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Curriculum Vitae  
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## EDUCATION

Ph.D.	1979	-Yale University
M. Phil.	1976	-Yale University
M.A.	1974	-Yale University
B.A.	1973	- Loyola University, Chicago

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- T. L. Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies, Yale University, 2000 - present
- Chair, Renaissance Studies Program, Yale University, 2006 -2009; 2013-2021
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, 1999-2002
- Professor, Yale University, Departments of History and Religious Studies, 1996-2000
- Professor, University of Virginia, Departments of History and Religious Studies, 1994 - 1996
- Associate Professor, University of Virginia, History, 1989 - 94; Religious Studies, 1987 -94.
- Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, Department of Religious Studies, 1981-87.
- Assistant Professor, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, 1979-81.
- Lecturer, Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, Connecticut, 1978.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Jaroslav Pelikan Prize for the best book on religion, Yale University Press, 2018
- Grodin Family Fine Writers Award, Wilton Public Library, Connecticut, 2017
- R.R. Hawkins Award for best book, *Reformations*, and Award for Excellence in Humanities and the European & World History, American Publishers Awards for Professional & Scholarly Excellence (PROSE), 2017.
- Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, 2015
- New American Award, Archdiocese of Miami, 2014
- Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, Midland University, Fremont, Nebraska, 2013
- Fellowship, Lilly Foundation Project in Lived Theology, 2005-2009
- *Who's Who in the World; Who's Who in America; Who's Who in American Education*
- National Book Award, non-fiction, 2003
- Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, 2002-2005
- Seminar Leader, Folger Institute, Folger Shakespeare Library, Fall 2000
- Distinguished Faculty Award, IMP Society, University of Virginia, 1996
- Visitor, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 1992-93.
- Member, Center for Advanced Studies, University of Virginia, 1992-93.
- Henry St. George Tucker Faculty Award, University of Virginia, 1992.
- University of Virginia Alumni Board of Trustees Teaching Award, 1990.

- Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, 1986-87.
- Sesquicentennial Associates Fellowship, University of Virginia, 1986-87.
- Fulbright Program Fellowship for Research in Spain, 1984.
- Faculty Fellowships for Summer Research, University of Virginia, (5) 1983- 91.
- Exxon Education Foundation Fellowship, Newberry Library, Chicago, 1982.
- Carl Meyer Memorial Prize, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, 1980.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Newberry Library, Chicago, 1980.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books published:

*They Flew: A History of the Impossible* (Yale University Press, 2023).

Audio version forthcoming 2024

*The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila: A Biography* (Princeton University Press, 2019)

*Reformations: The Early Modern World, 1450-1700* (Yale University Press, 2016).

Audio version (2018) and Chinese translation forthcoming 2024.

*A Very Brief History of Eternity* (Princeton University Press, 2009)

Portuguese Translation, 2013

*Learning to Die in Miami: Confessions of a Refugee Boy* (Free Press, 2010)

Also published in Spanish as *Miami y Mis Mil Muertes*

*Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* (The Free Press, 2003).

Translations in German, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, Czech, Greek, Serbian, Bulgarian, Turkish, Finnish, and Chinese (forthcoming).

Chosen reading for One Book program, Madison, Connecticut, 2004

Chosen reading for One Book program, Philadelphia 2007

Chosen reading for One Book program, San Diego 2016

Chosen reading for One Book program, Wilton, Connecticut, 2017

*Jews, Christians, Muslims: A Comparative Introduction to Monotheistic Religions,*

with J. Corrigan, M. Jaffee, and F. Denny (Prentice-Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. 1997; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed 2012).

*From Madrid to Purgatory: The Art and Craft of Dying in Sixteenth Century Spain.*

*Cambridge Studies in Early Modern History* (Cambridge University Press, 1995)

*War Against the Idols: The Reformation of Worship From Erasmus to Calvin*

(Cambridge University Press, 1986). Portuguese translation forthcoming.

**Festschriften:**

*A Linking of Heaven and Earth: Studies in Religious and Cultural History in Honor of Carlos M. N. Eire*, ed. Emily Michelson, Scott Taylor, and Mary Noll Venables (Ashgate, 2012)

**Scholarly Articles and Essays:**

“Protestantism, Disenchantment, and the Birth of Modernity,” in *Die Verwandlung des Heiligen: Die Geburt der Moderne aus dem Geist der Religion, Geburt der Moderne aus dem Geist der Religion*, ed. Matthias Pohligh and Detlef Pollack (Berlin University Press, 2020)

“Idolatry,” *John Calvin in Context* (Cambridge University Press, 2019)

“Slaying the Dragon of the Dark Ages,” *New York Times Book Review* (18 December 2017)

“Ecstasy as Polemic: Mysticism and the Catholic Reformation.” *Irish Theological Quarterly* (December, 2017)

“Martin Luther: The Wrath of God,” *First Things*, 31 October 2017

“Redefining the Sacred and the Supernatural,” *Protestantism after 500 Years*, ed. Thomas A. Howard and Mark A. Noll (Oxford University Press, 2016)

“Late Medieval Europe: An Age of Faith?” *Cambridge History of Religions in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

“Calvin and Calvinism,” *The Oxford Illustrated History of the Reformation*, (Oxford University Press, 2015)

“Incombustible Weber: How the Protestant Reformation Really Disenchanted the World,” *Faithful Narratives: The Challenge of Religion in History*, ed. Andrea Sterk and Nina Caputo (Cornell University Press, 2014).

“Pierre Viret and Nicodemism.” *Pierre Viret et la diffusion de la Réforme: Pensée, action, contextes religieux*, ed. Karine Crousaz and Daniella Solfarolli Camillocci (Editions Antipodes, 2014).

“The Intentional Challenge of the Unintended Reformation,” *Historically Speaking: The Bulletin of The Historical Society*, 13.3 (June 2012)

“The Good, the Bad, and the Airborne: Levitation and the History of the Impossible in Early Modern Europe,” *Ideas and Cultural Margins in Early Modern Germany*, ed. By Robin Barnes, et. al., (Ashgate, 2009).

- “John Calvin, Accidental Anthropologist,” *John Calvin and Catholicism*, ed. by Randall Zachman (Baker Books, 2008).
- “Reformations,” *Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, (Blackwell, 2007).
- “Death,” *People’s History of Christianity*, vol. 6: 1600-1900, (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2007)
- “Early Modern Catholic Piety in Translation,” *A Cultural History of Translation in Early Modern Europe*, ed. by Peter Burke and Ronnie Hsia (Cambridge University Press, 2007).
- “The Concept of Popular Religion,” *Popular Religion in Mexico*, ed. by Martin Nesvig (University of New Mexico Press, 2006).
- “Bite This Satan!: The Devil in Luther’s Table Talk,” *Piety and Family in Early Modern Europe: Essays in Honour of Steven Ozment*, ed. by B. Kaplan and M. Forster (Ashgate, 2006).
- “Imagining the West Without the Cross;” *Unmaking the West: Essays in Counterfactual History*, edited by G. Parker, N. Lebow, and P. Tetlock, ( University of Michigan Press, 2007).
- “Religious Kitsch or Industrial Revolution: What Difference Would a Catholic England Make?,” *Unmaking the West: Essays in Counterfactual History*, edited by G. Parker, N. Lebow, and P. Tetlock, (University of Michigan Press, 2007).
- “Calvin’s Geneva and the Psalms,” *The Psalms in Community: Jewish and Christian Textual, Liturgical, and Artistic Traditions*, ed. by H. Attridge and M. Fassler (Atlanta, 2004).
- “Pilate Releases Jesus, Then What?,” in *What If? 2*, edited by Robert Cowley (G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 2001)
- “The Good Side of Hell: Infernal Meditations in Early Modern Spain,” *Historical Reflexions* (2000).
- "Masses for the Dead, Inflation, and Religious Reform in Sixteenth Century Madrid," *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*, Special volume, *Die Reformation in Deutschland und Europa: Interpretationen und Debaten*, 1993.
- "Antisacerdotalism and the Young Calvin," *Anticlericalism in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe*, *Studies in Medieval and Reformation Thought* 51, ed. by Heiko Oberman (E.J. Brill, 1992).
- "Major Problems in the Definition of 'Spirituality' as a Distinct Discipline," *Modern Christian Spirituality*, ed. by B. Hansen (Scholars Press, 1991).
- "True Piety Begets True Confession: Calvin's Attack on Idolatry," *John Calvin and the Church: A Prism of Reform*, ed. by Timothy George (Westminster Press, 1990).

"The Reformation Critique of the Image," *Bilder und Bildersturm im Spätmittelalter und in der Frühen Neuzeit*, ed. by R. Scribner (Wolfenbütteler Forschungen 46: Herzog August Bibliothek, 1990).

"Prelude to Sedition? John Calvin's Opposition to Nicodemism and Religious Compromise," *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*, 79 (1985).

"Iconoclasm as a Revolutionary Tactic: The Case of Switzerland, 1524-1536," *Journal of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association*, 4 (1983).

"Calvin and Nicodemism: A Reappraisal," *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, 10.1 (1979).

### **Public Sphere Essays:**

"Weeping for Afghanistan," Hearst Newspapers, 18 August 2021

"War Cries in Cuba," *First Things*, 15 July 2021

"Cuba on the Edge: Rejecting Big Brother and the Big Lie," *National Review*, 14 July 2021

"Raul Castro's Abdication Won't Bring Change to Cuba Anytime Soon," *Washington Post*, 20 April, 2021

"Bernie Sanders, Master of Willful Blindness," *Washington Post*, 27 February 2020

"Che's Irish Postage Stamp and the New, Improved, Postcolonial White Folk's Burden," *The Burkean Journal*, (burkeanjournal.com) Trinity College, Ireland, 15 October 2017

"Wet Foot, Dry Foot, Wrong Foot," *Washington Post*, 14 January 2017

"Farewell to Cuba's Brutal Big Brother," *Washington Post*, 26 November 2016

"Requiem for a Despot," *First Things*, 2 December 2016

"When Pope Francis Came to Cuba," *First Things*, 24 September 2015

"As a Cuban Exile, I Feel Betrayed by President Obama," *Washington Post*, 22 Dec 2014.

"Public Libraries Save Lives," *Miami Herald*, 15 September 2014

"Defending Marco Rubio's Story of His Family's Exile," *The New Republic*, 7 May 2012

"What Pope Benedict Got Wrong in Cuba," *The New Republic*, 11 April 2012

"Don't Erect a Monument to Che: A Letter to the People of Ireland," *National Review Online*, 26 March 2012.

"Che, the Idol" *Galway Advertiser*, Ireland, 22 March 2012

"To Proclaim Liberty to the Captives: A letter to the Holy Father on his visit to Cuba," *National Review*, 5 March 2012.

"Cuba's Theatre of the Absurd," *The Guardian*, UK, 20 April 2011

"The Youngest Exiles," *The Exile Experience: Journey to Freedom* (Miami Herald Press, 2010)

"Castro's One 'Hell' of an Achievement," RealClearWorld.com, 3 January 2009

“Where Falsehoods Dissolve: Confessions of a Wayward Historian,” *Who’s Got the Story?* ( Borealis Press, 2008).

“The Imitation of Christ,” *The Book That Changed My Life: A Hundred Reasons to read, from a Hundred People Worth Reading*, ed. by Roxanne Coady (Penguin, 2006).

“Lo que dije en Filadelfia,” *El Nuevo Dia*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 2007

“The Tyrant is Dying: No Conga Lines, Please,” *National Post*, Canada, August 2006.

“Home,” *The Hedgehog Review*, (Spring, 2006).

“In the Wake of the Storm, Rage and Redemption,” *New York Times*, 25 September 2005

### **Encyclopedia entries:**

*Lexicon of the Hispanic Baroque* (University of Texas Press, 2014), “Afterlife,” “Centers,” “Prayer,”

*The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Forthcoming, Walter de Gruyter 2012), “Eternity”

*Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, English language ed. (Brill, 2006), “Roland Bainton”

*Scribner's Encyclopedia of Europe 1914-2004* (Scribner’s 2006), “Catholicism”

*The Westminster Dictionary of Church History* (2004)

Melchior Cano; Iconoclasm; Bartolomé de las Casas; Philip II of Spain; Reformation in Spain; Domingo de Soto; Alfonso de Valdés; Juan de Valdés; Francisco de Vitoria; Juan Luis Vives.

*Encyclopedia of Protestantism* ( Blackwell’s, 2001), “Iconoclasm”

*Encyclopedia of the Renaissance* (Scribner’s, 2000): “Lay Devotion”

*Encyclopedia of the Reformation*, (Oxford University Press, 1996):

Beatas; Melchior Cano; Congregation of San Benito of Valladolid; Constantino Ponce De La Fuente; Iconoclasm; John of Avila; Peter of Alcantara; Francisco de Quiñones; Religious Riots; Domingo de Soto; Juan de Vergara.

*Encyclopedia of the Reformed Faith* (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992): “Idolatry”

*The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Westminster Press, 1983): “Ars Moriendi”

## Prefaces, Introductions, and Epilogues

Epilogue to *The Northern European Reformations*, H. Laugerud, J. Kelly, and S. Ryan, eds.  
(Palgrave Macmillan, 2020)

Preface to 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of Steven Ozment's *The Age of Reform*  
(Yale University Press, 2020)

Preface, *Operación Pedro Pan* by Yvonne Conde, (Random House, 2001)

Preface, Historical Interpretations of the "Fifth Empire": The Dynamics of Periodization from  
Daniel to António Vieira, S.J., by Maria Ana Travassos Valdez (Brill, 2010)

## Book reviews:

Periodical, with number of reviews

*American Historical Review*, 1

*Annals of Science* 1

*Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte*, 5

*Books and Culture*, 1

*Catholic Historical Review*, 10

*Christianity Today*, 2

*Church History*, 9

*Common Knowledge* 1

*Cristianesimo Nella Storia*, 2

*Common Knowledge*, 1

*The Cresset*, 1

*Crisis*, 2

*English Catholic Review* 1

*First Things*, 3

*German History*, 1

*Hispanic American Historical Review*, 1

*Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 6

*Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 3

*Journal of Jesuit Studies*, 1

*Journal of Modern History* 1

*Journal of Religion*, 1

*Los Angeles Times Book Review* 2

*New York Times Book Review* 1

*Religious Studies Review*, 2

*Renaissance Studies*, 1

*Sixteenth Century Journal*, 6

*Studies in Medieval & Renaissance History*, 1

*Theological Studies*, 1

*The Thomist* 1

*Washington Post Book World* 1

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED TALKS

### Papers, Lectures, and Symposia

Keynote speaker, Civitas Dei conference, Catholic University of America, June 2022

“Reforming the Bride of Christ: The New, Improved Tridentine Church”

“Returning to Constantine: Protestant Theocracies”

“Weaponizing Saints and Miracles: The Church as Stairway to Heaven”

“Making Room For Miracles: How to Write a History of the Impossible?”, Sattler College, Boston, October 2021

“Saint Teresa of Avila and the Art of Ecstasy,” Franciscan University of Steubenville, February 2020

“Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Erasmus’s 1519 Greek New Testament,” The Rosenbach Library, Philadelphia, November, 2019

“Blood, Soil and God: A Discussion about Identity and Foreign Policy with Ross Douthat, Carlos Eire, and Victoria Nuland”, Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy, Yale University, November 2019

Symposium on *The Life of Teresa of Avila: A Biography*, University of Chicago October 2019

“The Life of Saint Teresa of Avila,” Lumen Christi Institute, University Club of Chicago, October 2019

“Maria de Agreda and Her Miraculous Otherworldly Book,” Women of the Book Conference, Johns Hopkins University, September 2019

Keynote address: “Saints on the Razor’s Edge: Mysticism, Heresy, and the Catholic Reformation,” Society for Reformation Studies, Cambridge University, April 2019

“Writing a History of the Impossible: The Miraculous Life of Maria de Agreda,” Florida State University, March 2019

“Won’t Someone Rid Us of These Troublesome Priests?” The Long History of Lay Engagement with Clerical Misbehavior,” Healing the Breach of Trust conference, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C., February, 2019

“Why read Saint Teresa?”, University of California, Berkeley, January 2019

“The Joy of Pain, the Pain of Temporality: St. Teresa of Avila and the paradox of ecstasy.”  
Temporality and Desire conference, Yale Divinity School, October 2018

“The nun who could be in two places at the same time,” Hampden-Sydney College,  
Farmville, Virginia, October 2018

Keynote address: “Bodies that defy the laws of nature: Miracles as Catholic resistance to the  
Protestant disenchantment of the world.” New England Renaissance Conference,  
Worcester, Massachusetts, September 2018

“Protestantism, Disenchantment, and the Birth of Modernity,” Conference on ““Die Geburt  
der Moderne aus dem Geist der Religion? Eine Bestandsaufnahme,” Berlin, Germany,  
May 2018, (delivered in absentia, to be published in 2020)

Keynote speaker, conference on “The Rise of Transnational Populism,” St. John’s University,  
Queens, New York, May 2018

“Reforming the Supernatural,” Symposium: The Reformation in Historical Literary,  
Religious, and Legal Perspective, University of Cincinnati, November 2017

“Writing the History of the Impossible: Catholic Miracles in the Age of the Reformations,”  
Christopher Mooney Lecture, Fairfield University, November 2017

“Mysticism as Anti-Protestantism,” Xavier University, November 2017

“Luther’s Redefinition of the Sacred,” Martin Luther Fifth Centenary Conference, Mary  
Immaculate College, Limerick, Ireland, October 2017

“Reshuffling the Seen and the Unseen: A Reappraisal of the Legacy of the Reformation,” John  
Albert Hall Lecture, University of Victoria, Canada, October 2017

“Writing the History of the Impossible: Catholic Miracles in the Age of the Reformation,”  
Villanova University, October 2017

“The Legacy of the Reformation After Five Hundred Years,” Wolf Humanities Center,  
University of Pennsylvania, October 2017

“Catholic Miracles in the Age of the Reformations: A History of the Impossible?”, President’s  
Lecture, Assumption College, October 2017

“Martin Luther: The Wrath of God,” Yale Divinity School, October 2017

"Writing the history of the impossible: Catholic Miracles in the age of the Reformations"  
Symposium: The Living Reformation: 500 Years of Martin Luther, Brigham Young  
University, September 2017

"How the Reformation Changed the World," Seton Hall University, September 2017

“What We Owe to the Reformation,” Randolph Macon University, September 2017

- “Reformation History,” Seminar: Genealogies of Modernity,: Collegium Institute, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, July 3-7
- “The Theological Roots of Protestant Iconophobia,” Conference: The Great Debate on Images, Casa Velazquez, Madrid, Spain, May 2017
- "Catholic and Protestant Reformations and the Genealogy of Modernity,"Lumen Christi, Yale Club of New York City, April 2017
- “The Desacralization of the World,” Conference: What is Reform? 1517 to 2017, Southern Connecticut State University, March 2017
- “The Catholic Intellectual Tradition: Faith Seeking Understanding,” Sacred Heart University, March 2017
- “Ecstasy as Polemic: Mysticism and the Catholic Reformation,” Corish Lecture, St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth University, Ireland, October 2016
- “The Very Strange Case of Sor Maria de Ágreda: Discerning the Gulf between the Protestant and Catholic Reformations" Robert Wilken Lecture, University of Virginia, April 2016
- “The Blessings and Perils of Being 'Hispanic' in the United States” Fourth Annual Hispanic Innovators of the Faith Lecture, Catholic University of America, April 2016
- Keynote lecture “Miracles and the Protestant Other: The Case of Sor María de Jesús de Ágreda,”at conference on “The Abrahamic Religions and Interreligious Relations in the Past and Present,” Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, March 2016
- Commencement Address, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, May 2015
- “Translations of St. Teresa of Avila’s *Life*,” Association of Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Baltimore, March, 2015
- “Did Miracles Ever Cease?” Eastern Nazarene College, Boston, February 2015
- “On the Needs of Unaccompanied Minors,” Keynote Speech, Catholic Legal Services annual meeting, Miami, November 2014 (via videorecording)
- “Sor Maria de Agreda’s Biography of the Virgin Mary,” Mary Under Duress conference, Johns Hopkins University, March 2014
- Commencement Address, Midland University, Nebraska, May 2013.
- “Translating Ecstasy: The Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila,” University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2013
- “The Essence of Spanish Catholicism,” Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California, 15 November 2012

“Did Miracles Ever Cease? The Reformation and the Supernatural,”  
Gordon College, Massachusetts, 4 October 2012

“On Writing History From Memory,” Fairfield University Writer’s Program, Enders Island,  
Connecticut, 17 July 2012

“Miracles and the Catholic Imagination,” Legatus Society, Portland, Oregon, 1 May 2012;  
Seattle, 2 May 2012; Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, 17 March 2012

“When Mystics and Witches Flew: Writing a History of the Impossible.”

- Huntington Library, San Marino, California, January 2010
- Oklahoma State University, February 2008
- University of Oklahoma, February 2008
- Honors Lecture, Washington College, Maryland, April 2006
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2006
- Wake Forest University, March 2006
- Invited Scholar Lecture, University of Arizona, November 2005
- George and Dorothy Carson History Lecture, Oregon State University, October 2005
- Convivium Plenary Lecture, Siena College, October 2005
- Kansas State University, April 2005
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, April 2005
- Hope College, March 2005
- Davidson College, December 2004
- Edward Surtz Memorial Lecture, Loyola University, Chicago, September 2004.

“Contending With Idols: Reformations, Revolutions, Miracles, and the Disenchantment of  
History,” Plenary address, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Ft. Worth, Texas,  
October 2011

“Pierre Viret and Nicodemism,” Colloque Pierre Viret 1511-2011, Lausanne, Switzerland,  
September 2011

“The Art of Ecstasy in Baroque Catholicism,” Symposium on the Baroque Page, Yale,  
April 2011

“Relinquishing Eternity: The Protestant Reformation and the Secularization of the West”,  
William L. Church Memorial Lecture, Brown University, October 2010

- “De Madrid al Purgatorio,” Keynote address, Congreso Internacional Francisco de Borja y su Tiempo, Valencia, Spain, April 2010
- “From Eternity to Five Year Plans: Living with Terminal Temporality,” Throckmorton Lecture, Lewis and Clark College, Oregon, February 2010
- “Miracles and the History of the Impossible in the Early Modern Hispanic World,” Conference on Religious Transformations in the Early Modern Americas, Huntington Library, San Marino, California, November 2009
- “Doing Away With Eternity: The Reformation of Time and the Burdens of the Present,” DeLamar Jensen Lecture, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, October 2009
- “Saint Teresa of Avila, Reluctant Levitator,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, October 2008
- “When Miracles Ceased: The Protestant Reformation and the Disenchantment of the World” Faithful Narratives: The Challenge of Religion in History. University of Florida, October 2008
- “Not Here, Not Now, Not Ever: Life at the End of Eternity,” Zaidee Creel Williams Lecture Lynchburg College, Virginia, September 2008
- “Still Waiting for Snow in Havana,” Writing, Race, and Faith, Wheaton College, Illinois, September 2008
- “A Brusque History of Eternity,” Spencer Trask Lectures, Princeton University, November 2007
- “When Repression Masquerades as Social Justice,” Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, April 2007
- “Wrestling With the Big Lie: Memory and History,” University of Minnesota, April 2007
- “John Calvin, Accidental Anthropologist,” Calvin Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, April 2007
- “Oh, But Your Tyrant Is So Wonderful: Reflections on Postcolonial Bigotry” Boardman Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, February 2007
- “Steven Ozment’s Contributions to Reformation History, 1969-1980.” American Historical Association, Atlanta, January 2007.
- “The Reformation of the Hereafter.” McMurrin Lecture, University of Utah, October 2006.
- “Is Freedom a Luxury?” Stallworth Lecture, Huntingdon College, Alabama, February 2006
- “Between Che Guevara and Mister Jefferson: Confessions of an Alleged Villain,” Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, The University of Virginia, September 2005.
- “Piety in Translation,” Translation in Early Modern Europe, Paris, France, February 2004.

- “Juan Eusebio Nieremberg, S.J., Baroque Best-Seller,” Plenary Session for “The Jesuits: Culture, the Arts and Society,” Boston College, June 2002.
- “Los Valores Religiosos en la España Bajomoderna,” (Religious Values in Early Modern Spain), Colloquium on Spanish History : *La evolución histórica de la España moderna: éxitos y fracasos.*” Soria, Spain, July 2001.
- “Cooling Off Hell: Infernal Meditations in Early Modern Spain,” National Humanities Center, North Carolina, March 2000.
- “What if England Had Remained Catholic?” Unmaking the West: Conference in Counterfactual History, Ohio State University, February 2000.
- “Flying Friars, Hovering Nuns: Levitating Beyond the Reformation,” Harvard University, February 1999.
- “Redefining the Reformations,” Columbia University, October 1998.
- “The Protestant Reformers as Fathers of Roman Catholicism,” Loyola College, Baltimore, October 1997.
- "Imágenes, Devoción, y el Mas Allá en España y Europa" (Imagery, Devotion, and the Afterlife in Spain and Europe), *Third International Seminar on Modern Spanish History*, Soria, Spain, July 1993, In absentia, due to injury.
- “Saints Who Go Bump in the Night: The Ghost of Teresa of Avila and the Spirit of the Counter-Reformation," New York University, November 1992.
- "The Corpse of St. Teresa and the Waning of the Renaissance," Centennial Conference, *Do We Need 'The Renaissance'?*, University of Chicago, May 1992.
- "The Eager Dead: Funeral Practices in Sixteenth Century Madrid," Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Millersville, Pennsylvania, April 1991.
- "Architecture, Sacrament, and Kingship: The Escorial as Message," American Historical Association, New York, NY, Dec. 1990.
- “Masses for the Dead, Inflation, and the Process of Religious Reform in Sixteenth Century Madrid," American Society for Reformation Research, Washington D.C., Sept. 1990.
- "Antisacerdotalism and the Young Calvin," International Congress on Anticlericalism in the Age of the Reformation, University of Arizona, Sept. 1990.
- "Revisionism, Reductionism, and the Question of Objectivity in William Bouwsma's Portrait of Calvin," American Society for Reformation Research, Kalamazoo, May 1990.
- "Major Problems in the Definition of 'Spirituality' as a Distinct Discipline," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 1988.

- "True Piety Begets True Confession: Calvin's Attack on Idolatry," Calvin Colloquium IV, Davidson College, North Carolina, January 1988.
- "Philip II and the Myth of the Good Death: Royal Propaganda in Sixteenth Century Spain," Mid-Atlantic Renaissance and Reformation Seminar, University of Virginia, November 1987.
- "The Exemplary Death of King Philip II," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Tempe, October 1987.
- "The Reformation Critique of the Image," Colloquium 'Bilder und Bildersturm im Spätmittelalter und in der Frühen Neuzeit', Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, September 1986.
- "Calvin's Opposition to Nicodemism: Prelude to Sedition?" American Society for Reformation Research/International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, May 1983.
- "Conversion in the Sixteenth Century, Protestant and Catholic," American Catholic Historical Association, Boston, April 1981.
- "Iconoclasm as a Revolutionary Tactic: The Case of Switzerland," Awarded Carl Meyer Prize, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, October 1980.
- "Erasmus as Critic of Late Medieval Piety," American Catholic Historical Association, Milwaukee, April, 1980.
- "Jacques Lefèvre D'Étaples and the Humanistic Critique of Late Medieval Piety," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Guelph, Ontario, October 1979.

### **Conference Panels:**

- Panelist, "Why Read Saint Teresa of Avila?" University of California, Berkeley, January 2019
- Chair and comment, panel on "Translating and Transforming Reformation Books," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 2018
- Panelist, roundtable "Reflections on the Reformation's 500<sup>th</sup>: Engaging Today's Publics," Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 2018
- Panelist, "Reformation Studies Workshop," Yale University, June 2018
- Panelist, conference on "The Catholic Intellectual and the Challenge of the Contemporary University," Thomistic Institute, New York University, April 2018
- Comment and Response to Bernard McGinn's *Mysticism in the Reformation*, Logos Colloquium, St. Mary of the Lake University, Mundelein, Illinois, April 2018
- Panelist, "The Constitution and the Courts: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Future of Freedom." William F. Buckley, Jr. Program at Yale · 3 November 2017

- Panelist, Ridgefield Writers Conference, Ridgefield, Connecticut, September 2017
- Panelist, “Catholic Memoir and Spiritual Autobiography,” and “The Ethnic Catholic Imagination,” Conference: The Future of the Catholic Literary Imagination, Fordham University, April 2017
- Panelist, Celebrate One Book Philadelphia Authors Fifteenth Anniversary, January 2017
- Comment, panel on Nicodemism, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, New Orleans, 2014 (Delivered in absentia by stand-in due to injury).
- Panel on the work of Antonio Vieira, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Juan, 2013
- Three sessions on the work of Carlos Eire at the Sixteenth Century Conference, Cincinnati, October 2012
- “Divergent Interpretations of the Reformation,” American Historical Association, Chicago, January 2012.
- “On *A Very Brief History of Eternity*,” panelist, American Historical Association, Boston, January 2011.
- "Faithful Narratives: The Challenge of Religion in History," panelist, American Historical Association, Boston, January 2011
- “The Role of the Past: Calvin Between Augustine and Barth,” Chair, Conference on Calvin and His Influence, 1509-2009, Geneva, Switzerland, May 2009.
- “New Directions in Morisco Studies,” Chair, American Historical Association, New York, January 2009
- “Theology and Religious Confession at Schools and Universities during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries” American Society of Church History, New York, January 2009
- “History and Theory.” Commentator, Wesleyan University, November 2005
- “The Virgin Mary in the Middle Ages,” Panelist, New York University, April 2005
- “Art of the Memoir: Political Lives,” Los Angeles Times Book Festival, Los Angeles, May 2003
- “Ritual in Early Modern England,” Commentator, American Society of Church History, Tallahassee, April 1998.
- "Faith, Spirituality and Behaviors in Early Modern Spain," Chair, Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 1992.
- "Ministers and Magistrates in Early Modern Europe," Chair, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 1991.
- "Death and Suffering in Golden Age Spain," Organizer, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Tempe, Arizona, October 1987.

"Post Reformation Radicalism," Commentator, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Tempe, Arizona, October 1987.

"Iconoclasm: Roots and Ramifications," Commentator, American Society for Reformation Research/International Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, May 1986.

"Sixteenth Century Spiritualism," Commentator, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Columbus, October, 1985.

"Recent Approaches in Urban History: Trade, Labor, and Marriage," Organizer and Chair, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Columbus, October 1985.

## **PUBLISHING**

- Editorial board, "The Iberian Religious World" E.J. Brill Publishers, 2013 - 2017

- Editorial board, "Studies in Early Modern Religious Tradition, Culture and Society" Springer Publishing, 2013 - 2015

- Associate editor, *Church History*, 2004 - 2016

- Publications Committee, Yale University Press, 2001 - 2016

- Reviewer/editor, *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte Literaturbericht*, 1990-98

## **MANUSCRIPT READING**

- Cambridge University Press

- Johns Hopkins University Press

- Oxford University Press

- E.J. Brill Publishers

- Princeton University Press

- State University of New York Press

- Houghton Mifflin Company

- University Press of Pennsylvania

- University Press of Virginia

- Medieval and Renaissance Texts and Studies

- Yale University Press

- Abingdon Press

- Harvard/ Belknap Press

- Gotham Books

- Simon and Schuster

- Paraclete Press

-University of Chicago Press

- Globe Pequod Press

- Various journals

## TELEVISION & NEWS MEDIA

- Interview, *Wilton Bulletin*, “Author lifts the veil on Cuba,” 2 November 2017
- Interview, *The Irish Catholic*, “A Constant Reformation,” 26 October 2017
- Interview, NBC Connecticut, “Yale Professor Banned From Cuba Reacts to Trump's Policy Change,” June, 2017
- Interview, Christian Broadcasting Network, “The Reformation.” April 2017
- Interview, NPR, Scott Simon, “Changes in Cuban Immigration Policy”, Jan. 2017
- Interview, CBC Canada, “Fidel Castro’s Death,” November 2016
- Interview, Public Radio International, The Takeaway, “Fidel Castro’s Death”, Nov 2016
- Interview, NPR, Scott Simon, “Fidel Castro’s Death,” November 2016
- Interview, BBC World News, “Fidel Castro’s Death,” November 2016
- Interview, NPR, Scott Simon, “Obama’s New Cuba Policy” December 2014
- Interview, Al-Jazeera America, Ali Velshi, “The New Cuba Policy,” December 2014
- Interview, CNN, “The New Cuba Policy,” December 2014
- Interview, “El Greco’s Spain,” National Gallery of Art documentary, 2014
- Interview, “Cubamerican” documentary, 2014
- Interview, ABC Radio National, Australia, May 2013
- Interview, PBS, Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, March 2011
- Panelist, Miami Book Fair, Book TV, C-SPAN, December 2010
- Interview, NPR, Terri Gross, “Learning to Die in Miami,” December 2010
- Interview, CNBC documentary, “Escape from Havana,” May 2010
- Interview, NPR, Scott Simon, “A Very Brief History of Eternity,” December 2009
- Interview, BBC World Radio, “A Very Brief History of Eternity,” November 2009
- Panelist, World Affairs Council, Philadelphia, C-SPAN, March 2007
- Commentator, “The Holy Lance,” The History Channel, 2006
- Commentator, “Voices from Cuba,” PBS, 2006
- Public Lecture, National Book Festival, C-SPAN Book TV, October 2004

- Interview, Miami Book Fair, C-SPAN Book TV, September 2004
- Commentator, “The Renaissance” Video, Just the Facts Learning Series, 2001.
- Book TV, C-SPAN, First Person Memoir panel, May 2003
- Series reviewer, “Joan of Arc”, *Time Magazine*, May 1999.
- Series consultant, PBS, "Death: The Trip of a Lifetime", October 1993.

### **SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- American Society for Reformation Research, Vice President 2006-07,  
President 2008-09
- American Catholic Historical Association: Candidate for Executive Council, 1994-97;  
John Tracy Ellis Prize Committee, 1998-2000.
- American Society of Church History, editorial board, *Church History*, 2004 - 2016
- American Society for Reformation Research: Nominating Committee, 1992-94
- Sixteenth Century Studies Conference: Council Member 1984-87; Nominating Committee  
1988-90; Carl Meyer Prize Committee, 1986, 1994.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Yale University

- Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, Renaissance Studies program, 2006-2009; 2013 -2021
- Undergraduate studies committee, History Department, 2016- 2017
- Graduate studies committee, History Department, 2015-2016
- Provost’s Review Committee for Faculty, 2015 -2016
- Provost’s Advisory Committee on Divinity Appointments, 2013-14; 2015- present
- Humanities Committee, Fall 2014
- Director of Graduate Studies, Religious Studies, Spring 2014
- Admissions subcommittee chair, History Department, 2012, 2017, 2019
- Search Committee for Dean of the Yale Divinity School, 2011
- Director of Graduate Studies. Religious Studies, Spring 2011
- Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, Renaissance Studies program, 2006 - 2009

- Executive Committee, Perspectives on Religion and Politics Initiative, 2007 -2008
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Humanities Major, 2003-2004
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies, 1999-2002
- Publications Committee, Yale University Press, 2001- 2016
- Executive Committee, Renaissance Studies, 1997-
- Provost's Advisory Committee on Divinity School Appointments, 1997-2005
- Newman Lecture Committee, Religious Studies, 1998- present
- Terry Lecture Committee, 1999-2002
- Term Appointments Committee, Yale College and Graduate School, 1997-1999.
- Curriculum Review Committee, History, 1998-99

**PUBLIC LECTURES ON *WAITING FOR SNOW IN HAVANA* and  
*LEARNING TO DIE IN MIAMI***

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