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**I. Degrees:**

Ph.D. Religious Studies, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, May 2010  
Dissertation: *Parallel Pilgrimage at the Kirtland Temple: Cooperation and Contestation among Mormon Denominations, 1965-2009*  
Advisor: Theodore Dwight Bozeman

M.A. History, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 2004  
Thesis: *The Body of Zion: Community, Human Bodies, and Eschatological Futures among the Reorganized Latter Day Saints, 1908-1934*  
Advisor: Gary L. Ebersole

B.S.E Secondary Education in Social Studies, University of Central Missouri, 2001  
*Missouri certification to teach 9-12*  
*Summa Cum Laude*  
Honors Thesis Supervisor: William E. Foley

**II. Awards and Honors:**

Kofford Best Historical Article Award, John Whiter Historical Association, 2024.

Best Article in Mormon Women's History, the Mormon History Association, 2024.

JWHA 50th Anniversary Special Citation, John Whitmer Historical Association, 2022.

Best International Article Award, the Mormon History Association, 2021.

Kofford Best Historical Article Award, John Whitmer Historical Association, 2021.

Best First Book Award, the Mormon History Association, 2015.

The Smith-Pettit Best Book Award, the John Whitmer Historical Association, 2015.

E. P. Adler Award for Teaching Excellence, the Department of Religious Studies, The University of Iowa, 2010.

Rex E. Montgomery Award for Academic Excellence, the Department of Religious Studies, The University of Iowa, 2008.

Article of the Year, the John Whitmer Historical Association, 2007.

New Voices: Awards for New Writers, the Dialogue Foundation, 2007.

Alice Marguerite Blough Best Graduate Essay Award, the Department of Religious Studies, The University of Iowa, 2007.

Juanita Brooks Award for Best Graduate Paper from the Mormon History Association, 2004 (tied).

Nominated, Distinguished Master's Thesis, University of Missouri-Kansas City, 2004.

Wildermuth Student Paper Award, John Whitmer Historical Association, 2004.

Outstanding Undergraduate in History, Central Missouri State University, 2001.

James Sylwester History Scholarship, Central Missouri State University, 1999.

### **III. Employment History:**

Smith College, The Religion Department

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2022 - present

Mellon Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Discourse and Writing in the Discipline, 2019 - 2022

Kenyon College, The Department of Religious Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010-2011, 2018-2019

Skidmore College, The Religious Studies Department

Teaching Professor, 2016-2018

Associate Department Chair, 2016-2018

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2013-2016

Bowdoin College, The Religion Department

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Modern Christianity, 2011-2013

University of Massachusetts-Amherst, The Department of Anthropology

Associated Five College Graduate Faculty, 2022- 2025

#### **IV. Grants and Fellowships Received:**

Mary H. Collett 1925 Symposium Fund recipient, Project for Women and Social Change, Smith College, “Women and Religious Leadership: New Herstories, New Perspectives,” April 2024 - May 2025. \$36,000.

Aileen H. and Hal M. Clyde Research Fellow in Mormon Studies and Gender, University of Virginia, summer 2024. \$2,500.

Andrew W. Mellon Visiting Assistant Professor of Public Discourse and Writing in the Discipline, Smith College, July 2019 - June 2022. \$210,000 + benefits.

Team Member, New York Six Upstate Global Collective Working Group grant, sponsored by Mellon Foundation for “Religious Freedom and Human Rights in Pluralist Societies,” with colleagues from Colgate, Skidmore, Union, and Hobart & William Smith Colleges, June 2014 – August 2017.

Faculty Development Grant, Skidmore College, December 2016. \$600.

Tang Museum Mellon Faculty Seminar, Skidmore College, May 20-21, 2014.

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Modern Christianity, Bowdoin College, fall 2011-spring 2013. \$110,000 + benefits.

Graduate Fellow, Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, The University of Iowa, fall 2009 - spring 2010. \$25,000 + benefits.

Marcus Bach Fellowship for Graduate Students in the Humanities, The University of Iowa, fall 2009. \$9,000 (declined).

Graduate College Summer Fellowship, The University of Iowa, summer 2009. \$1,000 (declined).

#### **V. Publications:**

*Published:*

##### **Books:**

*Kirtland Temple: The Biography of a Shared Mormon Sacred Space.* University of Illinois Press, 2014.

- Winner of the Best First Book Award, Mormon History Association
- Winner of the Smith-Pettit Best Book Award, John Whitmer Historical Association
- Reviewed in *The Journal of American History*; *Church History: Christianity and*

*Culture; Nova Religio: The Journal of New and Emergent Religions; Material Religion; The Mormon Studies Review; Journal of Mormon History; Ohio History; BYU Studies Quarterly; John Whitmer Historical Association Journal.*

Co-authored with John-Charles Duffy. *Mormonism: The Basics*. New York: Routledge, 2017.  
-Reviewed in *Reading Religion; Mormon Studies Review; Journal of Mormon History*.

### **Articles:**

“Faith in Small Things: The RLDS Church, the New Left, and Global 1970s.” Presidential address for the Mormon History Association. *Journal of Mormon History* 51.2 (2025): 1-21.

Co-authored with Nancy Ross, “Creating a Feminist Religious Counterpublic: RLDS Feminists and Women’s Ordination Advocacy in America, 1970-1985,” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 33, no. 2 (2023): 220-247. (“Best Article in Mormon Women’s History,” *Mormon History Association*, 2024; “Kofford Best Historical Article,” *John Whitmer Historical Association*)

Co-authored with Nancy Ross and Kennedy DeVries. “AWARE, Consciousness Raising Groups, and RLDS Feminist Networks, 1969-1985.” *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 43.1 (2023): 148-163.

“The RLDS Church, Global Denominations, and Globalization: Why the Study of Denominations Still Matters.” *Journal of Mormon History* 48, no. 3 (2022): 1–14.

Co-authored with Nancy Ross and Zoe Kruse. “The Women’s Ordination Movement in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: Historical and Sociological Perspectives.” *Mormon Studies Review* 9 (2022): 15-26.

“Why Denominations Can Climb Hills: RLDS Conversions in Highland Tribal India and Midwestern America, 1964-2001.” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 89, no. 3 (2020): 633-658. (“Best International Article Award,” *Mormon History Association*, 2021, “Kofford Best Historical Article Award,” *John Whitmer Historical Association*)

“Ripe Fields, Plentiful Laborers, Few Jobs: The Prospects and Challenges for Early-Career Mormon Studies Scholars.” *Journal of Mormon History* 41, no. 1 (2015): 174-183.

“What Does Kashi Have to Do with Salt Lake?: Academic Comparisons, Asian Religions, and Mormonism.” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 47, no. 2 (2014): 122-132.

“A Post-Correlation Church?” *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 34, no. 2 (2014): 112-116.

“ ‘We’re Not the Mormons’: Alterity and Church History in the Community of Christ.” *Fides et Historia* 45, no. 1 (winter/spring 2013): 101-108.

“Restorationist Studies: The Future of the New Mormon History.” *Journal of Mormon History* 35, no. 3 (2009): 200-204.

“Eating Vegetables to Build Zion: RLDS Children in the 1920s.” *Journal of Mormon History* 35, no. 1 (2009): 1-22.

“The Death and Resurrection of the RLDS Zion: A Case Study in ‘Failed Prophecy,’ 1930-1970.” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 40, no. 3 (fall 2007): 112-131.

“The Bruderhof’s ‘System of Objects’: A Study in Material Culture and Christian Praxis.” *Communal Societies* 26, no. 2 (2006): 19-42.

“ ‘The Making of a Steward’: Zion, Ecclesiastical Power, and RLDS Bodies, 1923-1931.” *Journal of Mormon History* 32, no. 2 (2006): 1-38. (*Article of the Year, John Whitmer Historical Association, 2007*)

“Zion as Fiction: Gender, Early RLDS Novels, and the Politics of Place.” *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 25 (2005): 93-106.

“Historians on Defining Hegemony in Missionary-Native Relations.” *Fides et Historia* 37, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2005): 17-24.

“Remembering Polygamy: The RLDS Church and Late Twentieth-Century American Spiritual Transformations.” *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 24 (2004): 149-172.

### **Chapters in Books:**

With Matthew Breay Bolton, “When the Helped Help the Helpers Help: The Global Transformation of Community-Led Development Practices in an American Faith-based NGO.” In *Community-Led Development in Practice: We Power Our Own Change*, edited by Elene Cloete and Gunjan Veda, 129-142. New York: Routledge, 2025.

“Patron, Saint, and Butterfly: Sora Images of Charles Neff.” Afterword for *From Militarized Mission to Radical Resistance: The Post-Colonial Transformations of Charles D. Neff*, by Matthew Breay Bolton pp. 265-272. Independence, Missouri: John Whitmer Books, 2025.

“Inventing Rupture: Christian Adivasis, Hindu Nationalists, RLDS Americans, and the Valences of Conversion, 1964-1990.” In *Missionary Interests: Protestant and Mormon Missions in Comparison*, edited by Christopher Jones and David Golding, 105-122. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 2024.

With Maclane E. Heward. "Zion." In *Restorations: Scholars in Dialogue from Community of Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, edited by Casey Paul Griffiths and Andrew Bolton, 193-214. Provo, Utah: Religious Studies Center, BYU and John Whitmer Books, 2022.

"The Community of Christ (RLDS Church): Structuring Common Differences in the Philippines." In *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Mormonism*, edited by R. Gordon Shepherd, A. Gary Shepherd, and Ryan Cragun, 655-676. New York: Palgrave/MacMillan, 2020.

"The Cultural Work of the 'First Vision Accounts' Essay." In *The LDS Gospel Topics Essays: A Scholarly Engagement*, edited by Matthew L. Harris and Newell Bringham, 131-161. Salt Lake City: Signature Books, 2020.

"The Restoration Branches Movement: Bodily Boundaries and Bodily Crossings." In *Scattering the Saints: Schism within Mormonism*, eds. Newell G. Bringham and John C. Hamer, 315-330. Independence, Missouri: John Whitmer Books, 2007.

### **Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Entries:**

Review of *Mormon Studies: A Critical History* by Ronald Helfrich, Jr. (Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2022) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 91.4 (2022): 959-961.

"Community of Christ." In *World Religions and Spirituality Project*, edited by David G. Bromley. Posted 11 December 2022. Available online at <https://wrldrels.org/2022/12/11/21324/>

Review of *Mormonism and Violence: The Battles of Zion* by Patrick Q. Mason (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019) in *Mormon Studies Review* 9 (2022): 126-130.

Review of *Out of Obscurity: Mormonism Since 1945* edited by Patrick Q. Mason and John G. Turner (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016) in *Journal of Religious History* 45.3 (2021): 505-506.

Review of *Return to the City of Joseph: Modern Mormonism's Contest for the Soul of Nauvoo* by Scott Esplin (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2018) in *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal*, 40.1 (2020): 145-147.

Review of *Walking to Magdalena: Personhood and Place in Tohono O'odham Songs, Sticks, and Stories* by Seth Schermerhorn (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2019) in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 88.1 (2020): 256-259.

Review of *Race and the Making of the Mormon People* by Max Perry Mueller (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017) in *Nova Religio: The Journal of New and Emergent Religions* 22.4 (2019): 146-147.

Review of *Moroni and the Swastika: Mormons in Nazi Germany* by David Conley Nelson (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2015) in *German Studies Review* 40.2 (2017): 447-449.

Review of *Standing Apart: Mormon Historical Consciousness and the Concept of Apostasy* edited by Miranda Wilcox and John D. Young (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014) in *Nova Religio: The Journal of New and Emergent Religions* 19, no. 2 (2015): 122-124.

Review of *The Journey of a People: The Era of the Reorganization, 1844 to 1946* by Mark A. Scherer (Independence, Missouri: Community of Christ Seminary Press, 2012), in the *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 34, no. 1 (2014): 188-193.

Review of *In Heaven as It Is on Earth: Joseph Smith and the Early Mormon Conquest of Death* by Samuel Morris Brown (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012), in *Church History: Christianity and Culture* 83, no. 1 (2014): 234-236.

Review of *Brigham Young: Pioneer Prophet* by John G. Turner (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2012), in the *Mormon Studies Review* 1 (2014): 188-195.

Review of *The Missouri Mormon Experience* edited by Thomas M. Spencer (Columbia, Missouri: University of Missouri Press, 2010), in the *Journal of the Civil War Era* 3, no. 3 (2013): 413-414.

Review of *The Mormon People: The Story of an American Faith* by Matthew Bowman (New York: Random House, 2012), in *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 33, no. 1 (2013): 223-226.

Review of *Modern Polygamy in the United States: Historical, Cultural, and Legal Issues* edited by Cardell K. Jacobson with Lara Burton (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010) in *Church History: Christianity and Culture* 81, no. 2 (2012): 492-494.

Review of *Joseph Smith Jr.: Reappraisals after Two Centuries* edited by Terryl Givens and Reid L. Nielson (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009), in *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 32, no. 1 (2012): 157-160.

Review of *Exhibiting Mormonism: Latter-day Saints and the 1893 Chicago Worlds' Fair* by Reid L. Neilson (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011) in *Journal of Illinois History* 14, no. 4 (2011), 303-305.

Book note of *Shrines and Pilgrimage in the Modern World: New Itineraries into the Sacred* edited by Peter Jan Margry (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2008), in *Religious Studies Review* 37, no. 3 (2011): 186-187.

Review of *Joseph Bates Noble: Polygamy and the Temple Lot Case* by David L. Clark (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2009), in *Mormon Historical Studies* 11, no. 2 (2010): 159-162.

With Stanley J. Thayne, entry for "Book of Mormon," *Mormonism: A Historical Encyclopedia*, eds. W. Paul Reeve and Ardis E. Parshall (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2010), 72-75.

Book note of *God's New Whiz Kids?: Korean American Evangelicals on Campus* by Rebecca Kim (New York: New York University Press, 2006), in *Religious Studies Reviews* 34, no. 3 (2008): 222.

Review of *A House for the Most High: The Story of the Original Nauvoo Temple*, by Matthew S. McBride (Salt Lake City, Utah: Greg Kofford Books, 2007) in *Journal of Mormon History* 34, no. 2 (2008): 260-264.

Review of *The Mormon History Association's Tanner Lectures: The First Twenty Years*, ed. by Dean L. May and Reid L. Neilson with Richard Lyman Bushman, Jan Shipps, and Thomas G. Alexander (Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press, 2006) in *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 27 (2007): 245-249.

With Ron Romig, review of *Images of the New Jerusalem: Faction Interpretations of Independence, Missouri* by Craig S. Campbell (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2005) in *Journal of Mormon History*, 32, no. 1 (2006): 236-243.

Review of *Believing History: Latter-day Saint Essays* by Richard Lyman Bushman (New York: Columbia University Press, 2004) in *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal* 25 (2005): 184-187.

## **VI. Works in Progress:**

With Nancy Ross, “‘You might change your mind!’: Early Responses to Women’s Ordination in the 1980s RLDS Church,” article in writing stage.

“Labor Unions, the Socialist Party, and Cooperatives: The Radical Tradition in the RLDS Church during the Long Progressive Era.” In *A Radical Spirit: The History and Possible Futures of the Latter Day Saint Tradition*, edited by Patrick Q. Mason, Taunaly Ford, and J. Andrew Bolton, University of Illinois Press, forthcoming 2026.

Review of *Sins of Christendom: Anti-Mormonism and the Making of Evangelicalism* by Nathan Wiewora (University of Illinois Press, 2024) in *Journal of American History*, forthcoming 2025.

“Review Essay: Mormonism’s Fraught American Coalitions,” roundtable responding to Benjamin Park’s *American Zion: A New History of Mormonism* (New York: Liveright, 2024) for *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal*, essay submitted, forthcoming spring 2025.

With John-Charles Duffy. “American Church, Global Zion: Reimagining Sacred Space in Two US-centered Mormon Denominations.” In *Global Mormonism: Theory and Case Studies from Asia*, edited by Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye and Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of Illinois Press, forthcoming 2025.

*Big Religion, Small Church, Global Dreams: A Mormon Denomination in Asia and America*, manuscript in writing stage.

With Nancy Ross. *Ordaining Mormon Women: Publics, Power, and Priesthood*, manuscript in research stage.

## **VII. Scholarly Lectures and Other Presentations:**

### *Conference Presentations:*

“Labor Unions, Socialism, and Cooperatives: The RLDS Radical Tradition in the Long Progressive Era,” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, November 25, 2024.

Panelist, “Author Meets Critics: Benjamin Park’s *American Zion: A New History of Mormonism*,” John Whitmer Historical Association, September 14, 2024, recorded remarks played at conference.

“Faith in Small Things: The RLDS Church, the New Left, and the Global 1970s,” Presidential address for the Mormon History Association, June 15, 2024, Cleveland, Ohio.

“Rebranding a Faith: Materializing the Community of Christ in the US, the Philippines, and India,” annual meeting of the American Studies Association, November 2, 2023, Montreal, Quebec.

“Sharing the Gospel of the NGO: Filipino Catholics, American RLDS, and the Protestantization of a Global Denomination, 1972-1994,” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 19, 2022, Denver, Colorado.

With Nancy Ross and Tillie Slosser, “RLDS Feminist Networks, 1969-1985,” annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, September 17, 2022, Independence, Missouri.

With Nancy Ross, “Counterpublic, Social Movement, or Network?: The Case of RLDS Feminists and Women’s Ordination Advocacy, 1970-1985,” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 20, 2021, online panel due to COVID-19 crisis.

With Nancy Ross, “Narratives about the Women’s Ordination Movement in the RLDS Church,” annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, June 10, 2021, Park City, Utah.

“Creating a ‘World Church’: Globalization, Global Denominations, and the RLDS Church in Asia and America, 1965-2000,” Third Annual World Christianity Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 3, 2021, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Optional Mormonism, Common Ground, and the Community of Christ’s Kirtland Temple: The Secularization of a Mormon Pilgrimage Shrine, 2006–2014,” paper accepted for the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2020, conference canceled due to COVID-19 crisis.

“The Story of the ‘Evacuees’: A Filipino Congregation, a Cold War Insurgency, and the Development of the First RLDS NGO, 1972-1974,” plenary address, annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, September 19, 2020, online conference due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Glocalization, Grobalization, and the Community of Christ in the Philippines, 1965-2015,” annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, June 1, 2020, online conference due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Inventing Rupture in Eastern India: RLDS Adivāsis, Hindu Nationalists, and the Valences of Conversion, 1966-1990,” invited paper for “Missionary Interests: Protestant and Latter-day Saint Missions in the 19th and 20th Centuries” conference, November 8, 2019, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Panelist, “Author-meets-critics: Scott Esplin’s *Return to the City of Joseph: Modern Mormonism’s Contest for the Soul of Nauvoo*,” annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, September 27, 2019, Rochester, New York.

“Why Denominations Can Climb Hills: RLDS Conversions in Highland India and Midwestern America, 1964-2010,” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 2018, Denver, Colorado.

“The Cultural Work of the ‘First Vision Accounts’ Essay,” annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, June 2, 2017, St. Louis, Missouri.

“Denominational Rebranding and Coeval Origins: Filipino Adventists, RLDS Missionaries, and the Origins of the Contemporary Community of Christ,” annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, September 23, 2016, Kirtland, Ohio.

“Building God’s Kingdom: Mormons and US Church-State Relations,” for the “Religious Freedom in Pluralist Societies” workshop, the Center for the Study of Developing Societies, December 17, 2015, Delhi, India.

With John-Charles Duffy, “American Zion, Global Church: Reimagining Sacred Space in Two U.S.-Centered Mormon Denominations,” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 21, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia.

“ ‘We Are Now One Family’: RLDS Conversions in Rural Odisha, India, 1964-1980,” annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, June 5, 2015, Provo, Utah.

Panelist, “Author-meets-critics: David Howlett’s *Kirtland Temple: The Biography of a Shared Mormon Sacred Space*,” annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, September 28, 2014, Lamoni, Iowa.

Panelist, “Author-meets-critics: Mark Scherer’s *The Journey of a People: The Era of the Reorganization*,” annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, September 21, 2013, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Plenary session panelist, “Mormonism on the Pacific Rim: Methods and Comparison,” annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, June 7, 2013, Layton, Utah.

“ ‘This Temple is a Tourist Trap’: Economic Exchange and Mormon Religious Rivalry in Kirtland, Ohio,” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 19, 2012, Chicago, Illinois.

"Staging the Temple: RLDS and LDS at Kirtland, Ohio, 1977-2008," annual meeting of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, August 14, 2011, Chicago, Illinois.

“ ‘We’re not the Mormons’: Alterity and Church History in the Community of Christ,” annual meeting of the American Society of Church History (meeting with the American Historical Association), January 8, 2011, Boston, Massachusetts.

" 'Lifting the Scourge': The LDS Resanctification of the Community of Christ's Kirtland Temple, 1965-2008," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, November 7, 2009, Montreal, Quebec.

Chair and responder, “Homosexuality in Restoration Traditions,” annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, September 25, 2009, Independence, Missouri.

“Framing Early-Twentieth Century Mormon Pilgrimage: Photography, Contestation, and Kirtland Temple,” annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, May 22, 2009, Springfield, Illinois.

“ ‘We Want to Help Build Zion’: Historical Agency and 1920s RLDS Children’s Reflections on the Kingdom of God,” Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 29, 2008, St. Paul, Minnesota.

“Pilgrimage to Kirtland Temple: Contestation and Cooperation among Latter Day Saint Denominations,” plenary session, joint meeting of the Communal Studies Association and John Whitmer Historical Association, September 28, 2007, Kirtland, Ohio.

“ ‘1914: The Generation That Will not Pass Away’: Jehovah’s Witnesses and the Renegotiation of Prophecy Belief, 1980-1995,” the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, April 1, 2006, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

“Remembering Polygamy: The RLDS Church and Late Twentieth-Century American Spiritualities,” annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 22, 2004, Kansas City, Missouri.

#### *Invited Talks:*

“Between Care and Commodity,” Keynote Address, Sunstone Foundation UK Conference, online, September 27, 2024.

“The Kirtland Temple as a Contested, Shared Pilgrimage Site,” Workshops in Eastern Christian Studies, National Hellenic Museum, March 21, 2024.

“A Conversation with David Howlett on Globalization and Mormonism,” Mormon Studies Student Association, Claremont Graduate University, March 22, 2023.

“A Conversation with David Howlett,” Mormon Studies Student Association, Claremont Graduate University, November 30, 2021, online due to COVID crisis.

"Creating a 'World Church': Globalization, Global Denominations, and the RLDS Church in Asia and America, 1965-2000," Brown-Bag Lecture for the Maxwell Institute, Brigham Young University, June 2, 2021, online due to COVID crisis.

With John-Charles Duffy, “Meet the Authors of *Mormonism: The Basics*,” Miami University, May 3, 2021, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“‘We’re Not Who You Think We Are!’: RLDS/Community of Christ’s Denominational Names and the Proximate ‘Other,’ 1860-2016,” Claremont Graduate University, April 24, 2021, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Mormonism, Minority Religions, and American Church-State Relations,” Kenyon College, April 23, 2021, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Reterritorializing Hills and Valleys: Globalization, Sora Adivasis, and the American RLDS Church, 1964-1998,” Binghamton University, New York, November 30, 2020, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Inventing Rupture in Eastern India: Christian Tribals, Hindu Nationalists, and the Valences of Conversion, 1966–1990,” Five-College Religion Faculty Seminar, Smith College, December 9, 2019, Northampton, Massachusetts.

“ ‘When I became Christian . . . the Goddesses left me’: Conversions, Continuities, and Cultural Ruptures among the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Tribal India,” Hamilton College, February 22, 2016, Clinton, New York.

"Sharing a Temple, Contesting a Sacred Site: Religious Rivalry at the First Mormon Temple," invited talk at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University, State University of New York, April 27, 2015, Binghamton, New York.

## VIII. Other Professional Activities:

Manuscript Reviewer: University of Illinois Press, Southern Illinois University Press

Journal Manuscript Reviewer: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*; *Material Religion*; *The Journal of Objects, Art and Belief*; *Western Historical Quarterly*; *Practical Matters: A Journal of Religious Practice and Practical Theology*; *Journal of Religious History*; *Journal of Religious Studies*; *Journal of Mormon History*; *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal*; *Journal of Hospitality Management and Tourism*; *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*.

President, Mormon History Association, June 2023 - June 2024.

Steering Committee Member, Global Mormon Studies Research Network, 2017-2023.

Board of Directors, *Journal of the Mormon Social Science Association*, 2020-present.

Editorial Advisory Board, *Mormon Studies Review*, 2019-2022.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Mormon History*, 2009-2013.

Editorial Board, *John Whitmer Historical Association Journal*, spring 2008-present.

Advisory Board, Restoration Scripture Critical Texts Project, 2020-present.

Board Member, the John Whitmer Historical Association, fall 2007-fall 2012.

Nominating Committee, Mormon History Association, 2016-2019.

Nominating Committee, John Whitmer Historical Association, 2015-present.

Symposium Co-chair, "Women and Religious Leadership: New Herstories, New Perspectives," 6-8 March 2025, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

Conference Co-chair, "The Home and the Homeland: Families in Diverse Mormon Traditions," annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, May 27-30, 2010, Independence, Missouri.

Conference Program Committee Member, annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, 2016, Kirtland, Ohio.

Conference Program Committee Member, annual meeting of the John Whitmer Historical Association, 2021, online due to COVID crisis.

Conference Program Committee Member, annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, 2008, Sacramento, California.

Conference Program Committee Member, annual meeting of the Mormon History Association, 2007, Salt Lake City, Utah.

University of Iowa Graduate Student Representative, the American Academy of Religion, fall 2009-spring 2010.

Trustee, the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, UE Local 896, fall 2008- spring 2009.

Recording Officer, the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, UE Local 896, fall 2006-spring 2008.

Financial Officer, the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, UE Local 896, spring 2006.

Departmental Steward, the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, UE Local 896, fall 2004 - spring 2007.

#### **IX. Professional Memberships:**

American Academy of Religion, 2004-present

American Historical Association, 2008-2013

American Society of Church History, 2005-present

Mormon History Association, 2003-present

Mormon Social Sciences Association, 2004-present

Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, UE Local 896, 2004-2009

#### **X. Service to the College:**

Division I Representative, Academic Board, Smith College, September 2024 - present

Teacher, model first-year class for Women of Distinction program, Smith College, October 18, 2024.

Panelist, “How to Build a Successful Collaborative Writing Assignment,” session sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Jacobsen Center for Writing, Teaching and Learning, and the Wurtele Center for Leadership, Smith College, September 20, 2024.

Discussion Section Leader, Smith Reads First-Year Student Program, August 30, 2024.

Faculty Supervisor, Charli Kellaway, Smith Students' Research in Departments Program (STRIDE), August 2024 - present

Presenter, "Going Public: Creating, Implementing, and Curating Public Writing Assignments," session sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the Jacobsen Center for Writing, Teaching and Learning, and the Committee on Writing and Public Discourse, Smith College, May 9, 2024.

Faculty Supervisor, Kennedy DeVries, Smith Students' Research in Departments Program (STRIDE), August 2022 - May 2024.

President's Ad Hoc Committee to Address Concerns about the Legacy of L. Clark Seelye, April 2024 - March 2025.

PhD Exam Supervisor, Stephen Cameron, Religion Department, Claremont Graduate University, January 2023 - present.

Faculty supervisor, Minha Virk ('26), Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, June 2023 - present.

PhD Committee for Seth Dornisch, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, May 2023 - April 2025.

PhD Exam Supervisor for Seth Dornisch, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, September 2022 - May 2023.

Discussion Section Leader, Smith Reads First-Year Student Program, September 6, 2023.

Session Moderator, Celebrating Collaborations Conference, Smith College, April 22, 2023.

Discussion Section Leader, Smith Reads First-Year Student Program, August 29, 2022.

Panelist, "Toward Equity: Conversation with the Anti-Racist Learning Community Members," the Office of Equity and Inclusion and the Office of the Provost, Smith College, May 4, 2022.

Panelist, "The Art of Leading Teams: Student-Faculty Collaborations," Wurtele Center for Leadership, Smith College, February 22, 2022.

Discussion section leader, Smith Reads First-Year Student Program, January 21, 2022.

Faculty Supervisor, Tillie Slosser, Smith Students' Research in Departments Program (STRIDE), August 2021 - May 2022.

Presenter, Writing and Public Discourse Learning Community session, Sherrerd Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Provost, Smith College, May 17, 2021.

Panelist, The First-Year Seminar Experience, Office of Admissions, Smith College, March 31, 2021.

Discussion section leader, Smith Reads First-Year Student Program, February 11, 2021

Faculty Supervisor, Zoe Kruse, Smith Students' Research in Departments Program (STRIDE), August 2020 - May 2021.

Faculty facilitator, Smith Reads First-Year Student Program, August 23, 2020

Discussion section leader, Smith Reads First-Year Student Program, August 30, 2020

Presenter, Teaching Arts Luncheon, Sherrerd Center, Smith College, November 8, 2019.

Discussion section leader, Kenyon First Year Experience, conversation on diversity and inclusion, Kenyon College, August 2018

Discussion section leader, First-year Experience Reading, Skidmore College, August 2017

Essay, "[Faculty Respond to Fuller's \*The Book that Changed America\*](#)," Skidmore College, 2017

"Pride in Surprising Places: LGBTQI Identity and Conservative American Religions," invited talk to Skidmore Pride campus group, March 3, 2014, Skidmore College.

## **XI. Service to the Department:**

Student Awards Committee, Religion Department, Smith College, spring 2024.

Student Awards Committee, Religion Department, Smith College, spring 2023.

Reader, Zoe Kruse, "Faith-Based Credit Unions: Community, Values, and the Solidarity Economy," honors thesis in the Religion Department, Smith College, 2023.

Reader, Eliza Wolf Menzel, "The Future is an Open Door: Interfaith Collaborations to Combat White Christian Nationalist Violence in Synagogues and at the Border," honors thesis in the Jewish Studies Program, Smith College, 2023.

Student Awards Committee, Religion Department, Smith College, spring 2021.

Reader, Kimraj Kaur Jordan, "Multifaithism: The New Religion of the American College, A Case Study at Smith College," honors thesis in the Religion Department, Smith College, 2020.

Reader, Rachel Venator, "Family Matters: Political Mobilization among Evangelical Protestants and Latter-day Saints," honors thesis in Government Department, Smith College, 2020.

Associate Chair, the Religious Studies Department, Skidmore College, fall 2016-spring 2018.

Search committee for assistant professor in East Asian Buddhist Studies, Skidmore College, 2016-17

Search committee for assistant professor in Modern Religious Thought, Skidmore College, 2015-16.

Search committee member for director of religion program, Skidmore College, 2013-14.

Major and minor advisor, the Religious Studies Department, Skidmore College, fall 2014 - spring 2018

“Sharing a Temple, Contesting a Sacred Site: Religious Rivalry at the First Mormon Temple,” April 10, 2015, departmental talk, Skidmore College.

## **XII. Service to the Community:**

Vestry member, St. John’s Episcopal parish, Northampton, MA, February 2019 - April 2020

Advisory Board Member, Community of Christ Seminary, April 2013 - present

World Church Historian, Community of Christ, April 2016 - present

“The Bible, Race, and Christianity in Eighteenth and Nineteenth-Century America,” guest teacher for a three-class unit, St. John’s Episcopal parish, Northampton, MA, May 2022.

“Resurrection in Judaism and Christianity,” guest teacher for three-class unit, St. John’s Episcopal parish, Northampton, MA, November 2021.

“F. M. Smith, the Atherton Community, and American Communal Experiments,” invited talk for Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation Summer Lecture Series, August 5, 2021, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“The Story of Community of Christ in India,” invited talk for Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation Autumn Lecture Series, October 8, 2020, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Inventing Race and Religion in Colonial America,” invited talk to Zion Lutheran congregation (ELCA) of Pittsfield, MA, July 30, 2020, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“The Story of Community of Christ in the Philippines,” invited talk for Community of Christ Historic Sites Foundation’s Summer Lecture Series, July 30, 2020, online due to COVID-19 crisis.

“Pilgrimage at the Kirtland Temple,” invited talk to the interns and staff of the Kirtland Temple Historic Site, June 10, 2019, Kirtland, Ohio.

Elder, Community of Christ, April 2010 - present

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