

Elizabeth Bucar: EL 5 books (focus on religious ethics and the body)

Bucar, Elizabeth & Aaron Stanalker. e.d.s. *Religious Ethics in a Time of Globalism: Shaping a Third Wave of Comparative Analysis*. Palgrave: New York, 2012.

This selection of new approaches to the comparative study of religious ethics provides an accessible introduction to the most current research in the field. The authors grapple with various issues of importance to Enhancing Studies (from bodily modification to martyrdom) within the context of global religious pluralism and diversity.

Coakley, Sarah, e.d. *Religion and the Body*. Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press, 1997. Print.

This anthology of essays focuses on the ways in which various religions understand the human body, in an effort to expose the diverse collections of thoughts and ideas. This work is important for determining how religious traditions assess as enhancement or violation various transformations of human bodies.

Hausman, Bernice L. *Changing Sex: Transsexualism, Technology, and the Idea of Gender*. Durham, North Carolina: Duke University Press, 1995. Print.

This book explores how endocrinology and plastic surgery practices have allowed other conditions to manifest that allow for sex changes to be desired. This has implications for parallel topics in Enhancing Life studies: what enhancements are desired merely when they become medically or technologically possible?

Salamon, Gayle. *Assuming a Body: Transgender and Rhetorics of Materiality*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2010. Print.

This book explores how three disciplines of thinking (phenomenology, psychoanalysis, and queer theory) conceive the human body. Salamon explains that being uncertain about the epistemologies “can have great use, both ethnically and politically, in the lives of the non-normally gendered”.

Whitehead, Evelyn Eaton & Whitehead, James D. *Fruitful Embraces: Sexuality, Love, and Justice*. Bloomington: iUniverse, 2014. Print.

The two authors, one a psychologist, and one a historian of religion, draw their work and life experiences together to write this book that addresses relationship-related issues, while also drawing on biblical themes. The book attempts to link Christian values such as compassion and justice to explain to spiritual-minded readers about the potentially new concepts for them, such as transgender identities.