

Curriculum Vitae  
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**Current Position**

Professor of American Studies and International Affairs, George Washington University

**Education**

Ph.D. American Civilization, Brown University, May 1996.

B.A., summa cum laude, International Studies (Middle East), UNC - Chapel Hill, 1984.

**Awards and Honors**

Board of Directors, American Council of Learned Societies, 2019-23.

Historical Advisory Committee, US Department of State, 2020-23.

"Best Professor," *GW Hatchet*, 2019.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2017-18.

Organization of American Historians, Distinguished Lecturer, 2013-2019.

Columbian College Dean's Research Chair, 2015-2017.

Distinguished Faculty speaker, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences graduation, GWU, 2014.

Asian, Black, Hispanic, and Native American United Methodist History Research Grant, General Commission on Archives and History, 2013.

Larry E. May Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archive, 2013.

Visiting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School of Communication, spring 2010.

Visiting Fellow, Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, fall 2007.

GWU University Facilitating Fund research grants: 2014, 2009, 2007, 2005, 1999, 1998.

Visiting Fellow, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, 1998-99.

Non-Resident Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Center, Harvard University, 1998-99.

R. H. Gabriel Dissertation Prize, American Studies Association, 1996.

**Books**

*The Kingdom of God Has No Borders: A Global History of American Evangelicals*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

*Religion and Politics in the Contemporary United States*. Co-edited with R. Marie Griffith. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Univ. Press, 2008. Originally a special issue of *American Quarterly*, 2007.

*Epic Encounters: Culture, Media, and U.S. Interests in the Middle East since 1945*. Berkeley: Univ. of California Press, o. 2001. Revised and expanded edition, 2005.

Forthcoming:

Co-editor, *Cambridge History of America in the World*, Volume 4 (1945-2010). Co-edited with David Engerman, Boston University, and Max Friedman, American University. Series under the general direction of Mark Bradley. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2021.

Co-editor with John Corrigan and Axel Schäfer, *Global Faith and Worldly Power: Christian Encounters with US Empire*. Under consideration at UNC press.

Co-editor, with Christopher Lee, of *From Anarchy to Chaos: Generation(s) of Empire*, a special issue of *American Quarterly*, forthcoming 2022.

*Book Manuscript in progress*: "Third Worlding: Culture and the Politics of Solidarity in the Late Cold War."

**Digital Humanities Projects:**

*GWU COVID and Culture Documentary Project*. This project, developed in collaboration with the GW University Archives, involves oral histories with GW students, faculty, staff, and alumni, and a collection of materials such as photographs and journal entries. With 50 interviews so far, and participation from across the university, this is a major archival project that will also be made available in a webpage and a series of public events in Spring 21.

*Remembering Biafra: History, Memory, and the Global Response to the Nigeria-Biafra war*. This multiple-year project is developing a timeline and digital resource of primary documents for teaching and writing about the international response to the war that launched modern-day humanitarian politics. RememberingBiafra.com.

**Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

"Evangelicals and the International Politics of Human Rights," in *Geopolitics and the Rise of New Domestic Politics: Human Rights Today*, edited by Christopher Sabatini, Chatham House, forthcoming Cambridge University Press, 2022.

"'Not Just Churches': American Jews, Joint Church Aid, and the Nigeria-Biafra War," in *Ideologies and US Foreign Policy*, ed. Christopher Nichols and Danielle Holtz, forthcoming Columbia Univ. Press, 2022.

"Afterword," in *Global Visions of Violence*, ed. Jason Bruner and David Kirkpatrick, under consideration at Columbia Univ. Press.

"Analyzing Actants," *Diplomatic History* special forum on impact of Covid on research and teaching, June 2021.

"Established Authorities: Theology, the State, and the Apartheid Struggle," in *At Home and Abroad: Religion and Secularism on a Global Stage*, ed. Elizabeth Shakman Hurd and Winni Sullivan, Columbia Univ. Press, 2021.

"Kneeling for Hollywood," part of Take 3 forum on Prayer, *Modern American History* 1: 2 (summer 2018): 1-6.

"The Global Conscience of American Evangelicalism: Internationalism and Social Concern in the 1970s and Beyond." *Journal of American Studies* 51:4 (Fall 2017), 1197-1220.

"Queering Diplomatic History: A Colloquium," Co-authored with six other contributors. *Diplomatic History* (winter 2016): 1-62.

"The Body in Crisis: Congo and the Transformations of Evangelical Internationalism, 1960-65." *Outside In: Transnational and International Dimensions of Modern American History*. Ed. Andrew Preston and Doug Rossinow. New York: Oxford Univ. Press, 2016.

- "US Evangelicals and the Politics of Slave Redemption as Religious Freedom." *South Atlantic Quarterly*, special issue on Religious Freedom, ed. Saba Mahmood and Peter Danchin (Winter 2014): 87-108.
- "The Persecuted Body: Evangelical Internationalism, Islam, and the Politics of Fear." In *Facing Fear: The History of an Emotion in Global Perspective*. Ed. Michael Laffan and Max Weiss. Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2012.
- "Arabs and Islam in the US Media." In *Islam and The West: A Civilized Dialogue*. Abu Dhabi: Emirates Center for Study and Research, 2012.
- "A Virtual Muslim is Something to Be." *American Quarterly* (June 2009): 221-31.
- "What Would Jesus Do? Evangelicals, the Iraq War, and the Struggle for Position." In *America and Iraq: Policy-making, Intervention and Regional Politics*. Ed. David Ryan and Patrick Kiely. New York: Routledge, 2009.
- "The Good Fight: Israel After Vietnam, 1972-80." In *American Studies: An Anthology*. Ed. Janice Radway, et al. New York: Wiley, 2009.
- "What is Your Heart For? Affect and Internationalism in the Evangelical Public Sphere." *American Literary History* 20 (December 2008): 870-95.
- "Is the Public Sphere Still Naked?" with Marie Griffith. *American Quarterly* (Sept. 2008): 527-563.
- "Rethinking the 'Clash of Civilizations': American Evangelicals, the Bush Administration, and the Winding Road to the Iraq War." In *Race, Nation, and Empire in U.S. History*. Ed. Matthew Guterl and James Campbell. Chapel Hill: Univ. of North Carolina Press, 2007.
- "American Feminists, Global Visions, and the Problem of Female Genital Surgeries." In *Americanism: New Perspectives on The History of an Ideal*. Ed. Michael Kazin and Joe McCartin. Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2006.
- "Prophecy, Politics, and The Popular: The *Left Behind* Series and Christian Fundamentalism's New World Order." *South Atlantic Quarterly* 10:4 (Fall 2003): 773-798.
- Reprinted in *Palestine, Israel, and the Politics of and Popular Culture*. Ed. Rebecca Stein. Durham: Duke Univ. Press, 2005.
- Revised version: "Left Behind and the Politics of Prophecy Talk." In *Exceptional State: Contemporary U.S. Culture and the New Imperialism*. Ed. Ashley Dawson and Malini Johar Schueller. Durham: Duke Univ. Press, 2007.
- "A Cultural History of the War Without End." *Journal of American History*, special issue on "September 11 and History," 89:2 (Sept. 2002): 439-456.
- This issue published as a book. Ed. Joanne Meyerowitz. Philadelphia: Temple UP, 2003.
- Reprinted in *Hollywood and War: A Film Reader*. Ed. David Slocum. New York: Routledge, 2006.
- Reprinted in *U.S.-Middle East Historical Encounters: A Critical Survey*. Ed. Abbas Amanat and Magnus T. Bernhardsson. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2007.
- "One Black Allah: The Middle East in African American Cultural Politics, 1955-1967." *American Quarterly* 51:3 (September 1999): 622-655.
- Reprinted in *Bodies in Contact: Rethinking Colonial Encounters in World History*. Ed. Antoinette Burton and Tony Ballantyne. Durham: Duke Univ. Press, 2004.
- Revised version reprinted in *Faith in the Market: Religion, Urban Identities, and Consumer Culture*. Ed. John Giggie and Diane Winston. New Brunswick: Rutgers Univ. Press, 2002.
- "The Common Heritage of Mankind': Negotiating Race, Nation, and Masculinity in the King Tut Exhibit." *Representations* 54 (Spring 1996): 80-103.

### **General Interest publications**

"Evangelical Populist Internationalism and the Politics of Persecution," *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, August 2019.

"American Evangelicals, the Changing Global Religious Environment, and Foreign Policy Activism," *Review of Faith & International Affairs*, May 2019.

Discussions of *The Kingdom of God Has No Borders*:

[Forum](#) on *The Immanent Frame*, blog of the Social Science Research Council, July-September 2018.

[Interview](#) with *Christianity Today*, September 2018.

"[Christianity and the Alt-Right in America](#)," Georgetown Berkley Center, November 5, 2018.

"[Why Putin is an Ally for American Evangelicals](#)," *The Conversation*, Sept. 4, 2018.

"[A Kind of Homelessness](#)': Evangelicals of Color in the Trump Era," *Religion & Politics*, August 7, 2018.

"[Protestant Preaching After the Age of Graham](#)," *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, July 2018.

"[How Beth Moore is Helping to Change the Face of Evangelical Leadership](#)," *Washington Post*, June 22, 2018.

"[Billy Graham's Legacy](#)," *Process: A Blog for American History*, March 21, 2018.

"Why Billy Graham was Determined to Globalize Evangelism," *The Atlantic*, February 21, 2018

"Is this all there is?" *The Immanent Frame*, blog of the Social Science Research Council, October 18, 2017.

"Maryland Bills Would Stifle Academic Freedom," *Baltimore Sun*, February 12, 2014.

"The State Department Finds Religion, but Whose?" *Religion Dispatches*, December 12, 2013.

"Roundtable: Engaging Religion at the Department of State." *The Immanent Frame*, blog of the Social Science Research Council, July 2013.

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: American Missionaries, The Problem of Racism, and Decolonization in the Congo." *OAH Magazine of History*, Summer 2012, 33-37.

Invited Contributor to "Frequencies, Genealogies of Spirituality." Sponsored by the Social Science Research Council. Entry on B.K.S. Iyengar. Oct. 13, 2011.

Republished in "On Being," blog of the public radio show hosted by Krista Tippett. April 2015.

"The Persecuted Body: American Evangelicals, Islam and Religious Suffering." *Middle East Report*. December 2008.

"An Empire of Their Own." *The Nation*. September 22, 2003.

Reprinted in *Good Weekend Magazine*, supplement to Australia's two largest newspapers.

"Saving Private Lynch." *New York Times* op-ed page. April 6, 2003.

"Armageddon on the Bestseller List." *Washington Post*, Outlook section. February 2, 2003.

"Television, Terrorism, and the Making of Incomprehension." *The Chronicle (of Higher Education) Review*. December 7, 2001.

### **Invited Public Lectures and Workshops**

#### ***Special Events:***

Keynote speaker/Colleen Family lecture, Lehigh University, Religion and Its Many Publics conference, 2019.

Keynote speaker, Global Faith & Worldly Power conference, Mainz University, Germany, 2018.

Keynote presenter, annual meeting of the Transatlantic Policy Network on Religion and Diplomacy, New York, 2018.

Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington History Seminar, 2018.

Workshop on "At Home and Abroad: Religion and International Affairs," funded by the Luce Foundation, directed by Elizabeth Hurd and Winnifred Sullivan, Chicago, May 2017 & May 2018.

Keynote panel, Religion and American Culture (bi-annual conference), Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2017.

Distinguished professor at Rome Center for American Studies annual seminar, 2015.

Keynote address at international conference, "Towards the Ends of the Earth: Exploring the Global History of American Evangelicalism 1840-2010," Southampton University-UK, 2014.

Billy Graham Center Annual Archives Lecture, Wheaton College, 2014.

Plenary lecture, Duke University History Department Graduate student conference, 2012.

Plenary session, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations national conference, 2011.

Plenary session, Conference: Islam and the West, sponsored by the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, Abu Dhabi, 2011.

Plenary session, "United States in the World," Organization of American Historians annual conference, 2010.

Keynote address, "Who is My Enemy?" Conference, Villanova Theological Studies, Oct. 2009.

Keynote address, "The Arabs and America," International conference at American University Beirut, 2005.

Keynote speaker, Michigan State University, Culture and American Power Conference, 2005.

Plenary session, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations conference, Austin, TX, 2004.

U.S. State Department speaker tour, Damascus, Beirut, Jerusalem, 2003.

Featured speaker, Library of Congress special symposium, "September 11 as History," 2003.

Keynote address, Turkish American Studies Association, Antalya, Turkey, 2001.

Special plenary on 9/11, American Studies Association, 2001.

### ***Invited workshops and special programs***

Workshop for planning postdoctoral program on "Religion and the Human," Indiana University, September 2019.

Special Panel on *The Kingdom of God Has No Borders* and Heather Curtis' *Holy Humanitarians*, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Denver, CO, November 2018.

Workshop on "At Home and Abroad: Religion and International Affairs," funded by the Luce Foundation, directed by Elizabeth Hurd and Winnifred Sullivan, Chicago, 2017-2018.

Mellon Sawyer Symposium, "The Subjects of Humanitarianism," Rutgers University, 2016.

Invited participant and commentator, "Beyond the Culture Wars: Rethinking Religion and Politics in the Twentieth Century United States," Washington University of St. Louis, 2014.

Princeton Univ., Roundtable presentation at Invitation-only Workshop on "Informal Empires," 2013.

US Dept. of State Virtual Lecture on US Images of the Middle East, Skyped to local audiences at US embassies in Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia, 2012.

Invited Participant/International Consultant, Workshop on planned museum of Media in Doha, Qatar, Northwestern University of Qatar, 2012.

University College Dublin, Workshop leader, Institute for American Studies, 2011.

International Workshop, "The US in the World," Cambridge University, 2011.

University of Richmond Tocqueville Seminar, full-day presentation and workshop for invited faculty at University of Richmond and other universities, 2010.

Plenary session, respondent to keynote address, Center for American Studies and Research, American University of Beirut, bi-annual conference, 2010.

Invited speaker and participant, "Political Islam" Conference, Ben Gurion University, 2008.

Invited participant and speaker, Van Leer conference on the United States in the Mediterranean, Jerusalem, 2007.

Featured speaker, Yale University workshop on Globalization and Culture, 2006.

### ***Regular Public Lectures***

Latter Day Saints Historian's Office, 2020.

Vanderbilt University, Department of History, 2020.

University of Alabama, Department of American Studies, 2020.

Baylor University, Department of History, 2019

University of Virginia, Center for Religion and Politics, 2019.

Temple University, Center for Force and Diplomacy, 2019.

Wheaton College, Department of History, 2019.

Georgetown, Berkeley Center on Religion and International Affairs, 2018.

Reed College, MacCaffrey Distinguished Annual Lecture, 2018.

Politics and Prose Bookstore, Washington, DC, 2018.

University of Pennsylvania, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication, 2018.

Dartmouth University, sponsored by International History working group, 2018.

University of Madison, Wisconsin, sponsored by the English department, 2017.

Boston University, Institute on Culture, Religion, & World Affairs, 2016.

CUNY Graduate Center Religion Seminar, 2015.

St. Louis University, sponsored by the Department of American Studies, 2014.

Univ. of Rochester, sponsored by the Dept. of American Studies, 2013.

Franklin and Marshall College, Annual "Common Hour" lecture, 2012.

Washington University of St. Louis, sponsored by the Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, 2012.

Carlton College, sponsored by the History Department, 2012.

University of Maryland, Baltimore College, sponsored by the Honors Program lecture, 2011.

University of Pennsylvania, Roundtable on US Images of the Middle East, 2011.

Northwestern University, sponsored by the Department of History, 2010.

Hood College, sponsored by the Institute of Humanities, 2010.

University of Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Annenberg School of Communication, 2010.

Rice University, sponsored by the Humanities Research Center, 2009.

University of Maryland, sponsored by the American Studies program, 2009.

New York University, Distinguished lecture series, Center for Religion and Media, 2008.

Panelist, Roundtable on Evangelicals and the 2008 elections, Princeton University, 2008.

Rutgers University-Newark, sponsored by the American Studies program, 2007.

Vassar College, John Aldredge Christie Memorial Lecture in American Culture, 2006.

Presbyterian College, sponsored by the Center for Intercultural Studies, 2006.

Boston College, sponsored by the Program in American Studies, 2006.

Williams College, sponsored by the History Department, 2006.  
 University of North Carolina, sponsored by the Carolina Fellows program, 2006.  
 Ohio State University, sponsored by the Religion Department, 2006.  
 University of Maryland, Middle East Studies Series, 2005.  
 American University of Beirut, for the Center for American Studies and Research, 2005.  
 University of Florida, Culture and Empire conference, 2005.  
 Princeton University, Center for the Study of Religion and Woodrow Wilson School, 2004.  
 New York University, Center for the Study of Religion and Media, 2004.  
 Barnard College, sponsored by the Department of Religion, 2004.  
 Duke University, sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, 2004.  
 University of Maryland, sponsored by depts. of English and History, 2004.  
 William and Mary College, sponsored by American Studies, 2003  
 Johns Hopkins Univ., sponsored by the Political Science dept., 2003.  
 University of Virginia, sponsored by the American Studies program, 2003.  
 Georgetown University, "Americanism" seminar, 2003.  
 CUNY Graduate Center, sponsored by the Social History project, 2002.  
 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, sponsored by Middle East Studies, 2002.  
 College of New Jersey, sponsored by the History Dept., 2002.  
 Harvard University, sponsored by the Warren Center for Historical Studies, 2002.  
 Wesleyan University, sponsored by the Cultural Studies program, 2002.  
 Fordham University, sponsored by the program in American Studies, 2002.  
 Duke University, sponsored by the Department of English and John Hope Franklin Center, 2002.  
 Middlebury College, sponsored by the History Department, 2002.  
 University of Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Middle East Studies Center, 2002.  
 Bowdoin College, sponsored by the History Department, 2002.  
 University of Washington, Seattle, sponsored by the Center for Transnational Studies, 2002.  
 University of Kentucky, sponsored by the Department of English, 2001.  
 University of Delaware, History department colloquium, 2001.  
 Harvard University, program in History and Literature, 1999.

### ***Teacher Training:***

GWU Elliott School, training for HS teachers on US Images of the Middle East, 2017, 2014, and 2012.  
 Urbana-Champaign (IL) Public Schools, "Popular culture and US foreign policy," 2010.  
 Montgomery County Public Schools, "The Media and the Middle East," 2008.  
 Montgomery County Public Schools, "Teaching American History" institute on Film and History, 2008.  
 George Mason University and Fairfax County Public Schools, "Teaching American History" Institute on the Middle East and the United States, 2005.  
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, "Teaching American History" Institute on Sept. 11 and History for high school teachers in eastern Wisconsin, 2004.  
 University of Missouri, Kansas City, NEH Institute on Sept. 11 and History, 2004.  
 Amherst College, Summer Institute on Peace and Security Studies, 2003.

### **Conference Presentations**

Workshop, "Religion and Populism," University of Dortmund, Germany, August 2019.

Invited conference presentation: "Not Just Churches: The American Jewish Committee and the Nigerian Civil War." Ideologies and US Foreign Policy Conference, Oregon State University, May 2019.

Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) 2019: Roundtable on "Keywords in US Foreign Policy History," Washington, DC.

SHAFR 2019: Respondent to special panel on *Kingdom of God Has No Borders*.

American Studies Association (ASA), 2018: "Humanitarianism and religious communities in the Nigeria-Biafra War."

SHAFR 2018: Roundtable on "Perils and Promise of the Second Book." Philadelphia, PA.

European and British American Studies Association, 2018: Roundtable on Global American Evangelicalism, London.

SHAFR 2017: Roundtable on David Hollinger's *The Protestant Boomerang*, Washington, DC.

Organization of American Historians (OAH), 2017: "The Word of the Lord Demands It": Global Religious Networks and U.S. Evangelical Responses to Apartheid in the 1980s," New Orleans.

SHAFR 2015: "Uganda: Queer Endangerment and/or Cultural Imperialism?" special panel on Queering America and the World; Washington DC.

OAH 2013: "Rick Warren's prayer at Obama's Inauguration," as part of "Making the Familiar Strange: Transnational Readings of American Texts"; San Francisco CA.

ASA 2011: "Kiva Christians"; Baltimore MD

AHA 2009: "Performing the Persecuted Body: American Evangelicals, Islam, and Global Solidarities," New York NY.

AAR 2007: Special Panel: Keywords in North American Religion. "Keyword: Missions," Washington DC.

OAH 2006: "Are Christians Persecuted?" Washington, DC.

Theorizing Media for the New Millennium Conference, 2004: "The Personal is Political: The Iran Crisis as Iraq War Text," Chicago IL.

Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 2002: "Nawal el-Saadawi: Egyptian Feminist/ American(ized) Writer," Washington DC

OAH 2002: "Veiled Threats: American Feminists and the Muslim woman, 1980-92," Washington DC.

ASA 2001: "Feminist Discourse and the War in Afghanistan," Washington DC.

Yale University conference on the United States and the Middle East, 2000: "Biblical Epic Films, Suez, and the Cultural Politics of U.S. Power," New Haven CT.

NEH Summer Seminar, Boston University, 2000: "German Refugee Intellectuals," Boston MA.

Princeton-Rutgers Sociology of Culture Conference, 1999: "Bourdieu and African American Cultural Politics," Princeton NJ.

Dartmouth American Studies Institute, 1998: "Nationalist Presumptions in Teaching and Research," Dartmouth, NH.

British American Studies Association, 1997: "Transnationalism in African American Christian and Muslim Thought, 1955-66," Birmingham, England.



## **Reviews and other publications**

- Review of *Imperfect Strangers* by Salim Yaqub. *Passport*, fall 2017.
- Roundtable on *The World Reimagined* by Mark Bradley, *H-Diplo*, Sept. 2017.
- Working Paper, "Homosexuality and Humanitarianism: The Case of Rick Warren in Africa," Religion and World Affairs Series, Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies, Sept. 2016.
- Review of documentary film, *Have you Heard from Johannesburg*. *Diplomatic History*, Nov. 2012.
- Invited Contributor to "Frequencies, Genealogies of Spirituality." Sponsored by the Social Science Research Council. Entry on B.K.S. Iyengar, Oct. 2011.
- Analysis and roundtable, Dan Rodger's *Age of Fracture*. *Historically Speaking*, May 2011.
- Review of *Artillery of Heaven*, by Ussama Makdisi. *Journal of American Studies* (2009): 357-59.
- Roundtable on *Artillery of Heaven*. *H-Diplo*, April 2009.
- Review of *Eyes on Israel* by Michelle Mart. *American Jewish History* (Dec. 2007): 497-500.
- Review of *America's Kingdom* by Robert Vitalis. *American Quarterly* (Dec. 2007): 1237-46.
- Review of *Morocco Bound: Disorienting America's Maghreb from Casablanca to Marakech* by Brian Edwards. *Journal of American History* (Dec. 2006): 937-38.
- Review of *September 11 in History: A Watershed Moment?* ed. Mary Dudziak. *Journal of American History* (Sept. 2004): 1117-18.
- Review essay, "Can This Nation Be Saved? Nation and Transnationalism in Recent Scholarship." *American Literary History* (Summer 2003): 422-40.
- Review essay, "Required Reading: Edward Said's *Orientalism*." Ed. Roy Rosenzweig and Jean-Christophe Agnew. *A Companion to Post-1945 America*. New York: Blackwell Publishers, 2002
- Review of *The Landscape of Belief: Encountering the Holy Land in 19th-Century Art and Culture* by John Davis. *American Studies International* (Oct. 1998): 84-85.
- Review of *Crossing Borders: An American Woman in the Middle East*, by Judith Caesar. *Women's Review of Books* (Dec. 1997): 23.
- Review of *Lawrence of Arabia in American Culture* by Joel Hodson. *American Studies International* (Oct. 1997): 119-20.

## **Professional Activities**

### **Editorial and Advisory Boards:**

- Editorial Board, *Modern American History*, 2016-present.
- Editorial Board, *Diplomatic History*, 2019-present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *American Quarterly*, 2004-present.
- Advisory Board, *Rivista italiana di storia internazionale* (Rome), 2018-present.
- Editorial Board, *Journal of American History*, 2012-2015.
- International Advisory Board, Center for American Studies and Research, American University of Beirut, 2004-2013.
- Advisory Board, Women in Social Movements International Archive, 2010-2014.
- Editorial Board, *American Literature*, 2008-2010.

Editorial Board, *Diplomatic History*, 2005-2007.

Editorial Board, *The Encyclopedia of Muslim-Americans*, ed. Edward Curtis, 2010.

Advisory Committee for the Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, for program on race and gender in religious studies, funded by the Ford Foundation, 2002-2003.

### **Committees:**

Bernath article Prize Committee, SHAFR, 2020-22.

Chair, SHAFR Development Committee, 2019-21.

SHAFR Ways and Means Committee, 2018-20.

International Working group on Global Evangelicalism, convened by the Centre for Imperial and Post-Colonial Studies, University of Southampton, in co-operation with Keele University, King's College London, and the Roosevelt Study Center, the Netherlands.

Committee on Academic Freedom, Middle East Studies Association, 2010-2015.

British Council, Bridging Voices Grant Program, Committee member for grant distribution from Luce Foundation, 2017 & 2013.

Prize Committee, SHAFR Hogan Fellowship Foreign Language award, 2009-2011.

Organization of American Historians Eric Barnouw Committee for best documentary, 2004-2007.

EMMA Media Awards Committee, sponsored by the National Women's Political Caucus, 2004.

ASA Gabriel Prize Committee, 2002, to select best dissertation in American Studies.

### **Conference Organizing:**

Co-Convener: "From Tahrir Square to Zuccotti Park: The Arab Spring and the Decentering American Studies." Co-organized with Prof. Eid Mohamed, Doha Institute. January 8-11, 2018, Doha, Qatar.

Primary Organizer, "Remembering Biafra: History, Memory, and the Global Impact of Nigeria's Civil War," international conference at George Washington University, April 20-21, 2017.

Co-Chair, 2016 Program Committee of Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) annual conference, San Diego.

Program Committee, 2015 SHAFR annual conference, Washington DC.

Program Committee, 2011 American Studies Association (ASA) annual meeting, Baltimore.

Co-chair, program committee for the 2009 ASA annual meeting, Washington, DC.

Program Committee, 2003 ASA annual meeting, Hartford, CT.

### **Department and Program reviews:**

Fordham University, Program Review of American Studies Program, 2017.

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Consultant on redesign of American Studies curriculum, 2013.

University of Kansas, Departmental review American Studies program, 2010.

**Media appearances/quotations (selected):** Al-Jazeera Arabic (2018; 2017; 2016; 2014); Al-Jazeera English (2010, 2009; 2008); Apple podcast, *The Missionary* (2020); *Atlantic* (2018); BBC TV (2006, 2001); BBC Radio (2020, 2017); CBS (2011, 2001); CNN (2011); German Public Radio (2018; 2016; 2013, 2012); Irish Radio One (2016, 2012, 2008); New Books podcast (2018); *New York Times* (2002); PBS Religion & Ethics Newsweekly (2009); Radio Open Source (2015, 2014); Sirius XM (2012); Truce podcast (2021); Voice of America (2015; 2011; 2008); WNYC Radio (2011).

**Book manuscript reviews:**

Cambridge UP (2019, 2009); Chicago UP (2019), Cornell UP (2019, 2018, 2017, 2016); Duke Univ. Press (2015); Princeton UP (2016); Harvard UP (2018); NYU Press (2010, 2009, 2008); Univ. of California Press (2017); Univ. of Illinois (2012); Univ. of Minnesota Press (2014); UNC Press (2018, 2014, 2009, 2008).

**Article reviewer for:**

*American Literature; American Literary History; American Studies (UK); American Quarterly; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Church History, Diplomatic History; GLQ (Gay & Lesbian Quarterly); International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies; Journal of American History; Journal of Cold War Studies; MAVCOR (Visual Studies); Modern American History; Oxford Encyclopedia of American Religion; Political Communication Quarterly; Religion and American Culture; Studies in Law, Politics, and Society.*

**University and Departmental Service*****GW University Service***

GW Board of Trustees ESG Committee, 2020-present  
 University Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom, 2014-present.  
 Faculty Senate, 2014-15 (one-year replacement).  
 Graduate Studies Committee, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, 2012-15.  
 University Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, 2014-2017.  
 Faculty Advisor, Delta Phi Epsilon, International relations sorority, 2012-present.  
 University Facilitating Fund, proposal reader, 2012 & 2013.  
 University Committee on Research, 2000-2003.  
 Executive Committee, Program in Human Sciences (interdisciplinary PhD), 1997-2002.  
 Freshman Advising Workshop, 2004-2005; 1999-2001.  
 Hiring Committee, Outside member, Department of Political Science, Fall 2002.  
 Center for Public Culture and Public History, 2001-2004. Wrote and received grants from the Woodrow Wilson foundation (\$10,000) and the Dirksen Center for Congressional Research (\$6,000).

***American Studies Dept.***

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2019-22  
 Department Chair, 2013-2016.  
 Director of Graduate Studies, 2008-09; 2002-03.  
 Director of Undergraduate Advising, 2012-13; 2004-2007; 2000-02.  
 Interim Co-Director of Center for Public Culture and Public History, 2004-05.  
 PhD Admissions Committee, 2012 (chair), 2011, 2009, 2006 (chair), 2005 (chair).  
 Speakers and Events Committee, chair, 2016-17.  
 Graduate recruitment, 2010-13.  
 Undergraduate Curriculum redesign, 2011-12.  
 Departmental Ph.D. Review Committee, 1996-97.  
*Hiring Committees:*  
 African American studies, 2010-11; American Studies/women's Studies, 2009-09; Media Studies, 2006-07; US Religion, 2004; Urban Studies, 1999-2000.

**GWU Teaching*****Graduate seminars***

Cultural Studies as History and Method  
 After Humanity  
 The US in the World (both readings and research seminars)  
 US Media and Cultural History  
 Transnational America: Literature, Film, Theory  
 The 1970s  
 Religion and Media in the United States

***Undergraduate courses***

US Media and Cultural History (lecture)  
 The US in the World (lecture)  
 The Politics of "Saving Africa" (seminar)  
 US-Middle East Cultural Encounters (lecture and seminar)  
 Critiquing Culture (junior-level seminar for American Studies majors)  
 Introduction to American Studies, 1898-present (lecture)

**Graduate Advising: Dissertations and Theses*****Dissertation Director or Co-Director: Current***

Zaynab Quadri, "Insecurity Environments: Race, Geography, and American Empire in the Capitalocene."  
 Proposal accepted fall 2019.  
 Julie Chamberlain, "Cultivating Compassion in a Global Age: Religious Icons, U.S. Politics, and the  
 American Moral Imagination" (1970-present)," expected 2022.  
 Michael Horka, "Apocalyptic Environments: Religious Disappointment in Environmentalist Discourse,"  
 expected 2021.  
 Thomas Simsanian Dolan, "Exceptional Figures: Armenians and Arabs as Cosmopolitan Intellectuals."  
 Expected 2021

***Dissertation Committee Member: Current***

Rodeeia Carson, American Studies, "Neo-Negro Nuptials: A Deconstruction of Black Celebrity Marriage,"  
 proposal defense March 2021.  
 Sam Silver, "A Blues Singer and a Drag Performer Walk into a Bar: Or, the History of Stand-Up Comedy  
 before Stand-Up Comedians," proposal defense March 2021.  
 Miray Phillips, "Politics of Persecution: Middle East Christians in US Foreign Policy," Department of  
 Sociology, University of Minnesota.  
 Lauren Angel, Dept. of History, "US State Department and Dance, 1950-1980." Expected 2021  
 Charles Richter, Dept. of History, "Irreligion in American culture, 1900-2000." Expected 2021.

***Dissertation Director or Co-Director: Completed***

Sara Awartani, "We Make Your Revolutionaries our Own": Palestine in the Puerto Rican Political Imaginary,  
 1967-1999." Co-directed with Thomas Guglielmo, 2020.  
 Placement: Postdoctoral Fellows, Charles Warren Center, Harvard University.  
 Justin Mann, "Special Weapons and Tactics: Security Imaginaries and Popular Science Fiction," 2018.  
 Placement: Assistant Professor, Northwestern University, Department of English, fall 2019.  
 Postdoctoral Fellow, Humanities Program, Boston University (2018-21).

- Kim Pendleton, "Captivated: The Politics of Sex Trafficking Activism in Contemporary US Missionary Work," January 2018.
- Syreoshi Sakar, Dept. of English, "Narratives of war in Southeast Asian literature, 2001-2014." 2017.  
Placement: Assistant Professor of English, Ball State University.
- Meghan Drury, "Aural Exotics: The Middle East in American Popular Music, 1950-present," Co-directed with Gayle Wald, 2016.
- Shannon Mancus, "Appealing to Better Natures: Genre and the Politics of Performance in the Modern Environmental Movement," Co-directed with Libby Anker, 2016.  
Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Humanities, Colorado School of Mines.
- Matthew Kohlstedt, "Archeologists and Knowledge: Intellectuals and Interwar US Power in the Middle East," 2015.  
Placement: Associate Director, L&S Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Megan Black, "The Global Interior: Imagining Energy Commodities in the Postwar Expansion of American Capitalism," 2015.  
Placement: Assistant Professor of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
Book: *The Global Interior: Mineral Frontiers and American Power*. Harvard University Press, 2018.  
Winner, SHAFR Bernath First Book Prize, 2019; Environmental Studies Best Book prize, 2018; British American Studies Association book award, 2019.
- Tariq al-Haydar (English Dept), "Women Contexts: Simulacra and the Production of Discourse in American and Saudi Texts," Co-directed with Kavita Daiya, May 2015.  
Placement: Assistant Professor of English, University of Riyadh.
- Ramzi Fawaz, "Heroic Measures: Comic Book Superheroes, Popular Fantasy, and the Politics of American Visual Culture 1958-Present." Co-director, Robert McRuer, 2012.  
Placement: Associate Professor of English, University of Madison, Wisconsin.  
Book: *The New Mutants: Superheroes and the Radical Imagination of American Comics*, NYU Press, 2015.
- Eid Mohammed, "Who Defines Me: Orientalism Revisited and Occidentalism Redefined In The Post 9/11 Era," 2012.  
Placement: Associate Professor of American Studies, Doha Institute of Graduate Studies.  
Books: *Arab Occidentalism*, I.B. Taurus, 2014.  
*Tahrir Square and Beyond*. Co-edited with Bessma Momani. Indiana Univ. Press, 2016.
- Julie Elman, "Enforcing Disability in the Teen Body, 1970-2000," Co-director Robert McRuer, 2009.  
Placement: Associate Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Missouri.  
Book: *Chronic Youth: Disability, Sexuality, and US Media Cultures*, NYU Press, 2014.
- Stephanie Ricker Schulte, "State Technology to State of Being: The Making of the Internet in Global Popular Culture (1980-2000)," 2008.  
Placement: Associate Professor of Communications, University of Arkansas.  
Awards: Winner of the 2009 Gabriel Prize for Best Dissertation in American Studies.  
Winner of the 2009 Prize for Best Dissertation in the History of Journalism.  
Book: *Cached: Decoding the Internet in Popular Culture*, NYU Press, 2013.
- Lars Lierow, "Understanding Media: The Production of Knowledge about Media and Communication in the Postwar United States," 2010.
- Laura Cook Kenna, "Dangerous Men, Dangerous Media: Constructing Ethnicity, Race, and Media's Impact through the Gangster Image, 1959-2007," 2008.

Shelly McKenzie, "Mass Movements: A Cultural History of Exercise and Physical Fitness in the United States, 1950-1990," 2008.

Book: *Getting Physical: The Rise of Fitness in America*, Univ. of Kansas Press, 2013.

Stephanie Batiste, "Darkening Mirrors: Black Subjectivity and Imperialism in American Cultural Production, 1930-1950," 2007.

Placement: Associate Professor of African American Studies, UC-Santa Barbara.

Book: *Darkening Mirrors: Imperial Representation in Depression Era African American Performance*, Duke Univ. Press, 2012.

Award: Winner of the Scarborough Prize from the Modern Language Association for Outstanding Book in black American literature or culture, 2013.

Margaret Whitehead, "The Making of the Museum of Modern Art's Photography Canon: Beaumont Newhall and the Rejection of 1930s Modernity in New York," 2007.

Yusuke Torii, "Swing Ideology and Its Cold War Discontents in US-Japan Relations," 2006.

Anne McLeer, "Private Positions: The cultural work of representations of the nanny in American popular film and television, 1960s to 1990s," Program in Human Sciences, 2003.

Amy Bowles-Reyer, "Our Secret garden: American Popular Young Adult Literature in the 1970s and the Transmission of Sexual and Gender Ideology to Adolescent Girls," 1998.

***Dissertation Committee Member: Completed***

Kelsey Michael, "Sunday Morning Matters: The Production of Gendered Subjects in White Evangelical Life," University of Maryland, American Studies, 2021.

Laurie Lahey, "'Fire-bell in the Night': Interracial Coalitions and the Civil Rights Movement in Camden, New Jersey, 1967-1971," 2013.

Kimberly Yates, "The Revolution Will Not Be Televised, Or Will It? Black Nationalism and African American Male Comics," 2012.

Sandra Heard, "The 'Bad' Black Consumer: Black Washingtonians and Consumer Culture," 2010.

Clara Lewis, "Tough on Hate: Anti-Racism as Law and Order, 1985-2007," 2010.

Kyle Riisman, "Under Siege: The Discursive Production of American Suburbs, 1976-88," 2010.

David Kieran, "Sundered by a Memory: The Legacy of the Vietnam War and the Cultural Memory of Trauma in American Culture, 1975-Present," 2009.

Maureen Madison, "Film and nation: National identity, censorship, and the politics of genre," Program in Human Sciences, 2007.

Dorothy Geller, "Antinomies of globalization: Possible fictions, ideological placements, musical labor," Program in Human Sciences, 2007.

Andrew Hartman, "Education as Cold War Experience," Dept. of History, 2006.

Brian Finnegan, "Secular pilgrimages: Cultural and economic influences of the United States in Chile during the Cold War and its aftermath," 2006.

Bill Knott, "Foot Soldier of the Empire: Hannah More and the Politics of Service," Dept. of History, 2006.

Paul Gardullo, "'No deed but memory': Slavery in the US cultural imagination 1909-1939," 2005.

P. J. Brownlee, "Vision, Visuality, and Market Revolution: Formations of American Visual Culture, 1825-1855," 2004.

Mary McComb, "Mindcure, Metaphysics, Rating and Dating: Expert Advice and the Construction of a Cohesive Depression-Era Youth Culture," 2003.

Michele Gates-Moresi, "Exhibiting Race, Creating Nation: Representations of Black History and Culture and the Smithsonian Institution, 1895-1996," 2002.

Kate Kruckemeyer, "More than Just a Pretty Face: Girls Magazines, Race, and Feminism" 2002.

***Undergraduate advising:***

Senior History department thesis advisor, Mark Patterson, "US Evangelical views of Northern Ireland," 2020.

Winner: GW Senior Undergraduate Research Enhancement (SURE) award.

Senior thesis advisor for GW Kwitken Fellow Brianna Nobles, "Cultural Appropriation and the Kardashian Empire," 2017.

Elliott School of International Affairs (ESIA) senior thesis by Elliott Scholar Helen Powell, "The Internet Recruitment Strategies of Islamic State," 2017.

Winner, Undergraduate Research Day, 2017.

ESIA thesis by Elliott Scholar by Sharon McKeown, "Comparing the Peace Process in Northern Ireland and Israel-Palestine, 1990-94." 2016.

ESIA thesis by Julie Bressler, "Religious freedom in Egypt," 2015.

ESIA thesis by Elliott Scholar Hailey Pullman. "Religious Reconciliation in Sri Lanka: Hope and Despair," 2015.

ESIA thesis by Elliot Scholar Olivia Bee, "The Siege of the Church of the Nativity: Christian-Muslim relations in Bethlehem," 2014.

ESIA senior thesis by Anne Schwartz, "Memory as Resistance in Post-Revolution Egypt," 2013.

ESIA senior thesis by Annie Dean. "Cultural Competency and the Counterinsurgent Threat: An Evaluation of Cultural Awareness Training Programs for Operation Iraqi Freedom," 2011.