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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- Boston University**, 2012-present Boston, MA  
NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor, 2020-present  
Associate Professor of Religion and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, 2019-present  
Assistant Professor of Religion and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies, 2012-2019
- Administrative Roles:*  
Founding and Current Director, Health Humanities Program, 2020-present  
Director of Graduate Studies, Graduate Program in Religion, 2020-present  
Co-chair, GCWS, 2018-2019  
Director of Graduate Studies, WGSS Program, 2017-2019
- Institute for Advanced Study**, 2019-2020 Princeton, NJ  
Member, School of Historical Studies
- New York University**, 2010-2012 New York, NY  
Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, Program in Religious Studies

## EDUCATION

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

1. *Provoking Religion: Sex, Art, and the Sacred in the Modern U.S.* (under contract with Oxford University Press)
2. *After the Wrath of God: AIDS, Sexuality, and American Religion* (New York: 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*, *A&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)

### Refereed Essays and Book Chapters

1. “Bob Flanagan’s Crip Catholicism, Transgression, and Form in Lived Religion,” *American Religion* 1:20 (Spring 2020): 1-26
2. “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
3. “Sex, Art, and Moral Panic,” *Modern American History* 1: 2 (July 2018), 237-241
4. “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
5. “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
6. “Beyond Accountability: The Queer Archive of Catholic Sexual Abuse,” *Radical History Review*, Issue 122 (Spring 2015): 160-176
7. “Celibate Politics: Queering the Limits,” in *Queer Christianities*, edited by Mark Larrimore, Michael Pettinger, and Kathleen Talvacchia (New York: NYU Press, 2014): 37-47
8. “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* (in production)
2. “Keyword: Religion,” in *Routledge History of American Sexuality*, edited by Kevin P. Murphy, Jason Ruiz, and David Serlin (New York: Routledge Press: 2020, 7,000 words)
3. “The Rhetoric of Crisis, the Chronic, and U.S. Religion,” in *Proceedings: The 6<sup>th</sup> 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 *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>
2. “Reading Bodies, Writing Bodies,” review of *Convulsing Bodies: Religion and Resistance in Foucault*, by Mark Jordan, *GLQ* 24: 1 (January 2018): 151-153
3. “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
4. “Review of *Religion and Medicine: A Historical Introduction*, by Gary B. Ferngren,” *Social History of Medicine* 28: 4 (November 2015): 953-955
5. “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

6. "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. "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/>
2. "What Are You Teaching," *The Immanent Frame*, Dec 14, 2017, <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/12/14/what-are-you-teaching/#Petro>
3. "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/>
4. "Reforming Sex," *Cosmologies: A Magazine of Science, Religion, and Culture*, July 19, 2016, <http://cosmologiesmagazine.com/anthony-petro-reforming-sex/>
5. "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/>
6. "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/>
7. "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/>
8. "*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>
9. "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/](http://blog.oup.com/2015/06/american-religion-age-reagan-quiz/)
10. "Koop's Crusade," *Slate*, Feb 27, 2013, [slate.com](http://slate.com).
11. "Big Vampire Love: What's So Mormon about *Twilight*?" (with Samira K. Mehta) *Religion Dispatches*, Dec 4, 2009, [religiondispatches.org](http://religiondispatches.org).
12. "Smelling a Secular Funk: Debating the Power of Religion in the Public Sphere," *Religion Dispatches*, Oct 28, 2009, [religiondispatches.org](http://religiondispatches.org).

### HONORS AND AWARDS

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| 2020-2023 | <b>NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor</b> , Boston University  |
| 2019-2020 | <b>Institute for Advanced Study</b> in Princeton, NJ. Member of the School of Historical Studies   |
| 2018-2019 | <b>Art Writing Workshop</b> , 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      | <b>Individual Research Grant Award (\$4600)</b> , for book project on <i>Provoking Religion: Sex, Art, and the Sacred in the Modern U.S.</i> , American Academy of Religion  |
| 2016      | <b>Non-Fiction Book Award Finalist</b> , Religion Newswriters Association, for <i>After the Wrath of God</i>   |
| 2016      | <b>Junior Faculty Fellowship</b> (one semester research leave), Boston University Center for the Humanities  |

- 2015**                    **Research Grant (\$1950)** from the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church for archival research on religion and alcoholism
- 2014**                    **Publication Production Award** for *After the Wrath of God: AIDS Sexuality, and American Religion*, Boston University Center for the Humanities
- 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
- 2013-2014**            **Humanities Project Award** for Faculty Gender and Sexuality Studies Group, with Erin Murphy, Boston University Center for the Humanities
- 2012**                    **LGBT Religious History Award**, LGBT Religious Archives Network
- 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
- 2004**                    **Kenneth W. Payne Prize**, Association for Queer Anthropology, American Anthropological Association
- 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**

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### **I. Invited Lectures**

- 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**, September 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

- 2021 Invited Presentation, Conference on “Post-American Catholic Studies,” **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,” 6<sup>th</sup> 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

- 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, February 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**, Washington, 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

- 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**

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- 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, *director*
- 2011 Invited Participant, **Sex Abuse and the Study of Religion Seminar**, Yale University, New Haven, CT; Kathryn Lofton and Robert Orsi, *directors*
- 2009-2010 Participant, **Bio/Geo-Politics of Religion Seminar**, Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, New York, NY; Lee Quinby and Sylvia Tomasch, *directors*
- 2009 Participant, **Religion and Sexuality Initiative**, Emory University, Atlanta, GA; Mark Jordan, *director*

## **TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE**

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### **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 class*)

Christianity

Sexuality and Religion in the U.S.

Global Christianity (*directed reading, graduate level*)

Vatican II (*directed reading, graduate level*)

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

Religion, Secularism, and Power

### **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*)

## Eugene Lang College

American Religion in the Age of AIDS

### Graduate Advising and Dissertation Committees at BU (names redacted)

1. Adviser, “Pedagogies of Memory: Race, Religion, and the National Sacred in U.S. Literature,” dissertation in progress, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies
2. Second Reader, Title: TBA (ethnography of socially liberally, traditionally observant Jews in the northeast), dissertation proposal in progress, Graduate Division of Religious Studies
3. Committee member, “From the Inside: Personal Transformation and American Religion in Prison,” dissertation proposal in progress, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies
4. Committee Member, “Are Women More Religious? Feminist Approaches to Ritual Theory and Neuroendocrinology,” dissertation in progress, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies
5. Second reader, “In the Shadow of Ebenezer: A Black Catholic Parish in the Age of Civil Rights and Vatican II,” dissertation in progress, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies
6. Second reader, “White American Shaykhs of Controversy,” dissertation in progress, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies
7. Second reader, “Framing Nostalgia: Time and Affect in Contemporary Film and Protestant Christian Thought,” dissertation in progress, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies
8. Committee member, “Alternative Authorities: The Politics of Wellness in the Contemporary United States,” BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies
9. Committee member, “Saving History: White Evangelical Identity and Christian Heritage Tourism in Washington, D.C.,” BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies, 10/05/2017
10. Second reader, “Varieties of Embodied Yoga Practice,” Doctoral Thesis Final Exam, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies, 7/10/2017
11. Committee member, “Habits of the Hearth: Parenting, Religion, and the Good Life in America,” Doctoral Thesis Final Oral Exam, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies, 3/23/2015
12. Final Public Defense Presider and reader, “Black Gods of the Asphalt: Street Basketball, Power, and Embodied Spirit,” Doctoral Thesis Final Oral Exam, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies, 3/20/2014
13. Final Public Defense Presider and reader, “Love, Sex, and Marriage in the Global Mission of Walter and Ingrid Trobisch,” Doctoral Thesis Final Oral Exam, BU Graduate Division of Religious Studies, 4/11/2013
14. Second reader, “We Are Comrades! *Tongzhi* (Comrade) Theology and its Contribution to Christian Theologies of God in the New Millennium,” Doctoral Thesis Final Oral Exam, BU School of Theology, 4/3/2013

### Qualifying Examination Committees at BU (names redacted)

#### ***Exams Directed:***

- *Religion, Economy, and Politics in the Modern U.S.* (in progress)
- *Religion in the U.S.* (Summer 2019)
- *Religion in the U.S. with focus on American Judaism* (Summer 2019)
- *Religion in the U.S.* (Spring 2019)
- *Gender, Sexuality, and Religion* (Spring 2019)
- *Religion, Memory, and Cultural Difference* (Summer 2018)
- *Race and Religion in the U.S.* (Spring 2018)
- *Religion and Politics in the U.S.* (Fall 2017)

#### ***Exams for which I have served as a reader:***

- *U.S. Religious History* (Spring 2021)
- *North American Religious History* (Fall 2019)

- *Social Theory and Religion* (Spring 2019)
- *Islam in the U.S.* (Spring 2019)
- *Religion, Gender, and Sexuality with focus on queer studies/Islam* (Spring 2019)
- *Religion and Social Theory* (Spring 2019)
- *Southern U.S. Religion* (Spring 2018)
- *Social Sciences Approaches to Religion* (Fall 2017)
- *Contemporary U.S. Religion* (Fall 2017)
- *Social Sciences Approaches to Religion* (Summer 2017)
- *American Religious History* (Summer 2016)
- *Islam, Gender, and Authority* (Fall 2016)
- *Religion and Social Theory* (Fall 2016)
- *Affect, Temporality, and Futurity* (Fall 2016)
- *Critical Theory and Religion* (Summer 2016)
- *Social Science Approaches to Religion* (Spring 2014)
- *Religion and Material Culture* (Spring 2014)
- *American Religious History* (Fall 2013)
- *Religion in America* (Fall 2014)
- *Religion and Film* (Fall 2014)
- *Religion and Science* (Fall 2012)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE & ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### **I. General Service to the Field:**

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| 2019-present  | Member, Religion and Arts Award Jury, <b>American Academy of Religion</b>  |
| 2019-present  | Editorial Board, <b><i>American Religion</i></b>   |
| 2019-present  | Editorial Board, <b><i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i></b>   |
| 2018-2019     | Co-chair, <b>Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality</b> , Boston   |
| 2017-2019     | Member of the Board of Representatives, <b>Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality</b> , Boston   |
| 2017-2019     | Associate Editor, <b><i>Signs: Journal of Women and Culture in Society</i></b>   |
| 2015 and 2017 | Coffee with a Faculty Mentor, <b>American Academy of Religion</b>  |
| 2011          | Co-organizer (with Lynne Gerber), <b>American Religion in the Age of AIDS, American Academy of Religion</b> , 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. Boston University (college and university-level service):**

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| 2020-present   | Member, Humanities Task Force, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University  |
| 2018-2019      | Member, <b>Provost's Task Force on LGBTQIA+ Faculty and Staff</b> , Boston University   |
| 2017 (Jan-Dec) | Member, <b>Diversity and Inclusion Committee</b> , College of Arts and Sciences   |
| 2016-present   | Executive Committee, <b>Institute of Culture, Religion &amp; World Affairs</b> , Boston University                                    |
| 2014-2017      | Member, <b>Humanities Curriculum Committee</b> , Boston University (since Spring 2014, except during sabbatical between 2015-2016AY)  |
| 2014-2015      | Co-organizer, <b>Tertulia</b> (junior faculty workshop series), Boston University   |
| 2012-present   | Member ( <i>co-organizer for 2013-2014 and for 2016-2017</i> ), <b>Faculty Gender and Sexuality Studies Group</b> , Boston University |
| 2014-2015      | Member, <b>Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship Committee</b> , Boston University  |

### III. Boston University (departmental service to Religion and WGS):

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| 2020-present | Director of Graduate Studies, <b>Graduate Program in Religion</b>   |
| 2020-present | Specialization Coordinator, <b>Religions in Politics, Philosophy, and Society</b> , Graduate Program in Religion            |
| 2018-2019    | Specialization Coordinator, <b>Religions in American Culture Specialization</b> , Graduate Program in Religion              |
| 2017-2018    | Member, Search Committee for tenured position in Religions of the African Diaspora, <b>Department of Religion</b>           |
| 2017-2019    | Director of Graduate Studies, <b>Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program</b> (starting January 2017)                 |
| 2017         | Member, <b>Committee on Academic Programs</b> (prospectus review), Graduate Division of Religious Studies (Spring semester) |
| 2016         | Member, <b>Doctoral Subfields Proposal Subcommittee</b> , Department of Religion (Fall semester)                            |
| 2014         | Co-organizer, <b>TF Orientation</b> , Graduate Division of Religious Studies, Boston University, Spring                     |
| 2012-2014    | Graduate Career Development Mentor, <b>Division of Religious and Theological Studies (now GDRS)</b> , Boston University     |

### REVIEWER

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#### Book Manuscripts/Proposals:

*Oxford University Press* (x3)  
*New York University Press*  
*Columbia University Press*

*Fordham University Press* (x2)  
*Routledge*  
*Duke University Press*

#### Journal Articles:

*Journal of the American Academy of Religion*  
*Women's Studies Quarterly*  
*Intl. Jn. of Comp Sociology*  
*Nova Religio*  
*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
*Church History*  
*Religion and American Culture*

*Journal of Social History*  
*Theology & Sexuality*  
*Practical Matters*  
*U.S. Catholic Historian*  
*Journal of Homosexuality*  
*differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*

### SELECTED MEDIA WORK

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Interviewed for *Vice* on the history of celibacy in Roman Catholicism, September 2018,  
[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/bjax35/what-would-happen-if-roman-catholic-priests-were-allowed-to-have-sex](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/bjax35/what-would-happen-if-roman-catholic-priests-were-allowed-to-have-sex)

Interviewed for *New Books Network*, "After the Wrath of God," December 2, 2016,  
<http://newbooksnetwork.com/anthony-m-petro-after-the-wrath-of-god-aids-sexuality-and-american-religion-oxford-up-2015/>

Interviewed for *Boston Globe*, "How Richard Emmanuel became reverend of a church with a mission but no members," by Joseph P. Kahn, January 2, 2013

Interviewed for *CBS Evening News – Weekend Edition*, "The Elevation of the Cardinals and the State of the Catholic Church," February 18, 2012

Interviewed for *Discovery News*, “Religious Affiliations: On the Outs?” by Marianne English, March 28, 2011

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Spanish (reading and writing)

French (reading)

**SOCIETY AFFILIATIONS**

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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