RELIGION AND AMERICAN CULTURE

A Sournal of Interpretation

Published for The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture by Cambridge University Press

Statement of Purpose

Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation explores the interplay between religion and other spheres of American culture. The journal embraces a diversity of methodological approaches and theoretical perspectives. Although concentrated on specific topics, articles illuminate larger patterns, implications, or contexts of American life. Religion and American Culture is, thus, devoted to promoting the ongoing scholarly discussion of the nature, terms, and dynamics of religion in America.

Religion and American Culture (ISSN 1052-1151, e-ISSN 1533-8568) is published three times a year (January, May, and September) by Cambridge University Press (One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10006) for The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Religion and American Culture, Cambridge University Press, One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10006, USA.

See https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/religion-and-american-culture/subscribe for single issue and subscription orders and claims information. Domestic claims for nonreceipt of issues should be made within 90 days of the mail date; overseas claims within 180 days. Cambridge University Press does not begin accepting claims for an issue until thirty (30) days after the mail date. Out-of-print issues and volumes are available from Periodicals Service Company, 11 Main Street, Germantown, NY 12526-5635, phone: 518-537-4700, fax: 518-537-5899, http://www.periodicals.com.

Inquiries about advertising can be sent to USAdSales@cambridge.org. For complete abstracting and indexing coverage for the journal, please visit https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/religion-and-american-culture. For submission information, please go to: https://religionamericanculture. submittable.com/submit. All other inquiries can be directed to journals@cambridge.org.

Copying and permissions notice: Submit all permissions and licensing inquiries through Cambridge University Press's Rights and Permissions's web page, http://www.cambridge.org/rights/permissions/permission.htm or via email permissionssalesUK@cambridge.org.

© 2021 The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture. All rights reserved.

RELIGION AND AMERICAN CULTURE



Fall 2021 Volume 31 Number 3

CONTENTS

- 297 Smelling Things: Essential Oils and Essentialism in Contemporary American Spirituality *Kira Ganga Kieffer*
- 332 The "Black Buddhism Plan": Buddhism, Race, and Empire in the Early Twentieth Century

 Adeana McNicholl
- 'Driven Insane by Eddyism': Christian Science, Popular Psychopathology, and a Turn-of-the-Century Contest over Faith and Madness

 *Alexandra Prince**
- The Politics of Interdependent Independence in Black Religion:
 The Case of the Reverend George Freeman Bragg Jr.,
 a Black Episcopal Priest
 Nicole Myers Turner

EDITORS

Julie Byrne

Hofstra University

Thomas J. Davis

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Tracy Fessenden

Arizona State University

Philip Goff

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Laura Levitt

Temple University

Matthew Avery Sutton

Washington State University

Peter J. Thuesen

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Joseph L. Tucker Edmonds

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

Judith Weisenfeld

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

ASSISTANT

Nathaniel Wynne

BOARD OF EDITORS

Charles L. Cohen, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University

Kathleen Flake, *University of Virginia*

Terryl L. Givens, *University of Richmond*

R. Marie Griffith, Washington University in St. Louis

Paula Kane, *University of Pittsburgh*

Laurie F. Maffly-Kipp, Washington University in St. Louis

Timothy Matovina, *University of Notre Dame*

Michael D. McNally, Carleton College

David Morgan, Duke University

Deborah Dash Moore, University of Michigan

Ronald L. Numbers, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Laura R. Olson, Clemson University

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

Anne C. Rose, The Pennsylvania State University

Leigh E. Schmidt, Washington University in St. Louis

Grant Wacker, Duke University

Rhys H. Williams, Loyola University Chicago