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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Wesleyan University**

Professor, Department of Religion	July, 2014 – present
Core Faculty, Science in Society Program	July, 2015 – present
Affiliated Faculty, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	July, 2006 – present
Chair, Department of Religion	July, 2018 – June, 2019 July, 2013 – June, 2016
Associate Professor, Department of Religion	July, 2011 – June, 2014
Assistant Professor, Department of Religion	July, 2006 – June, 2011

**Columbia University**

Instructor, Core Curriculum	September, 2005 – May, 2006
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**EDUCATION**

**Columbia University**

Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion, <i>with distinction</i>	May, 2006
M.Phil., Philosophy of Religion, <i>with distinction</i>	May, 2004
Certificate, Comparative Literature and Society	May, 2004
M.A., Philosophy of Religion, <i>with distinction</i>	May, 2003

**Cambridge University, Emmanuel College**

M.Phil., Philosophical Theology, <i>with distinction</i>	October, 2001
Post-Graduate Diploma, Philosophical Theology, <i>with distinction</i>	October, 2000

**Williams College**

B.A., Religion and English, <i>summa cum laude</i>	June, 1999
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## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

[\*Pantheologies: Gods, Worlds, Monsters\*](#) (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018)

[\*Worlds without End: The Many Lives of the Multiverse\*](#) (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014 [cloth], 2015 [paper]).

[\*Strange Wonder: The Closure of Metaphysics and the Opening of Awe\*](#) (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009 [cloth], 2011 [paper]).

### Coauthored Book

[\*Image: Three Inquiries in Technology and Imagination\*](#), with Thomas A. Carlson and Mark C. Taylor (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021).

### Edited Volumes

[\*Entangled Worlds: Science, Religion, and New Materialisms\*](#), co-edited with Catherine Keller (New York: Fordham University Press, 2017).

[\*Polydox Reflections\*](#), co-edited with Kathryn Tanner (London: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014).

### Articles in Refereed Journals

“[Veridical Claims and the Question \(once more\) of Philosophy of Religion](#),” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 89:1 (March 2021): 342-7.

“[Of the Of](#): Genre, Generation, and the Continental Philosophy of Religion,” *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 18:3 (Fall, 2019): 454-65.

“[Introducing Polydoxy](#),” *Polydox Reflections*, special issue of *Modern Theology* 30:3 (July 2014): 1-6.

“[The Lure of Pan\(en\)theism](#): Difference and Desire in *Divine Enticement*,” *Theology and Sexuality* 8:2 (2012): 113-117.

“[The Rebirth of the Death of God](#): Radical Theology Politicized, Political Theology Radicalized, and Radical Politics Theologized in the Work of Clayton Crockett and Jeffrey Robbins,” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy* 4:2 (2012): 273-281.

“[Cosmic Singularities: On the Nothing and the Sovereign](#),” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 80.2 (June 2012): 485-517.

- [“The Twilight of the \*Doxai\*: Or, How to Philosophize with a Whack-a-Mole Mallet,”](#) *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 24 (2012): 64-70.
- [“Capital Shares: The Way Back into the With of Christianity,”](#) *Political Theology* 11:1 (January 2010): 103-119.
- [“Onward, Ridiculous Debaters,”](#) *Political Theology* 10.1 (January 2009): 126-129.
- [“Dionysius, Derrida, and the Critique of Ontotheology,”](#) *Modern Theology* 24: 4 (October 2008): 726-41. Reprinted in *Re-thinking Dionysius*, ed. Sarah Coakley and Charles Stang (Oxford: Blackwell, 2009), 195-211.
- [“Anglicans in the Postcolony: On Sex and the Limits of Communion,”](#) *Telos* 143 (Summer, 2008): 133-160.
- [“Of Ghosts and \*Angels\*: Derrida, Kushner, and the Impossibility of Forgiveness,”](#) *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 9:1 (Winter 2008): 79-95.
- [“A Certain Disavowal: The Pathos and Politics of Wonder,”](#) *Princeton Theological Review* (Fall 2006): 11-17.
- [“An Anglican Crisis of Comparison: Intersections of Race, Gender, and Religious Authority, with Particular Reference to the Church of Nigeria,”](#) *Journal of American Academy of Religion* 72:2 (June 2004): 341-65.
- [“Unknow Thyself: Apophaticism, Deconstruction, and Theology after Ontotheology,”](#) *Modern Theology* 19:3 (July 2003): 387-417.
- [“Kierkegaard’s Socrates: A Venture in Evolutionary Theory,”](#) *Modern Theology* 17:4 (October 2001): 441-74.

### **Book Chapters**

- [“Pantheist Monstrosities: On Race, Gender, Divinity, and Dirt,”](#) in Susanna Elm and Christopher Ocker, eds., *Material Christianity: Western Religion and the Agency of Things* (New York: Springer, 2020): 231-45.
- [“Lost Expectations: On Derrida’s Abraham,”](#) in *Kierkegaard and Political Theology*, ed. Roberto Sirvent and Silas Morgan (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2018): 226-44.
- [“The Transcendence of Trauma: Prospects for the Continental Philosophy of Religion,”](#) in *Trauma and Transcendence: Limits of Theory and Prospects in Thinking*, ed. Eric Boynton and Peter Capretto (New York: Fordham University Press, 2018): 283-94.

- “[Science](#),” in *The Palgrave Handbook of Radical Theology*, eds. Christopher D. Rodkey and Jordan E. Miller (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018): 747-756.
- “[The Matter with Pantheism: On Shepherds and Goat-Gods and Mountains and Monsters](#),” in *Entangled Worlds: Science, Religion, and New Materialisms*, eds. Catherine Keller and Mary-Jane Rubenstein (New York: Fordham University Press, 2017), 157-81.
- “[Introduction: Tangled Matters](#),” with Catherine Keller, in *Entangled Worlds: Science, Religion, and New Materialisms*, eds. Catherine Keller and Mary-Jane Rubenstein (Fordham University Press, 2017), 1-20.
- “[Queer Enfleshment](#),” in *Sexual Disorientations: Queer Temporalities, Affects, Theologies*, ed. Kent Brintnall, Joseph Marchal, and Stephen Moore, (New York: Fordham University Press, 2017), 292-5.
- “[End without End: Cosmology and Infinity in Nicholas of Cusa](#),” in *Desire, Faith, and the Darkness of God: Essays in Honor of Denys Turner*, ed. Eric Bugyis and David Newheiser (Indianapolis, IN: Notre Dame University Press, 2015), 13-36.
- “[Myth and Modern Physics: On the Power of Nothing](#),” in *Creation Options: Rethinking Initial Creation*, ed. Thomas Jay Oord and Richard Livingston (New York: Routledge, 2014), 7-16.
- “[Heidegger’s Caves: On Dwelling in Wonder](#),” in *Practices of Wonder*, ed. Sophia Vasalou (London: Wipf and Stock, 2012), 144-65.
- “[The Fire Each Time: Dark Energy and the Breath of Creation](#),” in *Creation, Ecology, and the Energy of God*, ed. Donna Bowman and Clayton Crockett (New York: Fordham University Press, 2011), 26-41.
- “[Undone By Each Other: Interrupted Sovereignty in Augustine’s Confessions](#),” in *Polydoxy: Theology of Multiplicity and Relation*, eds. Catherine Keller and Laurel Schneider (New York: Routledge, 2010), 105-125.
- “[Let Freedom Free: Politics and Religion at the Heart of a Muddled Concept](#),” in *The Sleeping Giant Has Awoken: The New Politics of Religion in the United States*, ed. Jeffrey W. Robbins and Neal Magee (New York: Continuum Press, 2008), 190-204.
- “[The Unbearable Witness of Being: On the Essentialist Blind-Spot of Anti-Ontotheology](#),” in *Theology and the Political: The New Debate*, ed. Creston Davis, John Milbank, and Slavoj Zizek (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2005), 340-49.
- “Pardon Me...,” in *Derrida’s Bible: Reading a Page of Scripture with a Little Help from*

*Derrida*, ed. Yvonne Sherwood (New York: Palgrave, 2004), 295-99.

### Online Essays and Magazine Articles

“[Somewhere out There: Corporate Utopias of Space and Sea](#),” with Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, *The Immanent Frame*, April 30, 2021.

“[The New Corporate Space Race: A Colonial Remix](#),” *The Revealer*, April 5, 2021.

“[On Almost Breastfeeding My Mother](#),” “Avidly,” *Los Angeles Review of Books* (December 8, 2020).

Panelist, “[Are Parallel Universes Real?](#)” Gizmodo, November 2, 2020.

“[Cosmic Pantheism](#),” *Nautilus Magazine*, January, 2017.

“[Questioning the Question](#),” response to Nancy Frankenberry’s review essay of *Worlds Without End*, *Syndicate*, February 29, 2016.

“[On Science and Religion\(s\)](#),” response to Noreen Khawaja’s review essay of *Worlds Without End*, *Syndicate*, March 2, 2016.

“[Calling to the Deep](#),” response to Graham Ward’s review essay of *Worlds Without End*, *Syndicate*, March 4, 2016.

“[On Unity in Difference](#),” response to Oliver Davies’ review essay of *Worlds Without End*, *Syndicate*, March 7, 2016.

“[Contingency Plans](#),” response to Ted Peters’ review essay of *Worlds Without End*, *Syndicate*, March 9, 2016.

“[God and the Multiverse](#),” *New Scientist* 19:26 (December 2015): 64-66.

“[I Feel the Sky Tumbling Down](#): On Catherine Keller’s *Cloud of the Impossible*,” *Syndicate*, December 14, 2015.

“[Cosmology and the Environment](#),” *The Immanent Frame*, September 14, 2015.

[Response to Book Event](#) on *Worlds Without End*, An und für sich, September 7, 2015.

“[How to Avoid the G-Word](#),” *Cosmologics Magazine*, April 23, 2014.

“[Thinking Otherwise](#),” in “Secularity and the Liberal Arts,” *The Immanent Frame*, December 3, 2010.

“[Notes from the Tangled Anglican Web](#),” *Killing the Buddha* magazine, April 1, 2010.

[“Homosexuality and the Anglican Debate,”](#) *The Immanent Frame*, April 8, 2009.

### **Interviews and Podcasts**

[“The New Age Space Race,”](#) Institute for Arts and Ideas, May 2021.

“The Power of Language,” a debate with Kehinde Andrews, John McWhorter and Laurie Ann Paul, Institute for Arts and Ideas, March 8, 2021.

“Nothing but the Truth,” a debate with Hilary Lawson, Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, and Michael Shermer, Institute for Arts and Ideas, February 20, 2021.

[“Consciousness and the World,”](#) a debate with Annaka Harris, Bernardo Kastrup, Hilary Lawson, and Reza Negarestani, Institute for Arts and Ideas, January 13, 2021.

[“The Many Forms of the Divine: A Conversation with Mary-Jane Rubenstein on Pantheism, Nature, and Science,”](#) hosted by Franklin Jacoby, Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Engagement, Dartmouth College, January 8, 2021.

[“The Ethics of Colonizing Space,”](#) interview with Vlad Smolkin, *Critical Path Method*, December 8, 2020.

[“The QAnon Phenomenon,”](#) conversation with Jeff Sharlet and Megan Goodwin, Wesleyan University, October 30, 2020.

[“Kierkegaard’s Abraham,”](#) *The Akedah Project*, hosted by Zoe Jick.

[“Galileo’s Last Letter,”](#) *Science Stories*, hosted by Philip Ball, BBC Radio 4, August 15, 2019.

[“What is Panpsychism?”](#) Institute of Art and Ideas, September 13, 2019.

[“Multiverses, Pantheism, and Ecology,”](#) Institute of Art and Ideas, July 14, 2019.

[“Sacred Matter,”](#) interview with Erik Davis, host of Techgnosis” podcast, 17 May 2019.

[“Mary-Jane Rubenstein: Worlds Without End,”](#) interview with Mark Lynch, host of “Inquiry” for WICN Public Radio, 10 April 2019.

[“Mary-Jane Rubenstein: Pantheologies,”](#) interview with Mark Lynch, host of “Inquiry” for WICN Public Radio, 10 January 2018.

[“Mary-Jane Rubenstein: Gods, Worlds, Monsters,”](#) *The Catacombic Machine*, August 24, 2018.

- [“Maternal Materiality,”](#) *The Catacombic Machine*, June 5, 2018.
- [“The Medieval Bishop’s Big Bang Theory,”](#) *Science Stories*, hosted by Philip Ball, BBC Radio 4, June 14, 2017.
- [“The Multiverse: A Religious and Historical Perspective,”](#) with Marcelo Gleiser, October 14, 2016.
- [“The Theoretical Physicist Wore a Toga,”](#) segment in “Across the Multiverse,” *Studio 360*, hosted by Kurt Anderson, Public Radio International (WNYC), December 10, 2015.
- [“Charles Jencks’ Multiverse,”](#) *Artsnight*, BBC2, aired July 24, 2015.
- [“Worlds Without End,”](#) Interview with Kristian Petersen for New Books in Religion.
- “The Many Lives of the Multiverse,” Interview with Michio Kaku, *Science Fantastic* radio show, aired May 17, 2014.
- [“Does Multiverse Theory Bring Religion into Science?”](#) Interview with Andrew Aghapour. *Religion Dispatches*, March 3, 2014.
- “Entrevista con Mary-Jane Rubenstein: [Vivimos en un universo o en un multiverso?](#)” Interview with Andrés Lomeña. *Heterocosmicas*, February 18, 2014.
- [“The Anglican Crisis: An Interview with Mary-Jane Rubenstein,”](#) *TELOSscope*.
- Radio interview on “The Faculty Lounge,” Wesleyan University FM, 18 April, 2008.

### **Book Reviews**

- Lisa Sideris, [Consecrating Science: Wonder, Science, and the Natural World](#) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 30 April 2019: 1-4.
- Christopher G. White, [Other Worlds: Spirituality and the Search for Other Dimensions](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017), *Reading Religion* (June 12, 2018): <http://readingreligion.org/books/other-worlds>.
- Catherine Keller, [Cloud of the Impossible: Negative Theology and Planetary Entanglement](#) (New York: Columbia University Press), *Religious Studies* 53:2 (June, 2017): 281-7. Published online November, 2016.
- Karmen MacKendrick, [Divine Enticement: Theological Seductions](#) (New York: Fordham University Press), *Journal of Religion* 95:2 (April, 2015), 267-9.

- Morny Joy, ed., [\*Continental Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion\*](#) (New York: Springer, 2011) and Kearney, Richard, *Anatheism: Returning to God after God* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2010). *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 71 (2012), 87-92.
- Julia Kristeva, [\*This Incredible Need to Believe\*](#) (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009). *Modern Theology* 26:4 (October 2010), 666-669.
- Richard H. Jones, [\*Curing the Philosopher's Disease: Reinstating Mystery in the Heart of Philosophy\*](#) (New York: University Press of America, 2009). *Sophia* 49:3 (August 2010), 457-458.
- Aristotle Papanikolaou and George Demacopoulos, eds. [\*Orthodox Readings of Augustine\*](#) (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2009). *Modern Theology* 26:1 (2010): 157-160.
- Aristotle Papanikolaou, [\*Being with God: Trinity, Apophaticism, and Divine-Human Communion\*](#) (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006). *Modern Theology* 23:4 (December 2007): 631-34.
- Jean-Louis Chrétien, *The Ark of Speech* (London and New York: Routledge, 2004). *Modern Theology* 21:2 (April, 2005): 340-43.
- Amy Laura Hall, *Kierkegaard and the Treachery of Love* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002). *Modern Theology* 20:2 (April 2004): 327-30.
- M. Jamie Ferreira, *Love's Grateful Striving: A Commentary on Kierkegaard's Works of Love* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001). *Modern Theology* 19:2 (April, 2003): 295-7.
- Francis Clark, *Godfaring: Reason, Faith, and Sacred Being* (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 2000). *Modern Theology* 18:1 (January 2002): 127-29.

### **Works in progress**

- "Nature," in *Critical Terms for Religious Studies*, Volume II, ed. Sarah Hammerschlag (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, under review).
- "The Animist, Almost Feminist, Quite Nearly Pantheist Old Materialism of Giordano Bruno," in *Immanent Religiosities, New Materialisms, and Planetary Thinking*, ed. Whitney Bauman, Karen Bray, Heather Eaton, Fordham University Press, forthcoming, 2022.
- "Atheism and Pantheism: On the Perplexing Kerfuffle over Einstein's 'Cosmic Religious Sense,'" in David Newheiser, ed., *Varieties of Atheism*, University of Chicago



Press, forthcoming, 2022.

“The Monstrous Mixture of Things: On Science as Religion, with Continual Reference to Einstein,” in Ashley Lebnor and Yunus Telliell, eds., *Religion, Science, and Secularity*, to be submitted to Duke University Press.

*Heaven on Mars: The Disorganized Religion of the New Space Race*, in progress.

Review of Mark C. Taylor, *Intervolution* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2021) for *Journal of Religion*.

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Lectures

“The Fallacy of Misplaced Concrete,” [Counterpoint panel discussion](#) of Catherine Keller’s *Facing Apocalypse*, 11 May, 2021.

“Notes on a Scandal,” Celebration of Jenna Supp-Montgomerie’s *When the Medium Was the Mission*, Departments of Religion and Media, University of Iowa, 7 May 2021.

“The New Space Race in Mythic Perspective,” Planetary Science Seminar, Wesleyan University, March 15, 2021.

“Just a Pile of Rocks: The New Space Race in Mythic Perspective,” Green Sabbath Project, University of Potsdam, 13 January 2021.

“Pantheological Reflections,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, 24 November 2019.

“Monstrous Contractions: On Catherine Keller’s *Political Theology of the Earth*,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, 24 November 2019.

“What Do You Do with the Mad that You Feel? On Karen Bray’s *Grave Attending*,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, 23 November, 2019.

“The Matter with Pantheism: Gods, Worlds, Monsters,” Wasch Center, Wesleyan University, 30 October 2019.

“[Universes and Fairy Tales](#),” How the Light Gets In Festival, Hay on Wye, England, 25 May 2019.

“[The Right Way to Think](#),” How the Light Gets In Festival, Hay on Wye, England, 25

- May 2019.
- “What We Cannot Know,” How the Light Gets In Festival, Hay on Wye, England, 25 May 2019.
- “Gods, Worlds, Monsters,” How the Light Gets In Festival, Hay on Wye, England, 26 May 2019.
- “Spinning in Infinities: On God and the Multiverse,” Philosophical Approaches to Infinity: History, Ontology, Cosmology, University of California at Irvine, 26 April 2019.
- “The Horror of Wonder and the Mixture of Things: On Science as Religion, with Continual Reference to Einstein,” Keynote address, Skidmore College Wonder Symposium, 29 March 2019.
- “The Ghastly Apparition of Atheism: On the Perplexing Kerfuffle over Einstein’s ‘Cosmic Pantheism,’” Lehigh University, 23 October 2018
- “[Pantheist Monstrosities: Race, Gender, Divinity, and Dirt](#),” The University of California at Berkeley, 15 March 2018.
- “The Theo-Logics of the Multiverse: On the Entanglement of Religion and Science,” Ellen S. Hurwitz Presidential Lecture on Faith, Reason, and the Imagination, Albright College, Reading, PA, 20 April 2017.
- “The Panic over Pantheism: Diagnoses and Prescriptions,” God Seminar, Westar Institute, Santa Rosa, CA, 24 March 2017.
- “[God and the Multiverse: A Melodrama](#),” Keynote Address for The Sciences, the Humanities, The Future Conference, Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Engagement, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 30 September 2016.
- “Cosmic Singularities: On the Power of Nothing,” Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 26 September 2016.
- “[The Matter with Pantheism: Race, Gender, Divinity, and Dirt](#),” Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 22 September 2016.
- “[Multiverse Cosmologies and the Entanglement of Religion and Science](#),” Keynote Address for A Post-Secular Age? Conference, Oxford University, 28 July 2016.
- “Apophatic Multipantheology: From Cusa to the Multiverse,” The New School, New York, NY, 6 October 2015.
- “God and the Multiverse: A Melodrama,” Symposium on Charles Jencks’s Crawick

- Multiverse, Drumlanrig Castle, Thornhill, Scotland, 19 June 2015.
- “There Goes the Universe,” Five Thoughts on Nihilism, The New School, New York, NY, 30 April 2015.
- “Multiverse Cosmologies and the Entanglement of Religion and Science,” Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 10 April 2015.
- “Multipantheology,” Muilenburg-Koenig History of Religion Seminar, San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Francisco, CA, 8 March 2015.
- “Relation and Porosity: Reimagining Religion’s Key Terms,” Humanities Center, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 27 February 2015.
- “Making Something into Nothing: Science, Religion, and the Search for an Absolute Beginning,” Scholar in Residency Lecture Series, Congregation Adath Israel, Middletown, CT, 16 November 2014.
- “Panickedtheism: On God and Gender,” Colloquium Series on Gender, Lebanon Valley College, October 27, 2014.
- “Queer Enfleshment: A Response to Karmen MacKendrick,” Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University, Madison, NJ, September 26-28, 2014.
- “Scientific Orthodoxies in Cosmological Context,” Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 11-12, 2014.
- “On Shepherds and Goat-Gods and Mountains and Monsters: The Matter with Pantheism,” Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University, Madison, NJ, March 28-30, 2014.
- “Multiverse Cosmologies at the Limits of Modern Science,” Distinguished Lecture, McDevitt Center for Creativity and Innovation, “Science and Religion in Modern America” Series, Le Moyne College, Syracuse, NY, March 11, 2014.
- “Lost Expectations: On Derrida’s Abraham,” Featured Lecture at “Abysmal Existence: Kierkegaard on the Negative,” University of Aarhus, Denmark, August 29, 2013.
- “Multiversal Musings,” Drew University, April 23, 2013.
- “Why They Swallowed the Fly: Multiverse Cosmologies and the Limits of Modern Science,” McLester Seminar and Distinguished Lecture, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April 9, 2013.
- “All Coherence Gone: The State of the Church of England,” Keynote Address at “Sex: Historical and Theological Perspectives” Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 7, 2013.

- “How to Avoid the G-Word: Philosophical Reflections on Multiverse Cosmologies,”  
London School of Economics, January 27, 2013.
- “[Ascetic cosmologies](#): Modern Science as Religious Practice,” Wes Thinks Big, Wesleyan  
University, March 29, 2012.
- “End without End: Cosmology and Infinity in Nicholas of Cusa,” Trials of Desire  
Conference, Yale University, March 23, 2012.
- “Structuring the Interruption of Structure,” lecture and conversation following John  
Jasperse’s *Canyon*, Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM), November 17, 2011.
- “Back to the Fiery Ramparts: Seventeenth Century Revolutions,” Humanities luncheon,  
Wesleyan University, October 14, 2011.
- “[One Way Up through the Way Back into the Out of Ontotheology](#),” “In Theory” lecture  
series, Wesleyan University, October 5, 2011.
- “Dark Energy and Models of the Multiverse,” First Year Matters Lecture, Wesleyan  
University, September 2, 2011.
- “The Twilight of the *Doxai*,” Belief Worskshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT, April  
15, 2011.
- “[Cosmic Singularities: On the Nothing and the Sovereign](#),” Center for the Humanities,  
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, December 5, 2010.
- “*Qu’est-ce qui se passe?* Wonder and the Undecidable,” Drew University, Madison, NJ,  
November 11, 2010.
- “[Of Covenants and Camels: Sex and the Postcolonial Anglican Communion](#),” Barnard  
College, New York, NY, October 21, 2010.
- “Wonder and the Births of Philosophy,” Williams College, Williamstown, MA,  
November 17, 2009.
- “Wonder, the Impossible, and the Everyday,” Lisa Cooley Gallery, New York, NY,  
November 1, 2009.
- “Undone By Each Other: Interrupted Sovereignty in Augustine’s *Confessions*,”  
*Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Polydoxy: Theologies of the  
Manifold*. Drew University, Madison, NY, October 1-4, 2009.
- “Schismatic Sexualities,” *Homosexuality and the Anglican Schism* Conference. Yale  
University, October 17, 2009.

- “The Fire Each Time: Dark Energy and the Breath of Creation,” *Theology and Energy* Conference. University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, February 20-22, 2009.
- “Thinking Otherwise: On Secularism and the Limits of Immanence,” *Varieties of Secular Experience* Conference. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 13, 2008.
- “Heidegger’s Caves: On Dwelling in Wonder,” *A Sense of Wonder* Conference. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, June 4, 2008. Also presented to the Division II Seminar, Wesleyan University, October 30, 2008.
- “Putting the ‘Pre-’ in Postmodern: The Onto-Politics of Radical Orthodoxy,” Wesleyan University. Middletown, CT, May 8, 2008.
- “The State of the Church: Sex and Gender in Postcolonial Anglicanism,” Trinity College. Hartford, CT, October, 2007.
- “The Eclipse of the Political: On ‘[De]Constructing Boundaries,’” *ReStating Religion* Conference. Columbia University, New York, New York, March, 2006.
- “Wonder and the Births of Philosophy,” *Religion Unwound: A Graduate/Faculty Colloquium*, Columbia University, New York City, 27 October 2005.
- “Freud’s Leonardos/Leonardo’s Freuds: On Identification, Deification, and Disavowal.” Art Students’ League, New York City, March, 2004.
- “Ecstatic Subjectivity: Kierkegaard’s Critiques and Appropriations of the Socratic,” *D-Society*. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, November, 2000.
- “Repetition and Ordeal,” Peterhouse College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, October, 2000.
- “God, Gender, and the Fall: Working through Kristeva’s ‘*Stabat Mater*,’” Peterhouse College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, November, 1999.

### **Conference Papers**

- “Einstein’s Panatheism,” Varieties of Atheism Conference, Rome, Italy, 18 August, 2018.
- “On Onishi’s Sacrality of the Secular,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, 18 November, 2018.
- “The Animist, Almost Feminist, Quite Nearly Pantheist Old Materialism of Giordano Bruno,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, 18 November, 2017.

- “Between the World and...: On Hope and Marginality,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, 22 November, 2016.
- “The Womb-Abyss: Response to An Yountae’s *Decolonial Abyss*,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, 20 November, 2016.
- “Explain Away! Toward a Critical Study of the Cognitive Science of Religion,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, 23 November, 2015.
- “Of the Of: Genre, Generation, and the Continental Philosophy of Religion,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, 22 November, 2015.
- “Justifiable Cosmologies: On Knowing Ourselves,” A response to “Mary-Jane Rubenstein’s *Worlds Without End*” Panel, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, 24 November, 2014.
- “Why Derrida?” Response to “Political Animals and Animal Politics” Panel, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 23, 2013.
- “*More* Frogs and Dogs and Bears and Chickens and Whatever: The Political A/theology of Clayton Crockett and Jeffrey Robbins,” Annual Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion, Chicago, IL, November, 2012.
- “Desiring Pan(en)theism: God and Universe in MacKendrick’s *Divine Seduction*,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November, 2012.
- “Tangling with the Entangled Universe: A Response to Catherine Keller,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 20, 2011.
- “Asceticocosmologies: On the Self-Overcoming of Modern Science,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 20, 2011.
- “Shout the Ambivalent News: A Response to Marion Grau’s Postcolonial Missiology,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 20, 2011.
- “Who, Therefore, Follows the New Jerusalem?” Divinianimity Conference, Drew University, October 1, 2011.
- “Dark Energy and Negative Theology,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Montreal, Canada, November 10, 2009.

“The Way Back into the With of Christianity,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL, 3 November 2008.

“On Not Knowing Where I’m Going: A Response to John Thatamanil,” *Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Planetarity, Postcoloniality, and the Future of Feminist Theology*. Drew University, Madison, NJ, November, 2007.

“Of Ghosts and *Angels*: Derrida, Kushner, and the Impossibility of Forgiveness,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November, 2005.

“The Limits of Orthodoxy: A Response to John Milbank,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November, 2005.

Response to Slavoj Žižek’s ‘In What Sense Was Nietzsche a Christian?’” *Engaging Traditions: Ontologies in Practice* Conference. Charlottesville, Virginia, September 2002.

“Revealing Darkness: Toward an Anti-Racist Reading of Revelation,” *Illumination: Reason, Revelation and Science* Conference. St. Stephen’s House, Oxford, July 2002.

### **Presentations to Community Groups, Schools, and Non-Academic Organizations**

“[God and the Multiverse: A Melodrama](#),” West Hartford Public Library, West Hartford, CT, January 9, 2019.

“[Wonder in an Unbounded Cosmos](#),” First Church (Congregational), Middletown, CT, December 6, 2015.

“A Whirlwind Tour of the Multiverse,” Connecticut Valley Educational Foundation, Indian Springs Golf Course, Middlefield, CT, November 6, 2015.

“The Sinister Power of Clichés,” Keynote Address, Cum Laude Society, Ranney School Chapter, Little Silver, NJ, March 13, 2014.

“Why they Swallowed the Fly: Multiverse Cosmologies at the Limits of Modern Science,” Wesleyan Alumni Event, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, January 15, 2014.

“Christianity and Contradiction,” Religious Diversity and Social Work Series, Interfaith Center of New York, February 17, 2012.

“Can We Prove the Existence of God?: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion,” The Ranney School, Fair Haven, NJ, May 17, 2010.

- “What is the Problem of Evil?” The Ranney School, Fair Haven, NJ, May 17, 2010.
- “Religion and Romanticism: The Theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher,” The Ranney School, Fair Haven, NJ, May 17, 2010.
- “Unraveling the Tangled Anglican Web,” St. Thomas Episcopal Church, New Haven, CT, May 16, 2010.
- “A Faith in Ends: Sam Harris and the Gospel of Neo-Atheism,” Durham, NC Alumni Association of Wesleyan University, June, 2007.
- “Reconciliation and the Post-Colonial Church,” St. Luke in the Fields, New York City, 6 November, 2005.
- “‘But I Was Outside Myself’: Augustine and His Legacy,” Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City, 9 November, 2005.
- “On Detachment: Meister Eckhart and the Unground of Self-Abandonment,” Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City, 28 April, 2004.
- “Liberation and Concealment: The Structure of the Book of Revelation,” Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City, 21 September, 2003.
- “‘When the Hour of Danger Comes’: Bonhoeffer and Political Resistance,” Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City, 21 May 2003.
- “Kierkegaard’s Attack upon Christendom,” Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, New York City, 7 May 2003.
- “Kierkegaard: Narrativity and the Knight of Faith,” Portsmouth Grammar School, England, Spring, 2001.

## ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Fellow, College of the Environment, Wesleyan University	Fall, 2020 – spring, 2021
Fellow, International Society of Science and Religion	Spring, 2020 - present
Sustainability and Environmental Justice Pedagogical Initiative Grant Wesleyan University	Fall, 2019
Binswanger Prize for Excellence in Teaching, Wesleyan University	May, 2017
Fellowship, Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Engagement, Dartmouth College	Fall, 2016
Fellowship, The Westar Institute (God Seminar)	April, 2015 – present
Research Assistant Grant, College of the Environment Wesleyan University	Summer, 2014
Distinguished Teaching Fellowship, Wesleyan University	2013 - 2014
Honorary Member, Cum Laude Society, Ranney School Chapter	March, 2014



Baccalaureate Speaker, Wesleyan University	May, 2011
Faculty Fellowship, Wesleyan Center for the Humanities	Fall, 2010
Caleb T. Winchester Teaching Award, Wesleyan chapter of Psi Upsilon	May, 2009
Core Curriculum Award for Teaching Excellence, Columbia University	May, 2006
Class Speaker, Columbia University Doctoral Convocation	May, 2006
Scholar in Residence, Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine	May, 2005 – Aug, 2006
Episcopal Church Foundation Doctoral Fellowship	February, 2004 – May, 2006
Jacob K. Javits Doctoral Fellowship	August, 2001 – May, 2005
Center for Comparative Literature and Society Fellowship, Columbia University	August, 2001 – May, 2006
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Columbia University	August, 2001 – May, 2006
Theological Studies Prize (M.Phil.), Cambridge University	October, 2001
Dr. Herchel Smith Fellowship, Williams College	October, 1999 – October, 2001
Member, Phi Beta Kappa Society	inducted June, 1999
Member, Gargoyle Honor Society, Williams College	inducted May, 1998
Arthur B. Graves Essay Prize in Religion, Williams College	June, 1999
Class of 1960 Scholarship in English, Williams College	September, 1998 – June, 1999

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

### **Current Positions**

Member, Science and Religion Advisory Board, Smithsonian Institution  
 Editorial Board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*  
 Editorial Board, *Reading Religion*  
 Editorial Board, “Science and Religion as Critical Discourse” Series, Lexington Books  
 Editorial Board, *Modern Theology*  
 Manuscript reviewer for *The Journal of Comparative Literature*; *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts and Contemporary Worlds*; *Journal of Religion*; *Religion*; *Sociology of Religion*; *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*; *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*; *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *The Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*  
 Manuscript reviewer for Fordham University Press, Columbia University Press, Fortress Press, Routledge Press, State University of New York Press, Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press, Duke University Press, Rowman and Littlefield

### **Past Positions**

Co-Chair, Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion  
 Executive Committee, North American Association for the Study of Religion  
 Steering Committee, Bible, Theology, Postmodernity Section (AAR)  
 Local advisory board, *Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy*  
 Choreography Consultant, Morgan Thorson, *Still Life*, Weisman Art Museum,

Minneapolis, MN, Summer 2015.

## **TEACHING AND RELATED EXPERIENCE**

### **Doctoral committees at other institutions**

Nathan Jumper, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in progress  
“Sacred Excess”

Elizabeth Singleton, Claremont Theological Union, Spring 2019  
“Ecofeminism, Gaia, and New Materialism: Toward an Ecofeminist Ethic of Embodied Agency”

Elijah Prewitt-Davis, Drew University, Spring 2018  
“Of The World: The Immanent Faith of Gilles Deleuze”

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2017  
“Religion Made Flesh: Modernity, Ideology, and the New Sciences of the Brain”

Abigail Kluchin, Columbia University, Spring 2012  
“The Allure of Affect: Rigor, Style, and Unintelligibility in Kristeva and Irigaray”

### **Courses and theses at Wesleyan University**

RELI 151: “Introduction to the Study of Religion”

RELI 209: “Unthinkable Suffering: The Problem of the Problem of Evil”

RELI 220/COL 220: “Modern Christian Thought”

RELI 282/SISP 282: “Religion and the Scientific Imagination”

RELI 292/PHIL 292: “Reason and Revelation: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion”

RELI 302: “Kierkegaard: An Advanced Seminar in Absurdity”

RELI 305/SISP 305/FGSS 390: “Pantheologies: Animal, Vegetable, Mineral, World”

RELI 377/SISP 377: “Worlding the World: Creation Myths from Ancient Greece to the Multiverse”

RELI 379/FGSS 379: “Christianity and Sexuality”

RELI 398: “Majors Colloquium in Religious Studies”

### **Undergraduate theses advised:**

Virginia Sciolino, "Seeing Whiteness, Visualizing the 'Unborn': Abortion's Affective Power in the Catholic Imagination," Religion Department, 2021.

Gwen Freudenheim, “Alchemical Sympathies in Paracelsus and New Materialisms,” Science in Society Program, 2020.

Helen Handelman: “A Trip to the Moon: Earthly Fantasies and Lunar Conquest,” Religion Department, 2016.

Daniella Monous, “The Ambivalent Nature of Christianity: Reconfiguring Black Identity in South Africa,” Religion Department, 2015.

Ethan Tischler, “Emptiness and Wholeness: Untangling the ‘Realities’ of Tibetan

- Buddhism and Quantum Physics,” Religion Department, 2014.  
 Em Kianka, “Embodied Narratives: Pentecostal Conversion and Gay Coming Out Stories,” Religion Department, 2013.  
 Brendan Conuel, “The Contradiction at the Heart of the World”: Nietzsche, Jesus, and the Implosion of the Text,” Religion Department, 2010.  
 Clare Trissel, “Fluid Figurations for the Divine in the Writings of Gertrude of Helfta, Catherine of Siena, and Teresa of Avila,” Religion and History Departments, 2010.  
 Leah Campbell, “Out of Order: Chaos, Sovereignty, Subject,” University Major, 2009.  
 Jason Harris, “Toward the ‘One New Human’: Undoing the Racial-Religious Bipolarity of American Evangelicalism,” Religion Department, 2009.  
 Aaliya Zaveri, “The Praised and the Damned: Muslim Women and the Politics of Adultery,” Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, 2009.  
 Evan Morse, “Thinking Particularity: Scotus and Heidegger on Metaphysics,” Philosophy and German Departments, 2008.

Undergraduate essays advised:

- Talia Goldberg, Spring 2019  
 Em House, “What We (Re)Claim: The Politics of Claiming *The Vagina Monologues*’ Liberation,” Spring 2009  
 Andrea Gentile, “The Boyhood of Girls: Tomboy Narratives and Compulsory Heterosexuality,” Spring 2008

**Columbia University**

Instructor, “Contemporary Civilization” 2005 – 2006

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

**Positions**

Chair, Department of Religion	July 2018 – June 2019
	July 2013 – June 2016
Co-Director, Certificate in Social, Cultural, and Critical Theory	July 2012 – June 2014
Core faculty, Science in Society Program	July, 2015 – present
Core faculty, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program	Sept. 2006 – June 2017
Affiliated faculty, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	July 2017 – present

**Committees**

Member, Advisory Committee	September 2020 – present
Ad Hoc Committee, NPS Relocation	Spring 2021
Advisory Board, Wesleyan University Press	September 2017 – June 2020
	September 2013 – June 2016
Member, Campus Affairs Committee, Board of Trustees	July 2015 – June 2016
Member, Honors Committee	July 2014 – June 2016
Member, Review and Appeals Board	September 2014 – June 2016
Member, ITS Division II Computing Committee	September 2015 – June 2016

Steering Committee, Women’s Faculty Caucus	May 2012 – May 2015
Member, First Year Program Task Force	July 2013 – June 2014
Advisory Board, Center for the Humanities	September 2012 – June 2014
	September 2007 – June 2009
Advisory Board, Center for Faculty Career Development	September 2012 – June 2013
Chair, Faculty Committee on Rights and Responsibilities	September 2011 – June 2012
Member, Faculty Committee on Rights and Responsibilities	January 2010 – June 2012
Member, Campus Affairs Task Force, Reaccreditation Committee	May 2011 – June 2012
Member, Sexual Violence Task force	May 2010 – May 2011
Tenure-track Representative, Academic Council	September 2007 – June 2009
Representative, Social Sciences Computing Committee	September 2006 – June 2009

**Other activities**

- Moderator, student discussion of Nadia Bolz-Weber, *Shameless*, with Rev. Tracy Mehr-Muska, 4 April 2019
- Moderator, student Skype conversation about Jewish feminisms with Susannah Heschel, 3 April 2019
- Faculty host, Mellon CFA Innovations Module with choreographer Morgan Thorson, spring 2016
- Faculty Book Publishing Workshop, 30 January, 2014
- Panelist, “Representing Hannah Arendt’s *Eichmann in Jerusalem* on the Screen,” Exercising Judgment conference, Center for the Humanities, 28 September, 2013
- Co-instructor with Liz Lerman, Brian Stewart, and Bill Herbst, “Ways of Knowing” multidisciplinary course, Spring, 2011
- Panelist, post-show discussion of “Heaven” at the Center for the Arts, 29 January, 2010
- Faculty host, Mellon CFA Innovations Module with choreographer Morgan Thorson, 28-29 January 2010
- Lecture: “Faith, Nonviolence, and Political Action,” delivered with Don Moon to Alpha Delta Phi, 2 April 2008
- Panelist, “The Politics of Jesus in Retrospect,” 5 February, 2008
- Panelist, New Faculty Orientation, 29 August, 2007
- Member, Critical Studies Faculty Seminar

**MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

- The American Academy of Religion
- The American Philosophical Association
- The International Society for Science and Religion
- The North American Association for the Study of Religion
- The Westar Institute