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### **EDUCATION**

PhD, History, University of Chicago (December 2004)  
BA, History, University of California at Berkeley (December 1991)

### **RESEARCH**

History of Religions; Society of Jesus, Colonialism; Subjectivity; Latin America.

### **POSITIONS**

**John W. and Rosemary Croghan Associate Professor in Catholic Studies,**  
Department of Religious Studies, Northwestern University. July 1, 2008 - present.

**Director, Latin American & Caribbean Studies.** Northwestern University, July 1, 2013 - July 2015.

**Assistant Professor, Trans-Regional Religion,** Department of History,  
University of California, Irvine. July 1, 2004 – June 2008.

**Instructor, "Colonial Mexico,"** University of Illinois at Chicago (Summer Session, 1999): Created and taught introductory course on colonial Mexico (1492-1821).

**Preceptor, Masters' Program in Social Science,** University of Chicago -- MAPSS (1997-99): Taught a social science theory course called "Perspectives in the Social Sciences" directed student MA Theses in conjunction with faculty advisor and served as academic advisor.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS**

Provost's Faculty Research Grant. Northwestern University. Summer 2019.

Visiting Research Faculty, École Normale Supérieure Lettres et Sciences Humaines-Lyon, France. May 2013.

Faculty Research Grant. The Graduate School, Northwestern University. Summer 2012.

Faculty Research Grant. The Graduate School, Northwestern University. Summer 2011.

Women's Studies in Religion Fellowship. Visiting Faculty and Research Associate in Women's Studies and the History of Christianity at Harvard Divinity School (Academic year 2007-08)

Fellow at Atlantic History Seminar, Harvard University. July 31-Aug 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Theme: "The Transit of Christianity."

Research Grant to consult Jesuitana Collection in the Burns Library, Boston College (2005)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles & Essays**

"How to Be a Country Jesuit: Continenence, Care and Containment in a Racializing Religiosity." In *Jesuits and Race*, edited by Nathaniel Millet and Charles Parker: University of New Mexico Press, forthcoming, 2021.

"God in All Things? The Sacramental Logics of Jesuit Material Remains." *Social Analysis* 64:4 (Winter 2020).

"Consolation without Previous Cause? Consolation, Controversy, and Devotional Agency." *The Challenge of God: Continental Philosophy and the Catholic Intellectual Tradition*. (Oxford: T&T Clark, 2020).

- "Fluid Indigeneity: Indians, Catholicism, and Spanish Law in the Mutable Americas." [\*The Immanent Frame\*](#) (July 2017).
- "Making a Home in an Unfortunate Place: Phenomenology and Religion," *The Anthropology of Catholicism* eds. K. Norget, V. Napolitano, and M. Mayblin. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2017). Peer Reviewed.
- "Father of My Soul: Reason and Affect in a Shipboard Conversion Narrative," *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 2:4 (December 2015). Peer Reviewed.
- "Missionary Orders and Communities," *Princeton Companion to Atlantic History*, ed. Joseph C. Miller, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015).
- Respondent, "Off the Cuff: The Vatican Spring?" *Immanent Frame*, May 2013.
- ["Francis the Jesuit: A Philosopher Pope?"](#) *Religious Dispatches*, April 18, 2013.
- ["Pope Francis: A Jesuit Self in the World,"](#) *The Washington Post*, April 2, 2013.
- "An Ambivalent Philosophy of the Concrete," in *Rethinking the Human*, eds. J. Michelle Molina and Donald Swearer, (Harvard University Press, 2010) Peer Reviewed
- "The Global Currency of Female Sanctity: A Seventeenth-Century Mexican Mystic and her Jesuit Biographers from the Spanish and German Empires," (Co-authored with Ulrike Strasser), *Women and Religion in the Atlantic World, 1600-1850* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2009). Peer Reviewed
- "Technologies of the Self: The Letters of Eighteenth Century Mexican Jesuit Spiritual Daughters." *History of Religions* 47:4 (May 2008). Peer Reviewed
- "True Lies: Athanasius Kircher's *China Illustrata* and the Life Story of a Mexican Mystic," *Athanasius Kircher: The Last Man Who Knew Everything*, ed. Paula Findlen, (New York: Routledge, 2004). Peer Reviewed
- "Spirituality and Colonial Governmentality: The Jesuit *Spiritual Exercises* in Europe and Abroad," *Postcolonial Moves: Medieval through Modern*, eds. Patricia Ingham and Michelle Warren (New York: Palgrave Macmillan,

2003). Peer Reviewed

### **Edited Books**

*Rethinking the Human*, (Harvard University Press, 2010), co-edited with Donald Swearer

### **Books**

*'To Overcome Oneself': The Jesuit Ethic and Spirit of Global Expansion, 1542-1767* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013).

### **Works in Progress**

Book Manuscript Working title: "Inventories of Demise: Intimate Encounters in the Catholic Atlantic World, 1767-1814"

### **INVITED PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES**

University of Illinois, Chicago. "Jesuits (and a Protestant) at Sea: An Intimate Encounter Between Early Modern Global Catholicism and the Late 18th Century." Catholic Studies Program UIC. February 22, 2017.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for the Humanities: "Confessional Encounters in the late eighteenth century." Global Reformations: Religion and the Making of the Modern World. May 2016.

Loyola University, Chicago. Response to plenary speaker for "The Challenge of God: Continental Philosophy and the Catholic Intellectual Heritage." April 14-16, 2016.

University of Minnesota, Keynote Lecture for "Early Modern Missionaries" conference. "I Love the Jesuits!: Reason and Affect in an Eighteenth-Century Shipboard Conversion Narrative." May 28, 2015.

University of Indiana, Bloomington. "I Love the Jesuits!": Reason and Affect in an 18th Century Conversion Narrative." December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

University of Toronto, Workshop: "Critical Catholic Studies: Exploring New Horizons." September 27, 2012.