

RELIGION AND GLOBALIZATION:

Gender, Religion and Agency in a Globalizing World

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1 – 2:30 p.m.

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Introduction by Michelle Graabek-Wallace
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Keynote Address

Western feminist scholars have often ignored or struggled to understand the decisions of religious women around the world, as many choose to adhere to patriarchal traditions which privilege male leadership. Caroline Kline examines the choices and agency of Mormon women from the Global South, who creatively propagate, adapt, justify, and resist the practices and gender norms of their chosen faith. How do these women agentively navigate an American-born patriarchal church based in the United States? How does this faith tradition satisfy—or not satisfy—their priorities, concerns, and moral orientations? Kline argues for a new paradigm through which to understand the choices of global Mormon women: that of non-oppressive connectedness. This paradigm reflects these women's dominant priorities of strengthening human and divine relationships and overcoming various oppressions.

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