

Prof. Emma Anderson

IRTG Diversity Visiting Professor, June 25 – July 25 2018

Emma Anderson is Professor of Religious Studies and the former Director of the Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies at the University of Ottawa in Canada. She will join the IRTG Diversity in Trier as Visiting Professor in June and July 2018. Her primary area of research targets Indigenous-Catholic religious interactions in North America since the seventeenth century. Anderson is the author of two books on the subject, both published by the presses of her alma mater, Harvard University. Her first book, *The Betrayal of Faith: The Tragic Journey of a Colonial Native Convert* (2007) is an intimate biography of an Indigenous youth sent to France for education and baptism in the 1620s. Her second work, *The Death and Afterlife of the North American Martyrs* (2011), is a more sweeping account of the ongoing veneration of eight Jesuit missionaries killed by Native people in the 1640s. Her current research focuses on Indigenous theological and epistemic contributions to European intellectual history: arguing that Indigenous peoples' unique ideas fueled the Enlightenment. While in Trier Anderson will offer a one-week intensive course, *North American Indigenous Encounters with Christianity*. She will also present a public lecture entitled "The Enlightenment before the Enlightenment: Native Peoples, the Jesuit Relations, and the Indigenization of European Society" (July 10 2018, 18:00, Room B14, Trier University).



For more information on Emma Anderson, see:
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