

Justin Sabia-Tanis, PhD

Primary Areas of Scholarship

Religion

Gender and Sexuality/Queer Studies

Education

PhD	Graduate Theological Union, Interdisciplinary Studies, May 2017 Dissertation: "Queer Bodies, Sacred Subject," Advisor: Judith Berling, PhD
Doctor of Ministry	San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, California, 2002 Dissertation: "TransFormation: Identity and the Experience of God in the Lives of Transgendered People," Director: Robert E. Shore-Goss, ThD
Masters of Divinity	Harvard University, The Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1990 Master's Thesis: "Religious Responses to HIV/AIDS," Advisor: Harvey Cox, PhD
Bachelor's Degree	Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, <i>cum laude</i> , 1987 Major: International Relations
Certificate	Maryland Institute College of Art, 2006, Graphic Design

Academic Experience

Adjunct Faculty	Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona	2018-current
Adjunct Faculty	Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado (online)	2017-current
Adjunct Faculty	Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California	2007-current
Adjunct Lecturer	Department of Gender and Women's Studies University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona	Spring 2018
Research Fellow	Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Fall 2017
Adjunct Faculty	Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas	Summer 2017
Managing Director	Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion Pacific School of Religion	2013-2017
Online Learning Coordinator	Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California (Moodle)	2013

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Adjunct Faculty	Center for Art and Religion, Graduate Theological Union	2014
Technical Teaching Assistant	Pacific School of Religion	2012

Additional Work Experience

Director of Communications	Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California	2017-current
Director of Communications	Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, San Francisco, CA	2011-2012
Communications Manager	National Center for Transgender Equality, Washington, DC	2005-2011
Director of Leadership Development	Metropolitan Community Churches, Los Angeles, California	1996-2005
Pastoral Ministry	Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, California Ke Anuenue O Ke Aloha Metropolitan Community Church, Honolulu Metropolitan Community Church of Boston, Massachusetts	1994-1996 1991-1994 1990-1991

Publications

Books

Transgendered Ministry, Theology and Communities of Faith (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2003; Wipf & Stock, 2018).

Injustice at Every Turn: The Report of the National Transgender Discrimination Survey, Jaime Grant, PhD, Lisa Mottet, JD, and Justin Tanis, D.Min, with Mara Keisling, Jody Herman, PhD, and Jack Harrison (Washington, DC, The Task Force Policy Institute, 2010).

Chapters

“Holy Creation, Wholly Creative: God’s Intention for Gender Diversity,” in James K. Beilby and Paul Rhodes Eddy, eds, *Understanding Transgender Identity* (Baker Academic, forthcoming)

“Transgender Experiences in the United States,” in Chris Dowd and Christina Beardsley, *Transfaith: A Transgender Pastoral Resource* (Darton Longman & Todd Ltd, 2018)

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“Philippians,” in *The Queer Bible Commentary*, Bob Goss and Mona West, editors (London, SCM Press, 2006).

“Eating the Crumbs that Fall from the Table,” in *Take Back the Word: A Queer Reading of the Bible*, Bob Goss and Mona West, editors (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2000).

Journal Articles

Book Review: *This is My Body: Hearing the Theology of Transgender Christians*, in *Theology & Sexuality*, Vol. 23: No. 3, September 2017.

“The Power of 41%: A Glimpse into the Life of a Statistic,” *Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, Vol 86 (4), 2016, 373-377.

Reflections, *Christian Century*, January 18, 2017.

Papers, Presentations, and Lectures

“The Present and Future of Trans Hermeneutics,” Society of Biblical Literature, November 2018.

“Seeing is Believing: Using Sacred Image and Text in Sexuality Education,” American Academy of Religion, November 2018.

“Surviving and Thriving: Spiritual Contributions to Transgender Health,” Trans* Health Inclusion Conference, University of Missouri Kansas City Medical Center, September 23, 2018.

“Loving Me As I Am: The Appearance of God in Transgender Biography,” Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Gronigen, The Netherlands, April 2017.

“No Faith without Feminism,” Keynote speaker, Loyola University Chicago, March 2017.

“Rodeo Pantheon: Ancient Gods, Heroes, and Cowboys,” American Academy of Religion, 2016.

“Trans*/Queer Bodies | Sacred Bodies,” Trans*studies: an International Transdisciplinary Conference on Gender, Embodiment, and Sexuality, University of Arizona, 2016.

“*Respeto a Los Derechos Humanos*: Themes of Social Justice and Inclusion in the Art of Nahum B. Zenil,” American Academy of Religion, Western Region, 2016.

“Roundtable: Exploring the Intersections of LGBT, Religion, Race, Gender & Ethnicity,” St. Mary’s College of California, 2016.

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“Trans* Studies in Religion,” American Academy of Religion, 2015.

“Religion and Sexuality,” guest lecture in Human Sexuality course at the University of California, Berkeley School of Social Work, 2013- 2017.

“Queer Christ in Art,” guest lecture, Pacific School of Religion, 2015 and at Dignity USA Convention, 2015.

“Invisibility = Death: Religious Imagery in Art About AIDS,” Center for Art, Religion and Education, Graduate Theological Union, 2015.

“HIV, Art, and Religion,” guest lecture, “HIV and Theology,” Pacific School of Religion, 2014, 2016.

“Expanding the Classroom: Online Tools to Enhance Learning,” American Academy of Religion, 2013.

“David Wojnarowicz: Outsider Theologian,” American Academy of Religion, 2012.

Presentations on the National Transgender Discrimination Survey to National Institutes of Health, Department of Justice (Civil Rights Division and Community Relations Service), and other government agencies, 2010 and 2011.

Courses

Religion in Popular Culture (Pima Community College, 2018 and 2019)

Sexuality: Ethics, Culture, Faith, with Katia Moles, PhD. (Pacific School of Religion, 2015), with Latishia James (Pacific School of Religion, 2019)

Sex, Health and AIDS (University of Arizona, 2018)

Queer Christ in Word and Image, with Jay E. Johnson, PhD. (Pacific School of Religion, 2015 and 2018)

Queer Spirituality in the Visual Arts (Iliff School of Theology, online, 2017 and 2018)

Transgender Theology (Brite Divinity School, 2017)

Spanish Language Immersion, faculty/group leader (Pacific School of Religion and CETLALIC, Cuernavaca, Mexico, 2015 and 2017)

Sexuality in Sacred Art (Pacific School of Religion, 2008, 2012, 2014, and 2016)

Transgender Liberation (Theological Education for Leadership, Pacific School of Religion, 2015-2018)

The Spirituality of the Arts & Crafts Movement (Graduate Theological Union, 2014)

Cultures of Sexuality Immersion (Pacific School of Religion, 2014)

The Art of Holy Places (Graduate Theological Union, 2014)

Sources for a Sex-Positive Spirituality (Pacific School of Religion, 2014)

Queer Theology, Queer Politics (Pacific School of Religion, 2010)

Honors and Fellowships

Research Fellowship, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Amsterdam, 2017

Newhall Teaching Fellowship, Graduate Theological Union, 2014

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Finalist, Lambda Literary Award, 2003

Award for Outstanding Doctor of Ministry Dissertation Project, San Francisco Theological Seminary, 2002

Mabel Merrick Prize in Religion, Mount Holyoke College, 1987

Robert P. Sibley Prize in English, Mount Holyoke College, 1984

Academic Service

Board of Advisors, LGBT Religious Archives Network, 2018

Support Staff Professional Advisory Committee, Pacific School of Religion, 2016-2017

Jeanne Audrey Powers Scholarship selection committee, 2015-2017

Co-Chair, Transgender Task Force, Pacific School of Religion, 2014-2017

Languages

Spanish, Intermediate reading, Basic spoken and written

Dutch, Basic reading and spoken

Credentials

Clergy, United Church of Christ, Northern California Nevada Conference

Exhibited and Juried Art Works

"Christ Rising," Pacific School of Religion, 2016, 2015

"At the Beach," 2nd Prize, Category: Children, Center for Fine Arts Photography, 2015

"The Hidden Lives of Fishes," O' Hanlon Center for the Arts, 2013

"The Tree of Life Bears Fruit," commissioned for the Center for Art and Religion, 2013

"Word Made Flesh," Artist in Residence, New Spirit Community Church, 2012

"Waiting for You," "From Blackie's Cove," and "Night Falls," O'Hanlon Center for the Arts, 2012

"Untitled," O'Hanlon Center for the Arts, 2011

"Spring Rains," New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, 2008

"Phoenix Rising," *Reversing Vandalism*, San Francisco Public Library, 2001