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I specialize in transdisciplinary projects, drawing from religious studies and history to examine interreligious encounters and globalization.

EDUCATION

2016 **PH.D., RELIGION** **CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY**

MAJOR FIELD	History of Christianity and Religions in North America
SECONDARY FIELDS	European reformations; diffusion of Christianity
DISSERTATION	<i>Superstitions of the Heathen: Foreign Missions and the Fashioning of American Exceptionalism, 1800–1861</i>
COMMITTEE	Patrick Q. Mason, chair Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies Claremont Graduate University Karen Jo Torjesen Margo L. Goldsmith Professor of Women's Studies Claremont Graduate University Esther Chung-Kim Associate Professor of Religious Studies Claremont McKenna College Ian Tyrrell Scientia Professor of History Emeritus University of New South Wales

2010 **M.A., RELIGION** **CLAREMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY**

MAJOR FIELD	History of Christianity and Religions in North America
THESIS	<i>The Foundations and Early Development of Mormon Mission Theory</i>

COMMITTEE

Richard Lyman Bushman, chair

Howard W. Hunter Chair of Mormon Studies
Claremont Graduate University

Armand L. Mauss
Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies Emeritus
Washington State University

**2008 B.A., EUROPEAN STUDIES
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**

MINOR Business Management

EMPLOYMENT

2016– Historian, Church History Department
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Project lead: Church History Topics; Mission History

2011–2023 Adjunct Professor, Department of Church History and Doctrine
Brigham Young University
Classes taught: World Religions; Doctrine and Covenants; Missionary Preparation

AWARDS

2025 Suzanne Geisner and Jerry Mogg Best Anthology Book Award
John Whitmer Historical Association
With Christopher Cannon Jones for *Missionary Interests*

2025 Ardis E. Parshall Public History Award
Mormon History Association
Contributor to the *Global Histories* project with Ryan Saltzgiver, Matthew McBride, James Goldberg, Melissa Wei-Tsing Inouye, Taunalyn Ford, and Amber Taylor

PUBLICATIONS

2017–2024 Church History Topics
Project Lead, Author, and Editor; Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- 2024** ***Missionary Interests: Protestant and Mormon Missions in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries***
Editor with Christopher Cannon Jones; Ithaca: Cornell University Press
- 2024** **“Missing Missiology: Latter-day Saint Missionary Pragmatism and the Search for Scholarship”**
In *Missionary Interests: Protestant and Mormon Missions in the 19th and 20th Centuries*. Edited by David Golding and Christopher Cannon Jones. Ithaca: Cornell University Press
- 2022** **“Mormon Mission in Concept and Practice: From Apocalyptic Gathering to Teaching Salvation”**
In *World Religions and Their Missions*. 2nd ed. Edited by Aaron J. Ghiloni. New York: Peter Lang
- 2020** **“Gender and Missionary Work”**
In *Routledge Handbook on Mormonism and Gender*. Edited by Taylor Petrey and Amy Hoyt. London: Routledge
- 2020** **“‘Eternal Wisdom Engraven upon the Heavens’: Joseph Smith’s Pure Language Project”**
In *Producing Ancient Scripture: Joseph Smith’s Translation Projects in the Development of Mormon Christianity*. Edited by Michael Hubbard MacKay, Mark Ashurst-McGee, and Brian M. Hauglid. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press
- 2015** **“Mormonism”**
In *World Religions and Their Missions*. Edited by Aaron J. Ghiloni. New York: Peter Lang
- 2013** **“Heavenly Mother: Patterns of Goddess Belief among Mormon Women”**
In *Mormon Women Have Their Say: Essays from the Claremont Oral History Collection*. Edited by Claudia Lauper Bushman and Caroline Kline. Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books
- 2008** ***Beginning CakePHP: From Novice to Professional***
New York: Apress

REVIEWS

- 2021** ***The Lost 116 Pages: Reconstructing the Book of Mormon’s Missing Stories***
By Don Bradley. In *Journal of Mormon History* 47, no. 4 (October 2021): 151–153
- 2018** ***The Council of Fifty: What the Records Reveal about Mormon History***
Edited by Matthew J. Grow and R. Eric Smith. In *Journal of Mormon History* 44, no. 3 (July 2018): 150–152

- 2017** ***The First Fifty Years of Relief Society: Key Documents in Latter-day Saint History***
 Edited by Jill Mulvay Derr, Carol Cornwall Madsen, Kate Holbrook, and Matthew J. Grow. In *Journal of American History* 104, no. 1 (June 2017): 188–189
- 2015** ***Histories of American Christianity: An Introduction***
 By Christopher H. Evans. In *Anglican and Episcopal History* 84, no. 4 (December 2015): 476–478
- 2012** ***Missionaries, Indigenous Peoples, and Cultural Exchange***
 Edited by Patricia Grimshaw and Andrew F. May. In *Anglican and Episcopal History* 81, no. 4 (December 2012): 459–460

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024** **“Firm Believer in the Great Salvation: A New Biography of Fanny Alger Custer”**
 Annual meeting, Mormon History Association, Cleveland, Ohio
- 2022** **“A Critical Edition of the Doctrine and Covenants: Problems and Solutions”**
 Annual meeting, Mormon History Association, Logan, Utah
- 2021** **“Tools for Tough Questions: Answers from the Church History Topics Project”**
 Lecture series, Campus Education Week, Brigham Young University
- 2021** **“Joseph Smith’s Translation Projects”**
 Panelist; Annual meeting, Mormon History Association, Park City, Utah
- 2019** **“Missing Missiology: Latter-day Saint Missionary Pragmatism and the Search for Scholarship”**
 Symposium, *Missionary Interests: Protestant and Latter-day Saint Missions in the 19th and 20th Centuries*, Church History Department and Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2019** **“Alien Engravings: The Search for Gold Plates and Hungarian Atlantis in the Ecuadorian Jungle”**
 Annual meeting, Mormon History Association, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2016** **“From Dusting Feet to Saving Souls: Mormon Missions in Thought and Practice”**
 Quadrennial meeting, International Association for Mission Studies, Presbyterian University, Seoul, Korea
- 2015** **“Vision Literature in the Doctrine and Covenants and the Canonization of Priesthood Authority”**
 Annual meeting, Mormon History Association, Provo, Utah

- 2014** **“From Dusting Feet to Saving Souls: Mormon Missions in Thought and Practice”**
Annual meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California
- 2014** **“Mormon Missions in the Context of Christian World Mission”**
Invited presenter; Symposium on Comparative Missiology, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia
- 2013** **“Superstitions of the Heathen: The Antebellum American Missionary Press”**
Symposium on Missions, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2013** **“The Amherst Conference Missions: A New System”**
Annual meeting, Mormon History Association, Layton, Utah
- 2010** **“Joseph Smith’s Mission Theory and the Modern Missionary Movement”**
Annual meeting, Mormon History Association, Independence, Missouri

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

- 2021–** **General Editor, *Doctrine and Covenants Critical Edition***
Restoration Scripture Critical Editions Project
- 2017–2022** **Associate Review Editor, *Journal of Mormon History***
Mormon History Association
- 2018–2019** **Conference Organizer, *Missionary Interests: Protestant and Latter-day Saint Missions in the 19th and 20th Centuries***
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