

## KATHLEEN SPROWS CUMMINGS

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### CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

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2019 – Present	Rev. John A. O’Brien Collegiate Professor of History and American Studies, University of Notre Dame
2023– 2024	Teaching Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study
2023– Present	Faculty Fellow, Keough-Naughton Institute, University of Notre Dame
2020 – Present	Faculty Fellow, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, University of Notre Dame
2015 – Present	Faculty Fellow, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame
2015 – Present	Concurrent Faculty, Gender Studies Program, University of Notre Dame
2015 – Present	Concurrent Faculty, Italian Studies, University of Notre Dame
2011 – Present	Faculty Fellow, Institute for Educational Initiatives, University of Notre Dame
2008 – Present	Concurrent Faculty, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame

### EDUCATION

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1999	Ph.D. in History, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
1994	M.A. in History, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
1993	M.A. in History, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA
1993	B.A. in History/Philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i> , University of Scranton, Scranton, PA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program; Spanish minor; Full Four-Year Tuition Presidential Scholarship</li></ul>

2019

*Doctor Honoris Causa*, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

#### **PAST APPOINTMENTS**

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- 2012 – 2023      Director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism,  
University of Notre Dame
- Fall 2022      Teilhard de Chardin Fellow, Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual  
Heritage, Loyola University Chicago
- 2011 – 2019      Associate Professor, Department of American Studies (2011-2019)  
and Department of History (2013-2019), University of Notre Dame
- 2008 – 2011      Assistant Professor, Department of American Studies, University of  
Notre Dame
- 2009 – 2010      Acting Director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American  
Catholicism, University of Notre Dame
- 2001 – 2012      Associate Director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American  
Catholicism, University of Notre Dame
- 1999 – 2001      Lilly Fellow in the Humanities and Arts, Valparaiso University

#### **BOOKS**

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*A Saint of Our Own: How the Quest for a Holy Hero Helped Catholics Become American*  
(Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2019).

*New Women of the Old Faith: Gender and American Catholic Identity in the Progressive Era*  
(Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2010).

#### **EDITED VOLUMES**

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*Roman Sources for the Study of American Catholicism, 1763-1939*, edited with a forward  
(Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2018).

*Catholics in the Vatican II Era: Local Histories of a Global Event*, ed. Kathleen Sprows  
Cummings, Timothy Matovina, and Robert Orsi (New York: Cambridge University  
Press, 2017).

*Holy See's Archives as Sources for American History*, ed. Kathleen Sprows Cummings and  
Matteo Sanfilippo (Viterbo: Sette Città, 2016).

*Catholicism in the American Century: Recasting Narratives of U.S. History*, ed. Kathleen Sprows Cummings and R. Scott Appleby (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2012).

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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“Spotlight on Catholic History: Good Apples, Broken Records, and Reinterpreting the Past after Clerical Sex Abuse,” (accepted with revisions, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*)

“Elizabeth Ann Seton: A Wholly American Saint,” *American Catholic Studies* 132, no. 3 (2021): 107-115.

“Catholic Women Religious in an Age of Fracture,” in *Religion and Politics Beyond the Culture Wars*, ed. Darren Dochuk (Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press, 2021).

“Catholic Sisters in North America,” in *Religiosas en America Latina: Memorias y Contextos*, ed. Ana Lourdes Suarez (Instituto de Investigaciones, Universidad Católica Argentina, 2020).

“Samuel Mazzuchelli, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, and the Making of American Saints,” in *Preaching with Their Lives: Dominicans on Mission in the United States after 1850*, ed. Margaret McGuinness and Jeffrey Burnes (New York: Fordham University Press, 2020).

“Frances Cabrini, American Exceptionalism, and Returning to Rome,” *Catholic Historical Review* 104, no. 1 (2018): 1-22.

“Introduction to the *Blessed Review* Symposium,” *Journal of Cultural Economy* 8, no. 5 (2015): 613-615.

“American Saints: Gender and the Re-Imaging of U.S. Catholicism in the Early Twentieth Century,” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 22, no. 2 (Summer 2012): 203-231.

“Teaching About Women, Gender, and American Catholicism,” in *The Catholic Studies Reader*, ed. Margaret McGuinness and James T. Fisher (New York: Fordham University Press, 2011).

“Rewriting His Story: Vocations, Teaching Sisters, and American Catholicism in the Progressive Era,” *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 16, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2009): 6-23. (invited)

“The Wageless Work of Paradise: Teaching Sisters and American Religious History,” *Journal of Religion and Society*, Supplement Series 5 (2009). (invited)

“The ‘New Women’ at the ‘University’: Gender and American Catholic Identity in the Progressive Era,” in *The Religious History of American Women: Reimagining the Past*, ed. Catherine A. Brekus (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007).

“‘We Owe it to our Sex as Well as our Religion’: The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Ladies Auxiliary, and the Founding of Trinity College for Catholic Women, Washington, D.C.,” *American Catholic Studies* 115 (Winter 2004): 21-36.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES, OP-EDS, ESSAYS**

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“The Women of Past Presence,” *Notre Dame Magazine* (Winter 2021-22).

“A Saint for Our Times: This Man would be a relevant, Revolutionary Choice,” *National Catholic Reporter*, June 20, 2020.

“As Mass attendance in Philly declines, Archbishop Chaput’s successor must be more pastoral than polarizing,” *Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 26, 2019.

“*Le donne cattoliche e la politica statunitense*,” *Donne Chiesa Mondo* (Vatican City), March 2019.

“For Catholics, Gradual Reform is No Longer an Option,” *New York Times*, August 20, 2018.

“A Promising Path: Building a Profound Theology of Womanhood for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” *America* (October 28, 2013): 20-22.

“Native Daughters: Making Saints in a Divided Church,” *Commonweal* (June 1, 2013): 7-10.

Review of Patrick J. Hayes, *A Catholic Brain Trust: The History of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs, 1945-1965* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2011), in *Journal of American History* 99 (2012): 982-983.

Review of Carmen Mangion and Laurence Lux-Sterrett, ed., *Gender, Catholicism, and Spirituality: Women and the Roman Catholic Church in Britain and Europe, 1200-1900* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011), in *American Catholic Studies* 123, no. 3 (Fall 2012): 69-71.

“The Doorway to Sainthood,” *Notre Dame Magazine* (Winter 2010-11): 35-38.

Review of Mark S. Massa, S.J., *The American Catholic Revolution* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010), in *America* (November 1, 2010): 28-31.

“*Le donne sono cambiate*,” *Il Regno* (Bologna, Italy), September 15, 2010.

“Roman Catholicism: The Impact of Immigration in the Nineteenth Century,” *Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. Charles Lippy and Peter Williams (Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2010).

“Have Women Souls? Catholicism, Feminism, and the Council of Macon,” *Commonweal* (September 11, 2009): 20-22.

“Finding a Way Forward II: Ecclesial and Corporate Identity,” with Katarina Schuth, OSF, William Barry, SJ, Robin Ryan, and Patricia Wittberg, SC (Center for the Study of Religious Life, November 2008).

Review of Sally Barr Ebest and Ron Ebest, ed., *Reconciling Catholicism and Feminism?: Personal Reflections on Tradition and Change* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2003), in *Collegium News* (Fall 2008).

Review of James M. O’Toole, *The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America* (Cambridge, Mass.: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2008), in *America* (September 15, 2008): 38-40.

Review of Justin Nordstrom, *Danger on the Doorstep: Anti-Catholicism and American Print Culture in the Progressive Era* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006), in *Church History* 77 (March 2008): 211-14.

Review of Patrick Carey, *Catholics in America: A History* (Westport, Conn.: Praeger Publishers, 2004), in *Journal of Religion* 87 (July 2007): 446-47.

“Strongly-willed Sister and Sorin Ally Named Saint,” *Notre Dame Magazine* (Winter 2006/2007): 9.

“Real Characters,” Review of Michael W. Higgins, *Stalking the Holy: The Pursuit of Saint Making* (Toronto, Ont.: House of Anansi Press, 2006) and James Martin, S.J., *My Life with the Saints* (Chicago: Loyola Press, 2006), in *Commonweal* (January 26, 2007): 38-40.

“Ways to Witness,” Review of Kristin Heyer, *Prophetic and Public: The Social Witness of U.S. Catholicism* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2006), in *America* (December 4, 2006): 22-23.

Review of Maureen Fitzgerald, *Habits of Compassion: Irish Catholic Nuns and the Origins of New York’s Welfare System, 1830-1920* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2006), in *Fides et Historia* 38 (2006): 147-148.

“Two-Part Harmony,” Review of Margaret O’Brien Steinfels, ed., *American Catholics and Civic Engagement: A Distinctive Voice* (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield Pub., 2004), in *America* (May 17, 2004): 23-24.

Review of Kevin Kenny, ed., *New Directions in Irish-American History* (Madison, Wis.: University of Wisconsin Press, 2003), in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 23 (Spring 2004): 114-15.

Review of Mark Massa, S.J., *Anti-Catholicism in America: The Last Acceptable Prejudice* (New York: Crossroad Pub., 2003), in *National Catholic Reporter* (February 6, 2004).

“L.A. Confidential,” Review of Anita M. Caspary, *Witness to Integrity: The Crisis of the Immaculate Heart Community of California* (Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2003), in *Commonweal* (November 21, 2003): 24-26.

“Change of Habit,” *Notre Dame Magazine* (Autumn 2003): 34-39.

Review of Clare E. Wolfteich, *American Catholics through the Twentieth Century: Spirituality, Lay Experience and Public Life* (New York: Crossroad Pub., 2001), in *Journal of Religion* 83 (July 2003): 446-47.

Review of Diane Batts Morrow, *Persons of Color and Religious at the Same Time: The Oblate Sisters of Providence* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002), in *American Catholic Studies* 114 (Summer 2003): 71-73.

Review of Jeffrey Marlett, *Saving the Heartland: Catholic Missionaries in Rural America* (DeKalb: Northern University Press, 2002), in *Indiana Magazine of History* 99 (June 2003): 187-88.

“Builders and Shakers,” Review of John Fialka, *Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America* (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2003), in *Commonweal* (March 14, 2003): 25-26.

Review of Deirdre Moloney, *American Catholic Lay Groups and Transatlantic Social Reform in the Progressive Era* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002), in *Journal of American Ethnic History* 22 (Winter 2003): 100-101.

“Not the New Woman: Irish American Women and the Creation of a Usable Past,” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 19 (Winter 2001): 37-52.

## **EXTERNAL AWARDS AND HONORS**

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2021 Distinguished Service Award, Cushwa Center, American Catholic Historical Association

2019 Catholic Press Association Awards for *A Saint of Our Own* (2019)  
○ First Place, Gender Issues  
○ Second Place, History

- 2019 Commencement Speaker & Honorary Degree Recipient, University of Scranton
- 2019 Pedro Arrupe, SJ, Award, University of Scranton
- 2018 Holy Family Grade School Distinguished Alumni Award, Aston, PA
- 2013 Frank J. O’Hara Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Scranton
- 2010 – 2011 Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities
- 2009 Catholic Press Association Awards for *New Women of the Old Faith* (2009)
- Second Place, Education
  - Third Place, Gender
  - Honorable Mention, History
- 2009 Best Paper Prize, Religion Caucus of the American Studies Association (2009 Annual Meeting)

**INTERNAL AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- 2021 Charles Sheedy, C.S.C., Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Arts and Letters
- 2019 “Gender, Sex, and Power: Toward a History of Clergy Sexual Abuse in the U.S. Catholic Church,” Office of the President
- 2018 Subvention Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts
- 2018 Large Henkels Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts
- 2016 Global Collaboration Initiative, “The Pedagogy of Peace,” Kylemore Abbey Symposium
- 2015 Media Legends Award, Office for Public Affairs
- 2015 Large Henkels Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, for “Too Small a World: Catholic Sisters as Global Missionaries”
- 2015 Small Henkels Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, for “Outsider at the Vatican: Frederick Frank and Vatican II”
- 2014 Library Acquisitions Grant, Office of Research, to acquire Badin Bible

2014	Global Collaboration Initiative, Notre Dame International, for London Symposium on “Daughters of the Church, Citizens of the World: A Transnational Study of Catholic Women Religious and the Second Vatican Council”
2011	Faculty Research Support Program, Large Grant for Lived History of Vatican II Project (with Timothy Matovina), Office of the Provost
2011	Large Research Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts
2010	Miscellaneous Materials Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts
2009	Mini-Conference Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, for “Transatlantic Catholicism: The French-American Connection”
2008	Joyce Award Grant, Office of the Provost
2008	Book Subvention Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts
2007	Edmund P. Joyce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching
2002	Lilly Faculty Fellow, Notre Dame Vocation Initiative

#### **SELECT PROJECTS & HONORS**

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2022-	Commentator, NBC/MSNBC
2019 – Present	Member, Board of Trustees, University of Scranton
2020 – 2021	Co-Director (with Robert Orsi, Northwestern University), “Gender, Sex, and Power: Toward a History of the Clergy Sex-Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church”
2019 – 2020	Co-Investigator (with Colin Barr, University of Aberdeen), “Religious women in the Anglo-Sphere, 1830-1960”
2018	Convener, “A Pedagogy of Peace: Catholic Sisters and Migrant Education,” Kylemore Abbey, Ireland
2017 – 2018	Co-Convener, Newberry Seminar on Religion and Culture in the Americas, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL
2016 – 2018	Vice President, President, and Past President of the American Catholic Historical Association

- 2017 Co-Convener, “North American Catholic Communities in Rome,” International Conference, Rome, Italy
- 2015 Convener, “The Nun and the World: Catholic Sisters and the Second Vatican Council,” International Conference, Notre Dame’s London Global Gateway
- 2014 Co-Convener (with John McGreevy, University of Notre Dame), “American Catholicism in a World Made Small,” Two-Week Seminar, Rome Global Gateway

#### **INVITED LECTURES & SEMINARS**

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- 2023 “Women Religious in the Archives,” Heritage and Research Center at Saint Mary’s.”
- 2023 “Monumental Women: Remembering Catholic Sisters in the Creation of Irish America,” Monsignor Patrick Corish Lecture, St. Patrick’s Pontifical University, Maynooth, Ireland.
- 2023 “Monumental Questions: Catholicism, Gender, and the American Public Landscape,” Dean’s Lecture, Boston College
- 2023 “American Saints: Catholics and Canonization in the United States,” Kraft Lecture, DeSales University, Center Valley, Pennsylvania
- 2022 “A New Kind of Saint? Catholics and Canonization in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Teilhard de Chardin Lecture, Loyola University of Chicago
- 2022 “Enacting *Eloquentia Perfecta*,” Presidential Inaugural Symposium, Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland
- 2022 “Searching for a Saint: Holiness and American History,” Servi Christi Lecture, St. Charles, Illinois
- 2022 “Monumental Women: Remembering Catholic Sisters in America,” Keynote Address, Twelfth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2022 “Monumental Women: Remembering Holy Cross Sisters at Notre Dame and in America,” The Holy Cross Institute at St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas
- 2022 “‘Say not America’s saints are all foreign’: Catholics and Canonization in North America, 1884-1930,” Keynote Address, Canadian Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting (via Zoom)

- 2022 Keynote Speaker, 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala for the Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Loyola University Chicago
- 2022 “Monumental Women: Remembering Sisters at Notre Dame and in America,” Center for Spirituality, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2021 “Saint Among the Skyscrapers: The American Afterlife of Frances Cabrini,” Lumen Christi Institute, Chicago, Illinois
- 2021 Hanley Lectures, St. Paul’s College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada (via Zoom)
- 2021 “Elizabeth Ann Seton: The Most American Saint?,” Celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mother Seton Series, Seton Hall University (via Zoom)
- 2021 “Hidden Histories and Boundary Crossings” Centre for Catholic Studies, Durham University, England (via Zoom)
- 2021 “Gender, Sex, and Power: Clergy Abuse in the Catholic Church,” University of Virginia Religious Studies Seminar (via Zoom)
- 2020 “Gender, Power, and Canonization: Thinking and Praying with America’s Holy Women,” Cranaleigh Spiritual Center, Philadelphia (via Zoom)
- 2019 “Catholic Sisters and North American History: The State of the Field,” Keynote Address, Women Religious in Latin America Conference, Universidad Católica Argentina, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2019 “American Afterlives: Historicizing Holiness in the United States,” Keynote Address, American Catholic Theology Anniversary Conference, University of Dayton
- 2019 “John Paul II, Canonization, and U.S. Catholicism,” Ca Foscari University, Venice, Italy
- 2019 “John Neumann: The First American Saint,” Keynote Address, St. John Neumann Museum, Philadelphia
- 2019 “American Afterlives: Historicizing Holiness in the United States,” Adler Lecture, Catholic Studies Program, University of Iowa
- 2019 “Pope Francis and the American Saints,” Moreau Lectures, Kings College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

- 2019 “Samuel Mazzuchelli, Rose Hawthorne, and the Making of American Saints,” Diane Kennedy OP Endowed Lecture, Dominican University, Chicago.
- 2018 “Superpower Saints: Rome & America, 1939-1963,” Catholic Studies Program, Boston College
- 2018 “Frances Cabrini, American Exceptionalism, and Rethinking U.S. Catholic History,” Presidential Address, American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Citizen Saints: A Conversation with Kathleen Sprows Cummings,” St. John Neumann Shrine, Philadelphia
- 2016 “Making the First U.S. Saints: The Afterlives of Frances Cabrini and Elizabeth Ann Seton,” Endowed Lecture in American Catholic Thought and Culture, Michigan State University
- 2016 “Catholic Women and Leadership: Witness from the Past, Wisdom for the Future,” Keynote Address, Women of the Church National Conference, St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- 2015 “Rise of the Nation Saint,” Ramonat Seminar, Loyola University Chicago
- 2015 “Nation-Saints: American Afterlives and the Second Vatican Council,” Dudleian Lecture, Harvard Divinity School
- 2015 “The Gifts of American Catholic Sisters: Some Reflections on Gratitude,” Seminar on Consecrated Life with Sandra Schneiders IHM, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 2015 “Nation-Saints: Blessed Miriam Teresa, Beatification, and American Catholic History,” College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, New Jersey
- 2015 “Nation-Saints: Elizabeth Ann Seton, Canonization, and Historical Memory,” Seton Hall College
- 2014 “Saints, Sinners, and Sisters: Topics in U.S. Catholicism,” *Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII*, Bologna, Italy
- 2014 “Rise of the Nation-Saint: The Afterlives of Jesuits and Women Religious, 1880-1946,” Keynote Address for “Crossings and Dwellings: Restored Jesuits and Women Religious, 1814-2014,” Loyola University Chicago
- 2014 Keynote Address, Opening Banquet for Catholic Sisters’ Week, St. Catherine’s University, Saint Paul, MN

- 2013 “Catholics and the American Century,” Commonweal Conversations, New York, NY
- 2013 “Dynamics of Devotion: St. John Neumann and U.S. Catholics,” Keynote Address, Redemptorist History Conference, Canandaigua, NY
- 2013 “Nation-Saints,” Endowed Lecture Series, John Carroll University
- 2013 “Markers of the Past, Guideposts for the Future: A Conversation about Women and Leadership in the Catholic Church,” Keynote Address, Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- 2012 “Catholic and Feminist: Some Reflections from Notre Dame,” Women and Philanthropy Group, Chicago, IL
- 2012 “U.S. Catholics and the Rise of the Nation Saint, 1884-1946,” Keynote Address for “Sanctity and Society: Devotion to Holy People in Multi-Cultural Contexts,” University of California-Santa Barbara
- 2012 “The Quest for the First American Saint,” Department of Religion Colloquium, Princeton University
- 2011 “Saints, Sisters, and Citizens: Catholic Sisters in American History,” Center for History, South Bend, IN
- 2011 “Citizen Saints: American Catholics and Canonization,” St. Thomas More Society Annual Lecture, Wilmington, DE
- 2011 “Philadelphia Catholics, Feminism, and American History: A Few Reflections,” St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 “Women’s Leadership at the Crossroads: Markers of the Past, Guideposts for the Future,” Keynote Address, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA
- 2011 “Citizen Saints: Canonization in an American Context,” St. Paul’s Parish, Valparaiso, IN
- 2011 “Telling HerStory: Women Religious in the American Catholic Past,” College of New Rochelle
- 2010 “Canonization in an American Context,” Rome, Italy
- 2010 “Changing History: Women in the American Catholic Past,” Rita Cassella Jones Annual Lecture, Fordham University

- 2010 “Changing *History*: Catholic Sisters and the American Church,” Keynote Address, Keeping and Telling the Dominican Story Conference, Dominican University
- 2010 “Enlarging our Lives: Faith, Feminism, and American Catholic History,” Bishop John McCarthy Endowed Lecture, St. Edward’s University
- 2009 “Catholic Sisters in America,” Department of Religious Studies and Catholic Campus Ministry, Southern Methodist University
- 2009 “America’s Saints,” Department of Religion, Duke University
- 2009 Panel Discussion of *New Women of the Old Faith*, Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago
- 2009 “Reflections on Catholicism, Feminism, and History,” Endowed Fall Lecture, Center for Spirituality, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN
- 2009 Discussion of *New Women of the Old Faith*, Joint Session of the Gender Workshop and Religion Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2009 “The Old Faith and the New Woman,” University of Dayton
- 2008 “Revising His Story: Catholic Sisters and American Religious History,” Featured Speaker, Symposium on Women, Gender, and Religion, Creighton University
- 2008 “The Wageless Work of Paradise: Teaching Sisters in Parochial Schools, The 2008 Catholic Daughters of the Americas Lecture, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.
- 2008 “Catholic Sisters in Philadelphia’s Parochial Schools,” Keynote Speaker, Philadelphia Archdiocesan Bicentennial Celebration, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 “Have Women Souls? The Dilemma of a Catholic Feminist Scholar,” Invited Paper for Lilly Fellows Program Reunion Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- 2007 “The Wageless Work of Paradise: Integrating Women into Historical Narratives,” College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

#### **INTERNAL LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2023 Panelist, “50 Years of Coeducation at Notre Dame,” Student Government

- 2022 “Catholic Women’s Hidden History: A Walking Tour of Notre Dame,” Hesburgh Women of Impact, Office of Development
- 2022 “Remembering the Women of Notre Dame,” Presentation to Senior Regional Directors, Office of Development.
- 2022 “Sins of Omission: Catholic Sisters at Notre Dame” Women’s History Month Presentation, Office of Human Resources
- 2022 Interview with Michael O’Loughlin, Author of *Hidden Mercy*, Office of Campus Ministry
- 2021 “Defining American Catholic Identity: John Zahm and Notre Dame,” Founders’ Day Presentation, Office of the President
- 2021 Moderator, Panel Discussion with Edward Malloy, CSC and Thomas Blantz, CSC, University Press
- 2021 “God, Notre Dame, Country: Glimpses of the University’s First Century,” Ahead of the Game Presentation, College of Arts and Letters
- 2020 Presentation to the Board of Trustees’ Subcommittee on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- 2019 “Notre Dame’s Badin Bibles,” Presentation to Library Advisory Council
- 2019 Panelist, Discussion of Wilson Miscamble, CSC, *American Priest: The Ambitious Life and Conflicted Legacy of Father Ted Hesburgh*, Tocqueville Program in American Democracy
- 2018 “American Saints,” Farley Hall
- 2018 “The Cushwa Center in Rome,” Lunch and Learn Presentation, Notre Dame Investment Office
- 2018 “Surprised by Pope Francis,” Presentation to University President, Provost, Executive Vice President, and Selected Guests, Vatican City
- 2017 “Frances Cabrini, Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway, and Remapping American History,” Winter Lecture, Rome Global Gateway, Rome, Italy
- 2017 “Irish and Italian Missionary Sisters,” Rome and Ireland Seminar, Rome, Italy
- 2017 “Five Characteristics of a Leading Catholic Research University,” Presentation to the Intellectual Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees

- 2017 “History and Mission of Catholic Colleges and Universities,” Sorin Seminar
- 2017 “Catholic Women and Leadership: A Conversation,” Presentation to Joint Formation Program, Masters of Divinity Program
- 2014 “John Paul II: Saint and Saint-Maker,” Hesburgh Lecture
- 2014 Teachers as Scholars, Two-Day Seminar on Catholics in America
- 2014 “Reflections on the Badin Bible,” Log Chapel
- 2013 “Pope Francis and American Catholics,” ND Women-Connect, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 “Protestants and Catholics in American History,” Guest Lecturer, Graduate Seminar in the Department of History, Pro. Mark Noll
- 2013 “What Did He Just Say? Pope Francis Unfiltered,” Panelist, Office of Campus Ministry
- 2013 “From Pope Benedict to Pope Francis: Contrasts and Continuities,” Panelist, College of Arts and Letters Saturday Scholars
- 2013 “A New Pope and a Historic Transition,” Panelist, Badin Guild
- 2003 – 2013 A History of Catholic Education, Alliance for Catholic Education Summer Session
- 2013 “Sr. Jean Lenz Roundtable,” Farley Hall
- 2013 “Academic and Residential Life at Notre Dame,” Keynote Address, Pop Farley Week
- 2012 “Mother Marianne Cope and Kateri Tekakwitha: The Two Newest American Saints,” Saturday with the Saints Scholars Series, Institute for Church Life
- 2012 “American Saints,” Hesburgh Lecture, Notre Dame Club of Philadelphia
- 2012 “Canonization in America,” Catholic Graduate Student Association
- 2012 “Kateri Tekakwitha,” St. Thomas More Society, Notre Dame Law School

- 2012 “Catholic Women in America,” Guest Lecturer, Intro to Gender Studies, Prof. Abby Palko
- 2012 “Citizen Saints,” Notre Dame Leadership Seminar
- 2012 “American Saints,” Department of Engineering Retired Faculty
- 2011 “John Paul II and All the Saints,” Saturdays with the Saints Scholars Series
- 2011 Guest Lecturer for “The City in Early America,” Prof. Catherine Cangany, Department of History
- 2011 Guest Lecturer for “Intro to Gender Studies,” Prof. Abby Palko, Gender Studies
- 2011 Guest Lecturer for “Exploring History Outside the Classroom,” Prof. Dan Graff, Department of History
- 2011 Guest Lecturer for “Intro to American Studies,” Prof. Jason Ruiz, Department of American Studies
- 2011 Guest Lecturer for “Protestants and Catholics in American History,” Prof. Mark Noll, Department of History, Graduate Seminar
- 2010 “American Saints,” Presentation to the Colloquium on Religion and History (CORAH)
- 2010 Commentator for Lew Daly, *God’s Economy*, Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue
- 2009 “Women and American Religion: Reimagining the Past,” Panelist, Seminar in American Religion, Cushwa Center
- 2009 “Feminism and the Catholic Faith,” Guest Speaker, Women’s Liturgical Choir Retreat
- 2009 “Catholicism, Religion, and Gender,” Guest Lecture for “Today’s Gender Roles,” Prof. Joan Aldous, Department of Sociology
- 2009 “American Saints,” Guest Lecture for “Introduction to American Studies,” Prof. Erika Doss, Department of American Studies
- 2009 “Irish Women, Work, and Migration,” Guest Lecture for “Irish-American Experience,” Prof. Patrick Griffin, Department of History

- 2009 “Student Engagement at Notre Dame,” Presentation to Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees
- 2009 “*New Women of the Old Faith: A Discussion*,” Exploring History Outside the Classroom, Department of History
- 2009 “Me, Philadelphia, and History: Three Stories,” Keynote Speaker, Phi Alpha Theta Introduction, Department of History
- 2009 “New Women of the Old Faith,” Presentation to Campus Ministers and University Rectors
- 2008 “Women Religious and Parochial Education,” Guest Lecture for “School Choice,” Rev. Timothy Scully, CSC, Department of Political Science
- 2005 “Women and Catholicism in American History,” Five-Part Lecture Series for Satellite Theological Educational Program, Institute for Church Life
- 2005 “Can you be a Catholic and a Feminist?,” Theology on Tap
- 2004 “Sisterhood and Its Limits: Cooperation between Vowed and Lay Catholic Women in Twentieth-Century America,” Gender Studies Faculty Forum
- 2003 “Nuns in America,” Guest Lecturer for “Introduction to Gender Studies,” Prof. Sophie White, Gender Studies

#### **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS/PANELS**

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- 2022 “Broken Records, Broken Trust: Gender and Hierarchy in the Catholic Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal,” Gender, Sex, & Power Symposium, Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 “Global Catholicism in Rome,” Conference on “Mapping Rome: The Eternal City as a Site for Interdisciplinary Research and Education,” Center for Italian Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 “International Identities and American Saints: Relations between Italy and the United States,” University of Notre Dame’s Rome Global Gateway
- 2021 “Rome and U.S. Catholicism,” Presentation to the Rome Seminar, University of Notre Dame
- 2020 “The Cushwa Center in Rome,” Mapping Rome Conference, Center for Italian Studies, Notre Dame (via Zoom)

- 2020 “Saints Across Traditions: The Quest for a U.S. Patron,” Ways of Perfection and Devout Lives: Saintliness Across Traditions, University of Notre Dame (via Zoom)
- 2018 “John Paul II and Philippine Duchesne: Saints and Global Catholic Church,” Conference on the Association of French Contemporary Religious History, University of Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France
- 2018 “John Paul II’s U.S. Saints,” Conference of the *L’Associazione italiana per lo studio della santità, dei culti, e dell’agiografia* (AISSCA), Rome, Italy
- 2014 “The Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the Second Vatican Council, and American Social Change,” Conference on Men and Women Religious and Vatican II, Rome, Italy
- 2014 “U.S. Catholic Afterlives,” Presentation to Italian Studies Rome Seminar, Rome, Italy
- 2014 “The Nun in the World: Catholic Sisters, the Second Vatican Council, and American Politics,” Invited Speaker at “Beyond the Culture Wars,” Danforth Center for Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2014 “Gender and American Catholic History,” Panelist, American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2013 “Writing the Afterlives for the American Sister Saints,” Conference on the History of Women Religious, Saint Paul, MN
- 2013 “Making a U.S. Saint: Gender, Catholicism, and the Afterlife of Elizabeth Ann Seton,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting (co-sponsored by American Catholic Historical Association Meeting), New Orleans, LA
- 2012 “An American Lourdes? The Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs and the Search for an American Saint, 1884-1930,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2011 “An American Historian Reflects on Catholic Women’s History in Europe,” History of Women Religious-Britain and Ireland Annual Conference, London, England
- 2010 “The Rise of the Nation-Saint: French Missionaries and Canonization in U.S. Catholicism,” Colloquium on Atlantic Catholicism: The French-American Connection, University of Notre Dame

- 2010 “Rehabilitating Bridget: Irish Americans and Anti-Catholicism,” Celtic Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting, University of Notre Dame
- 2009 “Rehabilitating Bridget: Sainthood in American Culture, 1880-1925,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 “Teaching American Catholic History,” American Catholic Historical Association Meeting, LaSalle University
- 2009 “Catholic Saints and the Re-imagining of American Identity,” Great Lakes American Studies Association Regional Conference, Notre Dame, IN
- 2009 “The Old Faith and the New Woman: Gender, American Catholics and the Creation of a Usable Past,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2004 “‘We owe it to Our Sex as Well as our Religion’: The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the Ladies Auxiliary and the Founding of Trinity College,” Sixth Triennial Conference on the History of Women Religious, Atchison, KS
- 2004 “‘The Morbid Consciousness of Womanhood,’ Gender, American Catholics, and the Case Against Woman Suffrage, 1890-1915,” American Catholic Historical Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 “The New Woman at the University: Gender, Americanism and the Founding of Trinity College for Catholic Women,” Women and American Religion: Re-imagining the Past, University of Chicago Divinity School

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION**

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- 2023 Moderator, “Placing the Eternal Child: A Lourdes Shrine, the St. Coletta School for Exceptional Children, and the Catholic Remaking of Cognitive Disability” by Andrew Walker-Cornetta,” Newberry Seminar on Religion in the Americas
- 2023 Chair, “Experiments in Hagiography: Gender and Religious Memory in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2022 Moderator, “Synodality and the Roots of Vatican II,” Sponsored by Lumen Christi Institute and Nova Forum for Catholic Thought (via Zoom)

- 2022 Panelist, “History of Centers for Christian Thought,” Workshop on “Developing Character in College Communities,” Sponsored by Baylor University/Anselm House, Chicago, Illinois
- 2022 Moderator, “Spiritual Friendships,” Colloquy XLI of the American Weil Society, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 Moderator, Michael O’Loughlin, *Hidden Mercy: AIDS, Catholics, and Untold Stories of Compassion in the Face of Fear*
- 2022 Moderator, “Pastoral-Theological Ideas for Affective Collegiality with Pope Francis and Receiving Vatican II,” Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Life, Loyola University of Chicago
- 2021 Commentator, “Joseph Chinnici’s *American Catholicism Transformed*,” University of San Diego (via Zoom)
- 2021 Panelist, “The world Roe Made/The World that Made Roe,” Harvard Radcliffe Institute (via Zoom)
- 2021 Commentator, “Who Will Lead? The Selection and Formation of Boards of Trustees and College and University Presidents,” by James Heft, SM, Kings College (via Zoom)
- 2020 Panelist, “The McCarrick Report: Findings, Lessons, and Directions,” Georgetown Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life (via Zoom)
- 2020 Panelist, “Thinking with Newman: Educating with Intention Today,” Dublin International Dialogues (via Zoom)
- 2020 Panelist, “Catherine Brekus’ *Strangers and Pilgrims*,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2020 Commentator, “Kathleen Sprows Cummings’ *A Saint of Our Own*,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2020 Commentator, “Writing the History of Women Religious: Archives, Opportunities, and Challenges,” American Catholic Historical Association, New York, NY
- 2019 Guest Discussant, American Religious History Seminar, Prof. Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University (via Skype)

- 2019 Commentator, “Franciscans in the American Century,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Guest Lecture, “Gender and Violence in Sacred Texts,” Valparaiso University
- 2017 Respondent, Eileen Markey, *A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura*, LANAAC, Notre Dame
- 2017 Chair and Commentator, “Agents of Change: Intellectuals, Journalists, and Advocates,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2016 Convener, “Whither Women Religious: Analyzing the Past, Studying the Present, Imagining the Future,” Conference on the History of women Religious, Tenth Triennial Conference, Santa Clara University
- 2016 Moderator (Euan Cameron, John O’Malley),” Reform Impulses, Protestant and Catholic,” Multiple Reformations: The Heidelberg-Notre Dame Colloquies on the Legacies of the Reformation, Colloquium One: The Many Faces of the Reformation, Rome, Italy
- 2015 Chair, “Catholicism vis-à-vis Modernity and Beyond: Religious Liberty, Other Faiths and ‘Signs of the Times,’” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 Respondent, “Still Guests in Their Own House?: Women and the Church since Vatican II,” Keynote Address (M. Shawn Copeland), Loyola University Chicago
- 2014 Panelist, “Women and the Life of the Church,” Notre Dame Forum
- 2013 Commentator, “Catholics and Mormons: A New Dialogue,” University of Notre Dame
- 2013 Commentator, *Band of Sisters*, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN
- 2013 Moderator, “Domesticating and Differentiating Mary,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 Commentator, American Catholic Studies Seminar, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism
- 2012 Chair, “Mining Sources in Religious History: Perils and Pitfalls,” Graduate Student Roundtable, American Catholic Historical Association, Chicago, IL

- 2010 Chair, "Beyond 'Teaching Tolerance': Changing the Discourse of Tolerance in America," American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 2010 Chair, "Teaching Sisters," Conference on the History of Women Religious, University of Scranton
- 2010 Commentator, *Prayers of the Faithful* by James McCartin (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2010), American Catholic Studies Seminar, University of Dayton
- 2009 "Commentator, "Isaac Hecker and the American Church," American Catholic Historical Association Meeting, New York, NY
- 2007 Chair, "A Call for Forty Thousand: New Approaches for the Study of U.S. Mission," American Catholic Historical Association Spring Meeting, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
- 2006 Moderator, "Generations that Call her Blessed: The Rise of Guadalupan Theology and Devotion," Conference on "Guadalupe, Madre de America: Narrative, Image and Devotion," University of Notre Dame
- 2006 Chair and Commentator, "Varieties of Women's Experience in the Ultramontane Church," American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2005 Chair, "Irish American Personalities," American Conference for Irish Studies Annual Meeting, University of Notre Dame
- 2005 Moderator, "Primary Sources for Future Research," Conference on "The Future of American Catholic History," University of Notre Dame
- 2004 "Discussion Leader," Women and Vocation," Enhancing the Theological Conversation on Vocation Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- 2004 "History of U.S. Catholicism," St. Paul's Parish, Valparaiso, IN
- 2002 "Catholicism in Twentieth-Century America," St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana, IL
- 2001 Panelist, "Fifty Years of S.J.L.A.," University of Scranton
- 2000 Keynote Speaker, *Alpha Sigma Nu* (Jesuit Honor Society), University of Scranton

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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Senior Seminar: Women & American Religion  
University Seminar: Sanctity and Society  
Transformations in American Society, 1877-1929  
American Experience in the Modern World  
History of American Women, 1890-Present  
Women and Religion in the U.S.  
Faith & Feminism in America  
Notre Dame & America  
Introduction to American Studies  
Gilded Age / Progressive Era America  
Ethnicity and American Identity  
American Immigration, 1820-1924  
Catholics in America  
Senior Seminar: U.S. Catholicism  
Senior Seminar: Notre Dame and America

## **ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP**

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### **Chair, Dissertation Committees:**

Chair, James Breen, History, University of Notre Dame (defended June 2022)  
Chair, Natalie Sargent, History, University of Notre Dame (defended October 2019)  
Chair, Jillian Plummer, History, University of Notre Dame (defended August 2019)  
Chair, Andrew Mach, History, University of Notre Dame (defended May 2019)  
Co-Chair, Massimo DiGiacchino, History, *Scuola Normale Superiore*, Pisa, Italy (defended July 2018)  
Chair, Michael Skaggs, History, University of Notre Dame (defended December 2016)

### **Member, Dissertation Committees:**

Susanna De Stradis, History, University of Notre Dame (defended June 2022)  
Cindy Broderick, Education, Indiana University, Bloomington  
Danae Jacobson, History, University of Notre Dame (defended 2019)  
JohnJo Shanley, History, University of Notre Dame (defended October 2018)  
Kirk Farney, History, University of Notre Dame (defended June 2016)  
Cassandra Yacovazzi, History, University of Missouri (defended December 2014)  
Jennifer Kryzak, Religion, Duke University (defended April 2014)  
Sheila Nowinski, History, University of Notre Dame (defended June 2012)

### **Current Doctoral Students:**

Emily Smith, History, University of Notre Dame  
Anthony Oleck, History, University of Notre Dame  
Gavin Moulton, History, University of Notre Dame

Sarah Rounsville, History, University of Notre Dame

**Mentoring (Select):**

Stephen Koeth, C.S.C., Postdoctoral Fellow, Cushwa Center (2020-2021)

Peter Cajka, Postdoctoral Fellow, Cushwa Center (2017-2020)

Grace Doerfler, Suzanne & Walter Scott Scholar, Glynn Family Honors Program,  
Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program (2018-Present)

Valentina Ciciliot, Marie Curie Fellow (2016-2018)

Maggie Elmore, Postdoctoral Fellow, Cushwa Center (2018-2019)

Benjamin Wetzel, Postdoctoral Fellow, Cushwa Center (2017-2018)

Catherine Osborne, Postdoctoral Fellow, Cushwa Center (2014-2017)

Josh Kerschmar, Cushwa Fellow, Cushwa Center (2011-2013)

Heidi Rocha, Undergraduate, Department of American Studies, Academic Honors Program  
for Student Athletes (2007-2009)

Dixie Dillon, Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of History, Graduate Student Assistant,  
Cushwa Center (2008-2009)

Charles Strauss, Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of History, Graduate Student Assistant,  
Cushwa Center (2005-2008)

Justin Poché, Ph.D. Candidate in the Department of History, Graduate Student Assistant,  
Cushwa Center (2006-2007)

**(Select) Theses Directed at University of Notre Dame:**

“Gender and the Clergy Sex Abuse Scandal,” Grace Doerfler, 2021-22

- Best Senior Thesis Prize, Department of History
- Distinguished Award, Glynn Honors Program

“Defining Catholic America: How Notre Dame Used the Laetare Medal to Bridge Church  
and Nation,” Jessica Olson, Department of American Studies, 2018-19.

“Sisters and Science,” Grace Garry, Department of American Studies, 2017-18.

- “Brother Joseph Dutton and the Lepers on Molokai,” Lilia Draime, Department of History, 2014-15.
- “Residential Life at Notre Dame,” Mary Kate Veselik, Department of American Studies, 2013-14.
- “SMART GIRLS,” Olivia Lee, Department of American Studies, 2012-13.
- “America’s Efforts to End China’s One-Child Policy: All Gilrs Allowed and Gendercide Prevention,” Anne McKeon, Department of American Studies, 2012.
- “The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ,” Carolyn Rumer, Department of History, 2009-10.
- “Notre Dame and the Transition to Coeducation,” Erin Thornton, Department of History, 2007.
- “Bewitched by the Devil in Attempts to Cleanse Souls: The Salem Witch Trials and the Magdalene Laundries,” Kelly Smith, Gender Studies, 2003.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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| 2022 – Present | Contributor, NBC/MSNBC News   |
| 2022 – Present | Board of Directors, St. Frances Cabrini Shrine, Chicago, IL   |
| 2020 – Present | Advisor, National Museum of American Religion   |
| 2019 – Present | Board of Trustees, University of Scranton   |
| 2017 – Present | Board of Visitors, Harvard Divinity School  |
| 2014 – Present | Chair and Coordinator, Conference on the History of Women Religious   |
| 2020           | Chair, Presidential Search Committee, University of Scranton  |
| 2016 – 2019    | President-elect, President, Past President and Executive Council Member, American Catholic Historical Association |
| 2015           | Selection Committee, “Dominicans on Mission,” McGreal Center, Dominican University                                |
| 2015           | Host, American Catholic Historical Association Spring Meeting, University of Notre Dame                           |
| 2011 – 2017    | Organizing Committee on Vatican II, American Academy of Religion  |

- 2009 – 2011 Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America*, Center for History, South Bend, IN
- 2010 Member, Editorial Board, Book Series in Catholic Studies, Fordham University Press
- 2002 – 2012 Editor, *American Catholic Studies Newsletter*
- [date] Panel Organizer, “Citizenship and Belonging: Gender, Race and Ethnicity in Representations of American Catholicism,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 Co-Chair, Great Lakes American Studies Association Regional Conference, University of Notre Dame
- 2009 – 2012 Committee on Nominations, American Catholic Historical Association
- 2008 Appointed to Scholarly Advisory Committee, Catholic Research Resources Alliance
- 2008 Elected as Executive Council Member, American Society of Church History
- 2007 Appointed to Steering Committee, History of Women Religious
- 2007 Coordinator, Arlin G. Meyer Prize in the Humanities, Lilly Fellows Program, Valparaiso University
- 2007 Program Committee and Local Arrangements Coordinator, History of Women Religious Seventh Triennial Meeting, Notre Dame, IN
- 2006 – 2009 Consultant, Scholars Roundtable, Center for the Study of Religious Life, Chicago, IL
- 2005 – 2008 Consultant, *Passing on the Faith, Passing on the Church*, Charles and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies, Fordham University
- 2005 – 2007 Participant, Young Scholars in American Religion Program, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- 2004 – 2005 Participant, New Voices Seminar, Saint Mary’s Center for Spirituality, Notre Dame, IN

**Reviewer:**

Oxford University Press  
Cornell University Press  
Harvard University Press  
University of North Carolina Press  
New York University Press  
*Journal of American History*  
*Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*  
*Religion and American Culture*  
*Catholic Education*

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### Committees Served:

2021 – 2023	Member, Presidential Committee on Redesign of Main Circle
2022 – 2023	Member, University Strategic Planning Committee; Co-Chair, Theme Advisory Subcommittee on “A Catholic University in Service to the Church and the World”
2018 – Present	Advisory Board Member, Ansari Institute for Global Religious Engagement
2018 – Present	Advisory Board, Center for Italian Studies
2018 – Present	Board Member, University of Notre Dame Press
2018 – 2021	Co-Chair, Catholicism and the Disciplines Curriculum Committee
2018 – 2019	Co-Chair, Presidential Task Force on the Scholarly Response to the Clergy Sexual-Abuse Scandal
2017	Member, Core Curriculum Learning Goals Committee, Department of Theology
2014 – 2015	Member, Search Committee, Director of University of Notre Dame Press
2013	Appointed Member, Arts & Letters Women’s Advisory Council
2012 – 2013	Member, University Committee on Criterion-Mission
2009 – 2010	Member, Search Committee, Department of History
2008 – 2011	Member, Laetare Medal Award Committee

- 2008 Elected Member, Gender Studies Steering Committee
- 2004 Gender Relations Task Group, Office of Student Affairs
- 2002 – 2003 Honest Committee, Department of History
- 2002 – 2003 Faculty Review Board, Office of Residence Life

**Professional Enrichment:**

- 2015 – 2016 Fellow, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2013 Participant, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2012 Intensive Language Study in Italian
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- 2010 Intensive Language Study in Italian
- 2008 – 2009 Participant, Faculty Seminar in Feminist Theology, led by M. Catherine Hilkert, OP, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
- 2008 Seminar Participant, “Teaching Film across the Humanities,” led by Jim Collins, Department of Film, Television and Theatre, University of Notre Dame

**Other:**

- 2014 – 2016 Badin Hall, Faculty Fellow
- 2008 – 2009 Mock Interview Team for Lilly Graduate Fellows Program, ND Fellowships Office, College of Arts and Letters
- 2007 – 2008 Faculty Member, Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes
- 2006 – 2007 Residential Scholars, Office of Student Affairs
- 2004 – 2006 Faculty Fellow, Pangborn Hall
- 2004 Panelist, “Vocations in Conflict? Motherhood and the Professional Life,” Notre Dame Vocation Initiative
- 2002 Discussion Leader, “Faith and Feminism,” Farley Hall

**SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES, QUOTATIONS, AND COMMENTARY (2015 – PRESENT)**

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“Elizabeth Ann Seton: Saint,” Featured in Video for Permanent Installation at Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

“Pope Francis Opens Debate on LGBTQ Inclusion, Women’s Ordination, and Celibacy, Francis X. Rocca, *Wall Street Journal*, October 4, 2023

“Angels Too Soon: The School Fire of ‘58,” WTTW Chicago, September, 2023

“America’s Religious Leaders sharply divided over abortion, a year after Roe V. Wade’s reversal,” *Associated Press*, June 2, 2023.

“Must God Have a Gender?” Francis X. Rocca, *Wall Street Journal*, March 11, 2023

[“In U.S., Sharply Contrasting Views on Benedict’s Legacy”](#)

David Crary, Associated Press  
December 31, 2022

[“The Miraculous Life and Afterlife of Charlene Richard”](#)

Nathaniel Rich, *New York Times Magazine*  
December 20, 2022

[“New Books Network: A Saint of Our Own”](#)

December 17, 2022

[Live From College - Fall Semester - College Visit with Notre Dame's Dr. Kathy Cummings and Dr. Sam Newlands](#)

Kelly Corrigan Wonders  
October 5, 2022

[Legacy lives on of cardinal who helped name the pope](#)

Angelus  
July 12, 2022

[Pope Francis wants two women on the committee that proposes bishops](#)

Religion News Service  
July 7, 2022

[These women may become the first African-American Catholic saints](#)

CNN  
March 14, 2022

[Religious Sisters Respond](#)

The Revealer  
March 7, 2022

[I'm pro-life. Here's why I don't attend the March for Life.](#)

*National Catholic Reporter*

January 21, 2022

[Meet the Millennial Nuns](#)

*America*

November 18, 2021

[Catholic Bishops Endorse Guidelines for Public Figures](#)

*National Public Radio*, Morning Edition

November 18, 2021

[The President's meeting with Pope Francis was a diplomatic visit tinged with the personal](#)

*New York Times*

October 29, 2021

[Nun of us are friends](#)

*National Public Radio*, Invisibilia

September 23, 2021

[9/11's first casualty Mychal Judge is a legend—can he be a saint?](#)

NorthJersey.com

September 10, 2021

[Admirers still urging sainthood for chaplain killed on 9/11](#)

*Associated Press*

September 4, 2021

[Biden and abortion could change the bishops' culture of consensus at next week's USCCB meeting](#)

*America*

June 10, 2021

[Soul Sisters: Mother Augusta and the Reverend Elizabeth McVicker](#)

*Utah Public Radio*, This is Her Place

June 2, 2021

['Mare of Easttown' captures cultural Catholicism's lasting power](#)

*National Catholic Reporter*

May 29, 2021

[In Venezuela, a quest for sainthood offers proof of miracles](#)

*National Geographic*

May 3, 2021

[Biden and the bishops: still trying to figure each other out](#)

*La Croix*

April 28, 2021

[A Q&A with Faculty Fellow Kathleen Sprows Cummings](#)

Ansari Institute, Notre Dame

March 26, 2021

[The bishops were divided on how to approach Joe Biden. It's not the first time a dispute has gone public.](#)

*America*

February 16, 2021

[As Biden prays for healing, Catholics clash over president's faith](#)

*ABC News*

February 1, 2021

[President Biden's Catholicism could encourage expanded conversations on polarizing issues](#)

WSBT-TV

January 26, 2021

[How might Joe Biden's Catholic faith guide his presidency?](#)

*Today Show*

January 24, 2021

[Joe Biden's very Catholic Cabinet](#)

*National Catholic Reporter*

January 19, 2021

[Sainted Too Soon? Vatican Report casts John Paul II in a harsh new light](#)

*New York Times*

November 14, 2020

[Everyone Knew about Theodore McCarrick](#)

*New York Times*

November 19, 2020

[An Italian Teenager could become the first millennial saint](#)

*New York Times*

October 12, 2020

[Italian teenager could become the first millennial saint](#)

*The World*

October 12, 2020

President Trump Visits John Paul II Shrine To Promote International Religious Freedom  
*National Public Radio, All Things Considered*  
June 2, 2020

Seeking saints helped U.S. Catholics become more American  
*Crux*  
January 4, 2020

Catholics can offer calming voice in a time of fiery political debates  
*Catholic News Service*  
October 4, 2019

Women in church leadership: 40 years after Sr. Theresa Kane's request to pope  
*Global Sisters Report*  
October 3, 2019

As Mass attendance in Philly declines, Archbishop Chaput's successor must be more pastoral than polarizing  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*  
September 26, 2019

Local Authors  
*WNIT, Politically Speaking*  
May 17, 2019

'Hesburgh' captures the simple faith and outsized influence of 'Father Ted'  
*Religion News Service*  
May 3, 2019

American pope? Rare, leaked report from Pope Francis's election reveals who got votes  
*Washington Post*  
March 22, 2019

As Pope Holds Sex Abuse Summit, U.S. Catholics Not Hopeful for 'Bold Moves'  
*National Public Radio*  
February 20, 2019

Expectations high for Pope Francis' sex-abuse summit, but some brace for disappointment  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*  
February 17, 2019

In the American quest for a home-grown saint, faith and identity collide  
*U.S. Catholic*  
February 11, 2019

In major shift, lay Catholics are organizing to push bishops on reform. And sometimes priests join in.

*Washington Post*

December 21, 2018

McAuley's legacy: Sisters of Mercy of the Americas celebrate 175 years in US

*Global Sisters Report*

December 20, 2018

Beyond Georgetown: Exploring The Influence of The Catholic Church On D.C.

WAMU 88.5

December 19, 2018

The Sex-Abuse Scandal Is Growing Faster Than the Church Can Contain It

*The Atlantic*

September 14, 2018

Clericalism: The culture that enables abuse and insists on hiding it

*Catholic News Service*

August 22, 2018

Victim Advocates of Clergy Abuse Say They Won't Bury the Past

*National Public Radio, Morning Edition*

August 22, 2018

LCWR 'ashamed of the church we love' after abuse report

*Global Sisters Report*

August 21, 2018

Pope Francis admits Catholic Church leaders failed to address priest sex abuse

*NBC Nightly News*

August 20, 2018

Pope on sex abuse: 'We showed no care for the little ones'

*Associated Press*

August 20, 2018

Many Catholics call for dramatic change after latest sex abuse revelations

*PBS NewsHour*

August 20, 2018

Pope Francis: 'No effort must be spared' to prevent Catholic Church abuses

*Washington Post*

August 20, 2018

[Critics say pope's comments are both 'bold' and 'too little, too late'](#)

*Religion News Service*

August 20, 2018

[Sisters' Quiet Life of Prayer Disrupted by an Affordable Housing Fight](#)

*New York Times*

February 9, 2018

[Millennial women disengage from Catholic Church: Blame the barriers](#)

*National Catholic Reporter*

February 1, 2018

[The humble, indispensable women leading the Catholic Church you've \(probably\) never heard of](#)

*America*

January 22, 2018

['Humble friar' Casey on road to sainthood](#)

*The Detroit News*

November 16, 2017

[Beatification of Father Solanus Casey draws 70,000 faithful Catholics to Detroit](#)

*Detroit Free Press*

November 12, 2017

[Unlocked: 1967 survey of 140,000 US sisters now accessible to all](#)

*National Catholic Reporter*

October 26, 2017

[First beatification Mass for US-born priest and martyr draws thousands](#)

*Religion News Service*

September 23, 2017

[The Oklahoma priest who could become the first American-born man to be canonized a saint](#)

*Washington Post*

September 21, 2017

[Study of women deacons won't be first, but might answer questions](#)

*Catholic News Service*

May 17, 2016

The pope forms commission to study concept of women deacons

*FOX News*

May 13, 2016

Francis' female deacon commission brings hope, caution

*National Catholic Reporter*

May 12, 2016

Pope Francis on women deacons

ABC 57

May 12, 2016

Notre Dame's Kathleen Cummings talks about Pope Francis' announcement to study female deacons

Fox 28

May 12, 2016

Pope Francis Softens Communion Ban for Divorcees, Shifts Tone on Family

*NBC Nightly News*

April 8, 2016

Mother Teresa's Canonization Is a Recognition of Holiness, Not Perfection

*New York Times*

March 25, 2016

Pope Francis has decreed that women can take part in the foot-washing ritual today, Maundy Thursday

*Washington Post*

March 24, 2016

Vatican: Pope Francis was not singling out Donald Trump with 'wall' remarks

*TODAY*

February 20, 2016

The Donald vs. the Pope

*CNBC*

February 18, 2016

Pope Questions Trump's Christianity — and Trump Fires Back

*NBC Nightly News*

February 18, 2016

[More young women than you think consider becoming nuns](#)

*Crux*

December 10, 2015

[New study: Number of US women religious about the same as a century ago](#)

*Global Sisters Report*

December 9, 2015

[Report: Sisters' numbers shrinking but growing more diverse](#)

*Catholic News Service*

December 9, 2015

[The inevitable question for women: To stay or go?](#)

*National Catholic Reporter*

December 3, 2015

[Meeting with Kim Davis has pope-watchers asking, what did Francis mean?](#)

*Washington Post*

September 30, 2015

[Standing Ovarions, Kissing Babies: A Wrap Up of Pope Francis' U.S. Tour](#)

*NBC Nightly News*

September 28, 2015

[Philadelphia Illustrates Catholic Church's Dueling Dynamics in America](#)

*The Wall Street Journal* (subscription required)

September 27, 2015

[Pope Francis' translator and 'wingman,' Monsignor Mark Miles, gains fans of his own](#)

*Today Show*

September 24, 2015

[America's Long And Complicated History With Catholicism](#)

*Here & Now*

September 23, 2015

[Pope to Canonize 18th-Century Missionary; Not Everyone Happy](#)

Associated Press (*New York Times*, *Washington Post*, ABC News, *Huffington Post*, 100+ others)

September 23, 2015

[Pope has chance to reclaim 'moral authority' in visit](#)

*Boston Globe*

September 23, 2015

[Pope's trip comes as U.S. churches fight to survive](#)

*CBS MoneyWatch*

September 22, 2015

[Global Audience Turns to VOA Ahead of Pope Francis US Tour](#)

*Voice of America*

September 22, 2015

[Pope as pastor or business basher?](#)

*CNBC*

September 22, 2015

['We Believe': Cubans Flock to Pope Francis' Historic Open-Air Mass](#)

*NBC Nightly News*

September 21, 2015

[Poll: Americans widely admire Pope Francis, but his church less so](#)

*Washington Post*

September 20, 2015

[Michiana Catholics prepare to see or meet Pope Francis](#)

*South Bend Tribune*

September 20, 2015

[Francis is a global sensation, but to certain traditional Catholics, his message rings hollow](#)

*Washington Post*

September 18, 2015

[Pope Francis and the New Roman Empire](#)

*Time* (behind paywall)

September 17, 2015

[Chicago archbishop uses Pope Francis visit to highlight agenda](#)

*Chicago Tribune*

September 17, 2015

[Pope Francis picks three sisters to audit family synod](#)

*Global Sisters Report*

September 16, 2015

Pope Francis' address to US bishops could be consequential

*Crux*

September 16, 2015

Canonization ceremony by pope will be a first for U.S., and it's a controversial one

*Los Angeles Times*

September 11, 2015

Pope Francis, women are waiting

*CNN*

September 10, 2015

Pope Francis fast-tracks marriage annulments

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