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Education

- PhD Department of American Studies, Penn State University – Harrisburg, 2012
Subfields: Gender and Sexuality; Jewish Studies
- MTS Duke University Divinity School, 2007
Certificate: Gender, Sexuality, and Theology
- Fulbright Department of Religion, Philipps Universität, Marburg, Germany, 2004-2005
- BA Departments of Religious Studies and German [concurrent majors],
Elizabethtown College, 2004
Magna cum laude, honors program, departmental honors

Professional Appointments

- 2016-present Batten Endowed Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies and Women’s Studies, Old Dominion University
- 2015-2016 Director of Faculty Development and Support, Pennsylvania College of Health Sciences
- 2013-2015 Visiting Assistant Professor of Women and Gender Studies, Elizabethtown College
- 2015-2016 Adjunct Professor of Women and Gender Studies and Religious Studies,
2011-2013 Elizabethtown College
- 2011-2016 Adjunct Professor of American Studies, Penn State University – Harrisburg
- 2009 Adjunct Professor of Judaic Studies, Dickinson College

Publications

Books

- 2019 Milligan, Amy. *Jewish Bodylore: Feminist and Queer Ethnographies of Folk Practices*. Maryland: Lexington Books.

2014 Milligan, Amy. *Hair, Headwear, and Orthodox Jewish Women: Kallah's Choice*. Maryland: Lexington Books.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles and Edited Volumes

2019 Milligan, Amy "The Subversive Jewish Feminist Body: Creating Spaces of Protest through Embodiment in Synagogue Life" in *Making Gender in the Intersection of the Human and the Divine*, ed. Muhammad Shafiq. Cambridge Scholars Press (accepted and forthcoming).

2019 Milligan, Amy. "The Jewish Zealots of Tobacco Land: The Circuit Riding Rabbi Project's Legacy of Grassroots Leadership for Small Town Jews in North Carolina, 1950-1980." *Jewish Culture and History* (accepted and forthcoming).

2018 Milligan, Amy. "Bodylore and Dress." *The Oxford Handbook of American Folklore and Folklife Studies*, ed. Simon J. Bronner. New York: Oxford University Press.

2018 Milligan, Amy. "The Jewish Home Beautiful: Mediating Jewish Practice through the Feminization of the Sabbath, 1920-1945" in *Connected Jews: Expressions of Community in Analog and Digital Culture*, ed. Caspar Battegay. Oxford: Liverpool University Press: 69-88.

2017 Milligan, Amy. "Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow: Upsherin, Alef-Bet, and the Childhood Navigation of Jewish Gender Identity Symbol Sets." *Children's Folklore Review*, (38): 7-26.

2014 Milligan, Amy. "Expanding Sisterhood: Jewish Lesbians and Externalizations of Yiddishkeit," *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, 18:4: 437-455.

2013 Milligan, Amy. "Colors of the Jewish Rainbow: A Study of Homosexual Jewish Men and Yarmulkes," *Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, 12:1: 71-89.

2013 Milligan, Amy. "Wearing Many Hats: Head Covering Practices of Orthodox Women in a Small- Town Synagogue," *Jewish Cultural Studies: Volume 4*, ed. Simon J. Bronner. Oxford: Littman.

2011 Milligan, Amy. "Orthodox Judaism: The Shulchan Arukh," *Milestone Documents in World Religions: Exploring Traditions of Faith through Primary Sources*, ed. David M. Fahey. Dallas: Schlager Group: 958-971.

Additional Publications

- 2017 Milligan, Amy. "Jiddishkeit Gestalten: Jüdische Frauen und Sozial-Religiöse Zugänge zu Haar und zu Haarbedeckungen." (Styling Yiddishkeit: Jewish Women and Social-Religious Approaches to Hair and Hair Covering) *Jüdisches Museum Berlin Journal* (16): 21-25.

Encyclopedia Articles

- 2015 Milligan, Amy. "Clothing and Fashion," *Encyclopedia of Youth Cultures in America*, ed. Simon J. Bronner. New York: ABC-CLIO.
- 2015 Milligan, Amy. "GLBT," *Encyclopedia of Youth Cultures in America*, ed. Simon J. Bronner. New York: ABC-CLIO.
- 2015 Milligan, Amy. "Hair," *Encyclopedia of Youth Cultures in America*, ed. Simon J. Bronner. New York: ABC-CLIO.
- 2014 Milligan, Amy. "Folk Art," *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Receptions Online*. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 2012 Milligan, Amy. "Hasidism," *Encyclopedia of American Studies*, ed. Simon J. Bronner. Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- 2011 Milligan, Amy. "Hairstyles," *Encyclopedia of American Women's History*, ed. Hasia Diner. New York: Facts on File.
- 2011 Milligan, Amy. "United Cloth Hat and Cap Makers Union," *Encyclopedia of American Women's History*, ed. Hasia Diner. New York: Facts on File.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2018 College of Arts and Letters Summer Research Fellowship Grant, Old Dominion University
- 2017 Southern Jewish Historical Society Research and Travel Grant
- 2017 Jim and Diane Shneer Fellowship in Post-Holocaust American Judaism, University of Colorado at Boulder
- 2017 Rubenstein Research Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Duke University
- 2017 Improving Disciplinary Writing, Old Dominion University

- 2015 Advising Innovation Grant, Elizabethtown College,
- 2014 Dean of Faculty Think-Tank Grant, Elizabethtown College
- 2005 Fulbright Fellowship, Philipps Universität Marburg, Germany

Prizes and Honors

- 2018 Keene State College Summer Institute on Genocide Studies and Prevention
- 2017 Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar on Gender and Sexuality in the Holocaust, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 Interfaith Leadership and Service Award, Elizabethtown College
- 2014 American Academy of Religion: The Status of Women; LGBTIQ Persons; Racial, Ethnic and Minority Persons; and Persons with Disabilities in the Profession, Program Participant
- 2013 Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Award, Elizabethtown College
- 2013 Called to Lead: Leadership Excellence Award for Student Group Adviser and Mentor, Elizabethtown College
- 2012 Sue Samuelson Award for Academic Excellence in American Studies, Penn State University – Harrisburg
- 2011 Raphael Patai Prize in Jewish Folklore and Ethnology, American Folklore Society and American Anthropological Association

Peer Reviewed Presentations and Panels**Papers**

- 2018 Untangling the Roots: Jewish Children, Gender Identity Kits, Hair, and the Alef-Bet Ritual, European Jewish Studies Congress, July 15.
- 2017 Styling Jewish Daughters: Upsherin and Jewish Feminist Folklore Intersect, Association of Jewish Studies, Washington, D.C., December 18.
- 2017 Rebellious Hair: Jewish Feminist Reinterpretations of the Orthodox Jewish Ritual of Upsherin, American Folklore Society, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 21.

- 2017 Creating a Sanctuary of the Home: Material Culture and the Jewish Sabbath in the Interwar Years, American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 20.
- 2017 The Subversive Jewish Feminist Body: Creating Spaces of Protest through Embodiment in Synagogue Life. 4th Annual International Symposium on Sacred Texts and Human Contexts, Nazareth College, July 30.
- 2015 Shared Images: Reappropriations of Nazi Symbols by the LGBTQ Community. Eastern American Studies Association Conference, Rowan University, March 27.
- 2014 Beyond the Binary: Exploring Contemporary American Concepts of Femininity and Masculinity, Eastern American Studies Association Conference, LaSalle University, March 29.
- 2013 Fashioning Her Body: Experiences of the Sacred in the Embodied Lives of Jewish Lesbians. Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, December 22.
- 2013 Expanding Sisterhood: Jewish Lesbians and Externalizations of Yiddishkeit. American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, November 19.
- 2013 The Rosa Winkel: A Study in the Reappropriation of a Nazi Symbol by LGBT Youth Culture. Young Feminisms: Youth, Gender, and Transformation Conference, Franklin and Marshall College, March 30.
- 2013 Who Do You Say I Am?: Defining the Religious Other in American Culture: Sex, Gender, and Sexuality. Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March 14.
- 2013 Perspectives on Contemporary Religious Identity: Gender and Sexuality. Eastern American Studies Association Conference, Eastern Mennonite University, March 23.
- 2012 Establishing Yiddishkeit: Women and Kippot. Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Chicago, Illinois, December 21.
- 2012 Covering Jewish Women: The Feminization of Kippot by Non-Orthodox Women. Eastern American Studies Association Conference, Rutgers University, March 30.
- 2012 Settings of Silver: The Feminization of the Jewish Sabbath, 1920-1945. Facing Secularization: The Modern Jewish Family Between Tradition and Modernity, Western Galilee College, Israel, January 10.
- 2011 Wearing Many Hats: Head Covering Practices of by Orthodox Women in a Small-

Town Synagogue. Association of Jewish Studies Conference, Washington, DC, December 20.

2010 Eruvin: Creating Sabbath Space within Jewish Law," Middle Atlantic American Studies Conference, LaSalle University, March 20.

Respondent

2016 National and Trans-national Lesbian Feminisms: Disparity and Connection. American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, Texas, November 21.

2015 Lesbians, Dykes, Feminists, and Queers: Who Really is Part of the "L-Word" Today? American Academy of Religion Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21.

Panel Chair

2017 The Lesbian as a Space for Revolution in Communities, Organizations, and Politics, American Academy of Religion Conference, Boston, November 19.

2017 Feminist Disputes and Disputes About Feminism. Works in Progress Conference, Old Dominion University, April 1.

2016 Did We Win? Critical Appraisal of Marriage Equality Gains One Year after Obergefell. American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, Texas, November 20.

2014 Lived Experience, Community, and the Collective. Middle Atlantic American Academy of Religion Conference, Mount Saint Mary College, March 8.

2013 Global Religion and Pluralism: The Religious Other in Global Context. Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, March 14.

2012 Global Pedagogy and Interaction. Middle Atlantic American Academy of Religion Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, March 16.

2012 Global Folk Religion. Middle Atlantic American Academy of Religion Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, March 15.

2012 Global Religion and Pluralism: The West and Theory. Middle Atlantic American Academy of Religion Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, March 15.

2011 Media, Religion, and the Marketplace. European American Studies Association

Conference, Heidelberg, Germany, October 8.

2011 Issues of Heritage and the State. Middle Atlantic American Studies Conference, Pennsylvania State Capitol, April 8.

Television

2015 Up Close: Jewish Women and Hair Covering. *The Jewish Channel*. August 24.

Invited Talks

2018 Snapshots of Small-Town Jewry, Temple Ohef Sholom, Norfolk, August 3.

2018 The Jewish Sisterhood, Temple Ohef Sholom, Norfolk, Virginia, April 27.

2017 Renewing Her Body: The Body as a Feminist Ritual Text in the Jewish Renewal Movement, 1970-2017, University of Colorado at Boulder, October 12.

2017 Together at the Table: A Global Grassroots Shabbat Celebrating Unity and Diversity: Jewish Responses in the Wake of Charlottesville, Temple Ohef Sholom, Norfolk, Virginia, August 18.

2017 Das Kleid der Ehebrecherin – Frauen und Sexualität im Judentum (The Gown of the Adulteress: Women and Sexuality in Judaism), Jewish Museum of Berlin, May 9.

2017 The Jewish Home Beautiful: The Role of Homemaking in Mediating Jewish Practice, Old Dominion University, Works in Progress Conference, April 1.

2017 Shared Images: Reappropriations of Nazi Symbols by the LGBTQ Community, Old Dominion University Junior Faculty Forum, February 10.

2015 Queering Practice: Creating LGBTQ-Inclusive Environments in Clinical and Healthcare Settings. Mid-Atlantic LGBTQA Conference, Bloomsburg University, November 8.

2015 Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds: Inclusive Health Services in Schools. Northeast LGBTQ Education Summit, October 11.

2015 Examining and Overcoming Cultural Bias: Mine and Theirs. The President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge, Howard University, Washington, D.C., September 11.

Service**Profession**

2018-present Board Member, Association of Jewish Studies: Women's Caucus

2018-present Reviewer, *Western Folklore*

2017-present Reviewer, *American Anthropologist*

2017-present Committee Member, Hampton Roads Jewish Educator Council

2016-present Reviewer, *Journal of Contemporary Jewry*

2014-present Committee Chair, American Academy of Religion: Lesbian Feminisms and Religion

2013-present Committee Member, American Academy of Religion: Lesbian and Feminist Issues in Religion

2013-2015 Executive Committee, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion

2013-2014 Chair of Section Chair Committee, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion

2010-2015 Chair, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion Global Religion and Pluralism Section

Department and University

2018 Quality Enhancement Plan Interdisciplinary Writing Program Assessment Summit

2018-present Women's Studies Departmental Teaching Review Committee

2017-2018 President's Task Force for Inclusive Excellence – Community Engagement, Old Dominion University

2017-present Faculty Mentor, Hillel, Old Dominion University

2016-present Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Committee, Old Dominion University

2016-present Institute for Jewish Studies and Interfaith Understanding Board, Old Dominion University