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Education

PhD., Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
 MA, Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
 BA. *cum laude*, History and Literature, Harvard University

Monographs

Ritual Gone Wrong: What We Learn from Ritual Disruption. Oxford University Press, 2016.

Beyond Sacred Violence: A Comparative Study of Sacrifice. Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008. (Georgia Author of the Year Award winner, 2009)

Articles & Chapters

“Sacrifice” *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*, ed. Bas van der Mije. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2015: 264-270.

“Sacrifice” in *Ashgate Research Companion to Anthropology*, eds. Pamela J. Stewart and Andrew Strathern. Ashgate, 2015: 85-97.

“Moral Injury: A Case Study in Religion & Violence,” with Tony Lemieux, ed. Gabriel R. Ricci, in *Faith, War and Violence*. Religion and Public Life series vol. 39. Transaction Publishers, 2014: 165-177.

“*The Chosen*: Defining American Jewish Identity,” in Daniel Walden, *Chaim Potok: Confronting Modernity Through the Lens of Tradition*. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press, 2013: 3-19 (Reprint).

“Sacrifice and Science” in *Science and the World’s Religions* vol. 2: Persons and Groups, eds., Patrick McNamara and Wesley J. Wildman. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2012, 183-202. Co-authored with Dr. David Bell.

“Violence and Sacrifice,” *The Blackwell Companion to Religion and Violence*, ed. Andrew R. Murphy. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, 2011: 320-330.

“Don’t Cry Over Spilled Blood: Ritual Correction in the Mishnah” in *Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice*, eds. Zsuzsa Varhelyi and Jennifer Knust. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011: 235-250.

“Negotiating Ritual Repair: The *prāyaścitta* Material in the Baudhāyana Śrauta Sūtra” in *Negotiating Rites*, ed. Ute Hüsken and Frank Neubert, Ritual Studies International Series. Cambridge, Oxford University Press, 2011: 191-211.

“Saddam’s Execution as Sacrifice” in *Sacrifice Between Life and Death*, ed. Walter Schweidler. Berlin: Sankt Augustin, 2009: 247-270.

“Ritual” in Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby, eds., *Studying Hinduism: Key Concepts and Methods*. London and New York: Routledge, 2008: 314-326.

“*The Chosen: Defining American Jewish Identity*,” *Shofar* volume 25, number 2 (Winter 2007), 4-23.

“You Are Where You Eat: Food, Utopia, and Hindus in America” in *Eating in Eden*, Martha Finch and Etta Madden, eds. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 2006: 89-106.

“Ritual and Power in *Monsignor Quixote: A Ritual Studies Approach*,” *Journal of Ritual Studies* volume 20, number 1 (2006), 11-20.

“The Nature and Elements of Sacrificial Ritual,” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* volume 16, number 4 (Winter 2004), 337-366.

“Death Be Not Proud: Reevaluating the Role of Killing in Sacrifice,” *The International Journal of Hindu Studies* volume 6, number 3 (December 2002), 221-242.

“The Gospel According to Oprah” in *Religion and Entertainment*, ed. C. K. Robertson. New York: Peter Lang Publishing, 2002: 173-192.

“Religion and the Arts,” *Bucknell Review* vol. XLVI, no. 1. Special volume: *Art and the Religious Impulse* (Summer 2002), 26-41.

“Differing Intentions in Vedic and Jewish Sacrifice,” *The Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* volume IV (2001), 23-38.

“Marketing Gender Awareness in the Classroom,” *Epochē: Journal for the Study of Religions*, volume 21, number 1 (Fall 1998), 13-18.

Ongoing Research

Rest Bullet: How Veterans Come Home (monograph in progress)

Moral Well-Being/Moral Injury Project. Research designed to develop tools and methods to help prevent, identify, and relieve experiences of moral injury associated with military service. In collaboration with Dr. David Bell, and Claire Murata Kooy (2013-present)

Religious Sounds Map Project. Generates map-based digital archive of sounds produced at religious events throughout metropolitan Atlanta. In collaboration with Dr. Ben Miller, Dr. Brennan Collins, and Dr. Isaac Weiner (Ohio State University).

Georgia State University Religious Life Stories Project. Interview-based research project on individual constructions of religious life-story narratives. In collaboration with Dr. David Bell and Suzanne Degnats (2010-present).

Reference Entries

“Sacrifice in Christianity,” “Sacrifice in Judaism,” and “Sacrifice in Hinduism” entries in *Encyclopedia of Love*, ed. Yudit Greenberg (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2007).

“Critical Thinking in Religious Studies” in *Critical Thinking in College*, eds. George W. Rainbolt and Sandra L. Dwyer. Mason, OH, Thomson: 2007, 254-256.

“Hinduism” in *The New Georgia Encyclopedia* (on-line) (<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-1568&sug=y>), last updated March 10, 2006.

Reviews

Review. Benjamin E. Zeller, Marie W. Dallam, Reid L. Neilson, & Nora L. Rubel, eds. *Religion, Food, & Eating in North America*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2014. Reviewed for *Material Religion* (forthcoming 2016).

Review. Daniel C. Ullucci. *The Christian Rejection of Animal Sacrifice*. Oxford University Press. 2012. Reviewed for *The Journal of Religion* (July 2014).

Review: Kelly Denton-Borhaug. *U.S. War-culture, Sacrifice and Salvation*. Equinox Publishing Limited: 2011. Reviewed for *Politics and Religion* Vol. 6, no. 1 (March 2013), 224-226. (Published in conjunction with the American Political Science Association’s Religion and Politics Section)

Review: Douglas Hedley, *Sacrifice Imagined: Violence, Atonement, and the Sacred*. New York: Continuum: 2011. Reviewed for *Journal of Religion* Vol. 93, no. 3 (July 2013), 393-399.

Review: Guy Stroumsa, *The End of Sacrifice: Religious Transformations in Late Antiquity*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2009. Reviewed for *Religion* 40, no. 3 (July 2010), 221-222.

Review: *When Rituals Go Wrong: Mistakes, Failure, and the Dynamics of Ritual*. Ute Hüsken, ed. *Numen* Book Series: Studies in the History of Religion, vol. 115. Brill: Leiden, 2007. Reviewed for *Numen* 56 (2009), 507-509.

Review: *Indo-Judaic Studies in the Twenty-First Century: A View from the Margins*. Reviewed for *Numen* 55, no. 1 (2008), 105-107.

Review: *Bound by the Bible: Jews, Christians and the Sacrifice of Isaac*. Reviewed for *Religion* 35 (2005) 266-271.

Review: *Contesting Sacrifice: Religion, Nationalism, and Social Thought in France* in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* Volume 72, Issue 3 (September 2004), 798-799.

Review: *The Stranger Within Your Gates*. Gary G. Porton. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1994. Reviewed for *Epochē: Journal for the Study of Religions* XIX (1994), 130-132.

Conference Presentations

“Religious Studies and Nonprofit Management,” Workshop, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 23, 2014.

“Sacrifice and Violence in the Contemporary World,” Keynote Address, The Contemporary Meanings of Sacrifice conference, Netherlands School of Advanced Studies in Theology & Religion, Utrecht, September 22, 2010.

“Saddam Hussein: Execution Gone Wrong.” The Future of the Religious Past conference, “Religion in the Public Domain” session, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, September 24, 2010.

“Of Fists and Feathers: Ritual Error in the Modern Olympic Games,” Keynote Address, Play, Culture and Religion conference, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, June 3-6, 2010.

“The Execution of Saddam Hussein: An Exercise in Ritual Studies.” The Annual Savko Lecture, At-Large Lectures in Religion, 2009-10, Center for the Study of Religion, College of Arts and Humanities, Ohio State University, May 18, 2010.

“Don’t Cry Over Spilled Blood.” What the Gods Demand conference, Boston University, November 18-21, 2008.

“*Beyond Sacred Violence*: discussion of the book.” Colloquium on Violence and Religion, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2008.

“Execution Gone Wrong: Saddam Hussein’s Death as Sacrificial Ritual.” Sacrifice Between Life and Death Symposium, Weingarten, Germany, September 2008.

“Vedic God as Ritual Actor: The Gods in Relation to Sacrifice.” Association for Asian Studies, Atlanta, GA, April 4, 2008.

“Ritual Gone Wrong: A case study from the Baudhāyana Śrauta Sūtra.” Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Seminar, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2007.

“You Are Where You Eat: Food, Utopia, and Hindus in America.” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 2004.

“Mapping the Religious Landscape of Atlanta,” Religious Pluralism in North America: The Southern United States, The Pluralism Project, Atlanta, November 21, 2003.

“The Elements of Sacrifice: A Polythetic Approach.” American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 2001.

“In the Matter of Sacrifice: A Comparative Study of Vedic and Jewish Sacrifice.” American Academy of Religion, Nashville, November 2000.

“Theorizing Intention: Comparative Issues in Rabbinic and Brahmanic Sacrifice.” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 1997.

“People with a Book: The Early Reformers’ Use of the Veda.” South Asia Conference, University of California, Berkeley, February 1997.

“Graham Greene’s Women: Mediatrices of Grace.” Western Conference for the Study of Religion, Graduate Theological Union, March 1997.

“Marketing Gender Awareness in the Classroom.” Panel presentation. Western Conference for the Study of Religion, Graduate Theological Union, March 1997.

“Secrecy in Ritual.” Western Conference for the Study of Religion, Redlands, March 1995.

“Microcosm and Macrocosm in Pancaratra Tantrism.” Association for Asian Studies, Western California, Claremont, October 1994.

“New Old Religions in California: A Comparison of the Experiences of Buddhists, Muslims, and Evangelical Christians.” Panel presentation. Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, August 1994.

“Ritual in Fictional Narrative: The Construction of Alterity in Graham Greene’s *Monsignor Quixote*.” Western Conference for the Study of Religion, Santa Clara, March 1994.

Invited Lectures

“Ritual and Violence,” Lecture Series: Key Concepts of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Institute of Advanced Study in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, Universität Bern, Bern, Switzerland, May 23-24, 2012.

“Ritual,” Key Concepts of the Humanities and Social Sciences Lecture Series, an interdisciplinary lecture series with national or international guest professors (public lecture; colloquium for faculty and doctoral students), Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Bern, Switzerland, May 23-24, 2012.

“Of Fists and Feathers: Ritual Disruption in the Modern Olympic Games,” Keynote Address, *Homo Ludens: Play, Culture and Religion Symposium*, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, June 6, 2010.

“The Execution of Saddam Hussein: An Exercise in Ritual Studies.” The Annual Savko Lecture, At-Large Lectures in Religion, 2009-10, Center for the Study of Religion, College of Arts and Humanities, Ohio State University, May 18, 2010.

“Ritual Gone Wrong: What We Learn from Mistakes in Ritual,” Emory University, Religious Studies Department, April 2006.

“*The Chosen: Defining American Judaism*,” College of Charleston, January 27, 2005.

“Sex and the Veda: Women and Sacrifice in Ancient India,” Berry College, October 5, 2004.

“Overview of Judaism,” Middle East Center, Georgia State University, Title VI Workshop, July 13, 2004

Special Colloquium on the work of McKim Marriott, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 24, 2000.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

American Society for the Study of Religion member (elected 2013).

GSU URSA, Special Internal Grant initiative (to support federal grant submissions). \$5,000 (2013).

Beyond Sacred Violence: A Comparative Study of Sacrifice awarded the 2009 Georgia Author of the Year Award (Nonfiction Essay).

2009 CENCIA grant, “Kuchipudi Dance Drama: A Love Story of Krishna and Rukmini.”

Included in *Empire Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women 2006/2007*, Honors edition of the registry.

Writing Across the Curriculum Grant, “Modern Judaism”, Georgia State University, Summer 2006; deferred to Summer 2007.

Jewish Studies Program, Course Development Grant, “Judaism in the South,” Georgia State University, spring 2006 (deferred).

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2005-2006.

Writing Across the Curriculum Grant, “Religion and Literature”, Georgia State University, Summer 2005.

Included in AcademicKeys *Who's Who in Humanities Higher Education* (WWHHE), Summer 2005.

2006 Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Georgia State University.

Individual Research Assistance Grant, "Ritual Gone Wrong," American Academy of Religion, 2003-2004.

Research Initiation Grant, "A Polythetic Approach to Sacrifice," Georgia State University, spring 2002.

Pluralism Project Affiliate Grant, January 2002-present.

Distinguished Honors Professor Award, Georgia State University, spring 2002.

Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University, summer 2000.

Virginia Castagnola-Hunter Award for service to the University, Religious Studies Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, October 1997.

Harvey Fellowship (\$36,000), 1993-1996.

Georgia State University Service

Member, Search Committee, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Spring 2016.

Member, Philosophy and Religion Advisory Committee, University System of Georgia, November 2013-present

Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Georgia State University, August 2008-present.

Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee, University Senate, Georgia State University, August 2014-present.

Member, Faculty Affairs Consolidation Committee, GPC/GSU, Spring 2015.

Chair, Graduate Council (subcommittee of the Committee on Academic Programs), University Senate, Georgia State University, August 2013-August 2014

Member, Search Committee, Transcultural and Violence 2CI tenure-track position, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2014-Spring 2014 (search completed successfully).

Member, Search Committee, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2012-Spring 2011 (search completed successfully).

Search Committee member, Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Senate representative, Department of Religious Studies, Georgia State University, August 2008-present.

Committee Chair, Department Self-study, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2008-Spring 2009.

Executive committee member, Jewish Studies Program, Georgia State University, September 2002-present (Program Director, January 2009-present).

Affiliate faculty, Women's Studies Institute, Georgia State University, Fall 1999-present.

Affiliate faculty, Middle East Institute, Georgia State University, Fall 1999-present;
Executive Committee member, Fall 2007-present (Senate representative, Fall 2007-Fall 2008)

Religious Studies Graduate Director, Department of Religious Studies, Georgia State University, Spring 2005-Fall 2008.

Religious Studies Undergraduate Director, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, September 2001-Spring 2005.

Committee chair, search committee for open tenure-track hire in Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Georgia State University, Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Committee member, search committee for tenure-track hire in Islam, Department of Religious Studies, Georgia State University, Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Committee member, search committee for lecturer in Hebrew, Middle East Institute, Georgia State University, Spring 2008.

Committee member, search committee for two junior hires, Women's Studies Institute, Georgia State University, November 2004—Spring 2006.

Committee member, search committee for Suttles Chair, Program in Religious Studies, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, September 2003—Spring 2005.

Committee member, curriculum committee, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, September 2001—Spring 2005.

Executive committee member, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, September 2003-May 2004; September 2000-May 2001.

Committee member, search committee for position in Islamic studies, Program in Religious Studies, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, September 2000.

Committee member, search committee for position in African-American studies, Women's Studies Institute, Georgia State University, December 1999-spring 2000.

Other University Service

External reviewer, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2016

External review committee member, University of Vermont, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2014.

External review committee member, Iowa State University, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, October 2012.

Committee member, search committee for position of Chancellor, University of California, Merced, January-June 1999.

Chair, committee to review the selection process for the Student Regent, University of California, January-June 1999.

Regent, University of California Board of Regents, July 1, 1997-June 30, 1998; Regent Emeritus, June 1998-present.

Professional Service

Member, Editorial Board, *Religion* (Fall 2015-present)

Manuscript review, *Messianic Figurations*, Columbia University Press, Spring 2016.

NEH, review panel member, Philosophy, Religion, and the History of Science, March 2015.

Reviewer, *Worlds of Sacrifice: Exploring the Past and Present of Gifts for the Gods* for SUNY Press, Institute of European and Mediterranean Archaeology Distinguished Monograph Series (submitted 9/27/13).

Member, Program Committee, American Academy of Religion, January 2013-present (elected position).

Co-Chair, Comparative Study of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, November 2013-present.

Steering Committee member, Comparative Study of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, November 2008-November 2013.

Co-chair, Comparative Hinduisms and Judaisms Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2002-November 2008.

Respondent, “That Can’t Be Religion—They’re Having Fun!” panel, Anthropology of Religion Group and Ritual Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

External reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, “Subjects of Faith: Contemporary American Literature and the Postwar Christian revival” research grant application, January 2006.

Panel discussant, “The Future of Religious Pluralism” at the Religious Pluralism in Southern California conference, Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Religion and Public Life, UCSB, May 8-9, 2003.

External reviewer, University of Missouri Review Board, “The Riddle of the Two Vasubandhus” research grant application, November 2003.

Steering Committee member, Comparative Hinduisms and Judaisms Group, American Academy of Religion, December 1999-November 2002.

Respondent, “Constructions of ‘Self’ and the ‘Other’: Ethnographic Encounters with Hindu and Jewish Communities” panel, Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group and Anthropology of Religion Consultation, American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 2002.

Presider and respondent, “Jewish and South Asian Diaspora Communities” panel, Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group, American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 2001.

Presider, “Language, Orality, and Textuality” panel, Comparative Hinduisms and Judaisms Consultation, American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November 1996.

Section chair, Religion and Literature section, Western Conference for the Study of Religion, December 1995-March 1999.

Professional Association Memberships

Alpha Lambda Chapter, Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

American Academy of Religion

Association for Jewish Studies

Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute

North American Association for Sanskrit-Hebrew Studies