# Annotated Bibliography: Role of Women in Religion

Cadge, W., Griera, M., Lucken, K., & Michalowski, I. (2017). Religion in Public Institutions: Comparative Perspectives from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Europe. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 56*(2), 226-233.

An excellent expository of how religion molds historical, political, and social dimensions of the modern and ancient worlds. A practical resource for creating a comparative analysis of the role of religion within political institutions.

Ferguson, T. W. (2017). Female Leadership and Role Congruity within the Clergy: Communal Leaders Experience No Gender Differences, Yet Agentic Women Continue to Suffer Backlash*. Sex Roles*, 1-14.

This article employs the role theory in evaluating prejudice and the debate on the role of women in religion by highlighting differences between women and men leadership styles. I consider this article useful for developing arguments of the relationship between gender and leadership styles of female religious leaders.

Sharma, S. (2016). *Women and religion in the West: Challenging secularization*. New York, NY: Routledge.

In this source, the authors explore multiple viewpoints of how women experiences in religion inform our understanding of secularization. I will utilize this resource in showing how secularization is helping shape and transform America’s women’s perception of their role in religion.

Stearns, P. N. (2015). *Gender in world history*. New York, NY: Routledge.

An overview of how women are perceived in different cultural settings from classical times to the twenty-first century detailing how ideas have transformed throughout the years affecting definitions of gender roles within society. For this reason, it is useful in tracing how changes in gender roles have influenced the gradual empowerment of women within religion.

Vuola, E. (2016). Feminist Theology, Religious Studies, and Gender Studies: Mutual Challenges. In *Contemporary Encounters in Gender and Religion* (pp. 307-334). Springer International Publishing.

This article is a critique of feminist theology in the context of religion, culture, and the legitimacy of feminist theology. This resource will be relied on for illustrating how feminist theology informs and propels the rise of women to positions of authority within Christianity.

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