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**POSITIONS**

2019 - Assistant Professor of Religion, Florida State University  
2017 - 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Franklin & Marshall College

**EDUCATION**

2017 **Ph.D.** in Religion, Duke University  
Major field: American Religion  
Minor fields: Art History and Critical Theory  
Dissertation: "The Touch of the Word: Evangelical Cultures of Print in Antebellum America"  
2017 **Certificate** of Proficiency, Rare Book School, University of Virginia  
Specialization: Printed Books Since 1800  
2010 **M.T.S.**, Harvard Divinity School  
Area of focus: History of Christianity  
2008 **B.A. *summa cum laude***, Macalester College  
Majors: Religious Studies and Art History  
Minor: American Studies

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

2023 *Building Evangelical America: How the American Tract Society Laid the Groundwork for a Religious Revolution*, New York: Oxford University Press (under final contract, expected 2023).

**Peer-reviewed articles**

2022 "The Politics of Media Format: Printing *Poor Sarah* During the Removal Crisis in Cherokee Nation," *Church History* 91, no. 4 (in press for December 2022).  
2021 "How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism," *Religion and American Culture* 31, no. 2 (2021), 137-92.  
**Winner of Pollock Award for Best Historical Article in Mormon Studies, John Whitmer Historical Association**  
2020 "Evangelical Encounters: The American Tract Society and the Rituals of Print Distribution in Antebellum America," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 88, no. 1 (2020), 200-234.  
2020 "The American Tract Society and the Refinement of the Evangelical Book, 1825-1861," *The Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* 114, no. 2 (2020), 127-94.  
2018 "Thing," *Early American Studies* 16, no. 4 (2018), 792-800.  
2013 "The Material Turn in the Study of Religion," *Religion and Society* 4 (2013), 58-78.

**Peer-reviewed chapters**

- Under review “Document, Trace, Act: Aspects of Marginalia at a Scene of Missionary Contact,” invited chapter for *American Contact: Intercultural Encounter and the History of the Book*, eds. Rhae Lynn Barnes and Glenda Goodman (under review for book at University of Pennsylvania Press).
- Submitted “*A Holy, Sacred and Divine Roll and Book*: Shaker Mass Media for the ‘Inhabitants of the Earth,’” invited chapter for *Shakers at the Center*, eds. Douglas Winiarski and Josh Guthman (soon to be under review at UNC Press with the editors’ book proposal).

**Edited special issues**

- 2021 Guest editor, “Religion and Material Texts in the Americas,” special issue of *Material Religion* 17, no. 2 (2021). My introduction on pp. 141-46.
- 2018 Guest editor with Marcy J. Dinius, “Keywords in Early American Literature and Material Texts,” special issue of *Early American Studies* 16, no. 4 (2018). Our introduction on pp. 579-83.

**Invited short essays**

- 2019 “Two Ways of Thinking about New Materialism,” *Material Religion* 15, no. 5 (2019), 629-31.
- 2017 “[Do my socks respond to my caress?](#)” in Tenth Anniversary Forum on “Is this all there is?” for *The Immanent Frame*, Courtney Bender and Nancy Levene, eds. (November 27, 2017)
- 2015 “Agency, the Idea of Agency, and the Problem of Mediation in *America’s God and Secularism in Antebellum America*,” *Church History* 84, no. 3 (2015), 610-15.

**Book reviews**

- 2022 Review of Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, *When the Medium Was the Mission: The Atlantic Telegraph and the Religious Origins of the Network* (New York: NYU Press, 2021), *American Religion* 3, no. 2 (2022), 162-65.
- 2022 Review of Peter Coviello, *Make Yourselves Gods: Mormons and the Unfinished Business of American Secularism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2019), *History of Religions*, in press.
- 2022 Review of Michael Hubbard MacKay, Mark Ashurst-McGee, and Brian M. Hauglid, eds., *Producing Ancient Scripture: Joseph Smith’s Translation Projects in the Development of Mormon Christianity* (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2020), *Mormon Studies Review* 9 (2022), 135-39.
- 2022 Review of Scott McLaren, *Pulpit, Press, and Politics: Methodists and the Market for Books in Upper Canada* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2019), *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America*, in press.
- 2022 [Review of William L. Davis](#), *Visions in a Seer Stone: Joseph Smith and the Making of the Book of Mormon* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2020), *Reading Religion* (2022).
- 2021 Review of Jordan Alexander Stein, *When Novels Were Books* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2020), *Studies in the Novel* 53, no. 2 (2021), 200-202.
- 2021 Review of Brett Grainger, *Church in the Wild: Evangelicals in Antebellum America* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019), *Journal of Religion* 101, no. 4 (2021), 543-44.
- 2018 Review of William Mazzarella, *The Mana of Mass Society* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017), *Religion* 48, no. 4 (2018), 737-40.
- 2018 Review of Tisa Wenger, *Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2017), *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 41 (2018), 217-20.
- 2018 “[The Anxiety of Religious Studies](#),” contribution to symposium on Thomas Lewis, *Why*

- Philosophy Matters for the Study of Religion—and Vice Versa* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), *Syndicate* (2018)
- 2017 “[Bibles, American Style](#),” review of John Fea, *The Bible Cause: A History of the American Bible Society* (New York: OUP, 2016), *Common-place* 17, no. 2.5 (2017)
- 2017 Review of T.J. Tomlin, *A Divinity for All Persuasions: Almanacs and Early American Religious Life* (New York: OUP, 2014), *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 141, no. 2 (2017), 199-200.
- 2016 [Review of John Modern](#), *Secularism in Antebellum America* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015), *Reading Religion* (2016)
- 2013 Review of Thomas Tweed, *America’s Church: The National Shrine and Catholic Presence in the Nation’s Capital* (New York: OUP, 2011), *Religious Studies Review* 39, no. 1 (2013), 46.
- In progress “Was Black Citizenship Protestant?,” review of Marcy J. Dinius, *The Textual Effects of David Walker’s Appeal: Print-Based Activism Against Slavery, Racism, and Discrimination, 1829-1851* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2022) and Derrick R. Spires, *The Practice of Citizenship: Black Politics and Print Culture in the Early United States* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019), *Marginalia at Los Angeles Review of Books*.
- In progress Review of Stephen T. Kissel, *America’s Religious Crossroads: Faith and Community in the Emerging Midwest* (Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2021), *Journal of Religion*.

### Reference book entries

- 2016 “Robert Baird,” “Censorship,” “Floral Art,” “Frederick Manfred,” and “Mason Locke Weems” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, George T. Kurian and Mark Lamport, eds. (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016), 191-93, 476-77, 899-900, 1406-7 and 2443-44.
- 2016 “Icons” and “Shroud of Turin” in *Miracles: An Encyclopedia of People, Places and Supernatural Events from Antiquity to the Present*, Patrick Hayes, ed. (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2016), 1878-79 and 359-61.
- 2013 “Elizabeth Burgin” and “Anna ‘Nancy’ Smith Strong” in *An Encyclopedia of American Women at War: From the Home Front to the Battlefields*, Lisa Tendrich Frank, ed. (Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2013), 112-13 and 521-23.

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

### Major external fellowships

- 2022 NEH Summer Stipend
- 2022 - 2024 Young Scholars in American Religion Program, IUPUI Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture
- 2019 - 2020 NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship, Library Company of Philadelphia, nine months (*declined*)
- 2019 American Antiquarian Society-NEH Fellowship, six months
- 2016 - 2017 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2016 - 2017 Smithsonian Predoctoral Fellowship, National Museum of American History (*declined*)
- 2016 - 2017 Josephine de Karman Dissertation Fellowship (*declined*)
- 2016 - 2017 Winterthur Dissertation Fellowship, four months
- 2015 - 2017 Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School
- 2015 - 2016 Greenfield Dissertation Fellowship, four months, Library Company of Philadelphia
- 2014 - 2015 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in Early American Literature and Material Texts, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania

**Other external awards**

2022	Helmerich Center for American Research/Gilcrease Museum Fellowship
2022	David B. Kennedy and Earhart Fellowship, Clements Library, University of Michigan
2022	Clements Center for Southwest Studies/DeGolyer Library Grant, Southern Methodist University
2017	Last Fellowship in Visual Culture, American Antiquarian Society ( <i>declined</i> )
2016 - 2023	Invited Fellow, “Material Economies of Religion in the Americas: Arts, Objects, Spaces, and Mediations,” Center for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion, Yale University
2016	Reese Fellowship in the History of the Book in the Americas, Huntington Library
2015	New York Public Library Research Fellowship
2015	Taylor Visiting Fellowship in American Literature, Harrison Institute, University of Virginia
2015	McCorison Fellowship for the History and Bibliography of Printing in Canada and the United States, Bibliographical Society of America
2015	American Congregational Association-Boston Athenaeum Fellowship
2014	Isaiah Thomas Scholarship, Program in the History of the Book in American Culture, American Antiquarian Society
2014	Director’s Scholarship, Rare Book School
2013	School of Criticism and Theory Fellowship, for “A Political Ecology of Things” with Jane Bennett, Cornell University
2013	Last Fellowship in Visual Culture, American Antiquarian Society
2008	Phi Beta Kappa

**Internal awards (FSU)**

2022, 2019	Arts and Sciences Dean’s Faculty Travel Award
2021	Committee on Faculty Research Support Award (\$20K)
2021	Humanities Area Book Subvention
2021	Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Materials Grant
2020	First Year Assistant Professor Award (\$20K)
2019	Bradley Research Grant

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS, PANELS & LECTURES****Keynote lecture**

2021	Keynote lecture, “ <a href="#">The Case of the ‘Gold Plates’: How Ordinary Religious Objects Sparked a Religious Revolution</a> ,” for the conference “Religious Materials,” Dynamiken religiöser Dinge im Museum (REDIM) project, Center for Interdisciplinary Religious Research, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Marburg, Germany (online due to COVID) (June 3)
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**Invited public lecture**

2022	“ <a href="#">Lessons from the Cherokee Print Shop: How Printers Used Christian Pamphlets to Fight Indian Removal</a> ,” Oklahoma Center for the Humanities, University of Tulsa (April 14)
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**Conferences organized**

2017	Organizer (with Holly Borham), “Protestantism and the Materiality of Texts: An Interdisciplinary Symposium,” Princeton University (April 20-22)
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- 2016 Organizing committee member, “Early American Literature and Material Texts,” University of Pennsylvania and the Library Company of Philadelphia (May 25-27)

### Panels and lectures organized

- 2022 Organizer and presider, “When Rituals Don’t Feel Good: A Conversation about Dana W. Logan’s *Awkward Rituals: Sensations of Governance in Protestant America*,” AAR, Denver, CO (November 20)
- 2021 Organizer and presider, Mellon/Rare Book School Symposium, “A Celebration and Presentation of ‘Religion and Material Texts in the Americas,’ a Special Issue of *Material Religion*” (online) (September 20)
- 2017 Organizer (with Dana Logan) and presider, “Do I Love My Subjects? A Roundtable about Pleasure, Paranoia, and Care in American Religious Studies,” AAR, Boston, MA (November 20)
- 2017 Organizer (with Dana Logan) and panelist, “Author-Meets-Critics: A Roundtable on Finbarr Curtis’s *The Production of American Religious Freedom*,” AAR, Boston, MA (November 19)
- 2017 Organizer, Mellon/Rare Book School Symposium, featuring Pamela Klassen, “Protest on the Page: Print as an Affordance for Revolutionary Spirits,” Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA (October 25)
- 2016 Organizer and panelist, “Keywords in Early American Material Texts,” Early American Material Texts Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (May 25)
- 2015 Organizer (with Karen Bray) and panelist, “Between Philosophy and a Phenomenological Hard Place: New Materialism as a Methodology in the Study of Religion,” Philosophy of Religion Section, AAR, Atlanta, GA (November 21)
- 2015 Organizer (with Dana Logan and Caleb Maskell) and panelist, “Futures of the American Religious Past: A Conversation about Mark Noll’s *America’s God* and John Lardas Modern’s *Secularism in Antebellum America*,” ASCH, New York, NY (January 3)
- 2013 Organizer (with Brendan Pietsch) and panelist, “Religious Change and Technological Mediation in Modern America,” AAR, Baltimore, MD (November 25)

### Conference papers

- 2022 “The Political Economy of Format: Books, Tracts, and the American Tract Society’s Complicity in Slavery,” for the panel “Material-Textual Approaches to the Study of US Protestantism,” SCRIPT at the AAR, Denver, CO (November 22-25), resubmitted to AAR after the same panel was cancelled due to COVID for the ASCH, New Orleans, LA (2021)
- 2022 “The Politics of Media Format: Printing *Poor Sarah* During the Removal Crisis in Cherokee Nation,” American Society for Ethnohistory, Lawrence, Kansas (September 8)
- 2022 “The Politics of Media Format: Printing *Poor Sarah* During the Removal Crisis in Cherokee Nation,” Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing, Amsterdam, Netherlands (July 11)
- 2022 Invited paper, “Theory *From* Mormonism: Gold Plates, Mormon Materiality, and the Trouble with Taking Religion Seriously” Mormon Studies Conference: A Plurality of Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA (April 30)
- 2021 “The Sovereignty of *Poor Sarah*: A Christian Revival in Print During the Removal Crisis in Cherokee Nation,” SCRIPT at the AAR, San Antonio, TX (November 22)
- 2019 “Getting Real, Nineteenth-Century Style: The Case of Joseph Smith’s Gold Plates, in “Debunked: Fakes and Their Investigators,” AAR, San Diego, CA (November 23)
- 2018 “How Joseph Smith Discovered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism,” AAR, Denver, CO (November 19)
- 2018 “Evangelical Encounters: Affect and the Rituals of Print Distribution in Antebellum America,” in

- “Beyond Circulation: Material Texts and Their Movements, Distributions, and Networks” (organized with John Garcia), C19: The Society of Nineteenth-Century Americanists Conference, Albuquerque, NM (March 25)
- 2018 “What Does Benevolence Feel Like? The American Tract Society and the Rituals of Print Distribution in Early America” in “Media Histories of Evangelicalism,” Religion and Politics in Early America Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, MO (March 1)
- 2018 “Are We Doing American Religious Studies Yet?” in “Revisiting ‘The Study of American Religions: Critical Reflections on a Specialization,’” ASCH, Washington, DC (January 4)
- 2017 “How Joseph Smith Discovered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism,” ASCH, Boston, MA (November 19)
- 2017 “‘Em are’s tracts ain’t they? They don’t want ‘em here’: <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>Class and the Evangelical Politics of Tracts and Books in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” Harvard-Yale Book History Conference, Cambridge, MA (April 28)
- 2017 “‘Em are’s tracts ain’t they? They don’t want ‘em here’: Class and the Evangelical Politics of Tracts and Books in the Nineteenth-Century United States,” Symposium on Protestantism and the Materiality of Texts, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (April 22)
- 2016 “The Pilgrim’s Parlor: Gilt, Bookcloth, Steel, and the Making of the Evangelical Middle Class,” North American Conference on British Studies, Washington, DC (November 12)
- 2015 “How to Do Things with Tracts: The American Tract Society and the Burdens of Circulation, 1825-1850,” Material Religion: Embodiment, Materiality, and Technology Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC (September 11)
- 2014 “The Construction of Agency as a Category in the Study of Religion,” in “Key Concepts in the Study of Religion,” AAR, San Diego, CA (November 25)
- 2014 “Reassembling Religions: A New Materialist Method for Studying People and Things in Religious Studies,” Remixing Religion Conference, University of Texas at Austin (April 5)
- 2014 “A Life of Its Own: A New Materialist’s Look at Religious Imagery,” Perceiving Religion: The Production, Consumption, and Reception of Religious Imagery Conference, McGill University, Montréal, Québec (March 22)
- 2013 “The Education of the Eye: Seeing God’s Kingdom in Nineteenth-Century Print Culture,” ASCH, New Orleans, LA (January 3)

### Panels and roundtables

- 2022 Book panelist, for Charlie McCrary’s *Sincerely Held: American Secularism and Its Believers*, AAR, Denver, CO (November 20)
- 2022 Book panelist, for Amanda Dillon’s *Drawn to the Word: The Bible and Graphic Design* (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2021), SCRIPT at the AAR, Denver, CO (November 21)
- 2021 Book panelist, for Peter Coviello’s *Make Yourselves Gods: Mormons and the Unfinished Business of American Secularism*, American Studies Association (online) (October 13)
- 2019 Panelist, “#CaptioningReligion: Characterizing the Material Economies of Religion in the Americas,” AAR, San Diego, CA (November 24)
- 2015 Panelist, “Books in the Larger World of Objects in the Long Eighteenth Century,” American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Los Angeles, CA (March 19)
- 2013 Panelist, “Materialisms: New Materialism and Historical Materialism in Dialogue,” convened by Jane Bennett, Cornell School of Criticism and Theory, Ithaca, NY (July 22)

### Invited seminars, guest lectures, and workshops

- 2020 “The Agency of Tracts,” Religious Studies Seminar, University of Southern California (September 16) (online)

- 2019 “How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism,” New Materialism Seminar, Williams College, Williamstown, MA (April 26)
- 2019 “Makers of the Sensible,” for the course “The Mediated Book,” Harvard History Department, Cambridge, MA (March 25)
- 2019 “How Joseph Smith Encountered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism,” Nineteenth Century US History Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI (February 8)
- 2018 “America’s Cargo Cult: How Joseph Smith Discovered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism,” Workshop in the History of Material Texts, Kislak Center, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (March 19)
- 2017 Workshop Leader, “Classroom and Public Pedagogies in Critical Bibliography: The Americas,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Charlottesville, VA (May 23)
- 2017 “How to Do Things with Tracts: The American Tract Society and the Burdens of Circulation,” for “The Mediated Book,” Harvard History Department, Cambridge, MA (March 20)
- 2017 “Bibliography and the Reception of Evangelical Print Media in Antebellum America,” for the course “Book Production and Social Practice in Early Modern Europe and America,” Rare Book School, Houghton Library, Cambridge, MA (January 12)

### **Panels, as chair or respondent**

- 2021 Chair, “Affective Thinkers in Dialogue,” American Studies Association (October 14) (online)
- 2021 Respondent and chair, “Made to Move: Small-Format Print and its Uses in Nineteenth-Century West Africa and the United States,” SHARP (July 27) (online)
- 2020 Respondent, “The Visual Politics of Redaction,” C19: The Society for Nineteenth-Century Americanists, Coral Gables, FL (October 23) (online)
- 2020 Chair, “Religious Minorities and the Paths to Power in the Early United States,” ASCH, New York, NY (January 4)
- 2018 Chair, “Mormonism and Its Institutions,” ASCH, Washington, DC (January 7)
- 2018 Chair, “Digitization, Representation, and Access,” Bibliography Among the Disciplines Conference, Philadelphia, PA (October 14)

### **TEACHING & ADVISING**

#### **Florida State University, Assistant Professor**

##### *Graduate*

American Religion, 1791-1861 (Spring 2020, Fall 2022)

Religion and Material Culture (Spring 2021)

##### *Undergraduate*

What is Religion? What is Religious Studies? (Spring 2022)

Religion in the United States (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Evangelicalism in America (Spring 2020)

Christianity, Art, and Materiality (Fall 2022)

##### *Dissertation Committee Member*

Taylor Dean

Michael McLaughlin

Tim Burnside

Haley Iliff

Devin Burns  
Jesse Lee  
Darryl Hunter  
Lisa MacKay-Ring  
Nick Austin

*Doctoral Comprehensive Exams Committee Member*

Paul Anthony (2022)  
America Wolff (2022)  
Lisa MacKay-Ring (2022)  
Nick Austin (2022)  
Devin Burns (2021)  
Darryl Hunter (2021)  
Haley Iliff (2020)  
Jesse Lee (2020)  
Taylor Dean (2019)  
Michael McLaughlin (2019)

*BA Honors Chair*

Emily McGinn (2022)

*BA Honors Committee*

Jace Cookson—History (2022)  
Kira Johansen (2023)

**Franklin & Marshall College, Visiting Assistant Professor**

African American Religions (Spring 2018)  
Religion and Material Culture (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)  
The Cultural History of American Religion (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)  
Gender, Sexuality, and the Body in Christianity (Spring 2018)  
Introduction to Religious Studies (Spring 2018)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ACTIVITIES**

**Committees, external**

2020 - Section Chair, Religions in America, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion  
2019 - 2021 Selection Committee Chair and Council Member, Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School  
2017 - 2019 Selection Committee, Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School  
2016 - 2017 Planning Committee, Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography, Rare Book School

**Committees, departmental**

2021 - Graduate Committee  
2020 - 2022 Faculty Advisor, Religion Graduate Student Conference  
2021 Postdoctoral Fellowship Selection Committee  
2021 Faculty Advisor, Publishing Workshop Committee



2020 - 21, 22 - Executive Committee, Religion Department  
2019 - 2021 Religion Library Committee

### **Committees, university**

2019 - History of Text Technologies (HoTT) Steering Committee

### **Manuscript and proposal reviews**

Yale University Press, Routledge, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of Material Culture*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Material Religion* (x3), *William and Mary Quarterly*, *American Anthropologist*, *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*, *Open Theology*, *Political Theology*, *Dialogue*, *Journal of Southern Religion*, *MAVCOR Journal*, *Technology and Culture*

### **Fellowship reviews**

Library Company of Philadelphia NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee (2021), FSU Committee on Faculty Research Support Review Panel (2021-22), New York Public Library NEH Fellowship Committee (2021), Winterthur Dissertation and Postdoctoral Fellowship Review Committee (2018)

### **Blurbs**

Oxford University Press

### **LANGUAGES**

French (reading)  
German (reading)  
Cherokee (learning)

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
American Society of Church History  
Mellon Society of Fellows in Critical Bibliography (Inducted Senior Fellow in 2017)  
Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (Board of Trustees since 2020)  
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing  
American Society for Ethnohistory