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Associate Professor of American Religious History
Vanderbilt University

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 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 and 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: American Religious Innovation
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*; and *Western Historical Quarterly*.

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

Book Chapter:

- 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:

- 2007 "Mormonism," *The Chicago Companion on the Child*, Richard A. Shweder, et al., eds., (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2007). (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, et al., eds., (J.C.B. Mohr). (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:

- 2007 *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]
- 2007 *New Mexico Historical Review* _____. Dean May & Reid Neilson, eds., *The Mormon History Association's Tanner Lectures: The First Twenty Years* (Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2006). [publication pending]
- 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. Sullivan, Winnifred Fallers, *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:

2004

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

2003 Yale University Divinity School Conference, "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, November, 2002: Author Meets the Critics: Sarah Barranger Gordon's *The Mormon Question: Polygamy and Constitutional Conflict in Nineteenth Century America*. (by invitation)

2001 American Academy of Religion, November, 2001: "Solving the Mormon Problem: The Smoot Hearing of 1903-1907 and the Delimitation of Religious Citizenship."

2000 American Society of Church History, January, 2000: "Back to the Future: The LDS Transition to the Twentieth Century."

- 1999 American Academy of Religion, November, 1999: “LDS Use of Commemorative Monuments in the Progressive Era, an Illustration of Strategic Adaptation of Religious Identity.”
- 1998 Western History Association, Sacramento, October, 1998: “The Mormon Church As Monopoly: Free Market and Free Exercise Discourse in the Progressive Era.”
- 1998 Mormon History Association, Washington, D.C., May, 1998: “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, 1997: “From Conferences to Councils: The Development of L.D.S. Church Organization, 1830-1835.”
- 1994 American Academy of Religion, November, 1994: “‘Not to be Riten’: The Nature and Effects of the Mormon Temple Rite as Oral Canon.”

Panels and Responses:

- 2007 Vanderbilt University, Cal Turner Program Conference on *Sacred Texts in Law and Religion: Authorizing and Constituting Professional Identity*, Moderator & Discussant
- 2007 Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion, March 2007, Panelist – “Contributions to the Study of American Religion: Honoring the Work of Charles H. Lippy.”
- 2007 American Society of Church History, January 2007, Chair – “Perceptions of Religion and the Feminist Movement.”
- 2006 American Academy of Religion, November 2006, Panel Chair – Authors Meet Critics: “Religion, Law and Society” with Marci A. Hamilton (*God vs. The Gavel*) and Winnifred Fallers Sullivan (*Impossibility of Religious Freedom*).
- 2006 American Society of Church History, January 2006, Respondent – “Religious Minorities, Religious Identity, and American Politics.”
- 2006 American Academy of Religion, November 2006, Respondent – “Who Do You Say That I Am? The Construction and Use of Mormon and Anti-Mormon Identities.”
- 2005 American Academy of Religion, November, 2005, Panel Chair & Respondent – Special Topics Forum: “What the Study of Mormonism Brings to Religious Studies: A Special AAR Session Organized on the Occasion of the Bicentennial of Joseph Smith’s Birth.”
- 2004 Mormon History Association, May, 2004, Respondent – “Author Meets the Critics: *The Politics of American Religious Identity*.”
- 2003 American Academy of Religion, November, 2003, Panel Chair – “Nation, Law and Religion” jointly sponsored by the Law, Religion, and Culture Consultation and North American Religions Section. (by invitation)
- 2003 Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March, 2003, 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, January, 2003, Session Chair – “American Women Religious Leaders: Claiming and Maintaining Authority.”
- 2002 American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Region, March, 2002, Session Chair – “Being Heard: The Public Role of Religion in America.”
- 2001 American Academy of Religion, November, 2001, Panel Moderator – Special Topics Forum: “Crossing A Continental Divide: Telling the Story of the America West and American Religion.” (by invitation)

1997 Mormon History Association, May, 1997, Respondent, Papers Session – “Mormonism and the American Religious, Mainstream”

HONORS & AWARDS

2007 *Washington Post/Newsweek* “On Faith” On-Line Conversation Panel
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
2003 Invitee, Liberty Fund Socratic Seminar, New Orleans, LA.
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
2001 Invitee, Liberty Fund Socratic Seminar, Savannah, GA
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 SERVICE

2008-2011 Editorial Board, *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*
2006-09 Co-Chair, North American Religion Section, American Academy of Religion
2006- Advisory Board, *Encyclopedia of American Religion*, Charles Lippy and Peter Williams, eds. 4 vols.
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)