

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION

- 1997 Ph.D., Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University
1994 M.A., Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University
1990 M.Div., Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University
1984 A.B., Honors, International Studies, Dartmouth College

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-2023 *Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University*
2017-2019 *Interim Chair, Department of French & Italian, Vanderbilt University*
2013-present *Professor of Religious Studies, Graduate Department of Religion; Affiliated Faculty in Women's & Gender Studies and American Studies, Vanderbilt University*
1999-2013 *Professor of Theology, Ethics, and Culture, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois (Assistant Professor, 1999-2003; Associate Professor 2003-2008; Professor 2008-2013)*
2004 *Visiting Associate Professor, Meadville-Lombard Theological School, Chicago Illinois, Summer Term*
1996-99 *Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois*
1995-96 *Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Colby College, Waterville Maine*
1994-95 *Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Vanderbilt University Department of Religious Studies, Nashville Tennessee.*
1991-93 *Graduate Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee.*

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

- 2021 *Queer Soul, Queer Theology: Ethics and Redemption in Real Life*, with Thelathia Nikki Young (London: Routledge)
- 2016 *Awake to the Moment: Introducing Constructive Theology*, co-written with the Workgroup in Constructive Theology, co-edited with Stephen G. Ray, (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press).
- 2010 *Polydoxy: Theology of Multiplicity and Relation*, edited with Catherine Keller, (London: Routledge).
- 2007 *Beyond Monotheism: A Theology of Multiplicity* (London: Routledge).
- 1999 *Re-Imagining the Divine: Confronting the Backlash Against Feminist Theology* (Cleveland: Pilgrim).

PUBLICATIONS: ANTHOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2019 “Divine Promiscuity” in *Envisioning the Cosmic Body of Christ: Materiality-Incarnation-Ecology*” ed. by Aurica Jax and Saskia Wendel (Oxford: Routledge)
- 2017 “Nothing In This World Is Indifferent To Us: A Dialogical Reflection on the Queerness of Theology and Science” with Catherine Keller, in *Unsettling Science and Religion: Contributions and Questions from Queer Studies*” edited by Whitney Bauman and Lisa Stenmark (NY: Lexington).
- 2017 “More Than A Feeling: A Queer Notion of *Survivance*” in *Sexual Disorientations: Queer Temporalities, Affects, Theologies*, edited by Kent Brintnall and Joseph Marchal (NY: Fordham University Press).
- 2013 “The Gravity of Love: Theopoetics and Ontological Imagination” in *Theopoetic Folds: Philosophizing Multifariousness*, ed. by Roland Faber and Jeremy Fackenthal (Fordham University Press)
- 2013 “When The World Is Alive, Spirit Is Not Dismembered: Reflections on Native North American (Eastern Woodland) Philosophy” in *Sensational Religion: Sense and Contention in Material Practice*, Sally Promey, ed. (Yale University Press)
- 2012 “What Race Is Your Sex?” in *Queer Religion: LGBT Movements and Queering Religion, Volume II*, ed. by Donald L. Boisvert and Jay Emerson Johnson (Santa Barbara, CA). Reprinted from Harvey, Case & Gorsline (2005), see below.
- 2010 “The Love We Cannot Not Want” in *Planetary Loves: Spivak, Postcoloniality, and Theology*, ed. by Stephen Moore and Mayra Rivera (New York: Fordham University)
- 2010 “Promiscuous Incarnation” in *The Embrace of Eros: Bodies, Desires, and Sexuality in Christianity*, ed. by Margaret Kamitsuka (Minneapolis: Fortress)

- 2009 “Homosexuality, Queer Theory and Christian Theology” in *Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism: A Critical Reader*, ed. by Björn Krondorfer (SCM-Canterbury)
- 2009 “Heilende Anthropologie: Geschlecht, Gesundheit und Wissenschaft in der systematischen Theologie” in *Krankheitsdeutung in der postsäkularen Gesellschaft: Theologische Ansätze im interdisziplinären Gespräch* ed. by Günter Thomas and Isolde Karle, (Stuttgart, Germany: Kohlhammer Verlag)
- 2005 “What Race is Your Sex?” in *Disrupting White Supremacy From Within: White People on What We Need to Do*, edited by Jennifer Harvey, Karin Case, and Robin Hawley Gorsline (Cleveland: Pilgrim).
- 2005 “God” in *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes* by the Workgroup in Constructive Theology, with Ellen Armour, Paul Capetz, and Don Compier. Edited by Paul Lakeland and Serene Jones (Minneapolis: Fortress).
- 2003 “Setting the Context: A Brief History of Science by a Sympathetic Theologian” in *Adam, Eve and the Genome: The Human Genome Project and Theology*, edited by Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite (Minneapolis: Fortress) pp 17-51.
- 2001 “Yahwist Desires: Imagining Divinity Queerly” in *Queer Commentary on the Hebrew Bible*, edited by Ken Stone (NY: Sheffield). Winner, 2001 Lambda Award.
- 2000 “The Courage to See and to Sin: Mary Daly’s Elemental Transformation of Paul Tillich’s Ontology” in *Re-Reading the Canon: Feminist Interpretations of Mary Daly* edited by Marilyn Frye and Sarah Lucia Hoagland (Philadelphia: Pennsylvania State University).
- 2000 “Queer Theory” in *Handbook of Postmodern Biblical Interpretation*, edited by A. K. M. Adam (St. Louis: Chalice).
- 1987 “Arms Control Impact Statements” in *The Uncertain Course: Arms in a New World*, edited by Carl Jacobsen, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (London: Oxford University).
- 1983 “Letter from Thailand” in *Ending Hunger*, edited by Donella Meadows (San Francisco: HarperCollins).

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2017 “Religion’s Queer Comeback?: Some Preliminary Questions” in *Scholar and Feminist Online* (NY: Barnard Center for Research on Women). Issue 14.2, April 2017.

- 2014 “Getting It Right” in *Polydox Reflections, Modern Theology* Volume 30, Issue 3, July 2014, 121-26.
- 2012 “Queer Theologies” in *Religion Compass* 6 (2012).
- 2011 “Between Ultimacy and Unity: On Michelle Voss Roberts’ Notion of Dualit(ies)” in *The Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies* 24 (2011).
- 2008 “Making Sense of Feminist Theologies Today” with Cassandra Trentaz, in *Religion Compass* 2 (2008).
- 2002 “Unreine Gedanken: Überlegungen zur Möglichkeit, Heute vom Göttlichen zu Wissen” (Impure Thoughts: Notes on Feminist Epistemology and the Possibility of Knowing Divinity) in *Schlangenbrut: Zeitschrift für Feministisch und Religiös Interessierte Frauen*, Heft Nr. 79, Fall-Winter 2002.
- 2000 “Homosexuality, Queer Theory, and Christian Theology” in *Religious Studies Review* Volume 26, Number 1, pp. 3-12.
- 1992 “From New Being to Meta-Be-ing: A Critical Analysis of Mary Daly” in *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Volume 75, Number 2-3.

PUBLICATIONS: OTHER SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

- 2009 Review of *Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances* by Andrea Smith. *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 38, No. 4.
- 2008 Response to Edward Butler’s review of *Beyond Monotheism*, *International Journal of Practical Theology*.
- 2006 Review of *After Christianity* by Gianni Vattimo, translated by Luca D’Isanto. *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Winter, 2006.
- 2006 “When Hell Freezes Over: Feminism, Ontology, and Multiplicity” in *The Spire*, Volume 26, Number 2, Summer.
- 2004 Review of *Face of the Deep: A Theology of Becoming* by Catherine Keller. *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 84, No. 4 (October 2004).
- 2002 Review of *Becoming Divine: Towards a Feminist Philosophy of Religion*, by Grace M. Jantzen. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 70, Number 3, September 2002, pp. 644-47.
- 2001 “What If It Is a Choice? Some Implications of the Homosexuality Debates for Theology” in *The Chicago Theological Seminary Register*, Vol 91, No. 3.
- 2001 “God Bless America: A Critical Reflection on 9/11” in *The Chicago Theological Seminary Register*, Vol. 91, No. 2.

- 1998 Review of *The Serpent and the Goddess* by Mary Condren (HarperCollins, 1989), *Mythosphere: A Journal of Ritual and Religion*, Volume 3, No. 2.
- 1998 Reviews of *Defying the Darkness: Gay Theology in the Shadows* by Michael J. Clark (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1997) and *In A Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality as Social Witness* by Emilie Townes (Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1995), for *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 24.
- 1997 Review of *When God Becomes Goddess: The Transformation of American Religion*, by Richard Grigg (NY: Continuum, 1995) in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 23, 270.
- 1997 Review of *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*, edited by Letty M. Russell and J. Shannon Clarkson (Louisville KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1996), in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 23, 372.
- 1994 “Globalization as a Feminist Issue” in *The Spire: Alumni Magazine of Vanderbilt Divinity School*.
- 1994 “Language, Violence, and God” in *To the Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 2: Violence. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1994 “Who Sees Eye To Eye: Date/Acquaintance Rape and Right Relationship” in *To The Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 2: Violence. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1993 “AIDS, Teens and the Church: A Leaders’ Guide” in *To The Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 1: AIDS. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1985 “The Future of Disarmament” in *World Outlook*, Volume 1: Number 1.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

- Nov. 2019 Panel presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego CA
Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit, “Devils, Demons, and Theological Panic”
- Nov. 2019 Panel presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
Political Theology Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit on Catherine Keller’s *Political Theology of the Earth: Our Planetary Emergency and Struggle for a New Public*.
- Apr. 2017 Keynote Address, PThU International Conference, Groningen, The Netherlands
“Signs of Life: Theories of Resilience and Theologies of Multiplicity”

- Nov. 2016 Panel Respondent, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX.
“Colonial Hauntings in Philosophy of Religion”
- Nov. 2016 Panel Respondent, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
Gay Men’s Studies in Religion, “Unruly Methods: Thinking Again about
Regulation, Devotion, and Desire in “Queer” Religious Experience”
- Nov. 2015 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA.
“Flesh and Poetry in Mayra Rivera”
- Aug. 2015 Keynote, Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, Star Island, NH
“Queering the Religion and Science Debate”
- Apr. 2015 Public Lecture, Harvard University Center for World Religions
“When the Book is a Coyote: Native and Christian Influences”
- Nov. 2014 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.
“Im/Possibles: Entering Stones Sensibly in *Cloud of the Impossible*”
- Nov. 2014 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.
“Intimate Professions: Relationships in Academia”
- Sep. 2014 Paper presentation, Transdisciplinary Theology Colloquium, Drew University.
“More Than a Feeling: A Queer Notion of *Survivance*”
- Apr. 2014 Casteneda Lecture, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago IL.
“Inside-Out: Queer Theory’s Provocations to Theology”
- Nov. 2013 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore MD.
“Religion, Science, and Democracy”
- Oct. 2011 Paper presentation, “Sense and Non-Sense: Native American Philosophy and the
Practice of Paying Attention”, Conference *Sensational Religion: Sense and
Contention in Material Practice*, Yale University, Religious Studies Department
- Aug. 2011 Paper presentation, HRC Summer Seminar, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville
TN. “Musings on Writing and Life” with Emilie Townes
- Apr. 2011 Public Lecture, Yale Divinity School, New Haven CT
“Forget You! Why Christian Theology Gets Stuck on Sexuality”
- Apr. 2011 Paper presentation, “The Law of Gravity and the Possibility of Belief”
Conference on Belief, Yale University, Religious Studies Department
- Oct. 2010 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA
“Comparative Theology and the Sense of Duality: Response to Michelle Voss
Roberts’ *Dualities: A Theology of Difference*”
- Oct. 2010 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA
“‘The Truth About Stories’: Polydoxy and Theopoetics”

- Oct. 2010 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA
“Addicted to Trauma: The Limits of Agonism in Theorizing the Theological: Response to Mark L. Taylor’s *The Theological and the Political*”
- May 2010 Paper presentation, Theopoetics: A Conference in Honor of Roland Faber, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA.
“Theopoetics and Ontological Imagination”
- Oct. 2009 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Montreal QC
“*La Lucha Continua*: In Honor of Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz
- Sep. 2009 Paper presentation, Transdisciplinary Theology Colloquium, Drew University
“Crib Notes from Bethlehem: Polydoxy and the Necessity of Syncretism”
- Sep. 2008 Public lecture: “Monotheism: A Postcolonial Intellectual History” University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Nov. 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
“Walk Like An Egyptian: Challenges of the Mosaic Narratives for a Postcolonial Theory”
- Nov., 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
“Response to *Empire in the Christian Tradition*”
- Nov., 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
“Response to *White Theology: Outing Supremacy in Modernity*”
- Nov. 2007 TTC7 Colloquium *Planetary Bodies*, Drew Divinity School, NJ
“Postcolonial and Queer Theories in Liberation Dialogue”
- May, 2007 Castaneda Lecture, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
“Changing the Missionary Position: Facing Up to Racism, Sexism, and Nationalism in the L(GBT) Liberation Movement”
- April 2007 Lecture, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
“The Metaphoric Exemption and Feminist Theology”
- April 2007 Theology Colloquium, Drew Theological School, Madison NJ
“Ontological Multiplicity”
- Sept. 2006 Tagung zum Thema Krankheit, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany
“Healing Theological Anthropology: Gender Fluidity and Wellness”
- Sept. 2006 Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium VI, Madison NJ
Response to “Bodies of the Void: Polyphilia and Theoplicity” by Roland Faber
- April 2006 The Antoinette Brown Lecture, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
“When Hell Freezes Over: Feminism, Ontology, and Multiplicity”
- Nov. 2005 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

- Panelist, “Responding to the Religious Right” Gay Men’s Issues and Lesbian Feminist Issues in Religion co-sponsored panel. Presider, “Teaching Curriculum in Reproductive Decision-Making Courses”.
- April 2004 Theologisch Festival: Feest, Een Theologische Oefening. Keynote “Feast of Bodies” Theologische Universiteit, The Netherlands.
- Nov. 2003 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Atlanta GA.
“Making Room for G*d: Constructing Theology in Light of Global Nationalisms”
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
- April 2002 Noster Theologisch Instituut voor Postnieteel Onderwijs en Praktijkonderzoek, Kampen Theological University, The Netherlands
“Re-Imagining the Divine” Keynote Address
- April 2002 Feminist Theology Group, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
“Divine Multiplicity as a Feminist Multicultural Project”, Keynote Address
- Nov. 2001 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Denver, CO.
Moderator, Feminist Theory Group Panel
- Nov. 2001 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Denver, CO
“Mid-Career Feminism” Presentation to the Women’s Caucus
- April, 2001 American Theological Society, Midwest. Elmhurst College, IL.
Presidential Address, “Feuerbach, Barth, and the Feminist Question of God”
- Nov. 2000 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Nashville, TN.
“‘What is Bothering Me Incessantly’: Bonhoeffer The Critical Theorist” Panel presentation.
- Nov. 1998 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Orlando, FL.
Feminist Theory Meets Queer Theory,” Respondent: Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group.
- Sept. 1998 Williams College, Williamstown MA
“‘Not Since Slavery’: The New American Religious Wars over Homosexuality”
Humanities Forum Public Lecture
- June 1998 Women and Society Conference, Poughkeepsie NY.
“Making Bodies Plain: Accountability and Problems of Privileged Identity/ies”
Panel presentation.
- Jan. 1998 College of DuPage, Wheaton IL. “Persons and the Power of Dreams among Eastern Woodland Native American Cultures”. Public Lecture.
- Oct. 1997 Lucent Technologies, Naperville, IL. “Religious Diversity and Workplace Ethics”. Diversity Project seminar.

- April 1997 Women's Interaction Network, Naperville, IL. Keynote Address, "Women, Science and Spirituality: From the Women's Bible to the New Age".
- Nov. 1996 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, New Orleans, LA.
"Constructive Theology in Academic [and] Ritual Practice: Whose Metaphors?"
- May 1996 Women's Studies Colloquium, Colby College, Waterville, ME.
"White-hot, White Bread or Whitewash? The Ethics of Ethnicity in White Feminist Theology"
- Nov. 1995 American Academy of Religion, Women and Religion Section, Philadelphia, PA.
"Re-Imagining Boundaries: Cultural Theory and the Backlash Against Feminist Theology"
- May 1994 Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association, Murfreesboro, TN.
"Interpreting Beyond God the White Father: A Discussion of Feminist Theology, Christian Thought and Racism"
- Sept. 1993 Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association, Murfreesboro, TN
"Biblical Self-Defense: The Rise of Bible Abuse in Public Christianity".
- Nov. 1993 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Washington, DC.
"White Feminist Privilege: The Critique Most Dangerous and Indispensable"
- Nov. 1993 Paul Tillich Society of America Meeting, Washington, DC.
"Responses to *The Courage to Be*: From Daly's Courage to See and Sin to Welch's Feminist Ethic of Risk".
- June 1993 United Methodist Youth and Violence Conference, Chicago, IL.
"Theological Responses to Gang Violence"
"Gender and Unseen Violence: The Biblical Rap Sheet"

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE & UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- 2020-present Secretary to the Board and Executive Committee, American Academy of Religion
- 2020-present *Chair*, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University
- 2020 *Chair*, Committee on Covid Accommodations for Faculty
- 2019-2020 *Chair*, Theological Education Committee, American Academy of Religion
- 2015-16 *Member*, Senior Advisory Review Committee, Vanderbilt University
- 2015-16 *Member*, Chancellor's Diversity Council
- 2010-16 *Chair*, Postcolonial/Queer/Race/Religion Working Group
- 2007-13 *Task Force on the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Academy*, The American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA

- 2010-13 *Title IX Coordinator and Chair, Sexual Harassment Task Force, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2002-13 *Faculty Advisor, Women in Theological Studies, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2006-13 *Steering Committee, The LGBTQ Center for Religious Studies, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2008-2011 *Coordinator, Collective in Intersectional Scholarship (with Drs. Kwok Pui-Lan, Traci West, Mayra Rivera, Anne Wohnee Joh, Susan Abraham, Stephanie Mitchem, Marcella Althaus-Reid, and Mary Tolbert)*
- 2003-07 *Director, M.Div. Program, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2000-06 *Committee Appointments: Admissions (chair) 2008-present; Sexual Harassment Committee (chair) 2009-present; D.Min. Committee, 2009-11; Curriculum (chair) 2008-09; Ph.D. Center, 1999-present; Program Directors, 2004-07; Strategic Planning 2005-07; M.Div. Committee (chair) 2003-07; Commencement Committee 2000-02; Board of Trustees Development Committee 2001-02; Board Committee for Academic Affairs 2003-07; President's Council 2002-05; Disciplinary Committee 2003-05; Center for Community Transformation Advisory Committee 2004-05.*
- 2000-05 *Chair, Workgroup in Constructive Theology, "God" subgroup*
- 2000-06 *Advisor, Heyward-Boswell Society for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Seminarians, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2001-03 *Executive Committee, American Theological Society, Midwest; Presidential term 2001-02*
- 1998-99 *Coordinator, Wingspread Scholars Program, North Central College*
- 1997-99 *Chair, Women's Studies Faculty Committee, North Central College.*
- 1997-99 *Advisor, IMPACT; North Central College organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students.*
- 1997-99 *Advisor, FYI (First Year Initiative), North Central College.*
- 1997 *Chair, Religious Studies Department; North Central College.*
- 1996-99 *Member, History of Ideas Committee & College Scholars; North Central College.*
- 1996-99 *Member, Women's Interaction Network; North Central College.*
- 1992-94 *Editorial Assistant, The Religious Studies Review.*
- 1985-86 *Research Fellow, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2011-12 Luce Foundation Fellowship for Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology
- 2006 Center Fellow, The LGBTQ Center for Religious Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary
- 2005 Judith P. Sanderson Award for Leadership, Chicago Theological Seminary
- 2002 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Mid-Career Faculty Workshop and Program Grant
- 2001 Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Course Award
- 1998 Clarence F. Dissinger Distinguished Teaching Award, North Central College
- 1997 FDC Research Grant, Creek and Cherokee Stomp Dances, North Central College
- 1995 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Vanderbilt University
- 1990 Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Scholar, Vanderbilt University
- 1983 Chase Peace Prize for honors essay, Dartmouth College
- 1982 Richter Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 1981 Collis Award for Scholarship, Dartmouth College