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EDUCATION

- 1997 Ph.D., Honors, Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University
1994 M.A., Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University
1990 M.Div., Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University
1984 A.B., Honors, International Studies, Dartmouth College

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 1999-present *Professor of Theology, Ethics, and Culture*, Chicago Theological Seminary.
Courses: Systematic Theology; Constructive Theology; Queer Theories and Theologies; Multicultural Feminist Theologies; Unnatural Associations (with Kathryn Tanner); Nietzsche & Kierkegaard; Bonhoeffer; Models & Methods in the Social Sciences; Native American Religious Traditions; Homosexuality & Hermeneutics; Interpretation; Liberation Theologies; French Feminist Thought; Constructing a Concept of God; Ruether & Daly; Revelation & Religious Experience; Feminist & Womanist Theories; Theological Anthropology in the Genome Age; Augustine; History of Christian Thought; Process Thought; 20th Century Theology; 19th Century Theology; Lesbian Poetics and Politics; D.Min. Writing Seminar
- 1996-1999 *Assistant Professor of Religious Studies*, North Central College:
Courses: Introduction to World Religion; Native American Religious Traditions; Religion in the United States; Women & Religion; Multicultural Feminist Theologies; Early Modernity (History of Ideas Curriculum); Roman and Early Christian Thought (History of Ideas Curriculum); History of Science; Theology in Modernity; Emerging Theologies; Process Theology.
- 1995-96 *Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies*, Colby College: Courses: Native American Religious Traditions; Religion in America; Contemporary Theology; Multicultural Feminist Theologies; History of Christian Thought

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING APPOINTMENTS (continued)

- 1994-95 *Instructor*, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Vanderbilt University Department of Religious Studies: Native American Religious Traditions.
- 1991-93 *Graduate Teaching Fellow*, Vanderbilt University. 20th Century Theology (PhD and MDiv. sections); Theological and Biblical Ethics (graduate); Themes in Asian Religions (undergraduate); Religion in American Life (undergraduate).

BOOKS

- 2010 *Polydoxy: Theology of Multiplicity and Relation*, edited with Catherine Keller, (London: Routledge Press, forthcoming Fall 2010).
- 2007 *Beyond Monotheism: A Theology of Multiplicity* (London: Routledge Press).
- 1999 *Re-Imagining the Divine: Confronting the Backlash Against Feminist Theology* (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1998).

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS: Anthology Contributions

- 2010 “Crib Notes From Bethlehem” in *Polydoxy: Theology of Multiplicity and Relationality* ed. with Catherine Keller (London: Routledge, 2010)
- 2010 “The Love We Cannot Not Want” in *Planetary Loves: Spivak, Postcoloniality, and Theology*, ed. by Stephen Moore and Mayra Rivera (New York: Fordham University Press)
- 2010 “Promiscuous Incarnation” in *The Embrace of Eros: Bodies, Desires, and Sexuality in Christianity*, ed. by Margaret Kamitsuka (Minneapolis: Fortress)
- 2009 “Homosexuality, Queer Theory and Christian Theology” in *Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism: A Critical Reader*, ed. by Björn Krondorfer (SCM-Canterbury Press)
- 2009 “Heilende Anthropologie: Geschlecht, Gesundheit und Wissenschaft in der systematischen Theologie” in *Krankheitsdeutung in der postsäkularen Gesellschaft: Theologische Ansätze im interdisziplinären Gespräch* ed. by Günter Thomas and Isolde Karle, (Stuttgart, Germany: Kohlhammer Verlag)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS: Anthology Contributions (cont.)

- 2005 “What Race is Your Sex?” in *Disrupting White Supremacy From Within: White People on What We Need to Do*, edited by Jennifer Harvey, Karin Case, and Robin Hawley Gorsline (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press).
- 2005 “God” in *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes* by the Workgroup in Constructive Theology, with Ellen Armour, Paul Capetz, and Don Compier. Edited by Paul Lakeland and Serene Jones (Minneapolis: Fortress Press).
- 2003 “Setting the Context: A Brief History of Science by a Sympathetic Theologian” in *Adam, Eve and the Genome: The Human Genome Project and Theology*, edited by Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003) pp 17-51.
- 2001 “Yahwist Desires: Imagining Divinity Queerly” in *Queer Commentary on the Hebrew Bible*, edited by Ken Stone (NY: Sheffield Press). Winner, 2001 Lambda Award.
- 2000 “The Courage to See and to Sin: Mary Daly’s Elemental Transformation of Paul Tillich’s Ontology” in *Re-Reading the Canon: Feminist Interpretations of Mary Daly* edited by Marilyn Frye and Sarah Lucia Hoagland (Philadelphia: Pennsylvania State University Press).
- 2000 “Queer Theory” in *The Postmodern Handbook for Biblical Scholars*, edited by A. K. M. Adam (St. Louis, Chalice Press).
- 1992 “From New Being to Meta-Be-ing: A Critical Analysis of Mary Daly” in *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Volume 75, Number 2-3.
- 1987 “Arms Control Impact Statements” in *The Uncertain Course: Arms in a New World*, edited by Carl Jacobsen, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (London: Oxford University Press).
- 1983 “Letter from Thailand” in *Ending Hunger*, edited by Donella Meadows (San Francisco: HarperCollins).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 Response to Edward Butler’s Review of *Beyond Monotheism: A Theology of Multiplicity*, International Journal of Public Theology 4 (2010) 1-2.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

- 2008 “Making Sense of Feminist Theologies Today” with Cassandra Trentaz, in *Religion Compass* 2 (2008).
- 2002 “Unreine Gedanken: Überlegungen zur Möglichkeit, Heute vom Göttlichen zu Wissen” (Impure Thoughts: Notes on Feminist Epistemology and the Possibility of Knowing Divinity) in *Schlangenbrut: Zeitschrift für Feministisch und Religiös Interessierte Frauen*, Heft Nr. 79, Fall-Winter 2002.
- 2000 “Homosexuality, Queer Theory, and Christian Theology” in *Religious Studies Review* Volume 26, Number 1, pp. 3-12.
- 2009 Review of *Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances* by Andrea Smith. *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 38, No. 4.
- 2008 Response to Edward Butler review of *Beyond Monotheism*, *International Journal of Practical Theology*.
- 2006 Review of *After Christianity* by Gianni Vattimo, translated by Luca D’Isanto. *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Winter, 2006.
- 2006 “When Hell Freezes Over: Feminism, Ontology, and Multiplicity” in *The Spire*, Volume 26, Number 2, Summer.
- 2004 Review of *Face of the Deep: A Theology of Becoming* by Catherine Keller. *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 84, No. 4 (October 2004).
- 2002 Review of *Becoming Divine: Towards a Feminist Philosophy of Religion*, by Grace M. Jantzen. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 70, Number 3, September 2002, pp. 644-47.
- 2001 “What If It Is a Choice? Some Implications of the Homosexuality Debates for Theology” in *The Chicago Theological Seminary Register*, Vol 91, No. 3.
- 2001 “God Bless America: A Critical Reflection on 9/11” in *The Chicago Theological Seminary Register*, Vol. 91, No. 2.
- 1998 Review of *The Serpent and the Goddess* by Mary Condren (HarperCollins, 1989), *Mythosphere: A Journal of Ritual and Religion*, Volume 3, No. 2.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

- 1998 Reviews of *In A Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality as Social Witness* by Emilie Townes (Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1995), and *Defying the Darkness: Gay Theology in the Shadows* by Michael J. Clark (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1997) for *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 24.
- 1997 Review of *When God Becomes Goddess: The Transformation of American Religion*, by Richard Grigg (NY: Continuum, 1995) in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 23, 270.
- 1997 Review of *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*, edited by Letty M. Russell and J. Shannon Clarkson (Louisville KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1996), in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 23, 372.
- 1994 “Globalization as a Feminist Issue” in *The Spire: Alumni Magazine of Vanderbilt Divinity School*.
- 1994 “Language, Violence, and God” in *To the Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 2: Violence. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1994 “Who Sees Eye To Eye: Date/Acquaintance Rape and Right Relationship” in *To The Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 2: Violence. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1993 “AIDS, Teens and the Church: A Leaders’ Guide” in *To The Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 1: AIDS. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1985 “The Future of Disarmament” in *World Outlook*, Volume 1: Number 1.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

- Apr. 2010 Paper presentation, Theopoetics of the Divine Manifold, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA. “The Gravity of Love: Native American Poetry as Foundation for Theopoetic Imagination”
- Mar. 2010 Panel presentation, “Women Thinking at the Intersection of Race, Sex, and Coloniality”, Garrett Evangelical Theological School, Evanston, IL

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES (cont.)

- Oct. 2009 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Montreal QC
 “*La Lucha Continua*: In Honor of Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz
- Sep. 2009 Paper presentation, Transdisciplinary Theology Colloquium, Drew University
 “Crib Notes from Bethlehem: Polydoxy and the Necessity of Syncretism”
- Sep. 2008 Lecture: “Monotheism: A Postcolonial Intellectual History” University of
 Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Oct. 2008 “The Truth About Stories: Native American Sources as Foundation for a New
 Philosophy of Religion” Indigenous Philosophies Conference, Santa Barbara, CA
- Nov. 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
 “Walk Like An Egyptian: Challenges of the Mosaic Narratives for a Postcolonial
 Theory”
- Nov., 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
 “Response to *Empire in the Christian Tradition*”
- Nov., 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
 “Response to *White Theology: Outing Supremacy in Modernity*”
- Nov. 2007 TTC7 Colloquium *Planetary Bodies*, Drew Divinity School, NJ
 “Postcolonial and Queer Theories in Liberation Dialogue”
- May, 2007 Castaneda Lecture, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
 “Changing the Missionary Position: Facing Up to Racism, Sexism, and
 Nationalism in the L(GBT) Liberation Movement”
- April 2007 Lecture, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
 “The Metaphoric Exemption and Feminist Theology”
- April 2007 Theology Colloquium, Drew Theological School, Madison NJ
 “Ontological Multiplicity”
- Sept. 2006 Tagung zum Thema Krankheit, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany
 “Healing Theological Anthropology: Gender Fluidity and Wellness”
- Sept. 2006 Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium VI, Madison NJ
 Response to “Bodies of the Void: Polyphilia and Theoplicity” by Roland Faber

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES (cont.)

- April 2006 The Antoinette Brown Lecture, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

“When Hell Freezes Over: Feminism, Ontology, and Multiplicity”

- Nov. 2005 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
Panelist, “Responding to the Religious Right” Gay Men’s Issues and Lesbian Feminist Issues in Religion co-sponsored panel. Presider, “Teaching Curriculum in Reproductive Decision-Making Courses”.
- April 2004 Theologisch Festival: Feest, Een Theologische Oefening. Keynote “Feast of Bodies” Theologische Universiteit, The Netherlands.
- Nov. 2003 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Atlanta GA.
“Making Room for G*d: Constructing Theology in Light of Global Nationalisms”
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
- April 2002 Noster Theologisch Instituut voor Postniveel Onderwijs en Praktijkonderzoek,
Kampen Theological University, The Netherlands
“Re-Imagining the Divine” Keynote Address
- April 2002 Feminist Theology Group, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
“Divine Multiplicity as a Feminist Multicultural Project”, Keynote Address
- Nov. 2001 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Denver, CO.
Moderator, Feminist Theory Group Panel
- Nov. 2001 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Denver, CO
“Mid-Career Feminism” Presentation to the Women’s Caucus
- April, 2001 American Theological Society, Midwest. Elmhurst College, IL.
Presidential Address, “Feuerbach, Barth, and the Feminist Question of God”
- Nov. 2000 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Nashville, TN.
“‘What is Bothering Me Incessantly’: Bonhoeffer The Critical Theorist” Panel presentation.
- Nov. 1998 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Orlando, FL.
Feminist Theory Meets Queer Theory,” Respondent: Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES (cont.)

- Sept. 1998 Williams College, Williamstown MA
“‘Not Since Slavery’: The New American Religious Wars over Homosexuality”
Humanities Forum Public Lecture
- June 1998 Women and Society Conference, Poughkeepsie NY.

“Making Bodies Plain: Accountability and Problems of Privileged Identity/ies”
Panel presentation.

- Jan. 1998 College of DuPage, Wheaton IL. “Persons and the Power of Dreams among Eastern Woodland Native American Cultures”. Public Lecture.
- Oct. 1997 Lucent Technologies, Naperville, IL. “Religious Diversity and Workplace Ethics”. Diversity Project seminar.
- April 1997 Women’s Interaction Network, Naperville, IL. Keynote Address, “Women, Science and Spirituality: From the Women’s Bible to the New Age”.
- Nov. 1996 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, New Orleans, LA.
“Constructive Theology in Academic [and] Ritual Practice: Whose Metaphors?”
- May 1996 Women’s Studies Colloquium, Colby College, Waterville, ME.
“White-hot, White Bread or Whitewash? The Ethics of Ethnicity in White Feminist Theology”
- Nov. 1995 American Academy of Religion, Women and Religion Section, Philadelphia, PA.
“Re-Imagining Boundaries: Cultural Theory and the Backlash Against Feminist Theology”
- May 1994 Middle Tennessee Women’s Studies Association, Murfreesboro, TN.
“Interpreting Beyond God the White Father: A Discussion of Feminist Theology, Christian Thought and Racism”
- Sept. 1993 Middle Tennessee Women’s Studies Association, Murfreesboro, TN
“Biblical Self-Defense: The Rise of Bible Abuse in Public Christianity”.
- Nov. 1993 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Washington, DC.
“White Feminist Privilege: The Critique Most Dangerous and Indispensable”
- Nov. 1993 Paul Tillich Society of America Meeting, Washington, DC.
“Responses to *The Courage to Be*: From Daly’s Courage to See and Sin to Welch’s Feminist Ethic of Risk”.
- June 1993 United Methodist Youth and Violence Conference, Chicago, IL.
“Theological Responses to Gang Violence”
“Gender and Unseen Violence: The Biblical Rap Sheet”

ADULT EDUCATION

- Nov. 2008 Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ Lay Academy, "Introduction to Systematic Theology" (also in 2006 and 2004)
- May 2005 St. Pauls United Church of Christ Adult Education Series, "Bonhoeffer for Today"
- Oct. 2004 Park Ridge Community Church, "Contemporary Issues in Theology"
- May 2004 Hope United Church of Christ, "What is Contextual Theology?"
- April 2003 Park Ridge Community Church, "Process Theology"
- Nov. 2002 Western Springs United Church of Christ, "Process Theology and Evil"
- Feb. 2002 Park Ridge Community Church, "Sin and Evil"
- Oct. 2001 Oak Park Clergy Association, "Theology in the Context of Terror"
- March 1992 Women's Studies in Religion Conference, Portland ME.
"A Place at the Table: The Syro-Phoenician Woman and Jesus' Big Mistake"

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2006 Center Fellow, The LGBTQ Center for Religious Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, Fall Semester
- 2005 Judith P. Sanderson Award for Leadership, Chicago Theological Seminary
- 2002 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Mid-Career Faculty Workshop and Program Grant
- 2001 Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Course Award
- 1998 Clarence F. Dissinger Distinguished Teaching Award, North Central College
- 1997 FDC Research Grant, Creek and Cherokee Stomp Dances, North Central College
- 1995 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Vanderbilt University
- 1990 Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Scholar, Vanderbilt University
- 1984 Honors, AB, Dartmouth College
- 1983 Chase Peace Prize for honors essay, Dartmouth College
- 1982 Ministerial Award, Dartmouth College
- 1982 Richter Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 1981 Collis Award for Scholarship, Dartmouth College

RELATED PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 2007-11 *Task Force on the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Academy*, The American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA
- 2007-13 *Co-Convenor* (with Stephen Ray) Workgroup in Constructive Theology, Nashville, TN
- 2006-07 *Steering Committee*, The LGBTQ Center for Religious Studies, Chicago Theological Seminary

RELATED PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE (cont.)

- 2005-07 *Advisory Board*, LGBT Religious Archives Network
- 2003-07 *Director*, M.Div. Program, Chicago Theological Seminary
- 2000-06 *Committee Appointments*: Curriculum (chair) 2008-09; Recruitment and Admissions (chair) 2008-09; Program Directors (04-06); Strategic Planning (05-06); M.Div. Committee Chair (03-06); Commencement Committee (00-02), Curriculum Committee (00-05), Development Committee (01-02); Board Committee for Academic Affairs (03-05); President's Council (02-05); Disciplinary Committee (03); Center for Community Transformation Advisory Committee (04-05).
- 2000-05 *Chair*, Workgroup in Constructive Theology (Fortress Press), God subgroup
- 2000-06 *Advisor*, Heyward-Boswell Society for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Seminarians, Chicago Theological Seminary
- 2001-03 *Executive Committee*, American Theological Society, Midwest
- 2001-02 *President*, American Theological Society, Midwest
- 1998-99 *Coordinator*, Wingspread Scholars Program, North Central College
- 1997-99 *Convenor*, Women's Studies Faculty Committee, North Central College.
- 1997-99 *Advisor*, IMPACT; North Central College organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students.
- 1997-99 *Advisor*, FYI (First Year Initiative), North Central College.
- 1997 *Chair*, Religious Studies Department; North Central College.
- 1996-99 *Member*, History of Ideas Committee & College Scholars; North Central College.
- 1996-99 *Member*, WIN (Women's Interaction Network); North Central College.
- 1992-94 *Editorial Assistant*, *The Religious Studies Review*.
- 1985-86 *Research Fellow*, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.