

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2002 Ph.D. American Studies, New York University
1998 M.Phil. American Studies, New York University
1995 B.A. American Civilization and Spanish Literature, Brown University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Studies and Religious Studies, Ohio State University 2008-

Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Studies and Religious Studies, Ohio State University 2004-2008

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities, Religion Department, Barnard College, 2002-2004

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Affiliated Scholar, Beatrice Bain Research Group, University of California, Berkeley, April-September 2009

Invited Scholar-in-Residence, Center for Religion, Law, and Democracy, Willamette University, March-April 2009

Gustave O. Arlt Book Award in the Humanities for *Straight to Jesus*, 2008

American Academy of Arts and Sciences Visiting Scholar Fellowship (declined), 2007-2008

Ruth Benedict Prize Book Award, American Anthropological Association, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists for *Straight to Jesus*, 2006

Comparative Studies Departmental Teaching Award, 2006

Arts and Humanities Seed Grant, Ohio State University, 2005-2007

American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship, 2001-2002

New York University Deans Dissertation Fellowship, 2001-2002

Social Science Research Council Sexuality Research Fellowship, 2000-2001

RESEARCH AREAS

Religion and American culture; American religious history, religion, gender and sexuality; ethnography; social movements and political theory; religion and American politics; Christianity and Evangelicalism in America; the Christian Right

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Straight to Jesus: Sexual and Christian Conversions in the Ex-Gay Movement (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006)

Reviewed in: *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, *Sociology of Religion*, *GLQ*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Gender, Place & Culture: A Journal of Feminist Geography*, *Men and Masculinities*, *Salon.com*, *Curve*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *Christian Century*, *H-Amstdy*

Editor, *Zero Tolerance: Quality of Life and the New Police Brutality in New York City* (New York: New York University Press, 2001)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Faith-Based Prisons and the Politics of Transformation

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"Wise Women: Critical Citizenship in a Women's Prison," in *Interrupted Life: The Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States*, edited by Rickie Solinger (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010).

"Praying Away the Gay: 'This is What Love Feels Like?'" *Religion Dispatches*, February 2, 2009 http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/mediaculture/1058/praying_away_the_gay:_%22this_is_what_love_feels_like%22/

"Religious Literacy in a Faith-Based Prison," *PMLA: Publications of the Modern Language Association*, Special Issue on Incarceration, Social Justice, and Literacy (May 2008).

"Testimonial Politics: The Christian Right's Faith-Based Approach to Marriage and Imprisonment," *American Quarterly*, Volume 59, Issue 2 (September 2007).

"Primary Sources that Speak Back: Ethnography in the Prison," *Ohio State University Humanities Exchange* 18: 13-14 (2007).

"The Policy Implications of the Ex-Gay Movement," *American Sexuality Magazine*, National Sexuality Resource Center, San Francisco State University, (December 2006).

"Partners in Prayer," *The Boston Globe*, Sunday Ideas Section, June 11, 2006. http://www.boston.com/news/globe/ideas/articles/2006/06/11/partners_in_prayer/

“Warriors for Christ: The Electoral Politics of the Christian Right,” *New Labor Forum*, Vol. 14, Issue 3 (September 2005).

“Sexual Healing: Self-help and Therapeutic Christianity in the Ex-Gay Movement,” in *Religious Healing in America*, edited by Susan Sered and Linda Barnes, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004).

“We Shall Overcome: Cultural Conversion and the Politics of Sexuality in the Ex-Gay Movement,” in *Local Actions: Cultural Activism, Power and Public Life*, edited by Maggie Fishman and Melissa Checker, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003).

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS CONT.

“Turnstile Jumpers and Broken Windows: Policing Disorder in New York City,” *Zero Tolerance: Quality of Life and the New Police Brutality in New York City*, edited by Tanya Erzen and Andrea McArdle, (New York: New York University, Press, 2001).

“Liberated Through Submission? The Gender Politics of Evangelical Women's Groups,” in *The Promise Keepers: Essays on Masculinity and Christianity*, edited by Dane Claussen, (North Carolina: McFarland & Company, 1999).

“Sisterhood is Prayerful,” *The Nation* 8/15, (September 1997).

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEW ARTICLES

Eileen Luhr, *Witnessing Suburbia: Conservatives and Christian Youth Culture* (University of California Press, 2009) in *The History Teacher*

David Valentine, *Imagining Transgender: An Ethnography of a Category* (Duke University Press, 2007) in *Society and Space*

Margaret Lamberts Bendroth, *Fundamentalists in the City: Conflict and Division in Boston's Churches, 1885-1950* H-AmRel, (2007).

Raquel Romberg, *Witchcraft and Welfare: Spiritual Capital and the Business of Magic in Modern Puerto Rico* in *Journal of Anthropological Research* Volume 60, Number 2 (Summer 2003).

Calvin W. Edwards and Gary Land: Title: *Seeker After Light: AF Ballenger, Adventism, and American Christianity*. H-AmRel. (2002)

INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Carceral Church: Neoliberalism and the Faith-based Prison Movement,” for an Invited Session “Ethnographic Means to Political Ends: Anthropological Contributions to Understanding the Interrelations between Contemporary Conservative and Neoliberal Movements,” American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 2-6, 2009.

“Darwin in America: A Keywords Approach to the 150th Anniversary of *On the Origin of Species* and the Bicentennial of Darwin’s Birth,” American Studies Association, Washington D.C. November 5-8, 2009.

“Devoted to discipline: religion, education and punishment in prison,” Center for Religion and Media, New York University, March 6, 2009.

“Latino Prisoners and the Politics of Evangelicalism in the Faith-Based Prison,” Conference on Cultural Conversions: Religion, Gender and Latino/a America, New York University, Sept. 26, 2008.

“The Practices of Religion in the Contemporary North American Prison,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, Nov. 17-20, 2007.

Respondent, “Hookin’ up (with Jesus): Kinship, Desire, and Love among born-again young adults in the Global South,” American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, Nov. 28-Dec. 2, 2007.

Chair/Commentator, “Loving Sins/Loving Sinners: Contemporary Christianity and Queerness,” American Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 11-14, 2007.

“Evangelicals and the 2008 Election: The Role of Sexuality and Politics,” St. Stephens Episcopal Church, March 26, 2007.

“Empathy, Engagement and Incarceration,” for the art exhibit *Interrupted Life: Incarcerated Mothers in the United States*, Ohio State University, Nov. 6, 2006.

“The Politics of Gender and Conversion in the Ex-Gay Movement” Gender and Religion in Global Perspective Conference, Copenhagen University, Oct. 26-28, 2006.

“Predicaments of Retribution: Prison, Punishment, and the Politics of Control in a Religious Prison” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Oakland, CA, Oct. 12-15, 2006.

Respondent to George Lipsitz’s presentation, “Breaking the Chains and Steering the Ship: How Activism Can Help Change Teaching and Scholarship” Ethnic Studies Working Group, Ohio State University, Sept. 22, 2006.

“The Role of Sexuality in the Church,” Columbus Unitarian Church, July 9, 2006.

“Becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation,” King Avenue United Methodist Church, April 22, 2006.

Respondent, “Staging Terror: Human Rights and Humanitarian Appeals,” Cultural Difference and Democracy Working Group, Ohio State University, April 28, 2006.

Invited Participant, “States of Sexuality,” Sexuality Research Fellows Program Capstone Meeting, New Mexico, March 30-31, 2006

“Media Coverage and Policy Implications of the Ex-Gay Movement,” The Knight Forum, Annenberg School of Communication, University of Southern California, March 22, 2006.

“Religion and Politics,” Religion and Media Caucus at the Academy of American Religion Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 18, 2005.

“Evangelicalism and Faith-Based Politics,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC 2005, Nov. 4, 2005.

Invited Participant, “Sexuality and Religion,” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, May 5-6, 2005.

“That Old-Time Religion,” Symposium on Theatre and the Law: The Legacy of Lawrence and Lee in the Age of Intelligent Design, Wexner Center for the Arts, Ohio State University, May 17, 2005.

“Global Christianity and the Marketplace of Belief,” Media and Belief in an Interdependent World Conference, the American University of Paris, March 4-5, 2005.

“Cures? The Biblical Science of Sexuality in the Ex-Gay Movement,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Vancouver, Canada, April 8-10, 2005. (originally accepted for the AAA meetings in San Francisco).

“The Roots of Working-Class Conservatism” Labor at the Crossroads Conference, Graduate Center of the City University of New York, December 2-3, 2004.

Roundtable on “Faith and Film,” Academy of American Religion Conference, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 20-23, 2004.

“Youth with a Mission: Evangelical Media and the Conversion of Muslims Abroad,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 11-14, 2004.

“Producing Protestantism: Mediating Religion and Politics at Home and Abroad,” Fourth Annual International Conference on Media, Religion, and Culture, Louisville, KY, September 1-4, 2004.

“Proselytizing Media and the Politics of the Apocalypse,” The Rockefeller Foundation, Culture and Communication Group, New York, NY, Jan. 7, 2004.

“Proselytizing Media: Conservative Christian Media Encounters the World,” Bridging Seminar, the Center for Religion and Media, New York University, Oct. 14, 2003.

“Proselytizing Media: Conservative Christian Media Encounters the World,” Hemispheric Encuentro: Performance and Politics in the Americas: Spectacles of Religiosity, New York University, New York, NY, July 14, 2003.

“Fundamentalisms, Sexualities, and Freedoms,” Mapping Insurgencies Conference, Center for the Study of Race, Sex and Globalization, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, April 25-27, 2004.

“Hope for Healing? Sexual Politics, Civil Rights and Religious Conversions in the Ex-Gay Movement,” Seminar on Gender, Sexuality, Health and Human Rights, Columbia University, New York, NY, Dec. 4, 2003.

“Rethinking Sexuality and Fundamentalism in a Global Context: Converting Sexuality and Religion in the U.S. Christian Right,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Houston, TX, Nov. 14-17, 2003.

“Divided Allegiances: The Problems of Doing Ethnographic Fieldwork and Writing on Evangelical Ex-Gay Christians,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, University of Connecticut, June 7-9, 2002.

“Therapeutic Evangelism and Sexual Conversion at New Hope Ministry,” for a panel “Acts of Faith,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH, April 5-7, 2002

“Gospel Ethnography: Dilemmas of Fieldwork in the Cultures of Evangelical Protestantism,” American Anthropological Annual Conference, Washington DC, Dec. 1-2, 2001.

“Converting Sexuality and Religion in the US Christian Right,” American Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, Nov. 9-11, 2001.

“Global Crusaders: Exporting the Cultural Politics of the Christian Right,” American Studies/Canadian Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, October 30, 1999.

“Policing the Quality of Life in New York,” Centennial Views: One Hundred Years of New York History and Culture Conference, New York University, New York, NY October 6, 1999.

“The Promise Keepers, Promise Reapers, and the Politics of Submission,” Feminist Scholarship Conference, Duke University, Durham, NC, April 1998.

“Liberated Through Submission: Gender and Evangelical Women,” Locating Feminism Conference, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 1998.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Fresh Air, National Public Radio with Terry Gross about *Straight to Jesus*, October 9, 2006.

Women Aloud, interview about *Straight to Jesus*, Nov. 15, 2006.

Worldviews with Warren Smith, interview about *Straight to Jesus*, Nov. 1, 2006.

WOSU interview with anchor Marilyn Smith, October 31, 2006.

WHRO *HearSay with Cathy Lewis* radio interview, October 24, 2006.

KPCC radio interview about *Straight to Jesus* for AirTalk, Sept. 27, 2006.

KPFK Pacifica radio interview about *Straight to Jesus* with Jon Wiener, Aug. 30, 2006.

MSNBC Weekend Edition television interview, June 18, 2006.

The Columbus Dispatch, interview about the ex-gay movement, June 12, 2006.

John McLellan Show, radio interview, Sirius Radio, May 22, 2006.

Publisher's Weekly Author Interview, Religion Book Line, April 26, 2006.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Institutional Review Board, Representative for the Humanities, 2008-2011

Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2008-2009

College of Arts and Humanities Diversity Committee, 2008-2009

Mission Statement Committee, 2008-2009

Humanities Senate Representative, 2006-2007

Coordinator, Religious Studies Major and Minor, 2006-2008

Advisory Board for the Center for the Study of Religion, 2006-
Associate faculty member, Department of Women's Studies, 2005-
Advisory Committee, Interdisciplinary Graduate Specialization in Sexuality Studies, 2005-
Member, Cultural Difference and Democracy faculty group, 2005-
Search Committee Member, Ethnic and American Studies, 2006-2007
Chair, Comparative Studies Lecture Committee, 2005-2007
Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Religion Compass: Religions of the Americas*, 2007-
Lora Romero First Book Publication Prize Committee, American Studies Association 2008-2009

MANUSCRIPT READER/REFeree

University of California Press, Oxford University Press, New York University Press, Columbia
University Press, Indiana University Press, *GLQ: Gay Lesbian Quarterly*, *The Sociological
Quarterly*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Popular Communication: The International Journal of
Media and Culture*, *Social Problems*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Studies Association
American Academy of Religion
American Anthropological Association
Society for the Anthropology of Religion

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

American Religious History and Culture; Comparative Global Religion; Women and Religion;
Sexuality, Gender, Religion and the Body; Twentieth-Century Religion and Culture;
Evangelicalism and American Christianity; Methodologies of Ethnography; Theory and Methods
in Religious Studies

COURSES TAUGHT

(syllabi available online at <http://www.tanyaerzen.com/teaching.html>)

Undergraduate:

Religious Diversity in America; Religion and American Culture; New Religious Movements in a
Global Context; Introduction to Global Comparative Religions; Women and Religion; Religion,
Gender, and Sexuality; The Ethnography of Religion; Evangelicalism in America; Right-Wing
Politics in American History; Religion and Politics in the Contemporary U.S; Religion and
Media; Religion and Violence; Representations of War in Literature and Film; Comparative
Studies Senior Seminar; The History of Sexuality; Introduction to Women's Studies; Gender,
Politics and Citizenship in American History; Gender and Cultural History in U.S. History;
Citizenship, Gender, and American Social Movements

Graduate:

Theories and Methods in Ethnography; Citizenship, Politics, and Social Movements;
Religion, Gender and Sexuality; Theorizing Religion

