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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University	1983-1993
Ph.D. awarded with honors, 1993	
M.A. 1989	
Major: Theology	
Minor: History of Christian Thought	
Stetson University	1977-1980
B.A. 1980	
Major: Humanities	
Auburn University	1976-1977
No degree	
Major: Piano Performance	

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Deconstruction, Feminist Theology and the Problem of Difference: Subverting the Race/Gender Divide. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Religion and Postmodernism Series (Mark C. Taylor, editor), 1999.

Bodily Citations: Religion and Judith Butler. Co-edited with Susan M. St. Ville. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006.

Articles/Book Chapters

“Toward an Elemental Theology: A Constructive Proposal.” In Theology that Matters: Ecology, Economy, and God. Ed. Darby Kathleen Ray. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2006.

“Theology in Modernity’s Wake.” “Reply to [Peter J.] Ochs.” “Response to Paul J. Griffiths.” Journal of the American Academy of Religion 74.1 (March 2006): 1-16, 19-20, 75-76.

“Man and His ‘Others,’” Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française, vol. 15, no. 1 (Spring 2005): 1-11.

“Touching Transcendence: Sexual Difference and Sacrality in Derrida's Le Toucher.” Derrida and Religion: Other Testaments. Ed. Yvonne Sherwood and Kevin Hart (New York: Routledge, 2005).

“God.” Co-authored with Laurel Schneider, Paul Capetz, Don Compier, et al. Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes. Ed. Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland. Fortress Press, 2004.

“Sex, Race, and Post(?)modernism: Toward a Feminist Deconstructive Philosophy of Religion.” Invited essay for Feminist Philosophy of Religion: Critical Readings, ed. Pamela Sue Anderson and Beverly Clack. Routledge Press, 2004.

“Divining Differences: Irigaray and Religion.” Religion in French Feminist Thought: Critical Perspectives. Edited by Kathy O’Grady, Morny Joy, and Judith Poxon. Routledge Press, 2003.

“Beyond Belief?: Sexual Difference and Religion After Ontotheology.” The Religious. Ed. John Caputo. Blackwell Readings in Continental Philosophy. Simon Critchley, General Ed. New York: Blackwell Press, 2002.

“Through flame or ashes”: Traces of Difference in Geist’s Return.” Feminist Interpretations of Martin Heidegger. Ed. Nancy Holland and Patricia Huntington. State College: Penn State University Press, 2001.

“American/French Intersections: The Play of Race/Class/Politics in Irigaray.” Reinterpreting the Political: Continental Philosophy and Political Theory. Ed. Lenore Langsdorf and Stephen H. Watson with Karen A. Smith. Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Volume 20. Albany: SUNY Press, 1998.

“Writing/Reading Selves, Writing/Reading Race.” Remembrance and Responsibility. Ed. Linda Martin Alcoff, Debra Bergoffen and John Caputo. Selected Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Volume 23. Philosophy Today 41, supplement.

Contribution to “Spiritual Geographies.” Cross Currents 48.2 (Summer 1998).

“Crossing the Boundaries Between Deconstruction, Feminism and Religion.” Feminist Interpretations of Derrida. Ed. Nancy Holland. Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997.

“Questions of Proximity: Woman's ‘Place’ in Derrida and Irigaray.” Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy, 12:1 (Winter 1997): 63-78.

“Sallie McFague.” New Handbook of Christian Theologians. Ed. Joseph Price and Donald Musser. Abingdon Press, 1996.

“Essentialism.” Dictionary of Feminist Theologies. Ed. Letty Russell and Shannon Clarkson. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996.

“On Diversity and Conflict.” Celebrating the Humanities: A Half Century of the Search Course at Rhodes College. Ed. Michael Nelson. Vanderbilt University Press, 1996.

“Questioning ‘Woman’ in Feminist/Womanist Theology: Irigaray, Ruether and Daly.” Transfigurations: Feminist Theology and the French Feminists. Ed. C.W. Maggie Kim, Susan M. St. Ville, and Susan M. Simonaitis. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1993.

“Recent French Feminist Works.” Religious Studies Review 17:3 (July 1991).

Selected book reviews

Review of Powers of Submission, Journal of the American Academy of Religion.

Review of Feminist Theory and Christian Theology. Journal of the American Academy of Religion.

Review of Knowing Other-wise. Religious Studies Review.

Review of Feminist Interpretations of Søren Kierkegaard. Religious Studies Review.

Review of Eros for the Other: Retaining Truth in a Pluralistic World. Journal of the American Academy of Religion (Fall 1998).

Review of Transcending Boundaries: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to the Study of Gender. Religious Studies Review 19:2 (April 1993).

PRESENTATIONS

“The State of the Union(s): Terri Schiavo and Religion in America.” NEXUS Interdisciplinary Conference on Religion and Nation, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 8 April 2006.

“Visualizing Philosophy: Abu Ghraib, Animality, and Cosmopolitanism.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Salt Lake City, Utah, 20-22 October 2005.

“Chasm or Chiasm?: Gift, Sexual Difference, Religion.” Session on “Chiasms of Exchange: Derrida’s Gifts.” International Association for Philosophy and Literature, Helsinki, Finland, 2-7 June 2005.

“Man and His Others.” Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Société Américaine de Philosophie de Langue Française, Eastern Section of the American Philosophical Association, Boston MA, 29 December 2004.

“Through the Looking Glass: ‘Man’ and His ‘Others’ After Modernity.” Invited presentation, Dept. of Philosophy, Hamline University, St. Paul MN, 9 November 2004.

“Material Differences: Heidegger’s Others.” Panel presentation, “Heidegger’s Materialities.” International Association of Philosophy and Literature, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY, 19-25 May 2004.

“Touching Transcendence: Sexual Difference and Sacrality in Derrida's Le Toucher.” Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group/Theology and Continental Philosophy Group, American Academy of Religion, 25 November 2002.

Panelist, “Virginity, Death, and Subjectivity in Feminist Philosophy of Religion: Françoise Meltzer's For Fear of the Fire: Joan of Arc and the Limits of Subjectivity.” Philosophy of Religion Section. American Academy of Religion. 26 November 2002.

Respondent, An Ethics of Dissensus: Postmodernity, Feminism, and the Politics of Radical Democracy by Ewa Planowska Ziarek, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, 10 October 2002, Chicago IL.

“Interpreting Practices, Sustaining Differences: Deconstruction as Hermeneutical Praxis.” Invited presentation, International Congress on Hermeneutics, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY (May 5-10, 2002). Published in conference proceedings.

Respondent, “Gender, Deconstruction, and the Divine: Feminist Approaches to Philosophy of Religion.” Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Denver CO, 18 November 2001.

“‘Through flame or ashes’: Spectral Sightings, Haunting Differences.” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy. Baltimore MD. 5 October 2001.

Panelist, Responses to Serene Jones, Feminist Theory and Christian Theology: Cartographies of Grace. Society for Theology and Continental Philosophy. Baltimore MD. 4 October 2001.

“Theology, Feminist Theory, and Postmodernism.” Department of Religious Studies, Syracuse University. 26 April 2001.

Panelist, “Queering Religious Studies.” Celebrating Our Past, Envisioning Our Future. Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry, Pacific School of Religion. 20 April 2001.

Panelist, “Theology and Derrida 1: Relation without Relation”. Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion, Nashville TN, 18 November 2000.

Respondent, Ellen T. Armour's *Deconstruction, Feminist Theology, and the Problem of Difference*, and Thomas A. Carlson's *Indiscretion: Finitude and the Naming of God*, Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Nashville TN, 19 November 2000.

"Deconstructing God, Deconstructing Belief: Sexual Difference and the Sacred." Continental Philosophy of Religion Conference, St. Martin's College, Lancaster, England, 19 July 2000.

"Thinking Through the Difference Race Makes." Lecture, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon IO, November 11, 1999.

Presider, Yielding Gender: Feminist Deconstruction and the History of Philosophy by Penelope Deutscher. Presentations by Tina Chanter (University of Memphis) and Ewa Ziarek (University of Notre Dame); response by Penelope Deutscher (Australian National University). Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Eugene OR, October 1999.

"Writing/Reading Selves, Writing/Reading Race." Presented at the 1997 annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Lexington, KY, October 1997.

Presider, "Bodily Citations II: Religionists Engage Judith Butler." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 24, 1997. San Francisco, CA.

"Moira Gatens' Work on the Body." Invited paper presented at SPEP, Washington, D.C., October 10, 1996.

"Divining Differences with Irigaray's Sensible Transcendentals." Presented to the Theology and Continental Philosophy Group at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 22-26, 1996.

"The (Im)possible Possibility of Theology Without God." Presented to the Theology and Religious Reflection Section at the American Academy of Religion, November 20, 1995, Philadelphia, PA.

Respondent, "Identities and Differences II," Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group, American Academy of Religion, November 20, 1995, Philadelphia, PA.

"Theorizing Desire Between Women." Presented at the 1995 annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Chicago, IL, October 14, 1995.

Invited respondent to Margaret McLaren, Rollins College, "Foucault on the Subject of Feminism," Mid-South Philosophy Conference, The University of Memphis, February 25, 1995.

"Divine Speculations in Derrida and Irigaray." Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Seattle WA, 10/1/94.

Respondent, Consultation on Feminist Theory and Theology, Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., 11/20/93.

“Questions of Proximity: ‘Woman’s Place’ in Derrida and Irigaray.” Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, New Orleans LA, 10/23/93.

Invited respondent to Tina Chanter, “Pornography and Essentialism” at a symposium entitled “New Currents in Feminist Theory” sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Center for Research on Women, Memphis State University, Memphis TN, 4/16-17/93.

“American/French Intersections: The Play of Race/Class/Politics in Irigaray.” Annual meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Boston MA, 10/29/92

“Questioning ‘Woman’ in Feminist/Womanist Theology: Irigaray, Ruether and Daly.” Invited paper given at a conference entitled “Feminist Theologies and French Feminisms: Possibilities and Problems,” The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago IL, 4/26-28/91.

“Social Justice and Religious Discourse: Forging an Alliance with Derrida.” Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans LA , 11/20/90.

“Deconstruction and Feminist Thinking: Luce Irigaray’s Ce sexe qui n’en est pas une.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago IL, 11/20/88.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS

Director, Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Vanderbilt Divinity School 2007-present

Co-Director, Suffering Body Project, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture
Vanderbilt University 2007-present

Co-Editor, Theology, *Religious Studies Review* 1997- present

Network Editor, Feminist Theology, *Religious Studies Review* 1995-1999

Editorial Board, Bulletin de la Société Américaine de Philosophie
de Langue Française 2004-present

Invited panelist, “Scholarship, Service, and Stress: The Tensions of Being a Chair,” Chairs Workshop, American Academy of Religion, 21 November 2003.

Participant, “Thinking Through the Difference Between Transcendence and Immanence: Levinas, Bergson, Deleuze.” Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Citta di Castello, Italy. 14 July-1 August 2003.

Invited participant, "Critical Religious Worldviews." Graduate Theological Union (sponsored by the Ford Foundation).

Invited participant, Lived Theology and Race Work Group, The Project on Lived Theology, directed by Charles Marsh, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia. Sponsored by the Lilly Endowment.

Invited participant, Constructive Theology Workgroup, Vanderbilt University, coordinated by Serene Jones, Yale Divinity School, and Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University (sponsored by Fortress Press).

Auditor, "Forgiveness", Seminar by Jacques Derrida, New School for Social Research, Fall 1998

Auditor, "Animality," Seminar by Jacques Derrida, New York University, Fall 1998

Reviewer for Routledge Press, Indiana UP, SUNY Press, Manchester UP (UK), University of Chicago Press, Columbia UP, Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy, Signs, Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion.

External reader for dissertations at University of Memphis (Mary Bloodworth, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1997), Toronto School of Theology (Lorraine McKenzie Shepherd, Ph.D. in Theology, 1998), and Emory University (Christopher Boesel, Ph.D. in Theology, 2002)

Grant Reviewer, American Academy of Religion 2000-present

WORK IN PROGRESS

In press:

"(E)Racing the Enemy: Abu Ghraib, Race, Sex, Religion," Special issue of Patterns of Prejudice. Ed. Jonathan Judaken (forthcoming).

"Beyond the God/Man Duo: Globalization, Feminist Theology, and Religious Subjectivity." The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Theology. Ed. Mary McClintock Fulkerson and Sheila Briggs. Forthcoming, Oxford University Press.

In progress:

"Thinking Otherwise: Derrida's Contribution to the Philosophy of Religion." Continental Philosophy of Religion. Ed. Morny Joy. Forthcoming, Kluwer Press.

Signs and Wonders: Theology After Modernity (working title).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Jameson Jones Award for Faculty Service, Rhodes College, 2005

R.A. Webb Professorship in Theology, Rhodes College, 2001-2006
Clarence Day Dean's Award for Outstanding Teaching, Rhodes College, 1997-1998.
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1998
Co-Investigator with Professor Stephen Haynes, Consultation on the Church-Related
Liberal Arts College (funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.)
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1997
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1995
Faculty Development Endowment Grant, Rhodes College, Summer 1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Chair, Department of Philosophy, Rhodes College, Memphis TN	2003-04
Chair, Department of Religious Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	2000-04
Interim Chair, Women's Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	Fall 1997
Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	1998-2005
Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies Rhodes College, Memphis TN	1991-1998

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Academy of Religion	1985-present
Co-chair, Theology and Continental Philosophy Group	2004-present
Steering Committee, Theology and Continental Philosophy Group	2001-present
Co-Chair, Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group	1994-1996, 1998-99
Steering Committee Member	1999-present
Co-Chair and Co-Founder, Consultation on Feminist Theory and Theology	1992-1994
Member, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy	1987-present
Member, American Association of University Professors	1994-1998
Member, Society for Theology and Continental Philosophy	1997-present
Member, Advisory Board for LGBTQ Religious Studies Center at Chicago Theological Seminary	2006-present