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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2022-Present	Assistant Professor, Humanities, Utah Tech University
2021-2022	Visiting Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Claremont Colleges
2017- 2021	Lecturer, Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside

EDUCATION

2013-2019	Ph.D. Religious Studies University of California, Riverside Committee: Amanda Lucia (Chair, Religious Studies, UCR), Patrick Mason (Leonard J. Arrington Chair of Mormon Studies, Utah State University), Molly McGarry (History, UCR)
2016	University of California, Riverside M.A., Religious Studies
2013	California State University, Fullerton B.A., Liberal Studies major, Christian Studies minor

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Buchanan, Bryan and Cristina Rosetti. *Saint: The Journals and Correspondences of Saint Joseph White Musser, 1897–1954* (forthcoming)

Rosetti, Cristina. 2023. *Saint Joseph W. Musser: A Mormon Prophet*, University of Illinois Press

Book Chapters

“Uncovering the ‘End’ of Polygamy: D. Michael Quinn and the Sacred Work of History,” in *D. Michael Quinn: The Life and Times of a Mormon Historian* edited by Benjamin Park (forthcoming 2023 with Signature Books)

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

The First Mexican Apostle: Margarito Bautista and the Complexity of Modern Mormonism, 1922-1960 (Forthcoming 2023)

“Fast from that Which is Not Perfect’: Food Abstinence and Diet Cures in the Kingdom of God” (Forthcoming in *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 2023)

“No Poor Among Them,” *Mormon Studies Review* (forthcoming Vol. 9, 2023)

Rosetti, Cristina. 2022. ““Not Until the Millennium: 1978 and Fundamentalist Whitelash,” *American Religion* Vol. 3, No. 2: 51-68.

Rosetti, Cristina. 2022. “O, My Mother”: Mormon Fundamentalist Mothers in Heaven and Women’s Authority,” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* Vol. 55, No. 1: 119-133.

Rosetti, Cristina. 2021. “Praise to the Man: The Deification of Joseph Smith in Woolleyite Mormonism, 1929-1977,” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* Vol. 54, No. 3: 41-65.

Rosetti, Cristina. 2021. “Hysteria Excommunicatus”: Loyalty Oaths, Excommunication, and the Forging of a Mormon Identity,” *Journal of Mormon History* Vol. 47, No. 3: 22-43.

Rosetti, Cristina. 2019. “Further Light Pertaining to Celestial Marriage:” The Law of Purity and 20th Century Mormon Fundamentalist Discourse on Sexuality, *Journal of Mormon History* Vol. 45, No. 4: 111-132.

Articles (Not Peer Reviewed)

“Polygamy, Incest, and Mormons in the Media,” *The Revealer* (September 2022)
<https://therevealer.org/polygamy-incest-and-mormons-in-the-media/>

“Mormon Fundamentalist Woman Know Heavenly Mother,” *The Women’s Exponent* (May 4, 2022)
<https://www.the-exponent.com/guest-post-mormon-fundamentalist-women-know-heavenly-mother/>

“What Most Critics Missed About Dustin Lance Black's ‘Under the Banner of Heaven,’” *Religion Dispatches* (April, 28 2022)
<https://religiondispatches.org/what-most-critics-missed-about-dustin-lance-blacks-under-the-banner-of-heaven-adaptation/>

“Mormon Fundamentalism is Modern Mormonism,” *Under the Banner of Heaven Roundtable (Juvenile Instructor: A Mormon History Blog*, April 26, 2022)

<https://juvenileinstructor.org/krakauers-under-the-banner-of-heaven-critical-responses/>

“The Mormonism(s) of the FIRM Foundation,” *Juvenile Instructor: A Mormon History Blog* (April 21, 2022)

<https://juvenileinstructor.org/the-mormonisms-of-the-firm-foundation/>

“In polygamous communities, deep roots of distrust shape vaccine hesitancy,” *The Conversation* (December 13, 2021)

<https://theconversation.com/in-polygamous-communities-deep-roots-of-distrust-shape-vaccine-hesitancy-170996>

“The Quiet Passing of Fundamentalist Mormon Prophet Lynna A. Thompson Suggests Polygamous Recognition Remains a Distant Hope,” *Religion Dispatches* (October 11, 2021)

<https://religiondispatches.org/the-quiet-passing-of-fundamentalist-mormon-prophet-lynn-a-thompson-suggests-polygamous-recognition-remains-a-distant-hope/>

“A New Mormon Religion has Taken QAnon Conspiracies and Canonized them as Doctrine,” *Religion Dispatches* (September, 13 2021)

<https://religiondispatches.org/a-new-mormon-religion-has-taken-qanon-conspiracies-and-canonized-them-as-doctrine/>

“The Presence of One-Man Rule in FLDS Mormonism: Contextualizing an American Religion that Became Synonymous with Abuse,” *Sacred Matters Magazine* (April 2021)

<https://sacredmattersmagazine.com/the-presence-of-one-man-rule-in-flds-mormonism-contextualizing-an-american-religion-that-became-synonymous-with-abuse/>

“Making Polygamy a Crime Hasn’t Helped It’s Victims,” *Salt Lake Tribune* (February 25, 2020)

<https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2020/02/26/cristina-rosetti-making/>

Selected Book Reviews

Rosetti, Cristina. 2021. *Abusing Religion: Literary Persecution, Sex Scandals, and American Minority Religions*, by Megan Goodwin, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*

Rosetti, Cristina. 2021. *American Polygamy: A History of Fundamentalist Mormon Faith*, by Craig L. Foster and Marianne T. Watson, *Mormon Studies Review* Vol. 8

Rosetti, Cristina. 2020. *Railroading Religion: Mormons, Tourists, and the Corporate Spirit of the West*, by David Walker, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* Vol 24, No. 2

Rosetti, Cristina. 2020. *Make Yourselves Gods: Mormonism and the Unfinished Business of American Secularism*, by Peter Coviello, *Journal of Mormon History* Vol. 46, No. 4: 146–148

Rosetti, Cristina. 2018. *Sister Saints: Mormon Women Since the End of Polygamy*, by Colleen McDannel, *Reading Religion*

Rosetti, Cristina. 2018. *Moth and Rust: Mormon Encounters with Death*, edited by Stephen Carter, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, Vol. 51, No. 2

Rosetti, Cristina. 2017. *Thirteenth Apostle: The Diaries of Amasa M. Lyman, 1832-1877*, edited by Scott H. Partridge, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* Vol. 50, No. 4: 139–143

Rosetti, Cristina. 2017. *The First Fifty Years of the Relief Society: Key Documents in Latter-day Saint Women's History*, edited by Matthew J. Grow, Kate Holbrook, Carol Cornwall Madson, and Jill Mulvay Derr, *Journal of Mormon History* Vol. 43, No. 3

Rosetti, Cristina. 2017. *Irenaeus, Joseph Smith, and God-Making Heresy*, by Adam J. Powell, *Journal of Mormon History* Vol. 43, No. 3

Rosetti, Cristina. 2016. *Mormonism for Beginners*, by Stephen Carter and Jett Atwood, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* Vol. 49, No. 4

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022. “Exploring the Religio-Medical Imaginaries of Mormonism” Roundtable, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

2022. “Mormonism and *Under the Banner of Heaven* Discussion,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting

2022. “Saint Joseph White Musser: A Mormon Prophet,” in the Approaches to Mormon Thought Roundtable, Mormon History Association Annual Meeting

2022. “Sealed” in the New Perspectives on Polygamy Roundtable, Mormon History Association Annual Meeting

2022. “The Pure Lineage of Christ: Blood, Incest, and the Kingdom of God.” Religion and Sexual Abuse Project Conference, University of California, Riverside

2021. Author Meets Critic, *Terrible Revolution: Latter-day Saints and the American Apocalypse*, Mormon History Association Annual Meeting

2021. “O, My Mother”: Mothers in Heaven and Women’s Authority in Fundamentalist Mormonism,” Mormon History Association Annual Meeting

2020. "The Presence of One-Man Rule in FLDS Mormonism: Contextualizing an American Religion that Became Synonymous with Abuse," Abuse in Yoga and Beyond: Cultural Logics and Pathways for the Future, Loyola Marymount University

2020. "Visions of a Spectral Past: Secularism and the Rise of the Manti Mormons, Mormon History Association" (postponed due to COVID-19)

2020. "Research Ethics and Speaking on Behalf of Marginalized Religious Communities in Mormon Studies," Mormon Social Science Association One-Day Program (postponed due to COVID-19)

2019. "Becoming Queens and Priestesses: Women's Conversion to Mormon Fundamentalism," AAR Annual Meeting

2018. "Polluting the Priesthood": Mormon Fundamentalist Perspectives on Official Declaration 2, AAR Annual Conference

2018. "It is a Commandment to Keep the Constitution of the United States": The Nay Book and Mormon Political Ideology on Bundy Ranch, Mormon Social Science Association Annual Meeting

2018. Panelist, "A Critical Review of *the Diaries of Leonard J. Arrington*, Utah History Conference sponsored by the Utah Division of State History

2018. Spectral Authority: Accounts of Fundamentalist Priesthood from Beyond the Veil, MHA Annual Meeting

2018. "Come to the River": Women and Spiritual Power in Contemporary Mormonism, AAR Rocky Mountain Region Conference

2017. From Summerland to Zion: Theorizing Mormon Interaction with Spiritualism in the Nineteenth-Century West," MHA Annual Meeting

2017. Lamanite Past and Spectral Present: The Constructions of Lamanite Identity and the Redemption of the Dead," AAR Western Region Conference

2016. "The Glory of God is Intelligence": The Practice and Construction of Religiosity at Institutes of Religion, MHA Annual Meeting

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2022. Summer Institute Fellow

2022. The National Endowment for the Humanities: Mormonism and Mexico: A Case Study in Religion and Borderlands (Claremont Graduate University)

2020. Research Fellow, Relief and Restoration Project (Center for the Study of Religion and the City)

2020. Best Article Published in the Journal of Mormon History (Mormon History Association)

2020. Best Historical Article (*nominated* at John Whitmer Historical Association)
2018 . Mormon Scholars Foundation Summer Seminar (Maxwell Institute, Brigham Young University)
2017-2018. Graduate Research Fellow in Mormon Studies (Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah)
2017-2018. Graduate Research Mentorship Program Fellowship (*declined* University of California, Riverside)
2016. Department of Religious Studies Professional Support Award (University of California, Riverside)
2015-2016. Department of Religious Studies Outstanding Teaching Assistant (University of California, Riverside)
2013-2014. Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship University of California, Riverside)

COURSES TAUGHT

Utah Tech University

World Religions—Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Humanities Through the Arts—Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Period Studies in Humanities (19th Century)—Spring 2023

Claremont McKenna College

American Religious History
Religion and American Politics

University of California Riverside

Lecturer:

History of Christianity (1500-present)—Spring 2021
Death—Summer 2017, Fall 2020

Teaching Assistant:

Religious Myth and Ritual— Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Spring 2017, Summer 2018
Introduction to Western Religions—Winter 2015, Winter 2016
Introduction to Asian Religions— Fall 2015
Religion and Science—Spring 2016
Introduction to the Bible—Fall 2014
Introduction to Comparative Scripture—Winter 2014

Salt Lake Community College

Religious Diversity in the U.S. — Fall 2020, Spring 2020

INVITED TEACHING LECTURES

Spring 2015. "Magic and Mormonism," Invited by Dr. Matthew King for Religion and Science (University of California, Riverside)

Fall 2015. "Environment, Religion, and Activism," Invited by Dr. Matthew King for The Problem of Religion (University of California, Riverside)

Winter 2014. "American Christianity: Persecution and Cultural Dominance as it Relates to the United States," Invited by Professor Richard Cunningham for Introduction to Western Religions (University of California, Riverside)

RELATED EXPERIENCE

2022. Short Creek Oral History Project (Utah Tech University)

2021. Awareness Director at Cherish Families, Hilldale, UT

2020. Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and the City, funded by the Luce Foundation, administered through Morgan State University

2020. Research Assistant for Dr. Amanda Lucia, The Religion and Sexual Abuse Project, funded by the Luce Foundation

2018-2019. Archivist and History Podcast Production, Sunstone Education Foundation

2015-2016. Research Assistant for RIDAGA (Religion in Diaspora and Global Affairs) Project, funded by the Luce Foundation

SERVICE

Departmental Service

2022 Search Committee Member, Humanities Faculty

Academic Journals

2022- present Publicity Chair, *Journal of Mormon History*

2021-present Review Editor, *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*

2021-present Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Mormon History*

2020-present Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Mormon Studies Review*

Organization Leadership

2017-2022 Religion in America Group Co-Chair, American Academy of Religion, Western Region

PRESS AND MEDIA

2022. Series co-editor for *Under the Banner of Heaven: A Scholarly Roundtable (Juvenile Instructor: A Mormon History Blog, April 26, 2022)*

<https://juvenileinstructor.org/krakauers-under-the-banner-of-heaven-critical-responses/>

2021. Fabrizio, Doug, “Emily Kaplan On The Rise of the Liberal Latter-day Saints,” *RadioWest* (November 2021)
<https://radiowest.kuer.org/religion/2021-11-11/emily-kaplan-on-the-rise-of-the-liberal-latter-day-saints>

2021. Fletcher Stack, Peggy, “Why factions are springing up among LDS conservatives and embracing QAnon,” *Mormon Land*, *Salt Lake Tribune* (November 2021)
<https://www.sltrib.com/religion/2021/11/10/mormon-land-why-factions/>

2020. Historical Consultant, “Unfinished: Short Creek,” *Witness Docs and Critical Frequencies* (September 13, 2020)
<https://www.witnesspodcasts.com/shows/unfinished-short-creek>

2019. Brand, Madeleine. “The History of American Mormonism in Mexico.” *Press Play* (November 2019)
<https://www.kcrw.com/news/shows/press-play-with-madeleine-brand/california-mayors-want-a-community-takeover-of-pg-e/the-history-of-american-mormonism-in-mexico>

2019. Grant, Will. “Mexico Ambush: How a US Mormon family ended up dead.” *BBC News* (November 2019)
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-50339377>

2019. Berger, Miriam. “How Mexico Became Home to Communities of Mormons.” *Washington Post* (November 2019)
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2019/11/05/how-mexico-became-home-communities-mormons/>

2019. Ballard, Carolina. “Murders in Mexico: How a Diverse Religious Community with Utah Ties Ended Up in La Mora.” *KUER* (November 2019)
<https://www.kuer.org/religion/2019-11-05/murders-in-mexico-how-a-diverse-religious-community-with-utah-ties-ended-up-in-la-mora>

2019. Sanchez, Ray. “Mormon Quest for Peace and Freedom in Mexico Shattered by Violence and Adversity.” *CNN* (November 2019)
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/06/americas/mormon-mexico-settlements-violent-history>

2019. “Mexican Ambush that Killed 9 Americans: What We Know.” *ABC Nightline* (November 2019)
<https://abcnews.go.com/International/mexican-authorities-arrest-individuals-related-ambush-killed-americans/story?id=67426093>

2018. “How do Catholics and Latter-day Saints View Mary?” *Mormon Land*, *Salt Lake Tribune* (December 2018)
<https://www.sltrib.com/religion/2018/12/19/mormon-land-how-do-latter/>

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

2022. Contributor, “Something Strang in the Neighborhood” (Sunstone Mormon History Podcast)

<https://sunstone.org/e79-something-strang-in-the-neighborhood/>

2022. Co-host, *Keep Sweet: Pray and Obey* (Sunstone Mormon History Podcast)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/e75-keep-sweet-introduction-to-mormon-fundamentalism/id1453771312?i=1000570851563>

2022. Interviewee, “Catholic Mormon Scholar Cristina Rosetti Shares Her Story” (Mormon Book Reviews Podcast with Steve Pynakker)

2022. Interviewee, “Episode #16: A Conversation with Cristina Rosetti, PhD” (Mormon Renegade Podcast)

2022. Co-host, “Mormon Fundamentalism and Robert Crossfield,” (Sunstone History Podcast miniseries for *Under the Banner of Heaven*)

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/e67-utboh-fact-fiction-and-the-birth-of-fundamentalism/id1453771312?i=1000564122551>

2022. Host and Panelist, “Mormon Fundamentalists Respond to *Under the Banner of Heaven*” (Sunstone Education Foundation)

2021. Interviewee, “Polygamy And The Manifesto, History and Context” (Cwic Media)

<https://www.cwicmedia.com/blog/polygamy-and-the-manifesto-history-context-cristina-rosetti>

2021. Historic Preservation Consultation (Macos, Colorado and Pinesdale, South Dakota FLDS settlements)

2020. Panelist, “Ethical Approaches to Scholarship in Vulnerable Religious Communities” (Salt Lake City Sunstone Symposium)

<https://sunstone.org/ethical-approaches-to-scholarship-about-vulnerable-communities/>

2020. Interviewee, “Polygamy and the Utah Polygamy Bill” (Cwic Media)

<https://www.cwicmedia.com/blog/polygamy-the-utah-polygamy-bill>

2020. Interviewee, “Mormon Fundamentalism” (Classical Ideas Podcast, Episode 155)

<https://classicalideaspodcast.libsyn.com/ep-155-mormon-fundamentalism-wdr-cristina-rosetti>

2020. Interviewee, “Episode 179: Decriminalization of Polygamy” (Year of Polygamy Podcast with Lindsay Hansen Park)

<https://www.yearofpolygamy.com/uncategorized/episode-179-decriminalization-of-polygamy/>

2020. Interviewee, “Episode 178: Jim Harmston and the TLC” (Year of Polygamy Podcast with Lindsay Hansen Park)
<https://www.yearofpolygamy.com/uncategorized/episode-178-jim-harmston-and-the-tlc/>

2019. Interviewee, “Factioning over Questions of Authority,” (A Thoughtful Faith Podcast, Episode 314)

2019. Panelist, “Theological Development in Mormon Fundamentalism” (Sunstone Salt Lake City Sunstone Symposium)
<https://sunstone.org/theological-development-in-mormon-fundamentalism/>

2019. Panelist, “What the LDS Church Can Learn from the Catholic Response to Fundamentalism” (Sunstone Salt Lake City Summer Symposium)

Interviewer, Book Review: Colleen McDannell’s *Sister Saints* (Sunstone Salt Lake City Summer Symposium)

2018. Host, Sunstone Nauvoo Historic Tour (2018 Theme: “Autumn in Nauvoo”)

2018. Panelist with Gary J. Bergera, Lavina Fielding Anderson, and Thomas Alexander, Author Meets Critic, *Confessions of a Mormon Historian: The Diaries of Leonard J. Arrington* (Sunstone Salt Lake City Sunstone Symposium)

2018. Panelist with D. Michael Quinn and Joe Geiser, Author Meets Critic, *The Mormon Hierarchy: Wealth and Corporate Power* (Salt Lake City Sunstone Symposium)

2018. Interviewee, “Episode 154: Leonard Arrington and Fundamentalism” (Year of Polygamy Podcast with Lindsay Hansen Park)
<https://www.yearofpolygamy.com/year-of-polygamy/episode-154-leonard-arrington-and-fundamentalism/>

2018. “D&C 103- Section 132” (My Book of Mormon Podcast with Marie Hill)

2018. King’s English Book Launch Panelist with Gary Bergera and James Allen, *Confessions of a Mormon Historian: The Diaries of Leonard J. Arrington*. (Organized by Signature Books)

2018. Interviewer, Weller Book Works Launch for William Smith’s *Textual Studies of the Doctrine and Covenants: The Plural Marriage Revelation* (Organized by Greg Kofford Books)

2018. Presenter, Tanner Humanities Center Work-in- Progress Series, “Apparitions of the Priesthood: Spectral Authority in Contemporary Mormon Fundamentalism” (University of Utah’s Tanner Humanities Center)

2017-2018. Short Creek Historic Site Tour (Sunstone Education Foundation)

2017. Panelist, Mormon Women Supplementing their Mormon Experience with Alternative Spiritual Practices (Salt Lake City Sunstone Symposium)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2020. Awareness Documentary Production, Cherish Families

2020. Consultant, Lobbyist, and Hearing Testimony (SB102, Utah Legislative Session Sponsored by Senator Deidre Henderson and Representative Lowry Snow)

2017-2018. Short Creek Service Project, Fern Foundation

FIELDS OF TRAINING

Religious Studies, American Religious History, Mormon Studies, History of Christianity, Ethnographic Methodology, Qualitative Methodology, Critical Theory, Archival Research, Anthropology of Religion

LANGUAGES

German and French (reading proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Mormon History Association (MHA)

REFERENCES

Amanda Lucia, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Riverside
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