

# Tammy Heise

## Curriculum Vitae

Assistant Professor of American Religions  
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### EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D., Religion, Florida State University  
2006 M.A., Religion, Vanderbilt University  
1997 B.A., English literature, Hendrix College

### EMPLOYMENT

2020- Assistant Professor of American Religions, University of Wyoming.  
2015-2020 Visiting Assistant Professor/Visiting Lecturer of American Religions,  
University of Wyoming.  
2011-2015 Instructor, American Religious History and Introduction to World  
Religions, Florida State University.  
2010-2012 Senior Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and  
Culture*, Florida State University.  
2009-2010 Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*,  
Florida State University.  
2008 Instructor, American Religious History, Florida State University.  
2006-2008 Public Information Officer/business writer, State of Tennessee,  
Environment and Conservation and Health and Human Services  
departments.  
2000-2004 Religion editor/assistant features editor, *The Morning News*, Springdale,  
Arkansas.  
1999-2000 Reporter, *The Morning News*, Springdale, Arkansas.  
1998-1999 Copyeditor, *The Morning News*, Springdale, Arkansas.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Wyoming's Sacred Spaces, Re-Storying the American West Award, Subgrant of Mellon Foundation Award.
- 2022-2023 Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research, Humanities Research Group Fellowship.
- 2022 University of Wyoming, College of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Travel Award.
- 2021 Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Lynn May Study Grant.
- 2020 University of Wyoming, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Grant.
- 2012 Finalist, Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship.  
Florida State University Dissertation Research Grant.  
Ermine Owenby Jr. Fund to Promote Excellence, Travel Grant for Academic Presentation.
- 2010-2012 Senior Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, Florida State University.
- 2009-2010 Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, Florida State University.
- 2008-2015 Graduate Student Assistantship, Florida State University.
- 2004-2006 Graduate Student Scholarship, Vanderbilt University.
- 2005 General Excellence in Features Reporting and Editing, Arkansas Press Association.
- 1997 Children's Literature Award, Hendrix College, Department of Education.
- 1994-1997 Academic Scholarship, Hendrix College.
- 1994-1997 Alpha Chi Honor Society, Hendrix College.
- 1994 T.G. Smith Elementary School College Scholarship.

## TEACHING

### Courses Taught

#### University of Wyoming

Theory and Method in the Study of Religion

Christianity since Darwin

Radical Spirits: American Religion and Women's Rights

Religion in the American West

Religion and American Culture

Religion and Literature

Contemporary American Religion

American Religious History to 1865

American Religious History since 1865

Religious Crossroads: Hong Kong, Xi'an and Macau with Kristine Utterback, January 2018 in China

Florida State University

Introduction to World Religions

Religion in the United States

**Courses in Development**

University of Wyoming

Religion in the American Civil War and Reconstruction

**Resources Developed**

Co-author with Ed Blum and Paul Harvey, *The Color of Christ* website, [www.colorofchrist.com](http://www.colorofchrist.com) (now closed), 2012 to 2019.

Content contributor, American Religious History digital courses and course materials for grades 6-12, Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement K-12 Project, University of Wyoming.

Content consultant, Integrating the Humanities across Civics Education in Wyoming, Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement Program with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, University of Wyoming.

## **RESEARCH**

**Peer Reviewed Articles and Essays**

“Christianity from the Civil War and Reconstruction through the Gilded Age,” in *The Routledge History of Evangelical Christianity in America*, Ian Van Dyke and Darren Dochuk, Eds., (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).

“Poisoning the Blood of Our Country”: Nativism’s Role in Shaping Christian Nationalism in Contemporary America,” in Daniel Nii Aboagye Aryeh and Roberta Sabbath, eds., *Sacred Cultures in Global Politics* (Boston and Berlin: De Gruyter, forthcoming).

“Nativism in American History,” *Annals of Wyoming: The Wyoming History Journal*, Vol. 96 (Winter 2024), pp. 2-7.

“Indigenous Revivalism and the Indian Wars,” in Lauren Turek and Cara Burnidge, eds., *The Routledge History of U.S. Religion and Politics* (New York: Routledge, 2024), pp. 234-241.

“The Development, Negotiation and Challenging of Religious Authority and Law in the Age of Empire” in Leonard Primiano, ed., *Religion in the American West*, Bloomsbury Publishing (forthcoming).

“The Mormon Faith in the American Religious Landscape” in Mark Lamport, ed., *Handbook of Contemporary Christianity in the United States: Historical, Cultural, Theological and Ethical Explorations*, (Lanham, Boulder, New York and London: Rowman & Littlefield, 2022), 382-393.

“Embracing Female Submission to Exercise Maternal Authority: How Biblical Literalism Fueled White Evangelical Women’s Anti-Civil Rights Activism” in Roberta Sabbath, ed., *Troubling Texts in the Hebrew Bible, New Testament and Qu’ran* (Boston and Berlin: De Gruyter, 2021), 265-289.

“Remember Little Rock’: Racial (In)Justice and the Shaping of Contemporary White Evangelicalism, *Religions*, Vol. 12 (September 2021), pp. 681-698. Available online at <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/12/9/681/pdf>.

“Religion and Native American Assimilation, Survival, and Resistance,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, ed. John Corrigan (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018), 108-121. The article also is available online as part of the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion in America*.

“Marking Mormon Difference: How Western Perceptions of Islam Defined the ‘Mormon Menace,’” *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, Vol. 25, No. 1 (May 2013), 82-97. Available online at <http://utpjournals.metapress.com/content/t783722w20n82665/?p=8cae2953a2324735b5161e0dcec0eede&pi=4>.

## Book Reviews

Untitled review of *The Gods of Indian Country; Material Religion*, Vol. 17, No. 2 (Spring 2021), pp. 281-282.

Untitled review of *Frontier Religion: Mormons and America, 1857-1907*, *Mormon Studies Review*, Vol. 8 (2021), pp. 142-147.

Untitled review of *Mormonism: The Basics*, *Journal of Mormon History*; Vol. 44 No. 3 (July 2018), pp. 148-149. Available online at [https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5406/jmormhist.44.3.0148#metadata\\_info\\_tab\\_content](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5406/jmormhist.44.3.0148#metadata_info_tab_content).

Untitled review of *The Fragmentation of a Sect: Schism in the Worldwide Church of God*, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (August 2014), 128-130. Available online at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/nr.2014.18.1.128>.

Untitled review of *Brigham Young: Pioneer Prophet*, *Communal Societies: Journal of the Communal Studies Association*, Vol. 33, No. 1 (Spring 2013), 83-85.

Untitled review of *Talking with the Children of God: Prophecy and Transformation in a Radical Religious Group*, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 16, No. 4 (May 2013), 130-132. Available online at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/nr.2013.16.4.130>.

Untitled review of *Early Mormon Missionary Activities in Japan, 1901-1924*, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 16, No. 3 (February 2013), 120-122. Available online at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/nr.2013.16.3.120>.

Untitled review of *The Spirit in the World: Emerging Pentecostal Theologies in Global Contexts*, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 15, No. 3 (February 2012), 123-125. Available online at <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/nr.2012.15.3.123>.

Untitled review of *We Have A Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom*, *Symposia: The Graduate Student Journal of the Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto*, April 2011. Available online at <http://symposia.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/symposia/article/view/14427/11470>.

Untitled review of *Them That Believe*, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (May 2010), p. 134-136. Available online at <http://www.js-tor.org/pss/10.1525/nr.2010.13.4.134?searchUrl=%2Faction%2FdoBasicSearch%3Ffilter%3Djid%253A10.2307%252Fj50000774%26Query%3DHeise%26Search.x%3D0%26Search.y%3D0%26wc%3Don&Search=yes>.

“Historicizing the Body: A New Approach to the Study of Faith Healing,” H-Net Pentecostalism, Sept. 2008. Available online at <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=15587>.

### Encyclopedia Articles

“McPherson, Aimee Semple,” *The Twenties in America* (Pasadena, Calif.: Salem Press, 2012).

“The Green Pastures,” *The Thirties in America* (Pasadena, Calif.: Salem Press, 2011).

“Ali, Nobel Drew,” *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History* (New York: Facts on File, 2010), p. 44.

“Fard, W.D.,” *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History* (New York: Facts on File, 2010), p. 181-182.

“Moorish Science Temple, Inc. v. Smith,” *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History* (New York: Facts on File, 2010), p. 384-385.

### Manuscripts in Preparation

*Ghost Dance Religion and National Identity* (book manuscript under revision based on readers’ reports for resubmission to Oxford University Press).

“A Woman’s Place Is On the Firing Line – For Now: Native Fundamentalism and Gendered Politics at Wounded Knee (1973)”

### Academic Presentations

2024 “Looking Back and Looking Ahead: George S. Benson’s Role in Educating the Religious Right,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Accepted.

2023 “Old and New Words Collide at Standing Rock Protests,” American Society of Church History, Annual Meeting.

- 2022 “Dixie Rising in the West, the West Rising in America,” Religion in the American West Conference in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting.
- 2022 “Evangelical Motherhood and the Politics of White Supremacy,” Conference on Faith and History, Annual Meeting.
- 2021 “Christian Women, Sacred Texts and White Supremacy,” Troubling Topics, Sacred Texts, Comparative Studies in Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2020 “Racial Violence in the Formation of Twentieth-Century American Evangelicalism,” American Society of Church History, Annual Meeting.
- 2017 “Women Warriors Ghost Dancing (Again) at Wounded Knee,” co-sponsored session of New Religious Movements and Religion and the American West Unit, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2016 “Missionizing and Migration in the 1890 Ghost Dance,” North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2016 “Relocation and Termination: Native American Radicalism Takes Root through U.S. Assimilation Programs,” American Historical Association, Annual Meeting.
- 2015 “Nowhere to Call Home: How the 1870 Ghost Dance Inspired the Modoc War,” Native Traditions in the Americas Groups, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2014 “Nations of Prophecy and Blood: The Construction of Race and Political Identity in the Making of the Ghost Dance,” North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2012 “Real and Imagined Territories: Restoring the Independent Oglala Nation and Reviving the Ghost Dance Ritual at Wounded Knee in 1973,” Religion in the American West Seminar, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2012 “Prophetic Visions and Political Compromises: The Intersection of Native American, Mormon and Evangelical Protestant Religions in the Mid-Nineteenth Century American West,” Nineteenth Century Studies Association, Annual Meeting.

- 2012 “Prophetic Religion and Political Exigency in the Mid-Nineteenth Century American West,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2011 Moderator, “Life After Grad School: Post-Grad Prospects,” Florida State University, Department of Religion’s Graduate Student Symposium.
- 2010 “Ghost Dance Religion and National Identity,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Annual Meeting.
- 2010 “Sex, Lies, and Subversion: Anti-Mormon Literature in the United States and Great Britain,” Florida State University, Department of Religion’s Graduate Student Symposium.
- 2009 “Translating Experience into Theology: An Examination of the Oneness Controversy within Pentecostalism,” Florida State University, Department of Religion’s Graduate Student Symposium.

#### **Academic Events and Conferences Organized**

- 2024 *The Philadelphia Eleven* film screening and panel discussions, University of Wyoming.
- 2023 Religion in the American West Workshop, University of Wyoming.

#### **Public Lectures**

- 2023 “The Revival of Ancient Spiritual Practices in Contemporary Christianity,” St. Matthew’s Episcopal Cathedral, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 2022 “The Via Media: Anglican History and Episcopal Identity,” Canterbury House, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 2021 “Religion in Wyoming and the West,” Wyoming Interfaith Network, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 2020 “Sacred Words Never Die”: Real and Imagined Territories Collide (Again) at Wounded Knee, University of Wyoming
- 2019 “The Ten Commandments in American Evangelical Christianity,” University of Wyoming Annual Shavout Seminar, Jerusalem, Israel.

- 2017 “Reformation Kitsch: Reading American Protestantism through Material Culture,” Reformation Quincentenary Conference, University of Wyoming.
- 2015 “Ghost Dancing and the American Indian Movement’s 1973 Takeover of Wounded Knee,” University of Wyoming.
- 2013 “Mormonism in Contemporary America,” Faith Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida.
- 2012 “Islam in the Modern World,” Social Justice Center, Florida State University.

## **GRANTS**

- 2024 Wyoming’s Sacred Spaces with UW Lab School students, sub grant Mellon Award to University of Wyoming for Re-Storying the American West. Awarded \$750.
- 2022-2024 Content consultant, National Endowment for the Humanities grant for Integrating the Humanities Across Civics Education in Wyoming, Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement Program, University of Wyoming. Awarded \$149,397.
- 2020- Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Connections planning grant for American West program development at University of Wyoming. In development for resubmission in 2022.
- 2020 University of Wyoming, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Research Grant. Awarded \$4000.

## **SERVICE**

- 2025-28 Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Wyoming.
- 2024-25 Member, Search Committees for Assistant Professor of World Christianity and Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Wyoming.
- 2023-25 Member, Steering Committee, Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research, University of Wyoming.

- 2023 Member, University of Wyoming, Freedom of Expression, Intellectual Freedom, and Constructive Dialogue Working Group.
- 2023- Member, American Society of Church History, Research and Prizes Committee.
- 2022- Member, University of Wyoming, College of Arts and Sciences Program Fee and Student Computer Fee Advisory Committee.
- 2022- Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Wyoming.
- 2022 Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement Program, Professional Development Program for Wyoming English/Language Arts and Social Studies Teachers, University of Wyoming.
- 2022 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Moravian History*.
- 2021 Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend Program.
- 2021 Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement Professional Development Program for Wyoming Social Studies Teachers, University of Wyoming.
- 2020-23 Digital content contributor, Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement K-12 Project, University of Wyoming.
- 2019 Collaborator on faith-based research grant to expand disability services in Wyoming, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, University of Wyoming.
- 2018-2020 Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Buddhist Studies, University of Wyoming.
- 2017-2018 Manuscript Reviewer, *Western Historical Quarterly*.

- 2017-19 Wyoming Pathways from Prison, University of Wyoming.
- 2017- Religious Studies Scholarship Committee, University of Wyoming.
- 2015- Religious Studies Program Committee, University of Wyoming.
- 2016-2017 Reformation Quincentenary Conference Planning Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Wyoming.
- 2010-2012 Senior Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, Florida State University, 2010 to 2012.
- 2012 Search Committee for Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Florida State University.
- 2011-2012 Board of Directors, Florida State University Child Development Programs.
- 2010-2011 Transportation Committee, Florida State University Graduate Student Symposium.
- 2009-2010 Assistant to the Editors, *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, Florida State University.
- 2008-2010 Public Relations Committee, Florida State University Graduate Student Symposium.
- 2000-2004 Scholarship Committee, *The Morning News*.
- 1995-1997 Judiciary Council, Hendrix College.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

American Historical Association

Nineteenth-Century Studies Association

Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion

Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region of the AAR