

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position:

Associate Professor of American Studies and International Affairs
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Education

Ph.D. American Civilization, Brown University, May 1996.

B.A., summa cum laude, International Studies (Middle East), UNC - Chapel Hill, 1984.

Awards and Honors

Visiting Fellow, Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton Univ., fall 2007.

GWU University Facilitating Fund summer research grant, 2005, 1999, 1998.

Visiting Fellow, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, 1998-99

Non-Resident Fellow, W.E.B. Du Bois Center, Harvard University, 1998-99.

Books

Epic Encounters: Culture, Media, and U.S. Interests in the Middle East, 1945-2000
Univ. of California Press., 2005 rev. ed. (o. 2001).

Manuscript in progress:

“Our God in the World: The Global Visions of American Evangelicals”

Anthology in progress:

“Religion and Politics in Contemporary America,” special issue of *American Quarterly*,
forthcoming fall 2007. Co-edited with R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University.

Reviewed Academic Articles (selected)

“Evangelicals and the Iraq War,” in *Race, Nation, and Empire in U.S. History*, ed. Matthew
Guterl and James Campbell, Univ. of North Carolina Press, forthcoming 2007.

“American Feminists, Global Visions, and the Problem of Female Genital Surgeries,” in
Americanism: New Perspectives on The History of an Ideal, ed. Michael Kazin and Joe McCartin,
Univ. of North Carolina press, 2006.

“Prophecy, Politics, and The Popular: The *Left Behind* Series and Christian Fundamentalism’s
New World Order,” *South Atlantic Quarterly* 10:4 (Fall 2003), 773-798.

"A Cultural History of the War Without End," special issue on "September 11 and History," *Journal of American History* 89:2 (September 2002), 439-456.

This issue also published as a book by Temple Univ. Press, ed. Joanne Meyerowitz, 2003.

"One Black Allah: The Middle East in African American Cultural Politics, 1955-1967," *American Quarterly* 51:3 (September 1999), 622-655.

Revised version reprinted in John Giggie and Diane Winston, eds., *Faith in the Market: Religion, Urban Identities, and Consumer Culture*, Rutgers Univ. Press, 2002.

Also reprinted in *Bodies in Contact: Rethinking Colonial Encounters in World History*, ed. Antoinette Burton and Tony Ballantyne, Duke Univ. Press, 2004.

"The Common Heritage of Mankind': Negotiating Race, Nation, and Masculinity in the King Tut Exhibit," *Representations* 54 (Spring 1996), 80-103.

General Interest publications

"An Empire of Their Own," *The Nation*, September 22, 2003.

Reprinted in *Good Weekend Magazine*, supplement to Australia's two largest newspapers.

"Saving Private Lynch," *New York Times* op-ed page, April 6, 2003.

"Armageddon on the Bestseller List," *Washington Post*, Outlook section, February 2, 2003.

"Television, Terrorism, and the Making of Incomprehension" *The Chronicle (of Higher Education) Review*, December 7, 2001.

Professional Activities

Editorial Board, *American Quarterly*, 2004-2007.

Editorial Board, *Diplomatic History*, 2005-2007.

Organization of American Historians Eric Barnouw Committee to select best documentary, 2004-2007.

Academic Program Director, American Studies Summer Institute in Egypt

Two week residential program for Egyptian faculty, sponsored by the Bi-national Fulbright Commission in Egypt, summer 2003.

American Studies Association, Annual Meeting Program Committee 2003.

Advisory Committee for the Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, for developing a program on race and gender in religious studies, funded by the Ford Foundation, 2004-05.