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EDUCATION

- 2000 Ph.D., University of Chicago
Major Area: History of Christianity; Minor Area: Theology & Narrative
1995 M. A., Catholic University of America (Religious Studies)
1980 J.D., University of Utah School of Law
1974 B.A., Brigham Young University (English)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2007- present Associate Professor of American Religious History, Vanderbilt University
2000-2007 Assistant Professor of American Religious History, Vanderbilt University
Divinity School & Graduate Department of Religion, Nashville, Tennessee.
1986-1996 Senior Counsel to Assistant General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.,
Resolution Trust Corp., and Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Washington, D.C.
1980-1986 Trial Attorney to Special Counsel to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights,
U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Washington, D.C.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Graduate Survey: History of Religion in America
Seminar: Historiography of American Religion
Seminar: America's Bibles
Seminar: Church & State in American History
Seminar: The Public Role of Religion in America
Seminar: New Religious Movements
Seminar: Christian Marriage Practices & Theologies in Historical Context
Seminar: Academic Teaching of Religion

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- American Religious History – the adaptive strategies of 19th and 20th century American
religious communities and the effects of pluralism on religious identity.
American Legal History – the influence of American law on American religion and the
theological tensions inherent in the First Amendment religious clauses.
Religious Imagination – the constructive function of text and ritual in maintaining and adapting
the identity of religious communities.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

- 2004 *The Politics of Religious Identity: the Seating of Senator Reed Smoot, Mormon Apostle.*
University of North Carolina Press, 2004.

Journal Reviews: *American Historical Review*; *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*; *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*; *Journal of American History*; *Journal of Mormon History*; *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*; *Rhetoric & Public Affairs*; *Utah Historical Quarterly*; *Western Historical Quarterly*; and *Western Legal History*.

Selected Other Reviews: *Choice*, *Christianity Today*, *National Review*, *Publisher's Weekly*, and *Weekly Standard*.

Book Chapter:

- 2009 "Christianity and the State" in Catherine A. Brekus and W. Clark Gilpin, eds. *American Christianities* (University of North Carolina Press, publication pending).
- 2004 "The Mormon Corridor: Utah and Idaho," in Jan Shipps, ed., *Religion in the Mountain West: Sacred Landscapes in Tension*, (Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2004), 91-114.

Juried Articles

- 2007 "Translating Time: The Nature and Function of Joseph Smith's Narrative Canon," *Journal of Religion*, 87, 4 (Oct. 2007): 497-527.
- 2003 "Re-placing Memory: Latter-day Saint Use of Historical Monuments and Narrative in the Early Twentieth Century," *Religion and American Culture* 13 (Winter 2003):69-110.
- 1995 "'Not to be Riten': The Nature and Effects of the Mormon Temple Rite as Oral Canon," *Journal of Ritual Studies* 9, 2 (summer, 1995):1-21.

Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries:

- 2008 "Mormonism," *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*. Richard A. Shweder, et al., eds., (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009). (1250 words)
- 2005 "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, Earl Waugh, ed., Vol. 2 (Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Group, 2005). (2,200 words)
- 2004 "Joseph Smith," *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, 4th ed., Betz, Hans Dieter, ed., (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2005). (600 words)
- 2002 "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) Worship," *A Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship*, Paul Bradshaw, ed. (London: SCM Press, 2002). (2,025 words)

Book Reviews:

- 2008 *Biography: An Interdisciplinary Quarterly* _____. Donald Harman Akenson, *Some Family: The Mormons and How Humanity Keeps Track of Itself* (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007). [publication pending]
- 2008 *New Mexico Historical Review* 83, 1 (2008): 128-130. Dean May & Reid Neilson, eds., *The Mormon History Association's Tanner Lectures: The First Twenty Years* (Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2006).
- 2007 *Journal of Religion* 87, 3 (July 2007): 444-446. Neilson, Reid L., ed., *The Rise of Mormonism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006).
- 2007 *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 76, 1 (Mar 2007): 219-220. Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, *The Impossibility of Religious Freedom* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2005).

- 2006 *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 75, 4 (Dec., 2006): 934-35. Verkruyse, Peter A., *Prophet, Pastor, and Patriarch: The Rhetorical Leadership of Alexander Campbell* (Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press, 2005).
- 2006 *Journal of Religion* 86, 1 (Jan, 2006):115-116. Givens, Terryl L., *The Latter-day Saint Experience in America: The American Religious Experience* (Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2004).
- 2005 *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 74, 2 (Jun., 2005): 392-94. Forsberg, Clyde R., Jr. *Equal Rites: The Book of Mormon, Masonry, Gender and the American Culture* (Columbia University Press, 2004).
- 2005 *Anglican and Episcopal History* 75:2 (Jun., 2005), 264-65. Peter Williams, *America's Religions: From Their Origins to the Twenty-First Century* (Univ. of Illinois Press, 2002).
- 2004 *Journal of Religion* 84, 4 (Oct, 2004): 617-18. Amy DeRogatis, *Moral Geography: Maps, Missionaries, and the American Frontier* (Columbia University Press, 2003).
- 2003 *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 36:1 (Spring 2003):191-193. Sarah Barranger Gordon, *The Mormon Question: Polygamy and Constitutional Conflict in Nineteenth Century America* (Univ. of North Carolina Press, 2002).
- 2003 *A.M.E. Church Review* 118, 338 (Oct - Dec, 2002), 130. Stephen R. Haynes, *Noah's Curse: The Biblical Justification of American Slavery* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2002).
- 2001 *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 70:4 (Dec., 2001) 815-817, Richard and Claudia Bushman, *Mormons in America* (Oxford Univ. Press, 1999).

PRESENTATIONS

Papers:

2010

- American Historical Association, President's Panel (Jan., 2010): "Mormon Politics and Public Relations in the Progressive Era: Past Intentions and Present Ironies"

2009

- Leonard J. Arrington Mormon History Lecture Series, Utah State University (Sept., 2009): "Ann Hutchinson's Daughters: Early Mormon Women and Religious Authority."
- Mormon History Association (May, 2009): "What's Time Got to do With Eternity?: LDS Sealing Rights and the Not-So-Patrilineal Family."
- Harvard University, Conference for LDS Graduate Students in Religious Studies (Feb. 20-21, 2009): Keynote Speaker – "To Disabuse the Public Mind."

2008

- American Academy of Religion, Religion and Media Workshop: "Religion in the Race for the White House."
- American Academy of Religion, Law, Religion, and Culture Group: "Contemporary Relevance of Howe's *The Garden and the Wilderness*."
- University of North Texas, Department of Philosophy and Religion (Oct. 15, 2008): "Presidential Politics and the Public Role of Religion."

- University of Alabama Huntsville’s Office of International Programs and the U.S. Department of State’s "Study of the U.S. Institute" for Chinese graduate students (July 24, 2008): “The Evolution of Church-State Relations in the United States.”
- Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture (IUPUI) Conference on Mormonism in American Life (Apr. 12, 2008): “Ordering Antinomy: Early Mormonism's Gendered Office, Council, & Kinship.”

2007

- Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion Conference, “Mormonism and American Politics” (Nov. 9-10, 2007): "Senator Reed Smoot: America's 'Pontifex Babbitt' and Mormonism's Political Prototype."
- Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion (Mar. 16-18, 2007): “Contributions to the Study of American Religion: Honoring the Work of Charles H. Lippy.”

2004

- Claremont Graduate University, School of Religion, Conference on the Academic Study of Mormonism (Oct. 24-26, 2004): “Positioning Mormonism in Religious Studies” (by invitation).
- Southern Scholars of American Religion, Semi Annual Meeting, Chattanooga: “Situating the Smoot Hearing in American Religious History (October 9, 2004).
- Western Kentucky University, Department of Philosophy and Religion (September 28, 2004): “The Politics of American Religious Identity.”
- Center of the American West, University of Colorado, Conference for Regional Journalists (June 2, 2004): “Public Religion in Utah and Idaho.”
- LDS Church Historian’s Office and Church History Museum (April 12, 2004): “The Contributions of the Smoot Hearing to Mormon History.”
- Brigham Young University, Harold B. Library Annual Author Lecture (April 9, 2004): “Apostle Smoot Goes to Washington: Senate Privileges and Religious Liberty in the Progressive Era.”
- University of Utah, History Department (April 8, 2004): “The Reed Smoot Hearings and the Shaping of 20th Century Mormonism.”

2003

Yale University Divinity School Conference on “God, Humanity, and Revelation: Perspectives from Mormon Philosophy and History” (March 27-29, 2003): “Translating Time: Joseph Smith's Narrative Canon.” (by invitation)

2002

American Academy of Religion: Author Meets the Critics: Sarah Barringer Gordon's *The Mormon Question: Polygamy and Constitutional Conflict in Nineteenth Century America*.

2001

American Academy of Religion: “Solving the Mormon Problem: The Smoot Hearing of 1903-1907 and the Delimitation of Religious Citizenship.”

2000

American Society of Church History: “Back to the Future: The LDS Transition to the Twentieth Century.”

1999

American Academy of Religion: “LDS Use of Commemorative Monuments in the Progressive Era, an Illustration of Strategic Adaptation of Religious Identity.”

1998

Western History Association, Sacramento: “The Mormon Church as Monopoly: Free Market and Free Exercise Discourse in the Progressive Era.”

1998

Mormon History Association, Washington, D.C.: “The Reed Smoot Hearings: the Final Solution to America's ‘Mormon Problem.’”

- 1997 First Annual Conference, Archive for Restoration Culture, Brigham Young University Smith Institute of Church History: “From Conferences to Councils: The Development of L.D.S. Church Organization, 1830-1835.”
- 1994 American Academy of Religion: “‘Not to be Riten’: The Nature and Effects of the Mormon Temple Rite as Oral Canon.”

Panels and Responses:

- 2009 Vanderbilt University, Martin Luther King Commemorative Series: Panelist -- “Prophets, Politics & Patriotism.”
- 2008 Mormon History Association: Respondent - “Teaching Mormon History”
- 2007 Vanderbilt University, Cal Turner Program Conference on *Sacred Texts in Law and Religion: Authorizing and Constituting Professional Identity*, Moderator & Discussant
- 2007 American Society of Church History: Chair – “Perceptions of Religion and the Feminist Movement”
- 2006 American Academy of Religion: Chair & Discussant – Authors Meet Critics: Marci A. Hamilton (*God vs. The Gavel*) and Winnifred Fallers Sullivan (*Impossibility of Religious Freedom*)
- 2006 American Society of Church History: Respondent – “Religious Minorities, Religious Identity, and American Politics”
- 2006 American Academy of Religion: Respondent – “Who Do You Say That I Am? The Construction and Use of Mormon and Anti-Mormon Identities”
- 2005 American Academy of Religion, Special Topics Forum: Chair & Discussant – “What the Study of Mormonism Brings to Religious Studies”
- 2004 Mormon History Association: Respondent – “Author Meets the Critics: *The Politics of American Religious Identity*”
- 2003 American Academy of Religion: Chair – “Nation, Law and Religion” jointly sponsored by the Law, Religion, and Culture Consultation and North American Religions Section
- 2003 Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion: Convener and Chair --“More than Slavery and Civil Rights: Recognizing the African American Experience in American Religious History Courses”
- 2003 American Society of Church History: Chair – “American Women Religious Leaders: Claiming and Maintaining Authority”
- 2002 American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Region (March, 2002): Chair – “Being Heard: The Public Role of Religion in America”
- 2001 American Academy of Religion, Special Topics Forum: Panel Moderator – “Crossing A Continental Divide: Telling the Story of the America West and American Religion”
- 1997 Mormon History Association: Respondent – “Mormonism and the American Religious, Mainstream”

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2005 Best Book Award, Mormon History Association
- 2003-05 Young Scholars in American Religion Program, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture and the Lilly Endowment
- 2002 Visiting Scholar Fellowship in Latter-day Saint History, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter day Saint History, Brigham Young University

- 2001 William Grover and Winifred Foster Reese Award for Best Dissertation in Mormon Studies, Mormon History Association
- 1999-2000 Dissertation Fellowship, Pew Charitable Trusts and the Yale Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion
- 1998-99 Fellowship for Future Theological Educators, the Lilly Endowment and the University of Chicago
- 1998 University of Chicago Qualifying Examinations with distinction.
- 1997 Fellowship at the Archive of Restoration Culture, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute for Latter day Saint History, Brigham Young University
- 1996-97 Sawyer Fellowship for the Study of Religion, Law, and the Construction of Identities, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS & SERVICE

- 2009 Judge, First Freedom Student Competition, Council for America's First Freedom
- 2009 Editorial review committee, American Society for Church History
- 2008-present National Program Advisory Board, Council for America's First Freedom
- 2008-2011 Editorial Board, *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*
- 2007-present *Washington Post/Newsweek* "On Faith" Panel
<http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/>
- 2006-present Advisory Board, *Encyclopedia of American Religion*, Charles Lippy and Peter Williams, eds.
- 2006-present Co-Chair, North American Religion Section, American Academy of Religion
- 2005-06 Steering Committee, North American Religion Section, American Academy of Religion
- 2005-06 Nominations Committee, American Society of Church History
- 2004-05 Program Committee, 2005 Annual Meeting, American Society of Church History
- 2003-06 Council Member, American Society of Church History
- 2001-05 Chair, American Religious History Section, the Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion and American Academy of Religion, Southeast Region
- 1998-99 Martin Marty Center Advisory Board, University of Chicago Divinity School

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society of Church History (since 1997)
- Mormon History Association (since 1995)
- American Academy of Religion (since 1994)