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Portland Seminary at George Fox University  
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## EDUCATION

- 2013 Vanderbilt University  
Ph.D. (History and Critical Theories of Religion)  
Dissertation Advisor: Kathleen Flake
- 2010 Vanderbilt University  
M.A. (Religion) *en passant*
- 2008 Vanderbilt University  
Graduate Certificate in Women and Gender Studies
- 2006 Vanderbilt University  
M.T.S. (Theological Studies)
- 2001 George Fox University  
B.A. (Music Major, Religion Minor)

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2021 - Associate Professor of American Religious History at Portland Seminary at George Fox University
- 2016 - 2021 Assistant Professor of American Religious History at Portland Seminary at George Fox University
- 2014-2016 Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow in American Religious History/Women's Studies at Portland Seminary

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- 2024 *God Gave Rock and Roll to You: A History of Contemporary Christian Music* (Oxford University Press)
- 2015 *Gender and Pentecostal Revivalism: Making a Female Ministry in the Early Twentieth Century* (Palgrave Macmillan) - winner of the 2016 *Pneuma: the Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* Book Award

### Journal Articles

- 2021 "The Trump Shall Sound: Politics, Pentecostals, and the Shofar at the Capitol Riots," *Political Theology Network*, September, 2021.
- 2020 "Theology and Praxis of Youth Ministry in a Quaker Context," with Roger Nam, Trisha Welstad, Joel Mayward, Steve Sherwood, and Hannah Souter, *Quaker Religious Thought* (Fall, 2020).
- 2019 "Bobs and the 'Character of Our Citizenship': Early Pentecostals, Women, and Public Life in the United States of America," *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, 23.2 (2019): 42–63.
- 2018 "Historical Reflections on Daniel Castelo's *Pentecostalism As a*

- Christian Mystical Tradition*,” *Pneuma: the Journal for the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 40.4 (2018): 1-20.
- 2017 “‘The Roar of Thunder and the Sweetness of a Woman’: Gender Construction and Ritualized Acts in Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century American Revivalism,” *Journal of Ritual Studies* 31.1 (2017): 27-41.
- 2017 “Pentecostals in Conversation with *Early Quakers and Their Religious Thought*,” *Quaker Religious Thought* (Spring, 2017).
- 2016 “Author Meets Critics: Reflections on Gender and Pentecostal Revivalism: Making a Female Ministry in the Early Twentieth Century (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015),” *Canadian Journal of Pentecostal-Charismatic Christianity* 7.1 (2016): 73-98.
- 2016 Daniel Brunner and Leah Payne. “Exploring Pietism As an Intermediary for Lutheran-Pentecostal Dialogue,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 55.4 (2016): 355-363.
- 2015 “‘Pants Don’t Make Preachers’: Fashion and Gender Construction in Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century American Revivalism,” *Fashion Theory* 19.1 (2015).
- 2014 Linda Ambrose and Leah Payne. “Reflections on the Potential of Gender Theory for Pentecostal History,” *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 36.1 (2014): 1-19.

### Book Chapters

- 2023 “Kim Davis and Paula White Cain: Pentecostal Women and Attire,” with Andrea Johnson in Marie Dallam and Benjamin Zeller (eds.), *Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America* (Columbia University Press, 2023).
- 2016 “‘New Voices’: Pentecostal Preachers from 1890 – 1930,” in Mark J. Cartledge and A. J. Swoboda (eds.), *Scripting Pentecost: A Study of Pentecostals, Worship and Liturgy*. Routledge, 2016.
- 2015 “‘Fully Equipped’: Pentecostals, Theology, Technology,” in Lee Roy Martin (ed.), *Toward a Pentecostal Theology of Preaching*. Centre for Pentecostal Theology Press, 2015.

### Encyclopedic Entries

- 2016 “International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian & Mark A. Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2016).
- 2016 “Kathryn Kuhlman.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian & Mark A. Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2016).
- 2016 “Maria Beulah Woodworth-Etter.” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian & Mark A. Lamport. New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2016).

### Book Reviews

- 2024 Ruth, Lester and Lim Swee Hong. *History of Contemporary Praise and Worship: Understanding the Ideas That Reshaped the Protestant Church*. [The Journal of Presbyterian History](#): forthcoming.

- 2023 Mall, Andrew. *God Rock, Inc. The Business of Niche Music*. Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture Vol 13 (No. 1): 136–138.
- 2019 Sánchez Walsh, Arlene. *Pentecostals in America*. Church History Vol 88 (No. 4 2019): 1078-1080.
- 2017 Barrett-Fox, Rebecca. *God Hates: Westboro Baptist Church, American Nationalism, and the Religious Right*. Church History Vol 86 (No. 2 2017): 576-578.
- 2017 Moslener, Sara. *Virgin Nation: Sexual Purity and American Adolescence*. American Historical Review Vol. 122 (No. 1 2017): 184-185.
- 2011 Clifton, Shane, and Jacqueline Grey, eds., *Raising Women Leaders: Perspectives on Liberating Women in Pentecostal and Charismatic Contexts*, Pneuma, The Journal for the Society of Pentecostal Studies Vol. 33 (No. 1 2011): 152-153.
- 2009 Yong, Amos, and Estrelida Alexander, eds., *Phillips Daughters: Women in Pentecostal-Charismatic Leadership*, Pneuma, The Journal for the Society of Pentecostal Studies Vol. 31 (No. 2 2009): 312-313.
- 2007 John Christopher Thomas, *The Spirit of the New Testament*, Catholic Biblical Quarterly. Vol. 69 (October, 2007): 838-840.

### Popular Publications

- 2024 “Kindred Spirits,” *Harper’s Magazine*, October 2024.
- 2024 “Kamala Harris’ message to women on ‘freedom’ helps explain why Black and white Christians are deeply divided over support for Donald Trump,” co-authored with Youssef Chouhoud, Dara Delgado, Flavio Rogerio Hickel Jr., *The Conversation*, September 11, 2024.
- 2024 “Music to Make People Believe: The Soundtrack of White Evangelical Culture,” excerpt of *God Gave Rock and Roll to You* in *The Revealer*, March 7, 2024.
- 2023 “‘Sound of Freedom’ and the Media Fueling Belief in America’s ‘Special Role’ in Human History,” co-authored with Fanhao Nie, Ph.D., Flavio Rogerio Hickel Jr., Tarah Williams, *PRRI Spotlight Analysis*, September 27, 2023.
- 2023 “Born Again Christians Are Less Southern Baptist Than They Used to Be,” co-authored with Fanhao Nie, Ph.D., Flavio Rogerio Hickel Jr., Tarah Williams, *The Washington Post*, July 7, 2023.
- 2023 “The Future of “Born Again Evangelicalism” is Charismatic and Pentecostal,” *PRRI Spotlight Analysis*, June 29, 2023.
- 2023 “Guess Who’s Coming to Easter Dinner?” *Religion News Service*, April 7, 2023.
- 2023 “‘Jesus Revolution’ Leaves Out the Tough Stuff but Gets the Music Right,” *Religion News Service*, February, 2023.
- 2022 “The Rise and Fall of Hillsong’s ‘Hypepriests,” *NBC News*, April 10, 2022.
- 2021 “Tammy Faye, a Double Whammy of Christian Love Wins in the End,” *Religion News Service*, September, 2021.
- 2021 “A Democratic Imagination,” *Wabash Democracy Matters in Teaching*, June, 2021.
- 2021 “Carman, Beloved by ’90s Evangelical Kids, Was a Pentecostal Showman at Heart,” co-authored with Dara Delgado, *Religion News Service*, February, 2021.
- 2020 “President Trump’s Hidden Religious Base: Pentecostal-Charismatic Celebrities,” co-authored with Erica Ramirez, *Religion News Service*, August, 2020.
- 2019 “Paula White-Cain’s Evangelical Support Squad Isn’t as Surprising as It Seems,”

- co- authored with Aaron Griffith, *Christianity Today*, October, 2019.
- 2019 “Why Foursquare’s Female Leaders Have It Harder Today,” *Christianity Today*, May, 2019.
- 2018 “The Christian Conspiracies that Keep Evangelicals on Trump’s Side,” co-authored with Brian Doak, *The Washington Post*, October, 2018.
- 2018 “Wild Wild Country Hits Close to Home,” *Christianity Today*, May, 2018.
- 2018 “The Christian Sect that Has Always Cheered on Donald Trump,” co-authored with Erica Ramirez, *The Washington Post*, March 21, 2018.
- 2017 “Why Female Theologians Take Flak in the Public Sphere,” *Christianity Today*, October, 2017.
- 2016 “Pioneer Women of Pentecostal Revivals,” *Pneuma Review* blog, October 3, 2016.
- 2015 “5 Questions for Leah Payne: Gender, Pentecostalism, and The X-Files Re-Boot,” interview with *Religion in American History* blog, May 28, 2015.

#### INDIVIDUAL GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

- 2024 *American Academy of Religion* first place award for Best In-Depth Multimedia Journalism for *Rock the Doesn’t Roll: the Story of Christian Rock*.
- 2024 *Religion Communicators Council* Wilbur Award of Merit for Public Radio International (PRX)’s *Rock that Doesn’t Roll: the Story of Christian Rock*, co-awarded with Andrew Gill.
- 2023-2024 *Templeton Foundation*-funded Public Radio Exchange (PRX) Big Questions Project.
- 2023-2024 *Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI)*, PRRI Religion and Renewing Democracy Public Fellowship.
- 2022-2023 *Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI)*, PRRI Religion and Renewing Democracy Public Fellowship.
- 2021-2022 *George Fox University*, Sabbatical: “Contemporary Christian Music and American Evangelicalism.”
- 2020-2021 *Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion*, Engaging Imagination as Theological School Faculty Digital Salon.
- 2019 *George Fox University*, Faculty Research Grant, “Contemporary Christian Music and American Evangelicalism” (\$3000).
- 2018-2019 *George Fox University*, Faculty Achievement Award for Graduate Research & Scholarship.
- 2018 *Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion*, Grant: “From Traditional to Hybrid: Transitioning Outstanding Learning Outcomes from In-Person to Online-Hybrid Formats” - \$5000.
- 2018 *George Fox University*, Faculty Research Grant, “Politics and Pentecostals” (\$3000).
- 2017-2018 *Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion*, Early Career Theological School Faculty Workshop.
- 2017 *George Fox University*, Faculty Research Grant, “Gender Construction and Ritualized Acts in Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century American Revivalism,” (\$3000).
- 2016 *Pneuma: the Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 2016 Book Award winner for: *Gender and Pentecostal Studies: Making a Female Ministry in the*

- Twentieth Century* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015).
- 2014-2016 *The Louisville Institute*, Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- 2012-2013 *Vanderbilt University*, Graduate Student Travel Grant (Fall, Spring).
- 2012 *Vanderbilt Divinity School*, Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Grant.
- 2010 *Society for Pentecostal Studies*, Ithiel Clemmons Diversity Award.
- 2009 *Vanderbilt University*, Graduate Student Travel Grant (Fall).
- 2008 *Vanderbilt University*, College of Arts and Science Summer Research Award.
- 2008 *Vanderbilt University*, Graduate Department of Religion Graduate Teaching Assistantship (for Dr. J. Patout Burns)
- 2007 *Vanderbilt University*, Graduate Student Travel Grant (Fall).
- 2007-2008 *Vanderbilt University Center for Women's and Gender Studies*, Summer Research Grant.
- 2007 *Vanderbilt University*, Graduate Department of Religion Graduate Teaching Assistantship (for Dr. Amy-Jill Levine)
- 2006-2011 *Vanderbilt University*, Graduate Department of Religion University Tuition Grant Scholarship and University Fellowship.
- 2006-2010 *Vanderbilt University*, Harold Stirling Fellowship.
- 2006-2010 *Vanderbilt University*, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture Fellowship.
- 2004-2006 *Vanderbilt University*, Merit Scholarship.
- 1997-2001 *George Fox University*, Music Grant.
- 1997-2001 *George Fox University*, Benson Scholarship.
- 1997-1999 *Johnson-LaSalle*, Scholarship.
- 1997 *Rotary Club*, Scholarship.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS**

- 2023-2027 Lilly Endowment, Inc. Compelling Preaching. Co-authored with Melissa Ramos, Jeney Park Hearn, Ekaterina Lomperis, Hannah Souter, and Trisha Welstad – \$1,250,000 (2023).
- 2022 Lilly Endowment, Inc. Consultant, Pathways for Tomorrow Grant (Phases 1-3), Consultant, Candler School of Theology, Emory University - \$1,000,000.
- 2021-2022 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, “Fostering Imagination Toward Authentic Identities,” with Shively Smith, Annie Lockhart-Gilroy, and William Yoo - \$7,500.
- 2020-2021 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, “The Pedagogy of Podcasting: New Horizons for Theological and Religious Studies Teachers in the Digital Age,” with Brian Doak, Daniel White Hodge, David Dault - 5,000.
- 2019-2024 Lilly Endowment, Inc. Thriving Congregations Initiative Grant. Project leader, co-authored with Roger Nam and Trisha Welstad – \$1,000,000 (2019).
- 2019 Lilly Endowment, Inc. Thriving Congregations Initiative Planning Grant. Co-authored with Roger Nam and Trisha Welstad – \$50,000.
- 2018-2023 Lilly Endowment, Inc. Thriving in Ministry Initiative Grant. Principal with Roger Nam, Erica Ramirez, Trisha Welstad, and Loren Kerns – \$1,000,000.
- 2017 Lilly Endowment, Inc. Thriving in Ministry Initiative Planning Grant. Principal with Roger Nam, Erica Ramirez, Trisha Welstad, and Loren Kerns – \$50,000.
- 2017-2023 Kern Family Foundation Grant, George Fox University and Portland Seminary.

- Co-Author with Chuck Conniry, Darla Samuelson, Anderson Campbell, Phil Smith, and Steve Sherwood – \$538,000.
- 2016-2020 Lilly Endowment, Inc. High School Youth Theology Initiative, George Fox University. Principal and co-author with Roger Nam, Steve Sherwood, Trisha Welstad – \$462,053.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Academic Conferences

- 2025 “Author Meets Critics: Leah Payne’s *God Gave Rock & Roll to You*,” American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL.
- 2025 “Worship Music and the Making of Twenty-First Century Christianity,” Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Plenary Address, Kirkland, WA.
- 2024 “Author Meets Critics: Leah Payne’s *God Gave Rock & Roll to You*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, History of Christianity and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit, San Diego, CA.
- 2024 “Author Meets Critics: *The Spirit The Spirit and the Screen: Pneumatological Reflections on Contemporary Cinema* (Fortress Academic, 2023),” Panelist, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Atlanta, GA.
- 2024 “Global Christianity in Charismatic Christianity: Narrating the Charismatic Impulse in the History of Christianity,” Panelist, American Society of Church History, San Francisco, CA.
- 2023 Author Meets Critics: Andrew Mall’s *God Rock Inc.: the Business of Niche Music* (University of California Press, 2020), Panelist, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX.
- 2023 “The Future of Charismatic and Pentecostal Christianity,” 2023 Summer Institute for Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies at Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA.
- 2023 Online Book Launch: John Maiden’s *Age of the Spirit: Charismatic Renewal, the Anglo-World, and Global Christianity, 1945-1980*, June 7, Manchester Wesley Research Centre with the IHR Modern Religious History Seminar.
- 2023 “Re-examining American Pentecostalism from the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to the Present,” Chair, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX.
- 2023 “Author Meets Critics: Responding to *Baptists and the Holy Spirit* by Douglas Weaver,” Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Tulsa, OK.
- 2022 “A History of Praise and Worship.” Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2022 “Practical Theology Luncheon: Theological Education and the Study of Pentecostalism.” Panelist, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2022 “Women, Power, and the Meaning(s) of Religious Dress,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar, Denver, CO.
- 2022 “The Resurgence of Kingship in the Pentecostal Social Imagination,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit, Denver, CO.
- 2022 “The Magic Power of Song: Pentecostals, Politics, and Music in the Early 20th

- Century,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2021 “Pentecostals in the Media.” Panelist, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit of the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- 2021 “Roundtable Discussion of C. Douglas Weaver’s Baptists and the Holy Spirit: The Contested History with Holiness-Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (SWCRS), Virtual Conference.
- 2021 “Holiness Dress Codes and Female Pentecostal Bodies,” Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- 2020 “Guarding Virtue and/or Garnering Respectability: Holiness Dress Codes and Female Pentecostal Bodies,” Pentecostal Charismatic Movements Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2020 “Holiness Dress Codes and Female Pentecostal Bodies,” Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Costa Mesa, CA (Conference canceled).
- 2020 “Author Meets Critics: Responding to *After the Revival: Pentecostalism and the Making of a Canadian Church* by Linda M. Ambrose and Michael Wilkinson,” Respondent, GloPent World Conference, Online.
- 2019 “Great is Thy Faithfulness: Women and the Challenge of Complementarianism.” Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, College Park, Maryland.
- 2019 “Theology and Praxis of Youth Ministry in a Quaker Context.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Quaker Thought and Discussion Group, San Diego, CA.
- 2018 “The Anointing of Donald J. Trump.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Group. Denver, CO.
- 2018 “Author Meets Critics: Daniel Castelo’s *Pentecostalism As a Christian Mystical Tradition*.” Panelist, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Cleveland, Tennessee..
- 2017 “‘Bobbing the Hair’ and Other ‘Masculinated’ Sins: Women, Pentecostals, and Politics in the United States from 1890-1930.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New Religious Movements Section. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2017 “Principalities & Powers: Pentecostals and Politics from 1890-1929.” Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting. St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2017 “Gender, Prosperity and Migrations: New Trends in Pentecostal-Charismatic Scholarship.” Panelist, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Section, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2016 “Global Pentecostalism Ritual, Prayer, and Practice: Re-Negotiating Political and Religious Identities in Haiti, Brazil, and Zambia.” Chair, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Section, San Antonio, TX.
- 2016 “The Future of Pentecostalism in Cascadia.” Panelist, Christ in Cascadia, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Author Meets Critics: *Gender and Pentecostalism: Making a Female Ministry in the Early Twentieth Century* by Leah Payne (2015).” Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, San Dimas, California.
- 2016 “Women in Executive Leadership: Emerging Denominational and NonDenominational Opportunities and Challenges,” Panelist, Society for

- Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, San Dimas, California.
- 2016 “Author Meets Critics’ Roundtable – *Migrating Faith: Pentecostalism in the United States and Mexico in the Twentieth Century* by Daniel Ramirez.” Chair, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, San Dimas, California.
- 2016 “Which Spirit(s)? A Review of *Early Quakers and their Theological Thought*.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Quaker Theological Discussion Group. San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 “After Marie Griffith’s *God’s Daughters*: Narrating the Power of Submission in Contemporary Pentecostalism.” Chair, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Section, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2015 “Pentecostal Beginnings: Azusa Street and/or Polynucleate Origins.” Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Lakeland, Florida.
- 2015 “Revelation and Apocalyptic Literature.” Chair, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Lakeland, Florida.
- 2015 “Pentecostalism and Postcolonality.” Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Lakeland, Florida.
- 2015 “‘Pants Don’t Make Preachers’: Sexual Ethics and Early Pentecostal Dress.” Pacific University’s Center for Gender Equity and Gender & Sexuality Studies 3rd Biennial Conference.
- 2015 “Recovering the Lucan Jesus in Luke 8:36.” Pacific Northwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, & the American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, New Testament and the World of Early Christianity Section, Portland, Oregon.
- 2015 “Ministry in a Post-mega Church Age: Pentecostal Pastors and Vocation in Portland.” Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, Practical Theology Section, Mount Vernon, Ohio.
- 2015 “Avoiding the Culture Wars: A Wesleyan Way to Move Beyond the Theological Binaries of the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy.” Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, Intercultural Studies Section.
- 2014 “Historical Hermeneutics through the Eyes of Women.” Respondent, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Springfield, Missouri.
- 2014 “Salvation Before the Cross: Jesus the Exorcist in Luke 8:36.” Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, Biblical Studies Section, Nampa, Idaho.
- 2013 “‘A Glorious Symbol’ – Building a Female Worship Space.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Group, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2013 “‘By What Authority Are You Doing These Things?’ The Theory(ies) of Authority in American Pentecostal Historiography.” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements Interest Group, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2013 “The Mother in Israel: Maria Woodworth-Etter, Holiness, Pentecostalism, and Social Reform.” Wesleyan Theological Society with the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Joint Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.
- 2013 “‘Pants Don’t Make Preachers’: Gender, the Body, and Sexual Ethics in Early Pentecostal Revivalism.” Wesleyan Theological Society with the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Joint, Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.
- 2013 “The Mother in Israel: Maria Woodworth-Etter and Social Reform.” American



- Society of Church History, Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2012 “Gender and Pentecostalism: a History.” Society for Pentecostal Studies, Annual Meeting, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
- 2011 “Finding a Delicate Balance in Graduate Studies: Transcultural Conversations.” Co-Chair with Timothy Lim, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.
- 2010 “‘What Should Be Done with the Women?’ A Panel Discussion on the Study of Women in the Pentecostal Movement.” Chair, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2009 “The Future of Diversity within Pentecostal Studies.” Panelist, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Annual Meeting, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2009 “The Life and Times of Angelus Temple,” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements Interest Group, Montréal, Québec, Canada.
- 2009 “The Cult of True Evangelism: Marriage and Ministry in the Lives of Phoebe Palmer and Aimee Semple McPherson.” Society for Pentecostal Studies, Annual Meeting, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2008 “‘Heal Me Oh Lord and I Will Be Healed’: Pentecostal Theology of the Body and Healing.” Wesleyan Theological Society with the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Joint Annual Meeting, Durham, North Carolina.
- 2007 “Time on Their Side: Using Philosophy of Time to Understand Distinctions Between Early American Pentecostals and Fundamentalists.” North American Association for the Study of Religion, Joint Session with American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California.
- 2007 “How the Gerasene Demoniac Got Saved: Translating and Reinterpreting Luke 8:36 as a Story of Salvation.” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Annual Meeting, New Testament Session III, Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2007 “Building Community, Engaging Institutions: Toward a New Model of Interfaith Criminal Justice Ministry and Theological Education.” Panelist, Interfaith Alliance, National Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Invited Talks (selected)**

- 2025 Pentecostal Lectureship Series, Northwest University, Seattle, WA.
- 2024 The Conference on Faith & History, Book Talk for *God Gave Rock & Roll to You: a History of Contemporary Christian Music*, Digital.
- 2024 “*God Gave Rock & Roll to You* - Q&A with the Author,” Earlham School of Religion, Guest Lecture.
- 2024 “‘Contemporary Christians:’ Creating White Evangelicalism through Song,” E. Glenn Hinson Lectures, Baptist Seminary of Kentucky, Louisville, Kentucky.
- 2022 “Contemporary Christians: How Baylor and the Baptists of Waco Shaped the Sound of American Evangelicalism.” Baylor University, Waco, Texas. University Department of Religion, Waco, Texas.
- 2022 “Aimee Semple McPherson and the Pentecostal Politic,” Baylor University Department of Religion, Waco, Texas.
- 2021 “Gender and Pentecostal Revivalism,” Research Seminar, University of Manchester Religion and Theology Department.
- 2021 “ATS Midcareer Faculty Intensive on Public Engagement,” Plenary Panelist, The

- Association of Theological Schools, Digital Meeting.
- 2020 “COVID-19: Reflections on the Current Reality.” Panelist, Foursquare Annual Connection, Online.
- 2015 “Theologies of Time: Fundamentalists, Pentecostals, and Dispensationalism from 1900-1930.” About Time: A Mellon Seminar Workshop at Rice University, Houston, Texas.

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

### Print/Digital Journalism

- 2024 “‘God Gave Rock and Roll to You’: Tracing the Roots of Contemporary Christian Rock,” *Religion Unplugged*, June 19, 2024.
- 2024 “‘Before evangelical males went after Taylor Swift, they hated on Amy Grant,’” *Baptist News Global*, May 3, 2024.
- 2024 “‘How a Beloved Worship Song Became the Theme Song of Christian Nationalism,’” *Religion News Service*, May 1, 2024.
- 2024 “‘Pop, Rock und Gott: christliche Musik in den USA,’” *Deutschlandfunk* [German Public Broadcasting], April 12, 2024.
- 2024 “‘In God Gave Rock and Roll to You, Leah Payne Details the Rise and Fall of CCM,’” *Religion News Service*, March 25, 2024.
- 2024 “‘Big, Big Market: Why CCM Filled ‘80s and ‘90s Homes,’” *Christianity Today*, February 19, 2024.
- 2024 “‘How Contemporary Christian Music Helped Spread Evangelicalism and Nashville’s Role In It,’” *The Tennessean*, February 6, 2024.
- 2024 “‘The White, Conservative Faith That Controls Christian Music,’” *Sojourners*, February 2, 2024.
- 2024 “‘Why Is the Radio Full of Christian Rock? Thank This Nonprofit,’” *Rolling Stone*, January 21, 2024.
- 2023 “‘Pat Robertson, Influential Christian Broadcaster, Dies at 93,’” *The Wall Street Journal*, June 8, 2023.
- 2023 “‘The Brazil Riots, Bolsonaro, and Spiritual Warfare,’” *The Revealer*, May 9, 2023.
- 2023 “‘There’s a Reason Every Hit Worship Song Sounds the Same,’” *Religion News Service*, April 11, 2023.
- 2023 “‘Faith-Based Drama, ‘Jesus Revolution’ Surpasses 50 Million Mark,’” *Roys Report*, April 11, 2023.
- 2022 “‘Mastriano’s ‘Great Adventure,’” *Word and Way*, September 13, 2022.
- 2022 “‘Is TikTok the Future of Christian Music?’” *Christianity Today*, September 9, 2022.
- 2022 “‘The Vineyard was built on friendship and shared values. Then a leading pastor split,’” *Religion News Service*, April 21, 2022.
- 2022 “‘Demon Time: How a former actress-turned-Christian EDM singer from small-town New York became a Pentecostal faith healer for the TikTok era,’” *The Land Mag*, April 13, 2022.
- 2022 “‘An AI Aims to be First Christian Celebrity of the Metaverse,’” *Christianity Today*, February 14, 2022.
- 2022 “‘For Christian Prophets Who Predicted Donald Trump's Reinstatement in 2021, No Apologies,’” *Newsweek Magazine*, January 2, 2022.
- 2021 “‘How Pat Robertson Changed Television and American Politics’” *Religion and*

- Politics*, December 14, 2021.
- 2021 “We’ve No Less Days to Sing God’s Praise, But New Worship Songs Only Last a Few Years,” *Christianity Today*, November 22, 2021.
- 2021 “Pat Robertson Steps Down as Host of ‘The 700 Club’” *Wall Street Journal*, October 1, 2021.
- 2021 “Life After Proclaiming a Trump Re-election as Divinely Ordained,” *New York Times*, September 19, 2021.
- 2021 “Le pouvoir d’influence des groupes religieux est loin de faiblir,” *La Presse* February 7, 2021.
- 2020 “How ‘Way Maker’ Topped the US Worship Charts from Nigeria,” *Christianity Today*, June 12, 2020.
- 2017 “The Story Behind Trump’s Controversial Prayer Partner,” *Christianity Today*, January 19, 2017.

### **Podcasting/Radio:**

- 2023- Co-host with Andrew Gill, *Rock that Doesn’t Roll: the Story of Christian Rock*, Public Radio International (PRX), funded by the John Templeton Foundation.
- 2018- Co-host with Dr. Brian Doak, *Weird Religion*, a Wabash Center and Murdock Trust funded podcast about religion and popular culture with over 100,000 downloads, 2018 - Present.
- 2024 “On Contemporary Christian Music with Leah Payne & Gregory Alan Thornbury,” *Englewood Review Podcast*, July 26, 2024.
- 2024 “Deus nos deu o Rock and Roll: uma história da música cristã contemporânea com Leah Payne,” *Zé Bruno’s Entre Amigos*, July 18, 2024.
- 2024 “God Gave Rock and Roll to You: a History of Contemporary Christian Music with Dr. Leah Payne,” *Vineyard USA Podcast*, June 20, 2024.
- 2024 “Leah Payne: God Gave Rock and Roll to You,” *Steve Brown, Etc.*, May 26, 2024.
- 2024 “Leah Payne: What Happened to CCM?” *The Black Sheep Podcast*, May 9, 2024.
- 2024 “Leah Payne Book Talk,” *Faith and History Podcast*, May 9, 2024.
- 2024 “How Christian Rock Fed the Culture Wars,” *The Culture Study Podcast* with Anne Helen Peterson, May 8, 2024.
- 2024 “God, Rock and Roll, and Bloody Noses w/ Leah Payne,” *Straight White American Jesus*, May 5, 2024.
- 2024 “Catechesis Through Commerce,” *Things Not Seen Radio*, March 19, 2024.
- 2024 “The Clash of the CCM Historians,” *True Tunes Podcast*, March 4, 2024.
- 2024 “Contemporary Christian Music: Changing Culture Through Song,” *Australian Broadcasting Corporation*, February 28, 2024.
- 2024 “The Rise and Fall of the Christian Music Industry,” *The New Evangelicals*, February 20, 2024.
- 2024 “Leah Payne: What Else? With Corey Mann,” *iHeart Radio*, February 13, 2024.
- 2024 “God Gave Rock and Roll to You: with special guest Dr. Leah Payne,” *Christianity Today*, February 13, 2024.
- 2024 “God Gave Rock and Roll to You: Dr. Leah Payne,” *Veterans of the Culture Wars*, January 30, 2024.
- 2024 “Leah Payne on Amy Grant’s Straight Ahead,” *God’s Music Is My Life*, January 30, 2024.
- 2024 “Spotlight: Dr. Leah Payne,” *Good Patron Podcast*, January, 25, 2024.

- 2023 “All Things Asbury,” interview, *Straight White American Jesus* podcast, February 27, 2023.
- 2022 “J6 ONE YEAR LATER, Ep. 4: Shofars, Flags, and a Declaration of War,” interview, *Straight White American Jesus* podcast, January 24, 2022.
- 2021 “Did We Get Tammy Faye Wrong?” interview, *Christianity Today*’s “Quick to Listen” podcast, September 23, 2021.
- 2021 “Contemporary Christian Music,” interview, *Electric Jesus Podcast* May 31, 2021.
- 2021 “Emotions Shall Be Laid to Waste,” interview, The Prophetic Imagination Station Podcast, March 14, 2021.
- 2020 “Talking About Weird Religion: Leah Payne and Brian Doak,” interview, *Things Not Seen* a Public Radio Exchange (PRX) Show Hosted by Dr. David Dault, December 21, 2020.
- 2020 “Bethel’s Sean Feucht’s Protests and Praises Have a History,” interview, *Christianity Today*’s “Quick to Listen” podcast, September 22, 2020.
- 2020 “Hamilton and Hard Seltzer,” *Musicale* Podcast July 5, 2020.
- 2020 “Frank Peretti’s America: Making Pentecostalism Cool,” The Prophetic Imagination Station Podcast, April 19, 2020.
- 2019 “The Limits of Pentecostal Women Leaders,” interview, *Christianity Today*’s “Quick to Listen” interview, August 15, 2019.
- 2019 “On evil,” live radio interview appearance with Weird Religion podcast co-host Brian Doak on “Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow,” on CBS affiliate station WHBY, September 25, 2019.
- 2019 “On the religious origins of holidays,” live radio interview appearance with Weird Religion podcast co-host Brian Doak on “Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow,” on CBS affiliate station WHBY, January, 1, 2019.
- 2019 “On science and religion,” live radio interview appearance with Weird Religion podcast co-host Brian Doak on “Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow,” on CBS affiliate station WHBY, March 13, 2019.
- 2019 “On cults,” live radio interview appearance with Weird Religion podcast co-host Brian Doak on “Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow,” on CBS affiliate station WHBY, April 24, 2019.
- 2019 “On religion and pop culture,” live radio interview appearances with Weird Religion podcast co-host Brian Doak on “Fresh Take with Josh Dukelow,” on CBS affiliate station WHBY, May 29, 2019.

#### **Video:**

- 2023 “Asbury Revival,” Religion Media Centre, Briefing, February 20.
- 2022 “Public Engagement: What’s At Stake?” with Debbie Gin and Eric Barreto, Association of Theological Schools (ATS) Webinars.
- 2021 “Seasons of a Teaching Career: Permissions,” with Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield and Dr. Roger Nam, The Wabash Center Video Resources.
- 2021 “Seasons of a Teaching Career: Identity,” with Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield and Dr. Roger Nam, The Wabash Center Video Resources.
- 2021 “Seasons of a Teaching Career: Creativity and Imagination,” with Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield and Dr. Roger Nam, The Wabash Center Video Resources.
- 2021 “Dialogue on Teaching: Creating Knowledge Via Podcasting,” interview with

Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

**Television:**

2007 “Issues of Faith: Theological Education and the Prison System with Harmon Wray,” News Channel Five, WTVF Nashville, Tennessee. April, 2007.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

2023 - Founding Director, Summer Institute for Global Charismatic/Pentecostal Studies at *Candler School of Theology*.

2021-2022 Consultant, *Candler School of Theology at Emory University*  
Provided expertise for Candler School of Theology on how to best engage with charismatic and Pentecostal communities; assembled and facilitated listening groups of key charismatic and Pentecostal educational, denominational and congregational leaders.

2020-2022 Consultant, *Auburn Seminary Research*  
Provided research and development for Auburn Seminary’s “Future Story of America,” created content aimed encouraging engaging evangelical, charismatic, and Pentecostal practitioners to think critically about the state of democracy in the United States.

2020 Consultant, *Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning*.  
Provided creative consulting for the development of the center’s *Dialogue on Teaching* podcast.

**COURSES TAUGHT (SELECTED):**

History of Christianity in America.  
Holiness and Pentecostal Movements.  
Christian History and Theology I & II.  
History and Theology of Christian Spirituality.  
Historical Models for Spiritual Formation.

**SERVICE (SELECTED):**

2024-2027 Council Member, American Society of Church History.

2023-present Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Histories Working Group, American Society of Church History.

2023- present Personnel Council, Portland Seminary of George Fox University

2021-present Personnel Committee, Portland Seminary of George Fox University.

2020-2022 Faculty Senator, Portland Seminary of George Fox University.

2020 Governor Kate Brown’s Healthy Early Learners Council, Council Member, State of Oregon, 2020.

2021 Plenary Address, Vineyard Training. Digital Conference, Online.

2020 “Accelerate: A Conversation with Dr. Willie Jennings.” Panelist, North Pacific District of Foursquare Churches, Online.

2018 Plenary Address, Foursquare Education Symposium. Los Angeles, California.

2017 “Gender and the Foursquare Movement.” Foursquare North Pacific District Fall Conference, Beaverton, OR.

2016 “Pentecostals & Politics.” Foursquare North Pacific District Fall Conference.

Bend, OR.

**RESEARCH ASSISTANCE:**

- 2006-2007 Vanderbilt University Center for the Study of Religion and Culture: Religion and Science.
- 2007-2008 Vanderbilt University Center for the Study of Religion and Culture: Music, Religion and the South.
- 2006 History and Critical Theories of Religion, Vanderbilt University Religion Department.

**LANGUAGES:**

French (Reading)  
 Spanish (Reading)  
 Koine Greek

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- 2018-2021 Mentor, Women's Mentoring Lunch, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee and Status of Women in the Profession Committee
- 2016 - 2022 Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit of the American Academy of Religion Co-Chair
- 2015-2017 Society for Pentecostal Studies History Interest Group Leader
- 2014-2016 Society for Pentecostal Studies Membership Committee
- 2013 - 2022 Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit of the American Academy of Religion Steering Committee Member
- 2024 - 2027 American Society of Church History Council
- 2012 - *Present* American Society of Church History
- 2010 - 2012 Society for Pentecostal Studies Constitutional Task Force on Identity and Purpose
- 2008 - *Present* Society for Pentecostal Studies
- 2008 Vanderbilt University American Academy of Religion Student Liaison
- 2006 - *Present* American Academy of Religion