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Biography

Julie Byrne holds the Monsignor Thomas J. Hartman Chair in Catholic Studies and serves as Professor in the Department of Religion. Since 2020 she has served as chair of the department. Before arriving in New York in September 2006, she taught at Duke University (2004-2006) and Texas Christian University (2000-2004). Her second book, The Other Catholics: Remaking America?s Largest Religion, was published by Columbia University Press in 2016. It is a cultural history of independent Catholicism in the U.S. Her first book, O God of Players: The Story of the Immaculata Mighty Macs (Columbia 2003), tells the story of Catholic women's basketball in the Philadelphia archdiocese from 1930-75. Her current book project, which won a National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholars award, focuses on tristate families affected by 9/11 and its aftermath. As part of research she is learning to speak Spanish.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Religious Institutions, Writing and Editing

Areas of Expertise

Religion and Popular Culture, Religion and Sports, Pope Francis, Independent Catholics, Roman Catholics, Religion and Race, Religion, gender and sexuality, Religion and Politics, Religion and Today's Headlines

Education

Duke University
Ph.D.

Duke University
M.A.

Duke University
B.A.

Accomplishments

Additional media

Writes for media, appears on television, speaks on the radio and consults for film, museums and newspapers, including The New York Times, the Washington Post, the Smithsonian,?Frontline,? Voice of America, News 12 Long Island, NY1?s ?The Call,? NPR?s ?Only A Game,? the Daily Beast, the Christian Science Monitor and the Religion News Service.

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