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SSHRC POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY, 2025–27

EDUCATION:

Sep 2018–Sep 2024	Doctor of Philosophy, Religion, Concordia University – Montreal, QC
Jul 2016–May 2018	Master of Arts, Inter-Religious and Indigenous Studies, Vancouver School of Theology – Vancouver, BC
Sep 2006–Apr 2008	Bachelor of Arts, Creative Writing, Concordia University – Montreal, QC
Sep 2002–Apr 2006	Bachelor of Arts, English, Dalhousie University – Halifax, NS

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS:

Jan–Apr 2024	Instructor – Concordia RELI324 – On the Margins of Christianity
Jan–Apr 2023	Instructor – Concordia RELI308 – Christianity in Canada and the U.S.
Sep–Dec 2020	Instructor – Concordia RELI368 – Religion and Indigenous Traditions

MONOGRAPHS:

Forthcoming 2027	*Sacramental Communities: Kinship, Society, and Politics in the Catholic Atlantic*, McGill-Queens University Press. Submitted, revision requested.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

Forthcoming 2027	"'A Great Big Tree with Deep and Solid Roots': Urbanity and Morality in *The Testament of Ann Lee*," *Journal for Religion, Film and Media.* Submitted, in review.
Forthcoming 2027	"Practicing Elemental Healing: Religious and Medicinal Uses of Water in the Nineteenth-Century Canadian Maritimes," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*. Submitted, in review.
May 2026	"'Unwilling to Die Unprepared': Religion, Kinship, and Property in Nineteenth-Century Acadian Wills," *Histoire sociale / Social History* 59, no. 121 (May 2026): 1–21.
May 2026	"'Luxury that has Grown Among the Women': Rural Catholic Women, Daily Life, and Devotional Labor in the Pre-Confederation Canadian Maritimes," *Church History*, https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640726103308

Jul 2025 "Agnes, Aimée, Alice: Three Acadian Sisters as Exemplary Twentieth-Century American Catholic Women," *U.S. Catholic Historian* 43, no. 3 (Summer 2025): 1–31.

Jun 2024 "'Toutes sortes de vices': Possession, Healing, and Religious Convergences in Early Nineteenth-Century Nova Scotia," *The Canadian Historical Review* 105, no. 2 (June 2024): 181–205.
Awarded *CHR* Best Article Prize for 2024

Jun 2023 "Slavery and Black Labour in a St. Mary's Bay Acadian Family, 1786–1840," *Acadiensis* 52, no. 1 (Spring 2023): 9–35.

Jun 2024 "Questioning Devotions, Reorienting Commitments: Using Christian Religious Archives and Church History to Study Indian Residential Schools," *Arc: Journal of the McGill School of Religious Studies* 51 (2024): 180–230.

RESEARCH REPORTS:

Sep 2026 "Exploring Concordia's Colonial Past: An Examination of the University's Past and Present Relationships with Indigenous Peoples," Concordia University Office of Indigenous Directions.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

Nov 2024 "Early Indigenous Programming and Pedagogies, 1970–1990," in *Concordia University at 50: A Collective History*, eds. Gagnon and Webb (Concordia University Press, 2024), 215–224.

REVIEWS:

Forthcoming 2026 Review of *Les Loyalistes noirs et la guerre d'Indépendance des États-Unis: Étude comparée d'une communauté réfugiée au Canada, 1775–1815*, by Seynabou Thiam-Pereira. *Port Acadie: revue interdisciplinaire en études acadiennes.*

THESES:

Apr 2024 "Sacramental Communities: Atlantic Catholics and Sociopolitical Formations in British Nova Scotia," PhD dissertation, Concordia University.

Mar 2018 "Women and Acadian Popular Religious Culture in Southwestern Nova Scotia, 1795–1820," MA thesis, Vancouver School of Theology.

BLOG CONTRIBUTIONS &
MEDIA ENGAGEMENT:

Sep 2026 "Wilmot Springs: Nova Scotia's Elixir Vitae," NiCHE (Network in Canadian History and Environment)

Aug 2026	"Researcher studying Acadian wills says they were an act of resistance," CBC News article by Giuliana Grillo de Lambarri.
Nov 2024	"'Aujourd'hui habitans des Etats-Unis': Acadian Social Networks of the Revolutionary Atlantic," *Acadiensis* blog.
Oct 2023	"Investigating Jerome: Personal Reflections on Acadian Slave-owning," *Acadiensis* blog.
May 2022	History consultant for CBC Gem docu-series, *Black Life: Untold Stories*, created by Leslie Norville.
Aug 2020	"Researcher unearths disturbing family history about slavery in Nova Scotia," CBC News article by Emma Smith & CBC Radio One interview with Portia Clark.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Jul 2026	"Africans and Acadians between Revolution and Abolition," *Rebellion, Resistance, and Refuge: Slavery and Border-Crossing during the American Revolution,* Slavery North, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
Jun 2026	"The Politics of Family Papers: Acadian and African-Nova Scotian Commercial Exchanges in the Nineteenth Century," Canadian Historical Association annual meeting, University of Prince Edward Island.
Jun 2026	"'On désirait ici d'avoir un autre Prêtre': Clergy, Acadians, and Lay Authority in Early-Nineteenth-Century Nova Scotia," Canadian Catholic Historical Association annual meeting, University of Prince Edward Island
Jun 2025	"'Daniel Tony begs of me to write to you': Indigenous Petitions, Government Aid, and Christian Charity in Pre-Confederation Nova Scotia," Canadian Historical Association annual meeting, George Brown College.
Mar 2025	"New Approaches to Studying the Religious History of Atlantic Canada," Religious Studies in Atlantic Canada Conference, St. Mary's University.
Sep 2024	"L'sitkuk to London: Mi'kmaq Communities, Benevolence, and British Empire, c. 1812–1867," Northeast Conference on British Studies, Trinity College, Hartford.
Jun 2024	"Problems of Historiography/Hagiography: Christian Churches, Archives, and Indian Residential School History," Canadian Society for the Study of Religion annual meeting, Université du Québec à Montréal
Jun 2024	"Reassessing Post-Deportation Acadian Culture in Nova Scotia and Beyond, c. 1775–1845," Canadian Historical Association annual meeting, McGill University.

May 2023	"Examining Acadian Parish Archives for Evidence of Enslavement and Racial Violence in British Nova Scotia," Canadian Historical Association annual meeting, York University.
Aug 2022	"'Wholly untenable': Resisting Abolition in Early Nineteenth-Century Nova Scotia," *Destinations and Departures*, Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, Dalhousie University.
Mar 2022	*"*Clerical Silences between Canada and the US: Transnational Jesuits, Slavery, and College Education in the Nineteenth Century," *Race, Racism, and Religion*, Religion Graduate Conference, Columbia University.
Apr 2021	"Disrupting Cherished Histories: Nineteenth-Century Imperial Roots in Acadian Settler-Colonial Sentiment," *Interruption: History in the Making*, Graduate Student History Conference, Concordia University.
Feb 2020	"River of Dreams: Alanis Obomsawin's Oral Storytelling and the Mission History of Odanak," *Landedness*, Concordia's Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference (AGIC).
Oct 2019	"Hosting the Stranger: A Muñozian Queer Theology," *Theology in the City*, Theological Studies Conference, Concordia University.
May 2019	"An Excess of Devotion: Interpreting the Violence of Catherine Tekakwitha's Ascetic Practice," *Religion and Violence*, Vancouver School of Theology's Interreligious Studies Conference.
Apr 2019	"'Ô filles folles': The Possessed Girls of Bas-de-Tousquet and Acadian Popular Religious Culture," *Myth, Magic, and Religion*, McGill Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR) Graduate Student Conference.
Mar 2019	"Kinship, Conflict, and Peace: A Mixed Family Network in Early 18th-Century Mi'kma'ki," *Place and Presence*, McGill-Queen's Annual Graduate History Conference.
May 2018	"Santa Muerte: Devotion to Death and a Saint of the Marginalized," *Spiritual Perspectives on Death and Dying*, Vancouver School of Theology's Interreligious Studies Conference.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & GUEST LECTURES

Oct 2026	Invited lecturer, "Using Sacramental Records to Study Lay Authority in Early Modern North America," Jesuit Centre for Catholic Studies, St. Paul's College, University of Manitoba.
Sep 2026	Invited panelist, "National Day for Truth and Reconciliation: Confronting Our Past – Concordia and the Legacy of Residential Schools," Concordia University, Office of Indigenous Directions.

Mar 2026	Guest lecturer, "Ann Lee, the Shakers, and Sexuality," Concordia RELI380 – Religion and Sexuality.
Feb 2026	Guest lecturer, "Practicing Public History: Possibilities, Pitfalls, and Payoffs," Concordia HIST306 – History and the Public.
Sep 2025	Invited panelist, "Residential Schools: History, Research, and Settler-Colonial Legacies," *Honouring Truth, Reflecting on Impact: A Day of Learning*, Concordia University, Office of Indigenous Directions.
Mar 2025	Guest lecturer, "Bastards, Concubines, and Libertines: Sin and Sexual Scandal in Early Modern North American Christianity," Concordia RELI380 – Religion and Sexuality.
Mar 2025	Guest lecturer, "Commemorating the Jesuit 'Martyrs' in Canadian History," Concordia RELI223 – Introduction to Christianity.
Mar 2025	Panelist and co-organizer, "Our Jesuit Legacy: Connections between Montreal's Loyola College and the Spanish Indian Residential School in Ontario," *Confronting Concordia's Colonial Past*, Concordia University.
Mar 2025	Invited lecturer, "Acadians and Religion during the Period of Atlantic Revolutions," Acadian Archives Lecture Series, University of Maine, Fort Kent.
Feb 2025	Invited lecturer, "La Vénérable Mère: The Life of Marie-Marguerite d'Youville, Founding Superior of the Grey Nuns of Montreal," Concordia University Residence Life.
Oct 2024	Guest lecturer, "Practicing Public History: Possibilities, Pitfalls, and Payoffs," Concordia HIST306 – History and the Public
Oct 2023	Guest lecturer, "Evangelical Christianity in Early America: From the Great Awakening to the Civil War," Concordia RELI223 – Introduction to Christianity.
Jul–Sep 2023 & Mar–Sep 202	Lead investigator & author, "Exploring Concordia's Colonial Past: An Examination of the University's Past and Present Relationships with Indigenous Peoples," Concordia's Indigenous Directions Action Plan.
May 2023	Invited lecturer, "Religion and Reconciliation," *Decolonization and the Study of Religion: A Workshop Series*, McGill University School of Religious Studies & Concordia University Department of Religions & Cultures.
Feb 2023	Invited lecturer, "A History of the Grey Nuns of Montreal and Their Work at Indian Residential Schools," Concordia University Residence Life.

Oct 2022	Guest lecturer, "Loyola College and the Spanish Indian Residential School," Concordia RELI298 – Decolonizing the Local: Concordia, Montreal, and Residential School History.
May 2022	Guest lecturer, "Indian Residential Schools and the History of Christian Colonization in Canada," Dawson College BWS-03 – Introduction to World Religions.
Apr 2022	Invited panelist, "Sensing Religious Space/Secular Space: Affect and History in Concordia's Spatial Atmosphere," *Soundwalk Symposium*, Concordia Department of Communications and Electroacoustic Studies.
Jan 2022	Keynote lecturer, "Concordia's Institutional History in an Era of Truth and Reconciliation," *Religion & Decoloniality*, Concordia's Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference (AGIC).
Sep 2021–Apr 2022	Research assistant, co-investigator, *Decolonizing Religious Studies* research group, Concordia Department of Religions & Cultures.
Oct 2021	Guest lecturer, "The Jesuit College Tradition in Montreal and Quebec City," Concordia HIST307 – History of Montreal.
Sep 2020–Apr 2021	Coordinator, *Sensing Atmospheres* research group, Concordia Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture (CISSC).
Nov 2020	Guest lecturer, "Colonial Archives, Religion, and 'the Intimate,'" Concordia RELI409 – Methodology and the Study of Religion.
Sep 2019–Aug 2020	Chair, Board of Directors, *Landedness*, Concordia's Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference (AGIC).
Sep–Dec 2019	Teaching assistant, Concordia RELI378 – Death and Dying.
Mar 2019	Guest lecturer, "Catherine Tekakwitha, Indigenous Women, and Missionary Catholicism," Concordia RELI382 – Women and Religion: Christianity.
Jan – Apr 2019	Guest lecturer, Concordia RELI398 – Sex, Gender, and Jews, "Spiritual Connectedness and the Queer Ancestors of *Transparent.*"
Sep–Dec 2017	Organizer & facilitator, *Spiritual Exiles: Explorations in Queer Theology,* graduate student study seminar, Vancouver School of Theology.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Decolonial pedagogies; colonialism; religion and empire; race, gender, and sexuality; Indigenous traditions; popular religion; queer spiritualities; saints and hagiography; Christianity in the Americas; missionaries and humanitarians; Atlantic slavery and abolition; Acadian and Maritime histories; politics of archives; institutional histories; heritage studies; orality and public memory.