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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Notre Dame , 2025-present Associate Professor of American Studies Affiliated Faculty in Gender Studies	Notre Dame, IN
Boston University , 2012-2025 Associate Professor of Religion and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, 2019-2025 Affiliated Faculty in the American Studies Program, 2022-2025 Founding Director, Health Humanities Project, 2020-2023 NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor, 2020-2023 Assistant Professor of Religion and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, 2012-2019	Boston, MA
Institute for Advanced Study , 2019-2020 Member, School of Historical Studies	Princeton, NJ
New York University , 2010-2012 Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, Program in Religious Studies	New York, NY

EDUCATION

Princeton University Ph.D. in Religion, 2011 Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies M.A. in Religion, 2009	Princeton, NJ
The University of Chicago M.A. in the Social Sciences, 2004	Chicago, IL
Georgia State University B.A. in Religious Studies, 2003 Minor in Anthropology <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> & Research Honors	Atlanta, GA

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

1. *Provoking Religion: Sex, Art, and the Culture Wars* (Oxford University Press, 2025)
 - Review Roundtable in progress for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
 - Topic of "Author-Meets-Critics" Panel, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 2025)
2. *After the Wrath of God: AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion* (Oxford University Press, 2015)
 - 2016 Non-Fiction Book Award Finalist, Religion Newswriters Association

- Reviewed in: *American Historical Review*, *American Quarterly*, *Reading Religion (AAR)*, *The Revealer*, *The Guardian*, *Library Journal*, *Lambda Literary*, *Popmatters*, *Ac&U Magazine*, *Choice*, *Sociology of Health & Illness*, *e-misférica: Performance and Politics in the Americas*, *The Christian Century*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Theology and Sexuality*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, *Journal of American Studies*
- Topic of three “Author-Meets-Critics” Panels: *Social Science History Association* Annual Meeting (2015); the *Association for Sociology of Religion* Annual Meeting (August 2016); “Beyond Stonewall: New Histories of Religion and Sexuality in America” Symposium at Princeton University (March 2017)

Work in Progress: *A Dedicated Life: Kathryn Hulme’s American Century*: research in progress for this biography; proposal drafted for the NEH Summer Stipend Fellowship (2024, before the fellowship was canceled)

Refereed Essays and Book Chapters

1. “Judy Chicago’s Gender Trouble? *The Dinner Party*, Feminist Politics, and the Aesthetics of Literalism,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 92:3 (September 2025): 447-554
2. “Bob Flanagan’s Crip Catholicism, Transgression, and Form in Lived Religion,” *American Religion* 1:2 (Spring 2020): 1-26
3. “U.S. Religious History, the Culture Wars, and the Arts of Secularity,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87: 4 (December 2019): 968-981
4. “Sex, Art, and Moral Panic,” *Modern American History* 1: 2 (July 2018), 237-241
5. “Ray Navarro’s Jesus Camp, AIDS Activist Video, and the ‘New Anti-Catholicism,’” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85: 4 (December 2017): 920-956
6. “Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Religion in North America,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, edited by John Corrigan (Oxford University Press, online in 2017, in print in 2018): 53-75
7. “Beyond Accountability: The Queer Archive of Catholic Sexual Abuse,” *Radical History Review*, Issue 122 (Spring 2015): 160-176
8. “Celebrate Politics: Queering the Limits,” in *Queer Christianities*, edited by Mark Larrimore, Michael Pettinger, and Kathleen Talvacchia (New York: NYU Press, 2014): 37-47
9. “Religion, Gender, and Sexuality,” in *The Columbia Guide to Religion in American History*, edited by Paul Harvey and Edward Blum (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012): 188-212

Book Chapters and Essays

1. “Playing Pentecostal,” *Religious Studies Review* 48:1 (March 2022): 35-39.
2. “Keyword: Religion,” in *Routledge History of American Sexuality*, edited by Kevin P. Murphy, Jason Ruiz, and David Serlin (New York: Routledge Press: 2020): 290-300
3. “The Rhetoric of Crisis, the Chronic, and U.S. Religion,” in *Proceedings: The 6th Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture* (Indianapolis: Center for Religion and American Culture, 2019)
4. “Disability Studies and Religion,” in *Embodied Religion*, edited by Kent Brintnall (Farmington Hills, Mich: MacMillan: 2016): 359-376
5. “The History of Religions and North American Religion,” *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, Charles Lippy and Peter Williams, eds. (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010): 993-1001
6. “Mainline Protestants & Homosexuality,” *LGBTQ America Today: An Encyclopedia* (Westport, CT: Greenwood, 2008): 943-949

Book Reviews

1. Review of *The Life and Death of Ryan White: AIDS and Inequality in America*, by Paul Renfro, *American Historical Review* (March 2026)
2. Review of *Devotions and Desires*, edited by Bethany Moreton, Gillian Frank, and Heather White, *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (July 2018): <http://readingreligion.org/books/devotions-and-desires>
3. “Reading Bodies, Writing Bodies,” review of *Convulsing Bodies: Religion and Resistance in Foucault*, by Mark Jordan, *GLQ* 24: 1 (January 2018): 151-153

4. Review of *Religion, Flesh, and Blood: The Convergence of HIV/AIDS, Black Sexual Expression, and Therapeutic Religion*, by Pamela Leong, *Nova Religio*, 20: 4 (May 2017): 140-142
5. Review of *Religion and Medicine: A Historical Introduction*, by Gary B. Ferngren, *Social History of Medicine* 28: 4 (November 2015): 953-955
6. Review of *North Carolina and the Problem of AIDS: Advocacy, Politics, and Race in the South*, by Stephen J. Inrig, *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 23: 3 (May 2014): 308-310
7. "Review Essay: Domesticity and Spirituality in African American Religious History and Ethnography," *Radical History Review* 99 (Fall 2007): 260-266

Online Essays and Interviews

1. "11 Questions: Provoking Religion," *Killing the Buddha*, June 13, 2025, <https://killingthebuddha.com/mag/11-questions-mag/11-questions-provoking-religion-by-anthony-petro/>
2. "How AIDS Got Its Name," *The Conversation*, September 4, 2024, https://theconversation.com/how-hiv-aids-got-its-name-the-words-americans-used-for-the-crisis-were-steeped-in-science-stigma-and-religious-language-233188?fbclid=IwY2xjawFFM8FleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHcU-q8OAgc7PULOuN7wZhQxZ238aPMtJ652kzQU2ePnWLWFm2ydkfUIF_w_aem_9tjDKtEcIlm9u6MKOH3kRg
3. "Camp Conviction and the Politics of Religion: Or, That Naked Public Square's Really a Drag," *The Immanent Frame*, Feb 21, 2018, <https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/02/21/that-naked-public-squares-really-a-drag/>
4. "What Are You Teaching," *The Immanent Frame*, Dec 14, 2017, <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/12/14/what-are-you-teaching/#Petro>
5. "How Not to be a (Religious Demographic) Size Queen in an Epidemic," *religion & culture forum*, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago, Feb 15, 2017, <https://voices.uchicago.edu/religionculture/2017/02/15/scholars-roundtable-trumps-america-and-the-academic-study-of-religion/>
6. "Reforming Sex," *Cosmologies: A Magazine of Science, Religion, and Culture*, July 19, 2016, <http://cosmologiesmagazine.com/anthony-petro-reforming-sex/>
7. "7 Questions with the Author," *Sacred Matters: Religious Currents in Culture*, Nov 25, 2015, <https://scholarblogs.emory.edu/sacredmatters/2015/11/25/seven-questions-for-anthony-petro/>
8. "AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion: An Interview with Anthony Petro," *Notches: (Re)Marks on the History of Sexuality*, Oct 27, 2015, <http://notchesblog.com/2015/10/27/aids-sexuality-and-american-religion-an-interview-with-anthony-petro/>
9. "How AIDS Changed the Way American Christians Talk about Sex," *Religion Dispatches*, Aug 2, 2015, <http://religiondispatches.org/how-aids-changed-the-way-american-christians-talk-about-sexuality/>
10. "After the Wrath of God: An Interview with Anthony M. Petro," *Religion in American History*, June 7, 2015, <http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2015/06/after-wrath-of-god-interview-with.html>
11. "American Religion in the Age of Reagan: A Quiz," *Oxford University Press Blog*, June 6, 2015, blog.oup.com/2015/06/american-religion-age-reagan-quiz/
12. "Koop's Crusade," *Slate*, Feb 27, 2013, slate.com.
13. "Big Vampire Love: What's So Mormon about *Twilight*?" (with Samira K. Mehta) *Religion Dispatches*, Dec 4, 2009, religiondispatches.org.
14. "Smelling a Secular Funk: Debating the Power of Religion in the Public Sphere," *Religion Dispatches*, Oct 28, 2009, religiondispatches.org.

HONORS AND AWARDS

External

2019-2020
2018-2019

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ. Member, School of Historical Studies Art Writing Workshop, selected as a participant in the 2019 workshop, which is a partnership between the International ArtCritics Association/USA Section and the Creative Capital/Andy Warhol Foundation Arts Writers Grant Program

2018	Individual Research Grant Award (\$4600), for book project on <i>Provoking Religion: Sex, Art, and the Sacred in the Modern U.S.</i> , American Academy of Religion
2016	Non-Fiction Book Award Finalist, Religion Newswriters Association, for <i>After the Wrath of God</i>
2015	Research Grant (\$1950) from the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church for archival research on religion and alcoholism
2013-2015	Young Scholars in American Religion, Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University. 1 of 10 junior scholars selected for two-year series of workshops on research and pedagogy
2012	LGBT Religious History Award, LGBT Religious Archives Network
2004	Kenneth W. Payne Prize, Association for Queer Anthropology, American Anthropological Association

Internal

2024	NEH Summer Stipend <i>Nominee</i> for Boston University (for a biography of American writer Kathryn Hulme) (fellowship cancelled by new administration)
2023	Jeffery Henderson Senior Research Fellowship (one semester research leave), Boston University Center for the Humanities
2022	Learn More Grant, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Boston University
2020-2023	NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor, Boston University
2016	Junior Faculty Fellowship (one semester research leave), Boston University Center for the Humanities
2014	Publication Production Award for <i>After the Wrath of God: AIDS Sexuality, and American Religion</i> , Boston University Center for the Humanities
2013-2014	Humanities Project Award for Faculty Gender and Sexuality Studies Group, with Erin Murphy, Boston University Center for the Humanities
2009-2010	Graduate Fellow in Religion and Culture, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
2008-2009	Joanne and Noah Cotsen Junior Fellowship, Princeton University
2008-2009	Graduate Fellow in Religion and Public Life, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
2003-2004	University Scholarship, The University of Chicago
2003	Outstanding Scholar of Georgia State University
2003	Outstanding Student in Religious Studies Award, Georgia State University
1999-2003	Presidential Honors Scholarship, Georgia State University (tuition and living stipend for four years)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

I. Invited Lectures

2026	Keynote Lecture, "Provoking Religion: Queer Arts and Queer Theories," Fourth Annual Queer Theories Graduate Symposium, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 10
2025	Invited Lecture, "Provoking Religion: Art and the Culture Wars," Georgia State University, Atlanta GA, Religious Studies Department, March 11
2024	Invited Lecture, "Wojnarowicz v. Wildmon: Between Queer Imagination and the Aesthetics of Literalism," MAVCOR, Yale University, October 8
2024	Invited Keynote, "Playing Sacred: The Camp Aesthetics of Feminist and Queer Art," Danforth Center on Religion & Politics, Washington University in St. Louis, April 16
2022	Invited Keynote, "Religion and the Health Humanities," Religion, Health, and Humanities Researchers, December 15
2022	Invited Lecture, "Moral Contagion: HIV/AIDS, Activism, and American Religion," Bucknell University, October 20

- 2021 Invited Lecture, "Moral Contagion: HIV/AIDS, Activism, and American Religion," Rex G. and Ina Mae Powell Lecture, Elon University, October 20
- 2021 Invited Lecture, "Infamous Icons: *The Last Supper* and the Explicit Body with Judy Chicago and Renee Cox," Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Princeton University, March 30
- 2020 Invited Lecture, "Provoking Religion: The Aesthetics of Literalism and the Queer Arts of Myth in the U.S. Culture Wars," Center for Visual Culture, Bryn Mawr College, Sept 30
- 2019 Invited Lecture, "Provoking Religion: The U.S. Culture Wars and the Queer Arts of Offense," Martin Marty Center Series on Religions in the Americas, University of Chicago, October 28
- 2019 Invited Lecture, "Sex, Art, and the Sacred in the Age of Culture Wars," University of Oregon, March 14
- 2018 Invited Lecture, "Bob Flanagan's Crip Catholicism: Performing Bodies in Secular Times," Haverford College, February 20
- 2017 Invited Lecture, "Millennials, Politics, and American Religion," St. Anselm College, March 23
- 2016 Invited Lecture, "Reforming Sex: American Christianity and Public Health in the Age of AIDS," Department of History, College of Staten Island, CUNY, March
- 2016 Invited Lecture, "Stopping the Church: Catholicism and the Performance of AIDS Activism," Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion, University of Mary Washington, March
- 2016 Invited Lecture, "AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion," Moral Voices Conversation Series, Brown University, February
- 2015 Invited Lecture, "Protest Religion! AIDS Activism, American Religion, and the Ethics of Sex," Fordham University, part of the E. Rhodes and Leona Carpenter Foundation Sexuality and Religion Lecture Series, November
- 2015 Invited Lecture, "The Sexual Politics of Religious Freedom: Protest and Secularism in the Age of AIDS," Colloquium on Religion, Law, and Social Thought, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada, October
- 2015 Invited Lecture, "Sex and American Christianity in the Age of AIDS," Department of Religious Studies, Albright College, Reading, PA, October
- 2014 Invited Lecture, "ACT UP, AIDS, and American Religion," Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, North Carolina State University, April 10
- 2012 Invited Lecture, "ACT UP and American Religion," GLBT Historical Society, San Francisco, CA, June 14
- 2012 Invited Keynote Speaker, "The Contemporary Evangelical Landscape in New York and the U.S." Anti-Defamation League, New York, NY

II. Invited Presentations

- 2025 Invited Presentation, "Writing *Provoking Religion*," Department of Religion's Religion in the Americas Workshop, Princeton University, Fall 2025
- 2023 Invited Presentation, "Wildmon v. Wojnarowicz," Department of Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Pittsburgh, October 18
- 2022 Invited Presentation, Conference on "Building Catholics Studies Where We Are," University of New Mexico, April
- 2021 Invited Presentation, Conference on "Religion and Excess," Religious Studies Department, Yale University, April 9-10
- 2020 Invited Presentation, "Provoking Religion," American Religions Workshop, Stanford University, January 8
- 2019 Invited Panelist, "Conversation with Ron Athey, Winner of the 2019 AAR Religion and the Arts Award," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November

- 2019 Invited Panelist, “The Rhetoric of Crisis, the Chronic, and U.S. Religion,” 6th Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University, June 6-9
- 2019 Invited Presentation, “U.S. Religious History, Culture Wars, and the Arts of Secularity,” Religion and Critical Thought Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, April 23
- 2019 Invited Presentation, “Sexuality, Bodies, Crosses,” Religion and Its Many American Publics, Lehigh University, April 6
- 2018 Invited Presentation, “Bob Flanagan’s Crip Catholicism,” North American Religions Colloquium, Department of Religion, Columbia University, Dec 3
- 2018 Invited Panelist, “Religion in U.S. Media,” Symposium on Religious Literacy and Business: Media and Entertainment, Harvard University, Sept 21
- 2018 Invited Presentation, “Taking Exception,” Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, dir. by Sarah Imhoff & Cooper Harriss, April 5-6
- 2018 Invited Presentation, “Habits of Seeing: Sex, Art, and American Religion’s Normative Vision,” for Religion and the American Normal Conference at Princeton University, February 9
- 2017 Invited Presentation, “Sex, Art, and the Sacred,” American Religions Colloquium, Florida State University, October 6
- 2017 Invited Presentation, “Religious Conviction and Intellectual Humility in Public Life,” Conference at the University of Connecticut, dir. by Ruth Braunstein, April 21
- 2017 Invited Presentation, “Taking Exception,” Conference at Indiana University, Bloomington, dir. by Sarah Imhoff & Cooper Harriss, March 31
- 2017 Featured Panelist, “Beyond Stonewall: New Histories of Religion and Sexuality in America” (A Symposium on Anthony Petro’s *After the Wrath of God: AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion* and Heather White’s *Reforming Sodom: Protestants and the Rise of Gay Rights*), Princeton University, March 11
- 2016 Invited Presentation, “Convulsing Bodies: A Conversation with Mark Jordan, Carolyn Dinshaw, and Anthony Petro,” New York University, Sept 22
- 2016 Invited Presentation, Science, Technology, and Religion Reading Group, Department of Religion, Columbia University, March 23
- 2015 Invited Talk, Conference on “Religion in the Public Sphere: Law, Rights, and the Struggle for the Body,” NYU Hemispheric Institute for Performance and Politics, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 18
- 2014 Invited Panelist, “Religion and Politics in the Americas,” NYU Hemispheric Institute for Performance and Politics, Montreal, Canada, June 25
- 2014 Invited Presentation, “Queer Life after DOMA,” Yale University, April 25
- 2013 Invited Presentation, “Beyond Accountability: The Queer Archive of Catholic Sexual Abuse,” Religion in the Americas Workshop, Princeton University, Oct 17
- 2013 Invited Presenter, “Affecting Performances: The Media and Body Politics of Contemporary Christianity: A Conversation with Jill Stevenson and Anthony Petro,” Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, New York University, Nov 14
- 2012 Invited Presentation, “Contemporary Christians and Celibate Desire,” Queer Christianities Conference, The New School, New York, NY
- 2011 Invited Speaker, “ACT UP, Religious Freedom, and the Ethics of Sex,” LGBTQ Student Center Speaker Series, New York University
- 2011 Invited Panelist, “Religious Liberty and the American Creed,” Institute on U.S. Culture & Society: The Reconciliation of American Diversity with National Unity, Multinational Institute of American Studies, New York University
- 2011 Invited Panelist, “Beyond Religion Lived and Represented,” Talking about Religion: Contested Meanings, Manhattan Marymount University, New York, NY

- 2011 Invited Respondent for Richard Swinburne, “The Existence of God: Does God Exist?” New York University
- 2011 Invited Presentation, “Reforming Sex: C. Everett Koop and the Moral Politics of Public Health,” Center for Religion and Media, New York University
- 2011 Invited Presentation, “Reforming Sex: C. Everett Koop and the Moral Politics of Public Health,” American Religions Colloquium, Yale University
- 2010 Invited Presentation, “AIDS, American Religion, and the Bio-Politics of Pastoral Care,” Conference on the Politics of Religion, Macaulay Honors College, CUNY
- 2005 Invited Presentation, “Reconciling Agency: Gay and Lesbian Activism at a Chicago Methodist Church,” Religion and Sexuality Consultation, Princeton University

III. Conference Papers and Presentations

- 2025 Respondent, “Author-Meets-Critics” Panel on *Provoking Religion*, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Boston, MA, November
- 2023 Presenter, “Wojnarowicz v. Wildmon: Art, Sex, and the Aesthetics of Literalism,” for a panel on “Evangelical Aesthetics,” American Society of Church History, January
- 2022 Panelist, “Roundtable on the Health Humanities and the Study of Religion,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November
- 2021 Panelist, “Roundtable on Janet Jakobsen’s *The Sex Obsession*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November
- 2021 Presenter, “Sexuality, Art, and the Culture Wars,” Society for U.S. Intellectual History Annual Conference, March 1
- 2020 Presenter, “Provoking Religion,” Religion in the Americas Workshop, Princeton University
- 2019 Presenter, “Bob Flanagan’s Crip Catholicism and the Queer Art of Public Confession,” UCR Conference and Queer and Transgender Studies in Religion, Riverside, CA, Feb 23
- 2019 Presenter, “Critical Terms of the ACHA: A Roundtable on *Catholic*,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, January 3-6
- 2018 Presenter, “Race, Disability, and Evangelical Affect in the Work of Joni Eareckson Tada,” for panel on “Governing Health,” co-sponsored by the North American Religions Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit of the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November
- 2018 Presider and co-organizer, “Author-Meets-Critics Panel on R. Marie Griffith’s *Moral Combat*,” co-sponsored by the Religion and Politics Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit of the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November
- 2017 Presenter, “Bob Flanagan’s Crip Catholicism,” for panel on “Making Difference: Religion and Disability in the United States,” sponsored by the North American Religions Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 19
- 2017 Presenter, “Is Dissent Secular? Religion, Disruption, and the Liberal State,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, November 11
- 2016 Roundtable Discussant, “Author Meets Critics: Mark A. Smith, *Secular Faith*,” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August
- 2016 Featured Respondent, “Author Meets Critics Panel on *After the Wrath of God: AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion*,” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August
- 2016 Roundtable Discussant, “Author Meets Critics: Mayra Rivera, *Poetics of the Flesh*,” American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, April
- 2016 Roundtable Discussant, “Author Meets Critics: Janet Jakobsen, *Why Sex?*,” American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, April
- 2015 Presenter, “Protesting Catholics: The ‘New Anti-Catholicism’ and the Politics of Public Religion in North America,” American Academy of Religion, North American Religions Section, November

- 2015 Respondent, "Author Meets Critics Panel on *After the Wrath of God: AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion*," Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November
- 2015 Chair, "Religious Cultures of U.S. Imperialism," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, October
- 2015 Presenter, "Journeying into Evangelicalism: Twenty-Five Years of Traveling with Randall Balmer's *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*," American Society of Church History/AHA Annual Meeting, New York City, January
- 2014 Presenter, "Protest Religion! ACT UP, AIDS, and the Ethics of Sex," American Academy of Religion, Global Perspectives on Religion and the HIV/AIDS Epidemic Seminar, San Diego, CA, November
- 2014 Presenter, "Religion, Health, and the Body in North America," Department of Religion at Western Michigan University, May 15-17
- 2013 Panelist, "Public/Private," Sexual Binaries/Religious Histories: A Roundtable Discussion, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November
- 2013 Panelist, "Roundtable on *Seeking the Straight and Narrow*," Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Annual Conference, D.C., March 30
- 2011 Presenter, "After the Wrath of God: American Christian Sentiment and the Bio-Politics of AIDS," American Religion in the Age of AIDS, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November
- 2011 Presenter, "Reforming Sex: C. Everett Koop and the Moral Politics of Public Health," American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, Boston, January
- 2009 Presenter, "Writing Barbin: Religion, Feminist Theory, and the Body," Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion, Montreal, November
- 2009 Presenter, "Reading Barbin: Autobiography, Religion, and the Body," Radical Intersections: Performance across Disciplines, Northwestern University
- 2009 Presenter, "After the Wrath of God: The History of Christian AIDS Activism," American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Annual Meeting (Joint Session), New York City
- 2005 Presenter, "Reconciling Agency: The Politics of Hate Speech and Memory at a Chicago Methodist Church," Religion, Ethics, and Society Section, Southeastern Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Wake Forest

IV. Lectures and Panels at Boston University

- 2024 Invited Keynote, "Provoking Religion," BU Trustees Scholars Program, Spring 2024
- 2021 Invited Panelist, "Navigating the Academy as an LGBTQIA+ Scholar," BU Diversity and Inclusion Office, November 15
- 2019 Invited Panelist, "Religion, Spirituality, and Politics: A Boston University Student-Faculty Forum," Howard Thurman Center, April 10
- 2017 Invited Speaker, "Stop the Church? Religion and Politics in the American Culture Wars," Rhett Talk, Boston University, September 6, 2017
- 2016 Featured Speaker, "Reforming Sex: Religion and Sexuality in Modern America" (A Conversation between Anthony Petro and Heather White), Department of Religion, Boston University, December
- 2016 Faculty Roundtable Discussant, "Protest, Public Religion, and Social Change," Boston University Graduate Conference on Religious Studies, October
- 2016 Roundtable Panelist, "Douglas Crimp: Before Pictures," Gender and Sexuality Studies Faculty Group, Boston University, October
- 2014 Invited Speaker, "Disability across the Disciplines," Center for Gender, Sexuality, and Activism / Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Boston University, Dec 3
- 2013 Invited Lecture, "Beyond the Culture Wars? American Evangelicals Today," Evergreen Program, Boston University, Oct 23

2013	Invited Panelist, “AIDS, Sexuality, and the Catholic Church,” Panelist for Catholic Vocations in a Time of Change, Boston University School of Theology, 3/21
2012	Presenter, “American Evangelical Sentiment and the Bio-politics of AIDS,” Social Science and Religion Network, Boston University, Sept 13
2012	Presenter, “American Christians and the Politics of AIDS,” Conference on Religion, Social Movements, and Zones of Crisis, Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston University

ACADEMIC PROJECTS and WORKING GROUPS

2018	Invited Participant, Reporting on Religion, Northeastern University, organized by Elizabeth Bucar, March
2017-2022	Participant, Religion and Families in North America Seminar, American Academy of Religion (five-year workshop)
2012-2016	Co-chair, Global Perspectives on Religion and the HIV/AIDS Epidemic, Five-Year Seminar Unit, American Academy of Religion
2014-2015	Invited Participant, Managing Religious Diversity in the Neoliberal Americas, NYU Hemispheric Institute for Performance & Politics, Conferences in Montreal, Canada (June 2014) and Buenos Aires, Argentina (June 2015); Ann Pellegrini, <i>director</i>
2011	Invited Participant, Sex Abuse and the Study of Religion Seminar, Yale University, New Haven, CT; Kathryn Lofton and Robert Orsi, <i>directors</i>
2009-2010	Participant, Bio/Geo-Politics of Religion Seminar, Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, New York, NY; Lee Quinby and Sylvia Tomasch, <i>directors</i>
2009	Participant, Religion and Sexuality Initiative, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Mark Jordan, <i>director</i>

TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame

AIDS/Art/America

The 80s Never Ended (CSEM)

LGBTQ U.S. History

Boston University

Religion, Health, and Medicine

Multireligious America

Humanities Approaches to Religion (*grad seminar*)

American Evangelicalism

Introduction to Religion

Religion and Sexuality

Unmaking Modernity (*Core Curriculum*)

Religion, Health, and the Body

Christianity

Sexuality and Religion in the U.S.

Global Christianity (*directed reading, grad level*)

Vatican II (*directed reading, grad level*)

Sex, Art, and the Sacred in the Modern U.S.

Religion, Secularism, and Power

HIV/AIDS, Art, and Religion in America

Religion and Queer Theory (*directed reading, grad level*)

New York University

American Evangelicalism

Religion in the U.S. since the Civil War

Identity & Desire in American Religion (*grad seminar*)

Religion, Health, and Medicine

“Experience” in American Religion (*grad seminar*)

Graduate Advising and Dissertation Committees (names redacted)

- Dissertation Committee Member, “From Sex Advice to Purity Rings: Evangelical Women’s Consumption and the Cultural Origins of the Political Right, 1960-2000s,” University of Notre Dame, History
- Currently advising two doctoral students and serving as a second or third reader for several others, Boston University

- Primary Advisor for “Frontiers in American Religion: Myth, Technology, and the Making of a Pioneering People,” dissertation defended Fall 2024, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies (employed in the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, Tufts University)
- Primary Adviser for “Pedagogies of Memory: Race, Religion, and the National Sacred in U.S. Literature,” dissertation defended Fall 2022, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies (employed at Phillips Exeter Academy)

ADMINISTRATIVE & ACADEMIC SERVICE

I. General Service to the Field

2024-present	Series editor for NYU Press’s <i>North American Religions</i> Series
2024-2025	Reviewer, ACLS Dissertation Fellowship
2021-present	Tenure dossier reviews for Ohio University, University of Arizona, Skidmore College, and Elon University
2020-present	Reviewer, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ
2019-2025	Chair (2023-2025) and Member, Religion and Arts Award Jury, American Academy of Religion
2019-present	Editorial Board, <i>American Religion</i>
2019-present	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
2018-2019	Co-chair, Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality, Boston
2017-2019	Member of the Board of Representatives, Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality, Boston
2017-2019	Associate Editor, <i>Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society</i>
2015 and 2017	Coffee with a Faculty Mentor, American Academy of Religion
2011	Co-organizer (with Lynne Gerber), American Religion in the Age of AIDS, American Academy of Religion, jointly sponsored by five units: North American Religions; Religion & Sexuality; Queer Studies in Religion; Arts, Literature, & Religion; and Religions, Social Conflict, & Peace, San Francisco

II. Service to the University (college and university-level service)

Boston University

2024-2025	Faculty mentor, Society of Fellows, College of Arts and Sciences
2022-2023	Faculty mentor for Society of Fellows, College of Arts and Sciences
2022-2024	Member, Provost’s Graduate Academic Programs and Policies Committee
2022-2025	Faculty-in-Residence, Kilachand Hall, Boston University
Spring 2022, 2023	Member, CAS Dean’s Lecture Series Committee (reviews and selects three speakers for the CAS lecture series)
2020-2025	Faculty Advisor, FLIP@BostonU (undergraduate organization for first-gen and low-income students)
2020-2023	Founding Director, Health Humanities Project
2020-2021	Member, Humanities Task Force, College of Arts and Sciences
2018-2019	Member, Provost’s Task Force on LGBTQIA+ Faculty and Staff
2017-2022	Faculty Interviewer for Admissions, Seven-Year Liberal Arts BA/MD Program, College of Arts and Sciences and School of Medicine
2017 (Jan–Dec)	Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
2016-2025	Executive Committee, Institute of Culture, Religion & World Affairs
2014-2017	Member, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Boston University (except during sabbatical between 2015-2016AY)
2014-2015	Co-organizer, Tertulia (junior faculty workshop series)

2012-2025	Member (<i>co-organizer for 2013-2014 and for 2016-2017</i>), Faculty Gender and Sexuality Studies Group
2014-2015	Member, Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship Committee

III. Service to the Department or Program

Notre Dame

2025-2026	Chair for Search Committee, Annenberg Chair in American Studies and Journalism
2025-present	Faculty Mentor to Junior colleague (AMST)

Boston University

2024-2025	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Religion
2024-2025	Faculty Mentor to Junior colleague (RN) (started January 2024)
2022-2023	Chair for Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Religion in the U.S.
2021-2023	Coordinator for Core Curriculum (CC222), Core Curriculum Program
2020-2022	Director of Graduate Studies, Graduate Program in Religion
2020-2022	Specialization Coordinator, Religions in Politics, Philosophy, and Society, Graduate Program in Religion
2018-2019	Specialization Coordinator, Religions in American Culture Specialization, Graduate Program in Religion
2017-2018	Member, Search Committee for tenured position in Religions of the African Diaspora, Department of Religion
2017-2019	Director of Graduate Studies, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program (starting January 2017)
2017	Member, Committee on Academic Programs (prospectus review), Graduate Program in Religion (Spring semester)
2016	Member, Doctoral Subfields Proposal Subcommittee, Department of Religion (Fall semester)
2014	Co-organizer, TF Orientation, Graduate Program in Religion
2012-2014	Graduate Career Development Mentor, Graduate Program in Religion

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Book Manuscripts/Proposals:

<i>Oxford University Press</i> (x3)	<i>Fordham University Press</i> (x2)
<i>New York University Press</i>	<i>Routledge</i>
<i>Columbia University Press</i>	<i>Duke University Press</i>
<i>Bloomsbury</i>	<i>Princeton University Press</i>
<i>University of North Carolina Press</i> (x2)	

Journal Articles:

<i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>	<i>Journal of Social History</i>
<i>Women's Studies Quarterly</i>	<i>Theology & Sexuality</i>
<i>Intl. Jn. of Comp Sociology</i>	<i>Practical Matters</i>
<i>Nova Religio</i>	<i>U.S. Catholic Historian</i>
<i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>	<i>Journal of Homosexuality</i>
<i>Church History</i>	<i>differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies</i>
<i>Religion and American Culture</i>	<i>TSQ: Trans Studies Quarterly</i>
<i>Journal of the History of Sexuality</i>	<i>Modern American History</i>

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish (reading and writing)	French (reading)
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SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Studies Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

American Society of Church History

American Catholic Historical Association

American Historical Association