

Michael Pasquier

**Jaak Seynaeve Professor of Christian Studies
Professor of Religious Studies and History
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Louisiana State University**

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Florida State University, 2007 (American Religious History, Department of Religion)
M.A., Florida State University, 2003 (American Religious History, Department of Religion)
B.A., Louisiana State University, summa cum laude, 2002 (Majors in History and Philosophy)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

U.S. and North American Catholic History; Catholicism, Race, and Colonialism; Catholicism in the U.S. South; Religion and Environmental History; Public History

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Religious Studies and History, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Department of History, Louisiana State University, 2021-
Associate Professor of Religious Studies and History, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Department of History, Louisiana State University, 2013-2021
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Louisiana State University, 2008-2013
Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, in partnership with the Harvard Humanities Center, 2008-2009

BOOKS

Religion in America: The Basics, The Basics Series (New York: Routledge, 2017)
Gods of the Mississippi, Editor, Religion in North America Series (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013)
Fathers on the Frontier: French Missionaries and the Roman Catholic Priesthood in the United States, 1789-1870, Religion in America Series (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010).

DOCUMENTARIES

[*Water Like Stone: A Portrait of a Louisiana Fishing Village*](#), Documentary Film, Co-Producer and Co-Writer with Director Zack Godshall, 2013.
[*Coastal Voices: Stories about People, Land, and Water in Louisiana*](#), Audio-Documentary Series, Sponsored by the Whiting Foundation, Director and Producer, 2018-2019.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

“Catholicism in America: An Introduction” (book under contract with Routledge)
“Religion in America: The Basics,” 2nd Edition (book under contract with Routledge)

“Religion and Water in Coastal Louisiana” (book in progress)

“Dying and Living in New Orleans: The History of a Catholic Church” (book in progress)

SELECTED ARTICLES

“Missionaries, Martyrdom, and Warfare in French Colonial Louisiana, 1699-1764,” *Catholic Historical Review* 105, no. 2 (Spring 2019): 304-326.

“Flooded Catholicism: Disaster and Prayer in Coastal Louisiana,” *Exchange: Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context* 48 (2019): 204-213.

“Catholicism and Race,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History*, edited by Paul Harvey and Kathryn Gin Lum (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018), 172-190.

“The Invisibility of Voodoo, or, the End of Catholic Archives in America,” *American Catholic Studies* 125, no. 3 (Fall 2014): 12-15.

“Creole Catholicism before Black Catholicism: Religion and Slavery in French Colonial Louisiana,” *Journal of Africana Religions* 2, no. 2 (2014): 271-279.

“‘Though Their Skin Remains Brown, I Hope Their Souls Will Soon Be White’: Slavery, French Missionaries, and the Roman Catholic Priesthood in the American South,” *Church History* 77, no. 2 (June 2008): 337-370.

“Medjugorje in the American South: Our Lady of Tickfaw and the Politics of Devotion,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 24, no. 4 (Fall 2006): 125-148.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Start-Up Grant, “Coasts, Climates, the Humanities and the Environment Consortium,” Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, in partnership with the National Humanities Center, 2019-2021.

Public Engagement Fellowship, “Coastal Voices,” The Whiting Foundation, 2017-2018.

Summer Stipend, “Religion and Landscape in the Mississippi River Delta,” National Endowment for the Humanities, 2013.

Art Works (Design) Grant, “On Land / With Water: A Mobile Museum,” National Endowment for the Arts, 2012-2013.

Fellow, Young Scholars in American Religion, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2010-2012.

Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, in partnership with the Harvard Humanities Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2008-2009.

Dorothy Mohler Research Grant, Catholic University of America, 2006.

Research Travel Grant, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 2005.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Accommodations Committee, American Catholic Historical Association, 2021-2022

Co-Chair, Roman Catholic Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion, 2015-2020

Member, Program Policy Committee, American Society of Church History, 2013-2019

Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of American History*, Routledge, *Material Religion*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, *Ohio Valley*

History, Journal of Religious Ethics, Catholic Historical Review, Journal of Africana Religions, Journal of Southern Religion, Fordham University Press, Georgetown University Press, Terrae Incognitae

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC LECTURES

- “Mississippi River Trinity: Nature, the State, and God,” American Society of Church History, February 2021.
- “Religion and Nature in Coastal Louisiana,” Roundtable Panelist, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, February 2021.
- “Catholicism in 10 Objects,” Roundtable Organizer/Presider, American Academy of Religion, December 2020.
- “Religion and Petrochemical Pedagogy,” American Academy of Religion, December 2020.
- “Catholicism, Public Scholarship, and the 2020 Election,” Roundtable Participant, American Catholic Historical Association, October 2020.
- “Critical Terms Across the Catholic-Protestant Divide: Missions,” Roundtable Organizer/Presider, American Catholic Historical Association/American Society of Church History, New York, January 2020.
- “French Influences on American Institutions, Debates, and Women’s Religious Communities in the Antebellum Catholic Church,” Chair, American Catholic Historical Association, New York, January 2020.
- “Textbooks on American Catholic History: What Are They Good For?” Roundtable Participant, American Catholic Historical Association, New York, January 2020.
- “Religion, Race, and Environmental (In)justice in Louisiana’s Cancer Alley,” Symposium on “Religion in Place: Spaces, Borders, Bodies,” St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, October 2019.
- “Science, Democracy, and Climate Change,” Roundtable Panelist, Fall Forum of the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Boston, October 2018.
- “Strategies for Cultivating Social and Economic Justice in Coastal Restoration Planning,” Roundtable Participant, State of the Coast Bi-Annual Conference, New Orleans, May 2018.
- “Teaching American Religious History in the Era of Trump,” Roundtable Participant, American Society of Church History, Washington, DC, January 2018.
- “The Lord Gave, and the Lord Taketh Away: Memories and Memorials of Loss in Coastal Louisiana,” 90th Anniversary Lecture Series of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, November 2017.
- “Racism and the Catholic Church in the United States,” Retreat Leader, Annual Priests’ Convocation, Archdiocese of Dubuque, June 2017.
- “A History of Race and Racism in the American Catholic Church,” Keynote Speaker, “An Honest Look at Racism” Workshop, Cathedral of Christ the King, Archdiocese of Atlanta, November 2016.

“French Missionaries and the Roman Catholic Priesthood in the United States, 1789-1870,”
DeAndreis-Rosati Memorial Archives Lecture, DePaul University, Chicago, October
2016.

“Race, Racism, and the Catholic Church in Louisiana,” Acadiana Encounter Community Forum,
Lafayette, Louisiana, September 2016.