

## CURRICULUM VITA

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#### EDUCATION

- 1997 Ph.D., Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University  
1994 M.A., Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University  
1990 M.Div., Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University  
1984 A.B., Honors, International Studies, Dartmouth College

#### GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-present *Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University*  
2017-2019 *Interim Chair, Department of French & Italian, Vanderbilt University*  
2013-present *Professor of Theology, Graduate Department of Religion, Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies Affiliated Faculty in Women's & Gender Studies, and American Studies. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee*  
1999-2013 *Professor of Theology, Ethics, and Culture, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois (Assistant Professor, 1999-2003; Associate Professor 2003-2008; Professor 2008-present)*  
2004 *Visiting Associate Professor, Meadville-Lombard Theological School, Chicago Illinois, Summer Term*  
1996-99 *Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois*  
1995-96 *Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Colby College, Waterville Maine*  
1994-95 *Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School and Vanderbilt University Department of Religious Studies, Nashville Tennessee.*  
1991-93 *Graduate Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee.*

**PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS**

- 2021 *Queer Soul, Queer Theology: Ethics and Redemption in Real Life*, with Thelathia Nikki Young (London: Routledge)
- 2016 *Awake to the Moment: Introducing Constructive Theology*, co-written with the Workgroup in Constructive Theology, co-edited with Stephen G. Ray, (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press).
- 2010 *Polydoxy: Theology of Multiplicity and Relation*, edited with Catherine Keller, (London: Routledge).
- 2007 *Beyond Monotheism: A Theology of Multiplicity* (London: Routledge).
- 1999 *Re-Imagining the Divine: Confronting the Backlash Against Feminist Theology* (Cleveland: Pilgrim).

**PUBLICATIONS: ANTHOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS**

- 2019 “Divine Promiscuity” in *Envisioning the Cosmic Body of Christ: Materiality-Incarnation-Ecology*” ed. by Aurica Jax and Saskia Wendel (Oxford: Routledge)
- 2017 “Nothing In This World Is Indifferent To Us: A Dialogical Reflection on the Queerness of Theology and Science” with Catherine Keller, in *Unsettling Science and Religion: Contributions and Questions from Queer Studies*” edited by Whitney Bauman and Lisa Stenmark (NY: Lexington).
- 2017 “More Than A Feeling: A Queer Notion of *Survivance*” in *Sexual Disorientations: Queer Temporalities, Affects, Theologies*, edited by Kent Brintnall and Joseph Marchal (NY: Fordham University Press).
- 2013 “The Gravity of Love: Theopoetics and Ontological Imagination” in *Theopoetic Folds: Philosophizing Multifariousness*, ed. by Roland Faber and Jeremy Fackenthal (Fordham University Press)
- 2013 “When The World Is Alive, Spirit Is Not Dismembered: Reflections on Native North American (Eastern Woodland) Philosophy” in *Sensational Religion: Sense and Contention in Material Practice*, Sally Promey, ed. (Yale University Press)
- 2012 “What Race Is Your Sex?” in *Queer Religion: LGBT Movements and Queering Religion, Volume II*, ed. by Donald L. Boisvert and Jay Emerson Johnson (Santa Barbara, CA). Reprinted from Harvey, Case & Gorsline (2005), see below.
- 2010 “The Love We Cannot Not Want” in *Planetary Loves: Spivak, Postcoloniality, and Theology*, ed. by Stephen Moore and Mayra Rivera (New York: Fordham University)
- 2010 “Promiscuous Incarnation” in *The Embrace of Eros: Bodies, Desires, and Sexuality in Christianity*, ed. by Margaret Kamitsuka (Minneapolis: Fortress)

- 2009 “Homosexuality, Queer Theory and Christian Theology” in *Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism: A Critical Reader*, ed. by Björn Krondorfer (SCM-Canterbury)
- 2009 “Heilende Anthropologie: Geschlecht, Gesundheit und Wissenschaft in der systematischen Theologie” in *Krankheitsdeutung in der postsäkularen Gesellschaft: Theologische Ansätze im interdisziplinären Gespräch* ed. by Günter Thomas and Isolde Karle, (Stuttgart, Germany: Kohlhammer Verlag)
- 2005 “What Race is Your Sex?” in *Disrupting White Supremacy From Within: White People on What We Need to Do*, edited by Jennifer Harvey, Karin Case, and Robin Hawley Gorsline (Cleveland: Pilgrim).
- 2005 “God” in *Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes* by the Workgroup in Constructive Theology, with Ellen Armour, Paul Capetz, and Don Compier. Edited by Paul Lakeland and Serene Jones (Minneapolis: Fortress).
- 2003 “Setting the Context: A Brief History of Science by a Sympathetic Theologian” in *Adam, Eve and the Genome: The Human Genome Project and Theology*, edited by Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite (Minneapolis: Fortress) pp 17-51.
- 2001 “Yahwist Desires: Imagining Divinity Queerly” in *Queer Commentary on the Hebrew Bible*, edited by Ken Stone (NY: Sheffield). Winner, 2001 Lambda Award.
- 2000 “The Courage to See and to Sin: Mary Daly’s Elemental Transformation of Paul Tillich’s Ontology” in *Re-Reading the Canon: Feminist Interpretations of Mary Daly* edited by Marilyn Frye and Sarah Lucia Hoagland (Philadelphia: Pennsylvania State University).
- 2000 “Queer Theory” in *Handbook of Postmodern Biblical Interpretation*, edited by A. K. M. Adam (St. Louis: Chalice).
- 1987 “Arms Control Impact Statements” in *The Uncertain Course: Arms in a New World*, edited by Carl Jacobsen, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (London: Oxford University).
- 1983 “Letter from Thailand” in *Ending Hunger*, edited by Donella Meadows (San Francisco: HarperCollins).

#### **PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- 2017 “Religion’s Queer Comeback?: Some Preliminary Questions” in *Scholar and Feminist Online* (NY: Barnard Center for Research on Women). Issue 14.2, April 2017.

- 2014 “Getting It Right” in *Polydox Reflections, Modern Theology* Volume 30, Issue 3, July 2014, 121-26.
- 2012 “Queer Theologies” in *Religion Compass* 6 (2012).
- 2011 “Between Ultimacy and Unity: On Michelle Voss Roberts’ Notion of Dualit(ies)” in *The Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies* 24 (2011).
- 2008 “Making Sense of Feminist Theologies Today” with Cassandra Trentaz, in *Religion Compass* 2 (2008).
- 2002 “Unreine Gedanken: Überlegungen zur Möglichkeit, Heute vom Göttlichen zu Wissen” (Impure Thoughts: Notes on Feminist Epistemology and the Possibility of Knowing Divinity) in *Schlangenbrut: Zeitschrift für Feministisch und Religiös Interessierte Frauen*, Heft Nr. 79, Fall-Winter 2002.
- 2000 “Homosexuality, Queer Theory, and Christian Theology” in *Religious Studies Review* Volume 26, Number 1, pp. 3-12.
- 1992 “From New Being to Meta-Be-ing: A Critical Analysis of Mary Daly” in *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Volume 75, Number 2-3.

#### **PUBLICATIONS: OTHER SCHOLARLY ARTICLES**

- 2009 Review of *Native Americans and the Christian Right: The Gendered Politics of Unlikely Alliances* by Andrea Smith. *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 38, No. 4.
- 2008 Response to Edward Butler’s review of *Beyond Monotheism*, *International Journal of Practical Theology*.
- 2006 Review of *After Christianity* by Gianni Vattimo, translated by Luca D’Isanto. *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Winter, 2006.
- 2006 “When Hell Freezes Over: Feminism, Ontology, and Multiplicity” in *The Spire*, Volume 26, Number 2, Summer.
- 2004 Review of *Face of the Deep: A Theology of Becoming* by Catherine Keller. *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 84, No. 4 (October 2004).
- 2002 Review of *Becoming Divine: Towards a Feminist Philosophy of Religion*, by Grace M. Jantzen. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 70, Number 3, September 2002, pp. 644-47.
- 2001 “What If It Is a Choice? Some Implications of the Homosexuality Debates for Theology” in *The Chicago Theological Seminary Register*, Vol 91, No. 3.
- 2001 “God Bless America: A Critical Reflection on 9/11” in *The Chicago Theological Seminary Register*, Vol. 91, No. 2.

- 1998 Review of *The Serpent and the Goddess* by Mary Condren (HarperCollins, 1989), *Mythosphere: A Journal of Ritual and Religion*, Volume 3, No. 2.
- 1998 Reviews of *Defying the Darkness: Gay Theology in the Shadows* by Michael J. Clark (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1997) and *In A Blaze of Glory: Womanist Spirituality as Social Witness* by Emilie Townes (Nashville, Abingdon Press, 1995), for *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 24.
- 1997 Review of *When God Becomes Goddess: The Transformation of American Religion*, by Richard Grigg (NY: Continuum, 1995) in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 23, 270.
- 1997 Review of *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*, edited by Letty M. Russell and J. Shannon Clarkson (Louisville KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1996), in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 23, 372.
- 1994 “Globalization as a Feminist Issue” in *The Spire: Alumni Magazine of Vanderbilt Divinity School*.
- 1994 “Language, Violence, and God” in *To the Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 2: Violence. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1994 “Who Sees Eye To Eye: Date/Acquaintance Rape and Right Relationship” in *To The Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 2: Violence. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1993 “AIDS, Teens and the Church: A Leaders’ Guide” in *To The Point: Confronting Youth Issues*, Volume 1: AIDS. (Nashville: Abingdon Press).
- 1985 “The Future of Disarmament” in *World Outlook*, Volume 1: Number 1.

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

- Nov. 2019 Panel presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego CA  
Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit, “Devils, Demons, and Theological Panic”
- Nov. 2019 Panel presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA  
Political Theology Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit on Catherine Keller’s *Political Theology of the Earth: Our Planetary Emergency and Struggle for a New Public*.
- Apr. 2017 Keynote Address, PThU International Conference, Groningen, The Netherlands  
“Signs of Life: Theories of Resilience and Theologies of Multiplicity”

- Nov. 2016 Panel Respondent, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX.  
“Colonial Hauntings in Philosophy of Religion”
- Nov. 2016 Panel Respondent, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX  
Gay Men’s Studies in Religion, “Unruly Methods: Thinking Again about  
Regulation, Devotion, and Desire in “Queer” Religious Experience”
- Nov. 2015 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA.  
“Flesh and Poetry in Mayra Rivera”
- Aug. 2015 Keynote, Institute on Religion in an Age of Science, Star Island, NH  
“Queering the Religion and Science Debate”
- Apr. 2015 Public Lecture, Harvard University Center for World Religions  
“When the Book is a Coyote: Native and Christian Influences”
- Nov. 2014 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.  
“Im/Possibles: Entering Stones Sensibly in *Cloud of the Impossible*”
- Nov. 2014 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.  
“Intimate Professions: Relationships in Academia”
- Sep. 2014 Paper presentation, Transdisciplinary Theology Colloquium, Drew University.  
“More Than a Feeling: A Queer Notion of *Survivance*”
- Apr. 2014 Casteneda Lecture, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago IL.  
“Inside-Out: Queer Theory’s Provocations to Theology”
- Nov. 2013 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore MD.  
“Religion, Science, and Democracy”
- Oct. 2011 Paper presentation, “Sense and Non-Sense: Native American Philosophy and the  
Practice of Paying Attention”, Conference *Sensational Religion: Sense and  
Contention in Material Practice*, Yale University, Religious Studies Department
- Aug. 2011 Paper presentation, HRC Summer Seminar, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville  
TN. “Musings on Writing and Life” with Emilie Townes
- Apr. 2011 Public Lecture, Yale Divinity School, New Haven CT  
“Forget You! Why Christian Theology Gets Stuck on Sexuality”
- Apr. 2011 Paper presentation, “The Law of Gravity and the Possibility of Belief”  
Conference on Belief, Yale University, Religious Studies Department
- Oct. 2010 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA  
“Comparative Theology and the Sense of Duality: Response to Michelle Voss  
Roberts’ *Dualities: A Theology of Difference*”
- Oct. 2010 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA  
“‘The Truth About Stories’: Polydoxy and Theopoetics”

- Oct. 2010 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta GA  
 “Addicted to Trauma: The Limits of Agonism in Theorizing the Theological: Response to Mark L. Taylor’s *The Theological and the Political*”
- May 2010 Paper presentation, Theopoetics: A Conference in Honor of Roland Faber, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA.  
 “Theopoetics and Ontological Imagination”
- Oct. 2009 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, Montreal QC  
 “*La Lucha Continua*: In Honor of Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz
- Sep. 2009 Paper presentation, Transdisciplinary Theology Colloquium, Drew University  
 “Crib Notes from Bethlehem: Polydoxy and the Necessity of Syncretism”
- Sep. 2008 Public lecture: “Monotheism: A Postcolonial Intellectual History” University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Nov. 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA  
 “Walk Like An Egyptian: Challenges of the Mosaic Narratives for a Postcolonial Theory”
- Nov., 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA  
 “Response to *Empire in the Christian Tradition*”
- Nov., 2007 Paper presentation, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA  
 “Response to *White Theology: Outing Supremacy in Modernity*”
- Nov. 2007 TTC7 Colloquium *Planetary Bodies*, Drew Divinity School, NJ  
 “Postcolonial and Queer Theories in Liberation Dialogue”
- May, 2007 Castaneda Lecture, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL  
 “Changing the Missionary Position: Facing Up to Racism, Sexism, and Nationalism in the L(GBT) Liberation Movement”
- April 2007 Lecture, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA  
 “The Metaphoric Exemption and Feminist Theology”
- April 2007 Theology Colloquium, Drew Theological School, Madison NJ  
 “Ontological Multiplicity”
- Sept. 2006 Tagung zum Thema Krankheit, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany  
 “Healing Theological Anthropology: Gender Fluidity and Wellness”
- Sept. 2006 Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium VI, Madison NJ  
 Response to “Bodies of the Void: Polyphilia and Theoplicity” by Roland Faber
- April 2006 The Antoinette Brown Lecture, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
 “When Hell Freezes Over: Feminism, Ontology, and Multiplicity”
- Nov. 2005 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

- Panelist, “Responding to the Religious Right” Gay Men’s Issues and Lesbian Feminist Issues in Religion co-sponsored panel. Presider, “Teaching Curriculum in Reproductive Decision-Making Courses”.
- April 2004 Theologisch Festival: Feest, Een Theologische Oefening. Keynote “Feast of Bodies” Theologische Universiteit, The Netherlands.
- Nov. 2003 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Atlanta GA.  
“Making Room for G\*d: Constructing Theology in Light of Global Nationalisms”  
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
- April 2002 Noster Theologisch Instituut voor Postnieteel Onderwijs en Praktijkonderzoek, Kampen Theological University, The Netherlands  
“Re-Imagining the Divine” Keynote Address
- April 2002 Feminist Theology Group, Tilburg University, The Netherlands  
“Divine Multiplicity as a Feminist Multicultural Project”, Keynote Address
- Nov. 2001 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Denver, CO.  
Moderator, Feminist Theory Group Panel
- Nov. 2001 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Denver, CO  
“Mid-Career Feminism” Presentation to the Women’s Caucus
- April, 2001 American Theological Society, Midwest. Elmhurst College, IL.  
Presidential Address, “Feuerbach, Barth, and the Feminist Question of God”
- Nov. 2000 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Nashville, TN.  
“‘What is Bothering Me Incessantly’: Bonhoeffer The Critical Theorist” Panel presentation.
- Nov. 1998 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Orlando, FL.  
Feminist Theory Meets Queer Theory,” Respondent: Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group.
- Sept. 1998 Williams College, Williamstown MA  
“‘Not Since Slavery’: The New American Religious Wars over Homosexuality”  
Humanities Forum Public Lecture
- June 1998 Women and Society Conference, Poughkeepsie NY.  
“Making Bodies Plain: Accountability and Problems of Privileged Identity/ies”  
Panel presentation.
- Jan. 1998 College of DuPage, Wheaton IL. “Persons and the Power of Dreams among Eastern Woodland Native American Cultures”. Public Lecture.
- Oct. 1997 Lucent Technologies, Naperville, IL. “Religious Diversity and Workplace Ethics”. Diversity Project seminar.



- April 1997 Women's Interaction Network, Naperville, IL. Keynote Address, "Women, Science and Spirituality: From the Women's Bible to the New Age".
- Nov. 1996 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, New Orleans, LA.  
"Constructive Theology in Academic [and] Ritual Practice: Whose Metaphors?"
- May 1996 Women's Studies Colloquium, Colby College, Waterville, ME.  
"White-hot, White Bread or Whitewash? The Ethics of Ethnicity in White Feminist Theology"
- Nov. 1995 American Academy of Religion, Women and Religion Section, Philadelphia, PA.  
"Re-Imagining Boundaries: Cultural Theory and the Backlash Against Feminist Theology"
- May 1994 Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association, Murfreesboro, TN.  
"Interpreting Beyond God the White Father: A Discussion of Feminist Theology, Christian Thought and Racism"
- Sept. 1993 Middle Tennessee Women's Studies Association, Murfreesboro, TN  
"Biblical Self-Defense: The Rise of Bible Abuse in Public Christianity".
- Nov. 1993 American Academy of Religion Meeting, Washington, DC.  
"White Feminist Privilege: The Critique Most Dangerous and Indispensable"
- Nov. 1993 Paul Tillich Society of America Meeting, Washington, DC.  
"Responses to *The Courage to Be*: From Daly's Courage to See and Sin to Welch's Feminist Ethic of Risk".
- June 1993 United Methodist Youth and Violence Conference, Chicago, IL.  
"Theological Responses to Gang Violence"  
"Gender and Unseen Violence: The Biblical Rap Sheet"

#### **ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE & UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

- 2016-18 *Interim Chair*, Department of French and Italian, Vanderbilt University
- 2006-16 *Chair*, The Workgroup in Constructive Theology. An international association of theologians (annual meeting, workgroup sessions, publications).
- 2015-16 *Director*, Theological Studies, Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University
- 2015-16 *Member*, Senior Advisory Review Committee, Vanderbilt University
- 2015-16 *Member*, Chancellor's Diversity Council
- 2010-16 *Chair*, Postcolonial/Queer/Race/Religion Working Group
- 2007-13 *Task Force on the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Academy*, The American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA

- 2010-13 *Title IX Coordinator and Chair, Sexual Harassment Task Force, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2002-13 *Faculty Advisor, Women in Theological Studies, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2006-13 *Steering Committee, The LGBTQ Center for Religious Studies, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2008-2011 *Coordinator, Collective in Intersectional Scholarship (with Drs. Kwok Pui-Lan, Traci West, Mayra Rivera, Anne Wohnsee Joh, Susan Abraham, Stephanie Mitchem, Marcella Althaus-Reid, and Mary Tolbert)*
- 2003-07 *Director, M.Div. Program, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2000-06 *Committee Appointments: Admissions (chair) 2008-present; Sexual Harassment Committee (chair) 2009-present; D.Min. Committee, 2009-11; Curriculum (chair) 2008-09; Ph.D. Center, 1999-present; Program Directors, 2004-07; Strategic Planning 2005-07; M.Div. Committee (chair) 2003-07; Commencement Committee 2000-02; Board of Trustees Development Committee 2001-02; Board Committee for Academic Affairs 2003-07; President's Council 2002-05; Disciplinary Committee 2003-05; Center for Community Transformation Advisory Committee 2004-05.*
- 2000-05 *Chair, Workgroup in Constructive Theology, "God" subgroup*
- 2000-06 *Advisor, Heyward-Boswell Society for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Seminarians, Chicago Theological Seminary*
- 2001-03 *Executive Committee, American Theological Society, Midwest; Presidential term 2001-02*
- 1998-99 *Coordinator, Wingspread Scholars Program, North Central College*
- 1997-99 *Chair, Women's Studies Faculty Committee, North Central College.*
- 1997-99 *Advisor, IMPACT; North Central College organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students.*
- 1997-99 *Advisor, FYI (First Year Initiative), North Central College.*
- 1997 *Chair, Religious Studies Department; North Central College.*
- 1996-99 *Member, History of Ideas Committee & College Scholars; North Central College.*
- 1996-99 *Member, Women's Interaction Network; North Central College.*
- 1992-94 *Editorial Assistant, The Religious Studies Review.*
- 1985-86 *Research Fellow, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Stockholm, Sweden.*

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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2011-12 Luce Foundation Fellowship for Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology
- 2006 Center Fellow, The LGBTQ Center for Religious Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary
- 2005 Judith P. Sanderson Award for Leadership, Chicago Theological Seminary
- 2002 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Mid-Career Faculty Workshop and Program Grant
- 2001 Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Course Award
- 1998 Clarence F. Dissinger Distinguished Teaching Award, North Central College
- 1997 FDC Research Grant, Creek and Cherokee Stomp Dances, North Central College
- 1995 Dissertation Enhancement Award, Vanderbilt University
- 1990 Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Scholar, Vanderbilt University
- 1983 Chase Peace Prize for honors essay, Dartmouth College
- 1982 Richter Fellowship, Dartmouth College
- 1981 Collis Award for Scholarship, Dartmouth College