

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications

BA (Hons) Macquarie University, PhD University of Newcastle

Current Position

Senior Lecturer, Sociology and Anthropology, University of Newcastle

Clinical Psychotherapist, Private Practice, Newcastle

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Areas of Expertise

Kathleen is a sociologist of religion at the University of Newcastle, Australia with expertise in the areas of gender, religion and trauma.

Kathleen is an expert in institutional child sexual abuse in religious organisations and attended many of the public hearings of the *Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* (2012-2017) and conducted research across religious groups with high levels of historical child sexual abuse. Her findings have been reported in *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, *Journal of Australian Studies*, *Religions* and *Health and History*. Kathleen is also a clinical psychotherapist specialising in childhood trauma. She is the leader of the *Interdisciplinary Trauma Research Network* at the University of Newcastle

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/chov/networks>

She has spoken extensively in the media and at conferences and symposia on institutional child sexual abuse, has been a witness in the federal senate review into the national redress scheme, and contributed to policy debate in this area. She has been the recipient of numerous grants. Current projects include: Mapping Clerical Perpetrators in the Hunter region, Australia; the sexual abuse of religious women; co-leader of the International Survey of Catholic Women and co-curator of the Loud Sky Art Exhibition in Newcastle (March-May 2023) <https://thelockup.org.au/loud-sky/>

Publications (2015-2023)

Books

2022 [With Katie Wright and Shurlee Swain] [Eds] *Examining the Past and Shaping the Future: The Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* Taylor and Francis.

2021 [with Naomi Goldenberg] (eds) *The End of Religion: Feminist Re-appraisals of the State*, London: Routledge

Book Chapters

In press, Jodi Death, K. Richards, K. McPhillips 'Understanding Clergy Perpetrated Child Sexual Abuse as Organised Offending: Networks vs Individuals', in P. Birch et al *Crime, Criminal Justice and Religion: A Critical Appraisal*, Routledge

In press, Kathleen McPhillips, Jodi Death, Kelly Richards, Jane Fitzgerald 'Innovative Methodological Approaches to Understanding Institutional Gender-Based Violence through Mapping Organized Clerical Child Sexual Abuse Networks' in *Bloomsbury Handbook: Religion, Gender and Sexuality*, (eds) Dawn Llewellyn, Sonya Sharma & Sian Hawthorne, Bloomsbury Press

2022, Sabrina Islam, Hamed Hosseini & Kathleen McPhillips 'The Transformative Capacities of Sustainable Development: A Comparison between the Global Critical Literature and Key Development Actors Perceptions in Bangladesh' in Rajendra Baikady, S.M. Sajid, Varoshini Nadesan, Jaroslaw Przeperski, M. Rezaul Islam, Jianguo Gao (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of Social Change*, Palgrave DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-87624-1>

2022 Anna Halafoff & Kathleen McPhillips, 'Women and Religion in Oceania' in Caroline Starkey & Emma Tomalin (eds) *The Routledge Handbook of Religion, Gender and Society* London: Routledge, pp 576-592

2021 'Religion and Faith in Australia: Diversity, Plurality and Change' in Vicki Hutton & Susan Sisko (eds) *Multicultural Responsiveness in Counselling and Psychotherapy: Working with Australian Populations*, Switzerland: Palgrave MacMillan, pp 263-274

2021 Religion as a Vestigial State: a comment on religion, gender and violence. McPhillips, K & Goldenberg, N eds *The End of Religion: Feminist Re-appraisals of the State*, London: Routledge pp 26-43

2020 Tracy McEwan, Sam Sterland, Kathleen McPhillips 'Participation and engagement in Catholic parish life in Australia: Examining the impact and importance of cultural and linguistic factors' in Ruth Powell (ed) *Ethnic diversity and young churchgoers as key factors for Australian churches*, Brill.

2018 'The Royal Commission Investigates Child Sexual Abuse: Uncovering Cultures of Sexual Violence in the Catholic Church' in *Rape Culture, Gender Violence and Religion* (eds) C. Blyth, E. Coglean & K.B. Edwards Palgrave MacMillan Press, pp.53-72.

2017 'Economies of Sainthood: Disrupting the Discourse of Female Hagiography' in *Women, Religion and the Gift: An Abundance of Riches* (ed) Morny Joy, Springer, Switzerland, pp 57-69.

2015 'Whose Rights Matter? Women's Rights, Anti-Discrimination Legislation and the Case of Religious Exemptions' in *Religion after Secularization in Australia*, (ed) Timothy Stanley, Palgrave MacMillan, pp 119-135.

Referred Articles

2022 'Does Gender Matter? An Analysis of the Role and Contribution of Religious Socialisation Practices in the Sexual Abuse of Boys and Girls in the Catholic Church' (with Tracy McEwan, Jodi Death & Kelly Richards) *Religion and Gender*, 12, pp 52-77

2021 'The Trauma-Informed Classroom' Short Takes in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 37(1), pp 129-132

2021 'Mobilising for justice: the contribution of organised survivor groups in Australia to addressing sexual violence against children in Christian churches' *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, Vol 34(1) pp 3-28

2020 'Child Sexual Abuse' in A. Possamai & A. J. Blasi (eds) *The Sage Encyclopedia of the Sociology of Religion*, 2 Volumes, pp. 123-125

2020 'Religion after the Royal Commission: Challenges to Religion-State Relations' in *Religions*, 1, 44 pp. 1-13

2020 (With Michael Salter, Elizabeth Roberts-Pedersen & Cathy Kezelman) 'Understanding trauma as a system of psycho-social harm: Contributions from the Australian royal commission into child sex abuse' in *Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect* 99, pp. 1-11.

2019 (with Fee Mozeley) 'Knowing Otherwise: Restor[ing] Intuitive Knowing as Feminist Resistance', *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Vol 48, 8 pp 844-861

2019 'Revisiting BISFT Summer School 2006, "What's God Got to do With It' – Politics, Economics, Theology' in *Feminist Theology* Vol 27 Issue 3
<https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/IIPR5ADQAPGQIW6ADKG5/full>

2018 'Silence, Secrecy and Power: Understanding the Royal Commission Findings in the Failure to Protect Children in Religious Organisations' in *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* Vol 31.3, pp 116-142

2018, 'Traumatic Isolation: Institutional Stigma and the Australian Royal Commission into institutional Child Sexual Abuse', in *Health & History: Journal of the Australian & New Zealand Society for the History of Medicine* Vol 20 Issue 2, pp 75-90
<http://dx.doi.org/10.5401/healthhist.20.2.0075>

2018 "'Soul Murder": Investigating Spiritual Trauma at the Royal Commission' in *Journal of Australian Studies*, Vol 43, No 2, pp 231-242.

2018 with Tracy McEwan 'Re-framing Religious Identity and Belief: Gen X Women and the Catholic Church' in *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, Vol 30 No 3 pp 205-226

2017 (with Katie Wright and Shurlee Swain) 'The Australian Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse' in *Child Abuse and Neglect*, Vol 74 No 1 pp 1-9.

2017 "Unbearable Knowledge": Managing Cultural Trauma at the Royal Commission' in *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* Vol 27, No 2, March pp 130-146

2017 'Breathing Underwater – Swimming in the Sea of Collective Trauma' in *Psychoanalytic Dialogues* Vol 27, No 2, March, pp 172-181

2016 'Contested Feminisms: Women's Religious Leadership and the Politics of Contemporary Western Feminism' in *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, Vol 29, No 2 November pp 134-149

2016 'The Church, the Commission and the Search for Truth' in *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, Vol 29, No 1, August pp 30-51

2015 'Religion and Gender in the Post-Secular State: Accommodation or Discrimination?' in *Feminist Theology*, January, Vol 23, No 2, pp 156-170

Edited Collections – Managing and Guest Editor

2022-3 Editor, Special Issue, Religion Freedom and Entrapment, *Religions*,
https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/gender_religion

2022 Co-editor (with Sarah-Jane Page) Special Issue Gender, Religion and Violence in journal of *Religion and Gender*, Vols 1 & 2
<https://brill.com/view/journals/rag/12/1/rag.12.issue-1.xml>

2021 Editor The Trauma Informed Classroom Short Takes Section *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 37(1), pp 129-152

2021 Editor, Special Issue "Religion and Violence" in *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, Vol 34(1)

2020 Editor, Special Issue "Religion and Violence" in *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, Vol 33(3)

2018 Editor, Special Issue 'Religion at the Royal Commission' *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, Vol 31.3, Editorial 'Religion at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse', pp 113-115

2018 with Katie Wright and Shurlee Swain Editors Special Issue *Journal of Australian Studies*, Vol 42, No 2

2017 with Katie Wright and Shurlee Swain Editors Special Issue *Child Abuse and Neglect*, Vol 74, No 1

2016 Guest Editor, Special Issue 'Women and Religious Authority' in *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion* Vol 29 No 2

2016 Managing Editor, Special Issue 'Cutting Edge Research in Gender and Religion' in *Seachanges: Journal of Women Scholars in Religion Association* <http://wsrt.asn.au/>

2015 Guest Editor, 'Women, Religion and Politics', Special Issue of *Feminist Theology*, January, Vol 23. No 2

Journal Editorial Boards

Associate Editor, *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*

Member, International Editorial Board, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*

Member, International Editorial Board, *Feminist Dissent*

Managing Editor, *Seachanges* Journal