

Berry Family Distinguished Professorship in Liberal Arts



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Matthew Avery Sutton's examinations of the historical intersection of U.S. politics and religion provide critical new knowledge about the country's political past and present. Through five acclaimed books and some 100 articles in scholarly publications and popular media, he chronicles the influence of key religious leaders in U.S. history and makes historical information about religion, politics, and culture accessible to the academic community as well as the wider public.

Sutton's commitment to education is evident in his exemplary teaching and service to WSU at all levels. He has been a leader in shaping the curricula of the Department of History and has been recognized for instilling a passion for learning among students.

Internationally renowned for his research, Sutton co-edits a top journal in his field and has garnered many prestigious awards, including fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

His first book, *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Resurrection of Christian America*, won the Harvard University Press' Thomas J. Wilson Memorial Prize in 2007 and was the basis for the PBS documentary *Sister Aimee*. His 2014 book, *American Apocalypse: A History of Modern Evangelicalism*, was named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title of the year by the American Library Association.

He has brought WSU expertise to the world stage, serving as a visiting professor and presenting invited lectures at leading institutions overseas.



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