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Education

1985	Ph.D.; University of Colorado Boulder, Sociology
1977	M.P.A.; University of Colorado Boulder, Public Administration
1970	B.S. with honors, University of Colorado Boulder, Journalism
1966-1968	Degree Program; Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism

Professional Experience

2002-present	Professor, Department of Women and Gender Studies; Department of Sociology (Professor and Affiliated Faculty)
2014-present	Director, Honors Program, College of Arts and Sciences
2005-2011	Director, Farrand Academic Program
1997-2000	Director, Women's Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder
1994-1998	Associate Professor, Women's Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder
1990-1993	Assistant Professor, Women's Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder
1985-1989	Assistant Professor (Adjunct), Women's Studies Program and Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder
1989	Visiting Faculty, Iliff Theological Seminary
1987-1988	Director, Women's Studies Program, University of Colorado Boulder
1982-1985	Instructor, Women's Studies Program and Department of Sociology

Books

The Holocaust Across Generations: Trauma and Its Inheritance Among Descendants of Survivors
(New York University Press, 2017 in print).

Outstanding Book Award (2017), American Sociological Association: Section on Peace,
War and Social Conflict

Memorializing The Holocaust: Gender, Genocide and Collective Memory (I. B. Tauris 2010)

Hidden Heritage: The Legacy of the Crypto-Jews (University of California Press 2002)
Distinguished Book Award (2003), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

Religion, Society and Psychoanalysis, editor with Donald Capps (Westview Press 1997)

William James: The Struggle for Life, editor with Donald Capps
(Princeton University Monograph Series 1995)

Victimized Daughters: Incest and the Development of the Female Self (Routledge 1994)

Divine Disenchantment: Deconversion from New Religious Movements (Indiana University Press 1989)

Articles in Refereed Journals

Jacobs, J. "Psychobiology and the Psychology of Religion: A Tribute to the Work of Donald Capps," *Journal of Religion and Health* (forthcoming)

Stephanie Bonnes and Jacobs J., "Gendered Representations of Apartheid: The Women's Jail Museum at Constitution Hill," *Museum and Society* 15 (2017): 153-170.

Jacobs, J. "The Memorial at Srebrenica: Gender and the Social Meanings of Collective Memory in Bosnia-Herzegovina," *Memory Studies* (Spring 2016): 120-132.

Jacobs J. "Traumatic Inheritance and the Demasculinization of God: Reimagining the Divine Among Descendants of the Holocaust," *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 31 (Fall 2015): 65- 82.

Mollborn S. And Jacobs J. "'I'll Be there for You': Teen Parents' Co-Parenting Relationships," *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77 (Spring 2015): 373-387.

Jacobs J. "Sites of Terror and the Role of Memory in Shaping Identity Among First Generation Descendants of the Holocaust" *Qualitative Sociology* 37 (Spring 2014): 27-42.

Jacobs, J. and Mollborn, S. "Early Motherhood and the Disruption in Significant Attachments: Autonomy and Reconnection as Response to Separation and Loss Among African American and Latina Teen Mothers" *Gender and Society* (2012) 26: 921-943.

Mollborn, S. and Jacobs. J. "We'll Figure a Way": Teenage Mothers' Experiences in Shifting Social and Economic Contexts" *Qualitative Sociology* 35 (Spring 2012) 23-46.

Jacobs J. "Sacred Space and Collective Memory: Memorializing Genocide at Sites of Terror," *Sociology of Religion* 72 (Summer 2011) :154-164.

Jacobs J. "The Cross Generational Transmission of Trauma: Ritual and Emotion Among Survivors of the Holocaust," *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 40 (Spring 2011): 342-361; reprinted in *Religion on the Edge: De-Centering and Re-Centering the Sociology of Religion* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

Jacobs J. "Memorializing the Sacred: Kristallnacht in German National Memory," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47 (Fall 2008): 485-498.

Jacobs J. "Gender and Collective Memory: Women and Representation at Auschwitz," *Memory Studies* 1 (May 2008): 211-225.

Jacobs J. "The Female Body as Atrocity Text: The Feminization of the Holocaust at Auschwitz," *Photography and Literature* (Fall/Winter 2006): 245-253.

- Jacobs J. "From the Profane to the Sacred: Ritual and Memory at Sites of Violence and Terror," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 43 (September 2004): 310-316.
- Jacobs J. "Women, Genocide, and Memory: The Ethics of Feminist Ethnography in Holocaust Research," *Gender and Society* 18 (April 2004): 223-238.
- Jacobs J. "Stigma and Deception: The Jewish Other in European Consciousness," *Religious Studies Review* 2001, 27(2): 127-133.
- Jacobs J. "Hidden Truths and Cultures of Secrecy: Reflections on Gender and Ethnicity in the Study of Religion," *Sociology of Religion*, 2001, 61(4): 433-441.
- Jacobs J. "The Spiritual Self in Relation: Empathy and the Construction of Spirituality Among Modern Descendants of the Spanish Crypto-Jews," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 2000, 39(1): 53-63.
- Jacobs J. "Conversa Heritage, Crypto-Jewish Practice and Women's Rituals," *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*, 1999, 18 (1): 101-108.
- Jacobs J. "Women, Ritual and Secrecy: The Creation of Crypto-Jewish Culture," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 1996, 35(2): 97-108.
- Jacobs J. "Gender, Race, and Class and the Trend Toward Early Motherhood: A Feminist Analysis of Teen Mothers in Contemporary Society," *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 22:4 (1994): 242-263.
- Jacobs J. "Victimized Daughters: Sexual Violence and the Empathic Female Self," *Signs :A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 19:1 (Autumn 1993).
- Jacobs J. "Religious Experience Among Women and Men: A Gender Perspective on Mystical Phenomena," *Research in the Social Scientific Study of Religion* 4 (1992), 261-279.
- Jacobs J. "Gender and Power in New Religious Movements: A Feminist Discourse on the Scientific Study of Religion," *Religion* 21 (1991), 345-356.
- Jacobs J. "Women, Ritual and Power," *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, Vol. XI, Nos 2 and 3, 1990. Reprinted in *Woman of Power*, Vol 19 (Winter 1991), 64-69.
- Jacobs J. "Reassessing Mother Blame in Incest," *Signs: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, Vol. 15, No. 3, (April 1990), 500-514; reprinted in *Ties That Bind* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990), 273-287.
- Jacobs J. "The Effects of Ritual Healing Among Female Victims of Abuse: A Study of Empowerment and Transformation," *Sociological Analysis*, Vol. 50, No. 3 (1989) 265-271. Reprinted in *Gender and Religion*, (New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers 1993), 127-141.
- Jacobs J. "Deconversion From Religious Movements: An Analysis of Charismatic Bonding and Spiritual Commitment," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Vol. 26, No. 3 (September 1987), 294-308.
- Jacobs J. "The Economy of Love in Religious Commitment: The Deconversion of Women from Nontraditional Religious Movements," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Vol. 23, No. 2 (June 1984), 155-171.

Book Chapters

- Jacobs J. "Visual Ethics, Feminist Ethnography, and the Study of Holocaust Memorialization," in Roman Williams, ed., *Seeing Religion: Toward a Visual Sociology of Religion* (Routledge 2015).
- Jacobs J. "Sexual Abuse in New Religious Movements: Challenges for the Sociology of Religion," in David Bromley, ed., *Sociology of New Religious Movements* (Oxford University Press 2007).
- Jacobs J. "Gender Representation and the Objectification of Jewish Women at Majdanek," in *Religion, Violence, Memory and Place* (Indiana University Press 2006).
- Jacobs J. "Reassessing Freud: Gender, Ethnicity and the Production of Scientific Thought," in Diane Jonte Pace, ed., *Teaching Freud in Religious Studies* (Oxford University Press, 2003).
- Jacobs J. "Transitional Identities: Self, Other and the Ethnographic Process," *Personal Knowledge and Beyond: Reshaping the Ethnography of Religion* in James V. Spikard, ed. (New York University Press, 2002).
- Jacobs J. "Charisma, Male Entitlement and the Abuse of Power in Religious Movements," in Anson Shupe, ed. *Clergy Malfeasance*. (New York University Press, 2000).
- Jacobs J. "The Return to the Sacred: Ritual Purification Among Crypto-Jews in the Diaspora," in Rachel Wasserfall, ed., *Women and Water* (University Press of New England, 1999).
- Jacobs J. "Freud as Other: Anti-Semitism and the Development of Psychoanalysis," Janet Jacobs and Don Capps, eds. *Religion, Society and Psychoanalysis* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1997).
- Jacobs J. "Introduction," Janet L. Jacobs and Don Capps, eds. *Religion, Society and Psychoanalysis* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1997).
- Jacobs J. "The Violated Self and the Search for Religious Meaning," Mary Jo Neitz and Marion Goldman eds., *Sex, Lies and Sanctity: Religion and Deviance in Contemporary North America*, (Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, 1995).
- Jacobs J. "Jewish Religious Experience", Ralph Hood, ed. *Handbook of Religious Experience* (Birmingham, Alabama: Religious Education Press, 1993).
- Jacobs J. "Feminist Perspectives on New Religions," (with Lynn Davidman), David Bromley, and Jeffrey Hadden, eds., *Handbook of Cults and Sects in America: Theory and Practice*, (Chicago: JAI Press, 1993.)
- Jacobs J. "The Endangered Female Self and the Search for Identity," Richard Fenn and Donald Capps, eds., *The Endangered Self* (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton Monograph Series, 1992), 37-46.
- Jacobs J. "Religious Ritual and Mental Health," John Schumaker, ed., *Religion and Mental Health* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992), 291-294.

Jacobs J. "Women-Centered Healing Rights: A Study of Alienation and Reintegration," William Swatos, ed. *Gender and Religion* (Social Science Press, 1991).

Scholarly Awards and Honors

- 2017 Outstanding Book Award, American Sociological Association: Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict
The Holocaust Across Generations: Trauma and Its Inheritance Among Descendants of Survivors
- 2010 Paul Hanly Furfey Distinguished Lecture,
The Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2005 Hazel Barnes Prize, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2003 Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Hidden Heritage: The Legacy of the Crypto-Jews
- 2000 Gender Scholar Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 1983 First Place Winner, Graduate Student Paper Competition,
Western Social Science Association.

Keynote Addresses and Invited Presentations

- 2016 "Gender and the Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma,"
International Conference on Genocide and Its Aftermath, Yerevan, Armenia
- 2012 "Gender and Holocaust Memorialization," Conference in Jewish and Gender Studies
in honor of Debra Kaufman, Northeastern University
- 2011 "Gender and Genocide: Collective Memory and Holocaust Memorials"
Stanley L. Saxton Address, University of Dayton
- 2010 "Women and the Crypto-Jewish Legacy,"
Conference on Crypto-Judaism, Houston, Texas
- 2008 "Women and Religious Memory: Syncretism and Conversion Among Descendants of
the Iberian Crypto-Jews" Conference on Muslims, Christians and Jews,
Albert-Ludwig University, Freiburg, Germany
- 2005 "Women and the Persistence of Culture," 350 Years of Jews in America,
National Convocation, Boston Area Universities, Boston, Mass.
- 2002 "A Retrospective of Religious and Historical Ethnography,"
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

- 2001 "Women, Secrecy and Ritual," Southwest Historical Society
- 1999 "Conversa as Metaphor," National Foundation for Jewish Culture "Feminist Perspectives on the Study of Religion," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 1995 "Culture Bearing and the Role of Crypto-Jewish Women," American Academy of Religion, regional meeting
Teaching Awards and Honors
- 2001 Excellence in Teaching Award,
Committee on Learning and Academic Support Services.
- 1992 Teaching Excellence Award, University of Colorado Boulder Faculty Assembly.
- 1985 Teaching Excellence Award,
Graduate School of the University of Colorado Boulder.

Research Grants

- 2007-08 Seed Grant, University of Colorado, "Teen Pregnancy Study" (with Stef Mollborn)
\$3,000
- 1996-97 Joseph Fichter Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion \$3,000
- 1995-96 Recovering Sephardic Roots: Women in Crypto-Jewish Culture,
The Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture \$3,000
- 1995-96 Women, Religion, and Identity Formation, Impart Grant, University of Colorado
\$1500
- 1987-88 The Study of Gender Differences in Religious Beliefs and Political Attitudes.
Research grant awarded by the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
\$1,000
- 1986-88 The Study of the Social Environment in Adolescent Group Homes.
Federal grant to study youth in transition at group homes in Colorado
\$8,000

Conference Presentations

- 2017 "Religion and Nationalism Among Bosnian Refugees in the United States," Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, D.C.
- 2106 "Gender and Memory in Bosnia," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington
- 2015 "Religion and Collective Memory: Images of the Sacred at Srebrenica," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Newport Beach
- 2014 "Gender and Culture Bearing Among Descendants of the Holocaust," Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis

- 2014 "Representations of Jewish Masculinity at Holocaust Memorials," Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis
- 2012 "Sites Terror and the Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma" Annual Meeting, Eastern Sociological Association, New York, New York
- 2012 "Spirituality in the Aftermath of Genocide," Annual Meeting, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore Maryland
"Visual Culture and the Ethnographic Methodology," Annual Meeting, the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore Maryland
- 2009 "Traumatic Memory and the Construction of Jewish Identity: The Holocaust, Jewish Manhood and the Legacy of Contested Masculinity," invited presentation, thematic session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- 2009 "Religious Memory and the Women's Memorial at Ravensbruck," American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting
- 2009 "Visual Narratives in the Public Imagination: Feminist Readings of Religious Culture and Holocaust Memorialization", Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting
- 2008 "The Ethics and Practices of Feminist Ethnography," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass
- 2008 "Memory, Culture and Representations of Genocide," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Mass.
- 2007 "Gender and Nostalgia: The Valorization of Medieval Judaism in European Memory," Annual Meeting for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2007 "New Trends in the Study of Theodicy," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
- 2006 "Ritual and the Persistence of Memory in Second Generation Holocaust Survivors," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon
- 2006 "Religious Memory in German National Consciousness," Association for Sociology of Religion, Annual Meeting
- 2005 "Genocide and Religious Memory" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Rochester, New York
- 2004 "Reinventing God: Post Holocaust Belief Systems in Second and Third Generation Survivors," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting
- 2003 "Ritual and Representation at Holocaust Memorials," paper presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (November 2003)
- 2003 "Ethical Challenges in Feminist Ethnography," paper presentation, American Sociology Association
- 2002 Hidden Heritage: The Legacy of the Crypto-Jews , Author Meets Critic Panel, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (November 2002).

- 2002 "A Critical Review of the Work of Robert Orsi," Plenary Speaker, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (November 2002).
- 2002 "Double Vision: Feminist Ethics and the Role of the Ethnographer in Holocaust Research," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 2002).
- 2001 "Gender, Place and Memory: Women and Representation in the Holocaust," Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion (November 2001).
- 2000 Memory and Sufferance: Crypto-Jewish Ancestry and the Social Construction of Religious/Ethnic Identity," paper presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas.
- 1999 "Crypto-Jewish Identity and the Meaning of Ancestral Attachment," paper presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 1999 "Conversa As Metaphor," keynote address, National Foundation for Jewish Culture Conference, Phoenix., AZ.
- 1998 "The Future of the Psychology of Religion," invited panelist, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- 1998 "Hidden Ethnicity and the Construction of Religious Consciousness", paper presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 1997 "Ritual and Emotion: A Study of Spanish Crypto-Jewish Women," paper presentation, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.
- 1997 "Cultural Memory and the Social Construction of Identity," paper presentation, Annual Meeting, The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Diego, CA.
- 1997 "Crypto-Judaism and the Culture of Secrecy," paper presentation, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA.
- 1996 "Return to the Sacred: Ritual Purification in the Diaspora," American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- 1996 "Ritual Purity Among the Spanish Crypto-Jews," Society for The Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- 1996 "The Economy of Religion", invited response, plenary session, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- 1995 "Ritual Lives of the Modern Descendants of the Spanish Crypto-Jews," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO.
- 1994 "Women Studies and Religion," invited presentation, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- 1994 "The Role of Ritual in Identity Formation," paper presentation, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico

- 1992 "Soul Loss: The Legacy of Father-Daughter Incest", Invited presentation, Princeton Theological Seminary Center for Religion, Self and Society
- 1992 "Feminist Perspectives on Teen Pregnancy," Western Social Association, Annual Meeting, Denver, Co., April 1992.
- 1991 "Incest and the Search for Religious Meaning", Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, Nov. 1991.
- 1991 "Feminism and the Search for the Female Self," Invited Presentation, Princeton Theological Seminary Center for Religion, Self and Society Conference, Sept. 1991.
- 1991 "Abused Daughters: Incest and the Development of the Female Self," panel presentation, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1990 "Feminist Perspectives on Religious Research," Invited Presentation, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1990 "The Abuse of Power in New Religious Movements," American Sociology of Religion, National Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 1980 "Gender Perspectives on Mystical Phenomena," American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 1989 "Father Identification and the Quest for Autonomy Among Incest Victims," National Women Studies Association Annual Conference, Townsend, Maryland.
- 1988 "Women and the Divine: The Reconstruction of God and Spirituality," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 1987 "Gender Differences in Religious Experience: An Application of Object Relations Theory," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Conference, Louisville, Kentucky.
- 1987 "A Reassessment of Mother Blame in Incest," American Sociological Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- 1986 "The Effects of Spiritual Healing Among Victims of Abuse," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 1985 "An Analysis of Charismatic Bonding Within Religious Movements," the Society For the Scientific Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, Savannah, Georgia.
- 1985 "Religious Disaffection: A Model of Deconversion From Nontraditional Religious Movements," Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas.
- 1984 "Ritual and Reproduction," Invited presentation, Institute of Behavioral Science, Boulder, Colorado.

- 1984 "Women and Political Attitude Formation: An Analysis of the Gender Gap in Nuclear Issues," the Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- 1983 "Female Religious Commitment: The Economy of Love," Colloquium on Women's Scholarship, University of Colorado Boulder.
- 1983 "Women in Nontraditional Religious Movements," Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 1983 "Marriage and Relationships," Invited Speaker, Nontraditional Student Center, University of Colorado Boulder.
- 1982 "Shamanism: The Female Characteristics of Spiritual Healing," Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Professional Activities

Service to Scholarly and Professional Organizations:

- 2013-17 Scholarly Paper and Book Award Committees, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2008-13 Editorial Board, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2004-6 Nominating Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 1997-98 Program Chair, Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association
- 1995-97 Executive Council, Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association
- 1994-96 Nominating Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 1993-96 Executive Council, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 1992-93 Nominating Committee, Religious Research Association
- 1991-92 Editorial Board, Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 1991-92 Scholarly Article Awards Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 1990 Program Chair, Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 1987 Section Chair, Women's Studies Division, Western Social Science Association

Referee for Scholarly Journals

- 1985 – Present *American Sociological Review*
Gender and Society
Journal of Contemporary Ethnography
Journal for Research on Adolescence

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Signs: Journal of Women and Society
Social Problems
Sociology of Religion

Referee for Grant Proposals

2007-11	National Science Foundation
2007-09	Seed Grants University of Colorado
1992-93	Department of Health, Education and Human Services

Manuscript Consultant

1998-Present
Columbia University Press
Oxford University Press
Duke University Press
University of Tennessee Press
University of California Press
New York University Press
Princeton University

Professional Affiliations

2010-Present
American Academy of Religion
American Sociological Association
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
International Association for Visual Sociology

Graduate Students

Completed Degrees (MA)

Joshua LePree
Jaclyn Raska
Tamar Silberman

Completed Degrees (PH.D)

Jade Aguilar
Emmanuel David
Alison Hatch
Leith Lombas
Naghme Naseri
Mary Robertson
Jan Thomas

Degree in Progress (PH.D)

Amanda Barrientez
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