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### **Education**

Ph.D. candidate. Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University.

Dissertation: "Conceiving Catholicism: Rhythm, Birth Control, and the American Catholic Laity, 1930-1968." Director: Mary Jo Weaver.

M.A. 1993. Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University.

MA Thesis: "Bible Believers Have Better Sex: Popular Sexology and Gender Ideology in Biblical Marriage Manuals."

B.A. 1990. Drew University. Major: Religion. Minor: Women's Studies.

### **Instruction**

#### **Teaching Experience**

Fall 2000—present. Full-time Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, California State University, Chico. 3-4 courses per semester.

Fall 1992—Fall 1999. Associate Instructor, Department of Religious Studies; American Studies Program; Kelley School of Business. Indiana University. One course per semester.

#### **Courses Taught At Chico:**

RS 140, Women and Religion

RS 149, Cross-cultural Environmental Ethics

RS 185, Religion and America's Ethnic Minorities

RS 147, Death, Dying and the Afterlife

RS 132, Christianity

RS 153, The End of the World

RS 06, Judaism, Christianity, Islam

RS 10, Introduction to Religious Studies

Hum 100B: Introduction to Humanities from the Renaissance to the Present

## **Supervision Of Theses and Tutorials at Chico:**

Supervising Nou Her's Honors project on Hmong Shamanism, ongoing.

Committee member of Arin Cole's RS 299 Honor's Thesis, Spring 2003.

Supervised Antra Renault's RS 297, Comparative Views on Death and Dying, Fall 2002.

Supervised Laurel Mangel's RS 297, Religion in America, Fall 2001.

## **Courses taught at Indiana University:**

Religion, Medicine and Suffering

Religion and Sexuality

Christianity

The End of the World

Religions of Asia

Introduction to Religious Studies

Introduction to American Studies

Career perspectives: Business communication

## **Professional Growth and Achievement**

### **Publications**

Review of Anne Braude, *Women and American Religion* (New York: Oxford, 1999) for the Religion in Secondary Schools Website, <http://www.rsiss.org/bkbraude.html>, Summer 2000.

Review of Stephen Stein, *Alternative American Religions* (New York: Oxford, 2000) for the Religion in Secondary Schools Website, <http://www.rsiss.org/bkalternative.html>, Summer 2000.

### **Papers Presented**

"Darwinism, Religion and Morality." Anthropology Lecture Series/CAPE Forum, California State University, Chico, April 2003.

"Reconceiving Catholic Sexuality: The Rhythm Method and American Catholicism in the 1960s." Humanities Center Symposium, California State University, Chico, April 2003.

"The Rhythms of Fertility and Sterility in Women: Leo Latz, the Rhythm Method and the American Catholic Church." American Association for the History of Medicine, Charleston, South Carolina, April 2001.

“Rhythm and Authority: Medical and Moral Debates about the Ogino-Knaus Method of Periodic Continence.” Pew Fellows Conference, New Haven, Connecticut, May 1999.

"Conceiving Catholicism: Rhythm, Birth Control, and Catholic Laity, 1930-1968." American Academy of Religion, National Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 1996.

"Laboring at Home with the Lord: Evangelical Pronatalist Women, Naturalist Discourse, and Female Empowerment." American Academy of Religion, Midwest Regional Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, April 1995.

"All the Sweet Little Children God Gives Them: Evangelical Christian Women, Birth Control, and Resistance to Authority." National Women's Studies Association, Ames, Iowa, June 1994.

"Feminist Ethics," Panel Moderator, National Women's Studies Association, Ames, Iowa, June 1994.

"Bible-Believers Have Better Sex: Gender Ideology in Evangelical Marriage Manuals." American Academy of Religion, Midwest Regional Meeting, Valparaiso, Indiana, April 1994.

### **Invited Lectures and Presentations**

“Fact and Fiction in *The DaVinci Code*.” Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, April 2004.

“The Social Context for the Rise of Realist Literature.” Guest Lecture for Dr. Joel Zimbelman’s Humanities 100B: Arts and Ideas from the Renaissance to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, April 2004.

“How Feminist Methodologies shape my research.” Guest Lecture for Dr. Kate McCarthy’s WMST 290, Women’s Studies Research Seminar, March 2003.

“Understanding Religious Diversity.” Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, March 2004.

“Different Religious Perspectives on ‘The Passion of The Christ.’” Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, March 2004.

“Etiquette in the Classroom: Some Tips for Succeeding your first semester.” Shasta Residence Hall, California State University, October 2003.

“Study Skills for First Year Students.” Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, September 2003.

“Religion and Society: A Match Made in Heaven?” Whitney Residence Hall, California State University Chico, February 2003.

“Sex and Your God: Comparative Religious Perspectives on Sexuality.” Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, February 2003.

“What Happened to Susan? The one left behind after C.S. Lewis’ “The Last Battle,” for Jed Wyrick’s RS 144, Religious Dimensions of Literature, California State University, Chico, Fall 2002.

“Using Feminist Methodologies in Religious Studies Research” for Multicultural and Gender Studies 290, “Research Seminar in Women’s Studies,” California State University, Chico, Spring 2002.

“Religion and Violence” for the Unitarian Fellowship, Chico CA, Spring 2002.

“Alternative American Religions” for Jed Wyrick’s Religious Studies 280, Seminar on “Cults and Sects,” California State University, Chico, Fall 2001.

“History of the Latter-day Saints” for Religious Studies 280, Seminar on “Cults and Sects” , California State University, Chico, Fall 2001.

“Teaching Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in the High-School Classroom,” PIME Understanding World Religions Seminar, California State University, Stanislaus, Fall 2001.

## **Honors and Awards**

2002	CELT Grant for Advancement of Instruction
1998-1999	Pew Program in Religion and American History Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University
1997	Greenburg Albee Fellowship for the study of Comparative Religion
1996	Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant
1995	Qualifying Exams, Pass with Distinction
1991	Outstanding Graduate Student Essay Award in Religious Studies, Indiana University
1990-1992	Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences Fellowship
1990	B.A. summa cum laude with honors in religion, Drew University
1990	New Jersey Project Student Achievement Award for Excellence in Feminist Scholarship
1986-1990	National Merit Scholar
1986-1990	Drew Scholar, Drew University

## **Other contributions to the University and Community**

### **Community and Academic Service at Chico.**

Religious Studies Committee on Academic Honesty, Spring 2003-Fall 2004.

Faculty in Residence, Whitney Hall, a residence hall of 500 first-year students. Chico, California, January 2003-present. This position involves planning weekly activities to encourage first year students to develop concrete academic goals and learn the skills necessary to succeed in their first year of college

### **Community and Academic Service Prior to Chico**

House Manager, Shelter Inc., a shelter for homeless men and women, Bloomington, IN, April-August 2000.

Associate Instructor Workshop Assistant Planner, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, Summer 1997.

Coordinator, Religious Studies Teaching Workshop Discussion Series, Indiana University, Fall 1996.

Graduate Student Representative, Religious Studies Departmental Graduate Committee, Indiana University, Fall 1993 – Spring 1995.

Member, Eigenmann Residence Hall Diversity Committee, Indiana University, Fall 1990 – Spring 1992.

Editor, *Religious Studies News*, a biweekly departmental newsletter, Indiana University, Fall 1991 – Spring 1992 .

### **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion, 1992 – present

National Women's Studies Association, 1993 – present