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EMPLOYMENT

- 2019–present University of Colorado Boulder, Assistant Professor
Department of Women and Gender Studies
Program in Jewish Studies
- 2015–2019 Albright College, Assistant Professor
Department of Religious Studies
Affiliated Faculty: Women and Gender Studies
- 2014–2015 American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellow
Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Museum of Jewish Heritage, New York, NY
- 2013–2014 Fairfield University, Affiliated Faculty
Department of Religious Studies

EDUCATION

- 2013 PhD, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University
American Religious Cultures
- 2005 MDiv, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University
Christianity and Culture
- 2000 BA with Honors, Swarthmore College
Majors: English and Religion
Concentration: Women's Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Beyond Chrismukkah: The Christian–Jewish Interfaith Family in the United States. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018)

Finalist: National Jewish Book Award in American Jewish Studies from the Jewish Book Council

Reviewed in: *Reading Religion* (AAR); *H-Judaic*; *eSocialSciences*; *Contemporary Jewry*; *Christian Century*; *The Catholic Standard*

God Bless the Pill: Contraception and the Tension Between Sexual Freedom and Regulation in American Religion (research and writing in process and manuscript under discussion with UNC Press)

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“You are Jewish if You Want to Be: The Limits of Identity in a World of Multiple Religious Practices,” in *Beyond Jewish Identity*, eds. Jon Levisohn and Ari Y. Kelman (Brighton, MA: Academic Studies Press, forthcoming)

“Family Planning is a Christian Duty: Religion, Population Control, and the Pill in the 1960s,” in *Devotions and Desires: Histories of Sexuality and Religion in the 20th Century United States*, eds. Gillian Frank, Bethany Moreton, and Heather White (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018), 152-169.

“Chismukkah: Multicultural Millennialism,” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 25, no. 1 (2015): 82-109.

“I Chose Judaism, but Christmas Cookies Chose Me: Food, Identity, and Familial Religious Practice in Christian/Jewish Blended Families,” in *Religion, Food, and Eating in North America*, ed. Benjamin E. Zeller et al. (New York: Columbia University Press, 2014), 154-172.

“Negotiating the Interfaith Marriage Bed: Religious Difference and Sexual Intimacies,” *Theology and Sexuality*. 18, no. 1 (2012): 19-41.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Religion, Modernity, and Assimilation in America” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. John Corrigan (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018). Peer reviewed.

“Race and American Judaism,” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. John Corrigan (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018). Peer reviewed.

“Contraception and the Sexual Revolution,” in *The Social History of the American Family*, eds. Lawrence Ganong and Marilyn Coleman (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2014).

“Interfaith Marriage,” in *Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions*, eds. Gary Laderman and Luis León (Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO, 2014)

“Adolescents and Children,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, eds. Charles Lippy and Peter Williams (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010).

“Marriage,” in *The Encyclopedia of Muslim–American History*, ed. Edward E. Curtis IV (New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2010).

“Education,” in *The Encyclopedia of Muslim–American History*, ed. Edward E. Curtis IV. (New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2010).

Selected Public Essays

“For decades, women on the Pill suffered. They didn’t have to,” with Lauren MacIvor Thompson. *Washington Post*, February 7, 2019.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/02/07/decades-women-pill-suffered-they-didnt-have/?utm_term=.259191c2b3ef

“Teaching with the Immanent Frame,” *The Immanent Frame*, September 20, 2018,

<https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/09/20/teaching-with-the-immanent-frame/#Mehta>

“Believer, Religious Studies, and the Public,” *The Immanent Frame*, July 6, 2017,

<https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/07/06/believer-religious-studies-and-the-public/>

“Christmas and Hanukkah, Together Again.” *Religion and Politics*. December 20, 2016.

“Interfaith Kids Are Still Being Raised Jewish. Here’s How.” *The Forward*. October 26, 2016.

“Interfaith Marriage Literature in 2013: A Year in Review.” *Religion and American History: A Group Blog on American Religious History and Culture*. January 7, 2014,

<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2014/01/interfaith-marriage-literature-in-2013.html>

“Oh Chrismukkah Tree, Oh Chrismukkah Tree!” *Religion and American History: A Group Blog on American Religious History and Culture*. December 7, 2013,

<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2013/12/oh-chrismukkah-tree-oh-chrismukkah-tree.html>

“Big Vampire Love: What’s So Mormon about Twilight?” with Anthony Petro, *Religion Dispatches*, December 4, 2009, <http://religiondispatches.org/big-vampire-love-whats-so-mormon-about-itwilight/>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

2019	Finalist: National Jewish Book Award in American Jewish Studies from the Jewish Book Council
2018-2019	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Early Career Fellowship
2018-2019	The Rabbi Theodore S. Levy Tribute Fellowship, American Jewish Archives
2018-2019	Sophia Smith Collection Travel-to-Archives Grant, Smith College
2018-2019	Rockefeller Archive Center Research Stipend, Rockefeller Archive Center,
2018	Albright College Faculty Research Award
2017	Leonard Hastings Schoff Publication Fund Subvention Grant, Religion in America University Seminar, Columbia University
2016-2017	David B. Larson Fellowship in Health and Spirituality, John W. Kluge Center at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC (awarded 2015)
2014-2015	New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Research Grant
2012-2013	Robert W. Woodruff Library Fellowship, Emory University
2011-2012	Northeastern Consortium for Faculty Diversity Dissertation Fellow and Humanities Scholar-in-Residence, Allegheny College

- 2005–2011 Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Emory University
 2008–2009 Bernard and Audre Rapoport Fellowship, American Jewish Archives

WORKSHOPS

- 2018-2019 Young Scholars of American Religion Center for the Study of American Religion and Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University, led by Sylvester Johnson (University of Virginia) and Sally Promey (Yale University); 1 of 10 junior scholars selected for two-year series of workshops on research and pedagogy
 2017-2018 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty of Asian and Pacific Islander Descent
 2017 Teaching Interfaith Understanding Seminar sponsored by the Council for Independent Colleges and the Interfaith Youth Core
 2017 Situating American Jewish Studies, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
 2014-2015 Paula E. Hyman Mentoring Program Emerging Scholar

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

American Jewish History; American Religious History; Gender and Sexuality; Religion, Race, and Ethnicity; American Religious Diversity; Material Culture; Theory and Methods in the Study of Religion; Theories of Religious Practice; Religion and Consumerism

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers and Posters

- 2018 “Sexing American Jewish History Roundtable,” American Jewish Historical Society
 2017 “Clergy, Co-eds, and Contraception: Liberal Clergy and the Fight to Get Contraception to Unmarried Women in the 1960s,” *Single Lives: 200 Years of Independent Women in Literature and Popular Culture*, University College Dublin Humanities Institute, Dublin, Ireland
 2016 “Race, Reproduction, and American Religion: A Roundtable Discussion,” American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
 2016 Race, Reproduction, and Religion: A Roundtable Discussion, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX. Co-organizer (with Kathleen Holscher).
 2014 “The Battle Over Women’s Bodies: Hobby Lobby, Religious Freedom, and the Birth Control Mandate,” *Religion, Health, and the Body in North America*, The Fetzer Center at the University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI.
 2013 “Sexual Binaries/Religious Histories: A Roundtable Discussion,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

Invited Lectures and Conferences

- 2019 “
- 2019 “Beyond Brenda’s Diaphragm: Sexuality and Contraception in Herberg’s America” at The Jewish 1950s. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2018 “Moving Beyond Chrismukkah: How We Think About Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families” Towson University, Towson, MD
- 2018 “The Interfaith Family in the New Millennium” Lafayette College, Easton, PA.
- 2017 Morality, Contraception, and Religion in Post-World War America, John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC.
- 2015 “Responsible Sex. Responsible Parenthood: Religion, Population Control, and the Pill in the 1960s,” Reproductive Rights, Health, and Access Conference Organized by the Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2018 “Author Interview” on “The Anxious Bench” of *Patheos*
<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2018/12/beyond-chrismukkah-an-interview-with-samira-mehta/>
- 2018 Judaism Unbound Podcast
<http://www.judaismunbound.com/podcast/episode-144-samira-mehta>
- 2018 Jewish History Matters Podcast
<https://www.jewishhistory.fm/beyond-chrismukkah-jewish-christian-interfaith-families-in-the-united-states-with-samira-mehta/>
- 2018 New Books in Religion Podcast
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/samira-mehta-beyond-chrismukkah-the-christian-jewish-interfaith-family-in-the-united-states-unc-press-2018/>
- 2018 “Author Interview” in *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*
<http://readingreligion.org/content/interview-samira-mehta-author-beyond-chrismukkah>
- 2018 Religion News Service “Author Talk”
<https://www.facebook.com/ReligionNewsSvc/videos/10155552122712799/>
- 2017 “Mixed Blessings,” Episode 4 the Sexing History Podcast
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/sexing-history/id1264132399>

2016

“Chrismukkah’: Interfaith Families Negotiate A Christmas-Hanukkah Combination”

Interview on All Things Considered

<http://www.npr.org/2016/12/24/506849949/chrismukkah-interfaith-families-negotiate-a-christmas-hanukkah-combination>