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## EDUCATION

### *Harvard University*

Ph.D., Department of Religious Studies 2008

M. T. S. 2002

J.D., *cum laude* 2001

### *Columbia University*

B.A., *summa cum laude* 1998

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

### *Saint Louis University*

2008- Present

Professor, Department of Theological Studies

Secondary appointment in Women's and Gender Studies

Director, Center for Research on Global Catholicism

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

*The Enfants Trouvés of Quebec: 1800-1845*, in progress.

*Where Paralytics Walk and the Blind See: Narratives of Sickness and Disability in early Modern New France*, Princeton University Press, 2022.

*Intimacies: Intersubjectivity and the Formation of the Religious Subject in the Modern Christian West*, edited with Brenna Moore, Indiana University Press, 2020.

*"The Cruellest of All Mothers": Marie de l'Incarnation, Motherhood, and the Christian Tradition*, Fordham University Press, 2016

*From Mother to Son: Selected Letters from Marie de l'Incarnation to Claude Martin*, Oxford University Press, 2014

### *Peer-Reviewed Articles and Review Essays*

"Sixteen and Possessed," *Spiritus: a Journal of Christian Spirituality* 22, no. 2 (Fall 2022): 232-251.

"Playing with Religion: Delight at the Border Between Epistemological Worlds," forthcoming from the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

"The Impossible Irony of Vatican I," *Harvard Theological Review*, 113, no. 1 (January 2020): 138-145.

"Bedside Manners: Sickness and the Jesuit Mission in Early Modern New France," *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 5, no. 4 (Nov. 2018): 567-585.

"Rethinking Agency after the Relational Turn," *The Journal of Religion* 97, no. 3 (July 2017): 345-359.

"What Really Happened: Radical Empiricism and the Historian of Religion," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 84, no. 4 (December 2016): 881-902.

"Neither One Thing nor the Other: Discursive Polyvalence and Representations of Amerindian Women in the Jesuit Relations," *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 3 (2016): 179-196.

"'But an Echo'?: Claude Martin, Marie de l'Incarnation, and Female Religious Identity in Seventeenth-Century New France," *The Catholic Historical Review* 100, no. 3 (Summer 2014): 459-485.

"Mysticism, Motherhood, and Pathological Narcissism? A Kohutian Analysis of Marie de l'Incarnation," *The Journal of Religion and Health* 52, no. 2 (2013): 642-656.

"'The Cruellest of All Mothers': Marie de l'Incarnation, Motherhood, and Christian Discipleship,"

- Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28, no. 1 (2012): 43-62.
- “When ‘Wolves Become Lambs’: Hybridity and the ‘Savage’ in the Letters of Marie de l’Incarnation,” *The Seventeenth Century* 27, no. 1 (Spring 2012): 104-120.
- “‘A Devotion Which... Distinguishes this People from all Others’: The Cult of Saint Anne and the Making of the Colonial Community in Seventeenth-Century New France,” *Quebec Studies* 51 (Spring/Summer 2011): 3-20.
- “The Miracles at Saint-Anne-du-Petit-Cap and Colonial Community Identity,” *Canadian Historical Review* 91.4 (December 2010): 611-635.
- Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**
- “Mother, Mothers, Motherhood/Christianity/Medieval Times,” in Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, forthcoming from De Gruyter.
- “The Occlusion of Intimacy: Uncovering Relationships as a Path Through the Modern Christian West,” co-authored with Brenna Moore, in *Intimacies: Intersubjectivity and the Formation of the Religious Subject in the Modern Christian West*, forthcoming from Indiana University Press, 2020.
- “Making Miracles Efficacious: Kateri Tekakwitha, Miraculous Cures, and Relational Networks in Seventeenth-Century France,” in *Intimacies: Intersubjectivity and the Formation of the Religious Subject in the Modern Christian West*, forthcoming from Indiana University Press, 2020.
- Marie Guyart de l’Incarnation. Singularité et universalité d’une femme de cœur et de raison*, eds. Philippe Roy-Lysencourt, Raymond Brodeur, and Thérèse Nadeau-Lacour, Presses de l’Université Laval, 2019.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

- Panelist, “Pius XII and SLU: a Roundtable on the History, Ethics, and Future of the Fraught Pope,” St. Louis University, March 2023 (invited)
- “Hagio/graphic Martyrdom,” Dry Bones: Catholic Horror, American Catholic Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 2023 (invited)
- Panelist, “Moving Body as Foundational to the Proper Study of Religion: A Response to and Celebration of the work of Sam Gill,” American Academy of Religion, November 2022 (invited)
- Panelist, “Jesuits, Rhetoric, and the Plurisensorium of Martyrdom,” American Academy of Religion, November 2022 (organized)
- “Jesuit Hagiography in Early Modern New France,” Imagining Jesuit Sanctity, Regis College, Toronto, March 2022 (invited)
- “Motherhood Transfigured: Between Patristic Norms and Maternal Practice in the Lives of the Saints,” Mothers in the Time of the Church Fathers, University of Verona, February 2022 (invited)
- “Hagiographic Prosthetics in the *Vie de la Mère Catherine de Saint-Augustin*,” Disability and the Catholic Imagination, American Catholic Historical Society, New Orleans, January 2022 (invited)
- “Sixteen and Possessed: Catholicism, Healthcare, and the Devil in Early Modern New France,” American Catholic Historical Society, New Orleans, January 2022

## RECENT HONORS AND AWARDS

- NEH Summer Stipend, \$6,000; 2022
- Research Growth Fund, \$28,000; 2019
- Faculty Research Leave Awardee, St. Louis University; 2016-2017
- Mellon Faculty Development Grant, St. Louis University; 2009, 2010, 2015, 2022