologies of the Self, and Early Christian Martyrdom." Scholars' Colloquium on "Michel Foucault: Religious Explorations." Loyola University, Chicago.
- April 2000 *Discussant*, "Whose Millennium? Religion, Sexuality and the Values of Citizenship," Annual Conference of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, City University of New York Graduate Center.
- March 2000 *Presider*, Conference on "Jewish Culture and Society under Christian Rome," Jewish Theological Seminary of America.
- January 2000 *Respondent*, "Queer Theory and the Study of Ancient Christianity." American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Annual Meeting.
- November 1999 "Paul and Politics Since Feminism and Foucault." Paul and Politics Group, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1999 *Panelist*, "Foucault and Religion." Philosophy of Religion Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1999 *Panelist*, "Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion." Council on Graduate Studies in Religion. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- April 1999 *Panelist*, "Sub-Texts: Closing Reflections." African Americans and the Bible: An International Conference, Union Theological Seminary, New York City.
- November 1998 "Biblical Interpretation and the Politics of Location." Under-represented Minorities in the Profession Committee, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1998 *Respondent*, "Galatians 3:28 and the Politics of Interpretation." Women in the Biblical World Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- May 1998 *Panelist*, "A Quarter-Century of Feminist Scholarship." North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting.
- April 1998 "Property and Religious Identity in Fourth- and Fifth-Century Roman Legal Codes." Lilly Seminar on "Property, Possession, and the Theology of Culture," University of Chicago Divinity School.
- November 1997 *Panelist*, reviewing Athalya Brenner and Carole Fontaine, eds., *The Feminist Companion to the Bible*, vol. 11 (Sheffield University Press, 1997). Women in the Biblical World Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1997 *Respondent*, "Bodily Citations, I: Feminist Theory and Religious Retrievals." Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1997 *Presider*, "Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism, a review panel." Ideological Criticism of the Bible Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.

- November 1997 “Gender, Theory, and *The Rise of Christianity*.” North American Society of Scholars of Religion/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.
- January 1997 “Written on the Body: Early Christian Martyrdom and Self-Inscription.” American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Annual Meeting.
- November 1996 *Panelist*, “Feminist Enactment: Doing Critical Theory in Religion.” Joint Session of the Religion and Social Sciences/Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Sections. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1996 *Respondent*, “Theological Politics and Possibilities of Translation.” Art, Literature and Religion Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1996 *Presider*, “You Ought to be Ashamed of Yourself: Nudity and Holy Shamelessness among Women Saints, Deities, and Literary Figures.” Comparative Studies in Religion Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- October 1996 “Disciplines of Difference: Asceticism and History in Paul.” Asceticism and the New Testament Conference. University of Toronto.
- October 1996 “Martyrdom, Mythmaking, and Memory among the Early Christians.” Center for Historical Analysis Seminar. Rutgers University.
- July 1996 “Thinking by Means of the Eyes: Early Christian Martyrdom as Performance and Spectacle.” American Academy in Rome.
- June 1996 *Panelist*, “Doing Premodern History in a Presentist Academy.” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- November 1995 *Panelist*, “The State of Critical Theory in the American Academy of Religion.” Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1995 *Panelist*, “The Challenge of Lesbian Theory to Heterosexist Biblical Interpretation.” Ideological Criticism Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1995 *Respondent*, “Autobiographical Biblical Criticism.” Semiotics and Exegesis Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- March 1995 *Respondent*. “The New Testament and Ethics: Problems and Prospects” Conference. Duke University.
- January 1995 *Chair and Respondent*, “Methodological/Theoretical Approaches to the Study of Gender in the History of Christianity.” American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Annual Meeting.
- December 1994 *Panelist*, “*The Postmodern Bible*.” Religion and Literature Section. Modern Language Association Annual Meeting.
- November 1994 *Panelist*, “*The Postmodern Bible*.” Ideological Criticism Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1994 *Presider*, “Violence.” Joint Session of the Reading, Rhetoric, and the Hebrew Bible Section and the Ideological Criticism Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.

- June 1993 *Priorities '95*: Global Issues for Women. Conference anticipating the Beijing UN World Conference on Women. Violence against Women Working Group. University of California at Berkeley.
- April 1993 *Respondent*, "Hermeneutics of Asceticism." The Ascetic Dimension in Religious Life and Culture International Conference. Union Theological Seminary, New York City.
- December 1992 "Visions and Voyeurism: Holy Women and the Politics of Sight in Early Christianity." Center for Hermeneutical Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.
- November 1992 "Gender Bending and Gender Reversals: Theoretical Perspectives on Gender Translation." Ascetic Behavior in Greco-Roman Antiquity Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1992 "The Dance of Feminist Practice: An Engagement of Schüssler Fiorenza's *But She Said*." Rethinking *The Woman's Bible* Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1992 *Respondent*, "Ideological Location and Questions of Method." Ideological Criticism Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1991 "Mortifying the Body, Curing the Soul: Beyond Ascetic Dualisms in *The Life of St. Syncretica*." Ascetic Behavior in Graeco-Roman Antiquity Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1991 "Casting Out the Slave Woman: The High Cost of Allegory in Galatians 4:21-31." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1991 *Presider*, "Social Location: The Workings of Status, Class, and Power." Ascetic Behavior in Graeco-Roman Antiquity Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1991 *Panelist*, reviewing Dimitris Kyrtatas' *Social Structure of the Early Christian Communities*. Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- May 1991 *Chair*, "Religion, Gender, and the Body" and "Literature: Images of Women" Panels at Colloquium on "Women in Religion and Society." Annenberg Research Institute. Philadelphia.
- November 1990 *Respondent*, "History and Theory." History of Christianity Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1990 *Panelist*, "Framing Interpretations." Semiotics and Exegesis Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1989 "*Les belles infidèles*/Fidelity or Feminism? The Meanings of Feminist Biblical Translation." Rethinking *The Woman's Bible* Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1989 "Beyond Right and Constraint: A Critique of the Legal Rhetoric of AIDS." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1989 *Respondent*, "The Arrogance of Religious Violence." Women and Religion Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- November 1989 *Respondent*, "Conventions and the Ethics of Exegetical Discourses." Structuralist Exegesis Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.

- November 1989 “Reflections on Geoffrey Harpham’s *The Ascetic Imperative in Culture and Criticism*.” Ascetic Behavior in Graeco-Roman Antiquity Pre-Meeting, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- October 1989 “*Les belles infidèles*/Fidelity or Feminism? The Meanings of Feminist Biblical Translation.” Literary Facets Seminar, Westar Institute.
- March 1989 “Literary Criticism and Biblical Criticism: Reflections on Cross-Disciplinary, Undisciplined Readings.” Ohio Academy of Religion.
- November 1988 “The Pleasures, Integrity, and Freedom of the Body: Reclaiming the Body in the Age of AIDS.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- October 1988 “Engaging Mieke Bal’s *On Storytelling*.” Literary Facets Seminar, Westar Institute.
- December 1987 “Discursive Constructions of Gender: The Category of Gender in the Study of Early Christian Asceticism.” Ascetic Behavior in Graeco-Roman Antiquity Group. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- December 1987 *Respondent*, Narrative Theory and Religion Consultation. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.
- December 1987 *Respondent*, “Intersections of Literary and Historical Theories in the Study of Biblical Texts.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1986 “*Mimēsis* as a Discourse of Power in Paul’s Letters.” Pauline Epistles Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting.
- November 1985 *Respondent* to “Sex Education in Gnostic Schools.” Images of the Feminine in Gnosticism Conference, Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate School.
- March 1985 “Mark Taylor’s *Erring*: A Discussion.” American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Western Regional Meeting.
- March 1985 “Virginity and its Meaning for Women’s Sexuality in Early Christianity.” American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Western Regional Meeting.
- March 1985 *Discussant* at conference, “Feminism/Theory/Politics.” Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University.
- December 1984 “Changing the Subject: Contemporary French Feminisms.” Graduate Women’s Network Seminar, Claremont Graduate School.
- May 1983 “From *The Second Sex* to *This Sex Which is not One*: New French Feminisms.” Graduate Women’s Network Seminar, Claremont Graduate School.

**PUBLIC  
LECTURES**

- March 2017 “Torture and Christianity.” Hardigg Family Fund Lecture. Dartmouth College.
- April 2015 “Sex, Money, and Saintliness: The *Life of Melania the Younger* and the Life of the Mind.” Fordham University Department of Theology.

- March 2014 “Torture, Spectacular and Routine: Vengeance and Regulation in Late Ancient Christianity.” Northwestern University.
- November 2013 “The Holy Bible.” *Feminist to the Core* Lecture Series. Institute for Research on Women, Gender, and Sexuality. Columbia University.
- May 2013 *Keynote Address*. “Temporal Displacements in Pier Paolo Pasolini’s *Saint Paul*.” *Old-Time Religion: Exploring the Creativity of Religious Temporality*. Graduate Student Religious Studies Conference. Stanford University.
- February 2013 “Torture, Spectacular and Routine: Vengeance and Regulation in Late Ancient Christianity.” Syracuse University.
- October 2012 *Keynote Address*. “The Sacred Topographies of Pier Paolo Pasolini.” *Sacred Topographies: or, Parks and Revelation*. Fordham University Graduate Student Theology Conference.
- September 2012 “Pier Paolo Pasolini’s Political Theology: As Told through a Never-Made Film about Saint Paul” and “The Future of the Study of Gender and Religion in the Age of Pussy Riot.” Gates Lectures in Religion, Grinnell College. September 2012.
- March 2012 “Translating Pasolini Translating Paul.” Program in Scripture and the Arts. Boston University.
- April 2010 “Millennium, Apocalypse, and Utopia.” The Caroline E. Haskell Lectures. Oberlin College. Three lectures: “The View from Patmos.” “Looking Back at Looking Forward.” “Fantasies of the Future, Fantasies of Finality: A Peculiar Persistence.”
- January 2010 “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” Center for the Study of Religion. Ohio State University.
- October 2007 “Martyrdom, Persecution, Politics: Political Afterlives of the Early Christian Tradition of Martyrdom.” Clark Horowitz Lectures in Religion. Pomona College.
- April 2007 “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” Mount Holyoke College.
- March 2007 “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” Symposium on Religion and Politics. Allen-Head Lecture. Austin College.
- February 2007 “Fantasies of the Future, Fantasies of Finality: A Peculiar Persistence.” Barnard College Winter Commencement.
- November 2006 “‘When You See Blood, It Brings Truth’: Catholic Ritual and Resistance in a Time of War.” Symposium on Religion and Politics. Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations and Human Rights. Grinnell College.
- September 2006 “Branded by God: Christian Teen Revivalism and the Culture Wars Remixed.” Gender Breakfast, Institute for Research on Women and Gender. Columbia University.
- March 2005 “The Passion Surrounding *The Passion*: A Look Back at a Controversial Film.” Raoul Wallenberg Annual Lecture. Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life at Rutgers University.
- February 2005 “From the Martyr Story to the Persecution Complex: The Ambivalent Legacy of Early Christian Martyrs in Contemporary U.S. Culture.” Winslow Lecture in Classics. Hamilton College.
- February 2005 “Values Talk: God, Gays, and Democracy in America Today: A Roundtable Discussion on

- Religion, Sex, Politics, and the Media.” Program in Religious Studies and the Center for Religion and Media at New York University.
- May 2004 “Getting Religion: Mediations of the Religious in Contemporary Popular and Political Culture.” Commencement Forum. Brown University.
- March 2004 “Christian Commemorations of Suffering: Ancient and Modern Debates over Spectacles of Violence.” University of Massachusetts at Amherst.
- March 2004 “Gospel Truths: The Gospels as Mediations of the Life of Jesus.” Roundtable on “Who Owns the Passion?” [A response to Mel Gibson’s film]. Center for Religion and Media at NYU and Interfaith Center of New York.
- April 2003 “Beyond Sacrifice and Certainty: Religion as a Critical Theory of Suffering.” Ferrum College.
- March 2003 “Gender and the Academic Study of Religion.” Jewish Theological Seminary of America.
- March 2003 “Martyrdom and Memory.” Oakley Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Seminar & Colloquium. Williams College.
- February 2003 “Globalization, Transnational Feminisms, and the Future of Biblical Critique.” *The Global Future of Feminist New Testament Studies*. Scripps College.
- November 2002 “Remembering Murder as Martyrdom: Christian Constructions of Past Suffering from Euphemia of Chalcedon to Cassie of Columbine High.” *Re/visioning Canonical Texts: New Methods in the Study of Greco-Roman Antiquity* Lecture Series. Occidental College.
- September 2002 “Suffering, Sacrifice, and Certainty: Reflections on Martyrdom, Religion, and the Making of Meaning in the Wake of September 11.” *One Year Later* Lecture Series. Syracuse University.
- May 2002 “ ‘Knowledge is a Transgression’: A Legacy of Learnedness from the First Feminist of the Americas, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.” Phi Beta Kappa Initiation. Barnard College.
- April 2002 “Playing the Man: Self-Mastery and Masculinity in Early Christianity.” Symposium on *What Is a Man? Changing Representations of Masculinity in Late Antique Art*. Cooley Gallery, Reed College.
- January 2001 “The Role of Theory in the Study of Religion.” *The Revson Seminar for Doctoral Students*. Jewish Theological Seminary of America.
- November 2000 “Martyrdom and Memory: Christian Culture-Making and the Suffering of Others.” Institute for Research on Women and Gender. Columbia University.
- November 2000 “Martyr Complexes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie of Columbine High.” Interfaith Library Faculty Lecture Series, Columbia University.
- October 2000 “Retrieving Memory from Oblivion: Martyrdom in the Christian Imaginary.” Yale University.
- February 2000 “Retrieving Memory from Oblivion: Martyrdom in the Christian Imaginary.” Eliot Lecture in Religious Studies, Reed College.
- October 1999 “Causes of Death: Christian Women Martyrs and Narrative Proliferation from Euphemia of Chalcedon to Cassie of Columbine High.” Center for Research on Women, Barnard College.
- October 1999 “Dreaming the Millennium: Apocalyptic and Utopian Fantasies at Century’s End.” Barnard

College Alumnae Council.

- February 1999 “Martyr Complexes: The Spectacle of Suffering in Early Christianity.” Barnard Alumnae Club of NYC.
- October 1998 “Theology Meets Queer Theory: Homosexuality, the Bible, and Public Policy.” New York University.
- May 1998 “Martyr Complexes: Women and the Spectacle of Suffering in Early Christianity.” Williams College.
- October 1997 “Martyr Complexes: Women and the Spectacle of Suffering in Early Christianity.” Barnard College Women’s Studies Faculty Lecture Series.
- October 1996 “Myths of Origin and the Politics of Memory: Feminist Utopianism and Early Christianity.” Fordham University at Lincoln Center.
- December 1995 “Feminism, History, and Christian Origins.” Harvard University Divinity School.
- November 1995 “Bodies of Christ: Power and Embodiment among the Early Christians.” Rutgers University Center for Historical Analysis.
- April 1995 “Epic, Empire, and the Blood of the Martyrs.” Institute for Antiquity and Christianity. Claremont Graduate School.
- March 1993 “Thoroughly Post-Modern Perpetua: Confounding Gender Identity and Resisting the Male Gaze in Third-Century North Africa.” Mellon Faculty Development Seminar, *The Remaking of Antiquity in Postmodernity*. Occidental College.
- April 1992 “‘Suddenly I Became a Man’: Gender Transformation among Early Christian Women.” Albright College.
- March 1990 “Body Politics and Body Talk in the Rhetoric of the AIDS Crisis.” Kenyon College.

**SERVICE / TO THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY / BARNARD COLLEGE**

2015-2017, Chair, Religion Department  
2007-2013

2016-2017 Acting Chair, Education Program

2011-2012 Acting Director, Barnard Center for Research on Women

2009-2012 Acting Chair, Jewish Studies Program

2004-2010 Co-Director, Centennial Scholars Program

2015-2018 Faculty Budget and Personnel Committee

2016-2017, Advisory Committee on Appointments, Tenure, and Promotion, Alternate Member  
2012-2015,  
2006-2008

2014-2016 Faculty Governance and Procedures Committee



Committee Chair, 2015-2016

2014-2016 Faculty Grants Committee

2011-2014 Faculty Finance and Resource Committee

2011-2014 Joint Faculty and Administrative Benefits Committee

2009-2012 Faculty Development and Diversity Committee

2009-2010 Middle States Accreditation Subcommittee on Mission, Leadership, Governance, and Integrity

2007-2008 Faculty Representative, Presidential Search Committee

2007-2009 Committee on Instruction

2006-2009 Ford Foundation “Difficult Dialogues” Faculty Seminar Member

2010-2014 Barnard For the Common Good

2010-2011 Willen Seminar on the Humanities, Co-convenor (with Nancy Worman and Taylor Carman)

2004-2005 Willen Seminar Co-organizer (with Lesley Sharp)

2004-2007 Faculty Mentor, Bashir Abu-Manneh, English Department

2002-2004 Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship Search Committee

2001-2003 Mellon Sophomore Seminar Project: consulting on curriculum, course planning, co-teaching humanities seminar with Dorothy Denburg, spring 2003

2001-2002 Gildersleeve Lecture/Conference, “Responding to Violence,” Co-organizer with Janet Jakobsen

2001-2002 Residential Life, Faculty advisor to Special Interest Housing Suite on religious diversity

2000-2002 Committee on Honors

October 2001, Higher Education Opportunities Project, Presentations on academic success  
October 1998

November 2000 Barnard faculty representative, Colloquium on Community-Based Learning and Civic Engagement for Women’s Colleges

1998-2000 Honor Board

October 1999 Panel on teaching for new faculty, Faculty Orientation by Provost’s Office

1997 – Present First-Year and Sophomore Advising

October 1997 Panel on graduate school for juniors and seniors, sponsored by Dean of Studies Office

1997-2001 Orientation Week lectures and panel discussions on faculty expectations

1995 – Present Advisory Board, Barnard Center for Research on Women

**SERVICE / TO THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY / COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

- Fall 2014 Columbia University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences Reading Committee Chair, Tenure Case
- Fall 2013 Columbia University Promotion and Tenure Committee (PTC) Review Panel Chair
- 2003-2011 Columbia University *Ad Hoc* Tenure Committees  
December 2003; May 2005; November 2006; April 2007; October 2007; February 2011
- May 2004-  
May 2005 University Committee to Review the Tenure Process
- Summer 2000 Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Summer Research Program for Students from Historically Under-represented Groups: advised Columbia College junior on research project
- 1997 – Present Core Curriculum: guest lectures for preceptors of “Contemporary Civilization” and “Literature Humanities” on various New Testament and early Christian texts
- 1995 – Present Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Participating Faculty Member

**SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY / COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY / RELIGION DEPARTMENT**

- 1995 – present Member, Religion Department
- Summer 2015 Target of Opportunity and LGBTQI Faculty Initiative Reading Committee
- 2009-2011 Convener, “Religion Unwound,” Faculty and Graduate Student Colloquium
- 2007-2008 Working Group for Rethinking the Curriculum
- 2001-2008 Workshops for Graduate Students on Publishing
- 2001-2003 Graduate Curriculum Committee
- 2001-2003 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
- Fall 1999 Self-Study Committee

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 1981 – present American Academy of Religion (see below, “Service to the Profession”)
- 1981 – present Society of Biblical Literature (see below, “Service to the Profession”)
- 1988-1997 Founding Member, Bible and Culture Collective
- 1997 – present North American Patristics Society
- 1999-2008 American Society of Church History
- 2000 – present Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas/Society for the Study of the New Testament

- 2007 – present American Society for the Study of Religion
- 2003 – present Center for Religion and Media, New York University

*Working Group Member:*

- Media, Religion, and Human Rights*, 2003-2004  
 —*Christianity in Old and New Media*, 2004-2005  
 —*Sex, Secularism, and Other Religious Matters*, 2005-2006  
 —*Secularisms*, 2006-2007

**SERVICE TO THE / AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION  
 PROFESSION**

- 2008-2014 Memory, Religion, History Consultation/Group Steering Committee
- 2003-2006 Foucault and Religion Consultation Steering Committee
- 2002-2006 Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation Steering Committee
- 1997 Reviewer of Ascetic Impulse in Religious Life and Culture Group
- 1993-1994 Awards for Excellence in the Study of Religion Judge
- 1987-1994 Ascetic Impulse in Religious Life and Culture Group  
 (Joint American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature group)  
 —Steering Committee Member, 1989-1994
- 1981 – present Women’s Caucus

**SERVICE TO THE / SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE  
 PROFESSION**

- 2013-2015 SBL/DeGruyter Reception History of the Bible Prize Committee
- 2009-2012 Memory Perspectives on Early Christianity and its Greco-Roman Context Consultation Steering Committee
- 2003-2010 Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Consultation Steering Committee
- 1994-2002 Ideological Criticism Section Steering Committee  
 —Program Unit Chair, 1996-2002
- 1994-1996 Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins Steering Committee
- 1990-1994 Semiotics and Exegesis Steering Committee
- 1990-1992 Rhetoric and the New Testament Steering Committee
- 1989-1992 Rethinking *The Woman’s Bible* Consultation
- 1987-1994 Ascetic Impulse in Religious Life and Culture Group  
 (Joint American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature group)

—Steering Committee Member, 1989-1994

1981 – present Women’s Caucus

**SERVICE TO THE / ADVISORY BOARDS AND PLANNING COMMITTEES**  
**PROFESSION**

2015 – present Board of Advisors, Digital Religion Project, Center for Religion and Media, NYU

2015 – present Advisory Board, *Ancient Jew Review*, 2015-

2013 – present Advisory Board Member, Public Rights/Private Conscience Project, Center for Gender and Sexuality Law, Columbia University Law School

2012-2014 Advisory Board Member, Interdisciplinary Innovations in the Study of Religion and Gender, University of Utrecht, Netherlands.

2012-2014 Steering Committee Member, Berkshire Conference on Women’s History: Conference Planning Sub-committee for *Politics, Religion/Beliefs, and Global Feminisms (Politiques, religion/croyances et féminismes mondiaux)*, for May 2014 conference in Toronto, Ontario.

2011 – present Board Member, SCRIPT: Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts

2005 – present Advisory Board Member, Center for Religion and Media, New York University

2004-2014 Advisory Board Member, Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University

1999-2000 Planning Committee, “Whose Millennium? Religion, Sexuality and the Values of Citizenship,” Annual Conference of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies, City University of New York Center for Graduate Studies

1991-1994 Advisory Board Member, *Searching the Scriptures* Project

1990-1993 Planning Committee, International Asceticism Conference (held at Union Theological Seminary in 1993)

**SERVICE TO THE / EDITORSHIPS**  
**PROFESSION**

2002-2014 *Religion/Culture/Critique*: a series published by Palgrave/St. Martin’s Press

2004-2014 *Postscripts: Sacred Texts & Contemporary Worlds*  
Founding editor

**SERVICE TO THE / EDITORIAL BOARDS**  
**PROFESSION**

July 2015- February 2017 Editorial Director, *Marginalia Review of Books*

2014-2016 *Journal of Biblical Literature*

2012 – present *Religion and Gender*

2006-2015 *Journal of Early Christian Studies*

- 2006-2009 *Religion Compass*, Blackwell Publishers, Christianity Section Editor
- 2002-2005 *Semeia: An Experimental Journal of Biblical Studies*
- 2000-2009 *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
- 1999-2003 *Journal for New Testament Studies* Supplement Series, Sheffield Academic Press

**PROFESSIONALLY / BOARD MEMBERSHIP  
RELATED  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

- 2016 – present **Brooklyn Institute for Social Research** Board of Directors
- June 2014 – present **Center for Constitutional Rights** Board of Directors  
—Development Committee, June 2014 – present  
—Development Committee chair, June 2016 – present
- 2002-2011 **Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women**, Brown University  
Associates’ Council  
—Program Committee Chair, 2003-2006  
—Development and Advancement Committee, 2006-2011

**PROFESSIONALLY / TALKS GIVEN AT RELIGIOUS AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS  
RELATED  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

- November 2016 “The Afterlives of the Aqedah.” Shabbat Lecture, Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue
- September 2015 Interview of Marco Politi, author of *Pope Francis Among the Wolves: The Inside Story of a Revolution* (Columbia UP, 2015). Italian Cultural Institute, New York City
- March 2012 “Heresies.” The Church: From Margins to Mainstream, Church of Saint Luke in the Fields (Episcopal), New York City
- November 2008 Post-Screening Talk on the film, “Constantine’s Sword.” Rutgers New Jersey Jewish Film Festival in North Brunswick, NJ.
- September-October 2008 Faculty Lecturer, “Island Life in Ancient Greece.” Study tour for Columbia University Alumni Association. Lectures on ancient theater, archaeology of Ephesus, and apocalyptic and the visionary experiences of John of Patmos
- October 2005 “Biblical Interpretation, Bible Authority.” Church of Saint Luke in the Fields (Episcopal), New York City
- September 2004 “Praying for the Persecuted Church: American Christian Activists on the Global Stage.” Third Tuesdays at First. First Presbyterian Church of New York City
- March 2004 Panelist for Anti-Defamation League program on Gibson’s “The Passion of the Christ.” Congregation Rodeph Sholom, New York City

- February 2004 “On Mel Gibson’s ‘The Passion of the Christ.’” Downtown Synagogue, New York City
- November 2002 “The Bible and Sexuality: A(nother) Look at Romans 1.” Open Bible Study and Lecture/Discussion, Riverside Church, New York City
- January 2000 “Reading Michael Cunningham’s *The Hours*.” Maranatha (Gay and Lesbian Fellowship), Riverside Church, New York City
- May 1999 “Imagining the Millennium: Apocalyptic and Utopian Fantasies.” Unitarian Universalist Community Church, Santa Monica, CA
- March 1999 “Reading the Bible through Feminist Lenses.” St. James Episcopal Church, New York City
- March 1996 “*The Postmodern Bible: Bible, Culture, and Criticism*.” The Ecumenical Library, Interchurch Center, New York City
- February 1996 “Religious Imagination and Devotion in the Graeco-Roman World.” The City Church of New York

**COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATION  
INVOLVEMENT**

- July 2013 – present Word Up Community Bookshop/Librería Comunitaria, Collective member and volunteer staff member, Washington Heights, New York City
- June 2006 – February 2007 Center for Constitutional Rights, FOIA Detainee Treatment Research Project, New York City
- 2003-2006 Learning Center for Women in Prison (project to bring college-level courses to Bayview Correctional Facility for Women in New York City), member of academic advisory committee