

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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## **EDUCATION**

**2001.** Ph.D. Religious Studies. Outside minor, Anthropology. Indiana University, Bloomington.

**1994.** MA, Religious Studies, Arizona State University.

**1992.** BA, Religious Studies and Political Science. Indiana University, Bloomington.

## **KEY POSITIONS**

**2022-present. Associate Vice President of Research, Office of Vice President of Research.**

The University of Iowa. \*Selected from a competitive internal search. I was hired to oversee and support research and creative activities in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences and my role has greatly expanded to include the Colleges of Education; Law; Nursing; Public Health; Business; Libraries; Engineering; the Graduate College; Medicine; Dentistry; and Pharmacy. I work with the Associate Deans of Faculty and Research in these colleges and support their faculty's research and creative endeavors.

**2021-2022. Acting Departmental Executive Officer, (DEO) Department of Rhetoric.**

Appointed by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Sara Sanders to bring leadership and stability to the department after the former DEO was placed on administrative leave.

**2020-2022. Interim Departmental Executive Officer, the Department & Divisional Chair), Division of Interdisciplinary Programs.**

The University of Iowa. Appointed by College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Steven Goddard to bring leadership & stability to a division comprised of 1.) Latin American Studies; 2.) Latinx Studies; 3.) Magid Writing Center; 4.) Global Health Studies; 5.) Entrepreneurial Leadership; 6.) Interdisciplinary Studies; and 7.) International Studies.

**2016-present. Professor. V.O. and Elizabeth Kahl Figge Chair in Catholic Studies.**

Department of Religious Studies and Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies. The University of Iowa. I was promoted to the title of "Chair" once I attained Full Professor status at the University of Iowa.

**2013-2016. Director of Graduate Studies. Department of Religious Studies.** The University of Iowa. During my time as DGS, I worked with our MA and Ph.D. students and focused on: 1.) professionalization; 2.) writing for a broader audience; and 3.) developing teaching skills for General Education courses in the Rhetoric Department. Since my time as DGS, the Department of Religious Studies has had two Teaching Assistantships allotted to their Ph.D. students each year. This arrangement has been beneficial for our graduate students as it provides them with a broader skill set in their teaching and familiarizes them with teaching GenEds which they will do post-graduation.

**2012-2016. Associate Professor and V.O. and Elizabeth Kahl Figge Fellow in Catholic Studies.** Department of Religious Studies. The University of Iowa. I was selected from a highly competitive national and international search. I came to the University of Iowa after a wonderful 10 years at Augustana to further my research goals and to work with graduate students as well as undergraduates.

**2008-2012. Associate Professor,** Religions in America, Department of Religion. Augustana College, Rock Island, IL.

**2002-2008. Assistant Professor,** Religions in America, Department of Religion. Augustana College. Rock Island, IL.

**2001-2002. Visiting Assistant Professor,** American Religions, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Berea College, Berea, KY.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Associate Vice President of Research**

#### **The University of Iowa**

##### **Overview**

- **In my university-wide administrative role as AVP Research I oversee and support faculty research** in all of our twelve Colleges. This includes: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Education; Law; Nursing; Public Health; Business; Libraries; Engineering; the Graduate College; Medicine; Dentistry; and Pharmacy. I meet regularly with the Associate Deans of Research and Associate Deans of Faculty and have been able to thrive in this role because our VP Research hired me to grow the position

over the past several years. I have been able to create new initiatives and collaborate with wonderful colleagues and have received funding and support from across campus.

- **I oversee two OVPR Centers which report directly to me: The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies (OCAS) and the Center for Social Science Innovation (CSSI).** I was able to oversee and help manage major leadership transitions (Directorships) in both units (2022-2024) and work closely with the new Directors of OCAS and CSSI and their teams. I spearheaded the internal reviews of the centers as well as the internal search and hiring process for both Director positions. Currently, the OCAS annual operating budget is just under \$500K and CSSI's annual operating budget is just over \$800K. I also work closely with the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) which has a dotted line to me and their budget is just under \$400K.
- **My leadership style is highly relational, and I thrive in connecting with faculty and administrators across campus as AVP of Research.** Along with my meetings with Associate Deans and faculty, I meet with and support Ph.D. students and their research. I meet with faculty and students 1-on-1 as well as in group meetings over coffee and tea. These listening and support sessions are invaluable as it helps me understand the needs of our faculty and graduate students so I am able to better support them and connect them with other resources across campus as well as externally. Faculty development has been a major focus of mine these past four years and even before in my DIP and Rhetoric administrative leadership roles.
- **Over the past several years I have developed a scaffolded system of writing for the public for our faculty and graduate students** largely through my \$270,000 internal P3 grant "Writing for the Public Good." Faculty and graduate students have benefitted from the various workshops offered through The Conversation U.S., the OpEd Writing Project, and the Alan Alda Science communication sessions. These workshops, as well as 1-on-1 sessions with professional editors, have helped our faculty and graduate students pitch their research to a variety of public-facing venues.
- **My OVPR initiatives are also highly collaborative, and I work closely with the Office of the Provost and Office of the President,** as well as with the twelve Colleges across campus to reinforce a university culture of celebrating research and writing. The OVPR now (with the enthusiastic support of the President and Provost) regularly celebrates faculty's book publications through our highly anticipated **Book Matters** series held each semester, and our popular **Creative Matters** series held with Hancher Auditorium.

- **I have expanded OVPR's Arts & Humanities Initiative (AHI) internal funding for research and creative work in the arts and humanities** and have assembled a robust network of internal grant reviewers that includes faculty as well as staff who oversee and support grant writing. Today, OVPR's AHI program now funds \$165,000 (from \$150,000 when I started in this role) in start-up funding for individual research, conferences, and major projects. I have expanded collaboration with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) to include a CLAS-OVPR co-funded Summer Humanities Research Awards for faculty. OVPR provides half of the funding, \$40,000 for individual summer research projects. OVPR also gives \$65,000 in subvention funds each year to CLAS and I work with the CLAS Associate Dean of Research to award this "bookend" funding.

## **Some Key Accomplishments and Initiatives as Associate VP Research**

### **1) Named New Directors of Obermann Center for Advanced Studies and Public Policy Center. Co-Created a New Board-Approved Center: Center for Social Science Innovation [2022-2024]**

As AVP of Research I oversee two Centers on our University of Iowa campus: The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies (OCAS) and the Center for Social Science Innovation (CSSI; formerly the Public Policy Center, PPC). I have had the honor and privilege of naming Dr. Mark Berg as Director of CSSI and Dr. Luís Martín-Estudillo Director of OCAS. OCAS is humanities-centric, interdisciplinary hub for faculty and students and CSSI supports social science research among faculty and students. I have worked closely with Dr. Berg to remake and revision what was a struggling center and is now, as the reimaged and Board-approved CSSI, a place for innovative social science research. CSSI provides pre-award, award period, and post award support. As new Director of the Obermann Center, Dr. Martín-Estudillo and his team are focusing on internationalizing the OCAS, facilitating interdisciplinary research and teaching opportunities on campus; and creating new opportunities for Arts and Humanities scholars. I work with both Center Directors to identify external sources of funding.

I also work closely with OVPR unit Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) and work with the Associate Deans of Research and Faculty in the following Colleges: Education; Law; Nursing; Public Health; and Business.

### **2) Awarded a \$270,000 University of Iowa P3 Grant for "Writing for the Public Good" <https://research.uiowa.edu/writing-public-good> [2023-2026; 2026-2027 no-cost extension]**

Developed the "Writing for the Public Good" program to provide expert training and support for public-facing research for our faculty, staff, and students. This has been a highly successful

initiative which builds on our OVPR summer Communicating Ideas workshops <https://research.uiowa.edu/communicating-ideas-workshop>; and extends to writing academically informed, journalistically styled articles for **The Conversation** <https://theconversation.com/us>; **Alan Alda Science Communicating Science** workshops <https://research.uiowa.edu/tags/alan-alda-center-communicating-science>; and **Spring Writing Retreats**. Starting in the spring 2025 semester we will offer one-hour workshops for faculty, graduate students, and postdocs on how to pitch their research to The Conversation.

### 3) **Created BOOK MATTERS**

It has long been a passion of mine to support and celebrate our faculty and their accomplishments. One of my first actions as AVP Research was to develop our “Book Matters,” events and they have become popular events where we celebrate scholarly excellence and to showcase faculty authors. We partner with Prairie Lights bookstore Iowa City and feature University of Iowa authors each fall and spring semester. <https://research.uiowa.edu/book-matters> In addition to the Fall and Spring Semester Prairie Lights book events, we host a large Book Matters celebration every two years. <https://research.uiowa.edu/event/156191/0>

### 4) **REVAMPED CREATIVE MATTERS [2022]**

My OVPR team and I rebooted what had been a dormant program of featuring University of Iowa as well as visiting performing artists. Month into my job as AVP Research we reached out to the new Director of our university’s Hancher auditorium and formed a partnership where OVPR helps to support two events per year with Hancher under the Creative Matters marquee. Our Fall 2024 highlighted Creative Matters artist was none other than Renée Fleming. <https://research.uiowa.edu/creative-matters> <https://hancher.uiowa.edu/2024-25/renee-fleming>

Our Spring 2025 Creative Matters OVPR-Hancher Auditorium partnership will feature the Joffrey Ballet.

### 5) **EXPANDED INTERNAL FUNDING: AHI Start Up and Subvention Funds [More details listed above]**

### 6) **FORGED CAMPUS-WIDE COLLABORATIONS**

With the Office of the President, Office of the Provost, Office of Strategic Communications, All Twelve Colleges, Hancher Auditorium, Office of Undergraduate Research, The Graduate College, University of Iowa Press.

## **7) FOSTERED INTERNATIONAL FACULTY RESEARCH EXCHANGES**

I travelled to Babes-Bolyai University (UBB) in Cluj, Romania in June 2024 with Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs (IP)

Dr. Russ Ganim to build relationships with faculty at the university and to work toward establishing international research exchanges between UBB and The University of Iowa. It was a highly successful trip, and we have since established an ERASMUS+ research exchange between our institutions and with the support of the European Union, IP, and OVPR.

## **8) PROMOTED PUBLIC-FACING RESEARCH IN THE STATE OF IOWA. RESEARCH FOR IOWANS.**

Secured \$10,000 in funding from the OVPR to co-host and sponsor an inaugural Iowa History Conference with my State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) colleague Dr. Andrew Klumpp. Our goal was to bring together faculty, student, and independent scholars together for a truly public-facing conference. It was by all accounts a big success. Over one hundred Iowans from across the state attended to day-long conference to hear about various aspects of Iowa history from experts. University and college professors from across the state of Iowa, along with Iowa museum directors (incl. African American History Museum; Living History Farms; Danish Museum, Military Museum) presented their research on Iowa and delivered their research findings in accessible ways for the wider public. <https://research.uiowa.edu/iowa-history-conference> A highlight of the conference was Iowa Public Radio ‘Talk of Iowa’ host Charity Nebbe, an Iowa celebrity, who recorded live a roundtable discussion that focused on the importance of telling Iowa’s stories. It aired a week later and drew a lot of positive attention for the partnership between The University of Iowa and the SHSI. <https://www.iowapublicradio.org/podcast/talk-of-iowa/2024-07-03/understandingiowas-historical-record-at-the-first-ever-iowa-history-conference>

## **9) CO-SPONSOR WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP DINNERS**

For the past three years I have co-hosted leadership and networking dinners for women colleagues in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). I have hosted the fall semester dinners at my home and the Dean of CLAS hosts the spring semester dinners at her home. These dinners have been highly effective in building networks and friendships among women and have positively impacted their experience at the university.

## RECENT AWARDS and RECOGNITION

**2024-2026.** Selected as **Senior Mentor** for the 2024-2026 Young Scholars of American Religion (YSAR) cohort. <https://raac.indianapolis.iu.edu/programs/young-scholars-in-american-religion/>

**2023-2026.** Awarded a \$275,000 University of Iowa P3 Grant Award for “**Writing for the Public Good**” initiative. This is a highly competitive university-wide grant given to PIs who demonstrate a commitment to improving the university culture, broadly construed. One of only four internal University of Iowa P3 awards given in 2023, Writing for the Public Good is entering its third year of the funding cycle. I am thrilled that we have enough funding to extend it a fourth year, and we are working with other units across campus, including the Office of Strategic Communications and the Office of the Provost, to cost-share so that we can continue the most successful and well-received parts of the initiative.

**2023.** Selected as one of two University of Iowa professors to deliver the 40<sup>th</sup> annual **Presidential lecture** in March. I was selected based on my public-facing scholarship and my community-based research in Iowa.

**2022.** Awarded the American Catholic Historical Association **Award for Distinguished Teaching and Mentoring.**

**2022.** Awarded the Office of Vice President of Research **Faculty Communicating Ideas Award.** This award recognizes a University of Iowa faculty member whose research and scholarship has made a broad impact outside of the university.

**2022.** Awarded the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) **Outstanding Outreach and Public Engagement Award.** This award recognizes a University of Iowa CLAS faculty member whose research and scholarship has made a broad impact outside of the university.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

**Series Creator & Editor, Where Religion Lives (WRL) Book Series, The University of North Carolina Press**

I created this book series and work closely with Editor Catherine “Cate” Hodorowicz as series editor. Our aim is to publish leading ethnographies of religion each calendar year, and to be the premiere book series for cutting-edge ethnographies of religion. As series founder and editor, I am an involved, hands-on mentor and editor with our prospective authors and authors. I meet with them as needed via Zoom, as well as in-person at our annual conference, the American Academy of Religion (AAR), each November. I consult with the members of the series Advisory Board on a regular basis and serve as a talent scout, writing coach, and editor. Professionally, this is a rewarding and exciting experience for me as I am able to mentor scholars, learn from and with them. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to help shape the field of Religious Studies and the methodology of ethnography and I love being a talent scout and editor. <https://www.uncpress.org/series/ethnographies-of-religion/>

## BOOKS

### Current Book Project

I am currently working with a literary agent on a trade press book on the topic of college and human potential. Estimated publication date: Fall/Winter 2026.

### Published Books

**Spring 2022.** Editor. *The Oxford Handbook on Latina/x/o Christianities* Oxford University Press.

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-latinx-christianities-in-theunited-states-9780190875763?cc=us&lang=en&>

**Fall 2021.** *Meatpacking America: How Migration, Work, and Faith Unite and Divide the Heartland* Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.

<https://uncpress.org/book/9781469663494/meatpacking-america/>

**Spring 2018.** *Américan Woman: The Virgin of Guadalupe, Latinos/as and Accompaniment.*

Loyola Marymount University Press. [https://www.store.tsehaipublishers.com/](https://www.store.tsehaipublishers.com/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=nabhanwarren&search_in_description=1&osCsid=6bf80d17c78b7c49379a5a09cfeb3465&x=0&y=0)

[advanced\\_search\\_result.php?](https://www.store.tsehaipublishers.com/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=nabhanwarren&search_in_description=1&osCsid=6bf80d17c78b7c49379a5a09cfeb3465&x=0&y=0)

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**Fall 2013.** *Cursillos in America: Catholics, Protestants, and Fourth-Day Spirituality.* Chapel

Hill: The University of North Carolina Press. [https://uncpress.org/book/9781469607160/](https://uncpress.org/book/9781469607160/the-cursillo-movement-in-america/)

[the-cursillo-movement-in-america/](https://uncpress.org/book/9781469607160/the-cursillo-movement-in-america/)

**Fall 2005.** *The Virgin of El Barrio: Marian Apparitions, Catholic Evangelizing, and Mexican*

*American Activism.* New York: New York University Press. [https://nyupress.org/](https://nyupress.org/9780814758243/the-virgin-of-el-barrio/)

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## PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES and ESSAYS (2010-present)

**Spring 2026.** Forthcoming. “How the Midwest Reshapes Latino American History.” *Middle*

*West Review.* <https://www.usd.edu/Research-and-Faculty/Middle-West-Review>

**Spring 2025.** “Meat and Poultry Processing.” *Oxford Bibliographies* in Food Studies. [https://](https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780197764381/obo9780197764381-0008.xml?rskey=WaS987&result=1&q=meat+and+poultry#firstMatch)

[www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780197764381/](https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/display/document/obo-9780197764381/obo9780197764381-0008.xml?rskey=WaS987&result=1&q=meat+and+poultry#firstMatch)

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**Fall 2024.** “Ethnography and Catholic Studies: Reflections and Observations.” Volume 135, Number 3. 57-62.

**Summer 2024.** “Blood, Flesh, and Emotions: An Anthropologist and Her Fieldwork in Meatpacking Plants” Chapter in *Existential Anthropology and the Study of Religion*, eds. Don Seeman and Devaka Premawardhana. The University of Toronto Press.

**2021.** “Ethnography Crossing Boundaries Between Religious Studies and Theology.” Coauthored Introduction to special journal issue of *Ecclesial Practices* with Natalie Wigg.

**Winter 2020.** “On the Frontlines: Rural Iowa Latino/a Ministries During Covid-19.” *American Catholic Studies*. Special issue, “Covid-19 and American Catholicism.” Vol 131.3. 18-27.

**Spring 2019.** Co-editor with James Bielo, Special Issue of the international journal *Exchange: Journal of Contemporary Christianity in Context*. Special issue focus: *The Anthropology of Catholicism*. Co-authored Introduction with James Bielo. Volume 48.

**Spring 2019.** “Why Studying Religion, Migration and Work in the Heartland Matters.” *As Far as the Eye Can See*. The University of Iowa Press.

**Spring 2018.** “Hispanics and Religion.” *Oxford Religion Encyclopedia*. Oxford University Press. <http://religion.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.001.0001/acrefore-9780199340378-e-79?rskey=loCMrf&result=>

**2016.** “Brown Catholicism and Brown America,” American Catholic Studies Special Forum on “Race, Supremacy, and the Making of American Catholicism.” Volume 127, Number 3, Fall 2016, 22-25. <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/35279>

**Winter 2015.** ““We are the Church”: The Cursillo Movement and the Reinvention of Catholic Identities in Postwar America and Beyond.” *U.S. Catholic Historian*. Vol 33 no. 1. Pp. 81-98.

**April 2014.** Editor of and contributor to the symposium “New Ethnographic Approaches in the Study of Christian Spirituality” in *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*. Vol. 14 Spring 2014, Pp. 55-102. Author of the introductory essay, “Post AAR-SBL 2013: Reflections on the Method of Ethnography for the Study of Christian Spirituality.” Pp. 55-59.

**Winter 2014.** “St. Joseph Please Sell My Home”: Considering Positionality and a More Relevant Catholic Studies. *American Catholic Studies*. Forum: The Future of Catholic Studies. Winter issue 2014. Vol. 125 no. 3. Pp. 28-32.

**Summer 2013.** “From Mallorca to America: *Cursillos de Cristianidad* and the Internationalizing of American Catholic Studies.” *American Catholic Studies*. Vol 124. No.2. Pp. 103-109.

**Spring 2012.** “‘La Virgen, She Watches Over Us’: What Cholos and Cholas Can Teach Us About Researching and Writing About Religion” in *Approaches to Including Children in the Study of Religion*, ed. Susan R. Bales. New York University Press. Pp. 121-138.

**Fall 2012.** “Saints.” in *The Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, ed. Wade Roof and Mark Juergensmeyer. Sage. <http://knowledge.sagepub.com/view/globalreligion/n622.xml>

**Fall 2011.** “Eduardo Bonnín Aguiló, *Cursillos de Cristianidad*, and American Catholic Studies.” Lead article: *American Catholic Studies Newsletter*, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. The University of Notre Dame. [http://cushwa.nd.edu/assets/103199/fall\\_2011\\_news.pdf](http://cushwa.nd.edu/assets/103199/fall_2011_news.pdf)

**Summer 2011.** “Embodied Research and Writing: A Case for Phenomenologically Oriented Religious Studies.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Vol 79 no. 2. Pp. 378-407.

**Fall 2011.** “Working Toward an Inclusive Narrative: A Call For Interdisciplinarity and Ethnographic Reflexivity in Catholic Studies” in *The Catholic Studies Reader*. Edited by. Maggie McGuinness and Jim Fisher. University of Fordham Press. Pp. 309-330.

**Fall 2010.** “Blooming Where We’re Planted”: Mexican-Descent Catholics Living *Cursillo de Cristianidad*. *U.S. Catholic Historian* “Remembering the past, Engaging the Present: Essays in Honor of Moises Sandoval. Vol 28, no. 4. Pp. 99-125.

**Summer 2010.** “Borderlands” in *The Blackwell Companion to Religion in America*, ed. Phillip Goff. Summer 2010. Pp. 29-41.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Fall 2024.** Book review of Lloyd Daniel Barba *Sowing the Sacred: Mexican Pentecostal Farmworkers in California*. (Oxford University Press, 2022).

**Fall 2024.** Book review of William A. Calvos-Quirós, *Undocumented Saints: The Politics of Migrating Devotions*. (Oxford University Press, 2022).

**Spring 2021.** Book review of Mark J. Massa, SJ, *The Structure of Theological Revolutions: How the Fight Over Birth Control Transformed American Catholicism* (Oxford University Press, 2018), *The Journal of Religion*.

**Spring 2021.** Book review of Lyz Lenz, *Godland: A Story of Faith, Loss, and Renewal in Middle America* (Indiana University Press, 2019). *Indiana Magazine of History*.

**Spring 2020.** Book review of Steven M. Avella, *The Catholic Church in Southwest Iowa* (Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2018). Vol 120. *American Catholic Studies*.

**Spring 2019.** Book review of Juan Francisco Martínez, *The Story of Latino Protestants in the United States*. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company.) *Journal of American History*.

**Spring 2019.** Book review of Del Socorro Castañeda-Liles, María. *Our Lady of Everyday Life: La Virgen de Guadalupe and the Catholic Imagination of Mexican Women in America*. (New York: Oxford University Press). *Material Religion*.

**Fall 2016.** Book review of Robert Orsi, *History and Presence* (Harvard University Press, 2016). H-Net Book review

**Summer 2015.** Book Review of *The Death and Afterlife of the North American Martyrs*. Emma Anderson. (Harvard University Press, 2014) in *The Journal of Jesuit Studies*.

<http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/10.1163/22141332-00203005>.

**March 2015.** Book Review of *Latino Mennonites*. Felipe Hinojosa. (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014) in *Journal of American History*. Vol. 101 no. 4.

**September 2014.** Book Review of *Catholics in the American Century: Recasting Narratives of U.S. History*. Eds. R. Scott Appleby and Kathleen Sprows Cummings (Cornell University Press, 2012) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Vol. 83 Issue 3.

**Fall 2013.** Book Review of *Homies and Hermanos: God and Gangs in Central America*. Robert Brennenman (Oxford University Press, 2011) in *Spiritus: A Journal of Spirituality*. Vol. 13 no. 2.

**December 2013.** Book Review of *Santo: Varieties of Latino/a Spirituality*. Edwin Aponte. (Orbis Books, 2012) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Vol. 82. Issue 4.

**Fall 2013.** Book Review of *Devoted to Death: Santa Muerte the Skeleton Saint*. R. Andrew Chesnut. (Oxford University Press, 2012) in *The Journal of Religion*. Vol. 93 no. 4. Fall 2013.

**Winter 2012.** Book Review of *The Rise of Charismatic Catholicism in Latin America*. Edward L. Cleary (University Press of Florida, 2011) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Vol. 81 Issue 4.

**2013.** Book Review of *Performing Piety: Making Space Sacred With the Virgin of Guadalupe*. Elaine A. Peña (University of California Press, 2012). *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*.

**Summer 2012.** Book Review of *Latino Catholicism: Transformation in America's Largest Church*. Timothy Matovina (Princeton University Press, 2012) in *American Catholic Studies*.

**Fall/Winter 2012.** Book Review of *A Faith of Their Own: Stability and Change in the Religiosity of America's Adolescents*. Lisa D. Pearce and Melinda Lundquist Denton (Oxford University Press 2011) in *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*.

**Fall 2010.** Book review of *New Women of the Old Faith: Gender and American Catholicism in the Progressive Era*. Kathleen Sprows Cummings (University of North Carolina Press, 2009) in the on-line journal *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000*.  
<http://womhist.alexanderstreet.com>.

**Spring 2011.** Book Review of *Crossing Borders with the Santo Niño de Atocha*. Juan Javier Pescador. (University of New Mexico Press, 2009) in *American Catholic Studies*. Spring 2011.

**Fall 2009.** Book Review of *A Complex Delight: The Secularization of the Breast, 1350-1750*. Margaret M. Miles. (University of California Press, 2008) in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*.

**Summer 2009.** Book Review of *The Amish and the Media*. Ed. Diane Zimmerman Umble and David Weaver-Zercher. (Johns Hopkins Press, 2008) in *Church History*. Vol. 78 Issue 2.

**Spring 2009.** Book Review of Michael P. Carroll, *American Catholics in the Protestant Imagination: Rethinking the Academic Study of Religion*. (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007) in *Journal of Religion*.

**September 2008.** Book Review of Gerald Poyo, *Cuban Catholics in the United States, 1960-1980: Exile and Integration*. (University of Notre Dame Press, 2007) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Vol. 77 Issue 3.

**Winter 2007.** Book Review of Thomas A. Tweed, *Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion* (Harvard University Press, 2007) in *American Catholic Studies*.

**September 2007.** Book Review of Juan Francisco Martinez, *Sea La Luz: The Making of Mexican Protestantism in the American Southwest, 1829-1900* (University of North Texas Press, 2006) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Vol. 76 Issue 3.

**December 2006.** Book Review of Roberto Treviño, *The Church in the Barrio: Mexican American Ethno-Catholicism in Houston* (University of North Carolina Press, 2005) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Vol. 75 Issue 4.

**Spring 2006.** Book Review of Kathryn Galchutt, *The Career of Andrew Schulze, 1924-1968: Lutherans and Race in the Civil Rights Era* (Mercer Press, 2004) in *Journal of Illinois History*.

**June 2006.** Book review of Rebecca J. Lester, *Jesus in Our Wombs* (University of California Press, 2005) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. Volume 75 Issue 2.

**June 2005.** Book Review of *Strangers at Home: Amish and Mennonite Women in History in Church History* (Johns Hopkins, 2002), Eds. Kimberly Schmidt, Diane Zimmerman Umble, and Stephen D. Reschly. *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* Volume 74 Issue 2.

**October 2004.** Book review of David Weaver-Zercher, *The Amish in American Imagination* (Johns Hopkins, 2004) in *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* Volume 74 Issue

**March 2005.** Book review of Stephen Prothero, *American Jesus: How the Son of Man Became a National Icon* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004), in *The Catholic Historical Review*.

**Summer 2004.** Book review of Timothy Matovina and Gary Riebe-Estrella, eds., *Horizons of the Sacred: Mexican Traditions in U.S. Catholicism* (Cornell, 2002), in *Journal of American Ethnic History*.

**February 2003.** Book review of Christian Smith and Joshua Prokopy, eds., *Latin America: Religion in Motion* (Routledge, 2000), in *Religious Studies and Theology Journal*.

**October 2003.** Book review of James W. Dow and Alan R. Sandstrom, eds. *Holy Saints and Fiery Preachers: The Anthropology of Protestantism in Mexico and Central America* (Praeger Press, 2001), in *Religious Studies and Theology Journal*.

**Summer 2002.** Book review of Douglas Carl Abrams, *Selling the Old-Time Religion: American Fundamentalists and Mass Culture, 1920-1940* (University of Georgia Press, 2001), in *The Journal of Southern Religion*.

**May 2002.** Book review of Deidre Sklar, *Dancing With the Virgin: Body and Faith in the Fiesta Of Tortugas, New Mexico* (University of California Press, 2001), in *The Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology*.

## AWARDS & HONORS

**Fall 2024-Spring 2026.** I was selected to be one of two Senior Mentors with the prestigious Young Scholars of American Religion program. Eli Lilly-funded mentoring program for junior scholars of American religion. Through the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University at Indianapolis.

**2017-2018.** Awarded a \$40,000 Sabbatical Grant for Researchers. The Louisville Institute. This competitive grant was awarded for the research and writing of my book, *Cornbelt America: The Work of Faith in the Heartland* [\*Which was published in Fall 2021 as *Meatpacking America*]. <https://louisville-institute.org/our-impact/awards/sabbatical-grant-for-researchers/13355/>

**Fall 2017.** Awarded a Career Development Award (CDA) /sabbatical by the University of Iowa and Board of Regents. My CDA was awarded to support the writing of my book *Meatpacking America*.

**2015-2016.** Awarded an Interfaith Youth Corps \$4,000 grant to work on developing interfaith studies at The University of Iowa. I developed and taught a University of Iowa Build course and tailored the course for counselors at The University of Iowa Student Counseling Center where I led a workshop. \*I continue to offer this course as a BUILD course to faculty and staff at Iowa.

**2006.** *The Virgin of El Barrio: Marian Apparitions, Catholic Evangelizing, and Mexican American Activism* (NYU Press, 2005) was nominated for the 2006 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Distinguished Book Award. Selected for an author-meets-critic panel event at the 2006 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual conference.

**2005-2006** Selected from a highly competitive national pool of scholars as one of twelve 2005-2006 Young Scholar in American Religion. Lilly Endowment grant funded; The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. <https://raac.iupui.edu/programs/young-scholars-in-american-religion/>

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

**Fall 2020-present.** Named a National Fellow with the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture.

### Board Memberships

**2024-2028.** Elected Board Member, Midwest History Association (MHA).

\*Co-planner of 2025 MHA annual meeting.

**2021-present.** Advisory Board Member, The National Museum of American Religion.  
[www.nmar.org](http://www.nmar.org)

**2021-present.** Editorial Board Member, *American Catholic Studies*, Journal. <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/liberal-arts-sciences/scholarship/journals/american catholic-studies.html>

**2012-2021.** Editorial Board Member, *Spiritus: A Journal of Christianity*

***American Academy of Religion: Leadership Positions***

**2016-2020.** Co-Chair, Council of Graduate Studies in Religion (CGSR).

**2017-2020.** Co-Chair, Religion and Social Science (RSS) unit.

***Regular Manuscript Reviewer For:***

New York University Press

Oxford University Press

University of Illinois Press

University of North Carolina Press

Fordham University Press

Routledge

Journal of American History

Journal of Religion and American Culture

***The Newman Catholic Student Center, Iowa City, IA***

**2019-present.** Member of the Rossi Center For Faith & Culture Advisory Committee.

## **RECENT PUBLIC FACING SCHOLARSHIP & INTERVIEWS**

**2025**

**Salon:**

<https://www.salon.com/2025/05/13/a-pope-of-the-people-the-first-american-pontiff-is-not-marxist-but-friends-say-hes-a-reformer/>

**ABC news, Australia:**

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2025-05-13/pope-leo-xiv-francis-interfaith-dialoguepeace/105280808>

**KCRG Channel 9 Live, “Everyday Iowa”:**

<https://www.kerg.com/video/2025/05/09/everyday-iowa-conclave-facts-figures/>

***Also with:*** Iowa News Now; TV Globo (Brazil); WBTV, the CBS affiliate in Charlotte, NC.

**2023** “Religion in the American Experience” with The National Museum of American Religion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmZJ6Xu0ALY>

**Al-Jazeera** Live interview on the Pope's visit to Mongolia. The producers read my article in *The Conversation* and reached out. <https://mediaview.aljazeera.com/video/uNxrtOsAYK>

Australian Broadcasting Corporation: Interviewed about Marian apparitions for a Halloween special of "God Forbid"

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/godforbid/god-forbid-jinns-genies-marian-apparitionsand-japanese-yokai/102949958>

Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Interview on Pope and Mongolia and *Meatpacking America*. <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/religionandethicsreport/american-meatpackers-andreligion/102795368>

**"Midwest Connections"** column: with Barnraising Media. <https://barnraisingmedia.com> The editors reached out after reading *Meatpacking America* and invited me to write a regular column. <https://barnraisingmedia.com/column/build-common-ground-conversation-and-communitymidwest-connections/>

<https://barnraisingmedia.com/god-hogs-meatpacking-america-slaughterhouse-agriculture/>

<https://barnraisingmedia.com/column/social-media-makes-us-more-intolerant-and-lessempathetic/>

<https://barnraisingmedia.com/column/on-caucus-day-in-iowa-a-different-kind-of-spin-cycle/>

Articles published by *The Conversation* <https://theconversation.com/us/who-we-are>

**December 2023.** "Viva Guadalupe! Beyond Mexico, the Indigenous Virgin Mary is a Powerful Symbol of Love and Inclusion for Millions of Latinos in the US."

<https://theconversation.com/viva-guadalupe-beyond-mexico-the-indigenous-virgin-mary-is-a-powerful-symbol-of-love-and-inclusion-for-millions-of-latinos-in-the-us-213633>

**August 2023.** "What the Pope's Visit to Mongolia Says About His Priorities and How He is Changing the Catholic Church." <https://theconversation.com/what-the-popes-visit-to-mongoliasays-about-his-priorities-and-how-he-is-changing-the-catholic-church-210447>

### **\*Documentary Film**

**2022.** Featured in the Univision documentary "Rising Up in the Heartland." \*Producers reached out as they learned of my book *Meatpacking America*

<https://www.univision.com/especiales/noticias/2022/rising-up-in-the-heartland/index.html#/en/>



### **\*USA Today OpEd**

**April 2020.** *USA Today* OpEd. “Corona Virus Shines a Light on the Risks Meatpackers are Facing.”

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2020/04/24/coronavirus-pandemic-makesmeatpacking-more-dangerous-than-we-thought-column/3006430001/>

### **\*Recent Media Interviews**

**February 2023.** “Religion in the American Experience” with The National Museum of American Religion. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmZJ6Xu0ALY>

### **Fall 2023.**

**Al-Jazeera** Live interview on the Pope’s visit to Mongolia. The producers read my article in *The Conversation* and reached out. <https://mediaview.aljazeera.com/video/uNxrtOsAYK>

Australian Broadcasting Corporation: Interviewed about Marian apparitions for a Halloween special of “God Forbid”

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/godforbid/god-forbid-jinns-genies-marian-apparitionsand-japanese-yokai/102949958>

Australian Broadcasting Corporation. Interview on Pope and Mongolia and *Meatpacking America*. <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/religionandethicsreport/why-is-pope-francis-visitingmongolia/102787330>

<https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/religionandethicsreport/american-meatpackers-andreligion/102795368>

\*In addition to my published and recorded pieces, I am a public-facing scholar who regularly give talks at local churches, (including Presbyterian, Lutheran, UCC, and nondenominational) and nonprofit organizations. Since the publication of *Meatpacking America*, I have been an invited guest on several book clubs on Zoom and in person. This was a highlight for me as my goal has always been to convey my research and to write in a way that extends far beyond the university and the “ivory tower.” I am passionate about sharing my work with a broad audience and have mentored undergraduates and graduate students for the past twenty years to do the same.

### **\*PODCASTS Featuring *Meatpacking America***

After the publication of *Meatpacking America*, various podcast journalists reached out to record me. It has been a wonderful whirlwind of activity since the book’s publication, and I take any

opportunity that arises as a way to amplify the lives of the women and men who work in meatpacking plants and their lives.

*\*Includes, but not limited to:*

New Books in Latino Studies. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/kristy-nabhanwarren-meatpacking-america-how-migration/id425455181?i=1000539981768> New Books Network <https://newbooksnetwork.com/meatpacking-america-1>

Dissent. Orthodoxy. <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/kristy-nabhan-warrenmeatpacking-america-2/id1525433436?i=1000540389320>

New Books in Anthropology. <https://www.everand.com/podcast/546602978/Kristy-NabhanWarren-Meatpacking-America-How-Migration-Work-and-Faith-Unite-and-Divide-theHeartland-UNC-Press-2021-An-interview-with-Kristy>

Australia National Broadcast. “American Meatpackers and Religion.” <https://www.abc.net.au/listen/programs/religionandethicsreport/american-meatpackersand-religion/102795368>

KALA Radio. <https://soundcloud.com/kalaradio/roi-443-podcast>

Classical Ideas Podcast. <https://classicalideaspodcast.libsyn.com/ep-227-meatpackingmigration-and-faith-wdr-kristy-nabhan-warren-dr-arlene-sanchez-walsh>

Available on Google Playbooks. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDXSia1wxMI>

Page 99 Test. <http://page99test.blogspot.com/2022/02/kristy-nabhan-warrensmeatpacking.html>

Iowa History 101. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZ\\_INdr8A3E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZ_INdr8A3E)

Commonweal. <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/holding-them-their-word> Open Plaza. <https://www.htiopenplaza.org/content/meatpacking-america>

### *Reviews of **Meatpacking America***

I’m thrilled that this book has been widely reviewed in peer-reviewed academic journals as well as more public-facing periodicals. Includes, but not limited to:

2021-2022

Little Village Magazine. <https://littlevillagemag.com/book-review-meatpacking-america-by-kristy-nabhan-warren/>

Reading Religion. <https://readingreligion.org/9781469663487/meatpacking-america/>

The Daily Yonder. <https://dailyyonder.com/review-meatpacking-america-how-migrationwork-and-faith-unite-and-divide-the-heartland/2022/06/01/>

The Catholic Messenger. <https://catholicmessenger.net/2022/06/a-review-of-meatpackingamerica/>

Small-town Immigration. <https://www.smalltownimmigration.com/the-latest/meatpackingamerica-a-review>

National Catholic Reporter. <https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/book-highlightsvulnerability-refugees-meatpacking-plants-across-american-midwest>

American Historical Review. <https://academic.oup.com/ahr/article/128/3/1467/7282176>

Middle West Review. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/871539>

Catholic Historical Review. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/872007>

Agricultural History. <https://read.dukeupress.edu/agricultural-history/article/97/3/508/381629/Meatpacking-America-How-Migration-Work-and-Faith>

Barn Raiser. <https://barnraisingmedia.com/meatpacking-america-kristy-nabhan-warrenmigration-american-dream/>

### **CITYWIDE LITERARY EVENTS: Featuring *Meatpacking America***

**2021. Printers Row Lit Fest.** I had the incredible opportunity to share my work with the public in Chicago at the annual event where excellence in writing is featured. I was part of a three author panel.

**2021. Iowa City Book Festival.** This was another wonderful opportunity to share my research and writing with a broad audience. Iowa City is the UNESCO City of Literature and happens to also be where I live and work, so this was extra special. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJyFDt\\_IbI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJyFDt_IbI)

### **INVITED LECTURES: *Meatpacking America***

**2025**

St. Ambrose University. Richard E. Geiger Lecture.

Inaugural Honors Scholar-in-Residence. Interdisciplinary Studies and the Honors College.  
Missouri Valley College.

Creighton University, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion & Society. Invited Book Talk, *Meatpacking America*.

## **2024**

Catholic Studies and Religious Studies Lecture. The University of Illinois-Chicago.

## **2023**

Holy Cross College. McFarland Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture invited lecture to present *Meatpacking America*.

University of Pittsburgh, Wilbur Endowed Chair Lecture. Department of Religious Studies.

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, The Thulin Endowed Lecture. Department of Religious Studies.

## **2022**

University of Notre Dame. *Meatpacking America* featured at the annual Seminar in American Religion. April. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4jmXAYAyMpU>

University of Arkansas, Invited Lecture on *Meatpacking America*.

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Invited Lecture on *Meatpacking America*.

## **2021**

Bishop Sullivan Annual Lecture in American Catholic Life. Virginia Commonwealth University. September. Zoom.

Commentator, Newberry Library Religion and Culture in the Americas Seminar. Zoom.

## **2019**

Seminar in American Religion Lecture, The Department of Religious Studies. Princeton University. December.

College of Arts & Letters/St. John Church and Catholic Student Center Annual Lecture, American Catholic Thought and Culture. Michigan State University.

Religion in Place: Spaces, Borders, Bodies symposium. One of twelve invited participants to share my work on lived religion in America today. St. Louis University.

## **2018**

The Mary Milligan R.S.H.M. Endowed Lecture in Catholic Spirituality. Loyola Marymount

University, March 22-23, 2018. \*My lecture was also published by Loyola Marymount University Press in book format. Focus was on Virgin of Guadalupe and some of my emerging research on meatpacking plants and religion.

[https://cal.lmu.edu/event/mary\\_milligan\\_lecture\\_in\\_spirituality#.Wr6niHXyvBI](https://cal.lmu.edu/event/mary_milligan_lecture_in_spirituality#.Wr6niHXyvBI)

The University of Virginia, by the University of Virginia Centro de las Américas/Americas Center: “Religious Movement(s): Migration and Belief in the Americas” Featured speaker. April 20-21. \*Presented an early draft of chapter from what became the 2021 book *Meatpacking America*.

## 2017

Endowed lecture, Texas A&M University. Gave a lecture to a Latinx Religions class and a public lecture on my ethnographic work with Latinx in Iowa.

Danforth Center, University of Washington-St. Louis. Shared my ethnographic research with Latino/a Catholics in Iowa and the Midwest at a public event featuring scholars of American Catholicism. With Timothy Matovina and Leslie Tentler.

## 2015

The American Parish Project (TAPP) Selected Participant, July 25-28. Working group and research funded by TAPP and The Louisville Institute. *Meatpacking America* was in its very stage (then titled *Cornbelt Catholicism*) and this working group helped me hone my work more.

## RECENT AWARDS and RECOGNITION

**2024-2026.** Selected as **Senior Mentor** for the 2024-2026 Young Scholars of American Religion (YSAR) cohort. <https://raac.indianapolis.iu.edu/programs/young-scholars-in-american-religion/>

**2023-2026.** Awarded a \$270,000 University of Iowa P3 Grant Award for my **“Writing for the Public Good”** initiative.

**2023.** Selected as one of two University of Iowa professors to deliver the 40<sup>th</sup> annual **Presidential lecture** in March. I was selected based on my public-facing scholarship and my community-based research in Iowa.

**2022.** Awarded the American Catholic Historical Association **Award for Distinguished Teaching and Mentoring**.

**2022.** Awarded the Office of Vice President of Research **Faculty Communicating Ideas Award**. This award recognizes a University of Iowa faculty member whose research and scholarship has made a broad impact outside of the university.

**2022.** Awarded the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) **Outstanding Outreach and Public Engagement Award**. This award recognizes a University of Iowa CLAS faculty member whose research and scholarship has made a broad impact outside of the university.

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

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**2024-2028.** Elected Board Member, Midwest History Association (MHA).

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### **At The University of Iowa**

**Dr. Sara Sanders**, Dean of CLAS and Professor of Social Work. [sara-sanders@uiowa.edu](mailto:sara-sanders@uiowa.edu)

**Dr. Liz Tovar**, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Office of the Provost. [Elizabeth-tovar@uiowa.edu](mailto:Elizabeth-tovar@uiowa.edu)

**Dr. Mark Berg**, Professor and Director of the Center for Social Sciences Innovation (CSSI). [mark-berg@uiowa.edu](mailto:mark-berg@uiowa.edu)

**Dr. Luis Martín-Estudillo**, Professor and Director, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies (OCAS). [luis-martin-estudillo@uiowa.edu](mailto:luis-martin-estudillo@uiowa.edu)

### **Outside of The University of Iowa**

**Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald**, Senior Vice Provost for Research and Creative Activities. Hofstra University. [colleen.fitzgerald@hofstra.edu](mailto:colleen.fitzgerald@hofstra.edu).

**Dr. Amanda Hartling Thein**, Dean, College of Education, University of Colorado, Boulder. Cell: 612-382-2836.

**Dr. Phillip Goff**, Executive Director, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture and Professor of Religious Studies. President, Faculty Senate. Indiana University at Indianapolis.

[pgoff@iu.edu](mailto:pgoff@iu.edu)

Cell: 612-382-2836.

**Dr. Lena Hill**, Provost and Professor of English and Africana Studies, Washington and Lee University. [lmhill@wlu.edu](mailto:lmhill@wlu.edu)