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EDUCATION

2003 Ph.D. University of Chicago, Divinity School
1992 M.A. University of Chicago, Divinity School
1990 B.A. *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Colorado, Department of Religious Studies

ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2020-present Director, Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life,
University of California, Santa Barbara
2019-present Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
2009-2019 Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Colorado
2018-Fall 2019 Interim Director, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies
2015-present Executive Committee, Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies
2010-Summer 2013 Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado
2007-Fall 2009 Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Chair
2005-Spring 2009 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Colorado
2003-Spring 2005 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Franklin & Marshall College

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2007 *Sacred Claims: Repatriation and Living Tradition*. Studies in Religion and Culture,
University of Virginia Press. Reviewed in *Journal of American History*, *American Anthropologist*,
History of Religions, *Hawaiian Journal of History*, *Wicazo Sa Review*, *American Indian Culture
and Research Journal*, and *H-Net*.

COLLABORATIVE VOLUME

2020 *Indigenous Religion(s): Local Grounds, Global Networks*, with Siv Ellen Kraft, Bjørn Ola
Tafjord, Arkotong Longkumer, and Gregory Alles. The result of a five-year multi-sited
collaborative research project involving field research in Norway, India, Costa Rica, and Hawai'i.
Routledge. Open access. Each contributor has an individual chapter (see below). All contributors
co-wrote the introduction and conclusion.

EDITED VOLUMES

2018 *Irreverence and the Sacred: Critical Studies in the History of Religions*, edited with Hugh
Urban (Oxford University Press). Fifteen chapters, with an afterword by Bruce Lincoln.
2017 *Handbook of Indigenous Religion(s)*, edited with Siv Ellen Kraft (Brill). Twenty-two chapters,
with an afterword by Thomas Tweed.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Under Review "Finding Space for Scholarship as/and Advocacy on Mauna Kea."

2018 "Standing Rock Religion(s): Ceremonies, Social Media and Music Videos," with Siv Ellen
Kraft, *NUMEN: International Review for the History of Religions* 65, 499-530.

2014 "Off the Stage, On the Page: On the Relationship between Advocacy and Scholarship."
Religion 44:2, 289-302.

2008 "Authenticity, Invention, Articulation: Theorizing Contemporary Hawaiian Traditions from
the Outside." *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 20:3, 243-258.

2005a "Narrative Remains: Articulating Indian Identities in the Repatriation Context." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 47:3, 480-506.

2005b "Facing Down the Representation of an Impossibility: Indigenous Responses to a 'Universal' Problem in the Repatriation Context." *Culture and Religion* 1:6, 57-78.

2004 "Naturally There: Discourses of Permanence in the Repatriation Context." *History of Religions* 44:1, 36-55.

2003 "Ancestors Before Us: Manifestations of Tradition in a Hawaiian Dispute." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 71:2, 327-346.

2002 "Tradition, Authority and the *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*." *Religion* 32, 355-381.

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

2021 "Domestic Bones, Foreign Lands, and the Kingdom Come: Jurisdictions of Religion in Contemporary Hawai'i." In *At Home and Abroad: The Politics of American Religion*, edited by Winnifred Sullivan and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd (Columbia University Press), 148-166.

2020 "Engaged Indigeneity: Articulating, Anticipating, and Enacting Tradition on Mauna Kea." In *Indigenous Religion(s): Local Grounds, Global Networks*, a collaborative volume with Siv Ellen Kraft, Bjørn Ola Tafjord, and Gregory Alles (Routledge), 154-181.

2018 "Introduction: Destabilizing the Sacred: A Critical History of Religions," with Hugh Urban, in *Irreverence and the Sacred: Critical Studies in the History of Religions*, edited by Hugh Urban and Greg Johnson (Oxford University Press), 1-26.

2018 "Ritual, Advocacy, and Authority: The Challenge of Being an Irreverent Witness," in *Irreverence and the Sacred: Critical Studies in the History of Religions*, edited by Hugh Urban and Greg Johnson (Oxford University Press), 131-155.

2017 "Introduction to the Handbook of Indigenous Religion(s)," with Siv Ellen Kraft, for *Handbook of Indigenous Religion(s)* (Brill), 1-24.

2017 "Materialising and Performing Hawaiian Religion(s) on Mauna Kea," for *Handbook of Indigenous Religion(s)* (Brill), 156-175.

2016 "Caring for Depressed Cultural Sites, Hawaiian Style," in *The Newark Earthworks: Enduring Monuments, Contested Meanings*, eds. Lindsay Jones and Richard Shiels. University of Virginia Press, 262-276.

2015 "The Politics of Religious Freedom, with Attention to Hawai'i," *Politics of Religious Freedom*, eds. Saba Mahmood, Peter Danchin, Winnifred Sullivan and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, 78-88. University of Chicago Press.

2014 "Bone Deep Indigeneity: Theorizing Hawaiian Care for the State and its Broken Apparatuses." In *Performing Indigeneity*, edited by H. Glenn Penny and Laura Graham (University of Nebraska Press), 247-272.

2013 "Varieties of Hawaiian Establishment: Recognized Voices, Routinized Charisma, and Church Desecration." In *Varieties of Religious Establishment*, edited by Winnifred Sullivan and Lori Beaman (Ashgate Press), 55-71.

Prepared January 2023

2011a “Apache Revelation: Making Religion in the Legal Sphere.” In *Secularism and Religion-Making*, edited by Markus Dressler and Arvind-Pal Mandair. (Oxford University Press), 170-186.

2011b “Courting Culture: Unexpected Relationships between Religion and Law in Contemporary Hawai‘i.” In *After Secular Law*, edited by Winnifred Sullivan, Mateo Taussig, and Robert Yelle (Stanford University Press), 282-301.

2009 “Social Lives of the Dead: Contestations and Continuities in Native Hawaiian Repatriation Contexts.” In *Culture and Belonging: Symbolic Landscapes and Contesting Identity in Divided Societies*, edited by Marc Ross. The University of Pennsylvania Press, 41-61.

2005 “Incarcerated Tradition: Native Hawaiian Identities and Religious Practice in Prison Contexts.” In *Historicizing Tradition in the Study of Religion*, edited by Steven Engler and Gregory Grieve. Walter de Gruyter, Religion and Society Series, 195-210.

OTHER BOOK CHAPTERS AND ARTICLES (EDITORIALLY REVIEWED BUT NOT BLIND REVIEWED)

Under Review “Following in the Storytracks: A response to Sam Gill,” *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*.

2022 “Tradition” and “Repatriation.” *Indigenous Religious Traditions in Five Minutes*, edited by Natalie Avalos and Molly Bassett (Equinox).

2020 “Indigenous Sacred Objects after NAGPRA.” *Companion to Material Religion*, edited by Vasudha Narayanan (Wiley-Blackwell), 617-643.

2018 “Protective Occupation, Emergent Networks, Rituals of Solidarity: Comparing Alta (Sápmi), Mauna Kea (Hawai‘i), and Standing Rock (North Dakota).” For *Elements of Religion and Nature*, edited by Whitney Bauman and Laura Hobgood (Bloomsbury), 85-198.

2017 “Standing on the Sacred: Ceremony, Discourse, and Resistance in the Fight against the Black Snake,” with Siv Ellen Kraft, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* 11.1, 131-147.

RECENT INVITED E-ESSAYS

2022 INDIGENOUS REFUSALS AND NEAR OTHERS,” *THE IMMANENT FRAME*.

[HTTPS://TIF.SSRC.ORG/2022/08/18/INDIGENOUS-REFUSALS-AND-NEAR-OTHERS/](https://tif.ssrc.org/2022/08/18/indigenous-refusals-and-near-others/)

2021 “TELESCOPES, BLIND SPOTS, AND FUTURE HORIZONS ON MAUNA KEA,” COUNTERPOINT.

[HTTPS://WWW.COUNTERPOINTKNOWLEDGE.ORG/TELESCOPES-BLIND-SPOTS-AND-FUTURE-HORIZONS-ON-MAUNA-KEA/](https://www.counterpointknowledge.org/telescopes-blind-spots-and-future-horizons-on-mauna-kea/) (Nov. 16).

2020 “RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, DIRECT ACTION, AND RETHINKING FOUNDATIONS,” BERKLEY FORUM, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY. [HTTPS://BERKLEYCENTER.GEORGETOWN.EDU/RESPONSES/RELIGIOUS-FREEDOM-DIRECT-ACTION-AND-RETHINKING-FOUNDAT](https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/religious-freedom-direct-action-and-rethinking-foundat)

2019 “MAUNA KEA MATTERS,” *COUNTERPOINT*. [HTTPS://WWW.COUNTERPOINTKNOWLEDGE.ORG/MAUNA-KEA-MATTERS-AN-EXPERIMENT-IN-PUBLIC-ENGAGEMENT/](https://www.counterpointknowledge.org/mauna-kea-matters-an-experiment-in-public-engagement/)

2019 “AUTO-JURISDICTION AND INDIGENOUS FUTURES,” *POLITICAL THEOLOGY*.

[HTTPS://POLITICALTHEOLOGY.COM/AUTO-JURISDICTION-AND-INDIGENOUS-FUTURES/](https://politicaltheology.com/auto-jurisdiction-and-indigenous-futures/)

2016 “Killing the Black Snake,” with Siv Ellen Kraft. NRK Sápmi.

[HTTPS://WWW.NRK.NO/SAPMI/KRONIKK_-DE-KJEMPER-MOT-_DEN-SORTE-SLANGEN_-1.13186296](https://www.nrk.no/sapmi/kronikk_-de-kjemper-mot-_den-sorter-slangen_-1.13186296)

2016 “Group Work Sucks. Why Collaborate?” *Bulletin for the Study of Religion*, Equinox Press. <http://bulletin.equinoxpub.com/2016/02/if-i-only-knew-then-tenured-scholars-on-professionalization-greg-b-johnson/>

2012 “The Real World in Real Time.” The Department of Religious Studies at the University of Alabama. <http://as.ua.edu/rel/blog/2012/11/real-world-in-real-time/>

2012 “Social eugenics, unintended consequences, and dropped balls.” *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2012/06/21/social-eugenics-unintended-consequences-and-dropped-balls/>

2011 "Finding Culture in History, Western Style." Religion and the American West Blog. <http://relwest.blogspot.com/p/johnson-finding-culture-in-history.html>

2010 "Crossed signals and grave misunderstandings." 10 May. 2010. The Immanent Frame. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/05/10/crossed-signals/>

ENCYCLOPEDIA AND DICTIONARY ENTRIES

2006 "Native Traditions of North America." *Brill Dictionary of Religion*, edited by Kocku von Stuckrad. (Brill) 1341-1350. Invited.

2005a "Law and Religion in Indigenous Cultures." *Encyclopedia of Religion* (edited by Mircea Eliade [1987], revised edition edited by Lindsay Jones, Macmillan), v. 8, 5339-5343. Invited and peer reviewed.

2005b "Savage/Noble Savage." *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, edited by Bron Taylor and Jeffrey Kaplan. Continuum, 1487-1489. Invited and peer reviewed.

2005c "Romanticism and Native Views of Nature." *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, 1418-1419. Invited and peer reviewed.

2005d "Ghost Dance." *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, 694-695. Invited and peer reviewed.

2005e "Rock Climbing and Religion." *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, 1398-1400. Invited.

BOOK REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

2022 "Defending the Sacred into the Future," *Journal of Law and Religion* 37, no. 1.

2021 A review essay about two recent Standing Rock-related books, *As Long as the Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice from Colonization to Standing Rock* by Dina Gilio-Whitaker (Beacon Press 2019) and *Our History is the Future: Standing Rock versus the Dakota Access Pipeline and the Long Tradition of Resistance* by Nick Estes (Verso 2019). *Journal of Nature, Religion, and Culture* (15).

2021 *Defiant Indigeneity: The Politics of Hawaiian Performance* by Stephanie Nohelani Teves. *Reading Religion* <https://readingreligion.org/books/defiant-indigeneity>.

2020 "From the Archives to Living Tradition" for the review forum, "Relating North American Indigenous History and the Study of Religion: A Review Symposium on Jennifer Graber's *The Gods of Indian Country* and Pamela Klassen's *The Story of Radio Mind*." *NUMEN: International Review for the History of Religions* (67: 308-312).

2011a *Religion and the Specter of the West: Sikhism, India, Postcoloniality, and the Politics of Translation*, by Arvind-Pal Mandair. For *Interventions: Journal of Postcolonial Studies*.

2011b *We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom*, by Tisa Wenger. For *History of Religions*.

2010 *Taxidermic Signs: Reconstructing Aboriginality*, by Pauline Wakeham. *Wicazo Sa Review* (25:1, 101-104).

2009 Andrea Smith, *Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances*, by Andrea Smith (Duke). *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (77/2)

2006 Ronald Niezen, *The Origins of Indigenism: Human Rights and the Politics of Identity* (California). *History of Religions* 46:2, 164-167.

2004a Peter Nabokov, *A Forest of Time: American Indian Ways of History* (Cambridge). *History of Religions* 43:3, 246-248.

2004b John A. Grim, ed., *Indigenous Traditions and Ecology: The Interbeing of Cosmology and Community* (Harvard). *Nova Religio* 7:3, 122-125.

2004c Steven Friesen, ed., *Ancestors in Post-Contact Religion: Roots, Ruptures, and Modernity's Memory* (Harvard). *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 72:1, 252-254.

2003 Kirk Dombrowski, *Against Culture: Development, Politics, and Religion in Indian Alaska* (Nebraska). *Journal of Religion* 83:2, 335-336.

2001 Ronald Niezen, *Spirit Wars, Native North American Religions in the Age of Nation Building* (California). *Nova Religio* 5:1, 196-198.

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2000 Paul B. Steinmetz, *Pipe, Bible and Peyote Among the Oglala Lakota: A Study in Oglala Religious Identity* (Syracuse). *Nova Religio* 4:1, 160-162.

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1998 "The New Millennium," *Rock & Ice* No. 89.

2002 "Oedipus Hex," *Climbing* No. 214.

RECENT PARTICIPATION IN FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

AUGUST 2020-AUGUST 2024 "GOVERNMENTALITY AND INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS." NORWEGIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL GRANT. PI BJØRN OLA TAFJORD.

NOVEMBER 2019-2022 "INDIGENITIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY." ERC STARTING GRANT, PI PHILIPP SCHORCH, LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS UNIVERSITY. ETHICS ADVISOR.

May 2017-May 2020 "Religious Freedom at Home and Abroad." Northwestern University. PIs Elizabeth Shakman Hurd and Winnifred Sullivan.

June 2017-June 2022 Yale University Material and Visual Cultures of Religion working group. PI Sally Promey.

January 2016-August 2020 "Indigenous Religion(s): Local Grounds, Global Network." Norwegian Research Council. PI Siv Ellen Kraft.

INVITED LECTURES

February 2020 "Animating Tradition, Embodying Jurisdiction: Understanding the Stakes of the Mauna Kea Dispute." Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder.

April 2019 "Degrading the Sacred: Environmental and Religious Struggles on Mauna Kea." Gettysburg College, Environmental Studies and Religious Studies.

February 2019 "Religion Framed: Indigenous Jurisdiction and the Generativity of Tradition." Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara.

November 2018 "Discerning Tradition: Experts and Objects and the TMT Dispute on Mauna Kea." Robert Michaelsen Lecture, University of California, Santa Barbara. postponed

October 2018 "Discerning Tradition: Experts, Objects and the Unexpected in Contemporary Hawaiian Religion," University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

October 2018 "Standing Rock Religion(s)," University of Geneva, Switzerland.

February 2018 "The Mauna Kea Dispute: Religious Claims and Due Process," Osgoode College of Law, York University.

February 2017 "Standing on the Sacred: Ceremony, Discourse, and Resistance in the Fight against the Black Snake," The Ohio State University.

April 2016 "Indigeneity, Religion, and Comparison: Methodological Questions." Sami University College, Kautokeino, Norway.

November 2015 "Compared to What? Method and Theory in a Time of Excess." Presidential Session, North American Association for the Study of Religion. Atlanta, GA.

October 2015 "Higher Ground: Mixed Lessons at the Intersection of Scholarship and Advocacy." Sami Studies Center (SESAM), University of the Arctic, Tromsø, Norway.

April 2015 "Kingdom Come or Kingdom Gone? Religious Performativity and its Limits in the Native Hawaiian Federal Recognition Process of 2014." McLester Lecture, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina. Co-sponsored by The American Indian Center,

Prepared January 2023

The Center for Global Initiatives, and the Barney Jones Endowment of Duke University's Department of Religion.

March 2014 "Off the Stage, On the Page: On the Relationship between Advocacy and Scholarship." Sami Studies Center, University of the Arctic, Tromsø, Norway.

February 2013 "The Role of Religious Studies in the Academy Today." Utah State University, Religious Studies Program.

November 2012 "In the Moment: The Relevance of the Humanities and Social Sciences for Analyzing Religion in Real Time." For the series, "The Humanities and Social Sciences for the 21st Century." Department of Religion, co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology and the and the New College, University of Alabama.

April 2012 "Religion, Law, and Indigenous Communities," "Theorizing Religion in the Context of Law: An American Indian Case," and "Law as a Site of Religion-Making: Two Hawaiian Examples." All full length lectures. Presented at the ReSet Religion Program, Odessa, Ukraine (sponsored by Syddansk Universitet).

September 2009 "Sacred Claims: Unexpected Relationships between Religion and Law in the Repatriation Context." Fort Lewis College. Four Corners Lecture Series.

April 2009 "Mahi Speaks: Genealogy, Legal Categories, and the Limits of Articulation." Presented at Franklin & Marshall College. Annual Religion in America lecture.

January 2005 "Narrative Remains: Articulating Indian Identities in the Repatriation Context." Presented to the Department of Comparative Studies, Ohio State University.

February 2002 "Ancestors Before Us: Manifestations of Tradition in a Hawaiian Dispute." Paine Lecture, Department of Religious Studies, University of Missouri.

CONFERENCE, COLLOQUIUM, AND WORKSHOP PAPERS

April 2022 "Down from the Mountain: Scholarship *after* Advocacy," American Society for the Study of Religion, Chicago.

October 2020 "Learning More, Saying Less: Advocacy and a (Healthy) Crisis of Confidence." Department of Religion workshop, Edinburgh University (zoom).

February 2020 "Indigenous Jurisdictions of the Sacred in Hawai'i." Department of Religion colloquium, Stanford University.

March 2019 "Burial Protection, Repatriation, and Sacred Lands." United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples conference, University of Colorado Law School.

November 2018 "Animating Circuits of Indigeneity," American Academy of Religion, Denver.

May 2018 "Failing Tradition on Mauna Kea," Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Los Angeles.

November 2017 "Comparing Standing Rock and Mauna Kea." American Academy of Religion, Boston.

June 2017 "Protective Occupation, Emergent Networks, Rituals of Solidarity: Comparing Alta (Sápmi), Mauna Kea (Hawai'i), and Standing Rock (North Dakota)." With Siv Ellen Kraft. Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Vancouver.

Prepared January 2023

March 2017 “Mediating Mother Earth, Translating Ceremony: Religious Discourse and Practice at Standing Rock.” American Academy of Religion Rocky Mountain regional meeting, Boulder.

November 2016 “Native Traditions and Pedagogy: Reflections on Standing Rock.” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio.

November 2016 “Advocacy, Authenticity, Credibility: The Challenge of Being an Irreverent Witness.” University of Chicago, Symposium in honor of Bruce Lincoln.

June 2016 “Domestic Bones, Foreign Bones: Jurisdictions of Religion in Contemporary Hawai`i.” Northwestern University, International Religious Freedom project.

April 2016 “Comparison and Collaboration.” INREL Workshop, Sami University College, Kautokeino, Norway.

April 2015 “On the Relationship between Scholarship and Advocacy.” The Religion in the Americas reading group, UNC Chapel Hill and Duke University.

August 2015 “Critical Indigeneity and Hawaiian Sovereignty.” Presented at the International Association for the History of Religions World Congress, Erfurt, Germany.

September 2014 Workshop participant and presenter, “Injury as Cultural Practice II.” Loyola Law School. Los Angeles, CA.

October 2014 “Hawaiian Federal Recognition and Religious Discourse,” Initiative for the Study of Material and Visual Culture of Religion, Yale University.

March 2014 Workshop participant. Indigeneity and the Study of Religion, University of the Arctic. Tromsø, Norway.

March 2014 Workshop participant and presenter. “Injury as Cultural Practice.” McGeorge Law School, University of the Pacific. Sacramento, CA.

September 2013 “On the Page, Off the Stage: Reflections on the Relationship between Advocacy and Scholarship.” Presented to the Native American and Indigenous Studies Research Group, University of Colorado at Boulder.

July 2011 “Performing Maintenance: Theorizing Hawaiian Care for the State and its Broken Apparatuses.” Presented at the University of Colorado Law School *Summer Symposium on Religion and Law*.

May 2011 “Kawaiaha`o and the Politics of Hawaiian Religious Claims.” Presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association annual meeting, Sacramento.

May 2011 “Theorizing Cultural Heritage.” Presented at Ohio State University for a symposium entitled *The Newark Earthworks and World Heritage: One Site, Many Contexts*.

April 2011 “Sacred Land and the Law.” Presented at Wake Forest College for a symposium on indigenous land rights and religious freedom.

November 2010 “Law Beyond Rules and Rulings: Stewardship of the Dead in Hawai`i.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Atlanta.

November 2010 “Contesting Stewardship of the Dead and the Making of Tradition.” Presented at St. Thomas University (New Brunswick, Canada) for a conference entitled “Varieties of Religious Establishment.”

May 2009 “Genealogy and the Limits of Articulation.” Presented at the University of Iowa for a conference titled *Performing Indigeneity: Historic and Contemporary Displays of Indigeneity in Public Spaces*.

April 2009 “Mahi Speaks: Genealogy, Legal Categories, and the Limits of Articulation.” Presented at the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY Buffalo, for a multi-year conference titled *Re-Describing the Sacred/Secular Divide: The Legal Story II*.

March 2008 “Genealogy, Legal Categories, and the Limits of Articulation,” draft version. Presented at the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, SUNY Buffalo, *Re-Describing the Sacred/Secular Divide: The Legal Story I*.

November 2007 “Social Lives of the Dead: Contestation and Continuities in Hawaiian Repatriation.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Diego.

November 2007 “Theorizing Living Tradition in the Hawaiian Context.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Diego.

October 2007 “Apache Revelation: Making Religion in the Legal Sphere.” Presented at a conference titled *The Politics of Religion-Making*, Hofstra University.

November 2006 “Categorical Battles: A Report from the Frontlines of NAGPRA Implementation.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

February 2005 “Identity in Ruins: Aspects of Native vs. Native Claims in the Repatriation Context.” Presented at Bryn Mawr College Center for Ethnicities, Communities and Public Policy for a conference titled *Contesting Culture: Narratives, Dramas and Representing Identity*.

November 2004 “Religious Language, Self-Determination and the Native Hawaiian Recognition Act.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Antonio.

November 2003 “Traditional Visions and Seeing Like a State.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Atlanta.

November 2002 “Incarcerated Tradition: The Politics of Hawaiian Ethnicity in a Mainland Prison.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Toronto.

April 2002 “Critical Citizens: The Political and Ethnic Work of Native American Religious Discourse.” American Academy of Religion regional meeting, Omaha.

March 2000 “Alchemy and the Natural Order: Golden Relics and Garden Rocks in the American West.” *Wirth Forum on the American West*, University of Colorado, Boulder.

November 1999 “Renewing the Sacred: Religious Language, Traditional Identities and the *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act*.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Boston.

May 1999 “Traditionally Inspired, Religiously Defended: Religious Claims and the Law.” Law & Society annual meeting, Chicago.

June 1998 “A Grammar of the Sacred: No Simple Past and a Future Imperfect in a *NAGPRA* Test Case.” Law & Society annual meeting, Snowmass.

November 1997 “The Provenance of Providence, or the Origins of the Sacred.” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

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May 1997 “The Terms of Return: Religion, Discourse, Politics of the Past and the *NAGPRA*.” Law & Society annual meeting, St. Louis.

April 1997 “The Terms of Return.” American Academy of Religion regional meeting, Salt Lake.

March 1997 “Sacred Images: Religious Language in the Legislative History of the *NAGPRA*.” Society for the International Study of Social Imagery annual meeting, Colorado Springs.

November 1997 “Holy Wars or Fishing for Tradition: Is the Sacred a Renewable Resource?” *Law and the Sacred* conference, University of Chicago.

March 1995 “Echoes in the Canyons: ‘Superstition’ and Sense in Ute Conceptions of Anasazi Things.” American Anthropological Association regional meeting, Indianapolis.

March 1993 “Modern ‘Redemptions’ of Anasazi Relics.” American Academy of Religion regional meeting, Boulder.

OTHER PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND RESPONSES

November 2021 “Response to Michael McNally’s *Defend the Sacred: Native American Religious Freedom Beyond the First Amendment*.” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio (zoom).

November 2021 “Activating Heritage on Mauna Kea,” Heritage Economies and Material Religion Roundtable. American Academy of Religion, San Antonio (zoom).

February 2020

“Sacred Struggle: An Update from Mauna Kea.” Stanford University Native American Cultural Center.

November 2019

“Protecting the Sacred, Jamming for Mauna Kea.” A presentation for the Yale Institute of Sacred Music for a consultation entitled, “Sacred Ecologies, Expressive Culture, and Environmental Crisis.”

November 2019 Invited panelist to discuss Seth Schermerhorn’s *Walking to Magdalena: Personhood, and Place in Tohono O’odham Songs, Sticks, and Stories* (Nebraska 2019), American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Diego.

November 2019 Invited panelist to discuss the work of Laurie Maffly-Kipp. American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Diego.

November 2018 Invited panelist to discuss Pamela Klassen’s *The Life of Radio Mind* and Jennifer Graber’s *The God’s of Indian Country*. American Academy of Religion, Denver.

November 2014 Panelist: Stand Alone MA Programs and Non-Academic Career Paths. American Academy of Religion annual meeting. San Diego.

September 2013 Workshop participant. “Religious Studies 50 Years After *Schempp*: Histories, Institutions, Theory.” Indiana University, Bloomington.

September 2013 Workshop participant. “Policy-Relevant Knowledge about Religion: Promises and Perils.” Luce Foundation, New York.

June 2012 Invited respondent for a plenary session on religious freedom. Law & Society Association annual meeting, Honolulu.

November 2011 Invited respondent for a session entitled, “Religion, Identity, and Transnational Wests.” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco.

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November 2010 Invited panelist to discuss Tisa Wenger's *We Have a Religion*. American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Atlanta.

November 2008 Invited respondent. "Religious Trials as a Form of Social Control" panel. American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago.

November 2005 Invited respondent. Law, Religion and Culture panel. American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia.

November 2005 Invited respondent. Nature, Recreation, Religion panel. American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia.

November 2004 Invited respondent. "Rethinking Comparative Ethics: Toward Cross-Cultural/Traditional Understanding(s)" panel. American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Antonio.

November 2004 Invited respondent. "How to Read a Religious Text: Reflections on the Chandhyoga Upanishad," by Bruce Lincoln. Interpretation of Religion group of the American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Antonio.

March 2000 Panelist: Symposium on "NAGPRA Consultation and the New Partnership Ecology," presented at Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists annual meeting, University of Colorado, Denver.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED, CHAIRED, OR MODERATED

August 2015. Co-organizer: four sessions on critical indigeneity for the International Association of History of Religions. Erfurt, Germany.

November 2014. Session leader: (1) How to Propose a Program Unit and (2) Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast. American Academy of Religion annual meeting. San Diego.

April 2013 Moderator: "Language, Religion, and Culture," for the annual American Indian Law Program conference. 2013 title, "People of the Shining Mountains: The Legal Past, Present, and Future of the Ute Tribes." University of Colorado, Boulder.

October 2012 Organizer: Departmental Lester Lecture by Professor Manuel Vasquez, University of Florida.

March 2011 Organizer and sponsor: visit to the Department of Religious Studies and class lecture by Dana Naone Hall, Hawaiian poet and burial protection expert.

January 2011 Organizer of a public lecture by Luís León of Denver University: "The Myth of Cesar Chavez: Religious Politics from the Mexican/American Borderlands."

November 2010 Organizer and cosponsor: public lecture and seminar visit by Roger Maaka, a scholar of Maori culture and politics. Arranged through the American Academy International Scholars Program.

May 2010 Chair, "Global Recognition" panel. Native American and Indigenous Studies Association annual meeting, Tucson.

April 2010 Organizer and sponsor: class visit and lecture by Hawaiian English Professor Ku`ualoha Ho`omanawanui.

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April 2010 Co-organizer with Sam Gill for the visit of Jonathan Z. Smith as the Cox Family Visiting Scholar. Smith presented a new lecture, “Now You See It, Now You Won’t: The Future of the Study of Religion Over the Next Forty Years.”

February 2010 Organizer and cosponsor with the University of Colorado Denver Campus Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the University of Colorado Denver Educational Opportunity Program: Lecture by Hawaiian cultural expert, Edward Halealoha Ayau.

April 2008 Organizer and co-sponsor with the University of Colorado Natural History Museum: Lecture by Hawaiian cultural expert, Edward Halealoha Ayau.

February 2008 Co-sponsor with University of Colorado Natural History Museum: Lecture by Professor James Riding In, Arizona State University.

September 2007 Organizer: Departmental Lester Lecture by Professor Russell McCutcheon, University of Alabama.

November 2007 Session organizer: “Authority and Representation in Legal and Religious Contexts.” American Academy of Religion meeting, San Diego.

October 2006 Organizer and sponsor: campus visit of Guy Kaulukukui, former Vice President for Cultural Affairs, Bishop Museum, Honolulu.

September 2004 Organizer: Lecture by Hui Malama I Na Kupuna O Hawai`i Nei: “Kuleana: The Responsibility to Restore the Native Hawaiian Ancestral Foundation.” Franklin & Marshall College.

November 2002 Organizer: Lecture by Professor Robert Segal, University of Lancaster. Franklin & Marshall College.

January 2002 Organizer: Lecture by Professor Bruce Lincoln, University of Chicago, on religion and 9/11. University of Colorado.

May 1999 Organizer: “Culture, Law and Religion: Reading Junctures, (Dis)Articulating Relations” panel. Law & Society meeting, Chicago.

April 1999 Organizer and respondent: “Refracted Corpus: Im-Prisment of Native American Bodies, Words and Knowledge.” American Academy of Religion regional meeting, Colorado Springs.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2017a GCAH, funding for Germany repatriation trip with Hui Malama and Office of Hawaiian Affairs

2017b DFE American Academy of Religion, travel

2015a PI, University of Colorado Seed Grant, “Indigenous Studies, Law and the Humanities.”

2015b Dean’s Fund for Excellence. International Association for the History of Religions travel support funding.

2014 Core group member, “Indigenous Religion(s). Local Grounds, Global Networks.” Lead author, Siv Ellen Kraft. Research Council of Norway grant number 240984. This is a 5-year international research collaboration grant with seven core members.

2012a Dean’s Fund for Excellence, “Religion in Place”

2012b IMPART Fellowship, “Kawaiaha`o”

2012c GCAH Research Grant. “Church Burial Conflict in Honolulu”

2012d LEAP Award, “Honolulu Research”

- 2011** GCAH Special Event Award (with Ruth Mas). For the visit of Ebrahim Moosa in Honor of Fred Denny.
- 2010a** College Scholar Award, University of Colorado College of Arts & Science. Semester research leave. Taken in fall 2012.
- 2010b** Kayden Award, “Kawaiaha`o”
- 2010c** GCAH Research Grant, “Kawaiaha`o”
- 2009** Dean’s Fund for Excellence
- 2007a** American Academy of Religion Research Award, “Religion in the Moment: Contemporary Lives of Indigenous Traditions”
- 2007b** CRCW Small Grant Award
- 2007c** Dean’s Fund for Excellence
- 2007d** GCAH Travel Grant, “Religion in the Moment”
- 2007e** Kayden Award, “Sacred Claims”
- 2006a** CRCW Small Grant Award
- 2006b** GCAH Travel Grant, “Ho`oponopono: Traditional Dispute Resolution in a Repatriation Conflict”
- 2006c** GCAH Small Grant Award
- 2005** National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, “Identity in Ruins: Repatriation, Religion and Representation”
- 2004** Franklin & Marshall Committee on Grants Summer Research Award
- 2003** Franklin & Marshall Committee on Grants Summer Research Award
- 1992-1996** Divinity School Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 1990** *Phi Beta Kappa*

TEACHING

POST-DOCTORAL SUPERVISOR

NATALIE AVALOS, CHANCELLOR’S POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW, PHD, UCSB (FALL 2019-PRESENT)

PHD COMMITTEES

Brenda Todd, Anthropology, University of Colorado (spring 2012)
Mason Auger, Cultural Geography, University of Colorado (spring 2015)
Jason Purvis, Religion, University of Florida (spring 2016)
Meagan Todd, Cultural Geography, University of Colorado (spring 2015)
Kenneth Richards, Religious Studies, University of North Carolina

CHAIR, MASTERS PROGRAM COMMITTEES

2019 DILLON SAMPSON, “AT THE INTERSECTION OF INDIGENOUS STUDIES AND CRITICAL THEORY.”

2017A Israel Dominguez, “Curanderismo as Religion”

2017B Amanda Alexander, “International Religious Freedom”

2016 Christina Minich, “Mammalian Storytelling: Experimental Nonfiction at the Intersection of Religious Studies and Indigenous Studies.”

2015 Jordan Sass, “Religion on Trial: Hobby Lobby and RRFA.”

2011a Kristian Diaz, “Hopi Religion, Law, and Struggles with Mining.”

2011b Kenneth Richards, “Body Ontologies and the San Francisco Peaks.”

2010 Dominic Martinez, “Polynesian Saints: A Study of Native Hawaiian Mormon Religious Identities.”

2009a Mason Auger, “The Lakota Sun Dance and the Symbol of the Enemy.”

2009b Jason Purvis, “Water Babies and Religious Discourse.”

2008a Seth Schermerhorn, “Regulating Desecration: Religious Rhetoric and the San Francisco Peaks.”

2008b Eric Schuck, “Literary Chronotopes as Social Structures: *The Brothers Karamazov* and *Del amor y otros demonios*.”

2008c David Walsh, “Rez Rhythms: A Study of Hopi Reggae.”

Prepared January 2023

2008d Amber Wood, "Sacred Choices: Reproductive Rights and the Politics of Identity Among the Lakota."

2007 Charles Harwood, "Performative Fiction: Articulating Religious Identities."

COURSES TAUGHT

American Indian Religious Traditions (175 students, 3 TA positions)

Introduction to the Academic Study of Religion (MA theory and method course)

Past in the Present: Hawai'i: Seminar in the Academic Study of Religion

Contemporary Native American Religious Traditions

Senior Seminar: Rites of Passage

Senior Seminar: Insider/Outsider Issues in the Study of Religion

Native Traditions of Colorado

Critical Thinking in Religious Studies: Culture Contact/Conflict

Religion and Literature in the Americas

Interpreting Religion (upper division)

Indigenous Religious and Political Issues (upper division)

Religious Experience in the United States

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

2019- EDITORIAL BOARD, *AMERICAN RELIGION* (INDIANA UNIVERSITY PRESS)

2018- present Program Committee, International Association for the History of Religions

2017-present Advisory Board, Counterpoint: Navigating Knowledge

2013-2016 Board of Directors, American Academy of Religion

2013-2016 Program Committee Chair, American Academy of Religion

2012 External reviewer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama

2011-present Editorial Advisory Board, *History of Religions* (University of Chicago Press)

2008-present Editorial Board, Religion in the Americas section, *Religion Compass* (Blackwell)

2008-2011 Executive Council, North American Association for the Study of Religion

2008-2011 Chair: Law, Religion and Culture group of the American Academy of Religion

2007-2008 Co-Chair: Law, Religion and Culture group of the American Academy of Religion

2004-2007 Steering Committee Member: Law, Religion and Culture group of the American Academy of Religion

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

Referee for *History of Religions*; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Journal for the Study of Religion*; *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*; *Asian Ethnology*; *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*; *Museum Anthropology*; *Religion Compass*; *Religion and Society in Central and Eastern Europe*; University of Minnesota Press; Pennsylvania State University Press; Oxford University Press/AAR; Equinox Press; University of Alabama Press; University of Toronto Press; *Journal of American History*; *AlterNative*; Brill; *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2021-present Member: American Society for the Study of Religion (by invitation)

1993-present Member: American Academy of Religion

2001-present Member: North American Association for the Study of Religion

1997-present Member: Law & Society Association

2010-present Member: Native American & Indigenous Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Proficient reading ability in German. Reading competence in French and Spanish. Working contextual knowledge of Hawaiian.