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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Yale University, Department of Religious Studies, New Haven, Connecticut, 1982

Bachelor of Arts, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, 1975

Professional Experience

Co-Director, Gender, Sexuality, and Power Project, University of Notre Dame, Church Sexual Abuse Crisis Research Grant Program, 2019-2021.

Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies, 2020-2021.

Interim Director, American Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2018-2019.

Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2016-2017.

Grace Craddock Nagle Chair in Catholic Studies, Professor of Religious Studies and History, Northwestern University, current

Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University 2012-2015

Charles Warren Professor of American Religious History, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, 2001-2007

Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, Spring, 2013

President, American Academy of Religion, 2002-2003

Chair of the Study of Religion in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2004-2007

Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, 1992-2001

Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, 1998-2000

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, 1997-1998

Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University, 1994-2001; Adjunct Professor of American Studies, 1994-2001; Adjunct Professor of History, 1997-2001

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Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University, 1988-1992

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Fordham University at Lincoln Center, New York, 1981-1988

Fulbright Visiting Professor of American Studies, Università degli Studi di Roma, Rome, Italy, 1985-1986.

Publications/Books

The Madonna of 115th Street: Faith and Community in Italian Harlem, 1880-1950, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985; second edition, with a new introduction, "Fieldwork Between the Present and the Past," xxvii-lvi, 2002; third edition, with a new introduction, "History, Real Presence, and the Refusal to be Purified," 2010.

Thank You, Saint Jude: Women's Devotion to the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1996

Gods of the City: Religion and the American Urban Landscape, editor, Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 1999 (In the Religion in North America Series.) The introduction to this volume, "Crossing the City Line," is excerpted in Steven H. Corey and Lisa Krissoff Boehm, eds., *The American Urban Reader: History and Theory*, New York and London: Routledge, 2011, Part I, "Definitions and Perspectives," 49-57.

Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005.

The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies, editor, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

History and Presence, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2016.

Catholics in the Vatican II Era: Local Histories of a Global Event, edited with Kathleen Sprows Cummings and Timothy L. Matovina, New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Give Us Boys (under contract with Columbia University Press).

Publications/Articles

"How Liberal Protestant Church Historians Helped Turn 'Christianity' Into a Good, White Protestant American Religion in the 20th Century," in Forum on Elizabeth A. Clark's *The Fathers Refounded: Protestant Liberalism, Roman Catholic Modernism, and the Teaching of*

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Orsi R. A. Форум: Антропология религии [Forum: Religion, Anthropology, and the "Anthropology of Religion" (2)], *Антропологический форум. Номер* (2017) 35, стр. 55-66.

“The Hidden Injuries of Class and Religion,” *Journal of Religion and American Culture*, vol. 27, no. 1 (Winter 2017): 29-35.

“Every Question is Open: Looking for Paths Beyond the Clearing,” *Critical Research on Religion*, vol. 4, no. 3 (2016): 260-266

“The Clergy Sex Abuse Crisis is Good for Thinking About Catholics, Catholicism, and About the Anthropology of Catholicism,” in Kristin Norget, Valentina Napolitano, and Maya Mayblin, editors, *The Anthropology of Catholicism: A Reader*, University of California Press, 2018.

“Gott hatte nichts damit zu tun: Das Ringen der Überlandten sexuellen Missbrauchs von Priestern und die religiösen Folgen,” to be published in *Berliner Theologische Zeitschrift (BThZ)* Fall/2015.

“How Catholics Are American,” in R. Scott Appleby and Kathleen Sprows Cummings, eds., *Catholics in the American Century: Recasting Narratives of U.S. History* (Cornell University Press 2012): 11-42.

“My Specific Form of Disorientation,” in Titus Hjelm and Phil Zuckerman, eds., *Studying Religion and Society* (Routledge 2012).

“Everyday Religion and the Contemporary World: The Un-Modern, Or What Was Supposed to Have Disappeared But Did Not,” afterword to Samuli Schielke and Liza Debevec, eds., *Ordinary Lives and Grand Schemes: An Anthropology of Everyday Religion* (New York: Berghan Books, 2012): 146-160.

“Printed Presence: Twentieth Century Catholic Print Culture for Youngsters in the United States,” in Adam R. Nelson and John K. Rudolph, *Education and the Culture of Print in Modern America* (Madison: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2010, 81-99.

“Belief,” in *Material Religion, Special Issue: Keywords in Material Religion*, vol. 7, no. 1 (March 2011): 11-16; reprinted in *Key Terms in Material Religion*, ed. S. Brent Plate, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2016, 17-23.

“The Problem of the Holy,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies*, ed. Robert A.

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“Passages in Piety: Generational Transitions and the Social and Religious Incorporation of Italian Americans” (with Richard Alba), in Alba, Albert J. Raboteau, and Josh DeWind, eds., *Immigration and Religion in America: Comparative and Historical Perspectives* (New York: New York University Press, 2009): 32-55.

“The ‘So-Called History’ of the Study of Religion,” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, 20:2 (2008): 134-138.

“Abundant History: Marian Apparitions as Alternative Modernity,” *Historically Speaking* 9, no. 7 (September/October 2008): 12-16; this is the focus of a symposium, including “A Response on Commentary on ‘Abundant History,’” 24-26. The article also appears in Anna-karina Hermkens,

Willy Jansen, and Catrien Notermans, eds., *Moved By Mary: The Power of Pilgrimage in the Modern World* (London: Ashgate, 2009, and it was reprinted in Randall J. Stephens, ed., *Recent Themes in American Religious History: Historians in Conversation* (Columbia, S.C.: The University of South Carolina Press, 2009).

“When 2+2=5, Or the Quest for an Abundant Empiricism,” *American Scholar*, 76 (no. 2), Spring, 2007, 34-43. [A different article from below.]

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“The Disciplinary Vocabulary of Modernity,” *International Journal* (published by the Canadian Institute of Foreign Affairs) (Autumn 2004), 879-885.

“A New Beginning Again,” American Academy of Religion, 2003 Presidential Address, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 72, no. 3 (September 2004): 587-602.

“Is the Study of Lived Religion Irrelevant to the World We Live In? 2002 Special Presidential Plenary Address,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42, no. 2 (June 2003): 169-174.

“‘The Infant of Prague’s Nightie’: The Devotional Origins of Contemporary Catholic Memory,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 21, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 1-18.

"The Many Names of the Mother of God," in Melissa R. Katz, ed., *Divine Mirrors: The Virgin Mary in the Visual Arts* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001).

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Wightman Fox, *In Face of the Facts: Moral Inquiry in American Scholarship* (Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Cambridge University Press, 1998).

"Everyday Miracles: The Study of Lived Religion," in *Lived Religion in America: Toward a History of Practice*, edited by David Hall (Princeton University Press, 1997).

"Mildred, Is It Fun to Be A Cripple?' The Culture of Suffering in American Catholicism in the Middle Years of the 20th Century," *South Atlantic Quarterly* 93, no. 3 (Summer 1994): 547-590; reprinted in *Catholic Lives/Contemporary America*, ed. Thomas J. Ferraro (Durham: Duke University Press, 1997).

"Immaginando Roma: i cattolici americani mettono fine all'ermeneutica italiana" [Imagining Rome: The End of the Italian Hermeneutic of American Catholicism] in William L. Vance and Carlo Chiarenza, eds., *Immaginari a confronto: I rapporti culturali tra Italia e Stati Uniti* (Venice: Marsilio, 1993, pp. 151-170.

"The Center Out There, In Here, and Everywhere Else: The Nature of Pilgrimage to the Chicago Shrine of Saint Jude, 1929-1965," *Journal of Social History* 25, no. 2 (Winter 1991): 213-232.

"The Fault of Memory: 'Southern Italy' in the Imagination of Immigrants and the Lives of their Children in Italian Harlem, 1920-1945." *Journal of Family History* 15, no. 2 (1990): 133-148; reprinted in Joseph M. Hawes and Elizabeth I. Nybakken, eds., *Family and Society in American History* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2001), 226-243.

"He Keeps Me Going!: Women's Devotion to Saint Jude Thaddeus and the Dialectics of Gender in American Catholicism, 1929-1965," in Thomas Kselman, ed., *Belief in History: Innovative Approaches to European and American Religion* (Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 1991):137-169; reprinted in Jon Butler and Harry S. Stout, *Religion in American History: A Reader* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998).

"Have You Ever Prayed to Saint Jude?' Reflections on Doing Fieldwork in Catholic Chicago," in Russell Richey, R. Bruce Mullin, and Grant Wacker, eds., *Re-Imagining Denominationalism: Interpretive Essays* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994): 134-161.

"The Religious Boundaries of an Inbetween People: Street Feste and the Problem of the Dark-Skinned Other in Italian Harlem, 1920-1990," *The American Quarterly*, 44, no. 3 (September 1992): 313-347; reprinted in Orsi, ed., *Gods of the City*, 257-288.

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"Speaking the Impossible 'No'." *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, vol. 43, no. 1 (February 2014): 7-11.

"I'm Starting to Think this is Not About Catholics," in Christopher D. Cantwell, ed., Roundtable: Beyond the Protestant Nation: Religion and the Narrative of American History, *Fides et Historia* 44: 2 (Summer/Fall 2012): 80-83.

"Always Praying . . . Going to Mass, and All That": The Religious World of the Baldizzi Family. Prepared for the Tenement House Museum, 109 Orchard Street, New York, August 2010.

"Theorizing Closer to Home," *Harvard Divinity School Bulletin*, vol. 38, nos. 1-2 (Winter/Spring 2010), 29-36.

"Religion and the Modern City, 1865-1945," in *Cambridge History of American Religions*, Vol. II, Stephen J. Stein, ed., New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

"No Place for Sacred Theology," *The Daily Northwestern*, May 6, 2008 (with Christine M. Helmer).

"The Happiness of Heaven," in Roger Ferlo, ed., *Heaven*, New York: Seabury Books, 2007, 13-24.

"Beyond the Niebuhrs: An Interview with Robert Orsi on Recent Trends in American Religious

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History," *Historically Speaking* (July/August 2006): 8-11; reprinted in Stephens, ed., *Recent Themes in American Religious History*, 19-27.

"Fair Game," Council of Societies for the Study of Religion *Bulletin*, 33, no. 3-4 (September and November 2004).

"A 'Bit of Judgment,'" *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, 32, no. 3 (Summer 2004): 16-17.

"Close Formation," *Boston College Magazine*, vol. 64, no. 1 (Winter 2004): 32-37.

"Popular Theodicy," in *Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions*, Laderman and Leon, eds, Santa Barbara, Calif. : ABC-CLIO, 2003) 461-3.

"A Crisis About the Theology of Children," *Harvard Divinity School Bulletin*, 30 no., 4 (Spring: 2002): 27-3.

"Between Theology and Theory: Culture Studies in Religion," *Intellectual History Newsletter*, Vol. 18, 1996: 48-51.

"Saint Historian," in *Locating Cultural Studies: Aims, Objects, Politics*, published by the Smith Research Center in cooperation with the Cultural Studies Program, Indiana University, 1998.

"Parades, Holidays, and Public Ritual," in the *Scribner's Encyclopedia of American Social History*, Cayton, Gorn, and Williams, eds., Volume 3 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1993): 1913-1922.

"Beyond the Mainstream in the Study of American Religious History," *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 43, no. 2 (April 1992): 287-292.

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"Reimagining the World: Franciscans Find God in the South Bronx," *Village Voice*, August 4, 1987.

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Catholic Christianity: A History of the Church, with Rev. Kevin Irwin and John S. Nelson, Journey in Faith Series (for high school students), New York: William H. Sadlier, Inc., 1983.

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Book reviews in *American Historical Review*, *Horizons*, *The Journal of Religion*, *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *History of Education Quarterly*, *Journal of American History*, *American Ethnologist*, *Church History*, *Reviews in Religion*, and *The Thomist*; also in *The Village Voice* and the *Baltimore Sun*.

Blogging and Web Based Publications

“Painted into a Corner by the Blood of the Lord,” *Contending Modernities*, University of Notre Dame, Keough School of Global Affairs, <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/painted-into-a-corner/>, April 2020.

“Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue, Something Dead,” in Forum on “Couture and the Death of the Real: A Response to Heavenly Bodies,” edited by Mona Oraby and Robert Orsi, *The Immanent Frame*, <https://tif.ssrc.org/category/exchanges/heavenly-bodies/> September 2018.

“The Angel Bruno Bends Close to the Earth and Asks...” *The Immanent Frame*, in Forum “Is That All There Is?” October 18, 2017 <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/10/18/the-angel-bruno-bends-close-to-the-earth-and-asks/>

“Can the Catholic Church Change?” *Healing Voices* (website for and by survivors of clerical sexual abuse), July 1, 2016: <https://thehealingvoicesnewsletter.wordpress.com/2016/07/01/can-the-catholic-church-change/>

“The Breaking-in of the Gods,” *The Immanent Frame*, Social Science Research Council, April 23, 2016: <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2016/08/23/the-breaking-in-of-the-gods/>

“Doing Religious Studies with Your Whole Body,” available online at <http://www.practicalmattersjournal.org/issue/6/centerpieces/doing-religious-studies-with-your-whole-body> in *Practical Matters* 6 (Spring 2013), special issue on “Engaging Religious Experience: A Return to Ethnography and Theology,” available at http://www.practicalmattersjournal.org/issue_toc/6. [Note: This post is the focus on an online symposium.]

“Praying Angry,” at *Reverberations: New Directions in the Study of Prayer* (posted August 27, 2013). (This is also the focus of an online symposium.) <http://forums.ssrc.org/ndsp/2013/08/27/praying-angry/>

“The Critic Within: On Father Andrew Greeley (1928-2013) at *Religion & Politics*, the online publication of the John C. Danforth Center for Religion and Politics, Washington University at

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“Holy Cards,” available online at <http://forums.ssrc.org/ndsp/2013/04/08/holy-cards/>, in *Reverberations: New Directions in the Study of Prayer*, on the SSRC website, *The Immanent Frame* (posted April 8, 2013).

“Real Presences: Catholic Prayer as Intersubjectivity; From Practices of Presence to Sacred Absence, Theoretical Context,” available online at <http://forums.ssrc.org/ndsp/2013/03/18/from-practices-of-presence-to-sacred-absence/>, in *Reverberations: New Directions in the Study of Prayer*, on the SSRC website, *The Immanent Frame*. (Posted March 18, 2013)

“Finding the Presence in Mormon History: An Interview with Susanna Morrill, Richard Lyman Bushman, and Robert Orsi,” in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* online at <https://dialoguejournal.com/2011/finding-the-presence-in-mormon-history-an-interview-with-susanna-morrill-richard-lyman-bushman-and-robert-orsi/> (accessed June 12, 2011).
Comment on “Contending Modernities” Project, *The Immanent Frame*, 2010. Available at <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/11/17/multiple-modernities/> (accessed November 17, 2010).

“Always Praying, Going to Mass, and All That: The Religious World of the Baldizzi Family,” Tenement House Museum, December 14, 2010, Part One (<http://tenement-museum.blogspot.fi/2010/12/always-praying-going-to-mass-and-all.html>); December 14, 2010, Part Two (http://tenement-museum.blogspot.fi/2010/12/always-praying-going-to-mass-and-all_14.html); December 15, 2010, Part Three (http://tenement-museum.blogspot.fi/2010/12/always-praying-going-to-mass-and-all_15.html); December 15, 2010, Part Four (http://tenement-museum.blogspot.fi/2010/12/always-praying-going-to-mass-and-all_4928.html); December 16, 2010, Part Five (http://tenement-museum.blogspot.fi/2010/12/always-praying-going-to-mass-and-all_16.html).

“Taking Religion/History Seriously,” *Proceedings: First Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture*, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, <http://www.iupui.edu/~raac/downloads/Proceedings.pdf>.

“The (Religious) Problem of the One and the Many,” *Proceedings: Second Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture*, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, June, 2011, 9-10, available at <http://www.iupui.edu/~raac/downloads/Proceedings2011.pdf> (accessed July 20, 2011).

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Selected Addresses and Papers

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(Named lectures, keynotes, and plenary addresses starred. “Violence, Memory, and Religion among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse” is the general title for presentations based on my ongoing research into the Catholic clergy sexual Abuse crisis. The various lectures under this title are each different as my thinking develops.]

*“Religious Excess, Plural Ontologies, and the Precariousness of U.S. Public Life,” Religion and Excess Conference, Yale University, April 9-10, 2021.

*“An Inquiry into Catholic Formation in the Wake of the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis,” Keynote, Columbia University Graduate Student Conference, “Childhoods and Religion,” Department of Religion, March 19, 2021.

*“Turning Metaphysical Corners: A Harlequin Romance,” High Theory 2, online conference, February 25, 2021.

“Saints in Divided Societies,” American Academy of Religion, annual meeting (online), respondent, December 10, 2020.

“Give Us Boys: Lived Catholicism in the Wake of the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis,” Conference, Lived Catholicism(s): New Questions and Untold Stories, LSE/ Durham University, November 24, 2020.

*“Sacred Places in a Burning World,” Sacred Places in a Post-Secular and Globalized World, An Online International Research Workshop, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, December 8-10, 2020.

*“Catholics and Jews in Cities Talking About ‘American’ Religion,” Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania, October 12, 2020.

*“The Study of Religion Beyond the Great Derangement,” Research Conference in Theology and Religious Studies, University of Helsinki, September 11, 2020.

“The Sexual Dynamics of Modern Catholicism,” Fordham University, March 3, 2020.

Comment on Elizabeth A. Clark, *The Fathers Refounded: Liberal Protestantism, Roman Catholic Modernism, and the Teaching of Ancient Christianity in Early Twentieth-Century America*, American Society of Church History, Annual Meeting, New York, January 3, 2020.

Respondent, “Gods of Revolution and Counterrevolution in Central America,” panel, American Historical Society, Annual Meeting, New York, January 3, 2020.

*“Craft of Teaching,” Seminar, University of Chicago Divinity School, Swift Hall Common

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Room, February 12, 2019.

*Response, "Beyond Reductionism: Applying and Adjusting Robert Orsi's 'Metric of Presence' Across Religions," Comparative Studies in Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 24, 2019.

*Response, "History and Presence in Asia: Applying Robert Orsi's Theory of "Real Presence" to the Study of Asian Religions," Religion in South Asia Unit and Religion in Southeast Asia Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 25, 2019.

**"Theory and Method Beyond the Great Derangement," Theory and Method 2.0, Reconceiving Shared Space, Teaching and Learning Committee, Critical Discourses on Religion Unit, Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 25, 2019.

**"The Sexual Abuse Crisis in Global Perspective," Annual James Kirk Lecture, University of Denver, October 15, 2019.

**"The Sexual Dynamics of Modern Catholicism," Keynote Address, Workshop on Luther and Sex, University of Helsinki, September 23-24, 2019.

**"After Violence, An Experience of God's Presence: An Introduction to Plural Ontological Realism, Keynote Address, Ethnographies of God Conference, University of Toronto, October 2, 2019.

**"After Violence, An Experience of God's Presence: An Introduction to Plural Ontological Realism," Ethics After Individualism, University of Aarhus, August 27-29, 2019.

**"The Ironies of 'Translating Scholarship,'" Translating Scholarship, Sixth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, June 6-9, 2019.

**"Violence, Memory, and Religion among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse," Elon Center for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society, Elon University, April 3, 2019.

"Violence, Memory, and Religion among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse," Armstrong Lecture, Kalamazoo College, May 7, 2019.

**"The Sexual Abuse Crisis between the Local and the Global," Keynote Address, Global History and Catholicism Conference, University of Notre Dame, April 4-6, 2019.

*The Study of Religion on the Other Side of Disgust," Center for Jewish Studies, University of Florida, Gainesville, February 19, 2019.

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*“Violence, Memory, and Religion among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse,” Health and Integrity in Church and Ministry Conference University of Divinity/Melbourne University, Melbourne, Australia, August 27-29, 2018.

*Violence, Memory, and Religion among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse,” University of Rochester, November 8, 2018.

*The Study of Religion on the Other Side of Disgust,” 31st Biennial Meeting of the Faith and History Conference, “History and the Search for Meaning: The Conference on Faith and History at 50,” Calvin College/October 4-6, 2018.

*Violence, Memory, and Religion among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse,” Presentation to the Faculty of Anthropology, Maynooth University, Dublin, Ireland, March 15, 2018.

*Violence, Memory, and Religion among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse,” Boisi Center for Religion and Public Life, Boston College, April 4, 2018.

*A White Stone for Belfast: One Take on Christian Politics,” Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, University of California, Berkeley, April 17, 2018.

*“Religious Dimensions of the Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis,” Frederic C. Wood Annual Lecture, Vassar College, March 29, 2017.

*“Religious Consequences of Clergy Sexual Abuse in U.S. Catholicism,” Stewart Fellow Lecture, Princeton University, February 14, 2017.

*“Violence, Memory, and Religion Among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse,” Lester Lecture, University of Colorado at Boulder, November 9, 2017.

*“Bedpans and Parrots: What Happens on Religious Pilgrimage and What Does This Teach Us About Religion Itself?” Henrietta Harvey Lecture, Memorial University, Newfoundland, Canada, October 4, 2017.

*“What’s Inside a Statue/Idol?” Merrimack College, Writers House Presentation, April 19, 2017.

*“The Dangers of Italian Americans Reading (Besides Going Blind) Keynote Address, Italian American Studies Association, 50th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2, 2017

*What is *Catholic* About the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis?” Religion and Diversity Project, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, University of Ottawa, September 9, 2016.

*What is *Catholic* About the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis?” 2016 Friends of the Department of Religious Studies Lecture, the University of Kansas, April 25, 2016

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“The Shamrock and the Madonna,” Sheen Center for Thought and Culture, Catholic Archdiocese of New York, April 14, 2016

*“What is ‘Lived Religion?’” [什麼是「生活宗教」?] Tainan Theological College and Seminary, Tainan, Taiwan, March 16, 2016.

*“The Problem of Presence in Modern Religion and Its Study,” University of California at Santa Barbara, February 15, 2016.

“The Problem of Presence in Modern Religion and Its Study,” Duke University, February 5, 2016.

*Workshop on Theory and Method in the Study of Religion, 200-Level Course, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, June 24, 2015.

*“Religion after ‘Religion,’” Fourth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University Purdue University at Indianapolis, June 4-6, 2015.

*“Religion/Modernity: Living on the Slash,” Lewis and Clark University, Portland, Oregon, March 13, 2015.

*“The Problem of Healing among Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse,” Oregon State University, Hundere Endowment for Religion and Culture, March 12, 2015.

*“The Problem of the Holy in a World of Religious Pluralism,” Conference on “The Holy in a Pluralistic World: The Legacy of the Work of Rudolf Otto,” University of Wisconsin, Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions, November 4-6, 2014.

“Praying at Ground Zero of the Secular,” Comparative Ethnographies of Prayer Workshop, London School of Economics, May 17-18, 2014.

“The Obsolescence of the Gods,” Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, February 7, 2014.” (An invited seminar on the first chapter of work in progress.)

*“Secrets of the Confessional: Children, the Sacrament of Penance, and the Making of 20th Century American Catholicism,” 30th Annual Loy H. Witherspoon Lecture, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, March 24, 2014.

*“The Gods of Gotham: Religion and the Making of New York, 1880-1950,” Researching New York: Perspectives on Empire State History Religion in New York, University at Albany, The State University of New York, November 13-14, 2013

*“The Discourse of Religious Freedom and the Absence of the Gods,” Politics of Religious

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Freedom Capstone Seminar, Northwestern University, October 17-18, 2013.

“Living in Plural Ontologies: Two Case Studies,” Workshop: Secular Sensibilities—Spiritualism, Secularism, Atheism, and Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan, August 7-9, 2014.

*“God Had Nothing to Do With It: The Struggles of Survivors of Clerical Sexual Abuse with Its Religious Consequences,” Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg Greifswald, German, June 26, 2013.

*“Beyond Deconstruction: New Engagements in Religious Studies,” Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, March 13, 2013.

*“Abundant History,” Theologicum der Universität Tübingen, Germany, June 6, 2013.

*“Puer Religiosus,” America Society for the Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Children, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, April 24-25, 2013.

*“Secrets of the Confessional: Children, the Sacrament of Penance, and the Making of 20th Century U.S. Catholicism,” Middlebury College, February 28, 2013.

*“All that is Seen and Unseen,” Conference on Emotive Cognition and Sensuous Devotion in Catholicism, Connecticut College, October 27, 2012.

*“The Everyday and the Problem of Belief,” Sacred Practices in Everyday Live Conference, AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Program, University of Edinburgh, May 9, 2012.

*“Secrets of the Confessional: Children, the Sacrament of Penance, and the Making of 20th Century U.S. Catholicism,” Leonard E. Greenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow Lecture, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, March 14, 2012.

*“Secrets of the Confessional: Children, the Sacrament of Penance, and the Making of 20th Century U.S. Catholicism,” Arnold H. Lowe Lecture, Macalester College, February 12, 2012.

*“Real Presences and the Study of Lived Religion,” Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture, Holy Cross College, Conference on the Contours of Catholic Life Today, December 9, 2011.

*“The (Religious) Problem of the One and the Many,” Second Biennial Conference on Religion & American Culture, *Changing Religion*, Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis, June 3-5, 2011.

*“Secrets of the Confessional: The Sacrament of Penance and the Making of 20th Century U.S. Catholicism,” The Ohio State University, January 27, 2011.

*“‘Grotesquely Pictorial and Weirdly Impossible’: Why Catholic Youngsters Burned Comic

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Books During the Great Comic Book Scare,” Conference on Catholicism and Visual Culture, Duke University, April 15-16, 2011.

Panel participant (and organizer), “Beyond the Protestant Nation: Religion and the Narrative of American History,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 9, 2011.

*“The Catholic Imagination and the American University,” Fifth Annual Endowed Lecture in American Catholic Thought and Culture, Michigan State University, October 7, 2010.

*“The Life of Catholic Things: Relics, Rosaries, and More in Everyday Practice.” Eliot Lecture, Reed College, September 30, 2010.

*”Bedpans and Border Crossings: Some Opening Thoughts on Abundant Religion and Everyday Life,” Conference on “The Banality of Religion: Close Readings of the Everyday,” Stanford University, May 21-22, 2010.

*”The Dangerous Imaginations of Mid-20th Century American Catholic Children,” Concordia University, Montreal, November 5, 2009.

Authors Meet Critics: Two Books on Religion and Presidential Leadership, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, November 8, 2009.

*“Relics, Statues, Rosaries, and Other Objects: The Life of Catholic Things,” University of Northern Iowa, October 8, 2009.

*“From Lived Religion to Abundant History,” Conference on Cultural Consumption and the Performance of Everyday Religious Life, Centre for Religion and Contemporary Society Birbeck College, University of London, September 7-8, 2009.

*“Ethical, Methodological, and Pedagogical Challenges in the Empirical Study of Religion,” University of Minnesota, July 22, 2009. (A workshop for UM faculty, based on my work.)

*“Taking Religion/History,” Religion and American Culture Conference, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, June 4-7, 2009.

*“Why Isn’t Detroit Burning? Islam in Europe and America,” Conference: For God’s Sake: Religion and Politics in the West, Institute for European Studies, University of California, Berkeley, and Chair for Jewish History and Culture, University of Munich, Schloss Elmau, July 2-3, 2009.

*“Things in Relationship,” Material Religion in America Symposium, Haverford College, May 6-7, 2009.

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*“Old Faith in a New Land: How Catholics Are American,” Bishop Walter Sullivan Lecture, Virginia Commonwealth University, March 25, 2009.

*“The Catholic Imaginary: Catholic Studies in the University,” Investiture of the Grace Craddock Nagle Chair in Catholic Studies, Northwestern University, November 6, 2008.

“Armies of Children: Catholic Youngsters in Relation to Adults in the U.S., 1925-1975,” European Association of Social Anthropologists, 10th Biennial Conference: Experiencing Modernity and Mutuality, Ljubljana, Slovenia, August 26-29, 2008.

“Sacred Superheroes: What 20th Century Catholic Children Read,” “Literature, Book History, and the Anxiety of Interdisciplinarity,” A Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation, Ben Gurion University, Beersheva, July 1-3, 2008.

*“US Catholics Between Memory and Modernity,” “Catholicism in the American Century” Conference, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, April 17-19, 2008.

“The Democratic Impulse: The Contribution of Walter H. Capps to the Ethics and Ethos of Religious Studies,” Conference, “Exploring the Contributions of Walter Capps to the Study of Religion,” University of California at Santa Barbara, May 9-10, 2008.

*“Theorizing Closer to Home,” Keynote Address, Midwest Region AAR, April 5, 2008.

*“American Religiosity, American Childhood,” *Convivencia: Religious Identities in the New World*, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, March 29, 2008.

*“Growing Up, Catholic: A Case Study of Catholic Children in 20th Century America,” Purdue University, sponsored by the Aquinas Center and the program in Religious Studies, February 8, 2008.

*“From Shangri-la to ‘Otherworld’: Lived Religion in Tibetan Studies,” Anthropology of Religion Group, Tibetan Lived Religion? AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 20, 2007.

*“Love in A Time of Distraction,” 2007 Harvard Divinity School Commencement Worship Service Address, Memorial Chapel, June 6, 2007.

*The Imaginations of Catholic Children,” Second Annual Rita Casella Jones Lecture, Fordham University, February 26, 2007.

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*"Entertaining Faith: How Religion Kept Up With American Culture," Conference: For God's Sake: Religious Upheaval in Politics and Society in the West, University of California at Berkeley, April 12-13, 2007.

*"What Christian Nation?" K. Brook Anderson Lecture, Brown University, April 25, 2007.

*"Abundant History: Marian Apparitions as Alternative Modernity," International Conference on "The Power of Marian Pilgrimage: A Comparative Study," Institute for Gender Studies and Department of Cultural Anthropology, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Netherlands, February 1-3, 2007.

*"The Dangerous Imaginations of Mid-20th Century American Catholic Children," Fairfield University, Jubilee Year Lecture Series: Listening to the Voices of the Others, November 15, 2006; also Eastern Nazarene College, February 6, 2007.

*"What Christian Nation? The Path to a More Authentic Religious Pluralism," University of California, Los Angeles, October 24, 2006

*"Devotional Print? The Imaginative World of Catholic Periodicals for Young People in the 20th Century," Education and the Culture of Print in Modern America A Conference of the Center for the History of Print Culture in Modern America at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, September 29-30, 2006.

"Civic Devotions, Democracy's Demons: Lived Religion and Public Culture in the U.S." Lafayette College, February 23, 2006.

*"2+2=5, or the Quest for An Abundant Empiricism," Fortieth Anniversary Lecture Series, Department of Religious Studies, Florida State University, February 27, 2006.

*"Catholic Children Thinking About Their World," Deitchman Family Lectures on Religion and Modernity, Holy Cross College, March 14, 2006; also Boston College Conference on the History of Religion, March 24-25, 2006.

"How Do We Study the Lived Religion of Men and Women Who Don't Have the Walls to Hang Their Religious Images On?" Ford Foundation Conference: Latinos in Florida: Lived Religion, Space, and Power. Casa Santo Domingo/Antigua, Guatemala, December 9-11, 2005.

*"Out of Control: Religious Studies After Terror," Keynote Address, Conference: Under Construction: History, Identity, and Representation in the Study of Religion," Columbia University, March 31, 2005.

*"When I Hear the Words 'Religious Community' I Reach for My Gun: The Myth and Mystery of American History," Tanner Lecture, Utah State University, November 5, 2004.

*"The Disciplinary Vocabulary of Modernity," Couchiching Institute, Ontario, Canada, August

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5, 2004.

“Children and Religion,” presentation prepared for Cambridge Health Alliance, Psychiatry Fellows, August 22, 2004.

“Those Armies of Children: Young People and the Making of Modern American Catholicism,” Gates Lecture, Grinnell College, April 14, 2004.

“Passionate Citizens: Catholics and Democracy,” The Mercyhurst Catholic Identity Series, Mercyhurst College, Erie, Pennsylvania, October 2, 2003.

*“U.S. Catholic Memory and the Shock of Modernity,” The Annenberg Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, April 24, 2003.

*“Recovering Catholic Childhood: Can History Teach Us Anything About the Clerical Abuse of Children?,” Getlin Lecture, Department of Religion, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, March 4, 2003.

*“‘Those Armies of Children’: Young People and the Making of Modern American Catholicism,” Lansdowne Lectures, University of Victoria, February 4, 2003.

*“The Ash Heap of History Smells of Incense: U.S. Catholic Memory and the Shock of Modernity,” Lansdowne Lectures, University of Victoria, February 3, 2003.

*“Who Cares About Religion? The Blind Spot in Contemporary Historiography,” Lansdowne Lectures, University of Victoria, January 31, 2003.

*“Recovering Catholic Childhood: The History of Growing Up Catholic in the United States in the 20th Century,” Lowell Lectures, Boston College, November 21, 2002.

“Comments: Transnationalism, Identity, and Religious Diversity on Florida Workshop IV—Bringing it all Together,” University of Florida, June 24-25, 2002.

“Were We Ever That Weird? Parish Devotions and Catholic Memory,” The IHC Catholic Studies Research Focus Group, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California at Santa Barbara, April 25, 2002.

“Were We Ever That Weird? Parish Devotions and Catholic Memory,” Georgetown University, February 21, 2002.

“Religious Experience After William James: The Search for the Third Term,” American Society of Church History, San Francisco, January 4, 2002.

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“The Hidden Axis of Comparison: Good/Bad Religion,” Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University, November 14, 2001.

*"Nobody Lives *There*: Desire, Absence, and Race in American Urban Religion," Keynote Address, The Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale, March 30, 2001.

*“The Dialectics of Religious History, Or What is the *History* in Religious History?” Duke University, April 6-8, 2001

*“Devotional Architectonics: The Parish as Site of Catholic Devotional Life," Interpreting the American Catholic Experience Conference, University of Notre Dame, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, March 16-17, 2001.

"Missing Children: Young People in Religious History and Theory," Response, Childhood Practices and Religious Experiences, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, November 21, 2000.

Real Presence/Real Terror: A Comment on Ann Taves' *Fits, Trances, and Visions: Experiencing Religion and Explaining Experience from Wesley to James*," History of Christianity Section and Person, Culture, and Religion Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, November, 2000.

"How American Catholics Remember Their Childhoods in the Church,--and What They Forget," John Carroll University, Catholic Studies Lecture Series, October 4, 2000.

*"Nobody Lives in Detroit!: Desire, Absence, and the Ethics of the City," Keynote address, Ethics and the City: A Symposium, Loyola University, Chicago, July 22-24, 2000.

*"Democracy's Demons: Authority, Alterity, and Coercion in American Religious History," Plenary Address, American Society of Church History, Chicago, January 7, 2000

"Does It Really Work? An Introduction to Religious Healing," DePaul University, Chicago, November 11, 1999.

"It's Good, But Is It History? The Cultural Turn in the Study of American Religion," Smith College, September 16, 1999.

*"The Memory Wars of American Catholicism"; "Remembering Across the Rupture"; "Catholics in American Memory"; "Remembering Children," Albert Cardinal Meyer Lecture Series, Mundelein University, Chicago, January 8-10, 1999.

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*"Italian American" and "The Sacred in the Streets," National Endowment for the Humanities Lectures, Mercer University, November 16-18, 1998.

*"Dangerous Abuelitas: The Gender of Religious Otherness," Keynote Address, Women and Twentieth-Century American Protestantism Conference, Chicago, April, 1998.

*"Material Children: Making the Sacred Matter for Catholic Boys and Girls," First Annual Newman Lecture, University of Rochester, April 8-9, 1998.

*"Why Catholics Are Afraid of Cultural Studies," St. Louis University, inauguration of new Catholic Studies Program, February 19, 1997.

"A Whore of Babylon Looks at American Religious History," DePauw University, April 2, 1996.

"American Catholic Bodies," seminar presented to conference, Engendering American Catholic Studies, University of Notre Dame, September 29-October 1, 1995.

*"Praying to St. Jude," Annual Lecture in Religion, University of Kansas, April 18, 1995.

"Inverting History," response presented at session on America at War and Play: The Impact of World War I on Urban Popular Culture," American Historical Association Meeting, Chicago, January 6, 1995.

"The Unstable Sign of the Corpse," response presented at session on Violence, Ritual, and Death in American Religion, American Academy of Religion Meeting, Chicago, November 21, 1994.

*"The Space Between the Faces," conference on Icons of American Protestantism: The Art of Warner Sallman," University of Chicago Divinity School, March 4, 1994.

*"Hopeless Cases: The Women Who Prayed to St. Jude," Puff Memorial Lecture in Religion, Miami University of Ohio, October 11, 1994.

"Children in Danger/Dangerous Children," response, Lived Religion Conference, Harvard University, September 23-24, 1994.

"'Othering' the New History: Religion, Cultural Theory, and Anthropology," Special Topics Forum Sponsored by the Committee on Research and Scholarship, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 20, 1993.

"Playing With the Saints: Women at Work on the World in the Devotion to Saint Jude—Social Psychological Reflections," Duke University, October, 1993.

"Patterns of Religious Healing," University of Wisconsin, Madison, October, 1993.

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"Hopeless Cases: The Women Who Prayed to Saint Jude," Harvard University, March 19, 1993.

"Have You Ever Prayed to Saint Jude?": Reflections on Fieldwork in Catholic Chicago, Conference on Scholarly Writing of Denominational History: An Oxymoron? National Humanities Center, North Carolina, October 10-13, 199.

*"The Center Out There, In Here, and Everywhere Else: Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Jude, 1929-1965," Keynote Address, American Religions Symposium: The Experiences of the People, University of Utah, October 5-7, 1990.

*"The Smell of God: Ethnicity and Religion in the United States," Keynote Address, Symposium on Ethnicity and Religion, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 3, 1990.

Academic Honors

Honorary Societies

American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Class of 2008

Charter Member, New York Academy of History

Fellowships

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, Faculty Fellowship, 2020-2021

Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, 2016-2017.

Stewart Fellow in the Humanities Council and Department of Religious Studies Visiting Lecturer, Princeton University, February, 2017.

Social Science Research Council fellowship, for the project, "From Surviving to Thriving: The Prayers of Adults Sexually Abused as Children by Priests," 2012-2013.

Guggenheim Fellowship, 2000-2001.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Professors, 1990-1991.

Fulbright Fellowship, 1985-1986.

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Lilly Endowment consultation award for project on "Children and Religion," 1999-2000.

Book Awards

History and Presence, published under the Belknap imprint, Harvard University Press, by selection of the Board of Syndics, Harvard University Press, 2016. Seminars on the book at the Duke Kushan University, China, May 11, 2021; American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 2016; at the University of Notre Dame, November 5, 2017; Columbia University, October 4, 2018; Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, June 24, 2018; University of Utah, April 13, 2018; Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, Brigham Young University, April 16, 2018.

Choice, Outstanding Title, 2016, *History and Presence*; honorable mention, PROSE Award

2005 *Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion in the Constructive-Reflective Studies Category*, American Academy of Religion, for *Between Heaven and Earth*

Choice, Outstanding Academic Title, 2005, *Between Heaven and Earth*

Symposia on *Between Heaven and Earth* at Fordham University (February 2005); Princeton University (April 2005); American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (November 2005); Spring 2006 issue of *Spiritus*.

Session in recognition of the 25th anniversary of *The Madonna of 115th Street*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 1, 2010.

Symposia on *Thank You, St. Jude* at Yale University, December 5, 1998; the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November, 1996; Association for the Sociology of Religion, Toronto, August 10, 1997; Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, March, 1997; Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, Notre Dame (September, 1997); and in *U.S. Catholic Historian* (vol. 15, no. 4, Fall, 1997)

Merle Curti Award in American Social History, 1998, Organization of American Historians, for *Thank You, Saint Jude*

John Gilmary Shea Prize for contribution to American Catholic historiography, American Catholic Historical Association, 1986, for *The Madonna of 115th Street*

Jesuit National Book Award, 1986, for *The Madonna of 115th Street*

Distinguished Visiting Positions

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Stewart Fellow in the Humanities Council and Department of Religious Studies Visiting Lecturer, Princeton University, February, 2017.

Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Dayton, March 24-6, 2007

Mellon Distinguished Visitor, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges, October 28-29, 2004.

Teaching and University Awards

Karl Rosengren Faculty Mentoring Award (Mentor of Best 2019 Summer URG Project), 2019

Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University, 2012-2015 [This is the highest teaching award offered by Northwestern University.]

Leonard Greenberg Distinguished Visiting Professor, Trinity College (Hartford), March 11-16, 2012

E. Leroy Hall Award for Teaching Excellence, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, 2010 [This is the highest teaching award offered by WCAS.]

Faculty and Administrator Honor Roll, Associated Student Government, Northwestern University, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2016-2017, 2019-2020

Outstanding Young Faculty Award, 1991, Indiana University

Graduate School

Field Prize for Dissertations in the Humanities, Yale University, 1982

Whiting Fellowship, Yale, 1980-1981

Danforth Fellowship, 1976-1979

Watson Fellowship, 1975

Selected Professional Service

Northwestern University:

Chair, Promotion Committee, Department of Religious Studies, 2019 (Barry Wimpfheimer)

Program Committee, American Studies Program, 2016-

Chair, Promotion Committee, Department of African and African American Studies, 2016

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Program Review, Classics Department, Northwestern University, 2016
 American Studies Senior Thesis Advisor, Northwestern, 2014, 2016
 Chair, Search Committee, East Asian Religions, Department of Religious Studies, 2016
 Chair, Ad-Hoc Tenure Committee, 2014-2015, 2015-2016
 Kresge Building Committee, 2013-2015
 American Studies Executive Committee, 2013-present
 Chair, Islamic Studies search, Religious Studies, 2011-2012.
 Faculty Committee, Presidential Fellowship Program, 2011-2014
 Search Committee, Department of African American Studies, African American Religious History, 2009, 2011
 Search Committee for the Dean of The Graduate School, 2010
 Appointments Committee, WCAS, 2009-2011
 Contributing Founder, Catholic Studies Program (2008)
 Founder, North American Religions Workshop (2007)
 Chair, Search Committee, Junior Position in American Catholicism (2008)

Harvard University:

Standing Committee, Committee on the Study of Religion, 2001-2004; Chair 2004-2007
 Standing Committee, History of American Civilization, 2001-2007
 Standing Committee, Folklore, Harvard University, 2006-2007
 Faculty Council, Harvard Divinity School, 2003-2004
 Radcliffe Fellowship Selection Committee, 2004-2008 (continued after leaving Harvard)
 Center for the Study of World Religions, Executive Committee, 2004-2006
 Caucus of Chairs, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 2005-2007

Indiana University:

Director of Graduate Studies, 1994
 Director of Undergraduate Studies, 1989-1990, 1991-1992
 Graduate Committee, 1993-1995
 College of Arts and Sciences Tenure Committee, 1995-1997 (inclusive)

Fordham University:

Faculty Senate, 1986-1988
 Assistant Chair, Humanities Division, 1983-1985
 Chair, Faculty Salary and Benefits Committee, 1984-198

Professional

Tenure and Promotion Outside Reviewer (Boston University)
 Outside reader, dissertation, faculty of Anthropological Sciences, University of Malta, 2018

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Outside evaluator, search for Professor of Religious Studies, University of Helsinki, 2018
 Evaluator, European Research Council (Established by the European Commission), 2016-2017
 Tenure/Promotion Review (History) Johns Hopkins, 2017
 Tenure/Promotion (Religious Studies), Columbia University, 2017
 Tenure/Promotion (Religious Studies), Saint Louis University, 2017
 Promotion Review (to Distinguished rank), UC Santa Barbara, 2016
 Promotion Review (to Full rank), Indiana University, 2016
 Fellowship Selection Committee, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2015-2016
 Co-Convener, Sex Abuse and the Study of Religion, Yale University, September 23-24, 2011
 Editorial Board, *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, 2009-present
 Founding editor, Modern and Contemporary Catholicism series, NYU Press, 2010-2014
 Reviewer, ACLS Fellowships for Young Faculty, 2010
 Reviewer, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies Fellowships, 2003-2016
 Outside Review Committee, University of Florida, April, 2008
 Emerson Book Prize Jury, Phi Beta Kappa, 2006-2008 (Chair, 2008)
 Co-Founder (with Leigh Eric Schmidt) Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group,
 American
 Academy of Religion, 2002-4
 Review Committee, Department of Religion Studies, Arizona State University, 2005
 Vice-President, American Academy of Religion, 2000-2001
 Co-editor (with David Hall) of Lived Religion Series, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001-
 2008
 Executive Council, American Society of Church History, 2001-2003
 Editorial board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2000-2005
 Editorial board, *Religion and American Culture*
 Editorial board, *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures*, eds., Laderman and Leon
 Advisory Board, Religion, Immigration, and Civil Society in Chicago Project, Department of
 Sociology and Anthropology, Loyola University
 Review committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion, North Carolina State University,
 2000
 Steering committee, North American Religion Section, American Academy of Religion (served
 as
 Chair of this section for a three-year term)
 Editorial board, *Material Religion*, 2004-2007
 Editorial board, *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*, Villanova University, 1990-1993
 Editorial board, *Italian Americana*, 1990-2010
 Selection committee, Pew Program in Religion and American History Fellowship Programs,
 1993
 Founder and moderator, North American Religions Internet List (NAMERELS), 1994-1997
 Advisory Editor, *Church History*, 1997-2004
 Editorial board, *Mid-America*, 1997-2000

ROBERT ANTHONY ORSI*Memberships Professional Organizations*

New York Academy of History (charter member, by invitation)
American Academy of Arts and Sciences (class of 2008)
Organization of American Historians
American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
American Academy of Religion
American Society for the Study of Religion (by nomination)