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EDUCATION

PhD, Department of History University of California, Santa Barbara	2005
MA, Department of History University of California, Santa Barbara	2001

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Edward R. Meyer Distinguished Professor, Washington State University	2013-
Co-Editor, <i>Religion and American Culture</i>	2019-
Visiting Professor, University of Tübingen, Germany	2019
Professor of History, Washington State University	2015-
Marsilius Kolleg Visiting Professor and Scholar-in-Residence, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Heidelberg University, Germany	2014-2015
Mary Ball Washington Chair in American History, University College Dublin, Ireland (Fulbright U.S. Scholars Program)	2012-2013
Associate Professor of History, Washington State University	2010-2015
Assistant Professor of History, Washington State University	2008-2010
Assistant Professor of History, Oakland University	2005-2008

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Fighting for the Soul of America: Christianity in the United States from Colonial Times to the Trump Era. New York: Basic Books (forthcoming, 2025).

One Nation, Divisible: A History of the American People, co-author with Kate Carté. Boston: Bedford Books (forthcoming, 2022).

Double Crossed: The Missionaries Who Spied for the United States During the Second World War. New York: Basic Books (forthcoming, September 24, 2019).

Faith in the New Millennium: The Future of American Religion and Politics. Co-editor with Darren Dochuk. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

American Apocalypse: A History of Modern Evangelicalism. Cambridge and London: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2014.

Named a *Choice* (American Library Association) “Outstanding Academic Title of 2015.”

Jerry Falwell and the Rise of the Religious Right: A Brief History with Documents, Bedford Series in History and Culture. Boston: Bedford, 2012.

Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America. Cambridge and London: Harvard University Press, 2007 (paperback 2009).

Winner of Harvard University Press's Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize for the best first book published by the press in any discipline.

This monograph was the basis for the documentary: "Sister Aimee," *The American Experience*. Produced by WGBH, Boston, for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), 2007.

ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS:

"Religious Worldviews," [8,000 word essay] in *Cambridge History of America and the World*, Vol. 3, 1900-1945, edited by Brooke L. Blower, Andrew Preston, and Mark P. Bradley (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).

"How did religious identity contribute to World War II and the Cold War?" in *Understanding and Teaching Religion in American History*, edited by Karen Johnson and Jonathan Yeager (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, forthcoming).

"God's Spooks: Religion, the CIA, and Church-State Collaboration," in *Beyond the Culture Wars: Recasting Religion and Politics in the Twentieth Century*, edited by R. Marie Griffith and Darren Dochuk (under review).

"Apocalypticism in U.S. History" [8,000 word essay] in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, edited by John Corrigan and Heather Curtis. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

"Reading the Bible in War and Crisis to Know the Future," in *The Bible in American Life, Then and Now*, ed. Philip Goff, Arthur Farnsley, and Peter Thuesen. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.

"Donald J. Trump and American Evangelicalism," Forum on Religion and the 2016 Election, *Religion & American Culture* 27:1 (Winter 2017): 43-49.

"New Trends in the Historiography of American Fundamentalism: Roundtable on Religion," *Journal of American Studies* (United Kingdom) 51 (2017): 235-241.

"Introduction" and "Preparing for Doomsday," in *Faith in the New Millennium: The Future of American Religion and Politics*, edited by Matthew Avery Sutton and Darren Dochuk. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.

"FDR: The Antichrist," in *Major Problems in American History*, Vol. II, edited by Elizabeth Cobbs and Edward J. Blum (New York: Cengage Learning, 2015), 244-253 [reprinted from "Was FDR the Antichrist? The Birth of Fundamentalist Anti-liberalism in a Global Age," *Journal of American History*].

"Reagan & Religion/Culture Wars," in *A Companion to Ronald Reagan*, edited by Andrew Johns. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

"Religion and the Biographical Turn." Forum on Religious Biography, *Religion & American Culture* 24:1 (Winter 2014): 21-28.

“Was FDR the Antichrist? The Birth of Fundamentalist Anti-liberalism in a Global Age.” *Journal of American History* 98:4 (March 2012): 1052-1074.

Winner of the Organization of American Historians’ Binkley-Stephenson Award for the best article published in the *Journal of American History* in 2012.

“Introduction: Faith in Religion, Civility, and Democracy,” in *Civility and Democracy in America: A Reasonable Understanding*, ed. Cornell Clayton and Richard Elgar (Washington State University Press, 2012), 33-37.

“Crashing into Public History with Aimee Semple McPherson.” *The Public Historian* 29:4 (Fall 2007): 35-44.

“Clutching to ‘Christian’ America: Aimee Semple McPherson, the Great Depression, and the Origins of Pentecostal Political Activism.” *Journal of Policy History* 17:3 (Summer 2005): 308-338.

“‘Between the Refrigerator and the Wildfire’: Aimee Semple McPherson, Pentecostalism, and the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy.” *Church History* 72:1 (March 2003): 159-188.

SELECT ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS (FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE):

“Billy Graham was on the Wrong Side of History,” *Guardian*, February 21, 2018.

“Jerusalem: Trump’s Gift to Evangelicals,” *Seattle Times*, December 17, 2017.

“Donald Trump, the Herald of Evangelicals’ End Times,” *Seattle Times*, October 2, 2016.

“Why Hillary Clinton Needs Jesus,” *Seattle Times*, April 10, 2016.

“The Genius of American Evangelicalism.” *History News Network*, December 7, 2014.

“Oops!” [Harold Camping and Failed Prophecy] *Religion in the News*; a Publication of the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life 14:1 (Spring 2012), 12.

“Why the Antichrist Matters in Politics.” *New York Times*, September 26, 2011.

[also printed in the *International Herald Tribune*, September 27, 2011.]

“McCain’s Ministers of Doom.” *History News Network*, June 2, 2008.

“Hollywood Religion.” *Historically Speaking* 9:3 (January/February 2008): 29-31.

“Oral Surgery.” *Religion in the News*; a Publication of the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life 10:3 (Winter 2008): 15-17, 25.

“Uncovering Aimee Semple McPherson’s Demons in 21st Century Evangelicalism.” *History News Network*, May 28, 2007.

“Old Time Religion with a Feminist Twist: Sex and Gender in the Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson.” *American Sexuality*; a Publication of the National Sexuality Resource Center, May 5, 2007.

BOOK REVIEWS IN THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS:

American Historical Review; *Journal of American History*; *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*; *Western Historical Quarterly*; *Pacific Historical Review*; *Presidential Studies Quarterly*; *Church History*; *Journal of Church and State*; *Los Angeles Review of Books*;

Church History and Religious Culture (The Netherlands); *Mormon Studies Review*; *Journal of Religion*; *Religion and Politics*; *Journal of Southern History*; *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*; *Reviews in American History*; *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society of Pentecostal Studies*; *Religious Studies Review*; *Politics and Religion*; *Nova Religion*; *Christian Century*; *Social History*; *Southern Historian*.

ENCYCLOPEDIA AND DICTIONARY ARTICLES:

“Pentecostalism.” *Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions*, 2nd edition, ed. Gary Laderman and Luis Leon (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2014), 372-376.

“Politics: 20th Century.” *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. Peter Williams and Charles Lippy (Washington D.C.: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2010), 1690-1698.

“Religious Movements: Overview” and “Pentecostal Movement.” *Encyclopedia of American Social Movements*, ed. Immanuel Ness (Armonk: M. E. Sharpe, Inc., 2004), 925-937, 981-982.

“End Poverty in California (EPIC)” and “Social Gospel.” *Poverty in the United States: An Encyclopedia of History, Politics, and Policy*, ed. Alice O’Connor and Gwendolyn Mink (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2004), 289-291, 667-671.

“Schlafly, Phyllis Stewart.” *The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives: The 1960s*, ed. William L. O’Neill (New York: Charles Scribner and Sons, 2003), 330-332.

“Pentecostalism.” *Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions*, ed. Gary Laderman and Luis Leon (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2002), 327-330.

“America, as a Christian Nation,” “Speaking in Tongues (Glossolalia),” “World Vision,” and “World War I.” *Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism*, ed. Brenda E. Brasher (New York: Routledge, 2001), 7-12, 464-465, 512, 513-514.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholar Fellowship
- 2016 Guggenheim Foundation Fellow
- 2015-2016 Humanities Fellow (WSU)
- 2012-2013 Mary Ball Washington Chair in American History, University College Dublin, Ireland (Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant)
- 2011-2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship
- 2010 National Endowment for the Humanities “Civility and Democracy” Grant (member of steering committee)
- 2010 Lynn E. May Study Grant (Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives)
- 2008 Berry Family College of Liberal Arts (WSU) Faculty Excellence Fellowship
- 2008 Oakland University Faculty Research Fellowship
- 2006 Historical Society of Southern California/Haynes Research Grant

- 2006 Oakland University Faculty Research Fellowship
- 2004-05 Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
- 2004-05 Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 2004-05 University of California’s President’s Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 2004 Western Historical Association’s Conference Scholarship
- 2003-04 Walter H. Capps Center Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara
- 2003-04 UC Santa Barbara Humanities Research Assistantship Fellowship
- 2003 Everett Helm Visiting Fellowship, Lilly Library, University of Indiana
- 2003 History Associates Fellowship
- 2002 UC Santa Barbara Humanities/Social Sciences Research Grant
- 2002 UC Santa Barbara Graduate Division Summer Dissertation Proposal Fellowship

HONORS, AWARDS, AND PRIZES

- 2019 Organization of American Historians German Residency Recipient, University of Tübingen
- 2015- Organization of American Historians (OAH) Distinguished Lecturer.
- 2019- Humanities Washington-WSU Foley Institute Distinguished Speaker.
- 2016 *American Apocalypse* named a *Choice* (American Library Association) “Outstanding Academic Title of 2015.”
- 2013 Binkley-Stephenson Award from the Organization of American Historians for the best article published in the *Journal of American History* in 2012 for “Was FDR the Antichrist? The Birth of Fundamentalist Anti-liberalism in a Global Age.”
- 2010-2011 College of Liberal Arts (WSU) Early Achievement in Scholarship Award.
- 2007-2009 Appointed “Young Scholar in American Religion,” Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture (Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis).
- 2008 Named one of *History News Network*’s “Top Young Historians.”
- 2008 New Investigator Research Excellence Award (Oakland University).
- 2008 *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America* named one of the *Christian Century*’s “top religion titles” of 2008 (May 6, 2008).
- 2007 2007 Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize for *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America*.
- 2007 *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America* named one of the *Detroit Free Press*’ ten best “Spiritual Reading” recommendations (May 26, 2007).

This article was reprinted in: *Lexington Herald-Leader* (Kentucky), July 14, 2007; *Herald Argus* (LaPorte, IN), June 16, 2007; *Ventura County Star*, June 9, 2007;

Wichita Eagle, June 9, 2007; *Charlotte Observer*, June 9, 2007; *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, June 2, 2007; *The Ledger* (Lakeland, FL), June 2, 2007; *Akron-Beacon Journal*, June 2, 2007; *Chattanooga Times Free Press* (Tennessee), June 2, 2007; *The Record* (New Jersey), May 31, 2007.

- 2007 *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America* named one of the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's* "12 Books for Christmas."
- 2005 Richard Mayberry Award, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara. Awarded for most outstanding graduate student.
- 2002-2003 University of California, Santa Barbara Academic Senate and UCSB Foundation Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 "Evangelicals, the End Times, and the Religious Right in Modern America," Annual Edward Puff, Sr., and Edith Kottmeyer Puff Lecture, Miami University, Oxford, OH.
- 2018 "(Un)Holy Spies: Religion and Espionage in World War II," Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas, Austin, TX.
- 2018 "(Un)Holy Spies: Religion and Espionage in World War II," The Newberry Seminar on Religion and Culture in the Americas, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL.
- 2018 "Modern Evangelicals and the Apocalypse: How End-Times Visions Transformed American Political Conservatism," How it All Ends: Apocalypse Narratives and the Lack of Civic Futures, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2017 "The Rise of Evangelical America," Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN.
- 2017 "(Un)Holy Spies: Religion and Espionage in World War II," Oakland University, Rochester, MI.
- 2017 "(Un)Holy Spies: How Missionaries Became Secret Agents," Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2017 "(Un)Holy Spies: Religion and Espionage in World War II," University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2016 "(Un)Holy Spies: Religion and Espionage in World War II," Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 2016 "(Un)Holy Spies: Religion and Espionage in World War II," University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2016 "Preparing for Doomsday," and "American Apocalypse: A History of Modern Evangelicalism," Annual Orr Lectures, Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA.
- 2015 "American Apocalypse," Newcastle University, Newcastle, United Kingdom.
- 2015 "Religion and Modern American Politics," Charles University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic.

- 2015 “Bracing for Armageddon: The Origins of the American Christian Right,” Universidad de Alcalá, Madrid, Spain.
- 2015 “Political Rhetoric at the Grassroots: The Evangelical Right,” *The Power of Metaphors: Politische Rhetorik in den USA*, Atlantische Akademie, Lambrecht, Germany.
- 2014 “Gods of War: Religion and Espionage in World War II,” Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2014 “Religion in California,” Keynote Address, Meeting of the California American Studies Association, University of California, Berkeley, CA.
- 2013 “Standing at Armageddon: The Rise of American Fundamentalism in a Global Age,” Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR.
- 2013 “The World Wars, the Coming Apocalypse and the Rise of Modern American Evangelicalism,” University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark.
- 2013 “Apostles of Apocalypse: The Rise of Modern American Evangelicalism,” presented at a workshop on “International Fundamentals: Early Fundamentalism and the American Century,” Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
- 2013 “Standing at Armageddon: The Rise of American Fundamentalism in a Global Age,” Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2013 “Bracing for Armageddon: The Origins of the American Christian Right,” Arcadia University (PA)—Ireland Study Abroad Program, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2013 “Anticipating the Antichrist: The Rise of American Fundamentalism in a Global Age,” The National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland.
- 2013 “Al Smith, the Roaring Twenties and the Rise of Fundamentalist Political Conservatism,” Symposium: Religion and Politics in the United States, King’s College, London, United Kingdom.
- 2013 “Global War and Christian Nationalism,” Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- 2013 “Anticipating the Antichrist: The Rise of American Fundamentalism in a Global Age,” University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2012 “Anticipating the Antichrist: The Rise of the American Christian Right,” Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2012 “The Antichrist and the Rise of the American Christian Right,” Ludwig Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany.
- 2012 “The Antichrist and the Rise of the American Christian Right,” Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany.
- 2012 “The Antichrist and the Rise of the American Christian Right,” University of Münster, Münster, Germany.
- 2012 “Anticipating the Antichrist: The Rise of American Fundamentalism in a Global Age,” Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

- 2012 “American Evangelicals and the Politics of Apocalypse,” Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.
- 2012 “Is Obama the Antichrist? The Rise of American Fundamentalist Anti-Liberalism,” Baden-Württemberg Seminar, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2012 “American Evangelicals and the Politics of Apocalypse,” Symposium: Religion and American Identity, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2012 “The Antichrist, Evangelical Political Activism, and the 2012 Election,” The William Vest Memorial Lecture, Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA.
- 2012 “Anticipating the Antichrist: The Rise of American Fundamentalism in a Global Age,” Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- 2012 “Why the Antichrist Matters for American Politics in 2012,” Founders Annual Lecture in Comparative Religion and Contemporary Life, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 “Was FDR the Antichrist? The Birth of Fundamentalist Anti-liberalism in a Global Age,” Portland State University, Portland, OR.
- 2010 “The World Wars and the Birth of Modern American Evangelicalism,” Scowcroft Institute for International Affairs, George H. W. Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M, College Station, TX.
- 2010 “Sex and God in the City of the Angels: The Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson and American Culture,” Washington State University, Tri-Cities, WA.
- 2009 “Sex and God in the City of the Angels: The Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson and American Culture,” New Saint Andrews College, Moscow, ID.
- 2009 “Sex and God in the City of the Angels: The Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson and American Culture,” Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2008 “Sister Sharon Falconer and Aimee Semple McPherson,” American Spring: A Celebration of the Montclair State University Centennial, Montclair State University, NJ.
- 2008 “Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America,” Religion and American Culture Colloquium, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI.
- 2006 “Sex and God in the City of the Angels: The Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson and American Culture,” Oakland-Wayne State-UM Dearborn Colloquium, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2019 Chair/Commenter for panel “Campaigning for the Lord’s Kingdom: Evangelical Political Loyalties and Legacies in Late 20th-Century America,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL.

- 2018 Presented paper, "History as Ethics: Niebuhrian Themes in David Hollinger's Protestants Abroad," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.
- 2018 Presented paper, "God's Spooks: Missionary-Spies During World War II," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.
- 2018 Chair/Commenter for panel "Regulating Religion," Biannual Policy History Conference, Tempe, AZ.
- 2018 Chair/Commenter for panel "Rethinking Jonestown Forty Years Later," Annual Conference of the Western History Association, San Antonio, TX.
- 2018 Presenting paper, "Missionary Spies in Zion: The OSS and the Battle for the Middle East in World War II," Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association, Santa Clara, CA.
- 2018 Chair/Commenter for panel "Forms of Faith in American Religious History," Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association, Santa Clara, CA.
- 2018 Presented paper on roundtable: "'And the Truth Shall Set You Free': Religion and the American Intelligence Community from World War II to the Present," Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Presented paper on roundtable: "Writing Women's Biography," Annual Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Presented paper, "Billy Graham's End of Days: The Mainstreaming of Fundamentalist Apocalypticism," On the Edge of the Apocalypse Conference, Elon University, Elon, NC.
- 2017 Organized panel and presented paper, "Roundtable: New Directions in American Religion and Internationalism," Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Denver, CO.
- 2017 Chair for panel "Bringing Sport into the Game: New Scholarship at the Intersection of Christianity and Sports in the Twentieth-Century United States," Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Denver, CO.
- 2016 Presented paper, "Spies or Saints? Religion and U.S. Espionage in World War II," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), San Diego, CA.
- 2016 Respondent to roundtable panel on *American Apocalypse*, Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Pacific Northwest Group, Moscow, ID.
- 2016 Presenting paper on roundtable: "Imperialists, Internationalists, and Spies: New Directions for Missionary Studies," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 Discussant on Roundtable on John Corrigan, *Emptiness: Feeling Christian in America* (Chicago, 2015), Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Atlanta, GA.

- 2015 Respondent to roundtable panel on *American Apocalypse*, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 Presenting paper on roundtable: “Christian Nationalism in American History,” Annual Meeting of the U.S. Intellectual History Society, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Chair/ Commenter for panel “Political Culture,” A Great Divide? America between Exceptionalism and Transnationalism Conference, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, Germany.
- 2015 Presented paper, “The Global Apocalypses of Billy Graham,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, NY.
- 2014 Presented paper, “Prepping for Doomsday: The Cases of Billy Graham, David Koresh, and Harold Camping,” Conference on Religion and Politics in 21st Century America, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.
- 2014 Presented paper, “Reading the Bible to Know the Future,” The Bible in American Life Conference, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2014 Commenter for panel “State Authority and Religious Pluralism: Debating Religion in World War II America,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 Panel Chair, “The School Prayer Decisions: History and Reaction,” Conference on Religion and American Life, King’s College, London, United Kingdom.
- 2012 Organized panel, “The Evangelical Century? Reappraising the Significance of Religion in the Modern US,” and presented paper, “The Great War and the Birth of Modern American Evangelicalism,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Panel chair, “Teaching, Playing, and Praying: Evangelical Networking and Community Building in Modern America,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 Presider/presented paper, “State of the Field: Fundamentalism,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Presented paper, “Was FDR the Antichrist? The Great Depression and the Rise of Free-Market Fundamentalism,” Conference on Religion and the Marketplace in the United States: New Perspectives and New Findings, Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Heidelberg, Germany.
- 2011 Chair/Commenter for panel “Religion and Politics in the United States,” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 Roundtable participant, “*Original Sin and Everyday Protestants: The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr, Billy Graham, and Paul Tillich in an Age of Anxiety*,” by Andrew Finstuen,” American Academy of Religion/Pacific Northwest Regional Conference, Spokane, WA .

- 2010 Presented paper, “Bracing for Armageddon: The Global Visions of World War II-Era Evangelicalism,” Annual Meeting of the U.S. Intellectual History Society, New York, New York.
- 2010 Presented paper, “Was FDR the Antichrist? The New Deal and the Rise of Fundamentalist Anti-liberalism,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Organized panel, “War, Religion, and American National Identity,” and presented paper, “‘Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition:’ World War II, the Apocalypse, and Fundamentalist Political Activism,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, CA.
- 2008 Panel Chair, “The Happy Marriage of Women’s History and Policy History: The Work of Jane Sherron Dehart,” *Journal of Policy History’s* 2008 Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 Organized panel, “Film Screening—Reflections on American Experience’s Sister Aimee: Documenting the Life of Aimee Semple McPherson,” and presented paper “Documenting the Life of Aimee Semple McPherson: Reflections on PBS’s *Sister Aimee*,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, New York, NY.
- 2007 Organized panel, “Marketing Mammon: Evangelical Entrepreneurialism in the Twentieth Century,” and presented paper, “Creating a ‘Sister Consciousness’: Aimee Semple McPherson, Mass Media, and the Old Time Religion,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 Presented paper, “Reviving the City on the Hill: Aimee Semple McPherson, Pentecostal Patriotism, and World War II,” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Presented paper, “Reflections on the Making of ‘Sister Aimee’ for PBS’s *The American Experience*,” 2006 Film and History Conference, Dallas, TX, November 2006.
- 2006 Presented paper, “Aimee Semple McPherson, Race, and Pentecostal History,” Society for Pentecostal Studies, Azusa Street 100th Anniversary Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2006 Presented paper, “Sex and God in the City of the Angels: The Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson and American Culture,” Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters Annual Meeting, Oakland University, Rochester, MI.
- 2005 Organized panel, “Politics, Religion, and Activism in Twentieth-Century California,” and presented paper, “Battling the Anti-Christ: California Pentecostals, Patriotism, and World War II,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, San Jose, CA.
- 2004 Organized panel, “The ‘Old Time Religion’ in the Modern Metropolis,” and presented paper, “Sex and God in the City of the Angels: The Kidnapping of Aimee Semple McPherson and Conservative Religion in Los Angeles,” Annual Conference of the Western History Association, Las Vegas, NV.

- 2003 Presented paper, “Flappers, Fornicators, and Fundamentalism: The Trial of Aimee Semple McPherson,” *Women & Conflict: Historical Perspectives*, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2003 Organized panel, “Religion, Labor, and Poverty during the Great Depression,” and presented paper, “Poverty, Politics, and Pentecostals: The Battle over Humanitarian Relief in Depression Era California,” Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians, Memphis, TN.
- 2002 Presented paper, “Complicating the Borders of the ‘Old Religious Right’: Aimee Semple McPherson and the Battle for America’s Future,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, Canada.
- 2002 Presented paper, “Contested Visions of Welfare Policy in Depression Era California,” *Journal of Policy History’s* 2002 Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- 2001 Presented paper, “Poverty, Politics, and Pentecostals: The State and Faith-Based Welfare Institutions in Los Angeles,” Conference of UC Policy Historians, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2001 Presented paper, “Complicating the Fundamentalist-Pentecostal Dichotomy: Aimee Semple McPherson and the Convergence of Religious Identities,” American Society of Church History, Spring Meeting, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2001 Presented paper, “Appropriating History: The Subversion of Fundamentalist Gender Orthodoxy in the Early Twentieth Century,” American Academy of Religion/Western Regional Conference, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA.
- 2000 Presented paper, “Fundamentalist Gender and Racial Orthodoxy: Challenging Religious Policy, 1915-1935,” National Policy History Conference, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EDITORIAL BOARD

Religion and American Culture, Co-Editor (2019-)

Pacific Historical Review (2013-2015)

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEWER

National Endowment for the Humanities

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

American Historical Association—Pacific Coast Branch (2017-2019)

PEER REVIEWS

Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press, Yale University Press, Princeton University Press, University of Chicago Press, Oxford University Press, University of North Carolina Press, University of Pennsylvania Press, New York University Press, Cornell University Press, University of Oklahoma Press, University of Alabama Press, W. W. Norton, Free Press, Bedford/St. Martin’s,

McGraw Hill, Congressional Quarterly Press, Routledge, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of American History*, *Journal of American Studies* (United Kingdom), *American Political Thought*, *Diplomatic History*, *Pacific Historical Review*, *Historical Journal* (United Kingdom), *Fides et Historia*, *History Compass*, *Church History*, *Religion and American Culture*, *Irish Theological Quarterly* (Ireland), *Journal of Religious History* (Australia), *Religion*, *Cold War History*.

PUBLIC SERVICE

DOCUMENTARIES:

God in America (American Experience/Frontline), produced by WGBH, Boston, for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Airdate: October 2010. Served as historical consultant (2008-2010).

Sister Aimee (American Experience), produced by WGBH, Boston, for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Air date: April 7, 2007. Served as historical consultant and on-camera “expert” (2005-2007).

TELEVISION WORK AND NEWS INTERVIEWS (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL):

“Prepping for Doomsday,” paper delivered at the conference “Religion and Politics in 21st Century America” on C-SPAN; broadcast January 1, 2015.

Roundtable Interview with Vincent Browne on *The Vincent Browne Show* on TV3 (Ireland); broadcast November 7, 2012.

Roundtable Interview with Aine Lawlor on the 2012 Presidential Election on RTÉ News (Ireland), hosted by the US Embassy, Ireland; broadcast November 7, 2012.

Interview for RTÉ News (Ireland); broadcast November 7, 2012.

Interview with Lawrence O’Donnell on *The Last Word* on MSNBC; broadcast September 26, 2011; re-edited for a follow-up segment on September 27, 2011.

RADIO INTERVIEWS (NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL):

Interview with Ian Masters on National Public Radio’s *Background Briefing*; broadcast December 7, 2017.

Interview with Ian Masters on National Public Radio’s *Background Briefing*; broadcast February 2, 2017.

Interview with Ian Masters on National Public Radio’s *Background Briefing*; broadcast December 24, 2015.

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