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## **EDUCATION**

Vanderbilt University	1983-1993
Ph.D. awarded with honors, 1993	
M.A. 1989	
Major: Theology	
Minor: History of Christian Thought	
Stetson University	1977-1980
B.A. 1980	
Major: Humanities	
Auburn University	1976-1977
No degree	
Major: Piano Performance	

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- \* Feminist theology
- \* Contemporary continental philosophy
- \* Theories of sex, race, gender, disability, visual culture, social media

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Feminist Theology, Vanderbilt Divinity School	Aug 2022-
E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Associate Professor of Feminist Theology, Vanderbilt Divinity School	2006-present
Affiliated faculty, Philosophy, Vanderbilt University	2006-present
Affiliated faculty, Women's and Gender Studies	

(now Gender and Sexuality Studies), Vanderbilt University	2010-present
Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	1998-2006
Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	1991-1998

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

Vanderbilt Strong Grant, 2021  
Robert Penn Warren Center Faculty Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2017-18  
SEC Travel Grant, 2015  
Principle Investigator, Justice through Engagement Grant,  
Arcus Foundation (2013-2016)  
Carpenter Program Expansion Grant,  
E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation (2012)

Jameson Jones Award for Faculty Service, Rhodes College, 2005  
R.A. Webb Professorship in Theology, Rhodes College, 2001-2006  
Clarence Day Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching, Rhodes College, 1997-1998.

Co-Investigator with Professor Stephen Haynes, Consultation on the Church-Related  
Liberal Arts College (funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.)

Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1998  
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1997  
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1995  
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1994

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

Seeing and Believing: Religion, Digital Visual Culture and Social Justice. New York: Columbia University Press, 2023.

Signs and Wonders: Religion After Modernity. New York: Columbia University Press, Gender, Theory and Religion Series (Amy M. Hollywood, editor), 2016. Nominated by CUP for AAR Book Award for Excellence – Constructive/Reflective Studies, 2017.

Deconstruction, Feminist Theology and the Problem of Difference: Subverting the Race/Gender Divide. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Religion and Postmodernism Series (Mark C. Taylor, editor), 1999.

### Co-edited Volume

Bodily Citations: Religion and Judith Butler. Co-edited with Susan M. St. Ville. New York: Columbia University Press, Gender, Theory and Religion Series (Amy M. Hollywood, editor), 2006.

### Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

“Justice for Alan Kurdi? Philosophy, Photography and the (Cosmo)politics of Life and Death.” *Philosophy Today* 63:2 (Spring 2019), 315-333.

“Transing the Study of Religion: A (Christian) Theological Response.” Invited contribution to Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion 34:1 (1 April 2018): 58-63.

“Feminist Theology in Retrospect and in Anticipation.” Invited review essay. Journal of Religion (January 2016) 96:1, 94-101.

“Border Crossing.” Invited contribution to “Scholarly Dialogue on Kalpana Seshadri’s *HumAnimal: Race, Law and Language*.” PhiloSOPHIA 3:2 (Summer 2013): 175-181.

“Queer Bibles, Queer Scriptures?: An Introductory Response.” Bible Trouble: Queer Reading at the Boundaries of Biblical Scholarship. Eds. Teresa J. Hornsby and Ken Stone. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature: *Semeia* Series, No. 67, 2011. 1-8.

“Blinding Me with (Queer) Science: Religion, Sexuality, and (Post?)Modernity.” International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 68 (1-3): 107-119 (2010). 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue.

“Theology in Modernity’s Wake.” “Reply to [Peter J.] Ochs.” “Response to Paul J. Griffiths.” Journal of the American Academy of Religion 74.1 (March 2006): 1-16, 19-20, 75-76. (Invited contributions to *Special Issue: On the Future of the Study of Religion in the Academy*).

“Man and His ‘Others,’” Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française, vol. 15, no. 1 (Spring 2005): 1-11.

“Writing/Reading Selves, Writing/Reading Race.” Remembrance and Responsibility. Ed. Linda Martin Alcoff, Debra Bergoffen and John Caputo. Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Volume 23. Philosophy Today 41, supplement: 110-117.

“Questions of Proximity: Woman’s ‘Place’ in Derrida and Irigaray.” Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy, 12:1 (Winter 1997): 63-78.

“Recent French Feminist Works.” Invited review essay. Religious Studies Review 17:3 (July 1991): 205-208.

### Book Chapters

“Decolonizing Spectatorship: Photography, Theology, and the New Media.” An Yountae and Eleanor Craig, eds. *Beyond Man: Race, Coloniality and the Philosophy of Religion* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, June 2021). 127-150.

“Artful Self-Reflection as Bio-medical Intervention: Some Theological Musings.” *Imaging and Imagining Illness: Becoming Whole in a Broken Body*. Ed. Devan Stahl. Eugene OR: Wipf and Stock (Cascade Books), 2018. 74-90.

“The End of Man: Foucault, Derrida, and the Auto-bio-graphical.” Between Foucault and Derrida. Eds. Yubraj Aryal, Vernon W Cisney and Nicolae Morar. Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press, 2016. 138-49.

“Sallie McFague.” Key Theological Thinkers: From Modern to Postmodern. Staale Johannes Kristiansen and Svein Rise, eds. London: Ashgate, 2013. 517-528. [Revised and updated version of 1996 essay.]

“Reponsi/ability After Derrida.” Living Together: Jacques Derrida’s Communities of Peace and Violence. Edited by Elisabeth Weber. Fordham University Press, 2012. 123-136.

“Beyond the God/Man Duo: Globalization, Feminist Theology, and Religious Subjectivity.” The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theology. Ed. Mary McClintock Fulkerson and Sheila Briggs. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. 371-381.

“Theologizing From This Place: Resources for Sexual Justice.” Reading Ideologies: Essays on the Bible and Interpretation in Honor of Mary Ann Tolbert, ed. Tat-siong Benny Liew. London: Sheffield, 2011. 348-58.

“Visual Theology: Diagnosing Postmodernity.” Between Philosophy and Theology: Contemporary Interpretations of Christianity. Edited by Lieven Boeve and Christophe Brabante. London: Ashgate Press, 2011. 175-192.

“Thinking Otherwise: Derrida’s Contribution to the Philosophy of Religion.” Handbook of Continental Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion. Ed. Morny Joy. New York: Springer, 2011. 39-60.

“Planetary Sightings? Negotiating Sexual Differences in Globalization’s Shadow.” Planetary Loves: Postcoloniality, Gender and Theology. Edited by Stephen Moore and Mayra Rivera. New York: Fordham University Press, 2010. 209-224.

“Toward an Elemental Theology: A Constructive Proposal.” In Theology that Matters: Ecology, Economy, and God. Ed. Darby Kathleen Ray. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2006. 42-57.

“Touching Transcendence: Sexual Difference and Sacrality in Derrida's Le Toucher.” Derrida and Religion: Other Testaments. Ed. Yvonne Sherwood and Kevin Hart (New York: Routledge, 2005). 351-362.

“A Post-Structuralist Approach.” Feminist Philosophy of Religion: Critical Readings, ed. Pamela Sue Anderson and Beverley Clack. Routledge Press, 2004. 42-53.

“Divining Differences: Irigaray and Religion.” Religion in French Feminist Thought: Critical Perspectives. Edited by Kathy O’Grady, Morny Joy, and Judith Poxon. Routledge Press, 2003. 29-40.

“Beyond Belief?: Sexual Difference and Religion After Ontotheology.” The Religious. Ed. John Caputo. Blackwell Readings in Continental Philosophy. Simon Critchley, General Ed. New York: Blackwell Press, 2002. 212-226.

“Through flame or ashes”: Traces of Difference in Geist’s Return.” Feminist Interpretations of Martin Heidegger. Ed. Nancy Holland and Patricia Huntington. State College: Penn State University Press, 2001. 316-333.

“American/French Intersections: The Play of Race/Class/Politics in Irigaray.” Reinterpreting the Political: Continental Philosophy and Political Theory. Ed. Lenore Langsdorf and Stephen H. Watson with Karen A. Smith. Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Volume 20. Albany: SUNY Press, 1998. 209-232.

“Crossing the Boundaries Between Deconstruction, Feminism and Religion.” Feminist Interpretations of Derrida. Ed. Nancy Holland. Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997. 193-214.

“On Diversity and Conflict.” Celebrating the Humanities: A Half Century of the Search Course at Rhodes College. Ed. Michael Nelson. Vanderbilt University Press, 1999. 176-80.

“Sallie McFague.” New Handbook of Christian Theologians. Ed. Joseph Price and Donald Musser. Abingdon Press, 1996. 278-86.

“Questioning ‘Woman’ in Feminist/Womanist Theology: Irigaray, Ruether and Daly.” Transfigurations: Feminist Theology and the French Feminists. Ed. C.W. Maggie Kim, Susan M. St. Ville, and Susan M. Simonaitis. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1993. 143-170.

### **Academic Symposia**

“Foreword: Theology as Intimate Address.” *Erotic Faith: Desire, Suffering, and Transformation in the Incarnational Theology of Wendy Farley*. Ed. Mari Kim. Forthcoming from Sopher Press (imprint of Wipf and Stock).

“What Makes Theological Work Significant?” Invited Commentary, “Report on the State of Theology,” *Syndicate: An On-Line Journal*. 4/4/20.  
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/syndicate-project-on-the-state-of-theology/>

Respondent, Symposium on Armour, *Signs and Wonders: Theology After Modernity in Syndicate: An On-Line Journal*. Commentaries by Anita Munro, University of Queensland, Australia; Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Linn Tonstad, Yale University Divinity School, Shannon Winnubst, Ohio State University. Introduction, Peter Kline, St. Francis Theological College (Brisbane, Australia).11/20-12/11/2018.  
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/signs-and-wonders/>

“For Inspiration, Look Not in Obvious Places.” Invited contribution to Symposium on Jack Halberstam’s *The Queer Art of Failure*, *Syndicate* 2:3 (May/June 2015): 170-73.  
<https://syndicate.network/symposia/literature/the-queer-art-of-failure/>

“Queering the Subject.” Invited Contribution to “Forum on Teaching,” *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* 39.4 (2010): 9-13.

Invited Contribution to “Spiritual Geographies.” *Cross Currents* 48.2 (Summer 1998): 238-39.

### **Teaching Resources**

“Performative, Queer Theories of Religion: Judith Butler.” *Cultural Approaches to Studying Religion: An Introduction to Theories and Methods*. Eds. Sarah Bloesch and Meredith Minster. New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019; 143-154.

“Jacques Derrida on Religion.” *Religion /Theory/Critique/: Classic and Contemporary Approaches and Methodologies*. Ed. Richard King. New York: Columbia University Press, 2017. 481-486.

“Christianity and Sexuality,” *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. David A. Leeming, ed. London: Springer, 2013. 331-34 [https://doi-org.proxy.library.vanderbilt.edu/10.1007/978-1-4614-6086-2\\_9040](https://doi-org.proxy.library.vanderbilt.edu/10.1007/978-1-4614-6086-2_9040)

“Feminist Theology in North America,” “Postmodernism and Theology,” “Racism and Christianity in North America: Feminist Theology and Systemic Racism.” *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*. Edited by Daniel Patte. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010: 421-22, 990-992, 1045-46.

“God.” Co-authored with Laurel Schneider, Paul Capetz, Don Compier, et al. *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes*. Ed. Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland. Fortress Press, 2004. 19-76.

“Essentialism.” *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*. Ed. Letty Russell and Shannon Clarkson. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Invited Presentation, “Resourcing Resistance to Bio-disciplinary Power: A Case Study”

Foucault and Religious Studies Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 19-22, 2022.

Respondent, Book Session on Emily Anne Parker, *Elemental Difference and the Climate of the Body* (Oxford University Press, 2021), Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 13-16, 2022.

Respondent, Amie Zimmer, "Kant's Conjectures: The Genesis of the Feminine," Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, University of Rochester (on-line), 9/24/21.

Respondent, Scholar's Session on Ellen T. Armour, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh PA, 2 November 2019. Presenters: LaDelle McWhorter (Stephanie Bennett-Smith Chair in Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of Richmond) and Lynne Huffer (Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Emory University).

"Seeing and Believing in the New Public Square: A Theological Approach." 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Political Theology Network Conference. Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. New York, NY. October 17-19, 2019.

Respondent, Karmen MacKendrick's *The Matter of Voice: Sensual Soundings*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, State College PA, 20 October 2018.

Invited Panelist, "Exploratory Session on Race, Coloniality, and Philosophy of Religion." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 18 November 2017, Boston MA.

Invited Panelist, "Gendering Philosophy of Religion: The Influence of Pamela Sue Anderson," Philosophy of Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 19 November 2017, Boston MA.

Respondent, Book Session on *Signs and Wonders: Theology After Modernity*, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 19, 2017. Memphis TN. Commenters: Shannon Winnubst, Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The Ohio State University, and Hille Hacker, Richard McCormick Endowed Chair of Ethics, Loyola University Chicago.

"Justice for Aylan [sic] Kurdi? Photography and Postcolonial Theo-politics." Religion, Film and Visual Culture Group, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio Texas, November 21, 2016.

"Justice for Aylan [sic] Kurdi? Philosophy and the Politics of Life and Death." Plenary session. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, UT, October 21, 2016.

"Matters of Life, Death, Philosophy and Theology: Derrida on the Death Penalty." "Derrida's Death Penalty Seminars: Deconstructing Capital Punishment." American Comparative Literature Association. New York University. 20-23 March 2014.

“Crisis in the Anglican Communion: Christian Bio-discipline and Beyond.” Keynote address for “Democracy Realized? The Legacies of the Civil Rights Movement” Conference, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, 28-29 March 2014.

Respondent, “The Self and Other Fictions in Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection,” Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group, Baltimore MD, 24 November 2013.

Respondent, “Queering Debates on Animal/Human Relations, Gay Men and Religion Group, Baltimore MD, 25 November 2013.

Panelist, “Sexual and Gender Identity at the Intersections, Part 2 – Pedagogy,” Status of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgendered, Intersex and Queer Persons in the Profession, 25 November 2013.

“Bach and Bible Trouble.” Women in the Biblical World and GLBT Queer Hermeneutics. Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Chicago IL, 19 November 2012.

“Adam and Eve, Not Adam and Steve?: Text, Tradition and The Debate Over Homosexuality.” Plenary lecture, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Louisville KY. 4 March 2011.

“Theology as Intimate Address: Wendy Farley’s Gathering Those Driven Away.” Pacific Northwest Regional AAR. Spokane, WA. 14 May 2011.

Panelist, Sexuality and the Sacred: Sources for Theological Reflection (Revised and updated), ed. Marvin Ellison and Kelly Brown Douglas (Westminster John Knox, 2010). American Academy of Religion, 31 October 2010.

“Becoming Terri Schiavo.” Judith Butler, respondent. “Becomings, Misplacements, Departures: Butler and Whitehead as Catalysts for Thought.” Claremont School of Theology. Claremont CA. 3 December 2009.

“Queering the Subject.” Queer Pedagogies and/in Religious Studies. Queer Theory and LGBTQ Studies Consultation and Teaching Religion Section. 29 October 2009. American Academy of Religion. Montreal CA.

“Visualizing Philosophy: Reading (Through and About) Images.” PhiloSOPHIA. John Jay University/Fordham University, New York NY. 28 May 2009.

“Queering Identity Politics: Humanity, Animality, and Beyond.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA. 18 October 2008.

“Response to The Queer Bible Commentary.” Invited presentation. Consultation for GLBTQ Hermeneutics. Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Diego, CA. 18 November 2007.



“Response to Edith Wyschogrod’s Crossover Queries: Dwelling with Negatives, Embodying Philosophy’s Others. Invited presentation. Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 7 November 2007.

“Response to Amy Hollywood, Sensible Ecstasy: Mysticism, Sexual Difference, and the Demands of History.” American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C. 19 November 2006.

“The State of the Union(s): Terri Schiavo and Religion in America.” NEXUS Interdisciplinary Conference on Religion and Nation, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 8 April 2006.

“Visualizing Philosophy: Abu Ghraib, Animality, and Cosmopolitanism.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, Utah, 20-22 October 2005.

“Chasm or Chiasm?: Gift, Sexual Difference, Religion.” Session on “Chiasms of Exchange: Derrida’s Gifts.” International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Helsinki, Finland, 2-7 June 2005.

“Man and His Others.” Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française, Eastern Section of the American Philosophical Association, Boston MA, 29 December 2004.

“Material Differences: Heidegger’s Others.” Panel presentation, “Heidegger’s Materialities.” International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY, 19-25 May 2004.

“Touching Transcendence: Sexual Difference and Sacrality in Derrida’s Le Toucher.” Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group/Theology and Continental Philosophy Group, American Academy of Religion, 25 November 2002.

Panelist, “Virginity, Death, and Subjectivity in Feminist Philosophy of Religion: Françoise Meltzer’s For Fear of the Fire: Joan of Arc and the Limits of Subjectivity.” Philosophy of Religion Section. American Academy of Religion. 26 November 2002.

Respondent, An Ethics of Dissensus: Postmodernity, Feminism, and the Politics of Radical Democracy by Ewa Planowska Ziarek, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 10 October 2002, Chicago IL.

“Interpreting Practices, Sustaining Differences: Deconstruction as Hermeneutical Praxis.” Invited presentation, International Congress on Hermeneutics, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY (May 5-10, 2002). Published in conference proceedings.

Respondent, “Gender, Deconstruction, and the Divine: Feminist Approaches to Philosophy of Religion.” Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Denver CO, 18 November 2001.

“Through flame or ashes’: Spectral Sightings, Haunting Differences.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Baltimore MD. 5 October 2001.

Panelist, Responses to Serene Jones, Feminist Theory and Christian Theology: Cartographies of Grace. Society for Theology and Continental Philosophy. Baltimore MD. 4 October 2001.

Panelist, “Queering Religious Studies.” Celebrating Our Past, Envisioning Our Future. Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, Pacific School of Religion. 20 April 2001.

Panelist, “Theology and Derrida 1: Relation without Relation”. Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion, Nashville TN, 18 November 2000.

Respondent, Ellen T. Armour’s *Deconstruction, Feminist Theology, and the Problem of Difference*, and Thomas A. Carlson’s *Indiscretion: Finitude and the Naming of God*, Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Nashville TN, 19 November 2000.

"Deconstructing God, Deconstructing Belief: Sexual Difference and the Sacred." Continental Philosophy of Religion Conference, St. Martin's College, Lancaster, England, 19 July 2000.

Presider, Yielding Gender: Feminist Deconstruction and the History of Philosophy by Penelope Deutscher. Presentations by Tina Chanter (University of Memphis) and Ewa Ziarek (University of Notre Dame); response by Penelope Deutscher (Australian National University). Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Eugene OR, October 1999.

“Writing/Reading Selves, Writing/Reading Race.” Presented at the 1997 annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Lexington, KY, October 1997.

Presider, “Bodily Citations II: Religionists Engage Judith Butler.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 24, 1997. San Francisco, CA.

“Moira Gatens’ Work on the Body.” Invited paper presented at SPEP, Washington, D.C., October 10, 1996.

“Divining Differences with Irigaray’s Sensible Transcendentals.” Presented to the Theology and Continental Philosophy Group at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 22-26, 1996.

“The (Im)possible Possibility of Theology Without God.” Presented to the Theology and Religious Reflection Section at the American Academy of Religion, November 20, 1995, Philadelphia, PA.

Respondent, “Identities and Differences II,” Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group, American Academy of Religion, November 20, 1995, Philadelphia, PA.

“Theorizing Desire Between Women.” Presented at the 1995 annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Chicago, IL, October 14, 1995.

Invited respondent to Margaret McLaren, Rollins College, “Foucault on the Subject of Feminism,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, February 25, 1995.

“Divine Speculations in Derrida and Irigaray.” Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Seattle WA, 10/1/94.

Respondent, Consultation on Feminist Theory and Theology, Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., 11/20/93.

“Questions of Proximity: ‘Woman’s Place’ in Derrida and Irigaray.” Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, New Orleans LA, 10/23/93.

Invited respondent to Tina Chanter, “Pornography and Essentialism” at a symposium entitled “New Currents in Feminist Theory” sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Center for Research on Women, Memphis State University, Memphis TN, 4/16-17/93.

“American/French Intersections: The Play of Race/Class/Politics in Irigaray.” Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston MA, 10/29/92

“Social Justice and Religious Discourse: Forging an Alliance with Derrida.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans LA , 11/20/90.

“Deconstruction and Feminist Thinking: Luce Irigaray’s Ce sexe qui n’en est pas une.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, 11/20/88.

## **INVITED LECTURES**

“Social Media and Social Justice.” Durfee Lecture, American University, Washington D.C., February 28, 2024.

“Seeing and Believing.” Guest lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Colby College, Waterville ME, February 27, 2024.

“Social Media and Social Justice.” Center for Global Humanities, University of New England, Portland ME, February 26, 2024.

“The Visual is Political: Photography, New Media, and Cosmopolitics.” Departments of Philosophy and Communications, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL, March 10, 2020.

“Seeing and Believing: Navigating the New Media Landscape.” Department of Religion and Philosophy, Stetson University, DeLand, FL, March 11, 2020.

- “Photographic Insurrection and Theology: Decolonizing Spectatorship.” Harvard Divinity School. November 28, 2018.
- “The Theo-politics of Derrida’s Seminars on the Death Penalty.” Department of Philosophy and Program in Religious Studies. Texas A&M University, April 13, 2016. (Visit funded by SEC Grant.).
- “Regarding Others in Pain: Abu Ghraib, Photography, and Bio-discipline.” Union Theological Seminary (affiliated with Columbia University), New York NY, 11 February 2016.
- “Becoming Terri Schiavo: Biopolitics, Photography, and the Sanctity of Life.” University of Richmond, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Department. 27 January 2016.
- “Crisis in the Anglican Communion: Christian Bio-discipline and Beyond.” 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Antoinette Brown Lecture. Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville TN. 20 March 2014.
- “Crisis in the Anglican Communion: Christian Bio-discipline and Beyond.” Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto, Toronto, CA. March 14, 2014.
- “Regarding Photographs of Others: Abu Ghraib and Bio-Disciplinary Power.” “Thinking Through Foucault.” Department of Religion, Syracuse University. 14 April 2013.
- “Blinding Me with Queer Science: Critical Reflections.” Gilberto Castaneda Lecture. Chicago Theological Seminary. Chicago IL. 6 May 2010.
- “Adam and Eve, Not Adam and Steve?: Text, Tradition and The Debate Over Homosexuality.” Annual Faculty Lecture, RainbowReVU Pride Week, Vanderbilt University, 23 March 2011.
- “Theology, Theory and the Debate over Homosexuality.” Annual Lecture on Religion. Drury University, Springfield IL. 28 February 2009.
- “Diagnosing Postmodernity: A Theological Response.” Lecture Series, Theological Perspectives on Contemporary Philosophical Interpretations of Christianity. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Leuven, Belgium. 13 February 2008.
- “Planetary Sightings? Negotiating Sexual Differences in Globalization’s Shadow.” “Planetary Loves: Postcoloniality, Gender and Theology.” Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium with Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak. Drew Theological School, Drew University, Madison NJ, 1-4 November 2007.
- “Through the Looking Glass: ‘Man’ and His ‘Others’ After Modernity.” Dept. of Philosophy, Hamline University, St. Paul MN, 9 November 2004.
- “Theology, Feminist Theory, and Postmodernism.” Department of Religion, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY. 26 April 2001.

“Thinking Through the Difference Race Makes.” Lecture, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon IO, November 11, 1999.

“Questioning ‘Woman’ in Feminist/Womanist Theology: Irigaray, Ruether and Daly.” Invited paper given at a conference entitled “Feminist Theologies and French Feminisms: Possibilities and Problems,” The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago IL, 4/26-28/91.

### ***Special Conferences and Seminars***

Participant, “Thinking Through the Difference Between Transcendence and Immanence: Levinas, Bergson, Deleuze.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Citta di Castello, Italy. 14 July-1 August 2003.

Invited participant, “Critical Religious Worldviews.” Graduate Theological Union (sponsored by the Ford Foundation).

Invited participant, Lived Theology and Race Work Group, The Project on Lived Theology, directed by Charles Marsh, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia. Sponsored by the Lilly Endowment.

Invited Auditor, “Forgiveness”, Seminar by Jacques Derrida, New School for Social Research, Fall 1998

Invited Auditor, “Animality,” Seminar by Jacques Derrida, New York University, Fall 1998

## **TEACHING**

### *Current Courses*

DIV/REL 6801: Introduction to Theology  
DIV/REL 6844: Contemporary Theology  
DIV/REL 6845: Feminist and Womanist Theology  
DIV/REL 6846: Queer Theology  
DIV/REL 6847: Theology and Contemporary Continental Philosophy  
DIV/REL 6849: Derrida, The Death Penalty, Vol. I (co-taught with Kelly Oliver, PHIL)  
DIV/REL 6853: Theories of Race, Gender, Sexuality and Disability  
DIV/REL 6859: Theology, Visual Culture and New Media  
GSS 8303: Queer Theory

### *Retired Courses*

DIV/REL 6801: Constructive Theology I  
DIV/REL 6802: Constructive Theology II  
DIV/REL 3342: Theology and the Body

PHIL 350.01/REL 3339.01: Ethics of Race and Sexuality

***Dissertations***

*Director, dissertations in Theological Studies*

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson [defended 2011]  
Carolyn Davis [defended 2014]  
Brandy Daniels [defended 2017]  
Dorothy Dean [defended 2017]  
Andrew Krinks [defended 2019]  
Hilary Scarsella [defended 2019]  
Amaryah Armstrong [defended 2019]  
Debbie Brubaker [defended 2023]

*Reader, Dissertations in Theological Studies (TS), other fields in the Graduate Department of Religion (GDR), and in the College of Arts and Sciences (English, French, German, Philosophy.*

2007: Jennifer Bird (New Testament [NT], GDR)  
2008: Meredith Burke Hammons (Hebrew Bible [HB], GDR), Amy Peed McCullough (Homiletics [HOM], GDR)  
2009: Diane Segroves (HACTOR, GDR)  
2010: Joshua Davis (TS), Travis Ables (TS), Kyle Galbraith (Ethics and Society [ES], GDR), Sarah Hansen (PHIL)  
2011: Liz Zagatta (Religion, Psychology, Culture [RPC], GDR), Margaret Zo Newell (HACTOR, GDR), Tamura Lomax (HACTOR, GDR)  
2012: Timothy Eberhart (TS), Sean Hayden (TS), Kate Lassiter (RPC, GDR), Alison Suen (PHIL), Adam Turk (PHIL)  
2013: Laura Taylor (TS), Myonghun Yun (RPC, GDR)  
2014: Christophe Ringer (ES, GDR), Juliana Lewis (PHIL)  
2015: Christopher Corbin (TS), Peter Kline (TS), Sarah Sanderson-Doughty (TS), Caryn Tamber-Rosenau (HB, GDR), Christopher Wells (PHIL)  
2016: Daryl Ellis (TS), Richard Coble (RPC, GDR), Aydogan Kars (HACTOR, GDR), Luis Menendez-Antuña (NT, GDR), Asante Todd (ES, GDR)  
2017: Lauren Smelser-White (TS), Hubert Cook (ENG), Raquelle Bostow (FR)  
2018: Jason Smith (TS), Courtney Bryant (ES, GDR), Alexandra Alekseyeva (PHIL)  
2019: Lis Valle-Ruiz (HOM, GDR), Peter Capretto (RPC, GDR), Darla Migan (PHIL), Sarah Gorman (PHIL)  
2020: Zac Settle (TS), Alexandra Chambers (ES, GDR)  
2021: Andrew Stone Porter (ES, GDR), Ali Lutz (ES, GDR)  
2022: Ashkan Bahrani (HACTOR, GDR)  
2023: Rachel Heath (TS),  
2024: Htoi San Lu (TS), Melanie Bockmann (HOM)

*In Progress:* Alexandra Rosado-Roman (ES, GDR),

*Terminal M.A.*: John Billa (TS), Janis Lee (HACTOR, GDR), Andrea Tucker (ES, GDR), Hanna Lipkind (PHIL), Kelsey Lowrey (GER)

## **SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY, CHURCH, AND THE COMMUNITY**

### ***Guest Lectures, Public Presentations***

Kirsty Clark, MHS 3890: LGBTQ+ Health Disparities, “Reducing Stigma, Promoting Inclusion: LGBTQIA+ issues and Christianity.” Medicine, Health and Society Department. Vanderbilt College of Arts and Sciences. November 11, 2022.

Participant, “Origins of Life: A Conversation Between a Biologist, a Theologian, An Astronomer, and a Philosopher.” With Dr. Ian Macara, Cell Biology; Dr. Stephen Taylor, Physics and Astronomy, and Dr. Lenn Goodman, Philosophy. Webinar hosted by Basic Sciences, Vanderbilt School of Medicine. June 17, 2021.

Visiting scholar, Political Theology class, Dr. Shelly Rambo,  
Boston University Spring 2020

Guest Lecturer, “Religion, Gender and Sexuality: Notes for  
Medical Students.” Lecture for Dr. Doug Milam, VUSM Spring 2017, Fall  
2017, Fall 2018

“What is Feminist Theology?” Lecture for Dr. Joel Harrington’s  
History of Christian Traditions class, CAS, Spring 2010, 2012,  
2015

“Sexuality, Culture, and Religion.” National webinar for  
medical students sponsored by the Sexual Health Scholars  
Program of the American Medical Student Association. 2010, 2011, 2013

“LGBTQI Culture: Religion and Spirituality.” With Dr. Jim Pace,  
DSN, M Div, Professor of Nursing.  
“Culture is More Than Ethnicity: A Challenge for  
Health Care Providers.” Continuing Education Seminar,  
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. 1 April 2010

“Rethinking Theology and Sexuality.” Presentation to  
VDS Board of Visitors. Vanderbilt Divinity School. 5 March 2010

Gallery talk, “Paint Made Flesh” exhibition,  
Frist Gallery of Art, Nashville TN, 5 March 2009

“Sex and the Church.” Panel Discussion on “Sex and the  
Seminary Project Report” (The Religious Institute for

Sexual Justice and Morality).  
Union Theological Seminary. New York, NY. 9 October 2009

“Can We Talk? Religion and Sexuality.” Co-presenter, Lyndsey  
Godwin, MDiv '08, Community Health Educator,  
Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee.  
PREP Leadership Training Seminar (for VU undergraduates) 30 September 2009

“Blinding Me with Queer Science: Humanity, Animality,  
and Homosexuality.”  
Faculty Address, Faculty Assembly, Vanderbilt University, 17 April 2008

***Service to Church and Community (selected)***

“Bridging the Divide: A Feminist Perspective” March 2023  
Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville TN

“Seeing and Believing: Religion, Digital Visual Culture, and Social Justice Feb 2023  
First Presbyterian Church, June Ramsey Class, Nashville TN

“Feminist, Womanist, and Mujerista Theology: An Introduction.” “March  
Towards Freedom Series.” “March  
West End United Methodist Church, Nashville TN. Feb 2021

Taught Adult Sunday School,  
St. Augustine’s Chapel, Vanderbilt University Spring 2007, Fall 2014  
First Presbyterian Church, Nashville TN Spring 2008

Entries for John 14:18-24, 25-31. Feasting on the Gospels.  
Lectionary Commentary Series. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

Entries for Psalms 71, 81, 139. Feasting on the Word. Lectionary Commentary Series.  
Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.

***Extended Media Interviews***

“*Seeing and Believing*.” Episode of *Issues of Faith*, Ben Hall, host. NewsChannel 5, Nashville  
TN. 2 February 2024.

***Podcasts***

*On Seeing and Believing: Religion, Digital Visual Culture, and Social Justice*

Dr. Gill Eapen, “Scientific Sense.”



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34vVgWjrDVA>

Brian Allain, “How to Heal Our Divides.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a-N4u0DpjAI>

Kim Clark, “Communicate Like you Give a Damn.”

<https://youtu.be/JvNngdng3Co?si=DgD2rPdAYFRO6foJ>

<https://communicatelikeyougiveadamnpodcast.com>

Dr. David Dault, “Things Not Seen.”

<https://player.fm/series/things-not-seen-podcast-2391840/ep-2330-seeing-and-believing-ellen-t-armour>

Joshua K. Smith, “The Delores Project.” TBD.

John Turney, “This is Not Church.”

<https://www.podbean.com/ew/dir-9ge69-1b5f3ef1>

Dr. Brent Plate, <https://www.aprilonline.org/seeing-and-believing-an-interview-with-ellen-armour/>, Association for Religion and Public Life

### *On Other Scholarship*

Dr. Gill Eapen, “Scientific Sense.”

2/19/21

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/7h23zM2jiAFqQE3KaguI3V>.

“Beyond the Boundaries,” “Encounter,” Australia Broadcasting Company  
2/2013 Feb 2013.

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/encounter/women-program/4478874>

“Derrida and Deconstruction,” “Philosophy Talk” (KALW 91.7) 1/16/11

Comments provided in “The Roving Philosophical Reporter”

<http://www.philosophytalk.org/shows/derrida-and-deconstruction>.

Quoted in news stories on outlets including Religion News Service, BBC America, *USA Today*, *Christianity Today* (England), *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, *The Tennessean*

### ***Editorial Boards***

*QTR: A Journal of Queer and Trans Studies in Religion*

2023-present

*Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 2023-present

Religious Studies Review 2016-present  
Co-Editor, Theology, *Religious Studies Review* 1997- 2015  
Network Editor, Feminist Theology, *Religious Studies Review* 1995-1999

International Journal of Philosophy of Religion 2017-present  
Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy 2004-present  
(formerly Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de la Langue Française)

Emerging Theologies (book series), Westminster/John Knox Press 2007-2012

### ***Reviewer***

Reviewer for Routledge Press, Westminster John Knox, Indiana UP, SUNY Press, Manchester UP (UK), University of Chicago Press, Columbia UP, Fordham UP, Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy, Notre Dame Philosophical Review, Signs, Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, Toronto Journal of Theology, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Derrida Today, Foucault Studies, International Journal of Philosophy of Religion, Political Theology, Religious Studies Review.

Grant Reviewer, American Academy of Religion 2000-2008

External reviewer for tenure and promotion reviews at Barnard College, Austin Presbyterian Seminary, Yale University, Boston University School of Theology, Wesleyan University (Department of Religious Studies), Harvard Divinity School, University of North Carolina – Greensboro (Department of Religious Studies).

External reader for dissertations at University of Memphis (Mary Bloodworth, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1997), Toronto School of Theology (Lorraine McKenzie Shepherd, Ph.D. in Theology, 1998), and Emory University (Christopher Boesel, Ph.D. in Theology, 2002)

### ***Scholarly Organizations***

Member, American Academy of Religion 1985-present

Nominee, Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgendered, Intersex and Queer Persons in the Profession 2021  
Chair, Theology and Continental Philosophy Group 2012-2016  
Co-chair, Theology and Continental Philosophy Group 2004-2012  
Steering Committee Member 2001-2016  
Co-Chair, Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group 1994-1996, 1998-99  
Steering Committee Member 1999-2001  
Co-Chair and Co-Founder, Consultation on Feminist Theory and Theology 1992-1994

Mentor to junior faculty, Committee on the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Intersex and Queer Persons in the Profession	2013-present
Mentor to prospective graduate students, Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession	2010-present
Invited panelist, "Scholarship, Service, and Stress: The Tensions of Being a Chair," Chairs Workshop	2003.
Member, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy	1987-present
Member, American Association of University Professors	1994-1998
Member, Society for Theology and Continental Philosophy	1997-present
Founding member, PhiloSOPHIA: A Society for Women in Philosophy	2007-present
Constructive Theology Workgroup Treasurer	2007-present 2010-present
Member, Advisory Board for LGBTQ Religious Studies Center at Chicago Theological Seminary	2006-present
Participant, American Theological Society Seminar for New Academic Deans, Pittsburgh PA	2019
Participant, American Theological Society Roundtable Preseminar for Mid-Career Women Faculty and Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty, Pittsburgh PA.	2010
<b><i>Service to Vanderbilt Divinity School</i></b>	
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Vanderbilt Divinity School	2019-present
Dean's Diversity Designate	Fall 2020-present
Director, Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender and Sexuality Co-Director with Dr. Sharon Groves (Religion and Faith Program, Human Rights Campaign) Summer Institute for LGBTQ Scholar-Activism	2007-present 2010-2015
Director, Justice through Engagement Program (supported by Arcus Foundation Grant)	2013-2016

Chair, Academic Programs and Accreditation Committee, 2017-18  
Co-chair, Living the Commitments Task Force, 2016-present  
Committee on Curricular Transformation, Fall 2014-Spring 2016

Search committee, Black Homiletics, 2018-19  
Search committee, Cal Turner Chair in Methodist Studies, 2014-15  
Search committee, Dean of Divinity School, 2011-12.  
Search committee, Malloy Chair in Catholic Studies, 2010-2011

Chair of the Faculty, 2006-07; 2013-14  
Chair, Personnel and Policy Committee, 2006-07; 2013-14  
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee, 2011-12; Academic Programs and Accreditation  
Committee, 2017-18  
Faculty Senator, 2008-2011  
Faculty advisor, GABLE (2007-present)  
Faculty advisor, Office of Women's Concerns (2008-present)  
Review committees for John Thatamanil (tenure and promotion, 2007), Melissa Snarr (chair, 4<sup>th</sup>  
year review, 2008; tenure review, 2011)  
Reappointment review committee for Juan Floyd-Thomas, 2017

### ***Service to Graduate Department of Religion***

Area Director, Theology (three terms)  
Member, Program in Theology and Practice Steering Committee (two terms)

### ***Service to Vanderbilt University***

Tenure Review Committee, Dr. Gilbert Gonzalez, Medicine, Health and Society	Fall 2022
Advisory Committee for Foundation Relations Padma Raghavan, Vice Provost for Research	2020-2021
Steering Committee, LGBT Policy Lab, Christopher Carpenter, Director	2020-present
Dean's Diversity Designate	2020-2022
Invited Participant, Vanderbilt Leadership Academy	2018-19
Search Committee, Lecturer, Women's and Gender Studies and Jewish Studies (joint appointment)	2018-19
Search Committee, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Inclusion	

and Community	2016-17
Land Use Committee	2016-17
Chancellor's Committee on Diversity and Inclusion	2015-2016
Search Committee, Senior Lecturer, Women's and Gender Studies	2015
Second Year Review Committee, Assistant Prof. Aimie Hamraie, Medicine, Health and Society	2014-2015
Advisory Board, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities	2010-2014
Interim Chair, Department of Religious Studies	2010-2011.
Co-Director, Suffering Body Project, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture	2007-09
Chair, Senate Affairs Committee, Faculty Senate	2010-2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supervised reallocation of senators</li><li>• Successfully moved to expand size of Senate.</li></ul>	
Reviewer, "The Erotics of Race: Identity, Sexuality, and Black Figuration," dissertation submitted to Issues in Critical Investigation: African Diaspora Manuscript Competition (organized and run by Prof. Hortense Spillers)	2010.
Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Study of Religion at Vanderbilt Report submitted to Dean Carolyn Dever, 19 May 2010.	2010

***Service to Rhodes College***

Interim Chair, Department of Philosophy, Rhodes College, Memphis TN	2003-04
Chair, Department of Religious Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	2000-04
Interim Chair, Women's Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	Fall 1997