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## **EMPLOYMENT**

- 2019-present University of Colorado Boulder, Assistant Professor  
Department of Women and Gender Studies and 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 in English and Religion, Concentration in Women's Studies

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Peer-Reviewed Books**

*God Bless the Pill: Contraception and Sexuality in Tri-Faith America* (under contract with UNC Press)

*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*; *Religion*; *The Journal of the American Jewish Archives*; *Material Religion*; *American Jewish History*; *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*

### **Popular Books**

*The Racism of People Who Love You: Essays* (under contract with Beacon Press)

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

“Asian American Jews, Race, and Religious Identity,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (forthcoming), available through Advance Access at <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfab058>.

“The Changing Jewish Family: Jewish Communal Responses to Interfaith and Same-Sex Marriage,” with Brett Krutzsch. *American Jewish History* 104, no. 4 (2020): 553–577.

“Christmas in the Room: Gender, Conflict, and Compromise in Multi-Religious Domestic Space,” *Religions* 11, no 6 (2020): 281.

“Prescribing the Diaphragm: Protestants, Jews, Catholics, and a Changing Culture of Contraception,” *American Religion* 1, no 2 (2020): 27-52.

“Chrimukkah: Millennial Multiculturalism,” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 25, no. 1 (2015): 82-109.

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

### **Peer-Reviewed 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, 2019), 17-35.

“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 20<sup>th</sup> Century United States*, eds. Gillian Frank, Bethany Moreton, and Heather White (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2018), 152-169.

“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.

### **Encyclopedia Articles and Primary Source Readers**

Commentary on “Paul Cowan with Rachel Cowan, *Mixed Blessings: Overcoming the Stumbling Blocks in an Interfaith Marriage*” in *The New Jewish Cannon: Ideas and Debates, 1980-2015*. (Boston: Academic Studies Press, 2020) 346-351.

“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).

## **Book Reviews**

Review of *The Public Work of Christmas: Difference and Belonging in Multicultural Societies*, edited by Pamela E. Klassen and Monique Scheer. *Material Religion* (forthcoming).

Review of *Ambivalent Embrace: Jewish Upward Mobility in Post-War America*, by Rachel Kranson. *Material Religion*, (2019) 387-388.

Review of *Moral Combat: How Sex Divided American Christians and Fractured American Politics*, by R. Marie Griffith. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (2018) 853-856.

Review of *Coming of Age in Jewish America: Bar and Bat Mitzvah Reinterpreted* by Patricia Keer Munro. *H-Judaic* (2017)

Review of *Losing Our Religion: How Unaffiliated Parents Are Raising Their Children*, by Christel Manning. *Journal of the Scientific Study of Religion*, 55:4 (2016) 877-878.

Review of *Walking Where Jesus Walked: American Christians and Holy Land Pilgrimage*, by Hillary Kael. *Material Religion*, 12:3 (2016) 393-394.

Review of *Righteous Rhetoric: Sex, Speech, and the Politics of Concerned Women for America*, by Leslie Dorrough Smith. *Theology and Sexuality*, 21:2 (2015) 167-169.

Review of *Kosher Christmas: 'Tis the Season to Be Jewish*, by Joshua Plaut. *American Jewish Archives Journal*, LXV, 1&2 (2013): 114-116.

Review of *Witnessing Suburbia: Conservatives and Christian Youth Culture*, by Eileen Luhr. *Practical Matters* 2 (2009).

Review of *We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom*, by Tisa Wenger. *ARC, the Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* 36 (2008): 139–141.

## **Selected Public Essays**

Review of *Beyond the Synagogue: Jewish Nostalgia as Religious Practice*, by Rachel B. Gross. *Moment Magazine*, January 2021.

<https://momentmag.com/review-the-power-of-dna-dolls-and-delis/>

“The December Dilemma: Less Oy, More Joy,” *The Revealer*, December 10, 2019.

<https://therevealer.org/the-december-dilemma-less-oy-more-joy/>

“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/>

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

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

“The Convergence of Passover and Easter Can Leaven (or Unleaven) the Interfaith Family’s Holiday,” *Religion Dispatches*, March 29, 2018.

<http://religiondispatches.org/the-convergence-of-passover-and-easter-can-unleaven-the-interfaith-familys-holiday/>

“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.

<https://religionandpolitics.org/2016/12/20/christmas-and-hanukkah-together-again/>

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

<https://forward.com/opinion/352718/interfaith-kids-are-still-being-raised-jewish-heres-how/>

“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>

“Nicki Haley and the Construction of South Asian Identity,” *Religion and American History: A Group Blog on American Religious History and Culture*, July 12, 2010.

<http://usreligion.blogspot.com/2010/07/nikki-haley-and-construction-of-south.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**

- 2020 University of Colorado Boulder Center for the Humanities and Arts Faculty Fellowship (awarded 2020 to be taken Spring 2022)
- 2020 Cashmere Subvention Award in Jewish Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies from the Women's Caucus of the Association of Jewish Studies
- 2019 Faculty Success Grant, University of Colorado Boulder Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion Program
- 2019 Finalist: National Jewish Book Award in American Jewish Studies from the Jewish Book Council
- 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
- 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
- 2008-2010 Graduate Fellow, The Sloan Foundation Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life (MARIAL) at Emory University
- 2008-2009 Bernard and Audre Rapoport Fellowship, American Jewish Archives

### **WORKSHOPS**

- 2019 LEAP Introductory Leadership Workshop, University of Colorado Boulder Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion Program (Awarded 2019 for January 2020 participation)
- 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 Religious Diversity; Gender and Sexuality; Religion, Race, and Ethnicity; American Religious History; American Jewish History and Culture; Theory and Methods in the Study of Religion; Theories of Religious Practice; Material Culture

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Lectures**

- 2020            “The Diaphragm Debates,” Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (virtual)
- 2019            “The Interfaith Family in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY.
- 2018            “Moving Beyond Chismukkah: 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.

### **Invited Presentations**

- 2021            Conversation with Laura Arnold Liebman about *Once We Were Slaves: The Extraordinary  
Journey of a Multi-Racial Jewish Family* for the American Jewish Historical Association, New  
York, NY (virtual)
- 2021            “Plenary Panel,” Queer Jews: A 20th Anniversary CLGS Symposium in Memory of David  
Shneer, Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion, Pacific School of Religion  
(virtual)
- 2019            “Christian-Jewish Blended Families: A Multicultural Case Study,” at the Religious Conflict  
and Coexistence: The Korean Context and Beyond International Conference, Chonbuk  
National University, Jeonju, South Korea.
- 2019            “Bodies: Medical Innovation and Religious Interpretations of the Human Body,” at the  
Religion and Innovation Conference. Museum of American History, Smithsonian  
Institution, Washington, DC.
- 2019            “Beyond Brenda’s Diaphragm: Sexuality and Contraception in Herberg’s America” at The  
Jewish 1950s. University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2015            “Why Do They Call My Afro A Jew-fro?” Religions in America Seminar. Columbia  
University, New York.
- 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.

- 2015 “Interfaith Families and American Jewish Institutions,” Council of American Jewish Museums, San Francisco.
- 2014 “God Bless the Pill?: Sexuality, American Religion, and Contraception in the Twentieth Century,” New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Talk, Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.
- 2014 “God Bless the Pill?: Sexuality, American Religion, and Contraception in the Twentieth Century,” New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Talk, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College.
- 2012 “Beyond Chrismukkah: Christian–Jewish Interfaith Families from 1965 to Yesterday,” Faculty Lecture Series, Allegheny College.
- 2010 “Food and Family Connection in Christian/Jewish Blended Families,” Coming to the Table: Critical Perspectives on Food, Health, and Justice, Center for Ethics, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

### **Conference Papers and Posters**

- 2021 “The Rhetoric of Responsible Parenthood in Secular Debates About Contraception: A Transformation from Theology to Secular Policy,” Society for US Intellectual History, virtual (originally scheduled for November 2020, Boston, MA)
- 2020 “Seder Innovations in 20th and 21st Century America: A Roundtable,” Association for Jewish Studies, virtual (originally scheduled for Washington, DC)
- 2020 “Responsible Parenthood: Terms in Common, Theologies in Contrast,” American Catholic Historical Association, New York, NY
- 2019 “Sexuality, Politics, and American Judaism: A Roundtable Discussion,” Association for Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA
- 2019 “Skipping a Generation: Grandparenting in Interfaith Families,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA
- 2018 “Mothering in Multiple Identities: American-Jews, Asian Americans, and the Possibilities for Fusion,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2018 “Masculinity and the Making of American Judaism: A Reflection on Sarah Imhoff’s Work,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.
- 2018 “Sexing American Jewish History Roundtable,” American Jewish Historical Society Biannual Scholars Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2017 "Blessing the Baby: Interfaith Families Address Baby Naming, Baptism, and the Bris," Association of Jewish Studies, Washington, DC
- 2017 "Picture Books and the Raising of Children in Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families," American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA
- 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 Religion: A Roundtable Discussion," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX. Co-organizer (with Kathleen Holscher).
- 2016 "An Ethnographic Education: Using Local Religious Sites in the Religious or Jewish Studies Classroom," Association of Jewish Studies, San Diego, CA
- 2016 "The Water that Transforms: Swimming Pool as Secular, California Mikveh in Jill Soloway's *Transparent*," *Transparent: A Multidisciplinary Symposium*, Rochester, NY
- 2016 "Race, Reproduction, and American Religion: A Roundtable Discussion," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 "The Basmati Bat Mitzvah: American Jews, Asian Americans, and the Possibilities for Fusion," American Jewish Historical Society Biannual Scholars Conference, New York, NY
- 2016 "Gender and Interfaith Parenting: Religious Identity, Communal Anxiety, and the Role of the Mother," Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2016 "The Academic Study of American Religion in a Changing Professional Landscape," Mid-Atlantic Region American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ
- 2015 "Teaching Beyond the Canon: New Approaches to the Jewish Studies Classroom," Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2014 "A Kosher Christmas Dinner: Food, Tradition, and the Christian–Jewish Interfaith Household," *Religion and Food*, The Donner Institute for Research on Religious and Cultural History, Turku, Finland
- 2014 "'Why Do They Call My Afro a Jew-fro?:' Multifaith, Multiracial Families in Twenty-First Century America," *Jews and Judaism in the American World of "Difference": The 2014 Biennial Scholars Conference on American Jewish History*, Atlanta, GA
- 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



- 2014 “‘A [Christian] Black Man With Something of a Jewish Soul:’ Multi-faith, Multi-racial Families in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century America,” Conference on Rethinking Jewish Identity and Education, Brandies University, Waltham, MA
- 2013 “Sexual Binaries/Religious Histories: A Roundtable Discussion,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 “Jewish or Jew-ish: Lessons in Jewish Identity in Children’s Books for Interfaith Families,” American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 “Translating the Jewish Narrative into an American Narrative: A Roundtable Discussion,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2013 “Double Minority, Double Trouble: Choices, Practices, and Challenges of the Interfaith, Multicultural Family,” Association for Jewish Studies, Boston, MA
- 2012 “Your Children’s Children: Jewish Grandparents, Christian Grandchildren, and the Instruction Manuals of Identity Transmission,” Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2011 “Seeking and Dwelling in Judy Blume's *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 “Negotiating the Interfaith Marriage Bed: Sexual Intimacies and Religious Difference,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 “‘I Chose Judaism, but Christmas Cookies Chose Me:’ Food and a Hybrid Sense of the Sacred in Interfaith Families,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2011 “Dovetail: Blending of Christian/Jewish Families in Contemporary America,” Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY
- 2010 “Unintentional Hybridities: Christian Elements in Jewish Interfaith Families,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2009 “A Hot Knish, the Taste of Christmas: Food as Bridge and Boundary Marker for Christian/Jewish Blended Families, 1965–2010,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC
- 2009 “Multiple Faiths, One Family?” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC
- 2009 “Christian/Jewish Interfaith Families and the UU Congregation as a Site for Familial Identity Formation,” The Future of Unitarian Universalist Scholarship Conference, Harvard Divinity School, Boston, MA

- 2009 “Muddled Mishpochah: Memoir Literature as a Key to Identity Formation in the Christian/Jewish Blended Family, 1965–2010,” Religion and Identity: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2008 “If I Am Christian and You Are Jewish, Can We Decide for the Kids?: Advice Manuals, Interfaith Families, and Religious Hybridity in the Contemporary United States,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 “If Mom Is Christian and Dad Is Jewish, Can I Be Both?: Advice Manuals and Christian/Jewish Identity Formation,” Florida State University Department of Religion Graduate Student Symposium, Tallahassee, FL
- 2007 “The Unitarian Universalist Congregation as Home for Interfaith Families,” American Academy of Religions Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2007 “Judy Blume: A Window on the Interfaith Marriage Dilemma from the Standpoint of the Young Adult Novel,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN

### Accepted Papers

- 2020 “Sacrality and Purity in the Mid-Twentieth Century Push for Contraception,” Organization of American Historians, Washington, DC (Conference Cancelled)
- 2020 “Jewish Feminist Praxis in Transnational Context,” National Women’s Studies Association, Minneapolis, MN (Conference Cancelled)

### Public Lectures, Panels, and Teaching

- 2020 “Beyond Chrismukkah: Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families in the United States” at Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation, Deerfield, IL (virtual)
- 2020 “Celebrating the Holidays: A Modern-Day Perspective” at Temple Beth Shalom, New City, New York (virtual)
- 2020 “Black and Indian and Biracial Women: A VP Forum” webinar hosted through the University of Colorado Boulder Department of Women and Gender Studies
- 2020 “Eco-Kashrut: Food, Jews, Justice” webinar hosted through the University of Colorado Boulder Program in Jewish Studies Peak to Peak series
- 2020 “*The New Jewish Canon* Book Club Part IV,” a panel discussion with Claire Sufrin, editor of *The New Jewish Canon*, and four contributors sponsored by the Shalom Hartman Institute
- 2020 “Mrs. America: Feminism Then and Now,” a panel discussion on the HULU series about the ERA sponsored by The Jewish Women’s Archive

- 2018 “The Religiously Complex Congregation in the Religiously Complex World” The Unitarian Universalist Association Minns Lecture Series, Boston and Cambridge, MA
- 2010 “Interfaith Family Life: One or Both, Religion or Ethnicity?” Limmud Southeast, Clayton, GA
- 2010 “Interfaith Families: Sitcom or Family Drama,” Limmud Southeast, Clayton, GA

### **ACADEMIC COLLABORATIONS**

- 2020-present** American Religious History Feminist Reading Collective (founder)
- 2020-present** American Jewish History, American Jewish Historians, and the Opportunities Offered to Us by Black Lives Matter
- 2017-present** Co-chair. Religions and Families in North America Seminar, American Academy of Religion (ongoing 5-year seminar)
- 2017** Situating American Jewish Studies Working Group
- 2007-2012** Participant. Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar Group, American Academy of Religion (ongoing 5-year seminar)
- 2007-2010** Participant. Sloan Foundation Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life (MARIAL). Emory University, Bradd Shore, Director (Participation included a 25,000 research grant.)

### **ADMINISTRATIVE, ACADEMIC, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2021-present** Academic Advisory Council, Jewish Women’s Archive
- 2020-present** Board Member, eFeminist Studies in Religion, <https://www.fsrinc.org/blog-people-2/>
- 2020-present** Executive Committee (At-Large Member), Program in Jewish Studies  
University of Colorado Boulder
- 2020-present** Merit Committee, Department of Women and Gender Studies  
University of Colorado Boulder
- 2018-present** Task Force on Inclusion and Diversity, Association for Jewish Studies
- 2016-present** Steering Committee Member. North American Religions Section. American Academy of Religions
- 2020** Hadassah-Brandeis Institute Research Awards Academic Advisory Committee  
Brandeis University
- 2019-2020** Undergraduate Committee, Program in Jewish Studies

University of Colorado Boulder

- 2019–2020** Undergraduate Committee, Department of Women and Gender Studies  
University of Colorado Boulder
- 2018–2019** Deep Dive Team: Faculty and Staff Salary and Peer Group Goals, Albright College  
Committee to assess Faculty and Staff compensation at Albright College, in order to make  
recommendations to the administration and board of trustees
- 2018–2019** Deep Dive Team for Retirement Benefit, Albright College  
Committee to assess Faculty and Staff retirement benefits at Albright College, in order to  
make recommendations to the administration and board of trustees
- 2017–2019** Educational Policy Committee, Albright College  
The mission of the elected Educational Policy Council (EPC) is to plan, initiate, assess, and  
administer, in collaboration with the CAO, policies pertaining to the curriculum and  
teaching mission of the Albright College faculty. Elected by the faculty.
- 2015–2018** Board Member. Women’s Caucus of the Association for Jewish Studies.  
Member. Women’s Caucus of the Association for Jewish Studies subcommittee on travel  
grants
- 2013–2016** Monthly Contributor. *Religion and American History: A Group Blog on American Religious  
History and Culture.*
- 2013** Organizer. Sexual Binaries/Religious Histories: A Roundtable Discussion, American  
Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD
- 2012** Co-organizer (with Rachel Gross). How-To Jews: The Instruction Manuals of American  
Judaism, Association for Jewish Studies, Chicago, IL
- 2008** Visiting Scholar at the Decatur Public Library for the Next Book Series “Between Two  
Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming.”

## **REVIEWER**

Monographs  
Duke University Press

Journal Articles  
*Contemporary Jewry*  
*Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*  
*Nashim: A Journal of Jewish Women’s Studies and Gender Issues*  
*Journal of Mediterranean Studies*

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2020 Episode 1 “Hanukkah” of The Primary Source Podcast: A Podcast from the Taube Center for Jewish Studies.
- 2020 cited in “Colorado Catholics consider implications of Pope’s support of same-sex civil unions” Fox Denver News (October 21, 2020)  
<https://kdvr.com/news/local/colorado-catholics-consider-implications-of-popes-support-of-same-sex-civil-unions/>
- 2020 cited in “In Kamala Harris’ richly textured background, a portrait of America today” *The Christian Science Monitor* (August 2020)  
<https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2020/0819/In-Kamala-Harris-richly-textured-background-a-portrait-of-America-today>
- 2019 “Expert Witness” in *US Catholic* (December 2019)  
<https://uscatholic.org/articles/201912/merry-chrismukkah-some-homes-holidays-come-twist-31900>
- 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 “Albright professor is awarded a year-long fellowship” by Susan Shelly in the *Reading Eagle* (July 16, 2016)

- 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>
- 2015 “Albright professor working on a book to see how multifaith families observe December holidays” by Bruce Posten in the *Reading Eagle* (December 12, 2015)
- 2010 “How Mormon Is the Twilight Saga?” Interview on Interfaith Voices  
<http://interfaithradio.org/SamiraMehta>

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

French (reading and writing), Spanish (reading), German (reading)