

# Shannon Craigo-Snell

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## Academic Employment

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- 2011-present Professor of Theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
2020-2023 Associate Academic Dean, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary  
2012-2016 Faculty Director, Grawemeyer Award in Religion  
2009-2011 Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University  
secondary appointment, Yale Divinity School  
2002-2009 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University  
2001-2002 Lecturer Convertible in Religious Studies, Yale University

## Ecclesial Affiliation

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament

## Education

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- 2002 Ph.D., Religious Studies (Theology), Yale University  
2000 M.Phil., Yale University  
1997 M.A., Religious Studies, Yale University  
1995 M.Div., Yale Divinity School, *Summa Cum Laude*  
1992 B.A., Theatre Studies and English Literature, Guilford College, *High Honors*

## Honors and Awards

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- 2014 Wabash Center Mid-Career Colloquy Project Grant  
2011 A. Whitney Griswold Faculty Research Grant, Yale University (declined)  
2006-2007 Fellow, Whitney Humanities Institute, Yale University  
2005 Louisville Institute Grant  
2005-2006 Morse Fellowship Sabbatical Grant, Yale University  
2005 Guilford College Young Alumni Achievement Award  
2000-2001 Yale University Dissertation Fellowship  
1997-1998 Charles Deere Wiman Memorial Fellowship, Yale University  
1995-1999 Yale University Fellowship

- 1992-1995 Associates Scholar, Yale Divinity School  
 1992 First Recipient, Donald Deagon Achievement Award, Guilford College

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### Books

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Craigo-Snell, Shannon. *John (Belief: A Theological Commentary)*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, under contract.

---. *Disciplined Hope: Prayer, Politics, and Resistance*. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2019.

--- and Christopher Doucot. *No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice*. Westminster John Knox, 2017.

Reviews: *Today's American Catholic, Reading Religion, Presbyterian Outlook, Interpretation, Horizons, Anglican Theological Review*

---. *The Empty Church: Theater, Theology, and Bodily Hope*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Reviews: *Modern Theology, Theology Today, Theology, Toronto Journal of Theology, Themelios, Regent's Reviews, Expository Times, Touchstone, Transpositions: Theology, Imagination and the Arts, Reviews in Religion and Theology, Scottish Journal of Theology, Religious Studies Review; Performance, Religion, and Spirituality; Worship*

--- and Shawnthea Monroe. *Living Christianity: A Pastoral Theology for Today*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.

Reviews: *Christian Century, Dialog, Practical Matters Journal, Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology, Religious Studies Review, Reviews in Religion and Theology, Presbyterian Outlook, Themelios*

---. *Silence, Love, and Death: Saying "Yes" to God in the Theology of Karl Rahner*. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2008.

Reviews: *Theological Studies, Heythrop Journal, International Journal of Systematic Theology, The Ecumenist, Perspectives in Religious Studies*

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### Edited Volumes

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Craigo-Snell, Shannon and Christine Helmer, eds. *Claiming God: Essays in Honor of Marilyn McCord Adams*. Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2022.

--- and Todd E. Johnson, eds. *Liturgy* 35, no. 4 (2020).

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## Articles

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- Craigo-Snell, Shannon. "Acting Out and Acting In: Analyzing Digital and Virtual Liturgy." *Annali di Studi Religiosi* 25/24 (2024): 119-136.
- . "The Theological Anthropology of *Dobbs*: Women in Service to White Nationalism." *Anglican Theological Review* (2024): <https://doi.org/10.1177/00033286241270478>.
- . "Generational Joy: Affections, Epigenetics, and Trauma." *Liturgy* 35, no. 4 (2020): 58-66.
- and Todd E. Johnson. "Pandemics, Protests, and Performances: Embodying Our Faith in Unexpected Ways." *Liturgy* 35, no. 4 (2020): 1-7.
- . "Feminist Theology, Plant Names, and Power." *Religions* 10, no. 3 (2019): <https://doi.org/10.3390/re110030184>.
- . "Wrestling with God: The Lived Theodicy of Marilyn McCord Adams." *Anglican Theological Review* 100, no. 2 (2018): 339-354.
- . "*Imago Dei* in the Waiting Room." *Touchstone* 34, no. 1 (2016): 23-30.
- . "Tradition on Fire: Polydoxy, Orthodoxy, and Theological Epistemology." *Modern Theology* 30, no. 3 (2014): 17-33. Reprinted in Mary-Jane Rubenstein and Kathryn Tanner, eds. *Polydox Reflections*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
- . "Rahner's Mission: A Response to Richard Lennan." *Philosophy and Theology* 25, no. 2 (2013): 271-274.
- . "Response to David Boulton and Jeffrey Dudiak." *Quaker Religious Thought* 118 (2012): 45-50.
- . "Kairos in the Chronos: Prophetic Calls in Contemporary Culture." *Philosophy and Theology* 23, no. 2 (2011): 301-315.
- . "Contesting the Primacy of the Word: Activism, Autobiography, and Mimesis." *Feminist Theology* 18, no. 3 (2010): 257-276.
- . "Theology as Performance." *The Ecumenist* 45, no. 2 (2008): 6-10.
- . "Empowering the Truth." *Quaker Religious Thought* 108 (2007): 18-29.
- . "What Would Buffy Do? A Pop Culture Feminist Ethic of Violence." *Jump Cut* 48 (Winter 2006).
- . "Command Performance: Rethinking Performance Interpretation in the Context of *Divine Discourse*." *Modern Theology* 16, no. 4 (2000): 475-494.

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## Book Chapters

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- Craigo-Snell, Shannon and Todd E. Johnson. "Theatre and Drama." In *T&T Clark Companion to Theology and the Arts*, edited by Stephen M. Garrett and Imogen Adkins. New York: Bloomsbury, forthcoming.
- Craigo-Snell, Shannon. "Marilyn McCord Adams." In *T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*, edited by R. David Nelson and Philip G. Ziegler. New York: Bloomsbury, forthcoming, 2024.
- and Todd E. Johnson. "Christianity and Theatre." In *Routledge Handbook of Christianity and Culture*, edited by Yaakov Ariel, Gregor Thuswaldner, and Jens Zimmerman, 500-514. New York: Routledge, 2024.
- . "Marilyn McCord Adams." In *T&T Clark Handbook on Suffering and the Problem of Evil*, edited by Matthias Grebe and Johannes Grössl, 218-221. New York: Bloomsbury, 2023.
- . "Standing at the Corner of Sin and Grace." In *Feminist Theologies: Interstices and Fractures*, edited by Rebekah Pryor and Stephen Burns, 15-22. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2023.
- . "Friendship, Human and Divine." In *Claiming God: Essays in Honor of Marilyn McCord Adams*, edited by Christine Helmer and Shannon Craigo-Snell, 75-93. Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2022.
- and Christine Helmer. "Striving into God." In *Claiming God: Essays in Honor of Marilyn McCord Adams*, edited by Christine Helmer and Shannon Craigo-Snell, 3-11. Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2022.
- . "Reforming Calvinism." In *Oxford Handbook of Calvin and Calvinism*, edited by Bruce Gordon and Carl Trueman, 608-624. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021.
- . "The Prophets and Theology." In *Oxford Handbook of the Prophets*, edited by Carolyn J. Sharp, 571-588. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- and Cynthia Rigby, Joerg Rieger, and Kathleen Sands. "What Do We Know and How? Context and Questions." In *Awake to the Moment: An Introduction to Theology*, edited by Laurel Schneider and Stephen Ray, 19-67. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2016.
- . "From Narrative to Performance?" In *The Theological Anthropology of David Kelsey: Responses to Eccentric Existence*, edited by Gene Outka, 147-171. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing, 2016.
- . "In Praise of Empty Churches." In *Theatrical Theology: Explorations in Performing the Faith*, edited by Trevor A. Hart and Wesley Vander Lugt, 88-112. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2014.
- . "Passing as Male in the Academy: Dynamics of Performance and Desire." In *The Embrace of Eros: Bodies, Desires, and Sexuality in Christianity*, edited by Margaret Kamitsuka, 135-150. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010.

- . "Interdisciplinary Theology: Bridging the Theology/Religious Studies Divide." In *Theology and Religious Studies in Higher Education: Global Perspectives*, edited by Darlene Bird and Simon Smith, 151-161. New York: Continuum, 2009.
- . "Multiplication and Division: Feminist Theology from 1980 to 2000." In *Women's Culture in a New Era: A Feminist Revolution?* edited by Gayle Kimball, 203-214. Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2005.

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### Biblical Commentary

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- Craigo-Snell, Shannon. "The Bread of Life for All: John 6:35, 41-51" *Political Theology Network* (2024): <https://politicaltheology.com/?p=76663>
- . "Discerning Hired Hands from Good Shepherds: John 10:11-18" *Political Theology Network* (2024): <https://politicaltheology.com/discerning-hired-hands-from-good-shepherds/>
- . "The Light in the Darkness: John 3:14-21" *Political Theology Network* (2024): <https://politicaltheology.com/the-light-in-the-darkness/>
- . "Trustworthy Testimony: John 3:13-17." *Political Theology Network* (2023): <https://politicaltheology.com/trustworthy-testimony/>
- . "Between Text and Sermon: Genesis 19: 1-28." *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 74, no. 3 (2020): 289-291.
- . In *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship, Year A*, edited by Joel Green, Thomas Long, Luke Powery, and Cynthia Rigby, Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2019.
- "II Peter 1:16-21, Last Sunday after the Epiphany (Transfiguration Sunday)." 311-314.
- "Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28, (29-31), Ninth Sunday after the Epiphany." 294-299.
- "I Corinthians 4:1-5, Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany." 280-283.
- "I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16:23, Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany." 265-268.
- . In *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship, Year C*, vol. 1, edited by Joel Green, Thomas Long, Luke Powery, and Cynthia Rigby, Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2018.
- "1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Second Sunday after the Epiphany." 184-186.
- "1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Third Sunday after the Epiphany." 199-202.
- "1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany." 215-217.

- . "Hope: Psalms 39:7 and 1Peter 1." In *Common English Bible Women's Bible*, edited by Jaime Clark-Soles, Judy L. Fentress-Williams, Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Christine Chakoian, and Rachel Baughman, 693. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2016.
- . In *Feasting on the Gospels: Luke*, vol.2, edited by Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson, Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.
- "Luke 17:1-10." 110-114.
- "Luke 17:11-19." 116-120.

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### Essays in Popular Venues

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- Craigo-Snell, Shannon. "Whose Voice Am I Hearing?" *Presbyterians Today* (forthcoming).
- . "The Liturgy of a Black Lives Matter Protest." *Christian Century* (2020): <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/first-person/liturgy-black-lives-matter-protest>
- . "Third-Order Theology." *Syndicate* (2020): <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/syndicate-project-on-the-state-of-theology/#syndicate>
- . "The Great Commandment." *Ecclesio* (2018): <http://www.ecclesio.com/2018/06/great-commandment-shannon-craigo-snell/>
- . "Goals." *Inside Higher Ed* (2017): <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2017/01/13/reaching-your-goals-keeping-track-your-work-essay>
- . "Unlikeable." *Inside Higher Ed* (2016): <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2016/10/28/how-being-likable-influences-ones-progress-academe-essay>
- . "Editing." *Inside Higher Ed* (2016): <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2016/11/18/recommendations-how-marginalized-academics-can-improve-their-editing-essay>
- . "Recommendations." *Inside Higher Ed* (2016): <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2016/12/02/advice-students-how-approach-faculty-members-recommendations-essay>
- . "Pride and Sloth." *The Presbyterian Outlook*, March (2015).
- . "What the Ferguson Protests Mean for Religious Progressive Activism." *Religion Dispatches* (2014): <http://religiondispatches.org/what-the-ferguson-protests-mean-for-religious-progressive-activism/>

- . "Ferguson in Context." *Huffington Post* (2014): [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shannon-craigosnell/ferguson-in-context\\_b\\_6181292.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shannon-craigosnell/ferguson-in-context_b_6181292.html)
- . "Love Means Getting to Say You're Sorry—Why I Was Arrested in Ferguson." *Huffington Post* (2014): [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shannon-craigosnell/ferguson-clergy-arrests\\_b\\_6002258.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shannon-craigosnell/ferguson-clergy-arrests_b_6002258.html)
- . "Marching into Danger: Fear and Hope in Ferguson." *The Christian Century* 131, no. 20 (2014): 10-11.
- . "Hold on Tightly." *Horizons* 27, no.1 (2014): 4-7.
- . "Theological Construction Zone." *Mosaic* 18, no. 2 (2013): 11.
- . "The Price Is Too High." *Black Church Studies Blog* (2013): <http://www.lpts.edu/academics/degrees-programs/black-church-studies/blog>.
- . "God is a Hoarder." *Thinking Out Loud* (2012): <http://www.michaeljinkins.com/2012/07/god-is-hoarder.html>.
- . "The Good Housekeeping Panopticon, or Why I Don't Do Yoga." *Profligate Grace* (2011): <http://www.profligategrace.com/?p=629>.

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### Sermons

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- Craigo-Snell, Shannon. "A New Game, A Different Game." *The Inclusive Pulpit Journal* 24, no. 20 (2020): 28-32.
- . "Harsh Truths for Reformation Sunday." *Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice* (2017): <http://justiceunbound.org/carousel/harsh-truths-for-reformation-sunday/>
- . "A Savior, Not a Hero: Jesus Never Shows Up Too Late." *The Christian Century* 132, no. 15 (2015): 30-31.

In addition to published sermons, I have preached in CA, CT, FL, IL, IN, KY, MI, NC, NJ, OH, OK, PA, RI, TX, and WV.

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### Reference Articles

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- Craigo-Snell, Shannon and Todd E. Johnson. "Performing Arts and Embodiment in Christian Theology." In *St Andrews Encyclopaedia of Theology*, edited by Brendan N. Wolfe et al. University of St Andrews, 2022-. Article published August 30, 2024. <https://www.saet.ac.uk/Christianity/PerformingArtsandEmbodiment>.
- Craigo-Snell, Shannon. "Supernatural Existential." In *Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, edited by Ian A. McFarland, David A.S. Fergusson, Iain R. Torrance, and Karen Kilby, 488. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

- . "Patriarchy." In *Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, edited by Ian A. McFarland, David A.S. Fergusson, Iain R. Torrance, and Karen Kilby, 374-375. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
- . "Anthropology, Feminist Theological Issues." In *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, edited by Daniel Patte, 52-53. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- . "Image of God: Contemporary Feminist and Liberation Theological Perspectives." In *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, edited by Daniel Patte, 585-586. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- . "Silence." In *Encyclopedia of Religion, Communication, and Media*, edited by Daniel Stout, 406-409. New York: Routledge, 2006.

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### Book Reviews

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- Craigo-Snell, Shannon. Review of *Constructive Theology and Gender Variance: Transformative Creatures*, by Susannah Cornwall. *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 77, no. 2 (2024): 190-191.
- . Review of *Transgressive Devotion: Theology as Performance Art*, by Natalie Wigg-Stevenson. *Modern Theology* 38, no.3 (2022): 670-673.
  - . Review of *Sexism and Sin-Talk: Feminist Conversations on the Human Condition*, by Rachel Sophia Baard. *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 75, no. 4 (2021): 339-341.
  - . Review of *Cut in Stone: Confederate Monuments and Theological Disruption*, by Ryan Andrew Newsom. *Scottish Journal of Theology* 74, no. 3 (2021): 283-284.
  - . Review of *Learning Theology: Tracking the Spirit of Christian Faith*, by Amos Yong. *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, 74, no. 2 (2020): 218.
  - . Review of *What Does the Bible Say? A Critical Conversation with Popular Culture in a Biblically Illiterate World*, by Mary Ann Beavis and Hye Ran Kim-Cragg. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 34, no. 1 (2018): 142-143.
  - . Review of *Identity, Ethics, and Nonviolence in Postcolonial Theory: A Rahnerian Theological Assessment*, by Susan Abraham. *Theological Studies* 72, no. 1 (2011): 204-206.
  - . Review of *Keeping God's Silence: Towards a Theological Ethics of Communication*, by Rachel Muers. *Modern Theology* 22, no. 2 (2006): 320-322.
  - . Review of *Gentle Invaders: Quaker Women Educators and Racial Issues During the Civil War and Reconstruction*, by Linda B. Selleck. *Quaker Religious Thought* 30, no.2 (2001): 9-17.

Note: Writings marked as forthcoming are written, accepted, and in the process of publication.



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## Academic Presentations

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- “Acting Out and Acting In.” European Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland (2023).
- “An Ensemble Production: Liturgical Healing in Times of Trauma.” Keynote address. Andrews University Music and Worship Conference, Berrien Springs, MI (2022).
- With Leslie Callahan. “Theological Reparations: Rethinking the Doctrine of Sin.” Christianity and White Supremacy: Heresy and Hope conference. Princeton University. Princeton, NJ (2019).
- “Performing Rehearsal.” Sermon: Text and Performance conference, Marshall University. Huntington, WV (2017).
- “Performing Church.” Three keynote lectures. Winter Refresher, St. Andrew’s College. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (2016).
- “Training for Ecstasy.” Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology at the Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame, IN (2015).
- “Performing Epistemologies of Resistance.” Alternative Epistemologies series, University of Chicago Divinity School. Chicago, IL (2013).
- “In Praise of Empty Churches.” Plenary address. Theatrical Theology: Conversations on Performing the Faith, conference of the Institute of Theology, Imagination, and the Arts. St. Andrew’s, Scotland (2012).
- “Narrative, Performance, and Power: Sacraments in Global Settings.” Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention. St. Louis, MO (2012).
- “Disembodied Knowledge as Bodily Practice.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA (2011).
- “Embodied Performance and Christian Formation: Ignatius of Loyola Meets Constantin Stanislavski.” Biennial Conference of the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture. Oxford (2010).
- “Embodied Learning: Using Theater Exercises in Theology Class.” Biennial Conference of the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture. Oxford (2010).
- “Kairos in the Chronos: Prophetic Calls in Contemporary Culture.” Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention. Cleveland, OH (2010).
- “The Empty Church: A Theatrical and Theological Case for Ritual Iconoclasm.” Troubling Images conference, Yale University. New Haven, CT (2010).

- “Feminist Theology as Epistemic Violence, or In Praise of Girlfights.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Washington, DC (2006).
- “Empowering the Truth.” Quaker Theological Discussion Group. Washington, D.C. (2006).
- “Theology as Performance: A Broad Vision for Theology within Religious Studies.” Theology and Religious Studies or Theology vs. Religious Studies? Conference. St. Anne’s College, Oxford University. Oxford (2006).
- “Interdisciplinary Theology: Bridging the Theology/Religious Studies Divide.” Theology and Religious Studies or Theology vs. Religious Studies? conference. St. Anne’s College, Oxford University. Oxford (2006).
- “Writing the Female Body: Quaker Autobiography as Theological Disruption.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group. Toronto (2002).
- “Derrida and Silence: address of a Friend whose sex is specified.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; Theology and Religious Reflection Section. Nashville, TN (2000).
- With Madhuri Yadlapati. “Resistance Is Futile (*Star Trek, First Contact*): The Consumption of Otherness in the Computer Era.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; Arts, Literature, and Religion Section. San Francisco, CA (1997).

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### Invited Lectures

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- "Faith and Politics: The Reformation's Enduring Influence on Modern America." Reformed Studies Program, Yale Divinity School (2024).
- “What’s at Stake?” Good Trouble: A Critical Race Theory Colloquy. Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (2021).
- “Practicing Hope: A Guide for Allies.” Social Justice Events Series Lafayette College. Easton, PA (2017).
- “Calling Out Idolatry.” Ecumenical Advocacy Days Pre-Conference Event, sponsored by the National Council of the Churches of Christ. Washington, D.C. (2017).
- “Considering Barmen Today.” General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, PC(USA). Louisville, KY (2017).
- “Ecclesiology Now.” Schubert M. Ogden Seminar. Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, Brite Divinity School. Fort Worth, TX (2017).
- Preacher and Speaker, “Remind and Renew: Let’s Talk About Race, Liberty and Justice for All.” Phillips Theological Seminary. Tulsa, OK (2016).

“Living Water.” Two keynote lectures, Annual Conference of the International Council of Community Churches. Columbus, OH (2015).

“Performing Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Church Growth Leadership Summit. Lincoln, NE (2014).

“Performing Ecclesiology.” three-part series, Prolix national UCC pastors’ group annual meeting. Allenspark, CO (2011).

With Shawnthea Monroe. “Living Christianity: A Pastoral Theology for Preaching Today.” Yale Divinity School. New Haven, CT (2010).

With Shawnthea Monroe. “(Un)Common Faith for (Un)Common Times: A Theological Conversation About Real Life Issues.” F/M Communiversity at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (2007).

“Developing a Theology of Congregational Discernment.” Congregational Discernment Consultation. Colorado Springs, CO (2007).

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### Panels

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Panelist. “The Role of Social Ethics in New Visions for the PC(USA).” Social Ethics Network Annual Meeting. Louisville, KY (2019).

Panelist. “Author-Meets-Critics Session: Natalia Marandiuć’s *The Goodness of Home: Human and Divine Love and the Making of the Self*.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Denver, CO (2018).

Panelist. “Prophet Abraham and His Legacy: Jewish, Christian and Islamic Perspectives.” The Salaam Network. Louisville, KY (2017).

Panelist. “Denominational Identity and Social Ethics.” Social Ethics Network Annual Meeting. Louisville, KY (2015).

Panelist and Respondent. “Author-Meets-Critics Session: Shannon Craigo-Snell’s *The Empty Church: Theater, Theology, and Bodily Hope*.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers. San Diego, CA (2014).

Respondent. Catholic Theological Society of America Annual Convention, Rahner Consultation. St. Louis, MO (2012).

Respondent. “Quakerism and Theism/Nontheism.” Quaker Theological Discussion Group. San Francisco, CA (2011).

Panelist. “Voice and Voicelessness.” Yale Divinity School. New Haven, CT (2008, 2009).

Respondent. Amrita Basu's "When Women Are to Movements What Men Are to Parties: The Case of Hindu Nationalism in India." Yale University Faculty Seminar on Women, Religion, and Globalization. New Haven, CT (2007).

Panelist. "Teaching Scholars, Changing Models: A Consultation with Women Activists in the Academy." New York, NY (2007).

Panelist. "Profess(or)ing Jesus." Workgroup on Constructive Christian Theology. Nashville, TN (2007).

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### Courses Taught

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Black Theologies (with Lewis Brogdon and with Brandon McCormack)

Christian Understandings of Evil

Constructive Theology

Contemporary Theologies

Doctor of Ministry Systematics Seminar\*

Ecclesiology

Faith and Violence (with Amy Plantinga Pauw)\*\*

Faith Seeking Understanding (with Scott Williamson and with Kathryn Johnson)

Feminist Theologies

Formation for Religious Experience

History, Hope, and the Self: Modern Christian Thought

Introduction to Theology and Ethics (with Amy Plantinga Pauw)

Jewish and Christian Feminist Theologies (with Mara Benjamin)

Presbyterian Heritage (with Chris Elwood and with Cliff Kirkpatrick)\*

Political and Liberation Theologies\*\*

Queer Theologies

Reason, Faith, and Feeling: Early Modern Christian Thought

Systematic Theology (solo and with Amy Plantinga Pauw)\*

The Theology of Karl Rahner

Theology and Popular Culture

Theology and Power

Theology in the Modern West I and II

Theology, Theatre, and Performance

\*Both in person and online. \*\*Online.

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## Doctoral Projects

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**Ph.D.**

External examiner, Thomas Matthew Sharp, *Death, Darkness, and the Holy Spirit in the Theology of Karl Rahner*, Durham University, 2022.

Committee, Caitlin Simpson, *Trauma and Intersectionality in Trauma Informed Ministry*, Bellarmine University, 2021.

Committee, Henry S. Kuo, *Remembering the Church's Catholicity: Reformed Ecclesiology, Dangerous Memory, and Confessional Identity*, Graduate Theological Union, 2019.

Co-advisor, Cynthia Hess, *Sites of Trauma and Grace: Reconceiving Christian Nonviolence in Conversation with Trauma Studies*, Yale University, 2015.

**D.Min.**

Advisor, Louisa Umphries, *I Believe, Lord, Help My Unbelief: An Exploratory Needs Assessment for Doubt in PC(USA) Clergy*, Louisville Seminary, 2022.

Second reader, Amy Snow, *Skin in the Game: White Teaching Elders Seeking to Carry the Historic Abolitionist Mantle of Prophetic Leadership for Racial Justice*, Louisville Seminary, 2022

Second reader, Susan Presley, *Shooters Among Us: Case Studies of Dylan Roof and Emmanuel Samson and the Place of Institutional Church Socialization*, Louisville Seminary, 2021

Advisor, Tami Hooker, *Children of God in Prison Exile*, Louisville Seminary, 2020.

Second reader, Samuel Pendergrast, *Renewing the Presbytery: Listening to Commissioned Ruling Elders*, Louisville Seminary, 2020.

Second reader, Kyle Goodman, *Over the Hill and Everywhere: How the Art of Storytelling Can Revive the Practice of Evangelism*, Louisville Seminary, 2019.

Advisor, Casey Callahan, *A Collegiate Exploration of Celtic Spirituality*, Louisville Seminary, 2017.

Second reader, Mun Gye Lee, *A Reflective Leadership Model for the Missional Church: An Alternative Restoring the Spiritual Nature of the Korean Immigrant Church*, Louisville Seminary, 2017.

Second reader, Brian Miller, *Exploring the Concept of Moral Energy in Combat Veterans*, Louisville Seminary, 2016.

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## Conference Planning

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Steering Committee Chair. *Faith, Race, and Community*. Louisville Seminary October 12-13, 2015.

Steering Committee. *Sex and Religion in Migration* international conference. Yale University. September 15-18, 2005.

Steering Committee *Religion as Colonial Commodity: The Emergence of "Religion" and the Colonial Project* international conference. Yale University. September 18-21, 2003.

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## Church Education

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- “Understanding the Roots of Racism.” Keynote Address, Festival of Faith, Presbytery of West Virginia. Charleston, WV (2024).
- “Serving God with Our Whole Selves.” Women’s Retreat, The Peoples Church and Eastminster Presbyterian Church. DeWitt, MI (2023).
- “Understanding White Supremacy.” Educational Intensive, UCC General Synod. Indianapolis, IN (2023).
- “Sacrifice.” Clingman Forum. St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. St. Matthews, KY (2023).
- “Christianity, Racism, and the Blessing of Faith.” *The Henry and Annabel Larzelere Lecture*. The Peoples Church. East Lansing, MI (2021).
- “Beginnings: Race and Racism in the U.S.” Spirit of Sophia, Louisville, KY (2021).
- “Being a Faithful Ally.” Mid-Kentucky Presbytery. Louisville, KY (2021)
- “Rethinking Sin.” Clingman Forum. St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. St. Matthews, KY (2021).
- “Christian Understandings of Evil.” Three-part series. Second Presbyterian Church. Louisville, KY (2020).
- “No Innocent Bystanders.” Four-part series. Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church. Louisville, KY (2020).
- “Conspiring for Justice.” Preacher and teacher. First Presbyterian Church. Columbus, IN (2020).
- “No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice.” Three-part series. Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, KY (2018).
- “Conspiring for Justice.” Summer Lecture Series. St. Philip Presbyterian Church. Houston, TX (2018).
- “No Innocent Bystanders: Becoming an Ally in the Struggle for Justice.” Three-part series. Highland Baptist Church. Louisville, KY (2017).
- Keynote Speaker and Preacher. *Faith in Focus Weekend*. First Presbyterian Church. Sarasota, FL (2016).
- With David Wigger and Zach Heimach. “Faith and Ferguson.” Three-part series Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church. Louisville, KY (2015).
- “Jesus Today.” Four-part series. South Frankfort Presbyterian Church. Frankfort, KY (2014).

- “Karl Barth and His Theology.” Plymouth Church (UCC). Shaker Heights, OH (2013).
- “Evil.” Focus on Faith Series. Independent Presbyterian Church. Louisville, KY (2013).
- “Leadership and Christian Community.” Mid-Kentucky Presbytery Theology on Tap. Louisville, KY (2012).
- “Church and Theater in Conversation.” Four-part series. First Presbyterian Church. New Haven, CT (2011).
- “Christian Understandings of Evil.” Three-part series. First Presbyterian Church. New Haven, CT (2010).
- “Systematic Theology.” Four-part series. First Presbyterian Church. New Haven, CT (2009).
- With Shawnthea Monroe “Theological Tools for Everyday Life.” First Congregational Church (UCC). Moorhead, MN (2007).
- “Feminism and Spirituality.” Three-part workshop. New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Norton, MA (2002).
- “Intimacy, Identity, and Intrusion: The Dangers of Religious Discourse.” Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Hartford, CT (2002).
- “The Passion Narratives,” Six-part series. Lenten School of Religion. Albuquerque, NM (2000).
- “Why the Silent Should Speak: The Historical Injunction to Contemporary Quaker Theology,” Biennial Retreat of Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Hartford, CT (1997).
- “Sabbath Wisdom: Justice, Equality, and Rest.” Hartford Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Hartford, CT (1995).

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### Video and Podcast

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- “On Using Our Privileges for Good.” *The Diary of Diversity Champ*. 17 July 2023. *Spotify*.
- “Hands and Feet Event.” *Presbyterian Church (USA) 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly*. 7 July 2022. *ga-pcusa.org*.
- “Theatre, Theology, and Bodily Hope.” *Love, Rinse, Repeat*. 6 March 2022. *YouTube*.
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“Race in Louisville: Faith leaders finding solutions.” *WLKY News*. 15 October 2016. *wlky.com*.

“Fear Not!” Workgroup on Constructive Theology. 20 May 30, 2016. *YouTube*.

“Ordered Ministry 7—A Brief Statement of Faith.” *Theoacademy*. 3 July 2014. *YouTube*.

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## Website

*Breakdown Whiteness*, co-created with Kathryn Blanchard, Hannah Bowman, Amy Levad, and Kate Ott, [www.breakdownwhiteness.org](http://www.breakdownwhiteness.org)

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## Academic Service

### Guilford College

2021-present Board of Trustees

2022-present Constituent Engagement and Reputation Council

2021-present Academic Environment Council

### Louisville Seminary

2024 MAR Committee

2024 Christian Life Committee

2024 MFT Search Committee

2023-2024 Mosaic Symposium Committee

2022-present Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees

2022 Faculty Mentor

2022 Library Search Committee

2021-2024 Gender and Ministry Committee

2021 Strategic Initiative Task Force

2020-2021 Mission, Values, Vision Task Force

2020-2021 Admissions Committee

2019-present Black Church Studies Committee

2019-2020 Chair, Dean Search Committee



2018-present D.Min. Degree Committee (Track Leader 2019-2020)  
 2016-2017 M.Div. Degree Committee  
 2015-2016 MFT Faculty Search Committee  
 2015-2017 Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees  
 2013-2014 Community Affairs Committee  
 2013-2014 Faculty Grievance Committee  
 2012-2014 Faculty Representative to Staff Council  
 2012-2013 Library Search Committee  
 2012 Policy Review Committee  
 2011-2013 Academic Committee (Chair 2012-2013)  
 2011-2014 Institutional Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees

### **Yale University**

2010-2011 Assistant Director of Graduate Studies in Theology  
 2007-2009 Griswold Faculty Research/Hilles Publication Grants Committee  
 2007-2008 Faculty Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program  
 2007 Acting Assistant Director of Graduate Studies in Theology  
 2006-2008 University Committee on Majors  
 2006 Religious Studies Graduate Admissions Committee  
 2005 Faculty Mentor, Yale Playwrights Festival  
 2003-2005 Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship Committee  
 2003-2005 Committee on Teaching in the Residential Colleges  
 2001-2005 Women's and Gender Studies Council Member  
 2001-2005 Undergraduate Program Committee  
 2001-2005 Special Lectures Committee (chair: 2003)

### **Tenure and Promotion Reviews**

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Bellarmino University, 2023.

Yale Divinity School, 2021.

Manchester Metropolitan University, 2021.

Perkins School of Theology, 2020.

Bellarmino University, 2017.

Seattle Pacific University, 2013.

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## Professional Activities

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- 2016-present Steering Committee, Workgroup on Constructive Theology
- 2023-present Inspiration Council, The Sun-Walking Fellowship, funded by the Lilly Endowment Strengthening Congregational Ministries with Youth Initiative
- 2023-present Academic Advisory Board, Religious Communities in the Virtual Age, funded by the Collaboration of Humanities and Social Sciences in Europe
- 2021 Faculty Mentor, Vocation of the Theological Educator Program, Louisville Institute
- 2021 Facilitator, Louisville Institute Winter Seminar
- 2016-2018 Member, National Council of Churches Convening Table for Theological Matters and Faith and Order
- 2015 Presbyterian Church (USA) Antiracism Policy Committee
- “Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community Antiracism Study Guides,” and the Vision Statement of “Facing Racism: A Vision of Intercultural Community Churchwide Antiracism Policy” with Curtis A. Kerns, Jr., Victor Aloyo, Jr., Laura Chiefetz, Christine Darden, Sera Chung, and Samson Tso.
- 2015 Consultation on Theological Education Between the Times
- 2014-2015 Teaching and Learning Colloquy for Mid-Career Theological School Faculty, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2013-2016 Steering Committee, Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group, American Academy of Religion
- 2008-2010 Founding Co-chair, Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Consultation, American Academy of Religion
- 2007-2009 Core Faculty Seminar, Women, Religion, and Globalization Project, Yale University
- 2007 Co-Convener, Faculty Forum on Religion in the Public Sphere, Yale University
- 2006-2009 Coordinating Committee, Initiative for Politics and Religion at Yale

In addition, I have served as a reviewer for Anglican Theological Review, Duke University Press, Horizons, International Journal of Systematic Theology, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, Journal of Religion, Modern Theology, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Theological Studies, and Theology & Sexuality.

## **Professional Memberships**

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American Academy of Religion

Karl Rahner Society

Workgroup on Constructive Theology