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GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Adjunct assistant professor (ranked), Dominican University of California, San Rafael, CA. (2002–present).
- Adjunct assistant professor, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA (2008–present).
- Adjunct assistant professor, Sofia University (formerly ITP), Palo Alto, CA (2007–present).
- Adjunct instructor, Santa Rosa Junior College, Petaluma, CA (2003–2006).
- Adjunct instructor, Las Positas College, Livermore, CA (2002–2003).

COURSES TAUGHT:

Dominican University of California, San Rafael, CA.

- *Matriarchal Societies*. Semester course, Fall 2010.
- *Mystics and Witches*. Semester course, Fall 2008.
- *Women's Ancient Mysteries*. Semester course, Fall 2009, 2007.
- *The Divine Feminine in Judaism and Christianity*. Semester course, Fall 2006, Sp. 2008 & 2009
- *Theology of Women*. Semester course, Fall 2005–08.
- *Spirit of the Earth* (ecology & religion). Semester course, Fall 2003 & 2004.
- *Woman as Healer, Oracle, and Shaman*. Semester course, Summer 2003 & Fall 2004.
- “Goddesses of the Ancient World.” Guest lecture in *World History*, Fall 2005.
- “Matilda Joslyn Gage.” Guest lecture in *Women, Power, and Politics*, Spring 2005.

Sofia University (formerly Institute of Transpersonal Psychology), Palo Alto, CA.

- *Women, Religion, and Social Change*. Semester course, Master's Program in Women's Spirituality. Fall semesters 2007–2012.
- “The Demeter & Persephone Mysteries in Greece & Sicily.” Graduate lecture, Jan. 2002.

California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA.

- *Matriarchal Societies: An Introduction*. Semester course, Fall 2011.
- *Woman as Healer*. Semester course, Spring 2010.
- *Research Colloquium*. Short course, Fall 2009.
- *Foundational Elements of Academic Research and Writing*. Short course, Fall 2009.
- *M.A. Integrative Seminar*. Semester course, Fall 2008.
- *Priestesses of Ancient Greece*. Short course, Summer 2008.
- “The Oracles of Delphi and Dodona” and “Stregoneria: Italy's Old Religion.” Graduate lectures for *Wise Women and Witches* course by Randy Connor, Spring 2011.
- “Matilda Joslyn Gage.” Graduate lecture for *Womanist/Feminist Worldviews* course by Arisika Razak, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- “Feminist Research Methodologies.” Graduate lecture for *Theoretical Research* course by Jorge Ferrer, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2008.
- “The Divine Feminine in Theosophy.” Graduate lecture, 2005.
- “The Philosophy of Mary Daly and Matilda Joslyn Gage.” Graduate lecture, 2004.
- Onsite research tour lecture at Enna and Lake Pergusa, Sicily, about the religious history of the region from Neolithic to Roman occupation. May 2001.

GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING, CONTINUED

Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA.

- *Women's Hidden History: The Goddess and Female Spiritual Traditions*. Semester course, Summer 2002.
- *The Goddess and Her Priestesses*. Short course, September 2002.

Santa Rosa Junior College, Petaluma, CA.

- *Comparative Mythology*. Semester course, Spring & Fall 2003, Spring 2004 & 2006.

Las Positas College, Livermore, CA.

- *Ethics*. Semester course. Fall 2002, Spring 2003.
- *Woman as Healer, Oracle, and Shaman*. Short course, Spring 2003.

New College of California, San Francisco, CA.

- *Women, Religion, and Social Change*. Semester course, Master's Program in Women's Spirituality. Fall 2006.
- *The Divine Feminine and Women's Spiritual Traditions*. Semester course, Fall 2002.

Napa Valley College, Napa, CA.

- "Ancient Goddess Religion." Guest lecture for *Comparative Religion*, Fall 2005.

University of California, Berkeley, Extension, San Francisco, CA.

- "The Women's Spirituality Movement." Guest lecture, October 2001.

Writing Instructor & Coach. 2002-present.

Teach writing seminars, coach, and edit dissertations and theses for graduate students.

Harvard Business School, 1993-95. Writing tutor for first-year MBA students.

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- 2014, forthcoming. *Miraculous birth across the ancient Mediterranean world*. New York: Routledge.
- 2012. *Partenogensi. Il Culto della nascita divina nell' antica Grecia*. Torino: Psiche2.
- 2010. *Virgin mother goddesses of antiquity*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2009. *The cult of divine birth in ancient Greece*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2008, 2004. *Where to publish articles on women's studies, feminist religious studies, and feminist/womanist topics* (ed.). San Francisco: Mother Mystery Press.

ARTICLES:

- 2011. Envisioning a spiritualized feminist the*logical tradition: Being the change we want to see. *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 27(1): 105-109.
- 2005. Persephone's sacred lake and the ancient female mystery religion in the womb of Sicily. *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 21(2): 5-29. **JFSR New Scholar Award Honorable Mention**.
- 2009. In search of the Libyan amazons: Preliminary research in Tunisia. In *Societies of Peace*, ed. Heide Goettner-Abendroth, 367-83. Toronto: Inanna Publications and Education.

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS, CONTINUED

- 2007. Reclaiming the spooky: Matilda Joslyn Gage and Mary Daly as radical pioneers of the esoteric. *Trivia* 6. <http://triviavoices.net/archives/issue6/rigoglioso.html>
- 2005. Stregoneria: The old religion in Italy. In *She Is Everywhere: Anthology of the Dark Mother*, ed. Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum, 156-66. iUniverse.
- 2005. Interview with Starhawk. *Feminist Theology* 13(2): 173-83.
- 2005. Lake Pergusa, Sicily. In the *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, ed. Bron Taylor, 2:980-83. New York: Continuum.
- 2005. The rape of the lake. In *Italy: A love story*, ed. Camille Cusumano, 169-69.
- 2005. Breaking the taboo on matriarchy. <http://www.universitadelledonne.it/english/matriarchy.htm>
- 1999. The oldest labyrinth in the world? The paintings of the Polyphemus Cave. *Caerdroia* 29: 14-22.
- 2001. Educating the spirit: Nontraditional graduate schools. *Body & Soul*, November: 54-60.
- 1999. Maria Cimino: The lady of the lake. *New Age Journal*, July/August: 74-89.
- 1997. Awakening to the goddess. *New Age Journal*, May/June: 60-69, 138-50.

ACADEMIC & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

University of Kent. Canterbury, England, May 2011.

“Daimonic Intelligence” Conference. **Keynote address:** “When Spirit Possession is Sexual Encounter: The Case for a Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece.”

Perspectives on Matriarchal Politics Conference. St. Gallen, Switzerland, May 2011.

Paper: “Matriarchal Spirituality and Virgin Birth.”

Dominican University. San Rafael, CA, February 2011, March 2010.

Lecture: “The Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece.”

Casa Internazionale delle Donne. Rome, Italy, July 2010.

Women’s Conference. Paper: “Il Culto della Nascita Divina nella Grecia Antica.”

Harvard University. Cambridge, MA, October 2009.

James C. Loeb Classical Lecture: “The Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece.”

Brandeis University. Waltham, MA, October 2009.

Women’s Studies Research Center. Lecture: “The Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece.”

York University. Toronto, Canada, October 2009.

A (M)otherworld Is Possible Conference. Paper: “Divine Motherhood: Case of Ancient Greece.”

Association for the Study of Women and Mythology. Madison, WI, May 2009.

Goddess Scholars Conference. Paper: “Bees, Goddesses, Priestesses & Prophecy: Signs for Our Times.”

American Academy of Religion.

- Western Regional Conference, Whittier, CA. March 2011. “Persephone’s Rape and the Birth of Patriarchy: A Matriarchal/Esoteric Interpretation of the Cult of Demeter and Persephone.”
- Western Regional Conference, Santa Clara, CA. March 2009. “The African, Amazonian, Matriarchal Roots of Athena: Social, Spiritual, and Scholarly Implications.”

ACADEMIC & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, CONT.

- Western Regional Conference, Pasadena, CA. March 2008. Paper: “Virgin Birth as a Holy Practice in Ancient Greece.”
- Annual Conference. Denver, CO. November 2001. Paper: “The Rape of the Lake: The Spiritual and Ecological History of Sicily’s Lake Pergusa.”

National Women’s Studies Association. San Francisco, CA, June 2006.

Paper: “The Spiritual is Political is Scholarly: Locating Women’s Spirituality in the Academy.”

Second World Congress on Matriarchal Studies. Austin, Texas.

Paper: “In Search of the Libyan Amazons.” September 2005.

Society of Biblical Literature. Pacific Regional Conference, Moraga, CA, March 2002.

Paper: “The ‘Other’ Eleusis: Mysticism and Misogyny in the Navel of Sicily.”

Centro Camuno di Studi Preistorici. 15th Annual Rock-Art Conference, Val Camonica, Italy. Sept. 1997.

Paper: “The Oldest Labyrinth in the World? The Paintings of the Polyphemus Cave, Bonagia, Sicily.”

American Italian Historical Association. Annual conference. San Francisco. Nov. 1999.

Panel chair: Goddesses, Black Madonnas, and Witches: Women’s Hidden Heritage in Italy and Its Power for 20th Century Italian Americans. Paper: “The Rape of the Lake: The Spiritual and Ecological History of Lake Pergusa, Sicily.”

PUBLIC LECTURES & SEMINARS

Book Talks:

- Cultural Integration Fellowship, San Francisco, CA, March 2011.
- Center for the Divine Feminine, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA, January 2011.
- Open Secret Bookstore, San Rafael, CA. September 2010, April 2009.
- The Flying Lotus, Mt. Shasta, CA. July 2009.
- Women’s Heritage Project, Los Angeles, CA, July 2009.
- Goddess Temple of Orange County, Irvine, CA, July 2009.
- A Room of One’s Own bookstore, Madison, WI, May 2009.

Sunrise Center, San Anselmo, CA, and **Goddess Temple of Orange County,** Irvine, CA, December 2010.

Slide lecture: “Conceiving the Divine Light: Reclaiming Mary’s Mystery of Virgin Birth.”

Shamanism Conference. San Rafael, CA, September 2010.

Slide lecture: “Divine Ancestors: The Virgin Birth Tradition.”

Kalliopeia Foundation. San Rafael, CA, May and June 2010.

Slide lecture: “The Oracles of Delphi and Dodona: Ancient Sites of Women’s Wisdom and Gods’ Prophecy.”

Deborah Rose Memorial Lecture. Andover and Concord, MA, October 2009.

Slide lecture: “The Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece.”

Isis Oasis. Geyserville, CA, October 2009.

Goddess Convocation. **Keynote address:** “The Goddess Mut and Divine Birth in Ancient Egypt.”

Women’s Visionary Congress. Laytonville, CA, October 2009.

Slide lecture: “Priestesses’ Use of Entheogens in Graeco-Roman Antiquity.”

PUBLIC LECTURES & SEMINARS, CONT.

Dance Palace. Pt. Reyes, CA, August 2009, and **Open Secret Bookstore.** San Rafael, CA, February 2009.
Slide lecture: “Bees, Priestesses, and Prophecy.”

Magdalene Cultural Arts Center. North Hollywood, CA, March 2007.
Slide lecture: “The Libyan Amazons.”

The DaVinci Code Conference. Unity Church, Walnut Creek, CA, September 2007.
Slide lecture: “The Divine Feminine in the Pre-Christian Era.”

Lilith Institute & Women’s Heritage Project. *Voice of the Spirit* Series, Sonoma, CA, May 2003.
Slide lecture: “The History of the Women’s Spirituality Movement.”

Cultural Integration Fellowship. San Francisco, CA, March 2003.
Slide lecture: “The Female Priestess Tradition.”

Serpentina, “Goddess is Alive!” Series. Montclair Women’s Center, Oakland, CA.

- “Dancing in the Womb of the Mother: A Journey into the Labyrinth.” Slide lecture and experiential evening on the sacred labyrinth. March 2004.
- Slide lecture on the religion dedicated to Demeter and Persephone in Enna, Sicily. October 2001.

Women for Peace Project, Sonoma, CA. September 2002.
Slide lecture on ecofeminism and saving Lake Pergusa in Sicily.

International Women’s Writing Guild

- *Making Sacred Meaning of Our Lives: An Exploration of Spiritual Autobiography.* Weekend workshop, Northern California Conference, Santa Cruz, March 2001.
- *The Divine Feminine and Feminist Spirituality.* Six-part summer course at Skidmore College. August 1996 & 1997.

RADIO, PODCAST, AND FILM INTERVIEWS

Gnostic Media. Host: Jan Irvin.

- Interview on *Virgin Mother Goddesses of Antiquity.* September 2010.
http://www.gnosticmedia.com/membership-options/?s2member_asking=post-539&s2member_level_req=1
- Interview on *The Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece.* April 2009.
http://gnosticmedia.podomatic.com/entry/2009-04-26T19_05_24-07_00

The Vanishing of the Bees. Documentary Film, 2010.
Featured interview on bees and women’s oracular traditions.

Voices of the Sacred Feminine and Earth’s Sacred Places. Internet Radio Series. Host: Karen Tate.

- Interview on *Virgin Mother Goddesses of Antiquity.* March 2011.
- Interview on the Libyan Amazons. June 2010.
- Interview on research on Lake Pergusa and Demeter and Persephone in Sicily. August 2009.
- Interview on *The Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece.* December 2008.

RADIO, PODCAST, AND FILM INTERVIEWS , CONT.

KBIG Radio, 104 fm. *The Tobi Knight Show*. Los Angeles, CA.

Interview on goddess spirituality, feminism, and the environment. <http://www.kb2nea.org/marg/> (Click on KBIG).

KPFA Radio, 94.1 fm. *Women, Spirit & Peace* Series. Berkeley, CA.

Interview reporting on Matriarchal Studies Conference in Luxembourg. Sept. 2003.
<http://www.kpfa.org/archives/index.php?arch=145>.

PROFESSIONAL WRITING, EDITING, AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Freelance Writer and Editor — 1991–present

Write and edit books, feature articles, Web content, newsletters, public relations materials, etc., for businesses, universities, non-profits, and individuals.

Associate Editor, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL *BULLETIN* — 1991–99

Wrote and edited feature stories and news for this alumni magazine.

Staff Writer & Editor, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVT., HARVARD UNIVERSITY — 1986–91

Associate editor of school's biannual alumni magazine; managing editor of school's monthly newsletter; managing editor of school's annual catalogue.

EDUCATION

California Institute of Integral Studies. San Francisco, CA.

- Ph.D. humanities, 2007. Dissertation: *Bearing the Holy Ones: A Study of the Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece*.
- M.A., philosophy and religion, concentration in women's spirituality, 2001. Master's thesis: "Mysticism, Mother Worship, and Misogyny in the Navel of Sicily: A Spiritual History of Enna, Lake Pergusa, Demeter, and Persephone."

Vassar College. Poughkeepsie, NY.

- A.B., Psychology, 1984
- GPA: 3.9
- Phi Beta Kappa, General and Departmental Honors, and Dean's List
- Finalist for DeGolier Award for highest GPA in class

Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.

Courses taken from 1986-99 in Italian, Spanish, and French.

Instituto Internacional. Madrid, Spain.

Junior semester abroad, fall 1992, sponsored by Vassar College and Wesleyan University.

Women's Spirituality Program. Interface Foundation, Cambridge, MA.

Nine-month educational program, 1994-95, with leaders in the feminist spirituality movement.

RESEARCH

Research Trips to Europe and North Africa

Studied archeological sites of pre-historic and historic veneration of female divinities in the following places:

- Germany (July 2010), field trips in Bavaria led by Heide Goettner-Abendroth
- Tunisia (March 2005), to research the Libyan Amazons
- Sicily with author and film maker Susan Caperna-Lloyd (June 1996) and independently (1997, 2001)
- Malta with lecturer Clotilde Mifsud (April 1996)
- Crete and Greece with feminist theologian Carol Christ (June 1994)

Archeological Dig. Pantelleria, Sicily.

Student field assistant with dig sponsored by the University of Bologna, July 1998.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Enheduanna Award for Excellence in Women-Centered Literature, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, May 2009.
- Honorable mention, New Scholar Award, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Fall 2005.
- 1999 National Scholarship from FIERI, the young professionals organization of the Italian-American community.
- John Anson Kittredge Educational Fund: awarded \$5000 to support my work on archeological dig in Pantelleria, Italy, in July 1998.
- Massachusetts Arts Lottery Grants for writing, 1999, 1997.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion
- National Women's Studies Association

LANGUAGES

- Advanced-intermediate Italian, elementary Spanish, elementary French, ancient Greek.