

Jamie Sarafan Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- M.A. in History** May 2021
University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO
Thesis: “The Women and the Word: Serpent Handling and the Women of the Church of God, 1914-1935,” Committee: Mark A. Pittenger (chair), Deborah Whitehead, and Thomas G. Andrews
- M.A. in Religious Studies** May 2021
University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO
Portfolio: Committee: Deborah Whitehead (chair), Mark A. Pittenger, and Aun H. Ali
- B.A. Major in History, Minor in Southwest Studies, cum laude, Distinction in History** May 2016
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO
Thesis: “Them that Believe: Examining the Origins of Serpent Handling at the Turn of the 20th Century,” Committee: Bryan Rommel Ruiz (chair) and Bryant “Tip” Ragan

PUBLICATION

“The Women and the Word: Serpent Handling, Devotional Writing, and the Women in the Church of God, 1914-1936,” *Journal of Southern Religion*, fully accepted with no remaining revisions — anticipated publication in winter, 2026

WORK IN PROGRESS

“But as it was with Paul, she felt no harm”: Women Serpent Handlers, Power, and Authority in the early Church of God” (preliminary draft)

TEACHING

Adjunct Instructor: Responsible for developing syllabus, assignments, examinations, lectures, lesson plans; grading papers, projects, and examinations; delivering seminar-style classes and supplemental online lectures; holding weekly office hours

World Mythology: Front Range Community College, Westminster, CO: Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant: Responsible for planning and delivering independent, discussion-based recitation sections; grading papers, projects, online discussion boards, and examinations; holding weekly office hours

The Religious Dimensions of Human Experience: University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Fall 2019 and 2020 (synchronous remote and hybrid-in-person format in 2020)¹

Indigenous Religious Traditions: University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Spring 2020 (switched to an asynchronous online format mid-semester)

Meditation: Ancient and Modern: University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Spring 2019

Religions in the United States: University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Fall 2018

Grading Assistant: Responsible for grading papers, projects, online discussion boards, and examinations; holding office hours

¹ This course was an introduction to the academic study of religion. We reviewed the intellectual history of and current movements in the discipline.

The Qur'an: University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Spring 2021 (synchronous online format)

Christian Traditions: University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Summer 2020 (asynchronous online format)

Nontraditional Teaching Experience: Designed and developed outdoor education and climbing curricula; ensured safety and effective risk management in wilderness settings and/or technical climbing terrain; trained and mentored staff; created transformative, transferable learning experiences in outdoor education

Climbing Instructor: Movement Climbing, Boulder, CO: January 2022 – June 2022

Director of Adult Climbing Programs and Head Instructor: Ascent Studio Climbing and Fitness, Fort Collins, CO: October 2016 – October 2018

Rock Climbing Guide: Pike's Peak Alpine School, Colorado Springs, CO: May 2016 – September 2018

Lead Field Instructor: Colorado Outward Bound School, Leadville, CO: May 2014 – August 2017

Rock and Ice Climbing Guide: Front Range Climbing Company, Colorado Springs, CO: December 2012 – August 2014

AWARDS AND HONORS

2020-2021 Graduate Teaching Excellence Award, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Departmental Nominee, April 2021

The Best Should Teach Silver Award, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Awarded September 2019

The Robert J. Cosgrove Historical Thesis Prize, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO: Awarded May 2016

The Clyde Augustus Duniway Award for Outstanding Student Achievement, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO: Awarded May 2016

Dean's List, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, and Spring 2015

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lead Graduate Teacher Fellowship, The Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder CO: Fellow 2019-2020, and 2020-2021

University Fellowship, Religious Studies Department, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Awarded Spring 2020

University Fellowship, History Department, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Awarded Fall 2018

Religious Studies Fellowship, Religious Studies Department, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Awarded Fall 2018

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Religious Studies Departmental Action Team, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO: Graduate Student Representative, January 2020

– May 2021

Graduate Student Liaison to the Department of Religious Studies,
University of Colorado Boulder, CO: September 2019 – May 2021

Social Media Manager for the Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado
Boulder, Boulder, CO: December 2020 – May 2021

NEXT: Graduate Journal of Religious Studies, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder,
CO: Copyeditor, September 2020 – May 2021

History Graduate Student Association (HGSA), University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder,
CO: Student member, September 2018 – May 2021

Graduate Student Peer Mentor Program, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO:
Peer Mentor, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

Colorado College History Council, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO: Student
member, September 2013 – May 2016

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK

Senior Editor, *komoot*, remote position: November 2024 – present²

Editor and Content Writer, *komoot*, remote position: February 2023 – present

Freelance College Admissions Essay Tutor, Boulder, CO: August 2021 – January 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Historical Association (AHA)

The Organization of American Historians (OAH)

The American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Phi Alpha Theta: National History Honor Society, Charter member of the Colorado
College Chapter

² *Komoot* is an award-winning outdoors app based in Europe. It allows users to plan and share their own hiking and cycling adventures, learn about new areas with curated routes and written content, and connect with other outdoor enthusiasts.