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EDUCATION:

Dartmouth College, B.A. in History, 1981
School of Theology at Claremont, M.A. in Religion, 1983
Syracuse University, Ph.D. in Religion, 1995

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

1994 – present Faculty in Religious Studies, Department of Philosophy, UWSP
1989-94 Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, LeMoyne College
1987-99 Instructor, Department of Religion, Ithaca College

PUBLICATIONS:

Forthcoming, “Tending the Fire of Anger: A Feminist Defense of a Much Maligned Emotion” in *Buddhist Christian Studies* 39 (2019)
2016 “Religion, Gender and the Liberation of Bodies,” a response to Roland Boer’s *The Sacred Economy of Ancient Israel*, in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 38/2: 161-66.
2016 Review of *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters*, eds. Marion Ann Taylor and Agnes Choi in the Review of Biblical Literature. Web. <https://www.bookreviews.org/>
2014 “Hosea, Book of,” pp. 823-37 in *Fortress Commentary on the Old Testament*, edited by Gale Yee, Hugh Page and Matthew Coomber, Fortress Press.
2010 “Hosea, Book of” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, edited by Daniel Patte, Cambridge University Press.
2008 “Whores, Wars, and Metaphors: Hosea's Sexual Language and His Critique of Military Violence,” pp. 113-128 in *Writing and Reading War: Rhetoric, Gender, and Ethics in Biblical and Modern Contexts*, Brad E. Kelle and Frank Ritel Ames, eds. Society of Biblical Literature.
2008 “Hosea’s (In)Fertility God”, in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 30/1: 21-41.
2003 “The Spiritual Journeys of American Buddhist Women” (review essay) in *Feminist Collections* 25/1: 12-17.
2001 *Women's Body as Social Body in Hosea*. Culture, Gender and Theory Series, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series. Continuum Press.
2000 Review of *Battered Love: Marriage, Sex, and Violence in the Hebrew Prophets*, by Renita J. Weems (Fortress, 1995), for *The Journal of Biblical Literature*.
2000 Review of *The Intercourse of Knowledge: On Gendering Desire and 'Sexuality' in the Hebrew Bible*, by Athalya Brenner (Brill, 1997) for

- Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* v. 18, no. 4.
- 1999 "Stepping In/Stepping Out: A Conversation between Ideological and Social Scientific Feminist Critical Approaches," in *The Journal of Religion and Society* 1: <http://www.creighton.edu/JRS>
- 1998 "When God Says 'Go': Active Mysticism and the Practice of Discernment in *Religious Studies and Theology* 17/1: 19-32.
- 1998 "Buddhist-Christian Dialogue, Interreligious Dialogue, and the Academic Study of Religion." In *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 18: 123-128.
- 1998 Review of *The Book of Hiding: Gender, Ethnicity, Annihilation, and Esther*, by Timothy Beal (Routledge, 1997), in *Biblicon* 3: 97-100.
- 1997 "Visions of Interconnectedness in Engaged Buddhism and Feminist Theology." In *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 17: 61-76.
- 1997 "Men Are Not Our Enemies: 'Us' And 'Them' in Thich Nhat Hanh's Engaged Buddhism and Feminist Spirituality." In *Proceedings of the Wisconsin Institute for the Study of War and Peace*.
- 1995 "The Female Body, the Social Body and the Land: A Socio-Political Reading of Hosea 1-2." In *The Feminist Biblical Commentary: The Latter Prophets*, ed. Athalya Brenner. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, pp. 70-100.
- 1993 "Rapes of Women/Wars of Men." In *Women, War and Metaphor. Language and Society in the Study of the Hebrew Bible (Semeia 61)*, ed. Claudia Camp and Carole Fountaine, pp. 79-98.

PAPERS PRESENTED:

- 2015 panel participant, "Responses to Roland Boer's The Sacred Economy of Ancient Israel," at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta
- 2013 "Birgitta of Sweden: Mistress of Discernment" at the regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, St. Paul, MN.
- 2007 "Hosea's (In)Fertility God" at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego
- 2007 "Feminist Theology and the Visual Dimension of Religion" presented at the Annual Women's Studies Consortium Conference, Madison, WI.
- 2006 "The Visual Dimension of Religion and Its Western Obscurations," invited lecture, University of Maine -- Farmington
- 2005 "Visual Dimension of Religion in Comparative Perspective" at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Buddhist Christian Studies, Philadelphia
- 2005 "The Visual Dimension of Religion in Comparative Perspective" at the International Meeting for the Society of Buddhist Christian Studies, Los Angeles
- 2004 "Whores, Wars, and Metaphors: Hosea's Sexual Language and his Critique of Military Violence," at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio
- 2004 "Icons and the Lotus Sutra," at the 9th Annual International Conference on the Lotus Sutra, Nagano, Japan
- 2002 "Feminist Readings of Genesis 34", Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto
- 2002 "Female Religious Symbols and Global Healing," part of plenary program at the International Meeting of the Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies, Tacoma, WA.

- 1998 "Interconnectedness and the Root of Violence: A Comparison of Engaged Buddhism and Feminist Theology," invited lecture at the University of Maine--Farmington
- 1998 "Stepping In/Stepping Out: A Conversation between Ideological and Social Scientific Feminist Critical Approaches," Annual AAR/SBL Meeting, Orlando
- 1997 "When God Says Go: Active Mysticism and the Practice of Discernment," Annual AAR/SBL Meeting, San Francisco
- 1996 "Religious Pluralism, Interreligious Dialogue, and the Academic Study of Religion: Christian Perspectives," Panel Participant, Annual Meeting of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, New Orleans
- 1996 "Men Are Not Our Enemies: 'Us' And 'Them' in Thich Nhat Hanh's Engaged Buddhism and Feminist Spirituality," Conference on "Religion, War and Peace" sponsored by the Wisconsin Institute for the Study of War and Peace
- 1996 "Interconnectedness in Engaged Buddhism and Feminist Theology," International Conference of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, Chicago
- 1996 "Religion, Racism and Colonialism: Pedagogical Reflections," Wisconsin Women's Studies Consortium Conference on "Finding Common Ground," Superior, WI
- 1992 "Body, Woman, Land: A Socio-Political Reading of Hosea 1-2," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco
- 1991 "And They Shall Answer Jezreel: Religious Geography and Hosea 1-2," Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto
- 1990 "Rapes of Women/Wars of Men," Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, New Orleans
- 1994 "The Levite's Concubine: An Allegory of Israel," Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago
- 1986 "Anne Hutchinson: A Feminist Martyr?" Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Rochester, NY

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 2004 UPDC Grant Recipient for field research in Japan on "The Practice of Shugendo Today"
- 2001 Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2000 (Spring) College of Letters and Sciences Teacher/Scholar in Residence
- 1998 Finalist, Academy of Letters and Science faculty award
- 1996 Honorary member of Phi Beta Sigma freshman honor society
- 1995 Department nominee for Excellence in Teaching Award

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE:

- 2013-2015 President, Society for Buddhist Christian Studies
- 2011-2013 Vice-President, Society for Buddhist Christian Studies
- 1999-2011 Book Review Editor, journal of *Buddhist-Christian Studies*
Buddhist Christian Studies 20 (2000): 263-318
Buddhist Christian Studies 21 (2001): 129-164
Buddhist Christian Studies 22 (2002): 211-248

Buddhist Christian Studies 23 (2003): 151-193
Buddhist Christian Studies 24 (2004): 259-309
Buddhist Christian Studies 25 (2005): 167-202
Buddhist Christian Studies 26 (2006): 213-240
Buddhist Christian Studies 27 (2007): 161-208
Buddhist Christian Studies 28 (2008): 157-199
Buddhist Christian Studies 29 (2009): 153-175
Buddhist Christian Studies 30 (2010): 199-235
Buddhist Christian Studies 31 (2011) (in preparation)
1999-2002 Board Member, Society for Buddhist Christian Studies
2005-11 Board Member, Society for Buddhist Christian Studies
2005-06 Chair, Program Committee for 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society for Buddhist
Christian Studies

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2015-16 General Education Committee Chair
2015-16 Common Council Representative
2015-16 Executive Committee member
Spring 2015 Faculty Learning Community for Humanities GEP assessment
2014-15 General Education Program Committee, Global Awareness representative
2014-15 Faculty Learning Community, Humanities
2009-11 Faculty Affairs Committee
2007-09 Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee
2007-09 Executive Board and Faculty Senate
2006-2008, 2009-11 Faculty Mediation Committee
2006-07 Chair, Faculty Mediation Subcommittee
1995-2011 Women's Studies Advisory Committee
2006-08 Women's Studies Coordinator
2000-03 Women's Studies Coordinator
1999 (Spring) Co-chair, Search and Screen Committee for Women's Studies Coordinator
2006 (Spring) Chair, Search and Screen Committee for Associate Vice Chancellor for Personnel,
Budget, Grants and Summer Sessions
1999-2000 Review Committee on Humanities GDR
1996-97 Program Review Committee (Social Sciences)
1995-97 Faculty Senate

DEPARTMENT SERVICE, ADVISING AND MENTORING

1999–2004; 2009-11; 2014-15 Religious Studies Coordinator
2013-14, 2014-15 Departmental by-laws committee chair
2009-2010; 2011-2012 Chair, Anthro/Religious Studies committee
2010 Chair, Religious Studies Search and Screen committee
2009-2010 Chair, Department Personnel Committee

2006 Faculty sponsor and panel moderator, COLS Undergraduate Research Symposium
2000 Faculty sponsor and moderator, panel on "The Hebrew Bible: Problems in Interpretation" at the COLS Undergraduate Research Symposium
2002-2008 Advisor for the Comparative Religions Club
2001-2009 Advisor for "CounterPoint" (student publication)
2000-present Advisor for Falcon's Gate
1995-98 Advisor for Stevens Point Pagan Alliance
1996-98 FIG (Freshmen Interest Groups) Teaching Faculty

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP:

2015 Interviewee for Channel 7 Wausau news story on "Pope's Visit to Eastern U.S. has Central Wisconsin residents excited"
2012 "Sex and the Bible," Inappropriate Question Hour, sponsored by UWSP College Feminists
2006 "Shugendo: Mountain Religion in Modern Japan", LIFE Program, Stevens Point
2005 "Shugendo: Mountain Religion in Modern Japan", UWSP Humanities Forum
2005 "Cultivating Equanimity", talk for the Unitarian Society of Stevens Point
2005 Presentation on "Buddhism" to youth group, Frame Memorial Presbyterian Church, S.P.
2004 "Islam on Tolerance and Intolerance", LIFE program, Stevens Point
2004 "Islam Today" LIFE program, Stevens Point
2003 "Reflections on the Dharma on the Eve of War", talk for the Unitarian Society of S.P.
2002 "Four Thoughts that Turn the Mind to the Dharma," Festival of India workshop, S.P.
2001 "Mantra and Visualization in Tibetan Buddhism," Festival of India workshop, S.P.
2001 "Reflections on Violence and Non-Violence After 9/11", speech delivered at UWSP rally following the terrorist attacks of September 11
2000 Radio Interview, for "90 on 90" (90 FM) on Women's Rights Abuses in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan
2000 "Women and Female Buddhas in Tibetan Buddhism," Festival of India workshop, S.P.
1999 "Introduction to Buddhist-Christian Dialogue," Festival of India workshop, S.P.
1999 Sermons on "The Four Knowable Truths" and "Buddhist and Psychotherapeutic Perspectives on Emotions" for the Unitarian Society of Stevens Point
1998 "Tibetan Buddhism: Religion and Politics," Festival of India workshop, S.P.
1998 "The Dalai Lama, the Chinese and Tibet: The Bodhisattva Path of Non-Violence," sponsored by student activist group (PAO) and Wisconsin River Greens, UWSP
1997 Presentation on "Buddhism" for Adult Religious Education Series at the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Wisconsin Rapids
1997 "Feminism's Myth of the Fall" Faculty Luncheon Series Talk, sponsored by the Newman Catholic Center, UWSP.
1997 "Feminism and the Bible," Brown Bag Series lecture, sponsored by the Affirmative Action Committee and Women in Higher Education
1996 "No Longer Happy as Handmaids, Helpmates, and Housekeepers: An Alternative Vision for Women in Religion," Newman Student Supper Lecture, UWSP
1996 "A Feminist Perspective on the Bible," Women's History Month Lecture, sponsored

- by the Women's Resource Center, UWSP
- 1995 "Female Fornication in the Book of Hosea: Reading and Rereading a Biblical Metaphor," Humanities Forum, UWSP
- 1994 Panel Participant, "Teaching the Introductory Course in Religion: Issues in Content and Pedagogy," Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal
- 1991 Panel Participant, "Interreligious Dialogue," Syracuse Area Interreligious Council, Syracuse, NY
- 1990 Presentation on "One King, Many Wives: Sex and Politics in King David's Story," Bishop Harrison Institute, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY