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Bio

BIO

Kathryn Gin Lum specializes in American religious history. Her research and teaching interests focus on the lived ramifications of religious beliefs, and particularly on the relationship between religious and racial othering in the United States. She is author of Damned Nation: Hell in America from the Revolution to Reconstruction (Oxford University Press 2014) and Heathen: Religion and Race in American History (Harvard University Press 2022). She is co-editor, with Paul Harvey, of The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Race in American History (Oxford University Press 2018). She is affiliated with the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE) and is Director of the American Religions in a Global Context Initiative (argc.stanford.edu) at Stanford.

Professor Gin Lum received her B.A. in History from Stanford and her Ph.D. in History from Yale.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

• Professor, Religious Studies

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, (2023- present)
- Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, (2018-2023)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, (2012-2018)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, Princeton University, (2011-2012)
- Instructor, Department of Religion, Princeton University, (2010-2010)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Annenberg Faculty Fellow, awarded to outstanding junior faculty in the Humanities and Arts, Stanford University (2012 2014)
- Edwin W. Small Prize, for outstanding dissertation in American History, Yale University (2011)
- Howard R Lamar Center for the Study of the American West Research Fellowship, Yale University (2009 2010)
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow, The Huntington Library (2009)
- Research Fellowship, The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library (2008)
- Summer Pre-Prospectus Fellowship, The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library (2007)
- Richard J. Franke Fellowship for academic potential in the humanities, Yale University (2005 2009)
- History Department Commencement Student Speaker, Stanford University (2004)
- John & Marjorie Hines Prize for Undergraduate Thesis Research in American History, Stanford University (2004)
- Co-winner, Stanford Essay Contest (2003)

- History Scholar, The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (2003)
- John & Marjorie Hines Prizes for best papers in Colonial and Revolutionary America, Stanford University (2003)
- Lindsay Peters, Jr. Prize in Political Science, Stanford University (2003)
- Detur Book Prize for Excellence in flrst year, Harvard University (2002)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Founder/Organizer, American Religions Workshop, Stanford University (2012)
- Member, American Studies Committee-in-Charge, Stanford University (2012)
- Affiliate of Asian American Studies, Stanford University (2012)
- Member, Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University (2011 2012)
- Organizer, Religion in the Americas Workshop, Princeton University (2011 2012)
- Computer Assistant, History Department, Yale University (2008 2009)
- Research Assistant to Koichi Shinohara and Phyllis Granoff, Yale Department of Religious Studies (2006 2006)
- Assisted in editing conference papers for publication, Heroes and Saints: The Moment of Death in Cross-Cultural Perspectives (2006 2006)
- Paralegal Intern, Elliot & Mayock LLP. Focus: Immigration law (2004 2004)
- Member, American Historical Association
- Member, American Academy of Religion
- Member, American Studies Association

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

American Studies

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Yale University, History (2010)
- M.Phil., Yale University, History (2008)
- B.A., Stanford University, History, with Honors and with Distinction (2004)

LINKS

• Professor Kathryn Gin Lum: http://religiousstudies.stanford.edu/people/kathryn-gin-lum/

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- American Religions in a Global Context: Proseminar: RELIGST 359A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Constructing Race and Religion in America: AMSTUD 246, CSRE 246, HISTORY 256G, RELIGST 246 (Win)

2022-23

- American Religions in a Global Context: Proseminar: RELIGST 359A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Writing Religious History: RELIGST 371 (Win)

2021-22

- American Religions in a Global Context: Proseminar: RELIGST 359A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Asian Religions in America; Asian American Religions: AMSTUD 281, ASNAMST 281, RELIGST 281, RELIGST 381 (Win)

- Readings in Race and Religion in America: RELIGST 348 (Aut)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2020-21

- American Religions in a Global Context: Proseminar: RELIGST 359A (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Constructing Race and Religion in America: AFRICAAM 236, AMSTUD 246, CSRE 246, HISTORY 256G, HISTORY 356G, RELIGST 246, RELIGST 346 (Aut)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: THINK 70 (Aut)
- Writing Religious History: RELIGST 371 (Win)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Austin Clements, Austin Steelman

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Jason Schwartz

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Nicole Carroll, Chanhee Heo, Johanna Mueller, Jeffrey Sanchez, Valeria Vergani

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

• The Historyless Heathen and the Stagnating Pagan: History as Non-Native Category? RELIGION AND AMERICAN CULTURE-A JOURNAL OF INTERPRETATION

Lum, K. 2018; 28 (1): 52–91

- American Religion and the Rise of Internal Security A Prologue FBI AND RELIGION: FAITH AND NATIONAL SECURITY BEFORE AND AFTER 9/11 Lum, K., Martin, L. A., Johnson, S. A., Weitzman, S. 2017: 17–31
- Heaven in the American Imagination (Book Review) JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY Book Review Authored by: Lum, K. G. 2012; 99 (3): 880-880
- The Clergy *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History* Lum, K. G. edited by Dumenil, L. New York: Oxford University Press.2012
- Why the Hell Does Hell Still Matter? Religion Dispatches Lum, K. G. 2011
- Calvinist/Reformed Tradition and Heritage Encyclopedia of Religion in America

Lum, K. G. edited by Williams, P., Lippy, C. SAGE Publications.2010

• 'The Heavenization of Earth': African American Visions and Uses of the Afterlife, 1863-1901 SLAVERY & ABOLITION

Gin, K. 2010; 31 (2): 207-231 • Redeeming the Southern Family: Evangelical Women & Domestic Devotion in the Antebellum South Louisiana History Lum, K. G.

Athens: University of Georgia Press.2008

• Three Anti-Slavery Woman Writers Early American Abolitionists: A Collection of Anti-Slavery Writings, 1760-1820

Lum, K. G. edited by Basker, J. New York: The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.2005

- Stories on the Death of Leland Stanford, Jr. Sandstone and Tile Lum, K. G. 2004; 28 (1)
- Augustus Leopold Egg's Past and Present: The Coexistence of Compassion and Condemnation in 19th Century British Attitudes Towards the Adulteress *Herodotus*

Lum, K. G. 2003