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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. Lecturer, Department of Comparative Religion and Humanities, California State University, Chico. 4-5 courses per semester.

Fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, Spring 2015-present. Lecturer, Multicultural and Gender Studies Program, California State University, Chico. 1 course per year.

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 CSU Chico:

RELS 482, Seminar on Religion and Sexuality (Spring 2007)
RELS 402, Religion, Sex and Gender (Spring 2018)
RELS 369, Religion and Sexuality (Spring 2008, Spring 2010)
RELS/WMST 375, Women and Religion (2004-2005)

RELS/AMST 322, Religion and American Society (2005, 2015, 2017, 2018)
RELS/AMST 324, Religion and America's Ethnic Minorities (2002, 2014)
RELS 347, Cross-cultural Environmental Ethics (2000-2007, 2009-2011)
RELS 357, The End of the World (2003-2018)
RELS 308, Roots of Judaism, Christianity, Islam (Fall 2015)
RELS 275, Women and Religion (Fall 2017)
RELS 264, Death, Dying and the Afterlife (2000-2001, 2003-2009, 2011-2017)
RELS 247, Religion, Ethics and Ecology (2012)
RELS 224, Religion and America's Ethnic Minorities (2014)
RELS 207, Christianity (2001, 2004)
RELS 180, Introduction to Religious Studies (2001-2002, 2004)
RELS 100, Judaism, Christianity, Islam (2000-2002, 2006, 2008-2017)
WMST 300: Feminist Theory (2016-2017)
WMST 200: Feminist Theory (2011-2015)
HUMN 001: Introduction to Humanities from the Renaissance to the Present (2002)

Supervision Of Theses and Tutorials at Chico:

Committee Member, Samantha Nickel's "*Beyonce's Lemonade* and Black Feminism," Spring 2017.

Supervised Kristina Parkerson's RELS 491, "Women in Buddhism," Fall 2014.

Supervised Andrew Lavin's Senior Honors Thesis, "Homosexuality and Christianity on a Historical, Doctrinal, and Ethical level," Fall 2009-Spring 2010.

Supervised Jake Acosta's Senior Honors Thesis, "The Serpent Beneath His Smile: Anguish and Autonomy in Nineteenth Century Mormon Polygamy," Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Advised Kerri Lopato and Nathalie Carmichael's Special Major in World Religions and Global politics, Spring 2007—Spring 2008.

Supervised Katie Welsh's RELS 199, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Spring 2007.

Supervised Nou Her's Honors project on Hmong Shamanism, Spring 2005.

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

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

Supervised Laurel Mangel's RELS 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

Other Related Academic Employment

Assessment Coordinator, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, CSU Chico. Spring 2011. Responsible for developing an assessment plan for online classes in the Humanities and Fine Arts Department.

Assessment Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies, CSU Chico, Spring 2008-Spring 2009. Responsible for coordinating student outcomes assessments for the department.

Faculty in Residence, Whitney Hall, CSU Chico, January 2003-May 2017. This position involved 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.

Professional Growth and Achievement

Publications

"The Role of the Faculty-in-Residence." Spring 2008, *UHFS Parents' Newsletter*, published by University Housing and Food Service, California State University, Chico.

"Making Connections with Residents." *The Faculty Mentor Program Newsletter*, Spring 2007, published by University Housing and Food Service, California State University, Chico.

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

"California Local Religion Projects: When the Community is the Classroom," with Kate McCarthy. California Local Religions Projects Conference, California State University Chico, September 2012.

"Mapping Religion in the Northstate" with Kate McCarthy. California Local Religions Projects Conference, California State University Chico, September 2012.

"New Media, Real World Research, and Student Engagement: Mapping Religious Diversity in the Northstate" with Kate McCarthy. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, November 21, 2011.

"Mentoring Students Outside of the Classroom" with Hemlata Jhaveri. Conference on Education, Learning and Teaching, California State University, Chico, October 2009.

"The Faculty Mentor Program and the First-Year Experience," with Hemlata Jhaveri. Conference on Education, Learning and Teaching, California State University, Chico, October 2008.

"Faculty Mentors: Making Connections with Students Outside the Classroom," with Hemlata Jhaveri. Conference on Education, Learning and Teaching, California State University, Chico, October 2007.

"First-Year Students in a Fishbowl: Creating Learning Communities in the Residence Halls." Conference on Education, Learning and Teaching, California State University, Chico, October 2006.

"The First Year Experience: A Residence Life Perspective." Conference on Education, Learning, and Teaching, California State University, Chico, October 2004.

"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.

Events Organized

"California Religion Projects: When The Community is the Classroom." With Kate McCarthy, I organized and planned a Wabash Center Grant-funded two day conference for 20 scholars of local California religious communities that focused on pedagogy and civic engagement. September 2012.

"Mapping Religion in the Northstate" Faculty Learning Community. With Kate McCarthy, I organized and planned a two-week series of consultations and discussions to redesign curriculum across the religious studies major at Chico state. Summer 2011.

"Fall Faculty Fiesta/ Professor Palooza," an advising event that brings together representatives of all campus departments with first-year students to help them make decisions about major selection and course planning. Fall 2005-Fall 2016.

"Grill a Professor," a dinner series bringing together faculty and residence-hall students for informal discussions at meals in the residence halls. Spring 2003 and Fall 2004.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

"Islam and Islamophobia." Courageous Conversations in honor of Martin Luther King Jr., California State University, Chico, April 6, 2018.

"Canon and Fanon: What is the text, anyway?" A response to Eric Mazur's "The Gospel According to Luke, or How I Came to Understand Scripture from 'a long time ago and a galaxy far, far away," Religion in the Public Sphere: Conflict or Dialogue Conference, California State University, Chico, September 16, 2017.

"Diversity in the Marvel Universe," Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, February 2017.

"Cultural Diversity and Religion," Esken Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, December 2016.

"Should We Legalize Marijuana and Ban Plastic Bags? Making Sense of the California Ballot Initiatives." Sutter, Whitney, Shasta Lassen and Esken Residence Halls, California State University, Chico, October 2016.

"Pentecostalism in America," for RELS 308, "Judaism, Christianity, and Islam from the Crusades to the Present," California State University, April 2016.

"What's at Stake in the Primary Election?" Sutter and Whitney Residence Halls, California State University, Chico, April 2016.

"I'm A Black Gay Christian and I Know God Loves Me" (Moderator), "Conversations on Diversity" series, California State University, February 2016.

"Winter Holidays from Around the World." University Village Residence Hall, California State University, December 2015.

"Cross-cultural techniques for managing stress." Sutter Residence Hall, California State University, November 2015.

"Working with Faculty Mentors." Resident Advisor Training, California State University, August 2015.

"Race and Gender Diversity in the Marvel Universe," Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, April 2015.

"Is There a War on Christmas?" Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, December 2014.

"Issues in the California Election." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, October 2014.

"The Depiction of Women in Superhero Movies." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, April 2014.

"What do world religions teach about sex?" Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, October 2013.

"Catholic attitudes about sexuality," Sutter Residence Hall, California State University, February 2013.

"Did the Maya really predict that the World will end in 2012?" Esken Residence Hall, California State University, November 2012.

"California Ballot Initiatives: What Do I Need to Know?" Konkow, Whitney, Mechoopda and University Village Residence Halls, October 2012.

"What Do World Religions teach about sex?" University Village Residence Hall, California State University, February 2012.

"Sex: Your Questions Answered." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, March 2012.

"Will the World End in 2012?" Sutter Residence Hall, California State University, March 2012.

"Exploring Religious Perspectives on Sexuality." University Village Residence Hall, California State University, February 2011.

"Religious Perspectives on the End of the World." Shasta Residence Hall, California State University, December 2010.

"What's at Stake in the California Ballot Initiatives." Konkow Residence Hall, California State University, November 2010.

"*Iron Jawed Angels* and the Importance of Voting: A Roundtable Discussion." Sutter Residence Hall, California State University, October 2010."

"Potential Consequences of Proposition 19." Whitney Resident Hall, California State University, October 2010.

"Religion and Sexuality: A Comparative Perspective." Esken Residence Hall, California State University, October 2010.

"Nobility: A Roundtable Discussion." University Housing and Food Service, California State University, September 2010.

"Gender, Religion, and Women's Embodiment." Associated Students Women's Center Conference, April 10, 2010.

"What Do World Religions Teach about Sex?" University Village Residence Hall, California State University, February 2010.

"Accuracy in the Film "2012." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, December 2009.

"2012: Will it Be the End of the World?" Konkow Residence Hall "Last Lecture Series," California State University, September 2009.

"Academic Success or Academic Probation: You Decide." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, February 2009.

"The Controversy over Same-Sex Marriage: Pros and Cons of Proposition 8." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, October 2008.

"What is the Eid al-Adha?" Residence Hall Association Winter Banquet, California State University, Chico, December 2008.

"Why are Prop 2 and Prop 8 so controversial? Issues in the California Elections." University Village Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, October 2008.

"Religious Perspectives on Premarital Sex." Esken Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, November 2008.

"Issues in the Federal Primary Elections." Esken Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, February 2008.

"Understanding the California Ballot Initiatives." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, February 2008.

"Holidays from many cultures: Understanding Hannukah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, December 2007.

"Making Sense of the California Ballot Initiatives." Shasta Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, November 2006.

"Surviving Your First Semester of College: Strategies for Success." Lassen Residence Hall, California State University, September 2006.

"Time Management Strategies for Resident Advisors." University Housing and Food Service R.A. Training, California State University, Chico, August 2006.

"The Role of Women in World Religious Traditions." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, April 2006.

"Organizing Your Time for Academic Success: Strategies for Resident Advisors." California State University, Chico, October 2005.

"John Paul II and the Theology of the Body" for a Panel Presentation on "John Paul II: His Legacy, His Church, Its Future." California State University, Chico, April 2005.

"Make Your Vote Count: Ballot Initiatives in the California election." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, October 2004.

"Resume Writing: Tips for First Year Students." Whitney Residence Hall, California State University, Chico, September 2004.

"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 21st century, April 2004.

"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.

"How Feminist Methodologies shape my research." Guest Lecture for Dr. Kate McCarthy's WMST 290, Women's Studies Research Seminar, March 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.

Faculty Learning Communities

Mapping Religious Diversity in the Northstate Faculty Learning Community, California State University, Summer 2011

Academy E-Learning: Summer Redesign Project, California State University, Summer 2014

Research Methods in Religious Studies Faculty Learning Community, California State University, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Bringing Theory to Practice Faculty Learning Community, California State University, Spring-Fall 2017

Honors, Grants and Awards

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| 2018 | “Taking It To The Classroom” Award for promoting Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom, California State University, Chico |
| 2014 | Maggie Award for Feminist Teaching, California State University Associated Students Gender and Sexuality Equity Center, California State University, Chico |
| 2013 | Student Learning Fee Grant for enhancement of the Religious Studies Digital Media Archive, California State University, Chico |
| 2012 | Wabash Center Grant for “California Local Religion Projects: When the Community is the Classroom” (with Kate McCarthy). |
| 2012 | Student Learning Fee Grant for Creation of a Humanities Digital Media Lab (with Kate McCarthy), California State University, Chico. |

- 2011 CELT Grant, "Mapping Religious Diversity in the North State" Faculty Learning Community (with Kate McCarthy), California State University, Chico.
- 2002 CELT Grant for Advancement of Instruction, California State University, Chico.
- 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.

Vice-President for Student Affairs Search Committee, California State University, Fall 2017.

Living Learning Communities Committee, University Housing, California State University, 2016-2017.

Faculty Learning Community for Research Methods in Religious Studies, Fall 2016.

Curriculum Committee, Department of Comparative Religion and Humanities, California State University, Chico, Spring 2005--present.

Assessment Committee, Department of Comparative Religion and Humanities, California State University, Spring 2005-present.

Assessment Committee, Multicultural and Gender Studies, California State University, Chico, Fall 2013-present.

American Academy of Religion, 1992 – present
National Women's Studies Association, 1993 – present

Scholarship Committee, Multicultural and Gender Studies, California State University, Chico, Spring 2016.

Academic Initiatives Committee, University Housing and Food Service, Fall 2013-May 2016.

Assistant Resident Community Coordinator Search Committees, Spring 2013, Spring 2014.

Resident Community Coordinator Search Committee, University Housing and Food Service, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2013.

Assessment Coordinator, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, Spring 2011.

Religious Studies Assessment Coordinator, Spring 2007-Spring 2009.

Religious Studies Committee on Internships and Student Development, Fall 2005-Spring 2006.

University Housing and Food Service Committee on Resident Advisor Academic Success, Fall 2004-Spring 2005.

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

Community and Academic Service Prior to Chico

House Manager, Shelter Inc., a shelter for homeless men and women, Bloomington, Indiana, 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
