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## EDUCATION

### *Harvard University*

*June 2008*

Ph.D., Department of Religious Studies

Dissertation: "Sainte-Anne-du-Petit-Cap: The Making of an Early Modern Shrine"

A.M., Department of Religious Studies, *with distinction*

### *Harvard University, Harvard Divinity School*

*March 2002*

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### *Harvard University, Harvard Law School*

*June 2001*

J.D., *cum laude*

### *Columbia University*

*May 1998*

B.A., *summa cum laude*

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: History of early modern Christianity

Secondary: Catholicism in France and New France, saints and sanctity, women in the Christian tradition

General: Theory and method of religious studies

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Saint Louis University*

*Spring 2018- Present*

Associate Professor, Department of Theological Studies

Secondary appointment in Women's and Gender Studies

### *Saint Louis University*

*Fall 2008- Spring 2018*

Assistant Professor, Department of Theological Studies

### *Saint Louis University Law School*

*Spring 2007- Fall 2007*

Adjunct faculty

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

*Intimacies: Intersubjectivity and the Formation of the Religious Subject in the Modern Christian West*, edited with Brenna Moore, Indiana University Press, 2020.

*"The Cruellest of All Mothers": Marie de l'Incarnation, Motherhood, and the Christian Tradition*, Fordham University Press, 2016

- Reviewed by Peter Goddard for *readingreligion.org*
- Reviewed by Marian Ronan for *EqualwRites*
- Reviewed by Stephanie Paulsell for *Spiritus*
- Reviewed by Martha Reineke for *French History*
- Reviewed by Brenna Moore for the *Journal of Religion*
- Reviewed by Vincent Grégoire for *French Studies*

- Reviewed by Marianne Fitzgerald in catholicbooksreview.org
- Reviewed by Matthew Gerber for *Catholic Historical Review*

*From Mother to Son: Selected Letters from Marie de l'Incarnation to Claude Martin*, Oxford University Press, 2014

- Reviewed by Emma Anderson for the *Canadian Historical Review*
- Reviewed by Susan E. Dinan for *Church History and Religious Culture*

*Where Paralytics Walk and the Blind See: Narratives of Sickness and Disability in early Modern New France*, forthcoming.

***Peer-Reviewed Articles and Review Essays***

“Playing with Religion: Delight at the Border Between Epistemological Worlds,” forthcoming.

“The Impossible Irony of Vatican I,” *Harvard Theological Review*, 113, no. 1 (January 2020): 138-145.

“Bedside Manners: Sickness and the Jesuit Mission in Early Modern New France,” *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 5, no. 4 (Nov. 2018): 567-585.

“Rethinking Agency after the Relational Turn,” *The Journal of Religion* 97, no. 3 (July 2017): 345-359.

“What Really Happened: Radical Empiricism and the Historian of Religion,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 84, no. 4 (December 2016): 881-902.

“Neither One Thing nor the Other: Discursive Polyvalence and Representations of Amerindian Women in the Jesuit Relations,” *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 3 (2016): 179-196.

“‘But an Echo’?: Claude Martin, Marie de l'Incarnation, and Female Religious Identity in Seventeenth-Century New France,” *The Catholic Historical Review* 100, no. 3 (Summer 2014): 459-485.

“Mysticism, Motherhood, and Pathological Narcissism? A Kohutian Analysis of Marie de l'Incarnation,” *The Journal of Religion and Health* 52, no. 2 (2013): 642-656.

“The Cruellest of All Mothers’: Marie de l'Incarnation, Motherhood, and Christian Discipleship,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28, no. 1 (2012): 43-62.

“When ‘Wolves Become Lambs’: Hybridity and the ‘Savage’ in the Letters of Marie de l'Incarnation,” *The Seventeenth Century* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2012): 104-120.

“‘A Devotion Which... Distinguishes this People from all Others’: The Cult of Saint Anne and the Making of the Colonial Community in Seventeenth-Century New France,” *Quebec Studies* 51 (Spring/Summer 2011): 3-20.

“The Miracles at Saint-Anne-du-Petit-Cap and Colonial Community Identity,” *Canadian Historical Review* 91.4 (December 2010): 611-635.

### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

“Mother, Mothers, Motherhood/Christianity/Medieval Times,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, forthcoming from De Gruyter.

“The Occlusion of Intimacy: Uncovering Relationships as a Path Through the Modern Christian West,” co-authored with Brenna Moore, in *Intimacies: Intersubjectivity and the Formation of the Religious Subject in the Modern Christian West*, forthcoming from Indiana University Press, 2020.

“Making Miracles Efficacious: Kateri Tekakwitha, Miraculous Cures, and Relational Networks in Seventeenth-Century France,” in *Intimacies: Intersubjectivity and the Formation of the Religious Subject in the Modern Christian West*, forthcoming from Indiana University Press, 2020.

*Marie Guyart de l’Incarnation. Singularité et universalité d’une femme de cœur et de raison*, eds. Philippe Roy-Lysencourt, Raymond Brodeur, and Thérèse Nadeau-Lacour, Presses de l’Université Laval, 2019.

### **Selected Other Publications**

“Motherhood at the Hinge,” *The Immanent Frame*, <https://tif.ssrc.org/about/>

### **Reviews**

Bronwen McShea, *Apostles of Empire*, in *Journal of Jesuit Studies*

Simon Yarrow, *Saints: a Very Short Introduction*, on [readingreligion.org](http://readingreligion.org)

Lisa Poirier, *Religion, Gender, and Kinship in Colonial New France*, in *Journal of Jesuit Studies*.

Anderson, Emma. *The Death and Afterlife of the North American Martyrs*, in *Horizons*.

Pearson, Timothy. *Becoming Holy in Early Canada*, in *Canadian Historical Review*.

*Ana de San Bartolomé: Autobiography and Other Writings*, ed. and trans. Darcy Donahue, in *Reformation and Renaissance Review*.

Cameron, Euan. *Enchanted Europe: Superstition, Reason, & Religion, 1250-1750*, in *The Seventeenth Century*.

Rubin, Miri, *Mother of God: A History of the Virgin Mary*, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

*Teaching Other Voices: Women and Religion in Early Modern Europe*, eds. Margaret King and Albert Rabil, in *The Seventeenth Century*.

Williams, David. *Saints Alive: Word, Image, and Enactment in the Lives of the Saints*, in *Theological Studies*.

Gregory, Brad. *The Unintended Reformation*, in *Reformation and Renaissance Review*.

*Saints: Faith without Borders*, eds. Françoise Meltzer and Jaś Elsner, in *Church History*.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

The *Actes du très dévot Frère Didace Pelletier* as medium of real presence, American Academy of Religion, November 2020

The Profit and Price of Historiography as Encounter, American Academy of Religion, November 2020

“Stepping Out of Place,” Lived Religion in the Digital Age, Fall Symposium, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2019

“The Study of Religion as Subspecies of Play,” Graduate Student Colloquium, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2019

“Doing ‘Catholic’ History,” American Catholic Historical Association, Chicago, Illinois, January 2019

“Body and Soul in the Early Modern Canadian Hospital,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 2018

“Hagiographic Prosthetics: Disability in Paul Ragueneau’s *Vie de la Mère Catherine de Saint-Augustin*,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 2018

“Singularity and Universality in *La Vie de la Vénérable Mère Marie de l’Incarnation*,” Colloque sur Marie de l’Incarnation, Quebec, Canada, October 2018 (invited)

Respondent for discussion of Mary Dunn’s *The Cruellest of All Mothers* (Fordham University Press, 2016), American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 2017 (invited)

“Handicapping Hagiography: Disability in the Lives of the Saints,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2016

Panelist for discussion of Robert A. Orsi’s *History and Presence* (Belknap Press, 2016), Seminar on American Religion, Notre Dame, Indiana, November 2016 (invited)

“Agency and the Early Modern French Nun,” American Catholic Historical Association, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2016

“Negotiating Disability in Early Modern New France,” Renaissance Society of America, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2016

Panelist for discussion of Tyler Roberts’ *Encountering Religion: Responsibility and Criticism After Secularism* (Columbia University Press, 2013), American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2015

Panelist for discussion of Martha Reineke’s *Intimate Domain: Desire, Trauma, and Mimetic Theory* (Michigan State University Press, 2014), Colloquium on Violence and Religion, St. Louis, Missouri, July 2015 (invited)

“Amerindian Women in the Jesuit Relations,” Renaissance Society of America, Berlin, Germany, March 2015

“Women and Religion in Public Life,” Chair, Renaissance Society of America, Berlin, Germany, March 2015

“‘Abandoned for His Love’: Marie de l’Incarnation and Narrative Identity,” American Catholic Historical Association, New York, New York, January 2015

“So, What are We Doing Here Anyway?” WOK Conference, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 2014

“Author Meets Critics: Brad Gregory’s *The Unintended Reformation* (Harvard University Press, 2012),” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Illinois, November 2012

“‘But an Echo’?: Claude Martin, Marie de l’Incarnation, and Female Religious Identity in Seventeenth-Century New France,” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, California, November 2011

“When ‘Wolves Become Lambs’: Hybridity and the ‘Savage’ in the letters of Marie de l’Incarnation,” American Society of Church History, Boston, Massachusetts, January 2011

“Paul: Feminist or Misogynist,” St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri, April 2010

“Gender Equality in Faith Traditions,” panel presentation, St. Louis University, March 2010

“‘The Cruellest of All Mothers’: Marie de l’Incarnation, Christian Discipleship, and Motherhood,” St. Louis College Society of Theologians, Fontbonne University, November 2009

“The Puzzling Case of the Rape of Dinah,” St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2009

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Research Growth Fund, \$28,000; 2019

John Foley Conference Competition, \$30,000; 2018

Faculty Research Leave Awardee, St. Louis University; 2016-2017

Mellon Faculty Development Grant, St. Louis University; Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Summer 2015

Graduate Society Fellowship, Harvard University; 2007-2008

Presidential Fellow, Harvard University; 2003-2008

A.M. degree granted with distinction, Harvard University; 2006

Mellon Fellow, Harvard University; 2003-2004

Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University; 1998

Highest Departmental Honors in East Asian Studies, Columbia University; 1998

Highest Departmental Honors in South Asian Studies, Columbia University; 1998

Dean’s List, Columbia University; 1994-1998

Rhodes Scholar Finalist; 1997

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### ***Undergraduate***

Theological Foundations  
Women in the Bible (formerly Mary and Her Sisters)  
Virgins, Martyrs, and Heretics (formerly Christian Women)  
Mapping the Territory: Theory and Method in Theology and Religious Studies  
Senior Research Seminar: Theology and Religious Studies in Context  
Undergraduate Advisor

### ***Graduate***

Sensing Religion  
Survey of Modern Christianity  
Modern Seminar: Intimacies  
Theories and Methods  
Dissertation reader  
Master's Thesis reader  
Comprehensive examiner  
Teaching certificate mentor

## **SERVICE AND COMMITTEES**

### ***Service to the University and the Department***

Graduate Studies Committee; 2020-present  
Graduate Placement Officer; 2020-present  
Director of Graduate Studies; 2016-2019  
Search Committee Chair, Danforth Endowed Chair; 2018-2019  
Departmental Secretary, Department of Theological Studies, St. Louis University; 2011-2012; 2014-2016  
Liaison between Department of Theological Studies and Women's Studies Program, St. Louis University; 2009-2015  
Undergraduate Committee, Department of Theological Studies, St. Louis University; 2011-2016  
Undergraduate Conference Committee, Chair, St. Louis University; 2014-2016  
Member of search committee for external Chair of the Department of Theological Studies, 2015  
Ph.D. Committee, Department of Theological Studies, St. Louis University; 2015  
Chair's Cabinet, Department of Theological Studies, St. Louis University; 2011-2012  
Mellon Committee, St. Louis University; 2010-2012  
Micah Program Advisory Board, St. Louis University; 2011-2012

### ***Service to the Profession***

Manuscript reviewer, Fordham University Press  
Manuscript reviewer, Brill  
Manuscript reviewer, University of Notre Dame Press  
Manuscript reviewer, University of Nebraska Press  
Member, American Academy of Religion  
Member, American Catholic Historical Association  
Member, Renaissance Society of America