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EDUCATION

Claremont Graduate University, School of Religion Claremont, California	Doctor of Philosophy May 2009
Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary Evanston, Illinois	Masters of Theological Studies June 2002
Northwestern University Evanston, Illinois	Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies June 2002
Calvin College Grand Rapids, Michigan	Bachelor of Arts May 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Central Michigan University Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Courses: Religion, Race and Discrimination, Religion and Sexuality, Race and Racism in Dialogue, Death and Dying	2014-present
Western Michigan University Department of Comparative Religion, Courses: Gender and Religion, Introduction to Christianity Department of Gender and Women's Studies, Courses: Sexual Purity and American Adolescence, Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	2013-2014
Kalamazoo College Visiting Assistant Professor of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Courses: Introduction to Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies	2014
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion Courses: African American Religious History; Religion in America (2 course sequence); The Bible in America; Sex and Religion in the US; Introduction to Religion	2011-2012
Augustana College Conrad J. Bergendoff Fellow in Religion Courses: The Bible in America; Race, Religion, and Immigration in the U.S.; American Christianities; Introduction to Religion,	2009-2011
University of La Verne Course: Sex and Asceticism in the History of Christianity	Spring 2008

Claremont School of Theology	
Teaching Assistant, The Christian Tradition	Fall 2005
Teaching Assistant, History of Christianity II	Fall 2004
Women's Studies May Term, Oregon Extension of Eastern College	May 2000
Teaching Assistant, Discovering Women's Voices in Literature and Theology	

PUBLICATIONS

"Sexuality, Purity, and Modesty' in <i>The Routledge Handbook on Mormonism and Gender Studies</i> , Amy Hoyt and Taylor Petrey, eds. Routledge Press.	Sept. 2021
"Sexual Renunciation in Christian History and Theology" in <i>Contemporary Theological Approaches to Sexuality</i> , Lisa Isherwood and Dirk Von Der Horst, eds. Routledge: 2018	January 2018
"Material World: Gender and the Bible in Evangelical Purity Culture" in <i>The Bible, Feminism, and Gender</i> , Yvonne Sherwood, ed.	November 2017
<i>Virgin Nation: Sexual Purity and American Adolescence</i> (Oxford University Press)	July 2015
Reviews: <i>Journal of the History of Sexuality</i> ; <i>Journal of Contemporary Religion</i> ; <i>American Historical Review</i> ; <i>Reviews in American History</i> ; <i>Church History</i> ; <i>Sociology of Religion</i> ; <i>The Women's Review of Books</i> ; <i>CHOICE Reviews</i> , <i>Publisher's Weekly</i>	
"'It's Like Playing with a Nuclear Bomb': Sexual Fear and American Apocalypse in the Evangelical Purity Culture" <i>Journal of Theology &amp; Sexuality</i> , Volume 18, Number 3 (2012), pp. 253-29	March 2014
"Don't Act Now: The Faith-Based Abstinence Movement in the Religious Marketplace," in <i>God in the Details: American Religion and Popular Culture</i> , 2nd Edition, edited by Eric Mazur and Karen McCarthy (Routledge: 2010).	August 2010

Book Reviews:

"The Culture Wars and Beyond: New Offerings in Religion and Sexuality, A review of Marie Griffith's, <i>Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians &amp; Fractured American Politics</i> (Basic Books, 2018) and Gillian Frank, Bethany Moreton, and Heather R. White, eds. <i>Devotions and Desires: Histories of Sexuality and Religion in the Twentieth-Century United States</i> (UNC 2018) in <i>Reviews in American History</i> .	Fall 2019
Samuel L. Perry, <i>Growing God's Family: The Global Orphan Care Movement and the the Limits of Evangelical Activism</i> . (NYU Press, 2017) in <i>Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion</i> .	Sept 2017

Amy DeRogatis, <i>Saving Sex: Sexuality and Salvation in American Evangelicalism</i> . (Oxford University Press, 2014) in <i>Sociology of Religion</i> .	Sept 2016
Warren D. Nord, <i>Does God Matter? Taking Religion Seriously in Our Schools and Universities</i> . (Oxford University Press, 2010.) in <i>Teaching Religion and Theology</i>	Jan 2013
Bethany Moreton, <i>For God and Walmart: The Making of Christian Free Enterprise</i> (Harvard University Press: 2009) in <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i> .	June 2012
David Stowe, <i>No Sympathy for the Devil: Christian Pop Music and the Transformation of American Evangelicalism</i> (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2011) In <i>Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture</i> .	June 2012

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & INTERVIEWS

Matthew Miller, "Will Demon's Make a Difference in the Michigan Secretary of State Race?" MLive, July 20, 2022.	2022
Edward Helmore, "US Southern Baptist Churches Facing 'Apocalypse' Over Sex Abuse Scandal," The Guardian, June 12, 2022.	2022
Renee Roden, "Britney Spears: An Icon for Purity Culture's Wounded Women," August 27, 2021	2021
Devi Abraham, "It's Back: Purity Culture 2.0, Gen Z style" Religion News Service, December 2, 2021.	2021
Sandi Villarreal, "Their Generation Was Shamed by Purity Culture. Here's What They're Building in Its Place," Sojourners, March 15, 2019.	2019
Sarah Stankob, "Inside the Scam of the Purity Movement," Cosmopolitan, February 5, 2019.	2019
Laura Bullard, "The #Church Too Movement Isn't Just About Gender," Jezebel, June 7, 2018.	2018
Sara Moslener, "Sexual Purity, #ChurchToo and the Crisis of Male Evangelical Leadership" Religion and Politics, June 12, 2018.	2018
Hazel Cillis, "The Rise and Fall of the Pop Star Purity Ring," Jezebel, January 5, 2018.	2018
Sara Moslener, "#MeToo and the Problem with the Billy Graham Rule" Religion Dispatches/ReWireNews, February 27, 2018.	2018

Sheryl Gay Stolberg, "Pregnant at 18. Hailed by Abortion Foes. Punished by Christian School." New York Times. May 20, 2017.	2015
Ann Neuman, "Louie and Roy," The Baffler, November 10, 2017.	2015
Greg Williams, "Sex is Great! And Will Destroy Us All," Sojourners, August 5, 2015.	2015
Samira K. Mehta, "Virgin Nation: An Interview with Sara Moslener," Religion in American History, July 2015.	2015
Ann Neuman, "The Patient Body: Impossible Purity," The Revealer, July 15, 2015.	2015
Alice Robb, "Virginity Pledges and the Politicizing of Adolescence Sex in America," Women in the World, July 21, 2015.	2015
SideHugFilms, LLC, "Give Me Sex Jesus" Matt Barber and Brittany Machado, producers. 2015.	2015
Sara Moslener, "Secrets of "Virgin Nation": True Love Waits, Silver Ring Thing, and the real story of how evangelicals linked purity to America's salvation." Salon.com. June 28, 2015.	2015
Henry L. Carrigan Jr. "Teenage Sex and National Security: PW Talks with Sara Moslener," Publisher's Weekly, June 9, 2015.	2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Believe Women': Sexual Purity and the Racial Mythologies of White Womanhood" Henry J. Luce Conference on Religion and Sexual Abuse, University of California, Riverside.	March 2022
"Sexual Purity and the Racial Formation of White Women" American Academy of Religion	Nov 2021
"Purity, Race, and Christian Nationalism" North American Association for the Study of Religion	Nov 2020
"So Much Greater than a Cupcake: Sexual Purity and Its Discontents in the Jesus Christ Church of Latter-Day Saints" American Academy of Religion	Nov 2019
"Of Womanhood True and False: The Piety and Politics of Social Purity in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century" American Society of Church History, Washington D.C.	January 2018
"The White Lie for Two: Religion, Race, and Sexual Purity at the Turn of the Twentieth Century" National Women's Studies Association, Baltimore, MD	Nov 2018

Respondent, Evangelical Studies Group: Review Panel of Sara Moslener's <i>Virgin Nation: Sexual Purity and American Adolescence</i> American Academic of Religion, San Antonio, TX	Nov 2016
Religion, Race, and Welfare: Sexual Purity as Reproductive Technology" Doing the Body in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Gender and Sexuality Studies Program University of Pittsburgh	March 2016
Meet the Author Session <i>Virgin Nation: Sexual Purity and American Adolescence</i> Doing the Body in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Gender and Sexuality Studies Program University of Pittsburgh	March 2016
"Born-Again a Virgin: Sexual Purity and Adolescent Health in American Evangelicalism" Mercy College of Ohio, Lecture in the Humanities	Dec 2015
"Perfect and Pure: Sexual Purity and the Psychology of Adolescence" Religion, Health and the Body in North America Western Michigan University	May 2014
"Sexual Purity and the Queering of Evangelical Adolescents" Western Michigan University, Department of Gender & Women's Studies	Oct 2012
"It's Like Playing with a Nuclear Bomb: Sexual Purity and the Decline of American Civilization" Kalamazoo College,	Feb 2012

INVITED SEMINARS

Religion, Race and Democracy Lab: Learning with Charlottesville Summer Institute University of Virginia Director: Martien Halvorson-Taylor	2022
Teaching Against Islamophobia Directors: Todd Green, Juliane Hammer, Aysha Hidayatulla Wabash Center/American Academy of Religion	2018-2019
Religion and Sexuality Director: Mark Jordan, Harvard Divinity School Religion and Sexuality Initiative, Emory University	2010
Congregations and Religious Diversity in Contemporary America Director: R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois at Chicago Calvin College Center for Christian Scholarship	2008

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

National Women's Studies Association