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B.A. in Religion, *magna cum laude*, Mount Holyoke College, 1969
M.A. in Religion, Columbia University, 1971
Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Stanford University, 1975

Academic appointments

1975-1981, Assistant Professor of Religion, Syracuse University
1981-1990, Associate Professor of Religion, Syracuse University
1991-1994, Professor of Religion, Syracuse University
1994-1998, Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
1995-1998, Adjunct Professor, Philanthropic Studies, IUPUI
1995-1998, Adjunct Professor, American Studies Program, IUPUI
1995-1998, Director, Women's Studies Program, IUPUI
1998-1999, Visiting Professor, Religious Studies Program, The University of Wyoming
1999-2003, Professor, Religious Studies Program, The University of Wyoming
2003- , Robert A. Spivey Professor of Religion, The Florida State University
2005- , Professor of History, The Florida State University

Professional organizations

American Society of Church History; Council member 1996-2000, Chair of Jane Dempsey
Douglass Prize Committee 1996; President of the Society for 2001; Program Chair for
January 2001 annual meeting; Chair of Nominations 2002; *Church History* Relocation
Committee 2003; Coeditor (with John Corrigan), *Church History: Studies in Christianity
and Culture*, 2004-

American Academy of Religion; Publications Committee 1975-77, North American Religions
Section Steering Committee 1982-88, Chair of North American Religions Steering
Committee 1989-91, Native American Religions Group Steering Committee 1990-94,
Evaluator for North American Religions Section 1997

American Historical Association
Society for Historians of the Early Republic
Organization of American Historians
American Antiquarian Society

Honors and Awards

Sarah Williston Scholar, Mount Holyoke College, 1966-1967
Phi Beta Kappa, 1969
Danforth Associate, 1980-1984
American Academy of Religion Research Travel Grant, 1991
American Antiquarian Society, elected 1992
IUPUI Faculty Development Grant, 1995
IU Center on Philanthropy Grant for Women's Studies Research and Policy Teams, 1995-1996
Senior Researcher Grant, Project on Religion in Higher Education, Center for the Study of Religion in American Culture, 1996-2000
IUPUI Interdisciplinary Course Development Grant, 1997
Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award, 1998, IUPUI Women's Studies Program
Exceptional Merit for Research, University of Wyoming, 2001
Presidential Scholar and Presidential Award, University of Wyoming, 2003
Religion and American Culture American Studies Award, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, 2005

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Religion; Religions of the World in America; Women and Religion; Religious Women in the U.S. Today; American Religious Lives, American Christianities; Native American Religions; American Religious Thought; Religion, Illness and Health; Apocalypse: A History of the End; Contemporary American Religion; Religion and American Culture; Buddhism in America; Theories of Religion; Religion in the U.S., Protestant Experience in America, American Protestant Thought, Psychology in American Religious History

Graduate Courses: Puritanism; Native American Religions; American Theology; Religion and Social Theory; Gender and Multiculturalism in American Religions; Concepts of the Sacred; Theories of Religion; Religion and Healing; Protestant Experience in America; Historiography of American Religion; Twentieth-Century American Religious Thought, American Romanticism, Popular Religion in America, Religion and Politics in America, Religion and American Law

Post-doctoral course: World Religions Today: Implications for Clinical Practice (approved by

American Psychiatric Association for Continuing Medical Education credit)

Service

International Service

Oxford University Press Delegate for books on Christianity and Judaism published in the US, 2012-

Coeditor, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, quarterly journal, 2004-

National Service

Coeditor, *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, 1994-1999

Coeditor, Women and Gender in North American Religion book series, Syracuse University Press, 1994-

Editorial Board, *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, 1989-95

Editorial Board, *Religion*, 1986-1989

NEH Interpretive Research Projects Evaluator, 1990, 1996

Core Group member, Project on Religion and American Culture, IUPUI, 1983-1987

National Advisory Group, Project on Religion and the Independent Sector, IUPUI, 1987-1990

Executive Advisory Committee, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI, 1990-1993

Judge for Books in American Religion, Gustave O. Arlt Award Committee, Council of Graduate Schools, 1993; Evaluator, 2000

Consultant, Oneida Community Documentary Film Project, 1997-2001

External Reviewer, Department of Religion, Miami University, 1998

Consultant, WGBH Marriage in America Documentary project, 2002-2003

Keynote addresses at Communal Studies Association Annual Meeting, Oneida Mansion House 1994; Sunstone Conference, Salt Lake City 1992; American Society of Church History, San Francisco 2002; Unitarian Universalist Lecture Series on American Religion, Ft. Meyers 2002; Conference on Ethnicity and World Missions, South Bend 2002; National Association of College and University Chaplains Annual Meeting, Federal Way, OR 2003; Utah Valley College Religion in Public Education Conference, Orem Utah 2003; Mission House Lecture, Lakeland College, Sheboygan Wisconsin, 2003; Hendricks Chapel Anniversary Conference, Syracuse University, 2005; Rocky Mountain-Great Plains AAR, Colorado Springs 2006

Invited lectures at University of Pittsburgh, York University, University of Toronto, Wilfrid Laurier University, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Mount Holyoke

College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, State University of New York Health Science Center, Syracuse University, DePauw University, University of Wyoming; University of Wisconsin at Madison, University of Richmond; Florida State University, Valparaiso University, Miami University of Ohio, University of Notre Dame, Texas A&M, Carleton University, University of Alabama

Service at Florida State University

Personnel Committee, Department of Religion 2004-
Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religion, 2005-2008
Executive Committee, Department of Religion 2003-2004
Vice-President, Phi Beta Kappa, 2005-6
President, Phi Beta Kappa, 2006-7
Philosophy Department Chair Search, 2006
Committee of Inquiry for Arts & Sciences, 2006
Committee of Inquiry for College of Human Sciences, 2007

Service at The University of Wyoming

Council member, American Studies Program, 1998-2003; Library Resource Committee, 1999
Women's Studies Program Faculty, 1998-2001
Graduate Faculty, 1999-2003
Acting Head, Religious Studies Program, 1999-2000
College of Arts & Sciences Judicial Committee, 1999-2003

Service at IUPUI

Graduate Council of Indiana University 1996-1998, Committee on Graduate Initiatives 1996-97,
Council Committee on Awards and Financial Aid 1997-8
IUPUI Graduate Affairs Committee 1997-1998
IUPUI Faculty Council (elected member-at-large) 1997-1998
Director of Women's Studies Program 1995-1998, Chair Women Creating Community Project
1995, Chair Research and Policy Team on Women and Health 1995-1997, Chair Research and
Policy Team on Women and Difference 1995-6, Women's Studies Program
Outreach Committee 1994-95
Philanthropic Studies Research Committee, Indiana University Center on Philanthropy, 1997-8

Service at Syracuse University:

Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences, 1992-4, Faculty Council Chair 1993-84
Syracuse University Press Editorial Committee 1980-84, 1989-1994; Editorial Committee Chair
1992-1994, Syracuse University Press Board of Trustees 1992-4
Dean of Arts and Sciences Search Committee, 1993-4
Chair, Search Committee, B.G. Rudolph Chair in Judaic Studies, 1992-3
Search Committee for University Librarian, 1984-85; Search Committee for Associate
University Librarian for Collection Development, 1989-1990
Faculty Oversight Committee for University Athletics, 1992-1994
University Senator 1984-1986, 1992-4, Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Ethics
1984-1985, Senate Committee on Athletic Policy 1992-4
Tenure and Promotions Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 1976-1977, 1982-3
Committee on the Status of Women, College of Arts and Sciences 1992-3
Women's Studies Steering Committee, 1980-1986
University Honors Council, 1980-1982
Coordinator, American Culture Cluster, Liberal Arts Core, Arts and Sciences, 1982-94
Director, American Studies Program, 1980-1986

Publications

Books:

Feminine Spirituality in America: From Sarah Edwards to Martha Graham (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1980)

Female Piety in New England: The Emergence of Religious Humanism (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992)

Mary Lyon and the Mount Holyoke Missionaries (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997)

The Power of Religion: A Comparative Introduction (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998)

The Transformation of American Religion: The Story of a Late-Twentieth Century Awakening (New York: Oxford University Press, 2001)

Coauthored with Conrad Cherry and Betty DeBerg, *Religion in American Higher Education: An Ethnographic Study of Practice and Teaching* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2001; paperback edition 2003)

Editor, *American Religious History*, (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2002)

Healing in the History of Christianity (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005)

The Protestant Experience in America (Greenwood Publishing Group, 2006)

Editor, *The People's History of Christianity* (Vol. 6 of 7): *Modern Christianity to 1900* (Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2007)

Editor with John Corrigan, *Religion in American History* (Blackwell 2009)

Conceived in Doubt: Religion and Politics in the New American Nation (University of Chicago Press, 2012)

Articles and Chapters:

"The Revelation of American Liberty: A Revolution of Cultural Symbols," *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* LXII:1 (Spring, 1979), 90-106.

"The Nature and Power of Symbols," *Ecumenical Trends* (Spring, 1981).

"The Great Awakening," *The Syracuse Scholar* 3:1 (Spring, 1982), 4-15.

"The Religious Roots of American Feminism," *Conversations: A Journal of Women and Religion* 1:3 (Fall, 1983), 20-36.

"Native American Shamans and the Mind-Cure Movement: A Comparative Study of Religious Healing," *Horizons: Journal of the College Theological Society* 11:2 (Fall, 1984), 276-89.

"Alexander Garden," *Dictionary of Literary Biography* 31 *American Colonial Writers, 1735-1781*, ed. Emory Elliott (Detroit: Brucolli-Clark, 1984), 88-90.

"Sarah Wentworth Morton," *Dictionary of Literary Biography* 37, *American Writers of the Early Republic*, ed. Emory Elliott (Detroit: Brucolli-Clark, 1985), 237-240.

"Algonquian Shamans and New England Puritans," *Horizons: Journal of the College*

Theological Society 12:2 (Fall, 1985), 303-310.

"Shamanism: A Psychosocial Definition," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LV:4 (Winter, 1987), 301-319.

"Feminist Theology as a Revitalization Movement," *Sociological Analysis* 48:3 (Fall, 1987), 234-244.

"The Mother's Role in Eighteenth-Century American Conceptions of God and Man," *Journal of Psychohistory* 15:2 (Fall, 1987), 189-205.

"Rufus Jones: The Double Search," *Christian Spirituality: The Essential Guide to the Most Influential Spiritual Writings of the Christian Tradition*, ed. Frank N. Magill and Ian P. McGreal (New York: Harper & Row, 1988), 459-465.

"Beames of Wrath and Brides of Christ: Anger and Female Piety in Puritan New England," *Connecticut Review* XI:2 (Summer 1989), 1-12.

"Native American Spirituality as a Countercultural Movement," *Religion in Native North America*, ed. Christopher Vecsey (University of Idaho Press, 1990), 152-164.

"Tecumseh, Tenskwatawa, and the Relationship between Religion and Politics," *Religion and the Life of the Nation: American Recoveries*, ed. Rowland A. Sherrill (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1990).

"Women's Attraction to Puritanism," *Church History* (June, 1991), 196-209.

"Witchcraft and the Colonization of Algonquian and Iroquois Cultures," *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 2:1 (February, 1992).

"Forum on Civil Religion," *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, 4:1 (February, 1994).

"Piety," *Companion to American Thought*, ed. Richard Wrightman Fox and James T. Kloppenberg (London:Blackwell Publishing Company, 1995).

"A Sister to Oneida: The Missionary Community at Mount Holyoke," *Communal Societies: Journal of the Communal Studies Association* (March, 1996), 1-13.

"Nineteenth-Century American Protestant Missionaries and Their Impact on Women in Zulu Culture," *Church History* (March, 1997), 67-80.

“Witchcraft Trials,” *Dictionary of Heresy Trials in American Christianity*, ed. George H. Shriver (Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group, 1997), 466-473.

articles on “Communalism,” “Vine Deloria, Jr.,” “Mary Baker Eddy,” and “Phineas P. Quimby,” *Encyclopedia of Religious Controversies in the United States*, ed. George H. Shriver and Bill J. Leonard (Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group, 1997), 109-110, 136-137, 149-151, 370-371.

articles on “Mary Baker Eddy” and “Margaret Fuller,” *Makers of Christian Theology in America*, ed. James O. Duke and Mark G. Toulouse (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1977), 200-203, 301-307.

“Mount Holyoke Missionaries and Non-Western Women: The Motivations and Consequences of Nineteenth-Century American Missionary Philanthropy,” *Philanthropy in the World Traditions*, ed. Warren F. Ilchman, Stanley N. Katz, and Edward L. Queen II (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1998), 215-235.

“Recurring Tendencies in the History of American Christian Women,” *Sunstone* (March-April 1999), 24-33.

“William Anthony Clebsch,” *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), V:46-47.

“The Puritan Legacy in American Religion and Culture,” *Perspectives on American Religion and Culture*, ed. Peter W. Williams (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing Company, 1999), 80-91.

“Myth” and “Ritual” in *Contemporary American Religion*, ed. Wade Clark Roof (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2000), 471-474 and 615-617.

“*Black Elk’s* Significance in American Culture,” *The Black Elk Reader*, ed. Clyde Holler (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000), 39-58.

“Religious Writings and Sermons,” *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, ed. Miles Orvell (New York: Grolier Press, 2001).

“Navajo Sandpainting” in *Religions of the United States in Practice* Vol. II, ed. Colleen McDannell (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001).

“Mary Lyon” in *Notable American Philanthropists: Biographies of Giving and Volunteering*, ed. Robert T. Grimm, Jr. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2002), 197-200

“Healing in the History of Christianity: Presidential Address, January 2002, American Society of Church History,” *Church History* 71:2 (June, 2002), 227-242.

“Does American Religion Have a Center?” *Church History* 71:2 (June, 2002), 369-373.

“Protestant Missionaries: Pioneers of American Philanthropy,” *Philanthropy in American Culture*, ed. Lawrence J. Friedman and Mark D. McGarvie (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003), 49-69

“Schoolmarms,” *Encyclopedia of New England Culture*, ed. Burt Feintuch and David Watters (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001)

“Mary Baker Eddy” in *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, ed. Hans Hillerbrand (New York: Routledge, 2003), Vol. 4, 39-640

“Preface,” *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures*, 3 Vols., ed Gary Laderman and Luis D. Leon (New York: ABC-CLIO, 2003)

“Runaway Brides: American Popular Religion in Light of *The Religious Affections* and *The Nature of True Virtue*,” in *Jonathan Edwards at Home and Abroad*, ed. David W. Kling and Douglas A. Sweeney (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2003), 154-174

“Shamanism and Religious Healing,” *Religious Studies News* (May 2004) 19:3, vii.

“Religion and Biography: Review Essay in Memory of Rowland A. Sherrill,” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*, Vol. 15:1 (Summer, 2005)

“Native American Spirituality” and “Cowboy Religion” in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, ed. Bron Taylor (London: Continuum International Publishing, 2005)

“Shamanism: Point of Departure,” *Teaching Religion and Healing*, ed. Linda L. Barnes and Ines M. Talamantez (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), 159-170.

“Politicized Religion in France and the United States: Different Histories, Common Ideals, Similar Dilemmas,” *Religion and Politics in France and the United States*, ed. Alec G. Hargreaves, John Kelsay, and Sumner B. Twiss (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007), 171-182.

“Religious Pluralism, Religious Studies, and “Post-Secular Culture,” *Post-Secular College: A New Place for Religion in the University*, ed. Douglas Jacobsen and Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), 187-202.

“Religion’s Impact on American Social Issues,” *Magazine of American History* (Bloomington: Organization of American Historians, 2008), 33-37.

“Conflicting Destinies: Religion, Sex, and Violence in the Louisiana Purchase,” *Crossing Boundaries in the Louisiana Purchase*, ed. Brian Birch (scheduled for 2008 publication from University of Missouri Press)

“Healing in the History of Christianity: Relief from Fear, Meaningful Suffering, and Authoritative Persons,” *Faith and Healing: The Dynamics of Religious Coping*, ed. Kevin Ladd and Niels Christian Hvidt, under review.

“The Problem of ‘Formation’ for Historians Teaching Religion,” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 14:4 (October 2011), 371-376.

“How to Avoid Moralism, Apologetics, and Intimidation: G. Scott Davis’s Helpful Guide for Scholars of Religion,” *Soundings* 95:2 (2012), 134-140.

“A History of Ambivalence: How Religion and U.S. Law Have Developed Together,” *Matters of Faith: Religion and American Law*, ed. Austin Sarat (Cambridge University Press, in press)

“Religion’s Role in Contestations over American Civility,” *Civility and Democracy in America* (Pullman: University of Washington Press, in press)

“Pluralism in Religious Studies,” *Pluralism in American Religion*, ed. Ronald Numbers and Charles Cohen (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“North America,” *Blackwell Companion to World Christianity*, ed. Lamin Sanneh (Oxford, UK: Basil Blackwell, forthcoming)

70 book reviews published in *American Historical Review*, *American Review of Canadian Studies*; *Annals of Wyoming*; *Catholic Historical Review*; *Choice*; *Church History*; *Expository Times*; *Geschichte Transnational*; *History Teacher*; *Horizons*; *International Journal of Comparative Religion*; *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *Journal of American History*; *Journal of Church and State*; *Journal of Presbyterian History*; *Journal of Religion*; *Journal of Ritual Studies*; *Journal of Southern Religion*; *Journal of Religion*; *Religious Studies Review*; *Reviews in American History*; *Sociological Analysis*; *William & Mary Quarterly*; *Wilson Quarterly*; *Worship*; *Religion and American Life: Resources*, ed. Anne T. Fraker (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1989); H-List@h-net.msu.edu.

