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Her current book project investigates the interrelationship between of demonology and embodiment in the construction of Christian Subjectivity in the Late Ancient Antioch (Antakya in southeastern Turkey).

### Selected Publications:

*Daughters of Hecate: Women and Magic in the Ancient World*. Ed. Kimberly Stratton with Dayna S. Kalleres (forthcoming August 2007)

"Demonology and Divine Illumination: A Consideration of Eight Texts of Gregory of Nazianzus," (*Vigiliae Christianae: A Review of Early Christian Life and Language*, forthcoming 2007)

"Cultivating True Sight at the Center of the World: Cyril of Jerusalem and the Lenten Catechumenate," (*Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, September 2005)

