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**EDUCATION**

PhD, Religion, Claremont Graduate University, 2007

Dual Concentration in *Women’s Studies in Religion* and *Theology, Ethics and Culture*

Dissertation: “Agency, Subjectivity and Essentialism within Traditional Religious Cultures: An Ethnographic Study of American Mormon Women”

M.A., Religion, Claremont Graduate University, 2005

M.S., Women’s Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 2001

 Thesis: “The Effects of Structural Adjustment on Maternal Mortality in Tanzania”

B.S., Women’s Studies, University of Utah, 1998

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Visiting Scholar, Religion, Claremont Graduate University, 2020

Lecturer, Religious Studies, University of the Pacific, 2019-2020

Visiting Scholar, Religion, Claremont Graduate University, 2018-2019

Visiting Faculty, Religious Studies, University of the Pacific, 2010-2016

Instructor, Religious Studies, University of the Pacific, 2006-2007

Instructor, Religion and Philosophy, Victor Valley College, 2006-2020

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Edited Volumes**

*The Routledge Handbook of Mormonism and Gender*, Amy Hoyt and Taylor Petrey, eds.

(New York: Routledge, May 2020).

**Refereed Journals**

“Mormon Studies in Africa: A State of the Field,” *Mormon Studies Review*, 6.1 (February 2019).

“Mormon Masculinity: Changing Gender Expectations in the Era of Transition from Polygamy

to Monogamy, 1890– 1920,” Amy Hoyt and Sara M. Patterson, *Gender & History* 23:1

(April 2011): 72–91.

**Winner: 2012 Best Article, Mormon History Association**

“Reconceptualizing Agency” *Element: a Journal of Mormon Philosophy and Theology*, 5:2

(fall 2009): 69-85.

“Beyond the Victim/Empowerment Paradigm: The Gendered Cosmology of Mormon Women”

*Feminist Theology*, 16:1 (2007): 89-100.

**Review Articles in Journals**

“Women and Mormonism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives” by Kate Holbrook and

Matthew Bowman, eds., *Mormon Studies Review*, 4.1 (2017): 108-113.

“A Faded Legacy: Amy Brown Lyman and Mormon Women’s Activism, 1872-1959” by Dave

Hall, *Women’s Studies,* 46.1 (December 2016): 85-86.

“The Tao of Postmodernity: Process, Deconstruction and Postcolonial Theory” by Catherine

Keller, *Journal of Process Studies*, 35:1 (spring/summer 2006): 180-183.

**Chapters in Edited Volumes**

“Mormon Women in Rwanda and South Africa: Navigating Peace After National Conflict,” in

*Global Mormonism: Prospects and Problems for a New Religious Tradition,* Gary

Shepherd, Gordon Shepherd, Ryan Cragun, eds. (London: Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming 2021).

“Introduction” with Taylor Petrey and “Femininities” in *The Routledge Handbook on*

*Mormonism and Gender*, Amy Hoyt and Taylor G. Petrey, eds. (New York: Routledge,

May 2020).

“The Making of a Revolutionary,” in *Women, Religion, Revolution,* Xochitl Alvizo and Gina

Messina, eds. (Cambridge: Feminist Studies in Religion Books, 2017).

“Agency,” in *Mormon Women Have Their Say*, Claudia L. Bushman and Caroline Kline, eds.

(Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books, 2013).

“Maternal Practices as Religious Piety: The Pedagogical Practices of American Mormon

Women” in *Women and Religion in the World*, Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan and Karen Jo

Torjesen, eds. (Westport: Praeger Publishers, 2009).

“The Continuum of Women of Faith: Examining Rifts Created by the Equal Rights Amendment

Between Women in the LDS Church” in *Latter-Day Saint Women in the Twentieth*

*Century, Summer Fellows Papers*, Claudia Bushman, ed. (Provo: Joseph Fielding Smith

Institute of LDS History, 2004).

**AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Women Scholars in Mormonism Cohort, Maxwell Institute, Brigham Young University, 2019-2022

International Travel Grant, Maxwell Institute, Brigham Young University, 2019

International Travel Grant, Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2018

International Research Grant, Claremont Graduate University, Global Mormon Studies, 2018

Research Grant, American Academy of Religion International Collaboration Grant, 2017

International Research Grant, University of the Pacific, 2016

International Research Grant, Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2016

International Research Grant, Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2015

Award of Excellence, Mormon Historical Association, 2012

For article “Mormon Masculinity: Shifting Gender Expectations in the Era of Transition, 1890-1920,” co-authored with Sara M. Patterson

Faculty Grant, University of the Pacific, 2010

Travel Award, North American Science and Religion Foundation, 2006

Travel Award, Western History Association, 2006

Travel Grant, Claremont Graduate University, 2006

Travel Grant, Latter-day Saint Women’s History Initiative, 2004

Fellowship, Joseph Fielding Smith Institute Summer Fellow, Brigham Young University,

June-August, 2003

Fellowship, Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, Claremont Graduate University, 2001-2002

Fellowship, Margo Goldsmith Doctoral Tuition Fellowship, Women’s Studies in Religion,

Claremont Graduate University, 1999-2001

Fellowship, Women’s Studies Tuition Fellowship, Minnesota State University, 1998-2000

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Theory and Method in Religious Studies

Introduction to Religious Studies

Religion and Society

World Religions

Gender, Family & Religion: Christianity, Mormonism and Islam

Social Ethics

Religions of the Middle East and West

Sex, Sin & Salvation

Introduction to Women’s Studies

Critical Thinking

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited Talks and Conference Presentations**

“Religion and Empire,” Invited Speaker, Claremont Graduate University, October 2019

“Gender Roles in the Mormon Family: Botswana, South Africa and Rwanda,” Invited Presenter, Utah Valley University, Women of Mormondom Conference, Orem, Utah, March 2019

“Author Meets Critic: Jana Reiss’ *The Next Mormons: How Millennials Are Changing the LDS*

*Church,”* Invited Panelist, 2019 Mormon Studies Conference, Orem, Utah, March 2019

 “Mormon Masculinities in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century,” Invited Chair and

Respondent, Mormon History Association, St. Louis, Missouri, June 2017

"Heavenly Mother and Heterosexuality," Invited Panelist, Plenary Panel Session: Gender and the

Nature of God, Society of Mormon Philosophy and Theology, Claremont, California, Mar 3, 2017

“Agency and the American LDS Woman,” Invited Public Lecture for Women’s Lives, Women’s

Voices Conference at Scripps College, Claremont, California, February 2011

“Expanding Perceptions of Mormon Women: LDS Women in an International Context,” Invited

 Respondent, Mormon History Association, Sacramento, California, May 2008

**Conference Papers**

“Women, Religion and Transitional Justice in Africa: An ethnographic study of Latter-day Saint,

Christian and Muslim Women,” Mormonism Decentered, Bordeaux, France, March 2019

“Epistemic Humility: Latter-day Saint Notions of Family in Africa,” World Christianity

Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, March 2019

“Latter-day Saint Notions of Family in Africa,” Mormon Social Science Association, Orem,

Utah, March 2019

“Religious Women in South Africa: Oral History as a Stepping Stone towards Social Justice,”

Oral History Association, Long Beach, California, October 2016

“Creating Space for Women to Discuss Gender Based Violence: A Case Study in Rwanda and

South Africa,” Faith and History Association, Virginia Beach, Virginia, October 2016

“LDS Women in Botswana and Rwanda: Reconciliation after Gender Based Violence,”

American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2016

 “Fixing Feminism: The Perpetual Second-Wave within American Mormonism,” American Society of Church History, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2007

“Decision Making among American Mormons,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon, October 2006

“Remembering the Subaltern: Postcolonial Theory within Mormon History,” Western History Association, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2006

“Conservative Religious Women and Reproductive Technology: An Ethnographic Study,” Western Conference on the Study of Religion, Claremont, California, March 2006

“Muscular Mormonism: Masculinity in the Early Church,” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2005

“Mother in Heaven: the Mormon Goddess,” Women and the Divine Conference, University of

Liverpool, Liverpool, England, June 2005

“The Continuum of Mormon Women in the ERA Ratification,” Mormon Women’s Symposium,

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, March 2004

**INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH**

Co-Primary Investigator “Women, Religion and Transitional Justice in Rwanda,” 2017

(ethnographic study of female sex workers and religious affiliation conducted with the

University of Rwanda).

Primary Investigator “Women, Religion & Reconciliation in South Africa and Rwanda,”

2016-17 (ethnographic research focusing on forgiveness and reconciliation after national conflict among Mormon, Catholic and Muslim women conducted with the University of Rwanda and Kenyatta University).

Co-Primary Investigator “African Women’s Oral Histories, Botswana,” 2014 (oral history

project focused on Mormon, Protestant, and Muslim women conducted with the

University of Botswana).

**PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

Committee Member, Mormon Social Scientists in Religion, SSSR, 2019- 2022

Steering Committee Member, American Academy of Religion, Mormon Studies Unit,

2019- 2022

Founding Member, Women in Mormon Studies, 2018- present

Advisory Member, Mormon History Association, Global Mormon Studies group, 2018- present

Founding Member and Steering Committee Member, Global Mormon Studies Research

Network, 2017- present

Advisory Member, Women’s Studies Council, Claremont Graduate University, 2010-2011

Co-Creator and Founding Member, Council for Mormon Studies, Claremont Graduate

University, School of Religion, 2001-2013.

Member, School of Religion Board of Visitors, Claremont Graduate University, 2002-2008

National Advisor, Emmeline B. Wells Diaries Project, Women’s Research Institute,

2006-2008

Conference Program Committee Member, Mormon History Association, 2008

Conference Committee Member, Indigenous Peoples and the Modern State, Claremont Graduate

University, co-sponsored by the Canadian Embassy and the UCLA American Indian

Studies Center, 2002

Conference Secretary, Orality, Gender and Indigenous Religions, Claremont Graduate

University, 2001

Founding Member, Safety Task Force, Minnesota State University, 1998-1999

Committee Member, Humanities Task Force to Reassess University Requirements, Minnesota

State University, 1998-1999

**REVIEWING AND REFEREEING**

Non-Fiction Book Editor, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 2019-present

Editorial Board, *Mormon Studies Review*, 2016-2019

Journal Referee for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion,* 2014- present

Journal Referee for *Material Culture* 2014-present

Journal Referee, *National Women’s Studies Association Journal*, 2005-2008

**ADVOCACY**

Representative, *United Nations*, Consultative Status, American Mothers, 2018-2019

Director, Hope for Hearing Annual Run benefiting children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing

2014-2017

American Mothers, Inc. Board Member, Co-Director of Communications, 2018-2019

**AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Mormon History Association

Mormon Social Science Association

Global Mormon Studies

African Studies Association

**LANGUAGES**

French

German

American Sign Language