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**EDUCATION**

- 2002 Ph.D., Religion and Social Change, University of Denver/Illiff School of Theology, CO  
Dissertation: "Methodism and Family Values, Past and Present: A Historical and Sociological Analysis of Three Centuries of Methodist Views on the Family"
- 1986-87 Graduate Studies in Education, Plymouth State College, NH
- 1986 M.Div., Social Ethics, Boston University, MA
- 1982 B.A., Music and Religion, Westminster College, PA

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

- 2019-present: Professor, Colorado College
- 2010-2018: Associate Professor, Colorado College  
2012-2019: Title IX Coordinator, Colorado College  
2004-2010: Assistant Professor, Colorado College
- 1999-2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, Colorado College  
Adjunct Professor, Iliff School of Theology  
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Denver (one quarter)
- 1997-99 Acting Director of Ministry Studies, Iliff School of Theology (one quarter)  
Adjunct Professor, Iliff School of Theology  
Teaching Assistant, University of Denver
- 1993-97 Teaching and Research Assistant, Iliff School of Theology
- 1990-93 Chaplain, Rocky Mountain College, Billings, MT  
1987-90 Campus Minister, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

**COURSES TAUGHT**

- Colorado College: CC 100: Constructing Social Problems  
SO 100: Thinking Sociologically  
SO 101: Inequality in the U.S.  
SO 112: Gender Inequality  
SO 120/220/320: Contemporary French Society  
SO 190: Challenges of a Multicultural Democracy  
SO 190: From Title IX to #MeToo: Gender-Based Harassment and Assault  
SO 214: Sociology of Religion  
SO 229: Sociological Research Design (with SPSS computer lab)  
SO 235: Sociology of Family  
SO 290: Law and Society

SO 451: Senior Seminar: Sociology in Film  
FG 200: Introduction to Feminist Thought  
FG 311: Critical Feminist Methodologies

Ilf Sch of Theology: SQ 103: Christianity in the Modern World  
BX 2113: United Methodist History  
BX 2115: United Methodist Doctrine  
BX 2120: United Methodist Polity  
BR 3310: History of American Women in Religion

Rocky Mtn College: Feminist Theology

## PUBLICATIONS

### Articles and Book Chapters (peer reviewed):

- 2015 "One Size Does Not Fit All: A Case Study of an Alternative Intimate Partner Violence Court" with Wade Roberts and Doug Miles. *Feminist Criminology* 10:4 (October) 348–367.
- 2012 "From Side Street to Main Street: American Methodism in Social Context" Chapter 1 in *Women, Church, and Leadership: New Paradigms in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, edited by Eunjoon M. Kim and Deborah Creamer. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock.
- 2011 "Married to the Minister: The Status of the Clergy Spouse as Part of Single Two-Person Career" *Family Issues* 32:7 (July): 932-55.
- 2010 "Muslim Motherhood: Traditions in Changing Contexts" Pp. 40-56 in *Twenty-first-Century Motherhood: Experience, Identity, Policy, Agency*, edited by Andrea O'Reilly. New York: Columbia University Press.
- 2010 "Midwifery as Established Sect: An Expanded Application of the Church-Sect Continuum" with Dana Rosenfeld and Lara Foley. *Community, Work, and Family* 13:1 (February): 101-122.
- 2008 "Bringing the Facts to Life: Facilitating Student Engagement with the Issue of Domestic Violence" *Teaching Sociology* 36:4 (October): 378-388.
- 2007 "Hospitable or Hostile Environment: Sexual Harassment in the United Methodist Church" *Review of Religious Research* 48:3 (March): 260-272.
- 2004 "The First Family Values of Methodism: The Wesleys." *Methodist History* 42:3 (April): 148-166.
- 1996 "Methodist: 'Tis Grace Will Lead Us Home." with Jean Miller Schmidt. Pp. 85-99 in *Faith Traditions & the Family*, edited by Phyllis Airhart and Margaret Bendroth. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox.
- 1996 "Gender Role Education in Sunday School," 139-154 in *The Power of Gender in Religion*, edited by Georgie Ann Weatherby and Susan A. Farrell, New York: McGraw-Hill.

Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Articles, and Invited Articles:

- 2020 Review of *One Faith, Two Authorities: Tension between Female Religious and Male Clergy in the American Catholic Church*, by Jeanine E. Kraybill, *Contemporary Sociology*, 49/5:441-42.
- 2019 Review of *Radicalized Loyalties: Becoming Muslim in the West*, by Fabien Truong and *Muslim Women ad Power: Political and Civic Engagement in West European Societies*, by Danièle Joly and Khursheed Wadia, *Modern & Contemporary France*, 27/2: 261-262.
- 2019 Review of *Religious Pluralism and the City: Inquiries into Postsecular Urbanism*, by Helmuth Berking, Silke Steets and Jochen Schwenk, *Contemporary Sociology*, 48/5:518-19.
- 2017 Review of *France of the Little-Middles: A Suburban Housing Development in Greater Paris*, by Marie Cartier, Isabelle Coutant, Olivier Masclet and Yasmine Siblot, *Modern and Contemporary France*, 25/4: 453-454.
- 2013 Review of *One Marriage Under God*, by Melanie Hatch, *Gender and Society*, 26/3:433-35.
- 2010 "Islam and Motherhood." In *Encyclopedia of Motherhood*. O'Reilly, Andrea and Geoffrey J. Golson (editors) Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- 2010 "Christianity and Mothers." In *Encyclopedia of Motherhood*. O'Reilly, Andrea and Geoffrey J. Golson (editors) Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.
- 2009 Review of *Finding Faith: The Spiritual Quest of the Post-Boomer Generation*, by Richard Flory and Donald E. Miller, *Contemporary Sociology* 38/1: 22-24.
- 2004 Review of *Marriage and Modernization: How Globalization Threatens Marriage and What to Do about It*, by Don S. Browning, *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 66/2: 545-6.
- 2006 "Communicating the Faith: Catholic Spirit Training." *Leader in Christian Education* 20/1: 4-8.
- 2006 "The Importance of Religion in America." with Liza Murray. *Colorado College Bulletin* (March): 26-27.
- 2001 Review of *Family, Religion, and Social Change in Diverse Societies*, ed. by Sharon K. Houseknecht and Jerry G. Pankhurst, *Sociology of Religion* 62/2: 268-9.
- 1997 Review of *Psychological Perspectives on Christian Ministry*, ed. by Leslie J. Francis and Susan H. Jones, *Review of Religious Research* 38/4: 372-3.
- 1997 Review of *God Almighty Make Me Free: Christianity in Preemancipation Jamaica*, by Shirley C. Gordon, *Sociology of Religion* 58/4: 397-8.

Current Projects:

Sexual Misconduct in the Episcopal Church

“Who Are Those Guys?”: A qualitative study of non-academic men married to women in academia.

Title IX in the Obama and Trump eras

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND RESEARCH REPORTS**

- 2017 “Sexual Misconduct in the United Methodist Church: U.S. Update,” Report presented to the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women for the United Methodist Church
- 2016 “United Methodist Clergy Career Trajectories,” Report presented to the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and the General Commission on Higher Education and Ministry for the United Methodist Church.
- 2015 “White House Sexual Misconduct Survey: Colorado College,” Report presented to the President, Board of Trustees and Student Leadership on the climate around sexual assault (perpetration and response) at Colorado College.
- 2011 “One Size Does Not Fit All: A Case Study of Individualized Treatment in an Alternative Intimate Partner Violence Court,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 A Comparison of Faculty Governance Structures at top 40 Liberal Arts Colleges, for Dean’s Leadership Seminar
- 2009 “Married to the Minister: The Status of the Clergy Spouse as Part of a Two-Person Single Career,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Religious Research Association, Denver, CO.
- 2009 “Clergy Spouses and Families in the United Methodist Church,” Report prepared for the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Church.
- 2008 “Asking the Right Questions about Domestic Violence: An Action Research Agenda for Craig, CO,” with Barbara Paradiso, Report prepared for the Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition of Colorado.
- 2008 “Asking the Right Questions about Domestic Violence: An Action Research Agenda for Lamar, CO,” with Barbara Paradiso, Report prepared for the Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition of Colorado.
- 2007 “Honoring or Degrading: Competing Understandings of Native American Mascots in the United Methodist Church,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York City.
- 2007 “Quadrennial Local Church Survey” Report prepared for the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Church.
- 2006 “Hospitable or Hostile Environment: Sexual Harassment in the United Methodist Church,” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Religious Research Association, Portland, OR.

- 2006 "Sexual Harassment in the United Methodist Church" Report prepared for the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Church.
- 2005 "Women Arrested for Domestic Violence" Report for the Greenbook Grant Committee.
- 2005 "Midwifery as Established Sect: An Expanded Application for the Church-Sect Continuum," with Dana Rosenfeld and Lara Foley, Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2002 "Give Me That Old Time Religion: United Methodist Family Values," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 1998 "Behind Closed Doors: Reflections of a Domestic Violence Court Watcher," Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 1997 "Where Has All the Power Gone? Feelings of Power and Powerlessness among United Methodist Clergy." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Religious Research Association, San Diego, CA.
- 1997 "Feminist Creativity in the Study and Practice of Religion." Session Organizer and Convener at the Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, St. Louis, MO.
- 1996 "The Muslim Motherhood: Traditions, Contradictions, and Gender in the Muslim Family." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City.
- 1996 "The Religious Development of Jane Addams." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 1995 "Gender Role Education in Sunday School." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO.
- 1995 "Degendering Motherhood." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 1995 "Jane Addams: Social Gospel Token?" Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, Norman, OK.
- 1995 "Jane Addams: Another Look at Settlements." Paper presented at the Rocky Mountain – Great Plains Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2019 Social Sciences Executive Committee Grant (\$3725) for French language classes
- 2017 Christian Johnson Foundation Endeavor Grant (\$2000) for new international course
- 2017 Social Sciences Executive Committee Grant (\$4000) for CIEE Faculty Seminar
- 2015 Curriculum Development Grant (\$2000) for new FYE course

- 2012-13 Mellon Grant for Language (French) Learning (\$5206)
- 2011-12 Mellon Grant for Language (French) Learning (\$7000)
- 2010 Faculty Award for Curricular Innovation, from the Colorado College Center for Service and Learning
- 2009-10 Dean's Faculty Leadership Seminar/Research Grant (\$4000)
- 2009 Benezet Award (\$4000) for summer research on El Paso County District Attorney's Domestic Violence Pilot Program.
- 2007 & 2009 Social Sciences Executive Committee Grants (\$822 and \$1125) for travel to winter meetings of Sociologists for Women in Society.
- 2005-06 Faculty Development Block Grant for research on women arrested for domestic violence
- 2005 Greenbook Foundation Grant (\$29,000) for research on women arrested for domestic violence.
- 2005 Dean's Advisory Committee Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grant (\$2000) for student assistance with research on women arrested for domestic violence.
- 2005 Benezet Award (\$4000) for summer research on sexual harassment in the United Methodist Church.
- 2004 Community Service and Civic Engagement Grant (\$2000) for work on integrating community service into SO 235 *Sociology of Family*.
- 2002 Edward C. Herbrand Award for Excellence in Church History.
- 1997 Cyrus Ames Wright for Outstanding Doctoral Student.
- 1995 Oliver Read Whitley Award for Excellence in Sociology of Religion.
- 1994 Colorado Graduate Fellowship.

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### Service to Colorado College (selected):

Chair, Sociology (2020-present)  
COVID Advisory Leadership Team (2020-present)  
Steering Committee for Nene Diop (2020-present)  
Curriculum Executive Committee (2016-19), Writing subcommittee (2016-17), Chair (2017-18)  
Title IX Coordinator (2012-2019)  
FGS Search Committee (2016-17)  
Associate Chair, Sociology (2014-19)  
Diversity and Equity Advisory Board (2014-17)  
Faculty Executive Committee, Governance subcommittee chair (2012-13); Chair (2013-15)  
Religion Department Search Committee (2006-07; 2007-08; 2012-13; 2013-14; 2018-19)  
Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology Honorary, faculty advisor (2005-20)

Feminist and Gender Studies Core Faculty Committee (2004-14)  
Steering Committee for Heidi Lewis, Chair (2013-18)  
First Year Orientation, Faculty Panel (2006; 2013)  
Staff Salary Appeals Committee (2013; 2014)  
Feminist and Gender Studies, Co-Director (2009-13)  
Sexual Assault Ad Hoc/Search Committee (2004-09 and 2012-13)  
Curriculum Committee, (2008-10, Chair 2010-11)  
Dean's Faculty Leadership Seminar, participant (2009-10)  
Teacher Scholars Program (2009 and 2010)  
Mellon Project on Excellence in the Liberal Arts (2008-09)  
Civic Engagement Faculty Advisory Board (2005-09)  
Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship Selection Committee (2005-09)  
Faculty Women's Caucus, Co-Chair (2006-07), participant (2005-09)  
NITLE Conference Planning Committee (2007-08)  
Institutional Review Board (2005-08)  
Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum Committee (2005-07)  
Religion in Public Life Religion Symposium Committee (2005-07)  
Math Department Search Committee (2005-06)  
Assistant Chaplain Search Committee (2005-06)  
Quantitative Literacy Committee (2004-05)  
Faculty Women Retention Ad Hoc Committee (2004-05)

Service to the Academy (selected):

American Sociological Association, Undergraduate Honors Program Council (2019-present)  
Alpha Kappa Delta National Council, Region 8 Representative (2016-2019)  
American Sociological Association (2014) Roundtable Presider and Discussant, "Violence, Gender and Resistance," Sex and Gender Section  
American Sociological Association (2014), Roundtable Presider, "Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women's Religious Agency," Sociology of Religion Section  
Sociologists for Women in Society, Task Force on Strategic Planning (2010-11)  
Sociologists for Women in Society, Chair, Committee for Academic Justice (2009-11)  
American Sociological Association (2009), Roundtable Presider, "Gender and Violence," Sex and Gender Section  
American Sociological Association (2008), Roundtable Presider and Discussant, "Decisions about Work and Family," Sex and Gender Section  
Sociologists for Women in Society (2005), Panelist, "Disturbing the Culture of Silence"  
Iliff Faculty Search Committees, Dir. of Doctor of Ministry Program and Prof. of Homiletics (1997-98)  
Religious Research Association, Nominating Committee (1996-98)  
Joint Ph.D. Committee, Student Member (1995-96)  
Joint Ph.D. Student Association, member (1995-96)

Reviewer for the following journals:

*Feminist Criminology*  
*Gender and Society*  
*Journal of Family Issues*  
*Journal of Homosexuality*  
*Review of Religious Research*  
*Social Forces*  
*Sociology of Religion*  
*Teaching Sociology*

Prepublication reviewer of the following books:

- Oxford University Press: *The Gendered Society Reader*, edited by Michael Kimmel (2007)
- Pine Forge Press: *Sociology of Religion*, by George Lundskow (2007)
- Cambridge University Press: *The Research Imagination*, by Gray, Williamson, Karp, and Dalphin (2006)
- Wadsworth Publishing: *Understanding Society*, by Anderson, Logio and Taylor (2006)
- Roxbury Publishing Company: *Gendered Bodies: Feminist Perspectives from Birth to Death*, by Judith Lorber and Lisa Jean Moore (2005)
- Prentice Hall: *Seeing Ourselves*, by J. Macionis and N. Benokraitis (2004)

Service to the Community (selected):

- General Commission on the Status and Role of Women for the United Methodist Church, Head of Monitoring Team for General Conference, Portland, OR (2016) and St Louis, MO (2019)
- Justice Watch, volunteer research consultant (2005-18)
- ACLU, Colorado Springs chapter, Board member (2006)
- Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition (Univ. of Colorado, Denver), Field Advisory Committee, Colorado Springs (2005)
- Justice Watch, Colorado Springs, contracted researcher (supported by a grant from the Greenbook Foundation); supervised three research assistants, one through a Colorado College faculty-student research grant (2005)
- General Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the United Methodist Church, contracted researcher (2005; 2015-20)
- Commission on the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, Chair (2004-08)
- General Commission on the Status and Role of Women for the United Methodist Church, President (2000-04)
- United Methodist University Senate accreditation/visitation team to Methodist Theological School of Ohio and Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (1998-99)
- General Commission on the Status and Role of Women for the United Methodist Church, Chair of Monitoring and Research (1996-2000)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2019 Student Thriving, Crown Faculty Center, Colorado College
- 2017 Seminar: Best Practices for Creating Faculty-Led Courses Abroad, CIEE, Paris, France
- 2017 Student-Centered Education and the Logic of an Integrated Curriculum from NSO to Capstone, Crown Faculty Center, Colorado College
- 2013 ACM Institute on College Futures, Chicago, IL
- 2012 Campus Title IX Coordinator and Administrator Training & Certification Course, Denver, CO
- 2012 American Sociological Association workshop: "Teaching Statistics in the Twenty-first Century: Regression for Undergraduates," Denver, CO
- 2009 American Sociological Association workshop: "Doing Research with the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study," San Francisco, CA.

- 2005 AACU workshop: "The Civic Engagement Imperative: Student Learning and the Public Good," Providence, RI.
- 2005 American Sociological Association session: "Teaching Research Methods and Making it Exciting," Philadelphia, PA.
- 2004 American Sociological Association project: "Integrating Data Analysis," Potomac, MD.
- 2003 American Sociological Association workshop: Teaching the Sociology of Religion," Atlanta, GA.
- 2003 American Sociological Association workshop: "Teaching about Contemporary Families," Atlanta, GA.

**INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (selected, since 1994)**

- 10/16 "Clergy Sexual Misconduct," Yellowstone Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Bozeman, MT.
- 10/15 "Title IX and Campus Ministry," presentation at "Do No Harm," United Methodist Conference on Clergy Sexual Misconduct, Chicago, IL
- 12/12 "What is this about a War on Christmas," panel sponsored by the Collaborative for Community Engagement, Colorado College.
- 12/10 "Football, Politics and Sex," panel sponsored by the Office for Sexual Assault Response and Prevention, Colorado College.
- 12/10 "Interviewing Techniques and Tips," workshop for student theater group
- 4/10 "Feminist Perspectives," panel sponsored by the Gender Living and Learning Community
- 3/09 "Social Justice Institute: Socioeconomic Inequality," half-day session in a series for Student Life staff, Colorado College.
- 10/08 "Battle of the Sexes: A Comparison of Men and Women Arrested for Domestic Violence," Pikes Peak Domestic Violence Summit, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 9/07 "Current Intimate Partner Research in Colorado," Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition, University of Colorado, Denver, CO.
- 9/07 "Status and Role of Women in the United Methodist Church: Quadrennial Local Church Survey Results," Annual Meeting of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the UMC, San Francisco, CA.
- 3/07 "Zen and the Art of Teaching on the Block Plan," Crown Faculty Center, Colorado College.
- 11/06 "Hospitable or Hostile Environment: Sexual Harassment in the United Methodist Church," Colorado College faculty luncheon.

- 5/06 “Judicial Demeanor in El Paso County Courts,” Report presented to Judge Martinez, Chief Judge, El Paso County, CO (analysis of Justice Watch data collected by community volunteers and Colorado College students over previous year).
- 2/06 “Wesleyan Social Holiness,” St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Helena, MT (part of a Lily Grant funded series).
- 1/06 “Separation of Church and State: Vital for Churches, Governments, and Reproductive Freedom,” Colorado Springs, CO, panel sponsored by Planned Parenthood, ACLU, Citizen’s Projects and VOX (CC chapter).
- 12/05 “Religion and Society: Cults, Fundamentalists and the UCC,” First Congregational United Church of Christ, Colorado Springs, CO, Adult Forum class.
- 9/05 “Sexual Harassment in the United Methodist Church,” Annual Meeting of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the United Methodist Church, Cambridge, MA.
- 7/05 “Women Arrested for Domestic Violence in El Paso County,” Greenbook Grant Committee, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 11/04 “Same Sex Marriage: Commandment, Amendment, Commitment,” ACLU panel, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 4/04 “Constitutional Amendments and Social Change,” Citizen’s Project panel, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 3/04 “The General Conference of the United Methodist Church,” Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.
- 7/03 Wesley Heritage Tour of England, lecturer.
- 1/03 Panel respondent to Robert Bellah’s lecture “Religion and Empire: What Kind of America Do We Want to Be?” Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.
- 5/02 "The 'F' Word: Feminism and the United Methodist Church," Lunch with a Professor, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO.
- 3/01 "Clergy Sexual Misconduct Issues," Federal Bureau of Prison Chaplains training, Denver, CO.
- 2/98 "Gender Education in Sunday School," United Methodist General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Nashville, TN.
- 10/1997 "Liberation Theology in Central America," Univ. of Denver, Denver, CO.
- 1/1997 “Subtle Gender Assumptions in the Contemporary Church.” Gerri Skinner Lecture Series, St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Tucson, AZ.
- 11/1996 "Clergy Sexual Misconduct," Yellowstone Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Three Forks, MT.
- 10/1996 “Religion in American Culture,” University of Colorado, Denver, CO.

- 7/1996            “The Rise of the Christian Right,” Grace UMC, Denver, CO.
- 1/1996            "Clergy Sexual Misconduct Issues, Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, Anchorage, AK.
- 6/1994            “Feminist Issues in the Church,” St. Luke’s UMC, Highlands Ranch, CO.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (sections: Sex and Gender, Religion, Law, Teaching and Learning)  
American Sociological Association Undergraduate Honors Program Board  
Alpha Kappa Delta (elected national council member)  
Association for the Study of Modern and Contemporary France