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EDUCATION

1984-1990 Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, M.A., Ph.D.,
Department of Sociology
1983-1984 Harvard Divinity School, one year of M.T.S. program
1980-1983 Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, B.A., Sociology (magna cum laude)
1978-1980 Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

EMPLOYMENT

2006-2025 William R. Kennan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2016-present Advisory Board, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia
2013-2025 Faculty Fellow, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Keough School of
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2022 (fall) Alonzo L. McDonald Family Distinguished Visiting Chair and Lecturer, Emory
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2020-2022 Faculty Fellow, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, Keough School of
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2016 (June) Visiting Scholar and Lecturer, Beijing Normal University, Renmin University (Beijing),
East China Normal University (Shanghai)
2006-2017 Founding Director, Center for the Study of Religion and Society at Notre Dame
2011-2019 Concurrent Professor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame
2014-2017 Faculty Affiliate, Notre Dame Center for Civil and Human Rights
2013-2014 Faculty Fellow, Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
2008-2014 Founding and Executive Director, Center for Social Research, University of Notre Dame
2012 (spring) Allan Richardson Fellowship, Society of Fellows of Durham University (UK), Honorary
Fellow, Department of Theology and Religion, Member, Van Mildert College
2003-2006 Stuart Chapin Distinguished Professor, Department of Sociology, University of North
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2006 (spring) Leverhulme Fellow Visiting Professor and Lecturer, University of Exeter, Devon, UK
2000-2005 Associate Chair, Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1999-2003 Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1994-1999 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1989-1994 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Gordon College
1987-1989 Instructor of Sociology, Gordon College

PUBLISHED

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Christian Smith. 2010. *What is a Person? Rethinking Humanity, Social Life, and Moral Good from the Person Up*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
(The Choice 2011 Top 25 Academic Books List. Honorable Mention in 2011 American Publisher's Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence, Philosophy category; the Cheryl Frank Memorial Prize for 2010 from the International Association for Critical Realism.)

Christian Smith, with Patricia Snell. 2009. *Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults*. New York: Oxford University Press.
(Winner: Lilly Fellows Book Award 2010-2011; Christianity Today's 2010 Distinguished

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- Christian Smith. 2007. "Foreword." In Ken Johnson-Mondragon, *Pathways of Hope and Faith among Hispanic Teens*. Stockton, CA: Instituto Fe y Vida, Pp. ix-xi.
- Christian Smith. 2003. "Secularizing American Higher Education: The Case of Early American Sociology." In *The Secular Revolution: Power, Interest, and Conflict in the Secularization of American Public Life*. Christian Smith (ed.). Berkeley: University of California Press.
- Sharon Erickson Nepstad and Christian Smith. 2001. "Emotions in the Central America Peace Movement." In Jeff Goodwin, James M. Jasper, and Francesca Polletta (eds.). *Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
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- \$50,000 grant (PI), “Planning Grant: Understanding Macro Sociocultural Changes and Contemporary Young Adult Cultural Models Shaping (Dis)Connections from American Communities of Faith,” from Lilly Endowment Inc., Indianapolis, IN, 2021.
- \$4,893,940 grant (PI), “Promoting the Study of Global Religion,” from the Templeton Religion Trust, Nassau, Bahamas, 2016-2020.
- \$10,000 award (PI) from The Luksic Grants Program, University of Notre Dame, for “Exploring Collaborative Research Ties in the Sociology of Religion between The University of Notre Dame and Pontifical Catholic University of Chile,” April 2016.
- \$20,600 award (PI) from the Templeton Religion Trust, Nassau, Bahamas, to support a one-day conference to address “Conversations Between Religion/Theology and Critical Realist Philosophies of Science,” July 2015.

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\$394,220 grant (PI) on “The Science of Generosity—Phase II,” John Templeton Foundation, January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2015.

\$69,593 grant (PI) on “Parental Practices and Cultures of Faith Transmission to Children: Contexts, Commitments, and Outcomes,” Lilly Endowment Inc., July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013.

\$100,000 subcontract from the University of California Berkeley on “Developing and Deploying Innovative Methods for Assessing Moral Worldviews and Moral Formation,” John Templeton Foundation (from Stephen Vaisey PI), February 15, 2011-December 31, 2012.

\$779,898 grant (PI) on “Tracking the Religious Lives of American Youth Through the End of Emerging Adulthood to the ‘Settling-Down years’: A Proposal for NSYR Wave 4,” Lilly Endowment Inc., December 1, 2009-December 31, 2013.

\$4,999,360 grant (PI) on “Stimulating Innovative Global Research in the Science of Generosity: An RFP and Primary Research Initiative on the Scientific Study of the Origins, Manifestations, and Consequences of Generosity,” John Templeton Foundation, January 1, 2009-January 15, 2013.

\$1,096,631 grant (PI) on “Tracking the Religious Lives of American Youth into Emerging Adulthood: A Proposal for NSYR Wave 3,” Lilly Endowment Inc., January 1, 2007-December 31, 2010.

\$99,750 grant (PI) on “Continuity and Change in the Religious lives of American Youth: Tracking Purpose, Gratitude, Beliefs about Science-and-Religion, and Measures of Positive Psychology Among Third-Wave NSYR Respondents into Young Adulthood,” John Templeton Foundation, July 1, 2007-June 30, 2009.

\$160,127 grant (PI) on “Human Personhood and Social Science,” John Templeton Foundation, January 1, 2007-December 31, 2008.

\$99,894 grant (PI) on “Innovative Research on Generosity,” John Templeton Foundation, May 15, 2007-May 14, 2008.

\$99,920 grant (PI) on “Religion Survey Data Expansion Project,” John Templeton Foundation, May 15, 2007-May 14, 2008.

\$75,000 grant (PI) on “Proposal for Funding to Expand the Horizons of the Social Scientific Study of Religion at Notre Dame,” University of Notre Dame Office of Research, January 1, 2008.

\$291,905 subcontract (PI) from the University of North Carolina on “The Religious Practices of American Youth,” Lilly Endowment Inc., July 1, 2006-December 31, 2007.

\$289,440 grant (PI) to develop and launch a new academic minor at UNC Chapel Hill on Christianity and Culture, John Templeton Foundation, August 1, 2004-December 31, 2007.

\$1,101,092 grant (PI with Lisa Pearce as Co-PI) on “Wave Two of The Religious Practices of American Youth,” Lilly Endowment Inc., December 1, 2004-December 31, 2007.

\$5,000 grant (PI) award for “Revival of the Interdisciplinary Workshop on American Religion,” Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, January 22, 2007.

\$2,880 grant (PI with Monique Gregg as Co-PI) on “South Bend Area Youth and Religion: Toward an Applied Approach to Religion-Based Youth Work,” Religious Research Association, July 1, 2007-December 31, 2007.

\$5,000 grant (PI) for the “Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion Conference,” Office of Research, University of Notre Dame, September, 2006.

\$5,000 grant (PI) for the “Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion Conference,” Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, September, 2006.

\$1,500 grant (PI) for the “Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion Conference,” Office of Undergraduate Studies, University of Notre Dame, September, 2006.

\$3,960,000 grant (PI) on “The Religious Practices of American Youth,” Lilly Endowment Inc., August 1, 2001-July 31, 2005.

\$270,000 grant (PI) on “Morality, Culture, and the Power of Religious Faith: Explaining the Effects of Religion in Social Life,” from The Pew Charitable Trusts through the University of Notre Dame. October 2000-October 2002.

\$136,610 planning grant (PI) for project on “American Youth and Religious Practices,” Lilly Endowment, Inc., June 2000-May 2001, to lay the foundation for a subsequent research grant on youth and religion.

\$640,000, (PI) Pew Charitable Trusts award for an historical sociology research project, 1998-2000, on “Religion and the Social Construction of American Public Life: Cultural Elites and Institutional Processes in Historical Perspective,” September 1998-December 2000.

\$25,000, (PI) Pew Charitable Trusts Program Development and Evaluation Grant for a proposed research project on “Religion and the Social Construction of American Public Life: Cultural Elites and Institutional Processes in Historical and Contemporary Perspective,” December 1997-April 1, 1998.

\$348,000, (PI) Pew Charitable Trusts award for a 1995-97 “Evangelical Identity and Influence” research project.

\$5,000 R.J. Reynolds Fund UNC Junior Faculty Development award from the Office of the Provost, 1997, for a project on American evangelicals.

- \$2,600 UNC University Research Council research award, 1996-97, to support research on “Alternative Educational Strategies of Churchgoing Protestant Parents: Homeschooling and Christian Schooling.”
- \$2,244 UNC University Research Council award, 1996-97, to purchase religion questions on the UNC IRSS Spring 1997 Southern Focus Poll.
- \$1,350 Institute for Latin American Studies Title VI Faculty Research Travel Award, for a research trip to Santiago and Valparaiso, Chile, March-April, 1996.
- \$1,300 UNC University Research Council publishing award, 1995-96, to pay for rights to reprint chapters in my forthcoming *Disruptive Religion: The Force of Faith in Social Movement Activism*.
- \$310 UNC Committee of the College for Scholarly Publications, Artistic Exhibitions, and Performances, 1995-96, to pay for rights to reprint photos in *Resisting Reagan: The U.S. Central America Peace Movement*.
- \$361 UNC Committee of the College for Scholarly Publications, Artistic Exhibitions, and Performances, 1998-99, to pay for rights to reprint a chapter in *Latin American Religion in Motion*.
- \$4,000 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Institute for Research in Social Science Faculty Summer Research Stipend, 1995, for General Social Survey data research.
- \$12,000 grant, Gordon College Undergraduate Honors Seminar pilot program, funded by Pew Charitable Trusts, administered by the Pew Younger Scholars Program, University of Notre Dame (1993).
- \$30,000 Research Grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, PA, administered by the Evangelical Scholarship Initiative, University of Notre Dame, for one year teaching leave time for research and writing on the U.S. Central America Peace movement (1992-3).
- \$350 UNC Center for Teaching and Learning mini-grant award to purchase instructional materials, 1997; \$180 UNC CTL mini-grant award to purchase instructional materials, 1996.
- Gordon College Faculty Curriculum Revision Research Grant (Pew Charitable Trusts funded), \$400, on rationality and altruism in social movement theory (1991); Faculty Development Grants: for research on the Central America Peace movement, \$1,915 (1991-93); for research on the liberation theology movement, \$2,155 (1988-91).

FILM WORK

- Expert commentary. 2019. *Upstream Suicide Prevention*. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Mental Health and Chaplaincy Program. <https://www.mirecc.va.gov/mentalhealthandchaplaincy/upstream.asp>.
- Producer and expert commentary. 2010. *Soul Searching: A Movie about Teenagers and God*. Revelation Studios. <https://www.amazon.com/Soul-Searching-Christian->

Smith/dp/B0010XZUXI/ref=sr_1_2?keywords=soul+searching+dvd&qid=1577104217&s=movies-tv&sr=1-2.

AWARDS

Inducted Member, The American Academy of Sciences & Letters, 2024-present.

Notre Dame Graduate Student Union's Graduate Student *Mentoring Award*, 2020-2021.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Distinguished Book Award, 2018, for *Religion: What it Is, How it Works, and Why it Matters*. (Princeton, 2017).

World magazine's 2018 *Science Books of the Year* award, for *Atheist Overreach: What Atheism Can't Deliver*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

First Place Winner for Best Review at the Catholic Press Association Convention in June, 2015 for "Young Catholic America: Emerging Adults In, Out of, and Gone from the Church." *American Catholic Studies*, 2014, Volume 125 No. 3.

"Distinguished Career Award, 2012," American Sociological Association (ASA) section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity.

"Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching," University of Notre Dame, recognized at the Commencement Ceremony, May 20, 2012.

"2011 Top 25 Academic Books List," *Choice* (a publication of the Association for College and Research Libraries), for *What is a Person? Rethinking Humanity, Social Life, and Moral Good from the Person Up*. (University of Chicago Press, 2010).

"Best Book Award 2010-2011," Lilly Fellows Program, Fourth Biennial Awardee, recognized at the Lilly Foundation Program National Conference at Samford University, October 21-23, for *Souls in Transition: The Religious & Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

"Award for Professional and Scholarly Excellence," American Publisher's, Philosophy category, 2011 Honorable Mention for Christian Smith, for *What is a Person? Rethinking Humanity, Social Life, and Moral Good from the Person Up*. (University of Chicago Press, 2010).

"Distinguished Book Award, 2010," Christianity Today, for *Souls in Transition: The Religious & Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults* (Oxford University Press, 2009).

"Cheryl Frank Memorial Prize for 2010," from the International Association for Critical Realism for *What is a Person? Rethinking Humanity, Social Life, and Moral Good from the Person Up*. (University of Chicago Press, 2010).

University of Notre Dame Faculty Honoree for outstanding scholarship, recognized live at the University of Southern California home football game, Oct 21, 2007.

“Alumnus of the Year Award,” Gordon College, recognized Homecoming Week on October 5, 2007.

“Distinguished Book Award, 2005,” Christianity Today, for *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (Oxford University Press, 2005).

“Excellence in Mentoring Award, 2001-2002,” Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

“Outstanding Book Award, 2001,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, for *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America* (Michael Emerson, first author, New York: Oxford University Press, 2000).

“Outstanding Article Award, 1999,” American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Religion, for Mark Regnerus and Christian Smith, 1998, “Selective Deprivatization Among American Religious Traditions: the Reversal of the Great Reversal,” *Social Forces*, 46(4) (June): 1347-1372.

“Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring, 1995-96,” Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

COURSES TAUGHT SINCE 2006

Good Living (3 credit Arts & Letters undergraduate College Seminar, Fall 2025, focused substantively on what is good in human life and skills-wise on improving students’ public speaking abilities)

Environment, Food, Society (4 credit undergraduate, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020)

American Culture and Religious Secularization (3 credits, undergraduate, Spring 2022)

Sociological Theory (3 credits, undergraduate, Spring 2022)

Sociology of Religion (3 credit, Emory Candler School of Theology August Intensive course, 2022)

American Culture and Religious Secularization (3 credits, undergraduate, Fall 2022)

Understanding Societies (4 credit, undergraduate, Fall 2021)

Sociology of Religion (3 credit, Emory Candler School of Theology August Intensive course, 2021)

Classical Sociological Theory (3 credit graduate, Fall 2019)

Sociology of Religion (3 credit graduate, Spring 2019)

Sociological Theory (3 credit undergraduate, Fall 2018)

Critical Realism and Human Personhood (3 credit graduate, Fall 2018)

Sociological Theory (3 credit undergraduate, Spring 2017)

Philosophical Background to Social Theory (1 credit graduate workshop, Spring 2017)

Sociology of Religion II (3 credits graduate seminar, Fall 2016)

Graduate Workshop: Religion and Society in Chile (1 credit, Fall 2016)

Understanding Societies (3 credit freshman class, Fall 2015)

Sociology of Religion (3 credit undergraduate, Fall 2015)

Understanding Societies (3 credit freshman class, Fall 2014)

Critical Realism and Human Personhood (3 credit graduate, Fall 2013/Spring 2014)

Sociology of Religion (3 credit undergraduate, Fall 2012)

Critical Realism and Human Personhood (3 credit graduate, Fall 2010/Spring 2011)

Understanding Societies (3 credit freshman and 3-credit sophomore classes, Fall 2009/Fall 2011)

Critical Realism, Human Personhood, Multiple Modernities (3 credit graduate, Fall 2008/Spring 2009)

National Study of Youth & Religion In-Person Interview Training (1 credit graduate, Spring 2008)

Modernity, Secularization, Religious Persistence, Spiritual Transformation (3 credit graduate, Spring 2008)

Modernity, Secularization, Religious Persistence, Spiritual Transformation (3 credit undergrad, Spring 2008)

Research & Analysis in the Sociology of Religion (1 credit graduate, Fall 2007/Spring 2008)

National Study of Youth & Religion Training Seminar (1 credit graduate, Fall 2006)

GRADUATE STUDENT DISSERTATIONS CHAIRED & POSTDOCS ADVISED

Feyza Akova (ND completed 2025), post-doctoral research fellow, Bryn Mawr College

Audra Duganzic (ND completed 2024), St. Mary's University & Seminary, Baltimore, MD

Greg Wurm (ND completed 2024), Brigham Young University

Bridget Ritz (ND completed 2023), independent scholar

Michael Rotolo (ND completed 2022), Pew Research Center religion researcher

Shanna Corner (ND 2018), University of Notre Dame, Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Hyun Jeong Ha, GRRI/CSSR Postdoctoral Fellow Advised (2017-2019), Duke-Kunshan University

Megan Rogers, GRRI/CSSR Postdoctoral Fellow Advised (2017-2019), Duke-Kunshan University

Shanna Corner, GRRI/CSSR Postdoctoral Fellow Advised (2018-2019), independent scholar

Hilary Davidson (timed out of PhD program)

Cole Carnesecca (ND 2016), Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

Peter Munday (ND 2014), Savanna State University

Justin Farrell (ND 2013), Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Full Professor

Brandon Vaidyanathan (ND 2013), Catholic University of America, Associate Professor and Chair, Sociology

Patricia Snell Herzog (ND 2011), IUPUI, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Associate Professor, formerly at University of Arkansas

Robert Brenneman (ND 2010), Saint Michael's College, Burlington, VT, Associate Professor and Chair, Sociology, Goshen College, IN

Daniel Dehanas (UNC-CH 2010), University of Bristol, King's College London, Senior Lecturer, Political Science and Religion

Steve Vaisey (UNC-CH 2008), Duke University, Professor of Sociology and Political Science, formerly at UC Berkeley

Kraig Beyerlein (UNC-CH 2006), University of Notre Dame, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, formerly at University of Arizona

Melinda Lundquist Denton (UNC 2006), University of Texas at San Antonio, Full Professor, Sociology, formerly at Clemson University

Bob Woodberry (UNC-CH 2004), Associate Professor of Sociology and Political Science, University of Singapore and Research Associate Professor, Baylor Institute for the Studies of Religion, formerly at the University of Texas, Austin

Mark Regnerus (UNC-CH 2000), University of Texas at Austin, Associate Professor, Sociology

David Sikkink (UNC-CH 1999), University of Notre Dame, Associate Professor, Sociology

GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING MENTORING

Amy Jonason, Spring 2015, Introduction to Sociology, SOC20002

Daniel Escher, Fall 2014, Introduction to Social Problems, SOC20033
Amy Jonason, Spring 2014, Introduction to Social Problems, SOC20033

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS ADVISING

Claire Cataldo (ND 2023)
Katherine Urasky (ND 2022)
Robert Stanley (ND 2016)
Adriana Lizette Garcia (ND 2013)
Alexa Solazo (ND 2013)

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Inaugural Notre Dame Pizzo Family Rome Scholars Program Faculty Scholar, 2022-2023

University of Notre Dame Provost Appointee on the Theology Core Curriculum Subcommittee, 2014-2016

University of Notre Dame Core Review Committee Catholic Mission Sub-committee Focus Group, 2014-2015

University of Notre Dame Core Curriculum Review Preparation Committee, 2013-2014.

University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life, Editorial Board Member, 2012-present.

Editorial Board, *Social Forces*, 1994-1998, 2002-2009, 2011-2014.

University of Notre Dame Press Internal Review Committee, 2013-2014.

University of Notre Dame Department of Sociology Committee on Appointments and Tenure (CAP), 2006-2008, 2009-2011, 2011-2013.

Leader of Andrew W. Mellon sociology working group on Religion Across the Disciplines, 2010-2011, 2011-2012.

Co-Director, with John Cavadini, of the Social Research on and for the Catholic Church project, launched with the Center for the Study of Religion & Society and the Institute for Church Life, 2010-2014.

University of Notre Dame Provost Office, Ad Hoc Committee to Review University of Notre Dame Press, 2011-2012.

Organized the Colloquium for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion (CISR), formerly IWAR, 2006-present.

Organized a public showing of the movie "Scenes from a Parish," by James Rutenbeck in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, December 2010.

Served on University Executive Advisory Group for John Cavadini's Center for Church Life, November

2010.

Spoke to University Executive Advisory Group for Committee on Research & Graduate Studies, November 2010.

Served on university planning committee for a Notre Dame National Religion Survey, 2010-2011.

Chair of the Grad Student Recruitment Committee, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

Organized and lead conference on “Critical Realism and Human Personhood,” for May 20-22, 2009, University of Notre Dame.

Organized and lead conference on “Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion,” for May 19-20, 2009, University of Notre Dame.

Taught University of Notre Dame Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts 2007-2008 Faculty Seminar on “Social Science and Christian Perspectives on Human Personhood and Society.”

Organized and lead conference on “Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion,” for May 23-24, 2007, University of Notre Dame.

Co-Director, UNC Undergraduate Minor in the Study of Christianity and Culture, 2005-2006.

Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, UNC, Chapel Hill, 2000-2005.

Director of Summer School for Department of Sociology, UNC-CH, 2000-2005.

Chair, UNC Sociology Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2002-03, 2004-05. Faculty Recruitment Committee, UNC-CH Sociology, 1999-2000.

Book Review Editor, *Social Forces*, 1998-2002.

UNC Student Grievance Committee, UNC, Chapel Hill, 2000-2002.

UNC Department of Sociology Executive Committee, 2001-2002.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, January 1999-2000.

Chair, UNC Odum Institute faculty working group on Religion and American Culture, 1996-2001.

Chair of UNC Committee on Undergraduate Studies in Sociology (CUSS), 1997-2001; CUSS committee member, 1997-present.

Co-chair, Duke-UNC Institute for Latin American Studies working group on Religion and Politics in Latin America, 1994-1998.

Brought the following outside speakers to UNC campus to give talks, through an arranged co-

sponsorship of the Department of Sociology, the ILAS Religion and Politics working group, and the Odum IRSS Religion and American Culture working group:

Don Miller (University of Southern California), September 25, 2006
Lamin Sanneh (Yale University), November 14, 2006
Grace Davie (University of Exeter, UK), November 10, 2005
Phil Gorski (Yale University), April 13, 2005.
Christopher Ellison (University of Texas, Austin), February 4, 2004.
John Evans (University of California, San Diego), February 27, 2003.
Michael O. Emerson (Rice University), October 2, 2002.
Brad Wilcox (Princeton University), March 1, 2000.
Darren Sherkat (Vanderbilt University), October 27-28, 1998.
Randall Collins (University of Pennsylvania), April 17-18, 1998.
Robert Wuthnow (Princeton University), March 4, 1997.
Javier Igiñez (Instituto Bartolomé de Las Casas, Lima, Peru, advisor to Peruvian Presidential candidate Perez de Cuellar), February 3, 1995.
Madeleine Cousineau (Mt. Ida College), March 24, 1995.
John Burdick (Syracuse University), October 27, 1995.
Catalina Romero (Instituto Bartolomé de Las Casas, Lima, Peru), November 11, 1995.
Gustavo Gutiérrez (Instituto Bartolomé de Las Casas, Lima, Peru), November 15, 1995.
Gustavo Gutiérrez (Instituto Bartolomé de Las Casas, Lima, Peru), March 11, 1996.
Daniel Levine (University of Michigan), April 19, 1996.

Lectured on “Understanding Liberation Theology,” for UNC-CH *Adventures in Ideas* seminar on “Religion and Politics Worldwide,” March 12–13, 1999.

Gave on-campus talk, “Do We Have a Free Press?,” November 13, 1997, in presentation sponsored by the UNC groups, Balance and Accuracy in Journalism and the Carolina Socialist Forum.

UNC Department of Sociology, undergraduate course advising, 1994-2000.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Sociological Research Association, 2001-present.

Editorial Board Member, *Sociologia e Politiche Sociali*, 2015.

Council Member, Council for the International Association for Critical Realism (IACR), 2013-present.

Editorial Board Member, Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame, 2012-present.

Advisory Council Member, Agora Institute for Civic Virtue and the Common Good, Eastern University, 2011-present.

Editorial Board member, *American Sociological Review*, 2012-2013.

Member, Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA) Founding Board, 2011-2013.

Editorial Board member of *Social Forces*, 2008-2009, 2011-2013.

Member, Academic Advisory Board for The Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California, 2010-present.

Board of Advisor member, John Templeton Foundation, 2005-2008, 2010-2012.

Organized and ran the “Science of Generosity” conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 19-21, 2012.

Project Advisor for Christianity and the University Experience in Contemporary England (CUE), 2009-2011.

Editorial Board member, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1997-1998, 2008-2010.

Editorial Board member, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 2003-2010.

Guest Editor for Special Section on “New Directions in the Sociology of Religion,” *Social Forces*, March, 2008.

Elected, President, American Sociological Association, Section on Religion, 2007-2008.

Scientific Advisor, Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence, Search Institute, Minneapolis, MN, 2006-2008.

Member, Technical Advisory Panel, University of California at Los Angeles’ Higher Education Research Institute’s “Spirituality in Higher Education” survey, 2003-2006.

Organized a three day conference on “Human Personhood and Social Science,” Sea Island, GA, May 13-15, 2007.

Organized with Mark Regnerus a one day conference on “International Research on Youth and Religion,” Portland, OR, October 17, 2007.

Member, Commission on Children at Risk, New York, NY, 2003.

Member, Methodological Advisory Board, Baylor University’s “Longitudinal Survey of Religious Behaviors and Values,” 2002-2003.

Governing Board member, General Social Survey, 2000-2002.

Council member of the ASA section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 1997-1999.

Council member of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1999-2002.

Council member of the ASA section on Sociology of Religion, 1997-1999.

Taught a Pew Younger Scholars Summer Seminar, “Religion and Social Change,” at the University of Notre Dame, May-June 1997; teaching a second Pew Younger Scholars Summer Seminar on “Religion

and Social Practice,” at Notre Dame, May-June 1999.

Advisory Board member, 1998-2000, Calvin College Faculty Summer Seminar Program, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Consultant to Calvin College, 1999, review of Social Research Center.

Advisory Board member, 1998-2000, University of Notre Dame Pew Evangelical Scholarship Program.

Advisory Board member, 1999, University of Notre Dame Pew Younger Scholars Graduate Fellowships Program.

Consultant on religious research methods, Center for Public Justice and Gordon College, for a Program Evaluation and Development grant on religious-based civic education assessment, March 1998.

Consultant on Protestant religious identity, American Jewish Committee, New York, for a Gallup survey conducted on the Christian Right’s attitude toward Jews, Fall, 1995.

Manuscript referee for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Theory*, *Sociological Forum*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Mobilization*, University of Chicago Press, Rutgers University Press, Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, and Oxford University Press.

Grant proposal referee for the National Science Foundation, The John Templeton Foundation, and the Pew Evangelical Scholarship Initiative program (University of Notre Dame, IN).

Taught a two day graduate workshop on “Religion and Social Change in Latin America,” Loyola University, Department of Sociology’s workshop series in applied sociology, July 2223, 1994.

LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS SINCE 2002

Stopped listing...

April 13-14, 2023 –Symposium, “Is Religion Going Obsolete in Western Cultures?” Notre Dame Rome Global Gateway. I organized for my Pizzo Family Scholars Program, spring 2023.

May 22, 2019 – “How Good Can We Really be Without God?” Ideas (radio program). Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/how-good-can-we-really-be-without-god-1.5145125>.

May 21, 2019 – “Atheist Overreach: What Atheism Can’t Deliver.” Science Salon Podcast, with Dr. Michael Shermer. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qpj8q5F1rz4>.

August 5-8, 2018 – “Religion: What it Is, How it Works, and Why it Matters,” Summer Sociology of Religion Seminar, Sino-U.S.-EU Institute for the Scientific Studies of Religion, Renmin University, Beijing, China.

August 2, 2018 – “Revisiting Presuppositions: Re-thinking Some Basic Assumptions in the Social

Scientific Study of Religion,” Keynote Address, 14th Symposium, Chinese Society of the Social Scientific Studies of Religion.

October 22, 2017 – “What Makes a Great Research Question?” visiting lecture for Research Methods class in Public Administration, University of Guanajuato, Mexico.

July 20, 2017 – “Religion: What It Is, How It Works, and Why It Matters” interview with Brian Steenland, for *American Sociological Association Section on Religion* Newsletter.

December 18, 2016 – “The Paradox of Generosity.” Jewish Federation of South Bend, South Bend, IN.

Nov 14-16, 2016 – “Why Scientists Playing at Amateur Atheology Fail.” Charles H. Townes Lecture on Faith and Reason, Furman University, Greenville, SC.

November 1, 2016 – “Understanding the Role of Parents in the Inter-Generational Transmission of Religious Faith and Practice.” Emory University Candler School of Theology Dean’s Lecture.

Oct 14-23, 2016 – “The National Study of Youth and Religion.” Pontifical Catholic University, Santiago, Chile.

Sept 21, 2016 – “The Paradox of Generosity.” South Bend Rotary Club.

June 21-30, 2016 – Presented six lectures on critical realism, the National Study of Youth and Religion, and the Science of Generosity at 3 Chinese Universities: East China Normal University of Shanghai, Renmin University of Beijing, and Beijing Normal University.

June 20, 2016 – “Catholic Parents and the Intergenerational Transmission of Religious Faith.” Notre Dame Institute for Church Life Summer Conference on Liturgy

May 2, 2016 – “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Youth.” Catholic University of America School of Theology Faculty Workshop

February 23, 2016 – “Why Scientists Playing at Amateur Atheology Fail.” Brigham Young University Lecture.

April 10-11, 2015 – “Response to *America’s Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping of a Nation*.” University of Notre Dame Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism Biannual Meeting on Grant Wacker’s Billy Graham book.

March 24, 2015 – “The Religious and Spiritual Lives of College Students Today.” Huntington University Forrester Lecture, Huntington, IN.

March 18, 2015 – “Vocation, Parenting, and the Religious Lives of American Youth.” Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN.

March 12-13, 2015 – “The Paradox of Generosity.” Lake Lecture, Lake Institute, Indianapolis, IN.

February 24, 2015 – “The Religious and Spiritual Lives of College Students Today.” St. Louis University De Lubac Lecture, St. Louise, MO.

February 23, 2015 – “The Religious and Spiritual Lives of College Students Today.” Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

February 23, 2015 – “The Religious and Spiritual Lives of College Students Today.” Belmont University, Nashville, TN.

February 18, 2015 – “What is a Person?.” Spring Arbor University Personhood Focus Series Lecture, MI.

January 22, 2015 – “Humanism and Human Rights in the Contemporary World.” De Sales University Humanism Lecture, Allentown, PA.

January 18, 2015 – “Social Media and the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Youth.” New York Encounter, New York, NY.

Nov 16-18, 2014 – “Why the Social Sciences (and Journalism) Don’t ‘Get’ Religion.” Ethics and Public Policy Center Media Education Seminar, Miami Beach, FL.

Oct 22, 2014 – “On the Role of Parents in the Intergenerational Transmission of Religious Faith to Children.” Yale University Divinity School Homecoming Lecture.

October 15, 2014 – “The Religious and Spiritual Lives of College Students Today.” Taylor University (IN).

October 10, 2014 – “On Studying the Role of Parents in the Intergenerational Transmission of Religious Faith to Children.” University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life Board of Advisors.

September 18, 2014 – “Ring by Spring, Hooking Up, Opting Out: Redefining Notre Dating Panel.” University of Notre Dame Gender Relations Faculty Panel.

August 22, 2014 – “The Religious and Spiritual Lives of College Students Today.” Wheaton College (IL) Faculty Workshop.

July 30, 2014 – “Keynote Address: Understanding Emerging Adults Today” talk, Association of Student Affairs of Catholic Colleges and Universities, St. Mary’s University, San Antonio, TX.

August 22, 2014 – “Understanding College-Age Emerging Adults Today” talk for Wheaton College Fall Faculty Workshop, Wheaton College, IL.

May 31, 2014 – ND “Young American Catholics” talk for University of Notre Dame “Reunion” Weekend, Notre Dame, IN.

June 14, 2014 – “Emerging Adult Religion” talk for the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.

June 26, 2014 – “Who are we Evangelizing?” talk for University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life Homiletics Conference, Notre Dame, IN.

May 27-June 2, 2014 – “Why Are People Generous?” online discussion Big Questions Online.

February 26-28, 2013 – “Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood” invited speaker at CCCU, Phoenix, AZ.

December 10, 2012 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults” interview for *Huffington Post* with Catherine Newhouse.

November 29-December 1, 2012 – “Catholic Emerging Adults,” National Foundation for Catholic Youth Ministry conference, invited lecture.

September 10, 2012 – “Kids and Religion” interview with Tracy Mayor for *Brain, Child* magazine.

June 28, 2012 – “National Study of Youth and Religion” project, interview with John Moulder for Lilly Foundation website feature.

October 19, 2011 – “What is a Person (and, So What)? Rethinking Humanity, Social Life, and the Moral Good from the Person Up.” Geneva Campus Ministry, co-sponsored by the Sociology Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IO.

October 18, 2011 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Geneva Lecture Series, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IO.

March 31-April 1, 2011 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Church of the Nazarene Sociologists, Kansas City, MO.

March 20, 2011 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” St. Thomas More Youth Parents Talk, Chapel Hill, NC.

March 10, 2011 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” NETVue Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

February 24-25, 2011 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” St. George’s Institute of Church and Cultural Life, Nashville, TN.

January 4-6, 2011 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Orlando, FL.

January 4, 2011 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Wesleyan Denomination, Jacksonville, FL.

December 10-11, 2010 – “A Formative Challenge: Important Considerations in Sharing the Faith with the Next Generation.” National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, New Orleans, LA.

December 10-11, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, New Orleans, LA.

November 18-19, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Houghton College, Houghton, NY.

November 10, 2010 – “Critical Realism and Human Personhood.” Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IN.

November 4-6, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, Princeton, NJ.

October 30, 2010 – “How We Should Change the Way We Write, Review, and Publish Scholarly Articles.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, Baltimore MD.

October 29, 2010 – Christian Smith and Patricia Snell, “Author Meets Critics: Souls in Transition.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meeting, Baltimore MD.

September 23, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Catholics on Call, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL.

September 15, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL.

August 16, 2010 – Kyle Longest, Patricia Snell, and Christian Smith, “Tipping the Plate: Understanding the Role of Financial Anxiety in Religious Giving.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

July 26, 2010 – “Understanding ‘Moralistic, Therapeutic Deism’ as the De Facto Faith of American Teenagers.” Focus on the Family, Colorado Springs, CO.

July 24, 2010 – “What Teenage-Era Factors Shape the Religious Lives of 18-23 Year Olds?” Association of Christian Schools International Leadership Academy 2010 Keynote Speaker, Colorado Springs, CO.

July 23, 2010 – “Understanding ‘Moralistic, Therapeutic Deism’ as the De Facto Faith of American Teenagers.” Association of Christian Schools International Leadership Academy 2010 Keynote Speaker, Colorado Springs, CO.

July 23, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults.” Association of Christian Schools International Leadership Academy 2010 Keynote Speaker, Colorado Springs, CO.

July 22, 2010 – “Soul Searching: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.” Association of Christian Schools International Leadership Academy 2010 Keynote Speaker, Colorado Springs, CO.

May 3, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” St. Theresa’s Church, Briarcliff Manor, NY.

April 13, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Furman University, Greenville, SC.

April 7, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA.

March 23, 2010 – “Getting a Life: The Emerging Adult and the Culture of Extended Adolescences.” Worldview Forum, Malone University, OH.

February 19-20, 2010 – “Soul Searching: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers—Findings from the NSYR” and “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Renew 2010, Westminster PCA Church, Suffolk, VA.

January 23, 2010 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Reformed Institute of Metro Washington, Washington, DC.

November 21, 2009 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” University of Notre Dame Saturday Scholars Speaker, Notre Dame, IN.

November 12, 2009 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN.

October 29, 2009 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC.

October 16, 2009 – “Research Activities for Dr. Christian Smith.” University of Notre Dame Board of Trustees Meeting, Notre Dame, IN.

October 8-9, 2009 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.

September 20, 2009 – “Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Young Adults.” Sunnyside Presbyterian, South Bend, IN.

June 23, 2009 – “Thinking Critically About Sociology.” University of Notre Dame Brad Gregory and Erasmus Institute Undergraduate Summer Seminar, Notre Dame, IN.

June 4, 2009 – Plenary Session Speaker for “Lifecourse Perspectives on Spirituality & Health in Diverse Communities.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Spirituality, Theology, & Health.

May 3, 2009 – “Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Give Away So Little Money.” New Hope Presbyterian, Hillsborough, NC.

March 23, 2009 – “Stingy Christians: American Christians and the Question of Financial Giving,” Annual Retreat of President’s of Consortium of Christian Colleges and Universities, Indian Wells, CA.

November 14, 2008 – “Soul Searching: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers—Findings from the NSYR,” Presbyterian Church of America Christian Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.

April 28, 2008 – Annual National Meeting of Middle School Youth Ministers, Oak Brook Community Church, Oak Brook, IL, “Soul Searching: Understanding the Role of Parents in the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.”

April 12, 2008 – guest presenter at the Chicago Area Group for Sociology of Religion, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, “Why American Christians Do not Give Away More Money.”

April 2, 2008 – DePaul University, Chicago, IL, “Soul Searching: Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.”

February 7, 2008 – the 2008 Marjorie Pay Hinckley Memorial Lecture, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.”

October 5, 2007 – Gordon College Convocation, Wenham, MA on “‘Don’t Let the Car Fool You. My Treasure is in Heaven’: Toward Explaining Financially Ungenerous American Christians.”

July 17, 2007 – presentation at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC on: “Conducting Research on the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.”

June 20, 2007 – presentation at the John Templeton Foundation Founders Board Meeting, Nassau, Bahamas on: “The Influence of Religious in the Lives of American Teenagers.”

May 23-25, 2007 – NSYR data use workshop, “Young Scholars in the Sociology of Religion (YSSR).” 3-day conference brought together 30 most promising young scholars in the sociology of religion from around the country to discuss their work and the larger intellectual issues and directions in the field.

May 7, 2007 – St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Briarcliff Manor, NY, “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.”

April 18, 2007 —University of Notre Dame, “Soul Searching: A Movie About Teenagers and God,” presented at the Browning Cinema, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

February 8, 2007 – Trinity School, Durham, NC, “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers.”

January 19, 2007 – presentation to faculty and graduate students at the University of Notre Dame on: “‘Don’t Let the Car Fool You. My Treasure is in Heaven’: Toward Explaining Financially Ungenerous American Christians.”

December 7, 2006 – University of Notre Dame, “God, Religion, Whatever: On Moralistic Therapeutic Deism?” from Soul Searching.

November 2, 2006 – Fordham Center on Religion and Culture's Headline Forum, Fordham University, New York, “Catholic Teenagers: Faith at Risk?”

October 19-22, 2006 – Sessions on the findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion data and pre-premier showing of “Soul Searching: A Movie about Teenagers and God,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

May 24, 2006 – spoke to faculty and students at the University of Exeter (UK) on “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism: the New De Facto American Religion?”

May 15, 2006 – spoke to faculty and students at the University of Exeter (UK) on “The Religious and Spiritual Lives of U.S. Teenagers: Research Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion.”

April 3-4, 2006 – plenary lecture to the British Sociological Association’s Religion Study Group, University of Manchester (UK) on: “Understanding the Religious Lives of U.S. Teenagers – on Moralistic Therapeutic Deism – Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion.”

March 6, 2006 – public lecture at Messiah College, Grantham, PA, “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Youth: Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR).”

March 6, 2006 – faculty forum talk at Messiah College, Grantham, PA, “Understanding the Religious & Spiritual Lives of American Youth: On Moralistic, Therapeutic Deism – Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR).”

February 28, 2006 – spoke with campus ministers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on “Understanding the Religious Lives of American Teenagers.”

February 22, 2006 – gave a talk to leaders in Free Methodist Church educators, Phoenix, AZ on: “Understanding the Religious Lives of American Youth – Findings from the NSYR.”

February 2, 2006 – presented to campus ministers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill “Understanding the Religious Lives of American Teenagers.”

December 1-2, 2005 – gave a public lecture at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL on: “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Youth: Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion (NSYR).”

November 17, 2005 – led a day-long youth ministry symposium at Gordon College, Wenham, MA, “Soul Searching: Findings from the National Study of Youth & Religion (NSYR).”

November 16, 2005 – spoke at a Gordon College Symposium on Youth Ministry, Wenham, MA, “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers—Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion” and “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism: the New De Facto American Religion?”

November 2, 2005 – spoke at New York City, The King’s College “Interregnum” Speaker Series on “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism and Challenges to the Church.”

October 18-20, 2005 – Chris Smith and Melinda Denton spoke at Seattle Pacific University, Seattle WA, present NSYR findings at “Faith of the Next Generation” conference, on “Understanding the Religious

and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers—Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion” and “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism: the New De Facto American Religion?”

September 23, 2005 –plenary lecture to the Association of Mennonite Educators in Chevy Chase, MD on: “The Faith Lives of Contemporary American Teenagers: Findings from the National Study of Youth & Religion (NSYR).”

September 9, 2005 – discussed NSYR findings at the Blue Ridge “Listening” on religion in higher education, sponsored by the Teagle Foundation, Little Switzerland, NC.

August 23, 2005 – interview about NSYR on Cedarville, OH radio program.

August 13, 2005 – Association for the Sociology of Religion panel on conducting national surveys on religion.

July 26, 2005 – radio interview for Mars Hill Media productions, Charlottesville, VA

June 6, 2005 – featured on a 45 minute radio interview with WFIL, Philadelphia, PA

May 19, 2005 – Christian Smith, John Bartkowski, and Steve Vaisey, presented NSYR findings at Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

April 23, 2005 - interviewed for “Family Policy Matters,” a weekly radio show of the North Carolina Family Policy Council.

April 8, 2005 – presentation to Duke University Grad Student Inter-Varsity weekly meeting on “Is Moralistic Therapeutic Deism the New American Religion?”

April 3, 2005 – featured on nationally syndicated “White Horse Inn” radio program and discussed NSYR findings.

March 17, 2005 – guest on National Public Radio’s “Talk of the Nation,” on “Teens and Religion.”

March 1, 2005 – interviewed on Barry Lynn’s “Culture Shocks,” a nationally-broadcast radio show.

February 28, 2005 – presentation on “Religion and Spirituality of American Teenagers” for the UNC-CH General Alumni Association.

February 15-16, 2005 – presentation at Princeton Theological Seminary’s “Faithful Practices” Empirical Researchers Consultation in Princeton, NJ.

February 13, 2005 – spoke at the Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship’s Sunday School on “Findings from the NSYR.”

January 27-28, 2005 – presented a workshop on NSYR findings at the Lilly Endowment Fund for Theological Education, 2005 Forum, Indianapolis, IN.

Jan 5-8, 2005 – lectured on “Youth, Church and Culture” for the Princeton Theological Seminary’s Institute for Youth Ministry’s Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, St. Simons Island, Ga.

Dec 2-5, 2004 – spoke at the 2004 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Pittsburgh, PA. “Understanding the Lives of American Teenagers.”

November 17-19, 2004 – presented NSYR findings to denominational leaders at Group Publishing Summit.

November 8, 2004 –shared NSYR findings at the annual meeting of the Virginia Baptist Youth Ministry, Roanoke, VA.

Oct 10-11, 2004 – featured speaker at “Faith, Fear and Indifference: Constructing Religious Identity in the Next Generation,” University of Southern California, Los Angeles, jointly sponsored by The Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, Omar Ibn Al Khattab Foundation, Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, and UCS Center for Religion and Civic Culture, College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, and Office of Religious Life.

October 4, 2004 – featured speaker at the East Carolina University’s 13th annual Jarvis Lecture on Christianity and Culture, “Is ‘Moralistic Therapeutic Deism’ America’s Real Religious Faith?” Greenville, NC.

September 30, 2004 – presentation on NSYR findings at the National Press Club, Washington, DC

September 30, 2004 – interview on NSYR findings with Michael Cromartie, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, DC

March 25-27, 2004 – led two 90 minute workshops at the Religion Communicators Council 2004 Convention in Birmingham, Ala., on “Exploring the Religious and Spiritual Lives of U.S. Teenagers: Findings from the National Study of Youth and Religion.”

Feb 25-26, 2004 – spoke at the Group Publishing Youth Ministry Summit, Loveland, CO.

Feb 15 and 22, 2004 – 2-part talk at Church of the Holy Family, Episcopal, Chapel Hill, N.C., “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Adolescents.”

October 26, 2003 – presented findings from NSYR teen interviews to the Association of Youth Ministry Educators in Boston, MA

July 21, 2003 – presented NSYR findings to the Governing Board of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministries, West Palm Beach, FL.

April 24-26, 2003 – led a 90 minute workshop at Religion Communicators Council 2003 Convention in Indianapolis on “Understanding the Religious and Spiritual Lives of U.S. Teenagers: Initial Findings from The National Study of Youth and Religion.”

April 1, 2003 – spoke to the Rotary Club of Chapel Hill, NC, on “Religious Influences in the Lives of American Adolescents.”

January 24, 2003 – presented at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI on: “Theorizing Religious Effects Among American Adolescents,” at a consultation of “Culture, Morality and the Power of Religion in Social Life.”

January 13, 2003 – addressed the Shaftesbury Society of the John Locke Foundation on “Religious Influences in the Lives of American Teenagers.”

November 5, 2002 – spoke to members of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club on “Religious Influences in the Lives of American Teenagers.”

October 15, 2002 –guest lectured in the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education at UNC; HBHE 189, “Adolescent Health Risk Behaviors.”

August 16, 2002 – participated in a session at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in Chicago on “Religion and Adolescent Life Outcomes.”

May 12 and 19, 2002 – led a two-part Adult Education class at Holy Family Episcopal Church, Chapel Hill on “The Faith Lives of American Teenagers.”

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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American Sociological Association annual meetings

Seattle, WA, August 20-23, 2016
Atlanta, GA, August 13-17, 2010
San Francisco, CA, August 8-11, 2009
Boston, MA, August 1-4, 2008
New York, NY, August 11-14, 2007
Montreal, Canada, August 11-14, 2006
Philadelphia, August 13-16, 2005
San Francisco, August 14-17, 2004
Atlanta, GA, August 16-19, 2003
Chicago, IL, August 16-19, 2002
Washington, D.C., August 12-16, 2000
Chicago, August 6-10, 1999
San Francisco, 1998
Toronto, Canada, 1997
New York City, NY, 1996
Washington, D.C., 1995
Los Angeles, CA, 1994
Pittsburgh, PA, 1992
Cincinnati, OH, 1991

American Academy of Religion

San Antonio, TX, November 19-22, 2016
Chicago, IL, November 18, 2012

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion annual meetings

Las Vegas, NV, October 25-27, 2018
Atlanta, GA, October 28-30, 2016
Phoenix, AZ, November 9-11, 2012
Baltimore MD, October 29-31, 2010
Denver, CO, October 23-25, 2009
Louisville, KY, October 17-19, 2008
Tampa, FL, November 2-4, 2007
Portland, OR, October 18-21, 2006
Rochester, NY, November 4-6, 2005
Kansas City, MO, October 22-24, 2004
Norfolk, VA, October 23-26, 2003
Salt Lake City, UT October 31-November 3, 2002
Boston, MA, November 5-7, 1999
Montreal, Canada, November 6-8, 1998
Nashville, TN, 1996

Chicago Area Group for Sociology of Religion, Loyola University, Chicago, IL, April 12, 2008.

Mini-Conference on “Researching the Religious Lives of Adolescents,” Portland, OR, Oct 17, 2006.

British Sociological Association Religion Study Group Conference, Manchester, England, April 3, 2006.

Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting

Philadelphia, August 13-14, 2005	San Francisco, CA, August 13-14, 2004
Washington, D.C. August 11-13, 2000	Chicago, August 5-9, 1999
San Francisco, 1998	New York City, 1996

“Faith, Fear, and Indifference,” conference on youth and religion, University of Southern California, October 10-11, 2004.

“Religion, Pluralism, and Public Life,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 1998.

“Culture and Social Movements,” ASA and ISA Sections on Collective Behavior & Social Movements topical workshop, San Diego, CA, 1992.

New England Council of Latin American Studies, Smith College, Northampton, MA, 1991.

“Central American Base Ecclesial Communities,” CELEP, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Managua, Nicaragua, & San Jose, Costa Rica, 1989.

“Base Communities and the Transformation of Chilean Society,” Santiago, Chile, 1989.

“Base Ecclesial Communities—Latin America and Beyond,” Oxford Center on Development and Mission Studies, Oxford, England, 1987.