

## KATHLEEN SPROWS CUMMINGS

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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., U.S. History, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1999.
- M.A., History, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1994.
- M.A., History, University of Scranton, Scranton, Penn., 1993.
- B.A., History/Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, University of Scranton, 1993.  
Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Program/Spanish minor/Full four-year tuition  
Presidential scholarship

### EMPLOYMENT

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- Director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, 2012-present
- Associate Professor, Dept. of American Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2011-present  
(Concurrent Appointments in Depts. of History, since 2001, and Theology, since 2008)
- Assistant Professor, Dept. of American Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2008-2011
- Acting Director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of  
Notre Dame, 2009-10
- Associate Director, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of  
Notre Dame, 2001-2012
- Lilly Fellow in the Humanities and Arts, Valparaiso University, 1999-2001

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Books:

*New Women of the Old Faith: Gender and American Catholic Identity in the Progressive Era*, University of North Carolina Press, 2009 (paperback, 2010).

Reviewed in *The American Historical Review*, *American Catholic Studies*, *The Catholic Historical Review*, *America Magazine*, *Journal of American History*, *Choice*, *Journal of Religion*, *Church History*, *Annals of Iowa*, *Reviews in American History*, *American Quarterly*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *U.S. Catholic Historian* (featured review), *Journal of the Gilded Age & Progressive Era*, *Essays in History*, *Journal of the North Carolina Association of Historians*, *Journal of Women's History*

**\*\*\*Winner of three 2009 Catholic Press Association Awards (Second place, Education; Third Place, Gender; Honorable Mention, History).**

*Catholicism in the American Century: Recasting Narratives of U.S. History*. Co-edited with R. Scott Appleby, Cornell University Press, 2012

#### **In Progress:**

*Citizen Saints: Catholics and Canonization in American Culture*

**\*\*\*Research on this project was supported by a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities, 2010-11.**

**\*\*\*Under Contract with University of North Carolina Press**

#### **Refereed/Invited Journal Articles and Chapters:**

"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: 2 (summer 2012): 203-31. (refereed).

"Teaching About Women, Gender, and American Catholicism," chap. 10 in *The Catholic Studies Reader*, ed. Margaret McGuinness and James T. Fisher, Fordham University Press, 2011. (refereed)

"Rewriting His Story: Vocations, Teaching Sisters, and American Catholicism in the Progressive Era," *Josephinum Journal of Theology* 16: 1 9(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, <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/pdf/2009-8.pdf> (invited)

"The 'New Woman' at the 'University': Gender and American Catholic Identity in the Progressive Era," chap. In *The Religious History of American Women: Reimagining the Past*, ed. Catherine A. Brekus (University of North Carolina Press, 2007). (refereed)

"'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. (refereed)

### **Editorial Work:**

Editor, *American Catholic Studies Newsletter*, (24-page biannual publication of the Cushwa Center, containing a lead article, featured review, list of recent publications, Cushwa event summaries, and other scholarly updates on American Catholicism, with 1500 subscribers), 2002-2012

### **Book Reviews , Encyclopedia Articles, and Academic Essays:**

"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, pp. 7-10. (cover story)

Review of *A Catholic Brain Trust: The History of the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs, 1945-1965* by Patrick Hayes, *Journal of American History* 2012 99: 982-983.

Review of *Gender, Catholicism, and Spirituality: Women and the Roman Catholic Church in Britain and Europe, 1200-1900*, ed. Carmen Mangion and Laurence Lux-Sterrett, *American Catholic Studies* 123 (3): 69-71.

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

"Tumult and Transformation," Review of *The American Catholic Revolution* by Mark S. Massa, SJ, *America*, November 1, 2010, 28-31.

"Le donne sono cambiate," *Il Regno* (Bologna, Italy), 15 settembre 2010.

"Roman Catholicism: The Impact of Immigration in the Nineteenth Century," *Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. Charles Lippy and Peter Williams, 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, Nov. 2008.

Review of Reconciling Catholicism and Feminism?: Personal Reflections on Tradition and Change, ed. by Sally Barr Ebest and Ron Ebest, *Collegium News*, Fall 2008.

Review of The Faithful: A History of Catholics in America by James M. O'Toole, *America*, September 15, 2000, 38-40.

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

Review of Catholics in America: A History by Patrick Carey, *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 Stalking the Holy: The Pursuit of Saint Making by Michael W. Higgins and My Life with the Saints by James Martin, SJ, *Commonweal*, January 26, 2007, 38-40.

"Ways to Witness," Review of Prophetic and Public: The Social Witness of U.S. Catholicism by Kristin Heyer, *America*, December 4, 2006, 22-23.

Review of Habits of Compassion: Irish Catholic Nuns and the Origins of New York's Welfare System, 1830-1920 by Maureen Fitzgerald, *Fides et Historia* 38 (2006): 147-48.

"Two-Part Harmony," Review of American Catholics and Civic Engagement: A Distinctive Voice ed. Margaret O'Brien Steinfels, *America*, May 17, 2004, 23-24.

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

Review of Anti-Catholicism in America: The Last Acceptable Prejudice by Mark Massa, SJ, *National Catholic Reporter*, February 6, 2004.

"L.A. Confidential," Review of Witness to Integrity: The Crisis of the Immaculate Heart Community of California by Anita M. Caspary, *Commonweal*, November 21, 2003, 24-26.

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

Review of American Catholics through the Twentieth Century: Spirituality, Lay Experience and Public Life by Clare E. Wolfeich, *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, *American Catholic Studies* 114 (Summer 2003): 71-73.

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

“Builders and Shakers,” Review of John Fialka, Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America, *Commonweal*, March 14, 2003, 25-26.

Review of Deirdre Moloney, American Catholic Lay Groups and Transatlantic Social Reform in the Progressive Era, *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.

## **SELECTED PROJECTS**

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Convener, “The Nun and the World: Catholic Sisters and the Second Vatican Council,” International conference at Notre Dame’s London Global Gateway, May 2015.

Co-Convener (with John McGreevy), “American Catholicism in a World Made Small,” 2014 Rome Seminar, a two-week seminar sponsored by the Program of Italian Studies at Notre Dame, Rome Global Gateway, June 2014.

Co-investigator (with Timothy Matovina and Robert Orsi), The Lived History of Vatican II, a multi-year project involving close-grained studies of the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council in fifteen dioceses on six continents.

## **SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES/COMMENTARY**

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[Women lead in the Church, even as Catholics debate their role](#)

Crux.com

January 15, 2015

[Pope Francis has conservatives talking schism. But a split is easier said than done](#)

Religion News Service (also in The Washington Post, National Catholic Reporter)

November 4, 2014

[Notre Dame buys 224-year-old Bible](#)

WSBT-TV

July 15, 2014

[Rare book finds its way to Notre Dame](#)

WNDU-TV

July 15, 2014

[Spiritual and Secular Mix in Case for Sainthood](#)

*The New York Times*

May 30, 2014

[Woman Risks Excommunication to Be Ordained](#)

*South Bend Tribune*

May 31, 2014

[Pope Francis Declares Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII as Saints](#)

*The Wall Street Journal*

April 27, 2014

[As Catholic Church Canonises 2 Former Popes, Question Emerges – Are Saints Still Relevant in Today's World?](#)

*International Business Times*

April 27, 2014

[Is the Vatican sending mixed messages?](#)

Melissa Harris Perry, MSNBC

April 27, 2014

[Two popes proclaimed saints](#)

MarketWatch

April 27, 2014

[Sainthood for 2 Predecessors Allows Pope to Straddle Divide](#)

*The New York Times*

April 26, 2014

[Pope Francis Canonization of Two Popes Promises to be Epic](#)

NBC Nightly News

April 25, 2014

[Canonization: A guide](#)

Bob Sirott and Marianne Murciano

WGN 720

April 25, 2014

['The people's Pope' not afraid of clowning around](#)

TODAY

November 10, 2013

[Local Catholic scholars weigh in on Pope's comments](#)

WSBT-TV

July 29, 2013

Pope Francis proves to be a pontiff of surprises

*Boston Globe*

July 27, 2013

[Pope Francis, keeping it real simple](#)

The Washington Post

April 5, 2013

[It's time for Pope Francis to give women a bigger role in the church](#)

*New York Daily News*

March 16, 2013

[Can pope bridge gap between America and Rome?](#)

CNN

March 15, 2013

[Pope Francis](#)

NBC News Special Coverage (live)

March 13, 2013

[In a hurry to take things slowly: How Italian culture could shape the conclave](#)

NBC Nightly News

March 12, 2013

[Notre Dame experts weigh in on conclave](#)

WNDU

March 12, 2013

[The conclave begins: Picking a pope](#)

On Point

March 12, 2013

[Pondering a pope and the gender divide](#)

*Boston Globe*

March 10, 2013

[Will an American pope emerge as cardinals enter the conclave?](#)

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

March 10, 2013

[U.S. Cardinals in Rome told to stop talking to the media](#)

NBC Nightly News

March 6, 2013 [Expert: Pope Benedict's resignation shows evolution of Catholic Church is possible when you least expect it](#)

*New York Daily News*

Thursday, February 28, 2013

[What American nuns built](#)

*Boston Globe*

February 24, 2013

[What Pope Benedict leaves behind](#)

CNN

February 11, 2013

## **INVITED LECTURES AND SEMINARS**

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“The Gifts of American Catholic Sisters: Some Reflections on Gratitude,” Seminar on Consecrated Life with Sandra Schneiders IHM, Saint Mary’s College, June 2015

“Nation-Saints: Blessed Miriam Teresa, Beatification, and American Catholic History,” College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey, April 2015

“Nation-Saints: Elizabeth Ann Seton, Canonization, and Historical Memory” Seton Hall College, New Jersey, April 2015

“Saints, Sinners, and Sisters: Topics in U.S. Catholicism,” seminar, *Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII*, Bologna, Italy, November 2014

“Rise of the Nation-Saint: The Afterlives of Jesuits and Women Religious, 1880-1946,” Keynote Speaker, “Crossings and Dwellings: Restored Jesuits and Women Religious, 1814-2014,” Loyola University Chicago, October 2014

“John Paul II: Saint and Saint-maker,” Hesburgh Lecture (virtual; participation to eight Notre Dame clubs, in addition to an in-studio audience), April 2014

Keynote Speaker, Opening banquet for Catholic Sisters’ Week, St. Catherine’s University, St. Paul, Minnesota, March 2014.

“Catholics and the American Century,” Commonweal Conversations, New York, New York, November 2013

“Dynamics of Devotion: St. John Neumann and U.S. Catholics,” keynote address, Redemptorist History Conference, Canandaigua, New York, October 2013

“Pope Francis and American Catholics,” ND Women-Connect, Washington DC, November 2013

“Nation-Saints,” Endowed Lecture Series, John Carroll University, November 2013.

“Markers of the Past, Guideposts for the Future: A Conversation about Women and Leadership in the Catholic Church,” Keynote Speaker, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, March 2, 2013.

“Mother Marianne Cope and Kateri Tekakwitha: The Two Newest American Saints,” Saturday with the Saints Scholars Series, Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame, November 2012.



“American Saints,” Hesburgh Lecture, Notre Dame Club of Philadelphia, November 15, 2012.

“Catholic and Feminist: Some Reflections from Notre Dame,” Women and Philanthropy Group, Chicago, Illinois, November 2012.

“U.S. Catholics and the Rise of the Nation Saint, 1884-1946,” Keynote Address, “Sanctity and Society: Devotion to Holy People in Multi-Cultural Contexts,” Conference sponsored by the Catholic Studies Program at the University of California-Santa Barbara, April 2012.

“The Quest for the First American Saint,” Department of Religion Colloquium, Princeton University, March 2012.

“John Paul II and All the Saints,” Saturdays with the Saints Scholars Series, University of Notre Dame, November 19, 2011.

“Saints, Sisters, and Citizens: Catholic Sisters in American History,” Center for History, South Bend, Ind., October 2, 2011.

“Citizen Saints: American Catholics and Canonization,” St. Thomas More Society Annual Lecture, Wilmington, Delaware, April 14, 2011.

“Philadelphia Catholics, Feminism, and American History: A Few Reflections,” St. Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 24, 2011.

“Women’s Leadership at the Crossroads: Markers of the Past, Guideposts for the Future,” Keynote Address, Clarke University, Dubuque, Iowa, March 12, 2011.

“Citizen Saints: Canonization in an American Context,” St. Paul’s Parish, Valparaiso, Indiana, March 11, 2011.

“Telling HerStory: Women Religious in the American Catholic Past,” College of New Rochelle, New York, March 1, 2011.

“Canonization in an American Context,” Rome, Italy, October 16, 2010.

“Changing History: Women in the American Catholic Past,” Rita Cassella Jones Annual Lecture, Fordham University, October 7, 2010

“Changing *History*: Catholic Sisters and the American Church,” Keynote Address, Keeping and Telling the Dominican Story Conference, McGreal Center, Dominican University, River Forest, Ill., July 9, 2010.

“Enlarging our Lives: Faith, Feminism, and American Catholic History,” Bishop John McCarthy Endowed Lecture, St. Edward’s University, Austin, Texas, March 2010.

“Catholic Sisters in America,” Department of Religious Studies and Catholic Campus Ministry, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, November 2009.

“America’s Saints,” Dept. of Religion, Duke University, Durham, N. Carolina, November 2009.

Panel Discussion of *New Women of the Old Faith*, Lumen Christi Institute, University of Chicago, October 2009.

“Reflections on Catholicism, Feminism, and History,” Endowed Fall Lecture, Center for Spirituality, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Indiana, September 2009.

Discussion of *New Women of the Old Faith*, Joint Session of the Gender Workshop and Religion Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2009.

“The Old Faith and the New Woman,” Invited Lecture in honor of Women’s History Month, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, March 2009.

“Revising His Story: Catholic Sisters and American Religious History,” Featured Speaker, Symposium on Women, Gender, and Religion, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, November, 2008.

Panelist, “Women and American Religion: Reimagining the Past,” Seminar in American Religion, Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame, September 2009.

“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., April 2008.

“Catholic Sisters in Philadelphia’s Parochial Schools,” Keynote speaker at Philadelphia Archdiocesan Bicentennial Celebration, Legatus, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2008.

“Have Women Souls? The Dilemma of a Catholic Feminist Scholar,” Invited paper at Lilly Fellows Program Reunion Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2007.

“The Wageless Work of Paradise: Integrating Women into Historical Narratives,” Invited Presentation at Conference on “Shaping American Catholicism,” College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, April 2007.

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## **PROFESSIONAL PAPERS**

“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, November 2014.

“U.S. Catholic Afterlives,” Presentation to Italian Studies Rome Seminar, Rome, Italy, June 2014.

“The Nun in the World: Catholic Sisters, the Second Vatican Council, and American Politics,” invited speaker at “Beyond the Culture Wars,” conference at the Danforth Center for Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2014.

“Gender and American Catholic History,” panelist, American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2014.

“Writing the Afterlives of the American Sister Saints,” Conference on the History of Women Religious, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 2013.

“Making a U.S. Saint: Gender, Catholicism, and the Afterlife of Elizabeth Ann Seton,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. (co-sponsored with American Catholic Historical Association Meeting), January 2013.

“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, Illinois, January 2012.

“An American Historian Reflects on Catholic Women’s History in Europe,” launch of *Gender, Catholicism, and Spirituality: Women and the Roman Catholic Church in Britain and Europe, 1200-1900*. ed. Carmen Mangion and Laurence Lux-Sterritt (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2011), at History of Women Religious-Britain and Ireland Annual Conference, London, England, June 2011.

“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, May 2010.

“Rehabilitating Bridget: Irish Americans and Anti-Catholicism,” Celtic Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting, University of Notre Dame, April 2010.

“Rehabilitating Bridget: Sainthood in American Culture, 1880-1925,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2009.

**\*\*\*Winner of the Best Paper Prize, Religious Caucus of the American Studies Association**

“Teaching American Catholic History,” American Catholic Historical Association Meeting, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, April 2009.

“Catholic Saints and the Re-imagining of American Identity,” Great Lakes American Studies Association Regional Conference, Notre Dame, Indiana, March 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 City, January 2009.

“‘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, Kansas. (Organized panel on “Sisterhood and its Limits: Interaction between Lay and Religious Catholic Women in the Twentieth Century”), June 2004.

“The Morbid Consciousness of Womanhood”: Gender, American Catholics, and the Case Against Woman Suffrage, 1890-1915” American Catholic Historical Association, Washington, D.C. (Organized panel on “Writing Catholic Women’s History”), January 2004.

“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, Chicago, Illinois, October 2003.

#### **PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION: OTHER**

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Panelist, “Women and the Life of the Church,” Notre Dame Forum, April 2014.

Commentator, “Catholics and Mormons: A New Dialogue,” University of Notre Dame, December 2013.

Commentator: Band of Sisters, Saint Mary’s College, September 2013

Moderator, “Domesticating and Differentiating Mary,” American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2013.

Commentator, American Catholic Studies Seminar, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, February 2012.

Chair, “Mining Sources in Religious History: Perils and Pitfalls,” Graduate Student Roundtable, American Catholic Historical Association, Chicago, January 2012.

Chair, "Beyond 'Teaching Tolerance': Changing the Discourse of Tolerance in America, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 2010.

Chair, "Teaching Sisters," Conference on the History of Women Religious, University of Scranton, Penn., June 2010.

Commentator, *Prayers of the Faithful* by James McCartin (Harvard, 2010), American Catholic Studies Seminar, University of Dayton, April 2010.

Commentator, "Isaac Hecker and the American Church," American Catholic Historical Association Meeting, New York City, January 2009.

Chair, "A Call for Forty Thousand: New Approaches for the Study of U.S. Mission," American Catholic Historical Association Spring Meeting, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 2007.

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, November 2007.

Chair and Commentator, "Varieties of Women's Experience in the Ultramontane Church," American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 2006.

Chair, "Irish American Personalities," American Conference for Irish Studies Annual Meeting, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 2005.

Moderator, "Primary Sources for Future Research," Conference on "The Future of American Catholic History," University of Notre Dame, April 2005.

"Women and Vocation," Discussion Leader, Enhancing the Theological Conversation on Vocation Conference, Indianapolis, October 2004.

"History of U.S. Catholicism," St. Paul's Parish, Valparaiso, Indiana, March 2004.

"Catholicism in Twentieth Century America," St. Patrick's Parish, Urbana, Illinois, May 2002.

"Fifty Years of S.J.L.A.," Panelist, University of Scranton, April 2001.

Keynote Speaker, *Alpha Sigma Nu* [Jesuit Honor Society] Induction, University of Scranton, April 2000.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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**External:**

Frank J. O’Hara Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Scranton, 2013

Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2010-11.

Best Paper Prize, Religion Caucus of the American Studies Association, 2009 Annual Meeting.

**Internal (University of Notre Dame):**

Library Acquisitions Grant, Office of Research, to acquire Badin Bible, 2014.

Global Collaboration Initiative, Notre Dame International, for symposium in London on “Daughters of the Church, Citizens of the World: A Transnational Study of Catholic Women Religious and the Second Vatican Council,” 2014

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, October 2011

Miscellaneous Materials Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, May 2010 (applied toward intensive study of Italian language, summer 2010).

Mini-Conference Grant, “Transatlantic Catholicism: The French-American Connection,” Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, December 2009.

Joyce Award Grant, Office of the Provost, University of Notre Dame, (applied toward enhancing use of technology in classrooms), summer 2008.

Book Subvention Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 2008.

Edmund P. Joyce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2007.

Lilly Faculty Fellow, Notre Dame Vocation Initiative, 2002.

**TEACHING**

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**Courses Taught:**

Senior Seminar: Women & American Religion  
Sanctity and Society  
Transformations in American Society, 1877-1929

Introduction to American Studies  
Gilded Age/Progressive Era America  
Ethnicity and American Identity

American Experience in the Modern World  
History of American Women, 1890-present  
Women and Religion in the U.S.

American Immigration, 1820-1924  
Catholics in America  
Senior Seminar in U.S. Catholicism

**\*\*\* Recipient of the Edmund P. Joyce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2007**

**Dissertation Committees Served:**

Cassandra Yacovzzi, Department of History, University of Missouri (defended Dec. 2014)

Jennifer Kryzak, Department of Religion, Duke University (defended April 2014)

Sheila Nowinski, Department of History, University of Notre Dame (defended June 2012)

Massimo DiGiacchino, Department of History, *Scuola Normale Superiore*, Pisa, Italy

Kirk Farney, Department of History, University of Notre Dame

Michael Skaggs, Department of History, University of Notre Dame

**Mentoring:**

Josh Kerschmar, Cushwa Fellow, 2011-2013

Rev. Stephen Koeth, CSC, Intern, Cushwa Center, 2009-10

Heidi Rocha, Undergraduate, Dept. of American Studies, Academic Honors Program for Student Athletes, 2007-09

Dixie Dillon, Ph.D. candidate in Dept. of History, Graduate Student Assistant, Cushwa Center, 2008-09

Charles Strauss, Ph.D. candidate in Dept. of History, Graduate Assistant, Cushwa, 2005-08

Justin Poché, Ph.D. candidate in Dept. of History, Graduate Assistant, Cushwa, 2003-04, 2006-07

**Theses Directed at University of Notre Dame:**

“Brother Joseph Dutton and the Lepers on Molokai,” by Lilia Draime, Department of History Senior Thesis (in progress)

“Residential Life at Notre Dame,” by Mary Kate Veselik, Department of American Studies Senior Thesis, 2013-14.

“SMART GIRLS,” by Olivia Lee, Department of American Studies Senior Thesis, Notre Dame, 2012-13.

“America’s Efforts to End China’s One-Child Policy: All Girls Allowed and Gendercide Prevention,” by Anne McKeon, Dept. of American Studies Senior Thesis, Notre Dame, 2012.

“The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ,” by Carolyn Rumer, Dept. of History Senior Thesis, Notre Dame, 2009-10

“Notre Dame and the Transition to Coeducation” by Erin Thornton, Department of History Senior Thesis, Notre Dame, 2007.

“Bewitched by the Devil in Attempts to Cleanse Souls: The Salem Witch Trials and the Magdalene Laundries” by Kelly Smith, Gender Studies Senior Thesis, Notre Dame, 2003

#### **Other Teaching at the University of Notre Dame:**

Teachers as Scholars, two-day seminar on Catholics in America, September 2014

“Reflections on the Badin Bible,” Log Chapel, July 2014

Guest Lecturer, “Protestants and Catholics in American History,” graduate seminar, Department of History, Prof. Mark Noll, Nov. 2013

Panelist, “What did He Just Say? Pope Francis Unfiltered,” Office of Campus Ministry, October 2013

Panelist, “From Pope Benedict to Pope Francis: Contrasts and Continuities,” College of Arts and Letters Saturday Scholars, September 2013

Panelist, “A New Pope and a Historic Transition,” Badin Guild, August 2013

A history of Catholic Education, Alliance for Catholic Education, June 2013

“Sr. Jean Lenz Roundtable,” Farley Hall, February 2013

“Academic and Residential Life at Notre Dame,” Pop Farley Week Keynote Speaker, Farley Hall, January 2013

“Canonization in America,” Catholic Graduate Student Association, December 2012



"Kateri Tekakwitha," St. Thomas More Society, Law School, November 2012

"Catholic Women in America," Intro to Gender Studies, Prof. Abby Palko, September 2012, February 2013

"Citizen Saints," Notre Dame Leadership Seminar, July 2012

"American Saints," Department of Engineering Retired Faculty, May 2012

"The City in Early America," Prof. Catherine Cangany, Dept. of History, fall 2011

"Intro to Gender Studies," Prof. Abby Palko, Gender Studies, fall 2011

"Exploring History Outside the Classroom," Prof. Dan Graff, Dept. of History, fall 2011

"Intro to American Studies," Prof. Jason Ruiz, Dept. of American Studies, fall 2011

"Protestants and Catholics in American History," graduate seminar, Dr. Mark Noll, Dept. of History, fall 2011

"American Saints," Presentation to the Colloquium on Religion in History (CORAH), February 2010.

Commentator, *God's Economy* by Lew Daly, Evangelical-Catholic Dialogue, University of Notre Dame, February 2010.

"Feminism and the Catholic Faith," Guest Speaker, Women's Liturgical Choir Retreat, September 2009.

"Catholicism, Religion, and Gender," Guest Lecture, Today's Gender Roles, Prof. Joan Aldous, Dept. of Sociology, October 2009.

"American Saints," Introduction to American Studies, Prof. Erika Doss, Dept. of American Studies, September 2009.

"A History of Catholic Education in the United States," Three-part lecture series for the Alliance for Catholic Education (A.C.E.) Annually, June 2004 through June 2012.

"Irish Women, Work, and Migration," Guest Lecture, Irish-American Experience, Prof. Patrick Griffin, Dept. of History, March 2009.

"Women Religious and Parochial Education," Guest Lecture, School Choice, Rev. Timothy Scully, CSC, Department of Political Science, September 2008.

“Nuns in America,” Introduction to Gender Studies, Prof. Sophie White, spring 2003.

“Student Engagement at Notre Dame,” Presentation to Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, April 2009.

“*New Women of the Old Faith: A Discussion*,” Exploring History Outside the Classroom, Dept. of History, April 2009.

“Me, Philadelphia, and History: Three Stories,” Keynote Speaker, Phi Alpha Theta Induction, Department of History, Notre Dame, March 2009.

“New Women of the Old Faith,” Presentation to Campus Ministers and University Rectors, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 2009.

“Women and Catholicism in American History,” Five-part lecture series for on-line course, Satellite Theological Education Program, Institute for Church Life, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2005.

“Can you be a Catholic and a Feminist?” Theology on Tap, University of Notre Dame, February 2005.

“Sisterhood and its Limits: Cooperation between Vowed and Lay Catholic Women in Twentieth Century America,” Gender Studies Faculty Forum, University of Notre Dame, November 2004.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Selection Committee, “Dominicans on Mission,” McGreal Center, Dominican University, Spring 2015

Host, American Catholic Historical Association Spring Meeting, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2015

Chair and Coordinator, Conference on the History of Women Religious, January 2014-present.

Member, Organizing Committee on Vatican II, American Academy of Religion, 2011-2016.

Co-chair, Local Arrangements Committee, *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America*, Center for History, South Bend, Indiana, 2009-2011

Member, Editorial Board, Book Series in Catholic Studies, Fordham University Press, 2010.

Editor, *American Catholic Studies Newsletter*, 24-page journal published biannually, 2002-2012.

Organizer, "Citizenship and Belonging: Gender, Race and Ethnicity in Representations of American Catholicism," Panel, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Co-Chair, Great Lakes American Studies Association Regional Conference, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, March 2009.

Committee on Nominations, American Catholic Historical Association, elected to three-year term, January 2009.

Scholarly Advisory Committee, Catholic Research Resources Alliance, appointed 2008.

Executive Council Member, American Society of Church History, elected January 2008.

Steering Committee, History of Women Religious, appointed 2007.

Contributing Editor, Religion in American History, (<http://usreligion.blogspot.com>).

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, Indiana, June 2007.

Consultant, Scholars Roundtable, Center for the Study of Religious Life, Chicago, Illinois, 2006-2009.

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*, 2005-present.

Consultant, *Passing on the Faith*, *Passing on the Church*, Three-year project sponsored by the Charles and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, 2005-2008.

Participant, Young Scholars in American Religion Program, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indiana, 2005-2007.

Participant in annual New Voices Seminar, Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2004, 2005.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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### **Committees Served:**

Member, Search Committee, Director of University of Notre Dame Press, 2014-2015

Member, University Committee on Criterion-Mission, 2012-13.

Appointed Member, Arts & Letters Women's Advisory Council, 2013

Member, Search Committee, Department of History, 2009-2010.

Member Laetare Medal Award Committee, 2008-2011.

Elected Member, Gender Studies Steering Committee, Fall 2008.

Gender Relations Task Group, Office of Student Affairs, 2004.

Honesty Committee, Department of History, 2002-2003.

Faculty Review Board, Office of Residence Life, 2002-2003.

### **Professional Enrichment:**

Participant, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, June 2011, November 2013

Intensive Language Study in Italian, summer 2010, summer 2012.

Participant, Faculty Seminar in Feminist Theology, led by M. Catherine Hilbert, OP, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 2008-09.

Participant, "Teaching Film across the Humanities," Seminar led by Jim Collins, Department of Film, Television and Theatre, Univ. of Notre Dame, May 2008.

### **Other:**

Badin Hall, Faculty Fellow, 2014-present

Mock Interview Team for Lilly Graduate Fellows Program, ND Fellowships Office, College of Arts and Letters, 2008, 2009.

Faculty Mentor, Academic Honors Program for Student-Athletes, 2007-2008.

Residential Scholars, Office of Student Affairs, 2006-2007.

Faculty Fellow, Pangborn Hall, 2004-2005, 2005-2006.

Panelist, "Vocations in Conflict? Motherhood and the Professional Life," sponsored by the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative, 2004.

Discussion Leader, "Faith and Feminism," Farley Hall, November 2002.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Studies Association

American Historical Association

American Catholic Historical Association (elected to three- year term on Committee on Nominations, January 2008)

American Society of Church History (elected to two-year term on Executive Council January 2008)

Conference on the History of Women Religious (Member of Steering Committee, 2007-2014; Conference Coordinator, 2014-2017)

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