

# GERARDO MARTI

## William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology

Davidson College  
209 Ridge Rd / Box 5000  
Davidson, NC 28035

Updated December 2025  
Department of Sociology  
Office (704) 894-2481  
gemarti@davidson.edu

## Academic Appointments

---

William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Sociology, Davidson College, 2021 – present  
Departmental Chair, Sociology, Davidson College, 2012 – 2022, 2025 – present  
Interim Executive Director, Louisville Institute, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2022 – 2023  
Visiting Professor of Sociology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2022 – 2023  
L. Richardson King Professor of Sociology, Davidson College, 2016 – 2020  
L. Richardson King Associate Professor of Sociology, Davidson College, 2010 – 2016  
L. Richardson King Assistant Professor of Sociology, Davidson College, 2009 – 2010  
Lynette S. Autrey Visiting Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies, Rice University, 2008 – 2009  
Assistant Professor, Sociology of Davidson College, 2004 – 2008

## Education

---

Ph.D. SOCIOLOGY, University of Southern California, 2003  
M.A. SOCIOLOGY, University of Southern California, 1990  
B.A.\* SOCIOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS, Pepperdine University, 1987 \*HONORS Valedictorian 4.0 GPA

## Books

---

InPress *Racial Justice in White Progressive Churches*. Co-author Mark T. Mulder and Kevin D. Dougherty. New York: Oxford University Press.

2025 *The Church Must Grow or Perish: Robert H. Schuller and the Business of American Christianity*, Library of Religious Biography. Co-author Mark T. Mulder. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans.

2020 *The Glass Church: Robert H. Schuller, The Crystal Cathedral, and the Strain of Megachurch Ministry*. Co-author Mark T. Mulder. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

2020 *American Blindspot: Race, Class, Religion, and the Trump Presidency*. Lanham, MA: Rowman & Littlefield.

2017 *Latino Protestants in America: Diverse and Growing*. Co-authors Mark T. Mulder and Aida I. Ramos. Lanham, MA: Rowman & Littlefield.

2014\* *The Deconstructed Church: Understanding Emerging Christianity*. Co-author Gladys Ganiel. New York and London: Oxford University Press.

**\*WINNER Distinguished Book Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2015**

2012 *Worship across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Multiracial Congregation*. New York and London: Oxford University Press.

2008 *Hollywood Faith: Holiness, Prosperity, and Ambition in a Los Angeles Church*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

2005 *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. Updated paperback edition with new preface issued 2009.

## Journal Articles

---

InPress (By Invitation.) Martí, Gerardo. "The Lull of Liturgy: How Ritual Defers the Demands of Racial Justice." *Liturgy*.

2025 (By Invitation.) Martí, Gerardo. "The Changing Church and the Challenge of Racial Justice." *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*. 79.4 (October) 327-340.

2025 Martí, Gerardo. "Antiracism as Inclusivity: The Racial Justice Paradigm of White Progressive Churches : SSSR Presidential Address." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 64:2 (June) 173-186.

2025 Martí, Gerardo and Mark T. Mulder. "Hartmut Rosa and the Megachurch Ministry of Robert H. Schuller: Does Acceleration and Resonance Explain Congregational Innovation?" *Ecclesial Practices* 11:2 (February) 144-163.

2024 Martinez, Brandon C. and Gerardo Martí. "Latinx Blue Wave or Religious Red Shift? The Relationship between Evangelicalism, Church Attendance, and President Trump among Latinx Americans." *Socius* 10. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241259673>.

2024 Martí, Gerardo. "Racial Justice and Racialized Religion: Are Progressive White Christians Getting It Right? : ASR Presidential Address." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 85:3 (Autumn) 251-273.

2023 Martí, Gerardo. "The Promise and Future of Scholarship on Racial Identity and Latinx Christianity." *Perspectives in Religious Studies (PRSt)* 49:4 (Winter).

2022 Gardner, Andrew and Gerardo Martí. "From Ordaining Women to Combating White Supremacy: Oppositional Shifts in Social Attitudes between the Southern Baptist Convention and the Alliance of Baptists." *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*. 33:2 (Summer) 202-235.

2022 Martí, Gerardo. "Ethnographic Theology: Integrating the Social Sciences and Theological Reflection." *Cuestiones Teológicas*. 49:111 (January - June) 1-18.

2022 Martí, Gerardo. "Latinx Protestants and American Politics." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 83:1 (Spring) 1-11.

2021 Dougherty, Kevin D., Gerardo Martí, and Todd Ferguson. "Racial Dynamics of Congregations and Communities: A Longitudinal Analysis of United Methodist Congregations, 1990-2010." *Social Forces*. 100:1 (September) 345-374.

2021 (By Invitation.) Martí, Gerardo. "L'Église Hillsong et L'Oecuménisme: Explorer L'Hillsongisation et L'Ambition de la Mondialisation Religieuse." *Istina*. 66:2 (Avril-Juin) 165-181.

2020 Baker, Joseph, Gerardo Martí, Ruth Braunstein, Andrew L. Whitehead, and Grace Yukich. "Religion in the Age of Social Distancing: How COVID-19 Presents New Directions for Research." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 81:4 (Winter) 357-370.

2020 Martí, Gerardo and Mark T. Mulder. "Capital and the Cathedral: Robert H. Schuller's Continual Fundraising for Church Growth." *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation*. 30:1 (Winter) 63-107.

2020 Baker, Joseph and Gerardo Martí. "Is the Religious Left Resurgent?" *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 81:2 (Summer) 131-141.

2020 Ramos, Aida I., Gerardo Martí, and Mark T. Mulder. "The Strategic Practice of 'Fiesta' in a Latino Protestant Church: Religious Racialization and the Performance of Ethnic Identity." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 59:1 161-179.

2019 Martí, Gerardo. "The Unexpected Orthodoxy of Donald J. Trump: Piety, Policy, and White Evangelical Support for the 45th President of the United States." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 80:1 (Spring) 1-8.

2018 Ramos, Aida I., Gerardo Martí, and Mark T. Mulder. "The Growth and Diversity of Latino Protestants in America." *Religion Compass*. 12:7 (July).

2018 Martí, Gerardo. "Maranatha (O Lord, Come): The Power/Surrender Dynamic of Pentecostal Worship." *Liturgy* 33:3 20-28.

2017 Martí, Gerardo. "The Global Phenomenon of Hillsong Church: An Initial Assessment." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 78:4 (Winter) 377-386.

2017 Martí, Gerardo. "Forum on the Emerging Church Movement: New Concepts for New Dynamics: Generating Theory for the Study of Religious Innovation and Social Change." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 56:1 6-18.

2017 Berhó, Deborah, Gerardo Martí, and Mark T. Mulder. "Global Pentecostalism and Ethnic Identity Maintenance among Latino Immigrants: A Case Study of a Guatemalan Neo-Pentecostal Congregation in the Pacific Northwest." *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*. 39:1-2 5-33.

2016 (By Invitation.) Martí, Gerardo. "Symposium on Sociology of Religion and the Study of Religion: A Dialogue: A Sociologist Learns to Study Religion." *Critical Research on Religion*. 4:3 267-273.

2016 Martí, Gerardo. "Found Theologies versus Imposed Theologies: Remarks on Theology and Ethnography from a Sociological Perspective." *Ecclesial Practices*. 3:2 157-172.

2016\* Martí, Gerardo. "'I Was a Muslim, but Now I Am a Christian': Preaching, Legitimation, and Identity Management in a Southern Evangelical Church." Special Focus: Religion and Race/Ethnicity. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 55:2 250-270.

\*REPRINTED 2018. In *Sociology of Religion: A Reader, Third Edition*, edited by Susanne Monahan, William Mirola, and Michael O. Emerson. New York: Routledge.

2015 Dougherty, Kevin D., Brandon C. Martinez, and Gerardo Martí. "Congregational Diversity and Attendance in a Mainline Protestant Denomination." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 54:4 668-683. [Delayed in Production – Published online and in print April 2016.]

2015 Ganiel, Gladys and Gerardo Martí. "The Emerging Church Movement: A Sociological Assessment." *Currents in Theology and Mission*. 42:2 105-112.

2015 Martí, Gerardo. "Conceptual Pathways to Ethnic Transcendence in Diverse Churches: Theoretical Reflections on the Achievement of Successfully Integrated Congregations." *Religions*. 6:3 1048-1066.

2015 Martí, Gerardo. "Latino Protestants and Their Churches: Establishing an Agenda for Sociological Research." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 76:2 (Summer) 145-154.

2015 Martí, Gerardo. "Religious Reflexivity: The Effect of Continual Novelty and Diversity on Individual Religiosity." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 76:1 (Spring) 1-13.

2014 Martí, Gerardo. "Present and Future Scholarship in the Sociology of Religion." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 75:4 (Winter) 503-510.

2014 Ganiel, Gladys and Gerardo Martí. "'Northern Ireland, America, and the Emerging Church Movement: Exploring the Significance of Peter Rollins and the Ikon Collective." *Journal of the Irish Society for the Academy Study of Religions*. 1(1) 26-47.

2012\* Jenkins, Kathleen E. and Gerardo Martí. "Warrior Chicks: Youthful Aging in a Postfeminist Prosperity Discourse." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 51:2 (June) 241-256.

\*REPRINTED 2018. In *Sociology of Religion: A Reader, Third Edition*, edited by Susanne Monahan, William Mirola, and Michael O. Emerson. New York: Routledge.

2012 Martí, Gerardo. "The Adaptability of Pentecostalism: The Fit between Prosperity Theology and Globalized Individualization in a Los Angeles Church." *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*. 34:1 5-25.

2010 (By Invitation.) Martí, Gerardo. "When does Religious Racial Integration 'Count'? A Caution Against Seeking Ideal Ethnographic Cases." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 49:2 (June) 224-230.

2010 Martí, Gerardo. "The Religious Racial Integration of African Americans into Diverse Churches." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 49:2 (June) 201-217.

2010 Martí, Gerardo. "Ego-Affirming Evangelicalism: How a Hollywood Church Appropriates Religion for Workers in the Creative Class." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*. 71:1 (Spring) 52-75.

2009\* Martí, Gerardo. "Affinity, Identity, and Transcendence: The Experience of Religious Racial Integration in Diverse Congregations." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 48:1 (March) 53-68.

\*REPRINTED 2010. In *Sociology of Religion: A Reader, Second Edition*, edited by Susanne Monahan, William Mirola, and Michael O. Emerson. New York: Routledge.

2008 (By Invitation.) Martí, Gerardo. "Forum on Racially and Ethnically Diverse Churches: Fluid Ethnicity and Ethnic Transcendence in Multiracial Churches." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 47:1 (March) 11-16.

## Book Chapters

---

InPress Martí, Gerardo. "Conservatism, Neoliberalism, and White Christian Libertarianism: The Religious Convictions of Business-Friendly Evangelical Voters in the United States of America." In *The*

2024 *Bloomsbury Handbook of Religion and Neoliberalism*. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

2024 Barba, Lloyd D., Jonathan E. Calvillo, and Gerardo Martí. "Latinx Religion and American Politics: Challenges and Tensions from Cold War through the Trump Presidency." In Lauren Turek and Cara Burnidge, eds., *The Routledge History of U.S. Religion and Politics*. New York: Routledge.

2024 Stephens, Hilde Løvdal and Gerardo Martí. "Public Schools, Critical Race Theory (CRT), and the Christian Right: How Trump Fueled Family Value Politics." In Paul A. Djupe and Anand Edward Sokhey, eds., *Trump, White Evangelical Christians, and American Politics: Change and Continuity*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.

2024 Martí, Gerardo. "Foreword," In W. Benjamin Boswell, *Confronting Whiteness: A Spiritual Journey of Reflection, Conversation, and Transformation*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.

2022 Martí, Gerardo. "Ethnography as a Tool for Genuine Surprise: Found Theologies versus Imposed Theologies." In Knut Tveitereid and Pete Ward, eds., *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Theology and Qualitative Research*. Malden, MA: John Wiley & Sons.

2022 Ramos, Aida I., Gerardo Martí, and Mark T. Mulder. "Latino/a Protestantisms: Historical and Sociological Overviews." In *Oxford Handbook of Latino/a Christianities in America*. New York: Oxford University Press.

2020 Martí, Gerardo. "White Christian Libertarianism and the Trump Presidency," In Grace Yukich and Penny Edgell, eds., *Religion Is Raced: Understanding American Religion in the 21st Century*. New York: NYU Press.

2018 Alvizo, Xochitl and Gerardo Martí. "Emerging Out of Patriarchy? The Emerging Church Movement from a Feminist Practical Theological Perspective," In Randall Reed and G. Michael Zbaraschuk, eds., *The Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books.

2017 Martí, Gerardo. "Foreword," In Tanya Riches and Tom Wagner, eds., *The Hillsong Movement Examined: You Call Me Out Upon the Waters*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

2016 Martí, Gerardo. "Emerging Christianity through a Social Scientific Lens: The ECM as a Case of Religious Institutional Entrepreneurship," In Michael Clawson and April Stace, eds., *Crossing Boundaries, Redefining Faith: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Emerging Church Movement*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications.

2013 Martí, Gerardo and Michael Emerson. "The Rise of the Diversity Expert: How American Evangelicals Simultaneously Accentuate and Ignore Race," In Brian Steensland and Philip K. Goff, eds., *The New Evangelical Social Engagement*. New York: Oxford University Press.

2012 Martí, Gerardo. "'I Determine My Harvest': Risky Careers and Spirit-Guided Prosperity in a Los Angeles Church," In Amos Yong and K. Attanasi, eds., *Pentecostalism and Prosperity: The Socio-Economics of Global Charismatic Movement*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

2012 Martí, Gerardo. "The Diversity Affirming Latino: Ethnic Options and the Ethnic Transcendent Expression of American Latino Religious Identity." In Carolyn Chen and Russell Jeung, eds., *Sustaining Faith Traditions: Race, Ethnicity, and Religion among the Latino and Asian American Second Generation*. New York: New York University Press.

2009 Martí, Gerardo. "Preface to Paperback Edition." In *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

1991 Bengtson, Vern L., Gerardo Martí, and Robert E. L. Roberts. "Age Group Relations: Generational Equity and Inequity." In Karl Pillemer and Kathleen McCartney, eds., *Parent-Child Relations Across the Life-Span*. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

## Selected Book Reviews

---

2025 "Joseph Smith: The Rise and Fall of an American Prophet" by John G. Turner." *Commonweal*. 152:9 49-51.

2025 "Why Religion Went Obsolete: And How It Matters for Understanding Religion in the Modern World" by Christian Smith." *Commonweal*. 152:6 45-47.

2014 "When God Talks Back: Understanding the American Evangelical Relationship with God" by T.M. Luhrmann." *Ecclesial Practices: The Journal of Ecclesiology and Ethnography*. 1:2 255-257.

2012 "Religion and Modern Society: Citizenship, Secularization, and the State" by Bryan S. Turner." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 80 1136-1139.

2010 "Blood and Fire: Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church" by Margaret M. Palomo and Ralph W. Hood, Jr." *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*. 79:2 513-515.

2008 "God's Potters: Pastoral Leadership and the Shaping of Congregations" by Jackson W. Carroll." *Sociology of Religion*. 69 491-493.

2008 "Crossing the Ethnic Divide: The Multiethnic Church on a Mission by Kathleen Garces-Foley." *Review of Religious Research*. 50:1 126-127.

2008 "Korean American Evangelicals: New Models for Civic Life by Elaine Howard Ecklund." *Journal of Asian American Studies*. 11:2 242-245.

2008 "Beyond Megachurch Myths: What We Can Learn from America's Largest Churches by Scott Thumma and Dave Travis." *Reviews in Religion & Theology*. 15:3 336-338.

2008 "Interfaith Encounters in America by Kate McCarthy." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 47:2 334-336.

2006 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit: Religious Experience and Ritual in an African American Church by Timothy J. Nelson." *Review of Religious Research*. 48:2 236-237.

2005 "Buddhist and Protestant Korean Immigrants: Religious Beliefs and Socioeconomic Aspects of Life by Okyun Kwon." *Journal of American Ethnic History*. 24:4 111-112.

2005 "Religion and Immigration: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Experiences in the United States by Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad, Jane I. Smith, John L. Esposito." *Review of Religious Research*. 46:3 313-314.

2004 "Heaven's Kitchen: Living Religion at God's Love We Deliver by Courtney Bender." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 43:1 151-152.

## **Other Publications**

---

InPress Martí, Gerardo. "The Church of Inclusion and the Failure to Act: The Impulse is Sincere, But the Results Are Staggeringly Modest." *The Christian Century*. forthcoming

2025 Martí, Gerardo. "Curators of Knowledge, Not Chaos: Universities Cannot—And Should Not—Platform Every Perspective, Gerardo Martí writes." *Inside Higher Education*. October.

2024 Harrington, Brian and Gerardo Martí. "Progressive White Churches Can Resist Antiracism Too." *Faith & Leadership*, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity. September.

2024 Martí, Gerardo. "5 Tips on Making Your Church Anti-Racist." *Faith & Leadership*, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity. May.

2021 Martí, Gerardo. "The Reactionary Entrepreneurship of White Evangelicalism: Will America Become a Religious Regime? Response to The Future of U.S. Evangelical Christianity," *The Berkley Forum*, The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, April 22.

2015 Martí, Gerardo and Mark T. Mulder. "More than a Fiesta: Paying Attention to Latino Protestant Congregations," *Reformed Worship*. 118 (December) 42-43.

2013 Ganiel, Gladys and Gerardo Martí. "The Last Stop: Understanding the Emerging Church Movement -- Interview with Gladys Ganiel and Gerardo Martí. *Bearings: For the Life of Faith*. 3:2 (Autumn) 9-14.

2011 Martí, Gerardo. "The Wi-Fi Church of the Future (and Present)," in *Religion in Sociological Perspective, Fifth Edition* by Keith Roberts and David Yamane. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

2011 Martí, Gerardo. "Hacker Ethics and Higher Learning: The Moral Clash Determining the Future of Education." *The Cresset*. 74:4 (Easter) 17-27.

2005 Martí, Gerardo. "Innovation in L.A.: Gerardo Martí on Mosaic as a Multiniche Church." *The Christian Century*. 122:15 (July 26) 27-29.

## **Funding and Research Experience**

---

### External

2026-2030 **Principal Investigator**, \$2,000,000: "Scaling Grant: THRIVE for Racial Justice Moving Forward," Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: includes Salary, Course Releases, Research Stipends, Travel, Lodging, Transcription, Data Organization, and Administrative Costs.

2024-2025 **Principal Investigator**, \$15,000: "Collaborative Discernment Grant: THRIVE for Racial Justice Moving Forward," Leadership Education at Duke Divinity. Funding: includes Travel, Lodging, Meals.

2021- 2025 **Principal Investigator**, \$999,968: "Churches that THRIVE for Racial Justice," Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: includes Salary, Course Releases, Research Stipends, Travel, Lodging, Transcription, Data Organization, and Administrative Costs.

2013- 2021 **Principal Investigator**, \$400,000: "The Latino Protestant Church in the United States: Liturgy, Mission, and Congregational Practices," Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: includes Salary, Course Releases, Research Stipends, Travel, Lodging, Transcription, Data Organization, and Administrative Costs in addition to Funds for competitive Research Fellowship funding.

2016-2017	<b>Co-Principal Investigator</b> , \$2,500: "Ten Thousand Panes of Glass: Robert Schuller and the Normalization of American Religious Innovation," Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, Calvin College. Funding: Travel, Lodging, Meals, Archival Materials.
2011-2016	<b>Congregational Studies Project Team Co-Director</b> , \$700,000: Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: includes Travel, Lodging, Meals, and Materials for team in addition to Funds for competitive Research Fellowship Grants and educational resources.
2006-2015	<b>Research Associate</b> , Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.
2013	<b>Participant</b> , \$1,000: "Los Protestantes: Latino Protestantism in the United States," Calvin College. Funding: Travel, Lodging, Meals, Books, and Course Materials.
2011	<b>Director of Graduate and Postdoctoral Research Seminar</b> , \$104,000: "Congregations and Social Change," Calvin College. Funding: Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals, Books, Course Materials, Honoraria for Guest Scholars, and Monies for Seminar Participants.
2010-2011	<b>Research Fellow</b> , \$11,500: "Emerging Church Movement and Young Adult Spirituality," The Changing Spirituality of Emerging Adulthood Project, Institute for Policy Research & Catholic Studies, Catholic University of America, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: Travel, Conference Fees, Lodging, and Meals.
2008-2010	<b>Research Collaborator</b> , "The American Megachurch," Hartford Institute for Religion Research and Leadership Network.
2008-2009	<b>Rice University External Faculty Fellow</b> , \$70,000: National Endowment for the Humanities and the Lynette S. Autrey Endowment, Humanities Research Center. Funding: Salary plus Relocation, Faculty Office, Research Assistant, Administrative Support, and Library Access.
2006-2009	<b>Grant Recipient</b> , \$3,000: Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Funding: Interview Transcriptions by Research Assistants.
2008	<b>Participant</b> , \$2,500: "Congregations and Religious Diversity in Contemporary America," Calvin College Seminar in Christian Scholarship, Led by R. Stephen Warner, Calvin College. Funding: Honorarium, Travel, Lodging, Meals, Books, and Course Materials.
2007	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> , \$1,000: Communitas Scholar, Sponsored by Seminars in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College. Funding: Meals, Housing, Library and Academic Resource Access.
2005-2007	<b>Congregational Studies Team Engaged Scholars Research Fellow</b> , \$20,000: Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: Research Expenses, Travel, Lodging, Meals for Team Meetings.
2006	<b>Participant</b> , \$1,000: "The Transformation of Christian Worship: Recent History of Protestant and Catholic Practices (1960-2000)," Calvin College Seminar in Christian Scholarship, Led by John D. Witvliet, Institute of Christian Worship, Calvin College. Funding: Travel, Lodging, Meals, Books, and Course Materials.
2005-2006	<b>Principal Investigator</b> , \$38,697: "Congregational Music and Racial Diversity," Religious Institutions Grant, Louisville Institute/Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: Travel, Lodging, Meals, Digital Equipment, Includes training and supervising a research assistants and transcribers.
2005-2006	<b>Visiting Research Associate</b> , \$800: Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Summer 2005 and 2006. Funding: Library and Academic Resource Access.
2005-2006	<b>Research Associate</b> , \$3,500: "Religion and Spirituality among Natural and Social Science Faculty at Elite Research Universities," Directed by Elaine Howard Ecklund, John Templeton Foundation. Funding: Stipend, Equipment, Travel, Meals, and Publication Costs.
2005	<b>Participant</b> , \$2,000: "Multiracial/Multiethnic Congregations in the United States," Louisville Lunch, Louisville Institute/Lilly Endowment. Funding: Travel, Lodging, Meals, and Honorarium.
2002	<b>Participant</b> , \$750: "Lived Religion Workshop," Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Directed by Alan Wolfe, Boston College. Funding: Travel, Lodging, and Meals.
1992	<b>Principal Investigator</b> , \$38,382: "Intergenerational Continuity and Family Solidarity," National Institute on Aging. Funding: Researcher Stipend, Stipend for Research Assistant, Supplies.
1989-1991	<b>NIA Research Fellow</b> , \$45,000: "Longitudinal Study of Generations," National Institute on Aging Multidisciplinary Research Training Grant. Principal Investigators, Vern L. Bengtson, Sociology, and Margaret J. Gatz, Psychology, University of Southern California. Funding: Salary, with Travel, Lodging, and Meals for Conferences.
<b><u>Internal</u></b>	
2025-26	<b>Community Engaged Faculty Fellow</b> , \$15,000, Davidson College, Center for Civic Engagement. Funding: Stipend, Student Travel, Registration, Honoraria in partnership with Charlotte nonprofits.

2024-2025 **Davidson AI Initiative**, Davidson College, T&I. Funding: Subscription to advanced level of Claude and ChatGPT.

2022-2023 **Faculty Grant Support**, Davidson College. Course Release.

2020 **Course Development Funding**, \$1,500: Davidson College, Center for Civic Engagement. Funding: Faculty Stipend associated with developing course content, Student Assistants.

2019-2020 **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation: Justice, Equality, and Community Faculty Book Groups and Curriculum Development**, \$6,640: Davidson College, Course Development and Faculty Book Groups on theme "Race, Religion, and Power." Funding: Resources, Faculty Books, Stipends.

2019-2020 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$2,440. Davidson College. Funding, Travel, Lodging, and Meals.

2018 **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation: Justice, Equality, and Community Faculty Book Groups and Curriculum Development**, \$3,000. Davidson College. Funding. Resources, Faculty Books, Stipends.

2018 **Africana Studies Summer Workshop: Faculty Study & Immersion in Washington DC**, \$3,000. Davidson College. Funding. Resources, Faculty Books, Travel, Lodging, Meals, Stipend.

2018 **Bacca Humanities Faculty Study in Cuba**, \$5,000. Davidson College. Funding. Travel, Guides, Entry Fees, Lodging, and Meals.

2017-2018 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$3,993. Davidson College. Funding. Travel, Lodging, and Meals.

2015-2016 **Boswell Family Faculty Sabbatical Fellowship**, \$150,000. Davidson College. Salary, Benefits, Course Releases, Unrestricted Research and Travel Monies.

2014-2015 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$2,584. Davidson College. Funding. Travel, Lodging, and Meals.

2014-2015 **Faculty Grant Support**, Davidson. Course Release.

2014 **Davidson Research Initiative**, \$7,000: Duke Endowment and Davidson College. Funding: Course Release.

2013-2014 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$2,628: Davidson College. Funding. Travel, Lodging, and Meals.

2009-2013 **Endowed Faculty Chair**, \$15,000: Davidson College L. Richardson King Professorship. Funding: Unrestricted Research Monies.

2010-2011 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$800: Davidson College. Funding: Research Assistant and Editorial Assistant.

2010 **Davidson Research Initiative**, \$7,000: Davidson Research Initiative, Duke Endowment and Davidson College. Funding: Course Release.

2009-2010 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$800: Davidson College. Funding: Research Assistant.

2010 **Dean Rusk International Studies Faculty Research**, \$1,800: Davidson College. Funding: Travel, Conference Fees, Meals, and Lodging.

2009 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$1,925: Davidson College. Funding: Travel, Conference Fees, Meals, and Lodging.

2006-2009 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$2,400: Davidson. Funding: Research Assistant.

2007-2008 **Faculty Grant Support**, Davidson. Course Release.

2007 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$1,700: Davidson College. Funding: Travel, Lodging, Meals, and Digital Recording Equipment.

2006 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$3,200: Davidson College. Funding: Travel, Meals, Lodging, and Stipend for Research Assistant.

2006 **Course Development Funding**, \$2,500: Davidson College, Theological Exploration of Vocation, Lilly Endowment Inc. Funding: Faculty Stipend, Research Assistant, and Expenses associated with developing course content.

2005-2006 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$400: Davidson College. Funding: Research Assistant.

2005 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$2,600: Davidson College. Funding: Travel, Lodging, and Meals.

2004 **Faculty Study and Research Project**, \$400: Davidson College. Funding: Research Assistant.

### **Selected Academic Conference Presentations**

2025 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "Tensions between Antiracism Imperatives and LGBTQ+ Inclusion in White Progressive Churches." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Minneapolis, MN.

2025 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *The Church Must Grow or Perish: Robert H. Schuller and the Business of American Christianity* by Mark T. Mulder and Gerardo Martí." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Minneapolis, MN.

2025 (Panelist.) "Author Meets Critics: *My Tax Dollars: The Morality of Taxpaying in America* by Ruth Braunstein." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Minneapolis, MN.

2025 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "Author Meets Critics: *Valuing a Very Ordinary Religious Experience* by Sarah Kathleen Johnson" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Minneapolis, MN.

2025 (Panelist.) "Success and Failure in Religious/Spiritual Innovations." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Minneapolis, MN.

2025 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "Author Meets Critics: *The Church Must Grow or Perish: Robert H. Schuller and the Business of American Christianity* by Mark T. Mulder and Gerardo Martí." Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

2025 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "The Burden of Consensus for Enacting Racial Justice: Antiracism and the Processes of Baptist Polity in White Progressive Churches." Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

2025 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *Black and Catholic: Racism, Identity, and Religion* by Tia Noelle Pratt." Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

2024 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "Elusive Inclusivity: Restless Antiracism within a White Progressive Denomination." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA.

2024 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "'The Church Must Grow or Perish': Megachurches and the Unrelenting Imperative of Church Growth." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA.

2024 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "Opposition Within: Resistance to Antiracism Efforts in Antiracist Churches," Symposium on Race and Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada.

2024 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *Routledge Handbook of Megachurches* by Afe Adogame et al. (eds)," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada.

2024 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Latinx Religious Diversity." Eighth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture and Lilly Endowment Inc., invited by Philip Goff and Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2024.

2023 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "'Tell Us What to Do': Desires and Dilemmas of Racial Justice in a Progressive Protestant Denomination," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT.

2023 (By Invitation.) Discussant, "Social Scientific Perspectives on the 2023 Revival at Asbury University," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT.

2023 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Future Direction of Theology and Qualitative Research," Ethnography and Ecclesiology, Durham University, UK.

2023 (By Invitation.) Plenary, "Riding a Chariot of Fire in a Whirlwind: The Challenge of History, Circumstance, and Theological Clarity Amidst Ongoing Social Change," Ethnography and Ecclesiology, Durham University, UK.

2023 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "The Intersectional Challenge of Antiracism in White Progressive Churches," Symposium on Race and Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA.

2023 (With Brandon C. Martinez) "Latino Religiosity and Attitudes towards Social and Political Issues: An Analysis of the Cooperative Election Survey," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA.

2022 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "When White Progressive Christians Commit to Confront Whiteness in their Churches: Race, Religion, and the Challenge of Antiracism in American Christianity," American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO.

2022 (With Brandon C. Martinez) "Latino Protestants in America and Their Politics: Statistical Evidence from the 2016 and 2020 Presidential Elections," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

2022 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Author Meets Critics: *Civil Religion Today: Religion and the American Nation in the Twenty-First Century* by Rhys H. Williams, Raymond Haberski Jr. and Philip Goff," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

2022 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "Antiracism, Congregational Ministry, and

Progressive Christianity: An Analysis of the Challenge of Addressing Whiteness in American Christianity," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

2022 (With Brandon C. Martinez) "Blue Wave or Red Shift? Presidential Elections, Race, and Religion among Latino Protestants in America," American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 (With Kevin D. Dougherty and Mark T. Mulder.) "Race, Religion, and the Challenge of Antiracism in American Christianity: Examining the Evidence from a White Progressive Denomination," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *Lifeblood of the Parish: Men and Catholic Devotion in Williamsburg, Brooklyn* by Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Teaching the Sociology of Religion in Difficult Times: A Collaborative Discussion," with James Spickard and Grace Yukich. Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 (With Brandon C. Martinez) "The Political Identity of Latino Protestants: Assessing the Role of Race and Religion in Politics," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Beyond White Christian Nationalism in the U.S." Seventh Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture and Lilly Endowment Inc., invited by Philip Goff and Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2022.

2022 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "The Role and Responsibility of Scholars of Religion in Building Equality and Justice," British Sociological Association, with Gordon Lynch and CL Nash, organized by Mathew Guest and organized by Rob Barward-Symmons, London (Virtual).

2021 "Hartmut Rosa Goes to Church: Acceleration, Resonance, and the Megachurch Ministry of Robert H. Schuller," with Mark Mulder, Social Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.

2021 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *The Glass Church: Robert H. Schuller, The Crystal Cathedral, and the Strain of Megachurch Ministry* by Mark T. Mulder and Gerardo Martí," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.

2021 Panelist, "Workshop on Funding for the Social Scientific Study of Religion," with Edwin Aponte, Social Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.

2021 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Author Meets Critics: *High on God: How Megachurches Won the Heart of America* by James Wellman Jr., Katie Corcoran, and Kate Stockly," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, OR.

2020 Panelist, "Workshop on Funding for the Social Scientific Study of Religion," with Edwin Aponte, Social Scientific Study of Religion, Virtual Session.

2020\* Note: Several papers, panels, and workshops canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 (By Invitation.) "Religion and the 2020 U.S Presidential Election: A Panel Discussion," Invited by President Laura Olson, with Michele Margolis (University of Pennsylvania) and Elizabeth Sciupac (Pew Research), Social Scientific Study of Religion, Virtual Session.

2020 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *American Blindspot: Race, Class, Religion, and the Trump Presidency* by Gerardo Martí," Association for the Sociology of Religion. Virtual Session.

2020 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: Gerardo Martí, *American Blindspot* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2020); Kyle Lambelet, *¡Presente! Nonviolent Politics* (Georgetown University Press, 2019); Nichole R. Phillips, *Patriotism Black and White* (Baylor University Press, 2018)," American Academy of Religion. Virtual Session.

2020 Panelist, "Workshop on Funding for the Social Scientific Study of Religion from Louisville Institute," with Wendy Cadge and Gary Adler, Social Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO.

2020 Panelist, "Religion and the 2020 U.S Presidential Election: A Panel Discussion," invited by President Laura Olson, with Michele Margolis and Besheer Mohamed, Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion. Virtual Session.

2019 Panelist, "Workshop on Funding for the Social Scientific Study of Religion from Louisville Institute," with Wendy Cadge and Gary Adler, Social Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO.

2019 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "The Financial Burden of Megachurch Charisma: How Robert H. Schuller's Unsustainable, Business-based Church Growth Model Bankrupted the Crystal Cathedral," American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.

2019 Panelist, "Workshop on Grant Funding Opportunities for Research in the Sociology of Religion," with Gary Adler, Tia Noelle Pratt, and Rebecca Sager, Association for the Sociology of Religion, New

York, NY.

2019 Panelist, "Salon Discussion on Reflexive Ethnography," with Jim Spickard and Laurel Kerns, Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY.

2019 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "When Charisma Bankrupts the Church: Understanding the Crystal Cathedral and Robert H. Schuller's Unsustainable, Business-based Church Growth Model," Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY.

2019 "The Political Apologetics of White Evangelicalism: The Long History of Christian Legitimation for Social Inequality," Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.

2018 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Author Meets Critics: *Joining the Choir: Religious Membership and Social Trust Among Transnational Ghanaians* by Nicolette D. Manglos-Weber," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV.

2018 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "The False Premise of Free Enterprise: Explaining the Bankruptcy of Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV.

2018 Panelist, "Professional Development: Applying for Funding from Louisville Institute," with Christel Manning and Edwin Aponte, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, Nevada.

2018 (With Aida I. Ramos and Mark T. Mulder) "The Fiesta of Latino Protestant Worship: Religious Racialization and the Public Performance of Ethnic Identity," American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.

2018 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "Rustbelt Religion: Faith and Politics in Central Wisconsin," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA.

2018 Panelist, "Workshop on Funding for the Social Scientific Study of Religion from Louisville Institute," with Wendy Cadge and Gary Adler, Social Scientific Study of Religion, Philadelphia, PA.

2017 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "'Dig a Hole, Schuller': The Tension within Possibility Thinking and the Charismatic Authority of Robert H. Schuller," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC.

2017 Panelist, "Applying for Funding from The Louisville Institute," with Julie Ingersoll and Christel Manning, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC.

2017 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *Latino Protestants in America: Growing and Diverse* by Mark T. Mulder, Aida I. Ramos, and Gerardo Martí," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC.

2017 (By Invitation.) "Graduate Student Session: Strategies for Writing, Publishing and Reviewing," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC.

2017 Panelist, "Workshop on Funding for the Social Scientific Study of Religion from Louisville Institute," with Wendy Cadge and Gary Adler, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada.

2017 "Preaching to Overcome Racial Stigma: An Ex-Muslim Pastor in an Evangelical Church," Southern Sociological Society, Greensboro, NC.

2016 (With Mark T. Mulder.) "The Legitimation of the Entrepreneurial Minister: Analyzing the Pastoral Ministry of Robert H. Schuller," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

2016 (With Kevin Dougherty and Todd Ferguson.) "Racial Dynamics of Congregations and Communities: A Longitudinal Analysis of United Methodist congregations, 1990-2010," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

2016 (By Invitation.) "Writing, Publishing, and Reviewing: Advice from Journal Editors," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

2016 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *The Deconstructed Church: Understanding Emerging Christianity* by Gerardo Martí and Gladys Ganiel," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX.

2015 (By Invitation.) Panelist, Author Meets Critics: *The Shared Parish: Latinos, Anglos, and the Future of US Catholicism* by Brett C. Hoover, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, CA.

2015 (By Invitation.) "Getting Published in Peer-Reviewed Academic Journals: A View from the Editor of *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*," Religious Research Association, Newport Beach, CA.

2015 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "How Much, Where, and How to Publish on Religion for Graduate Students and Early Career Scholars," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

2015 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Talking to Each Other, Not about Each Other: The Re-encounter of Sociology of Religion and the Study of Religion," with Robert Orsi, Penny Edgell, and Scott Paeth, co-sponsored by the Sociology of Religion Group of the American Academy of Religion and the journal *Critical Research on Religion*, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL.

2015 "Latino Protestants and Their Congregations: Establishing an Agenda for Sociological Research,"

American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

2015 "Evaluating Theoretical Resources for Explaining Religious Commitment and Congregational Innovation in the New Millennium," Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.

2014 "Author Meets Critics: *The Deconstructed Church: Understanding Emerging Christianity* by Gerardo Martí and Gladys Ganiel," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis, IN.

2014 (With Kevin Dougherty and Mark McCormick.) "'Racial Stability and Change in United Methodist Congregations, 1989-2012,'" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis, IN.

2014 (With Gladys Ganiel.) "Author Meets Critics: *The Deconstructed Church: Understanding Emerging Christianity* by Gerardo Martí and Gladys Ganiel," Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA.

2014 "'I was Muslim, but now I'm a Christian': The Ethnic Negotiation of a Middle Eastern Preacher in a Southern Evangelical Church," American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

2014 "'I was a Muslim': Preaching, Legitimation, and Ethnic Negotiation in a Southern Evangelical Church," Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.

2014 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "'Social Psychology & Religion': The Crossroads and Future Avenues of Social Psychological Research," Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.

2013 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Normative and Empirical Modes in Fieldwork: A Conversation with a Theologian and a Social Scientist," American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

2013 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "What is 'Emerging'? A Workshop on Conceptualizing Social and Religious Change in post-Boomer America," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA.

2013 (By Invitation.) Presidential Panel: How Religion Works: Disciplinary Perspectives and Bridges, "organized by Michelle Dillon, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA.

2013 (With Paul Olson.) "The Emerging Church Movement: A Quantitative Portrait," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA.

2013 (With Gladys Ganiel.) "The Deconstructed Church: The Emerging Church Movement as a Response to the Crisis of Modernity," European Sociological Association, Torino, Italy.

2013 (With Gladys Ganiel.) "Northern Ireland, America and the Emerging Church Movement: Exploring the Significance of Peter Rollins and the Ikon Collective," Irish Society for the Academic Study of Religions, Dublin, Ireland.

2012 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *Worship across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Multiracial Congregation* by Gerardo Martí," Response to reviews by Nancy Ammerman, Michael Emerson, and Shayne Lee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, AZ.

2012 (With Gladys Ganiel.) "Religionless Christianity? Exploring the Worldly Lifestyles of Emerging Christians," Bi-Annual Meeting of the European Sociological Association's Sociology of Religion Research Network, Potsdam, Germany.

2012 (By Invitation.) Panelist, Author Meets Critics: *Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood* by Christian Smith with Kari Christoffersen, Hilary Davidson, and Patricia Snell Herzog, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO.

2012 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *Worship across the Racial Divide: Religious Music and the Multiracial Congregation* by Gerardo Martí," Response to reviews by Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Rebecca Kim, Richard Flory, and Kevin McElmurry, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO.

2012 (By Invitation.) "Navigating the Tenure Process," Invited by Chris Bader, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO.

2012 (With Kevin Dougherty and Brandon Martinez.) "Congregational Diversity and Growth in a Mainline Protestant Denomination," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO.

2011 "'Have You Seen Our Gospel Choir?' Religious Ritual Inclusion and Conspicuous Color in Multiracial Worship," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee, WI.

2011 (By Invitation.) "Making a Living and Making a Life in Academia," Invited by Jerome Baggett, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee, WI.

2011 (By Invitation.) "Peter Rollins and the Deconstructed Church: How Pub Churches, Continental Philosophy, and Provocative Preaching is Shaping the Future of Emerging Christianity." The Future of Continental Philosophy of Religion, Invited by John D. Caputo and Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

2010 "The Emerging Church Movement: All Your Questions Answered (and a Few More Besides)," Joint session of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association,

Baltimore, MD.

2010 (By Invitation.) Panelist, Author Meets Critics: *Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults* by Christian Smith and Patricia Snell, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

2010 (With Kathleen Jenkins.) "'Warrior Chicks': Muscular Feminism and Aging Bodies in a New Paradigm Church," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

2010 (By Invitation.) "Engaged Religious Scholarship and the Formation of the Intellectual Self," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

2009 "African Americans Singing Gospel: The Icon of Worship in Multiracial Churches," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO.

2009 "The Three People in Every Megachurch," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO.

2008 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *Hollywood Faith: Holiness, Prosperity, and Ambition in a Los Angeles Church* by Gerardo Martí," Response to reviews by Don Miller, Kevin Christiano, Kathleen Jenkins, and Richard Flory, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY.

2008 Panelist, "Twenty- and Thirty-something Religion in America," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY.

2008 "Ego-affirming Evangelicalism: How a Hollywood Church Appropriates Religion for Workers in the Creative Class," American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

2008 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Author Meets Critics: *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency Latin American Evangelicalism* by David Smilde," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston, MA.

2008 (By Invitation.) Participant, Mentoring Session for Graduate Students and Young Professionals, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston, MA.

2008 (By Invitation.) Panelist, Teaching the Hidden Curriculum – What Students Really Learn in Our Courses," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston, MA.

2007 (With Kevin Wright.) "The Stranger and the Negro: How Georg Simmel Contributes to Understanding WEB Du Bois' Double Consciousness," Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, March 2007.

2006 (By Invitation.) "Author Meets Critics: *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church* by Gerardo Martí," Response to reviews by Michael Emerson, R. Stephen Warner, Korie Edwards, and Russell Jeung, Religious Research Association, Portland, Oregon.

2006 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Ethnographic Work and Diversity in Congregations," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon.

2006 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Unexpected Affinities, Identity Reorientation, and Ethnic Transcendence: Three Moments in Multiracial Church Membership," Study of Multicultural Religious Organizations, Joint Session of American Sociological Association-Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada.

2005 (By Invitation.) "Does Worship Music Determine Diversification in Multiracial Congregations? A Preliminary Assessment," Religious Research Association, Rochester, New York.

2005 "Worshipping Jesus in Hollywood: Holiness, Prosperity, and Ambition in a Multiracial Church," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, New York.

2005 (By Invitation.) Panelist, "Conversation on Theology in Congregational Life," Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Hartford, Connecticut.

2005 "History, Agency, and Evangelicalism: How Theology Provokes Innovation in a Los Angeles Church." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2004 (By Invitation.) "Ethnic Transcendence and Spiritual Kinship in Two Multiethnic Congregations." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, Missouri.

2004 "Toward a Theory of Congregational Diversification." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Kansas City, Missouri.

2004 (By Invitation.) "Scholarly Confessions of a Religious Researcher." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism, San Francisco, California.

2003 (By Invitation.) "Can Lightning Strike Twice? A Comparative Analysis of Two, Large, Multiethnic Congregations in Los Angeles." American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia.

2003 (By Invitation.) "Mosaic: Diversity, Creativity, and Religion in Los Angeles." Pacific Sociological Association, Pasadena, California.

2002 "Mosaic on Mission: Creativity, Community, and Charismatic Leadership in a Los Angeles Multiethnic Church." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah.

## Selected Public Lectures, Invited Presentations, and Workshops

---

**Co-Director, Panelist, and Workshop Leader**, "Prophetic Imagination Gatherings," monthly meetings hosted by the Alliance of Baptists, funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., hosted online via Zoom, October 2022 – present.

**Facilitator and Co-Organizer**, "THRIVING for Racial Justice: A Meeting of THRIVE Church Leaders of the Alliance of Baptists," Clergy and Church Leaders from United States and Canada, funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., 2022 -- present.

**2025 Brady Theology and Mission Lectures – Public Lectures and Panelist**. "Charisma & Capital: Pastoral Ministry and the Business of the American Church," Northern Seminary, June 2025.

**Invited Speaker**, "Anointed and Empowered: Evangelicals, Executive Orders, and the Personalist Politics of Trump's Second Term," Religious Research Association, Webinar Series, February 2025.

**Invited Speaker**, "American Blindspot: Presidential Politics, Free-Market Capitalism, and State Enforcement of Religious Priorities," Indiana University, Indiana, February 2025.

**Invited Lecture**, "A Theology of Hope amidst Constant Change: Pastors and the Ambition of Innovative Church Leadership," Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program, Wabash College, Indiana, February 2025.

**Panelist**, "Sociological Trends in Worship and Liturgy among Christian Congregations," Christian Worship Institute, Calvin University, December 2024.

**Invited Plenary, Keynote, Panelist, and Workshop Leader**, talks included "Compelling and Credible Witness: The Church and Race," The Gospel Initiative, Denver Seminary, October 2024.

**SSSR Presidential Address**, "Antiracism as Inclusivity: The Racial Justice Paradigm of White Progressive Churches," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2024.

**SSSR Presidential Panel**: "Deconstruction and Nonreligion: Reflections on the 10th Anniversary of *The Deconstructed Church* by Gerardo Martí and Gladys Ganiel (OUP 2014)," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2024.

**Invited Plenary and Panelist**, "Hartmut Rosa Goes to Church: Acceleration, Resonance, and the Megachurch Ministry of Robert H. Schuller," part of *The Church, the Pastor, and Resonance in an Accelerated Age: Theological Conversations with Hartmut Rosa*, organized by Andrew Root, Princeton Theological Seminary, September 2024.

**Public Lecture**, "Racial Justice and Progressive Piety: Can Antiracism Happen through White Christian Churches?," invited by Jaime Kucinskas, Hamilton College, March 2024.

**Invited Speaker**, "Confronting Injustice in Holy Places," Sunday morning message, invited by Rev. Kathy Donley, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Albany, New York, March 2024.

**Invited Plenary, Keynote, Panelist, and Workshop Leader**, talks included "I See Men as Trees: On Insight and Empirical Research," Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, UK, September 2023.

**Invited Workshop Leader**, "Whiteness and the American Church: A Brief History." Confronting Whiteness Conference, hosted by Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, February 2024.

**ASR Presidential Address**, "Racial Justice and Racialized Religion: Are White Progressive Christians Getting It Right?," Annual Meetings of Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.

**Invited Participant**, "Exploring Ecclesial Imagination & Ethnography," Imagining Church Project, Princeton Theological Seminary, July 2023.

**Invited Speaker**, "Love Is the Antithesis of Isolation (- Howard Thurman)," Sunday morning message, invited by Rev. Mary Alice Birdwistell, Highland Baptist Church in Louisville, June 2023.

**Invited Speaker**, "Qualitative Research for Pastoral Leaders," Pastoral Studies Project Consultation, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, February 2023.

**Interdisciplinary Research Project Consultant and Facilitator**, "Winter Seminar," Louisville Institute, hosted at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, January 2021, January 2022, January 2023.

**Invited Speaker**, "Deeper Sources of Polarization in American Religious Life," with Robert Wuthnow, part of the Future of Democracy Series, hosted by Heath Carter, Princeton Theological Seminary, November 2022.

**Public Lecture**, "Conviction or Culture? Whiteness and the Religion of White Christianity in the United States," invited by Todd Still, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, October 2022.

**Invited Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader**, "The Challenge of Whiteness in Our Christian Witness," No Need Among You Conference, invited by Jimmy Dorrell, Texas Christian Community Development

Network, Waco, TX, October 2022.

**Invited Speaker and Consultant**, "The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Future of the Local Church," invited by Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell, Clergy and Congregational Leaders, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, September 2022.

**Invited Panelist**, "Christian Nationalism Beyond the U.S.," Seventh Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture and the Lilly Endowment Inc., invited by Philip Goff and Joseph Tucker, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2022.

**Invited Workshop Leader**, "Publishing Priorities in Starting Your Academic Career," Vocation for Theological Formation Spring Cohort Meeting, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, May 2022.

**2022 Racial Justice Lecture**, "Christianity, Civic Culture, and Racial Justice: Alternative Traditions of Repression and Resistance concerning White Supremacy," invited by Mathew J. Guest, Department of Theology, Durham University, April 2022.

**Invited Panelist**, "'Borders: Reflection on Migration, Separation, Nationalism, and Family,'" invited by Beth Helfrich, ReadDavidson, a joint effort by the Town of Davidson, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, and Main Street Books, Davidson, NC (Virtual), April 2022.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "Why Whiteness Matters: Race, Religion, and Pursuit of the American Dream." Confronting Whiteness Conference, hosted by Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, November 2021.

**Invited Workshop Leader**, "From Jesus People to Calvary Chapel to Hillsong Church: The Sociology of My Body/God's Power through Contemporary Christian Music," Ablaze Conference hosted by the Study of the Work and Ministry of the Holy Spirit and The Wheaton College Billy Graham Center, Biola University, October 2021.

**Invited Panelist**, "'Religion & Teaching Inside and Beyond the Classroom,'" invited by Philip Goff and Kate Bowler, with Caleb Elfenbein, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, May 2021.

**Public Lecture**, "Latinidad in Our Righteous Republic: Latinx Churches, Christian Libertarianism, and the Future of American Politics," part of the 3-part 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Series, invited by João Chaves and Joanne Rodriguez, Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI), Princeton Theological Seminary, March 2021.

**Invited Speaker**, "Race, Religion, Trump, and January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021," part of the Religion and Society Seminar, invited by Matthew Guest, Durham University, United Kingdom, February 2021.

**Invited Speaker**, "Talk with Author of 'American Blindspot,'" Religion and American Culture course, invited by Brandon Martinez, Providence College, March 2021.

**Invited Speaker**, "Racism and Christian Nationalism," Religion in America course, invited by Fenggang Yang, Purdue University, March 2021.

**Invited Workshop Leader**, "Culture: Latinx/Hispanic Culture and Ministry," with Aida Ramos, Institute for Cross-Cultural Mission, Washington, DC, December 2020.

**2020 Presler Lecturer - Keynote Speaker and Public Lecture**. "'We Believe in God, We Believe in Trump': Religion, Power, and the Quest to Restore a True America," Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, October 2020.

**Invited Panelist**, "'Race and Religion in the Presidential Election,'" invited by Elaine Howard Ecklund, with Stephanie Mitchem, Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Rice University, October 2020.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "American Legacies of Oppression." Charlotte Justice Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 2020.

**Invited Panelist**, "The Other Evangelicals," invited by Matthew Engelke, with Wes Markofsky and Janelle Wong, Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, November 2019.

**Invited Speaker**, "Reconstruction, Jim Crow, Christianity, and the American Politics of Whiteness," invited by Unity in Community of Lake Norman, Ada Jenkins Center, November 2019.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "Immigration and the American Project of a White America." Charlotte Justice Conference, Charlotte, NC, October 2019.

**Invited Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader**, "Always in Development: The Strain of Raising Capital and Church Growth in the Megachurch Ministry of Robert H. Schuller." Winter Seminar, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, January 2019.

**Conference Plenary Speaker and Workshop Leader**, "Race and Worship in the American Church." Andrews University Music and Worship Conference, Berrien Springs, MI, April 2018.

**Invited Speaker and Panelist**, "Latino Protestants in America," Worship Symposium, Calvin Institute of

Christian Worship and Center for Excellence in Preaching, Calvin College, January 2018.

**Public Lecture and Meeting with Students and Faculty**, "Authority, Pluralism, and Emerging Christianity," invited by Peter Blum of Hillsdale College, April 2016.

**Public Lectures and Scholar-in-Residence**, "Innovation, Orthodoxy, and Tradition: The Near Future of American Christianity," Honors College, Union University, February 2016.

**Invited Workshop Leader**, "Racial Diversity in the American Church," National Conference on Worship, The United Methodist Church, Raleigh, NC, February 2016.

**Workshop Organizer, Leader, and Speaker**, "Ecclesiology and Ethnography," American Academy of Religion, Co-Sponsored by Ecclesial Practices Group and Religion and Social Science Program Unit, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

**Public Lecture and Meeting with Graduate Students**, "Killing the Saints to Save Jesus: Religious Entrepreneurship and Rescuing Authentic Tradition," invited by the Religious Studies Department of Missouri State University, November 2015.

**Invited Speaker**, "The Future and Ruin of Conventional Christianity," invited by Phil Snider, Subverting the Norm 3 Conference, Drury University, November 2015.

**Invited Speaker**, "The Practice of Ethnography as a Research Method for Pastors and Church Leaders," Dialogue with Pastoral Grant recipients, Louisville Institute, March 2015.

**Public Lecture**, "The Work of Worship and the Human Condition," invited by Steve Guthrie (Theology, Religion and the Arts), Belmont University, January 2015.

**Public Lecture and Meeting with Graduate Students**, "Theoretical Resources for Understanding Religious Commitment and Congregations in the New Millennium," invited by the Sociology Department of Boston College, January 2015.

**Invited Speaker**, "On 'The Deconstructed Church,'" American Religion Colloquium and Graduate Classroom, Duke Divinity School, invited by Mark Chaves and Kate Bowler, October 2014.

**2014 Justo L. González Lecturer and Invited Keynote Speaker**, "From Private to Public: Hispanic Christian Worship in the United States" and "Questions for the Latino Church," Invited by Fernando Cascante, Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana (AETH) and the Justo L. González Center for Latino/a Ministries, hosted by the Center for the Study of Hispanic Church and Community, Fuller Seminary, October 2014.

**2014 Greenhoe Lecturer - Keynote Speaker and Public Lecture**. "The Continued Challenge of Racial Diversity" and "The Deconstructed Church," invited by David C. Hester, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, April 2014.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "Worship across the Racial Divide," invited by Rev. Canon Prof. Martyn Percy, (Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford), Monique Ingalls (Wolfson College, Cambridge), Tom Wagner (Royal Holloway, University of London), and Mark Porter (City University, London), Christian Congregational Music: Local and Global Perspectives Conference, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford, August 2013.

**Invited Speaker**, "Liturgy and Text in the Multicultural Church," The Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), an ecumenical consultation of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives including the United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church USA, Roman Catholic representatives, UCC, ELCA, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, Mennonite Church, and others, April 2013.

**Invited Keynote Speaker**, "The Multicultural Church: Are We Better Together?," Annual Meetings of the Association of Nazarene Sociologists and Researchers, Kansas City, March 2013.

**Invited Speaker**, "Worship across the Racial Divide: Is Music the Gateway to Diversity?," Worship Symposium, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and Center for Excellence in Preaching, Calvin College, January 2013.

**Invited Symposium Presenter**, "The Rise of the Diversity Expert: How American Evangelicals Simultaneously Accentuate and Ignore Race," written with Michael Emerson, Symposium on The New Evangelical Social Engagement, invited by Brian Steensland and Philip Goff, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University, May 2012.

**AAR Plenary Address - Public Lecture**, "Racialized Ritual Inclusion: Racial Stereotypes and the Display of Diversity in Multiracial Congregations," invited by James K. Wellman (University of Washington), Combined Annual Regional Meetings of Pacific Northwest American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, and American Schools of Oriental Research, Concordia University, May 2012.

**Invited Symposium Presenter**, "The Self-Conscious Religious Innovator: Cases of Religious Entrepreneurship among Christians in Los Angeles," Symposium on "Looking for Judaism in [Un]conventional Places,"

invited by Jack Wertheimer (Jewish Theological Seminary) and Carol Bakhos (UCLA), Sponsored by the UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA, February 2012.

**Public Lecture and Meeting with Graduate Students**, "Race, Religion, and Worship," Baylor University, January 2012.

**2011 Frederick A. Shippey Lecturer - Public Lecture and Classroom Guest Speaker**, "Worship, Music, and Integration in Multiracial Churches," Drew University, November 2011.

**Public Lecture**, "Religion, Positive Stigma, and African American Gospel," NAACP Chapter, Furman University, October 2011.

**Public Lecture**, "'Have You Seen Our Gospel Choir?' Music, African Americans, and Worship in Multiracial Churches," Calvin College, July 2011.

**Invited Panelist**, "Religion's Role in Immigration and Globalization," Second Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture and the Lilly Endowment Inc., invited by Philip Goff and Art Farnsely, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 2011.

**Invited Symposium Presenter**, "Risky Career Paths and Spirit-Filled Prosperity among Workers in Advanced Capitalism," Pentecostalism & Prosperity: The Socio-Economics of Global Renewal, invited by Professors Amos Yong and Katy Attanasi, Regent University, February 2011.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "Hacker Ethics and Higher Education: The Coming Clash Determining the Future of Higher Learning." Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, 20th Anniversary Annual National Conference, Valparaiso University, October 2010.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "The Promise and Challenge of Racial Diversity in the American Church." The Multiethnic Church National Conference, San Diego, CA, November 2010.

**Invited Speaker**, "Racial-Ethnic Diversity and Religious Pluralism since 1965," Dialogue with members of Executive Board, Louisville Institute, September 2010.

**Invited Colloquium Speaker**, "'I Just Wish I Could Be Black': African Americans, Gospel Music, and the Persistence of Racial Stereotypes in Multiracial Churches." Department of Sociology, University of NC, Chapel Hill, September 2010.

**Seminar Leader**, "Multiethnic Ministries, Innovation, and the Emerging Future of American Churches," Two day-long seminars, invited by Education Director Kara Faris, Center for Congregations funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2010.

**Invited Speaker**, "Sociological Influences on Bible Interpretation," Free For All Conference, Emmaus Way Church, Durham, NC, April 2010.

**2010 Moberg Lecturer - Keynote Speaker, Public Lecture, and Chapel Speaker**, "Reconciliation in a Global Society: Pursuing Authenticity, Engagement and Action," The Moberg Lectureship on Christianity and Sociology, invited by Andrew Adubote, also sponsored by Bethel University Office of Diversity and Bethel Antiracism and Reconciliation Commission, Bethel University, February 2010.

**Workshop Leader**, "Can We Bridge Social Science and the Theology of Hope?" 2009 Emergent Theological Conversation with Jürgen Moltmann, an annual event which has hosted Nancey Murphy, Dallas Willard, Stanley Hauerwas, Walter Brueggemann, Miroslav Volf, John Caputo, and Richard Kearney, Chicago, Illinois, September 2009.

**Invited Speaker**, "Multiethnic/Multiracial Diversity and Innovation," Thrive Conference, Bayside Community Church, Sacramento, California, April 2009.

**Invited Speaker and Consultant**, the American Baptist Church denomination, "Wider Trends and the Future of American Congregations," National Executive Leaders during General Executive Council, invited by C. Jeff Woods, Greenlake, Wisconsin, March 2009.

**2009 Earl Lecturer - Public Lecture and Conference Plenary Speaker**, "The Entrepreneurial Edge in a Globalized Evangelicalism," Two Lectures, Opening and Closing Sessions, 2009 Earl Lectures and Pastoral Leadership Conference addressing Critical Theological, Pastoral, and Social Issues of the Day, invited by President and Professor of American Religion William McKinney, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, January 2009.

**Invited Speaker**, "The Three People in Every Megachurch," closed meeting with select megachurch leaders, Innovation3 Gathering, Leadership Network, invited by Warren Bird and Scott Thumma, Dallas, Texas, January 2009.

**Invited Speaker**, "Engaged Religious Scholarship and the Formation of the Intellectual Self," Research Presentation and Dialogue on Research Process, Engaged Scholars Project, Congregational Studies Team funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., Louisville Institute, November 2008.

**PBS In-Depth Interview**, "Striving Towards the Multiethnic Church: Interview with Author of *A Mosaic of Believers*," video program titled "Inner Compass" distributed through PBS and hosted by Shirley Hoogstra, taped in Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 2008.

**Invited Speaker**, "Anticipating Religious Responses to Future Population Change in Charlotte-Mecklenburg County," Helping Empower Local People (HELP, an association of Clergy from Davidson, Cornelius, and Huntersville), by invitation from Associate Community Organizer Toure' Marshall, Charlotte, NC, May 2008.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "The Future of Evangelicalism," Three talks for Voxhumana 2.0 Conference, The International Mentoring Network, Orlando, Florida, February 2007, and February 2008.

**Invited Speaker**, "How Race Works in Multiracial Churches," and "Overcoming Challenges to Racial and Ethnic Diversity." Worship Symposium, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and Center for Excellence in Preaching, Calvin College, January 2008.

**Author Dialogue with Seminary Faculty**, "A Mosaic of Believers: Discussion with the Author," Calvin Theological Seminary, January 2008.

**Conference Plenary Speaker**, "After the Baby Boom: Religion in the Near Future," Ethos Conference, Charlotte, NC 2007.

**Public Lecture**, "Worship and the Imperative of Racial and Ethnic Diversity," Department of Sociology and Calvin Institute for the Study of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan 2007.

**Invited Speaker**, "Becoming a Racial Pioneer on Campus," Cornerstone Regional Conference, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Hickory, NC, February 2006.

**Public Lecture**, "Jesus in Hollywood: Religious Ambition in America's Entertainment Capital," Co-sponsored by Departments of Sociology, Religion, and Divinity School, Wake Forest University, November 2005.

**Invited Panelist**, "Ecclesiology in the Emerging/Postmodern Church," with Thorsten Moritz (Bethel Seminary) and Charles Conniry, Jr. (George Fox University), Leadership Enrichment Program, Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, September 2005.

**Invited Speaker**, "Diversity in a Postmodern Church," The Multicultural Local Church Conference, Biola University, October 2003.

**Invited Speaker**, "Church in Postmodern Culture," Pastoral Summit Conference, Indianapolis, IN, June 2003.

---

### **Teaching and Seminar Experience, including Visiting Lectureships**

---

**Davidson College**, Davidson, NC, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor and Chair of Sociology  
Fall 2004 – present: Upper and lower division. New and revised courses. Multi-media and peer-group discussion. Class size 1 to 30. Focus on seminar-style collaborative learning. Cross-listed courses with Departments of Africana Studies and Religious Studies. Supervise research assistants, senior theses, interdisciplinary students, and independent study. Present and participate in faculty dialogues.

**(By Invitation) Pioneer Academics**, via Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, Adjunct Professor  
2022, 2023, 2025: A research-based independent study project program with small group of advanced high school students from U.S. and abroad. Mentoring consists of ten online sessions consisting of intensive readings, discussions, and consultations, culminating in individual scholarly papers.

**(Visiting Faculty) Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary**, Louisville, KY, Professor of Sociology  
Fall 2022 – Spring 2023: Visiting Scholar. Taught "Whiteness and Racial Justice" seminar. Graduate and students. Consulting with Antiracism Task Force. Available for student mentoring.

**(By Invitation) Union University Honors College**, Jackson, TN, Scholar-in-Residence  
Spring 2016: Two week series of lectures and consultations with students and faculty regarding racial, ethnic, and migration dynamics; contemporary religious change; and sociological paradigms.

**(By Invitation) Calvin College**, Grand Rapids, MI, Director of Graduate/Postdoctoral Research Seminar  
Summer 2011: Four week training and consultation of younger scholars conducting research at intersection of congregations and social change. Invited by Joel Carpenter and John Witvliet.

**(By Invitation) Pacific School of Religion**, Berkeley, CA, Lecturer, Religion and Society  
Summer 2009: One-week intensive seminar for graduate students focused on social change, church innovations, entrepreneurship, and the future of American religion.

**(External Faculty Fellowship) Rice University**, Houston, TX, Lynnette S. Autry Visiting Professor, Sociology and Religious Studies  
Fall 2008: External Faculty Fellowship in the Humanities Research Center. Taught "Race and Religious Faith" seminar. Graduate and undergraduate students. Available for student mentoring.

**(By Invitation) Bethel Seminary**, St. Paul, MN, Lecturer, Doctor of Ministry Program

Summer 2006: One-week intensive Doctor of Ministry course focused on organizational innovation and entrepreneurship.

**(By Invitation) Novosibirsk Seminary**, Akademgorodok, Russia, Lecturer, M.Div. Program, Sociology

Spring 2006: One-week intensive course for Master of Divinity program focused on providing Russian church leaders current insights from sociology of religion.

**(By Invitation) Azusa Pacific University**, Azusa, CA, Lecturer, Sociology and Global Studies

Fall 1997 – Spring 2004: Long-term commitment through dissertation research period. Design course content for courses in race/ethnicity, inequality, family, freshman writing, and senior thesis. Upper and lower division. Use service-learning, multi-media presentations, and peer-group discussion.

**(By Invitation) Pepperdine University**, Malibu, CA, Lecturer, Sociology

Spring 2004: Design course content for introductory course. Use multi-media presentations and peer-group discussion. Focus on collaborative learning.

**California State University**, Long Beach, CA, Lecturer, Sociology

Fall 2003 – Spring 2004: Design course content. Upper and lower division. Use multi-media presentations and peer-group discussion. Focus on lecture with group discussion.

**Biola University**, La Mirada, CA, Lecturer, Sociology

Fall 1995 – Spring 1997: Design course content for introductory course. Use multi-media presentations and peer-group discussion. Focus on lecture and group discussion.

**Vanguard University**, Costa Mesa, CA, Lecturer, Sociology

Spring 1992: Design course content for social problems and gender course. Upper and lower division. Focus on lecture with group discussion.

**(By Invitation) University of California**, Irvine, CA, Visiting Professor, Sociology

Spring 1992: Design course content on complex organizations. Upper division Cross-listed with Political Science. Class size 200, including adult learners and international students. Manage teaching assistants.

---

## Courses Taught

---

Race and Ethnic Relations

Race, Religion and the U.S. Presidency

Sociological Theory

Urban Ethnography

Seminar: Religion and Politics

Immigration and Deportation

Seminar: Race and Religious Faith

Social Order and Social Change

Seminar: Senior Thesis Capstone

Introductory Sociology

Religion and Non-Religion

Social Problems

Society of Strangers

Seminar: Whiteness and Racial Justice

Methods of Social Research

Seminar: Religion and Young Adults

Sociology of Work

Seminar: Evangelicalism and Social Change

Leadership and Complex Organizations

Seminar: Sociology of Knowledge

Writing 101: Race, Religion, and Representation

Seminar: Sociology of Hollywood

---

## Academic Leadership and Service

---

American Sociological Association

Program Committee, Organizer for Regular Session on Religion, 2016 – 2017.

Race and Ethnic Minorities Section, Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award Committee, 2005.

**Sociology of Religion Section, Section Chair (Elected), 2019–2022.**

Sociology of Religion Section, Korie Little Edwards Research Grant Committee, 2021-2023.

Sociology of Religion Section, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2021-2023.

Sociology of Religion Section, Nominations Committee, 2009-10, 2018-2019, Chair 2021-2022.

Sociology of Religion Section, Council Member (Elected), 2016-2019.

Sociology of Religion Section, Session Organizer, 2017 – 2018.

Sociology of Religion Section, Treasurer/Secretary (Elected), 2013-2016.

Sociology of Religion Section, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2012 – 2014, Chair 2014.

Sociology of Religion Section, Program Committee, 2008 – 2009.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

**President (Elected), 2022 – 2025.**

Nominations Committee, 2024 – 2025.

Jack Shand Small Grant Committee, 2006-2008, 2012-2014, Chair 2007-2008, 2013-2014, 2023-2024.  
Finance Committee, 2023-2024.  
Graduate Student Mentor, 2017, 2019-2021.  
JSSR Publications Committee, 2015 – 2016, Chair 2016 – 2017.  
Executive Council (Elected), 2007 – 2010.  
Distinguished Book Award Committee 2005 – 2007, Chair 2006 – 2007.  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
**President (Elected), 2021 – 2024.**  
Nominations Committee, 2023 – 2024.  
Future of Sociology of Religion Committee, 2021 – 2022.  
Council Member (Elected), 2009 – 2012, 2012 – 2016.  
Membership Committee, 2012 – 2016, Chair 2013 – 2014.  
Finance Committee, 2010 – 2012.  
Ralph A. Gallagher Travel Grant Award Committee, 2010.  
Program Chair for 2010 Annual Meetings, 2008 – 2010.  
American Academy of Religion  
**Religion and Social Science Section Program Unit, Section Chair (Elected), 2012 – 2016.**  
Religion and Social Science Section Program Unit, Steering Committee Member (Elected), 2009 – 2012.  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Graduate Racial/Ethnic Minority Fellowship Committee, 2020.

---

## Editorial Appointments

---

**Editorial Board**, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, continuously 2008 – present.  
**Editorial Advisory Committee**, University of North Carolina Press, “Where Religion Lives Series,” with Robert Orsi, Marla Fredrick, Penny Edgell, Leela Presad, and Sarah McFarland Taylor; Series Editor, Kristy Nabhan-Warren; Editor, Elaine Maisner, Mark Simpson-Vos, 2016 – present.  
**Editorial Advisory Committee**, Routledge, “Congregational Music Studies Book Series,” Series Editor, Monique M. Ingalls, Martyn Percy, and Zoe C. Sherinian; Editor, Martyn Zoe, 2016 – present.  
**Editorial Board**, *Journal of Praise & Worship*, 2025 – 2028.  
**Editorial Board**, *Review of Religious Research*, January 2020 – 2022, 2022 – 2024, 2024 – 2026.  
**Deputy Editor**, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*, January 2025 – 2026.  
**Consulting Editor**, *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, January 2021 – December 2021.  
**Editor-in-Chief**, *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, January 2012 – 2016, (Elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Term) – 2020.  
**Guest Editor**, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, October 2014 – February 2017.  
**Book Review Editor**, *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, January 2010 – December 2013.

---

## Dissertation Committees – Outside Member

---

Kendra Barber, “New Wine Calls for New Wine Skins: Black Megachurch Approaches to Racial Inequality,” Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park, Completed 2015.  
Peter Schuurman, “Bruxy Cavey and The Meeting House Megachurch: A Dramaturgical Model of Charismatic Leadership Performing ‘Evangelicalism for People Not into Evangelicalism,’” Department of Religious Studies, University of Waterloo, Completed 2016.  
Rodrigo Serrao, “Religion and the Different Paths of Assimilation of Multigenerational Brazilian Immigrants,” Department of Sociology, University of South Florida, Completed 2020.  
Shirley Lung, “Hyphenated Identities: Taiwanese Churches and Transnational Taiwanese Identity Formation,” Department of Sociology, John Hopkins University, Completed 2022.  
Spencer Paine, “Navigating Late Modernity at a Pentecostal Church in Orange County, CA,” Department of Sociology, University of California Irvine, In Progress.

---

## Manuscript Reader / Referee

---

### Books

Oxford University Press  
University of California Press  
New York University Press  
University of North Carolina Press

### Journals

*American Sociological Review*  
*American Journal of Sociology*  
*Annual Review of Sociology*  
*Social Forces*

Rutgers University Press  
McGill-Queen's University Press  
University of Illinois Press  
W.W. Norton  
Routledge  
Wadsworth  
Thompson Learning  
Rowman & Littlefield Publishers  
Joseey-Bass  
Sage Publications/Pine Forge Press  
Lynne Rienner Publishers/First Forum Press  
Allyn & Bacon  
McGraw-Hill  
Palgrave MacMillan  
Polity Press  
Pearson  
Wiley Blackwell  
Bloomsbury  
Broadleaf Books  
Baker Books  
Eerdmans Publishing  
Emerald Publishing

*British Journal of Sociology*  
*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
*European Journal of Sociology*  
*Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*  
*Social Problems*  
*Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*  
*Review of Religious Research*  
*Religion and American Culture*  
*Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*  
*The Sociological Quarterly*  
*Sociological Inquiry*  
*Qualitative Sociology*  
*Socius*  
*Social Psychology Quarterly*  
*Journal of Contemporary Religion*  
*Cultural Sociology*  
*Politics and Religion*  
*Ecclesial Practices*  
*Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*  
*Religions*  
*Politics, Religion & Ideology*  
*Theology and Science*

## **Honors, Appointments, and Awards**

---

2025 Cohort Mentor, Young Scholars of American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion & American Culture, Indiana University, 2025-2027.

2025 Civic Engagement Faculty Fellow, Davidson College, stipend, student support, registrations and honoraria for Charlotte area nonprofit events, 2025-2026.

2022 Elected President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2022-2025.

2022 Appointed Interim Executive Director, The Louisville Institute, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and housed at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, term 2022-2023.

2022 Visiting Professor of Sociology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY,

2021 Awarded William R. Kenan, Jr. Professorship, endowed chair and unrestricted research monies, Davidson College.

2021 Appointed Consulting Editor of *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* by Executive Council of Association for Sociology of Religion, 2021.

2020 Elected President of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2021-2024.

2017 Promotion to Full Professor, Davidson College.

2016 Scholar-in-Residence, Honors College, Union University, Jackson, TN.

2015 (Re-)Elected Editor in Chief of *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* by Executive Council of Association for Sociology of Religion, second term 2017-2020.

2015 Winner, 2015 Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, for *The Deconstructed Church: Understanding Emerging Christianity* (Oxford University Press, 2014)

2015 Boswell Family Faculty Sabbatical Fellowship, salary, benefits, course releases, and unrestricted research and travel monies, Davidson College.

2013 Dual Appointment, Core Faculty, Department of Africana Studies, Davidson College.

2012 Elected Editor-in-Chief of *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* by Executive Council of Association for Sociology of Religion, term 2012-2016.

2011 Appointed Member, Congregational Studies Project Team, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.

2010 Tenure and promotion to L. Richardson King Associate Professor, Davidson College.

2009 (Awarded Pre-tenure) L. Richardson King Professorship, endowed chair and unrestricted research monies, Davidson College.

2008 Rice University External Faculty Fellowship, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Lynette S. Autrey Endowment. Humanities Research Center and departmental affiliation with Religious Studies and Sociology.

2007 Honorable Mention for "excellence in scholarly and teaching achievements," Selection Committee for Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

2001 Award of Merit for Service to the Poor, Ensenada, Mexico, presented by Mayor Daniel Quintero and President of Social Services Georgina Quintero.

2000 Key to the City, Ensenada, Mexico, Presented by Mayor Daniel Quintero and President of Social Services Georgina Quintero.

1991 AARP Outstanding Student Scholar, University of Southern California.

1991 Nomination for Behavioral and Social Sciences Pre-Dissertation Student Award, Gerontological Society of America.

1990 Nomination for Behavioral and Social Sciences Pre-Dissertation Student Award, Gerontological Society of America.

1987 Valedictorian, 4.0 Grade Point Average, Pepperdine University.

1987 Outstanding Social Science Student, Pepperdine University.

### **Other Selected Professional and Community Service**

---

#### ***With Professional Community:***

**Frequent Evaluator for Tenure and Promotion Candidates**, fulfill 3-5 requests per year, names of colleges and universities undisclosed yet focused on selective liberal arts colleges and "R1" universities, institutional placements include United States, Canada, United Kingdom, and China.

**Affiliated Scholar**, Several centers and programs, including Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University; Institute for the Study of Christian Worship, Calvin University; Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies, University of Southern California, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University; and others.

**Advisory Board**, Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, Lilly School of Philanthropy, Indiana University, January 2024 – present.

**Grant Reviewer**, Dissertation Fellowship Grants, Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, provides \$30,000 for research and mentoring, September 2024 – present.

**Board of Directors**, PRRI (Public Religion Research Institute), Washington, DC, March 2021 – present.

**Advisor**, "Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations," funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and invited by Scott Thumma, Harford Seminary, February 2021 – present.

**Cohort Mentor**, Young Scholars of American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion & American Culture, Indiana University, 2025-2027.

**Consultant**, "Challenges of Congregational Life in the United States," Hartford Institute for Religion Research and Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., April 2026.

**Advisor**, "Shaping Young Worshipers Through Transformative Music Ministry," Baylor University, funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc., April 2026.

**Faculty of Color Mentor**, FOC CONNECT: A Multi-Institutional Faculty Mentoring Program for Faculty of Color, providing one-on-one mentoring, professional development, and networking opportunities for early-career faculty of color, Associated Colleges of the South, 2024 – 2025.

**Member**, Real Kids, Real Faith Working Group, exploring congregational ministries for children 12 years and younger, Asbury University, April 2025 – December 2025.

**Grant Reviewer**, Project Grants for Researchers Program, The Louisville Institute, a program of the Lilly Endowment Inc., provides grants of up to \$55,000 each, September 2024 – February 2025.

**Charlotte Teachers Institute**, "American Blindspot: Revealing the Tangled Roots of Race, Religion, and Politics in U.S. National Culture," K-12 Teacher Cohort, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, 2024.

**Consultant**, "Authentic Diversity: Addressing Structures of Whiteness," Seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, July 2020 – July 2024.

**Advisor**, "The Religious Workforce in the United States," funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and invited by F. Douglas Powe, Jr., Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary, June 2018 – December 2024.

**Prize Selection Committee**, Annual HTI Book Prize, Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) at Princeton Theological Seminary, 2021, 2023, 2024.

**Interim Executive Director**, The Louisville Institute, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., July 2022 – June 2023.

**Advisory Board**, The Louisville Institute, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., June 2014 – May 2017; Second term

June 2017 – May 2020; Third term, June 2020 – May 2023 (shortened due to appointment as Interim Executive Director).

**Advisor**, Lilly Endowment, Inc. Consultation on Congregational Life, invited by Vice President Chris Coble, Indianapolis, IN, May 2022.

**External Reviewer**, Department of Sociology, Hamilton College, April 2022.

**Advisor**, "National Study on Congregational Finances," funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and invited by David King, Karen Lake Buttrey, and Brad Fulton, Lake Institute on Faith & Giving, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University, April 2017 – December 2021.

**Advisor**, "Faith at Work: An Empirical Study," funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and invited by Elaine Howard Ecklund (Rice University) and Denise Daniels (Seattle Pacific University), May 2017 – December 2021.

**Advisor**, "Exploring Faith-Nurturing Relationships through Diverse Faith Communities," Research and Development for the Search Institute, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and invited by Vice President Eugene C. Roehlkepartain, June 2018 – December 2020.

**Invited Panelist**, "Mentoring Workshop: Grant Funding for Graduate Students," Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association, Virtual Panel (Due to COVID-19), August 2020.

**Organizer and Presider**, "Grant Funding in the Social Science of Religion," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Virtual Panel (Due to COVID-19), August 2020.

**Editorial Board Member**, Open Plaza, Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI) at Princeton Theological Seminary, funded by the Luce Foundation, 2018 – 2021.

**Organizer and Presider**, "Research with a High Teaching Load," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, New York, NY, October 2019.

**Graduate Student Mentor**, ASA Sociology of Religion Section and Association for Sociology of Religion, New York, NY, August 2019.

**Organizer and Presider**, "Religion and Donald J. Trump," requested by incoming President Korie Edwards, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Las Vegas, NV, October 2018.

**Organizer and Presider**, "Religion, Politics, and Donald J. Trump," Section on Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

**Organizer and Presider**, "Hillsong Church: Interdisciplinary Scholarship on a Transnational Religious Movement," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC, October 2017.

**Organizer and Presider**, "Ethnographic Insights on Latino Protestants in America: A Focus on Identity and Social Structure," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

**Organizer**, "New Directions for Exploring Race and Gender Inequality," Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC, April 2017.

**Planning Committee Member**, Oxford Journals Day for Editors, Representing the Social Sciences, Invited by Production Staff, Oxford University Press, March – November 2016.

**Discussant**, "Attendance Dynamics, Community Engagement, and "Flourishing" in Canadian Congregations," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA, October 2016.

**Organizer**, "Latino Protestant Congregations in America: Ethnographic Insights on Gender, Power, and Ethnic Identity," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.

**Consultant**, "Christian Worship and Intergenerational Faith Formation for the Urban Context," Institute for the Study of Christian Worship, Calvin College, October 2016.

**Organizer**, "Ecclesiology and Ethnography Workshop," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

**Discussant**, "Latino Protestants and Their Churches: Ethnographic Insights," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, CA, October 2015.

**Discussant**, "Revealing Sociological Influences on the Formation of Latino Protestant Identity," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

**Consultant**, "Gathering on the Creation of a Bilingual Spanish Hymnal," Institute for the Study of Christian Worship, Calvin College, May 2015.

**Search Committee Member**, Executive Director of Louisville Institute, invited by President Michael Jenkins, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, September 2014 – May 2015.

**Presider**, "Latino/a Religion(s)" session, American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2014.

**Book Reviewer** for Sociology, CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries, Publication of the American Library Association (ALA), Social Science Editor Lisa Mitten, January, 2005 – present.

**Discussant**, "Edge Work - New Cases and New Approaches in the Sociology of Religion," invited by Wendy

Cadge, Section on Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2013.

**Grant Reviewer**, Project Grants for Researchers Program, The Louisville Institute, a program of the Lilly Endowment Inc., provides grants of up to \$25,000 each, September 2012 – January 2013.

**Organizer**, "Race, Ethnicity and Congregations" and "New Approaches to the Megachurch," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, AZ, November 2012.

**Observer**, Worship Symposium, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, by invitation from director John Witvliet, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 2012.

**Organizer**, "Scholars and National Leaders of the Emerging Church Movement," including James Bielo, Doug Pagitt, Tim Hartman, Troy Bronsink, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.

**Advisory Board**, The Changing Spirituality of Emerging Adults Project, Life Cycle Institute, Catholic University of America, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and invited by Kathleen Garces-Foley, February 2009 – June 2011.

**Discussant**, "Religion and Social Change," American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, California, November 2011.

**Organizer**, "Scholars and National Leaders of the Emerging Church Movement," including James Bielo, Doug Pagitt, Tim Hartman, Troy Bronsink, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.

**Organizer**, "New Approaches to New Evangelicalism," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO, October 2009.

**Discussant**, "Recent Research on Immigrant Religion in Urban North America," American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada, November 2009.

**Organizer**, "Twenty- and Thirty-something Religion in America: A Panel Discussion," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY, October 2008.

**Consultant**, Planning Grant for New Research on Religion among Young Adult Americans, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., invited by Kathleen Garces-Foley and Dean R. Hoge, Catholic University of America, July 2008.

**Grant Reviewer**, Religious Institutions Grant Program, The Louisville Institute, a program of the Lilly Endowment Inc., provides grants of up to \$50,000 each, September 2005 – February 2006.

**Organizer**, "Racial Identity in Multiracial Churches," invited by Michael Emerson (Rice University), Program Chair, Religious Research Association, Portland, Oregon, October 2006.

**Organizer**, Joint Session of American Sociological Association and Association for the Sociology of Religion, "Not Your Father's Weekly Worship: Studying Multi-Cultural Religious Congregations," invited by Kevin J. Christiano (University of Notre Dame), President of Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada, August 2006.

**Presider/Discussant**, Religious Beliefs and Religious Organizations Paper Session, Southern Sociological Society, April 2005.

**Invited Participant**, "Relationships and Communication: Diversity is Not an Option in the Real World," Third Annual Diversity Conference, Associated Colleges of the South, Invited by Assistant Dean Ernest E. Jeffries, Perryville, Arkansas, April 2005.

**Established Local Chapter and Current Departmental Representative**, Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, Davidson College, January 2005.

**Organizer**, "Religion and Ethnography," Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Society, San Francisco, California, April 2004.

**With College Community:**

**Chair**, Department of Sociology, July 2012 – 2020, 2021-2022, 2025-2029.

**Pre-ministerial Committee**, 2024 – 2027.

**(Presidential Appointment) Co-Chair, Faculty Study and Research**, Committee Member, 2023 – 2027.

**Instructor**, Summer Promise, June 2026.

**Civic Engagement Faculty Fellow**, Center for Civic Engagement, 2025 – 2026.

**Dual Appointment, Core Faculty**, Department of Africana Studies, September 2013 – 2025.

**Research Workshop**, "AI and Research: Faculty Seminar," Center for Teaching and Learning, 2025.

**(Presidential Appointment) Chief Marshall**, Commencement, 2021, 2022.

**Search Committee Member**, Assistant Professor, Sociology, 2008 – 2009, 2021 – 2022.

**Chair, Search Committee**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020.

**(Presidential Appointment) Chair**, Public Lectures Committee, 2016 – 2020.

**Chair, Search Committee**, Assistant Professor, Sociology, 2014 – 2015, 2015 – 2016, 2019 – 2020.

**Instructor**, July Experience, July 2010, 2012-2019.

**Tenure Committee Member**, 2017 – 2018.

**Search Committee Member**, Assistant Professor, Africana Studies, Davidson College, 2017 – 2018.

**Panelist**, “Closely Guarded Secrets of the Successful Teacher-Scholar,” Junior Faculty Network, 2017.

**Panelist**, “Oral History Across the Disciplines: Learning from Anthropology, History, Journalism, Psychology, and Sociology,” 2016.

**Faculty-Elected Member**, Student Conduct Council, 2006 – 2015.

**Member**, Task Force on Experiential Learning, 2015.

**Member**, Distribution Requirements Evaluation Group, 2014 – 2015.

**Faculty-Elected Member**, Educational Policy Committee, 2014 – 2015.

**Publishing Workshop**, “Publishing in Peer Reviewed Social Science Journals: An Editor’s Perspective,” workshop organized by Moshi Herman and Shyam Gouri Suresh, 2014.

**Search Committee Member**, Chair and Professor, Africana Studies, 2013 – 2014.

**Search Committee Member**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Sociology and Medical Humanities, 2013 – 2014.

**Search Committee Member**, Interdisciplinary Faculty Sociology, Communications, Education, 2011.

**Member**, Intellectual Property Committee to Review Proposals for Provisional and Non-Provisional Patents, 2010 – 2011.

**Member**, Committee on Racial and Ethnic Diversity, 2009 – 2011.

**Member**, Communication Studies Advisory Committee, recruited by Dr. Kathie Turner, 2005 – 2009.

**Secretary**, College Institutional Review Board on Use of Human Subjects, 2005 – 2008.

**Co-Leader**, Junior Faculty Workshops, invited by Dr. Helen Cho, 2006 – 2008.

**Member**, Annual Staley Lectures Committee, provocative speakers on religion and society, recruited by Davidson College Chaplain Rob Spach, 2005 – 2008.

**Faculty Advisor**, Chidsey Student Leadership Development Program, by invitation from Director Julia Baker Jones, 2007 – 2008.

**Teaching with Technology Workshop**, “Using NVIVO Software for Qualitative Research,” sponsored by The Instructional Technology Group, invited by Kristen Eshleman, 2005, 2007.

**Appointed Member**, Committee to Review College First Year Writing “W” initiative, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Process, by invitation from President Robert F. Vagt, 2005 – 2006.

**Faculty Participant**, Humanities Seminar Workshop, Sponsored by Humanities Committee, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation Process, invited by Dr. Vivian Dietz, 2005 – 2006.

**Faculty Mentor**, for Visiting Professor of Sociology, 2006.

**Panelist**, “Book Writing and Publishing,” Junior Faculty Workshop with Drs. Mario Belloni and Erland Stevens, organized by Dr. Helen Cho, 2007.

**Panelist**, “Graduate School in the Social Sciences,” invited by Dr. Monica White, Career Services Workshop, September 2004, 2005, 2006.

**Invited Speaker**, “Leadership and Innovation in the Ancient-Future Church,” Ministry Fellows Dinner, by invitation from Dr. Tim Beach-Verhey, 2005.

**Invited Speaker**, “Worshipping Jesus in Hollywood: An Introduction to the Sociology of Religion,” Discover Davidson, college “open house” for prospective students and family, 2005.

**Panelist** with Charles White, South East Regional Director, NAACP, “Racism Today: A New Age of Prejudice,” Martin Luther King Jr. Day, invited by Ernest Jeffries, Assistant Dean of Students, 2005.

**Invited Speaker**, “Fear and Friendship: My Racial Experiences in a Multiethnic Church,” Profs on God Series, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., invited by Dr. Tim Beach-Verhey, 2005.

**Student-Initiated Panelist**, alongside Racially Diverse Pastors from Charlotte, NC, “Race and the Church: United or Divided by Faith?,” sponsored by Reformed University Fellowship, 2005.

**Member**, Patterson Court Awards Selection Committee, recruited by Joy Hamm, 2005 – 2005.

**Member**, Selection Committee for Grant Applications, The McCall Fund and The Staley Endowment, provides grants of up to \$3,000 to undergraduates for short-term volunteer service or cross-cultural learning experiences, invited by Chaplain Rob Spach, 2005.

**Faculty Sponsor** for Guest Lecturer, Carlos Eire, T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies, Yale University, and author of *Waiting for Snow in Havana*, 2004.

**With Broader Community:**

**Frequent Podcast Guest**, outlets include two of *Christianity Today's* "premier podcast" series, *New Books Network* series, *Ed Stetzer's ChurchLeader*, *Al Mohler's Thinking Aloud*, *Straight American White Jesus*, and more.

**Frequent Media Commentator and Background Consultant**, outlets include *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Time Magazine*, *Axios*, *Rolling Stone*, *Christianity Today*, *The Christian Century*, *Religion News Service*, local and national *NPR* programs, and various podcasts.

**Occasional Speaker for Local Church Congregations**, Sunday messages or weekday presentations and conversations on various topics at the invitation of local church leaders, 2003 - present.

**Collaboration Team Member and Research Consultant**, "The Christian Racial Equity and Inclusion (CREI) Center" funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., interdisciplinary group focusing on helping leaders promote racial equity and inclusion in Christian organizations, invited by Michael Emerson, Provost of North Park University, Chicago, IL, June 2018 - present.

**Consultant and Invited Speaker**, conducted through Brownicity, a non-profit organization directed by Dr. Lucretia Berry, Charlotte, NC, 2016 - present.

**Frequent Invited Speaker**, "Foundations for the History of Race and Immigration in the United States," usually once per year, Students and Faculty at the Community School of Davidson, 2019- Present.

**Contributor**, *Faith and Leadership* online publication, hosted by Leadership Education, Duke Divinity School, Duke University, 2009 - present.

**Volunteer**, Occasional Assistance with Local Nonprofit Organizations, Charlotte, NC, September 2006 - present.

**Consultant and Co-Creator**, Antiracism Curriculum Materials for Congregational Children's Ministries, *Real Kids Real Faith*, led by Henry Zonio at Asbury University, 2025.

**Seminar Leader**, Charlotte Teachers Institute, "Revealing the Tangled Roots of Race, Religion, and Politics in U.S. National Culture," professional development for Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school teachers in partnership with the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Johnson C. Smith University, and Davidson College, Spring through Fall 2024.

**Leader**, Myers Park Baptist Church, Classes on Current Events and Spiritual Formation, Charlotte, NC, 2021 - 2024.

**Convener and Facilitator**, "The Congregational Work of Racial Justice and among Clergy," a group of 12 local ministers, hosted by Greenwood Baptist Church, Raleigh NC, September 2021.

**Contributor**, *Congregational Resource Guide* online publication, hosted by Center for Congregations, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc., 2018-2019.

**Chaperone**, Middle School and High School Student Trips to Orlando, Florida, February - March, 2018.

**Invited Speaker**, "The Rise of Latino Protestantism," The Pines Retirement Community, Davidson NC, February 2018.

**Invited Panelist**, "Race and Evangelicalism," online conversation with Janelle Wong (University of Maryland) and Anthony Smith (Mission House), invited by Stephen Roach Knight, Transform Network, October 2017.

**Invited Speaker and Panelist**, "The Realities of Race: Personal and Structural Issues," series of talks to students, faculty, parents, and public, Covenant Day School, Matthews, NC, October 2016.

**Consultant**, "Post-1965 Immigration in the United States and Implications for American Congregations," by invitation from Executive Director Jim Lewis, The Louisville Institute, Kentucky, September 2010.

**Colloquium Respondent**, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and Center for Excellence in Preaching, Feedback on Worship Grant Symposium, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, July, 2008.

**Consultant**, "Christian Vitality and Religious Institutions and Practices that Sustain It," by invitation from Executive Director Jim Lewis, The Louisville Institute, Kentucky, May 2008.

**Teacher**, Meck Institute, Mecklenburg Community Church, Classes on Current Events and Spiritual Formation, Charlotte, NC, 2004 - 2006.

**Interviewer**, Series of Recordings with Erwin Raphael McManus for Distribution to Church Leaders, "Raw Materials," Produced by Awaken, in Los Angeles, California, 2003 - 2004.

**Member**, Council on Ecclesiology, Twenty-Five Congregational and Seminary Leaders with Yearly Dialogues on Nature and Purpose of the Local Church, Organized by Dr. Dan Reeves, 2002 - 2004.

**Consultant and Invited Speaker** to Congregational Leaders, "Mission and Building the Multi-Ethnic Church," Southern California LEAD (Lay Empowerment and Development), Gardena, California, 2003.

**Leadership Team**, Mosaic, Project Management for Over 30 Volunteer Programs, Leadership Training and Team Building in a Large Multiethnic Congregation, Los Angeles, California, 1995 - 2003.

**Consultant and Invited Speaker** to National Leaders of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, "Mission and

the Apostolic Ethos," New Directions Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, 2001.

**Reading Tutor**, Twice a Week Reading with Early and Slow Readers, Stars Program, Longfellow Elementary School, Whittier, California, 2002 – 2003.

**Founder and Director**, Ensenada Health-Care Team, Free Medical Clinics, Dental Clinics, Sanitation, and Beautification Projects in Ensenada, Mexico. Original Partnership Established with Mayor Daniel Quintero and President of D.I.F. Georgina Quintero, 1999 – 2002.

## References

---

**Michael O. Emerson**

Department of Sociology  
Rice University  
6100 S. Main Street  
Houston, TX 77005-1892  
(713) 348-2733  
[moe@rice.edu](mailto:moe@rice.edu)

**Nancy T. Ammerman**

Professor Emerita  
Department of Sociology & School of Theology  
Boston University  
96 Cummings St.  
Boston, MA 02215  
(617) 358-0634  
[nta@bu.edu](mailto:nta@bu.edu)

**R. Stephen Warner**

Professor Emeritus  
Department of Sociology MC 312  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
1007 W. Harrison St.  
Chicago, Illinois 60607-7140  
(312) 996-0593  
[rswarner@uic.edu](mailto:rswarner@uic.edu)

**William McKinney**

President Emeritus  
Pacific School of Religion  
1798 Scenic Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94709  
(510) 849-8223  
[wmckinney@psr.edu](mailto:wmckinney@psr.edu)

**Penny Edgell**

Department of Sociology  
University of Minnesota  
267 19th Ave. S.  
Minneapolis MN 55455  
(612) 624-3605  
[edgell@umn.edu](mailto:edgell@umn.edu)

**Donald E. Miller**

Department of Religion & Sociology  
Center for Religion and Civic Culture  
University of Southern California  
University Park Campus  
Los Angeles, CA 90089  
(213) 743-1624  
[demiller@usc.edu](mailto:demiller@usc.edu)

**Jon Miller**

Professor Emeritus  
Department of Sociology  
University of Southern California  
University Park Campus  
Los Angeles, CA 90089  
(213) 821-4070  
[jonmill@usc.edu](mailto:jonmill@usc.edu)

**Samuel L. Perry**

Sam K. Viersen Presidential Professor  
Department of Sociology  
University of Oklahoma  
Norman, OK 73072  
(405) 325-1751  
[samperry@ou.edu](mailto:samperry@ou.edu)