

# BRIAN J. CLITES

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## EXPERIENCE

### EMPLOYMENT

2015 – Case Western Reserve University  
 Associate Director, Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities (2017 – present)  
 Senior Instructor, Department of Religious Studies (2021 – present)  
 Instructor, Department of Religious Studies (2017 – 2020)  
 Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies (2015 – 2016)

### EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Northwestern University  
 2007 M.A., History of Religions, University of Chicago  
 2005 B.A., Religious Studies and French, Grinnell College

## RECENT & FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

*In Progress* *Surviving Soul Murder: Life and Faith after Clergy Sexual Abuse*  
 (Preparing for submission to the University of North Carolina Press.)

*In Progress* “Nina Polcyn: Women’s Entrepreneurship in the Lay Apostolate,” in *Twentieth Century Catholic Laywomen*, Nicholas Rademacher and Sandra Yocum, eds. (2022/2023).

2022 “‘Voice’ as Justice and Healing in the Early Clergy Sexual Abuse Survivor Movement, 1992–2002,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 40, no. 1 (Winter 2022).

2020 “Breaking Our Silence: A Primer for Beginning Research on Clergy Sexual Abuse,” *Cushwa American Catholic Studies* 47, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 6 – 16.

2019 “Soul Murder: Sketches of the Survivor Imaginary,” *Exchange: Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context* 48, no. 3 (Summer 2019): 268 – 279.

2019 “Our Accountability to Survivors,” in *American Catholic Studies* 130, no. 2 (Summer 2019): 4 – 7.

## RECENT GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2021 - 2023 Co-PI, Cleveland Humanities Collaborative, Phase II (\$2,128,000)  
 The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

2021 Faculty Fellow, Humanities in Leadership Learning Series (HILLS)  
 The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

2019 Sacred Writes, Public Scholarship Fellow at Northeastern University  
 Henry Luce Foundation

**RECENT PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

- 2021 “The Challenges of Soul Murder: Disentangling Religion and Sexual Abuse,” *The Religious Studies Project*, 26 March 2021.
- 2020 “The Problem with Spotlights: Rethinking Our Responses to Clergy Sexual Abuse,” *The Revealer*, published by The Center for Religion and News Media at New York University, 1 March 2020.
- 2020 “Catholic Investigations are Still Shrouded in Secrecy,” *The Conversation*, 3 February 2020.
- 2019 “Catholic Activism, Not Repentance, is what Forces Bishops to Resign,” *The Conversation*, 19 December 2019.  
(Syndicated by Associated Press, Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, and others)
- 2019 “Catholic Church Sex Abuse: The Difference the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Made in the Lives of Survivors,” *The Conversation*, 23 August 2019.
- 2019 “The Survivors of Clergy Sexual Abuse Who Finally Pushed the Vatican to Recognize the Problem,” *The Conversation*, 17 Feb 2019.
- 2018 “The Catholic Church’s History of Ignoring Priestly Abuse and Silencing Whistleblowers,” *The Conversation*, 9 Oct 2018.  
(Syndicated by Salon, Business Insider, Irish Examiner, and others)

**RECENT SERVICE**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 2019 – 2024 Program Unit Chair, “Contextualizing the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis”  
American Academy of Religion

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2021 - 2023 CWRU Committee on Educational Programming (CEP)
- 2019 - 2023 CWRU Faculty Development Committee

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| American Academy of Religion             | American Catholic Historical Association      |
| American Anthropological Association     | Consortium of Humanities Centers & Institutes |
| American Catholic Historical Association | National Humanities Alliance                  |
| American Catholic Studies                |   |