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Academic Appointments

2010 – Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2003 – 2010 Associate Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2001 – 2003 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
1998 – 2001 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

Administrative Appointments

2017 – Co-Director, Institute for Practical Ethics, University of California, San Diego
2015 – Associate Dean, Division of Social Sciences, University of California, San Diego
2011 – 2014 Chair, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego

Visiting Positions

December 2015 Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ben Gurion University, Israel
Summer 2013, 15, 17 Visiting Scholar. Science, Technology and Innovation Studies. University of Edinburgh.
Spring 2011 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in Bioethics, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany.
Summer 2007, 09, 11 Visiting Professorial Fellowship. ESRC Genomics Policy and Research Forum. University of Edinburgh.
2001 – 2002 Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study. Princeton, NJ
1998 – 2000 Post Doctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University.

Education

1998 Ph.D., Sociology, Princeton University.
1995 M.A., Sociology, Princeton University.
1988 B.A., Political Science (minor in Philosophy), magna cum laude, Macalester College,

Publications

Books

- forth *Morals Not Knowledge: Recasting the Contemporary U.S. Conflict Between Religion and Science*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press
- 2017 [*Human Genome Editing: Science, Ethics, and Governance*](#). Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. (Co-authored with 21 members of the National Academies Committee on Human Gene Editing.)
- 2016 [*What is a Human? What the Answers Mean for Human Rights*](#). New York, NY: Oxford University Press
- 2012 [*The History and Future of Bioethics: A Sociological View*](#). New York, NY: Oxford University Press [Paperback 2014]
- 2010 [*Contested Reproduction: Genetic Technologies, Religion, and Public Debate*](#). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press
- 2002 [*Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate*](#). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
Recipient, Distinguished Book Award from the Sociology of Religion Section of the *American Sociological Association*

Edited Volumes

- 2008 [*Cultural Sociology and Its Diversity*](#). Special issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Volume 619 (September). (Edited with Amy Binder, Mary Blair-Loy, Kwai Ng, and Michael Schudson)
- 2002 [*The Quiet Hand of God: Faith-Based Activism and the Public Role of Mainline Protestantism*](#). Edited Volume (with Robert Wuthnow). Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Journal Articles

- Forth “God Talk in the Public Sphere: A Survey Experiment.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- Forth “Biomedical Ethics and Clinical Oversight in Multisite Observational Neuroimaging Studies with Children and Adolescents: The ABCD Experience.” (With Duncan B. Clark, Celia B. Fischer, Susan Bookheimer, Sandra A. Brown, Christian Hopfer, James Hudziak, Ivan Montoya, Margaret Murray, Adolf Pfefferbaum and Deborah Yurgelun-Todd.) *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*
- 2014 [“Faith in Science in Global Perspective: Implications for Transhumanism.”](#) *Public Understanding of Science* 23 (7): 814-832.
- 2014 [“Defending the Jurisdiction of the Clinical Ethicist,” “Response to Callahan and Winslade” and “Power and Jurisdiction”](#) *Journal of Clinical Ethics* 25 (1): 20-31, 41-42; 25 (3): 194-195.
- 2013 [“Conservative Protestantism and Skepticism of Scientists Studying Climate Change”](#) (With Justin Feng). *Climatic Change* 121 (4): 595-608.

- 2013 [“Roundtable on the Sociology of Religion: Twenty-Three Theses on the Status of Religion in American Sociology – A Mellon Working-Group Reflection.”](#) (With Christian Smith, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Nancy Tatom Ammerman, José Casanova, Hilary Davidson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Philip S. Gorski, Mary Ellen Konieczny, Jason A. Springs, Jenny Trinitapoli, and Meredith Whitnah). *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81 (4): 903-938.
- 2013 [“The Growing Social and Moral Conflict Between Conservative Protestantism and Science.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52 (2): 368-385.
- 2011 [“Epistemological and Moral Conflict Between Religion and Science.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50 (4): 707-727.
- 2008 [“Religion and Science: Beyond the Epistemological Conflict Narrative.”](#) (With Michael S. Evans). *Annual Review of Sociology* 34: 87-105.
- 2007 [“Religion and Reproductive Genetics: Beyond Views of Embryonic Life?”](#) (with Kathy Hudson). *The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 46 (4): 565-581.
- 2007 [“Consensus and Knowledge Production in an Academic Field.”](#) *Poetics: Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, the Media and the Arts* 35 (1): 1-21.
- 2006 [“Religious Belief, Perceptions of Human Suffering and Support for Reproductive Genetic Technology.”](#) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 31 (6): 1047-1074.
- 2006 [“Between Technocracy and Democratic Legitimation: A Proposed Compromise Position for Common Morality Public Bioethics.”](#) *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 31 (3): 213-234.
- 2006 [“Cooperative Coalitions on the Religious Right and Left: Considering the Resilience of Sectarianism.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45 (2): 195-215.
- 2005 [“Stratification in Knowledge Production: Author Prestige and the Influence of an American Academic Debate.”](#) *Poetics: Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, the Media and the Arts* 33 (2): 111-133.
- 2005 [“The Deeper ‘Culture Wars’ Questions.”](#) (With Lisa M. Nunn). *The Forum* 3 (2): 1-10.
- 2005 [“Opinions about New Reproductive Genetic Technologies: Hopes and Fears for Our Genetic Future.”](#) (With Kalfoglou AL, Doksum T, Bernhardt B, Geller G, LeRoy L, Mathews DJH, Doukas D, Reame N, Scott J, and K Hudson.) *Fertility and Sterility* 83 (6): 1612 - 1621.
- 2004 “John Evans Responds.” [Response to Childress, Hauerwas, Stout and Meilaender.] Symposium on [Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate.](#) *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 24 (1): 204-217.
- 2003 [“Commodifying Life? A Pilot Study of Opinions Regarding Financial Incentives for Organ Donation.”](#) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 28 (6): 1003-1032.
- 2003 [“The Creation of a Distinct Sub-Cultural Identity and Denominational Growth.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42 (3): 467-477.
- 2003 [“A Brave New World?: How Genetic Technology Might Change Us.”](#) *Contexts* 2 (2): 20-25.
- [Reprinted in pp. 353-360 of *The Contexts Reader*, edited by Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper. 2008. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company.]

- 2003 [“Have Americans’ Attitudes Become More Polarized? – an Update.”](#) *Social Science Quarterly* 84 (1): 71-90.
- 2002 [“Religion and Human Cloning: An Exploratory Analysis of the First Available Opinion Data.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 41 (4): 749-760.
- 2002 [“Polarization in Abortion Attitudes in U.S. Religious Traditions 1972-1998.”](#) *Sociological Forum*. 17 (3): 397-422.
- 2001 [“Opinion Polarization: Important Contributions, Necessary Limitations.”](#) *American Journal of Sociology*. 106 (4): 944-959. (With Paul DiMaggio and Bethany Bryson).
- 2000 [“A Sociological Account of the Growth of Principlism.”](#) *The Hastings Center Report* 30 (5): 31-38.
 [Reprinted and expanded as “Max Weber Meets the Belmont Report: Toward a Sociological Interpretation of Principlism,” Pp. 228-243 in *Belmont Revisited: Ethical Principles for Research with Human Subjects*, edited by James F. Childress, Eric M. Meslin, and Harold T. Shapiro. 2005. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.] [Reprinted as “Eine soziologische Sicht auf die Entwicklung der Prinzipienethik.” Pp. 192-209 in *Prinzipienethik in der Biomedizin: Moralphilosophie und medizinische Praxis*. 2005. Edited by Oliver Rauprich and Florian Steger. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag.] [Reprinted in *Beyond Bioethics: Toward a New Biopolitics*, edited by Osagie Obasogie and Marcy Darnovsky. 2017. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.]
- 1997 [“Multi-organizational Fields and Social Movement Organization Frame Content: The Religious Pro-Choice Movement.”](#) *Sociological Inquiry* 67 (4): 451-469.
- 1997 [“Worldviews or Social Groups as the Source of Moral Value Attitudes: Implications for the Culture Wars Thesis.”](#) *Sociological Forum* 12 (3): 371-404.
- 1996 [“Have Americans’ Social Attitudes Become More Polarized?”](#) *American Journal of Sociology* 102 (3): 690-755. (With Paul DiMaggio and Bethany Bryson)
 [Reprinted in *Cultural Wars in American Politics*, edited by Rhys H. Williams. 1997. New York, Aldine de Gruyter. Pp. 63-99.]
- 1996 “Culture Wars” or Status Group Ideology as the Basis of U.S. Moral Politics.” *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 16 (1-2): 15-34.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- forth “The View on the Street.” *“The Idea That Wouldn’t Die”--The Warfare between Science and Religion: Historical and Sociological Perspectives*. Edited by Jeffrey Hardin and Ronald Numbers. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- 2016 “Bioethics: The View from Social Science.” In eLS. (Electronic Life Sciences) John Wiley & Sons, Ltd: Chichester. (With Lauren D. Olsen)
- 2016 “Future Vision in Transhumanist Writings and the Religious Public.” Pp. 291-306 In *Perfecting Human Futures: Transhuman Futures and Technological Imaginations*. Edited by J. Benjamin Hurlbut and Hava Tirosh-Samuels. Dordrecht: Springer-Verlag.

- 2016 “Bioethics and Medicalization.” Pp. 241-262 in *To Fix or To Heal: Conflicting Directions in Contemporary Medicine and Public Health*. Edited by Joseph E. Davis and Ana Marta Gonzalez. New York, NY: New York University Press.
- 2013 “Religious Pluralism in Modern America: A Sociological Overview.” Pp. 43-55 in *Gods in America: Religious Pluralism in the United States*. Edited by Charles Cohen and Ronald Numbers. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 “‘Teaching Humanness’ Claims In Synthetic Biology and Public Policy Bioethics.” Pp. 177-204 in *Artificial Life: Synthetic Biology and the Bounds of Nature*. Edited by Gregory E. Kaebnick. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2012 [“Sociology and Christianity,”](#) pp. 344-355 in the *Blackwell Companion to Science and Christianity*. Edited by James Stump and Alan Padgett. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. (With Michael Evans)
- 2010 [“Arguing Against Darwinism: Religion, Science, and Public Morality,”](#) pp. 286-308 in *The New Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Religion*. Edited by Bryan Turner. New York, NY: Blackwell. (With Michael S. Evans)
- 2010 “Science, Bioethics and Religion,” pp. 207-225 in *The Cambridge Companion to Science and Religion*. Edited by Peter Harrison. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- 2010 “The Tension Between Progressive Bioethics and Religion,” pp. 119-141 in *Progress in Bioethics: Science, Policy and Politics*. Edited by Jonathan D. Moreno and Sam Berger. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2009 “Where is the Counter-weight? Explorations of the Decline of Mainline Protestant Participation in Public Debates Over Values.” Pp. 221-247 in *Evangelicals and Democracy in America, Volume 1: Religion and Society*. Edited by Steven Brint and Jeanne Reith Schroedel. Russell Sage Foundation Press.
- 2009 “Bioethics and Human Genetic Engineering.” Pp. 349-366 In *The Handbook of Genetics and Society: Mapping the New Genomic Era*. Edited by Paul Atkinson, Peter Glasner and Margaret Lock. London: Routledge. (With Cynthia Schairer)
- 2009 “Two Worlds in Cultural Sociology” and “Imperviousness to Disconfirming Data,” pp. 209-252 and 263-277 in *Meaning and Method: The Cultural Approach to Sociology*. Edited by Isaac Reed and Jeffrey Alexander. Paradigm Publishers.
- 2008 “Religion, Conceptions of Nature and Assisted Reproductive Technology Policy.” Pp. 87-108 in *Altering Nature, Volume Two: Religion, Biotechnology, and Public Policy*. Edited by B. Andrew Lustig, Baruch A. Brody and Gerald P. McKenny. New York: Springer
- 2008 “The Diversity of Culture.” Pp. 1-9 in *Cultural Sociology and Its Diversity*. Special issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. Volume 619 (September). (With Amy Binder, Mary Blair-Loy, Kwai Ng, and Michael Schudson)
- 2006 “Who Legitimately Speaks for Religion in Public Bioethics?” Pp. 61-79 in *Handbook of Bioethics and Religion*. Edited by David E. Guinn. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- 2005 “Public Vocabularies of Religious Belief: Explicit and Implicit Religious Discourse in the American Public Sphere.” Pp. 398-411 in the *Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Culture*. Edited by Mark Jacobs and Nancy Weiss Hanrahan. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers.

- 2003 “After the Fall: Attempts to Establish an Explicitly Theological Voice in Debates over Science and Medicine after 1960.” Pp. 434 - 461 In *The Secular Revolution: Power, Interest, and Conflict in the Secularization of American Public Life*. Edited by Christian Smith. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- 2002 “Introduction.” In *The Quiet Hand of God: Faith Based Activism and the Public Role of Mainline Protestantism* (With Robert Wuthnow). Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- 1999 “The Uneven Playing Field of the Dialogue on Patenting.” Pp. 57-73 in *Perspectives on Genetic Patenting: Religion, Science and Industry in Dialogue*, edited by Audrey R. Chapman. Washington, DC: American Association for the Advancement of Science Press. [Revised and Reprinted in *Claiming Power over Life: Religion and Biotechnology Policy*, edited by Mark Hanson. 2001. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press. Pp. 53-71]

Secondary Publications (Book Reviews, Journal Editorials, Short Comments)

- forth Review of Stephen Hilgartner, *Reordering Life: Knowledge and Control in the Genomics Revolution*. Contemporary Sociology.
- 2017 “Bioethics.” The Encyclopedia of Social Theory. Edited by Bryan S. Turner. Wiley Blackwell.
- 2016 “When Human Rights Become Wrongs.” *New Scientist*. August 6, Pp. 36-37.
- 2016 “Symposium on Scientific Advances and their Impact on Society: Lawrence Goldstein, J. Craig Venter, Lisa Madlensky and John H. Evans.” *Bulletin of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*. Winter, pp. 17-23.
- 2015 “Specifying the Relationship Between Social Anthropology and Moral Theology: A Critique of *Ethics of Everyday Life: Moral Theology, Social Anthropology and the Imagination of the Human*” *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* 33(2): 121-125
- 2015 “Sacred/Secular and Negotiable/non-Negotiable in American Religion and Public Bioethics.” Working Papers. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. European University Institute.
- 2014 “Critique of Davis and Robinson.” *Newsletter of the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association*. Fall
- 2014 “Secularizing God Talk” (Review Essay on Matthew Engelke, *God’s Agents: Biblical Publicity in Contemporary England*). *European Journal of Sociology* 55(3): 504-508.
- 2012 Review of Elaine Howard Ecklund, *Science vs. Religion: What Scientists Really Think*. *Social Forces* doi: 10.1093/sf/sos086
- 2011 “Religion.” In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Sociology*. www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com
- 2011 “Power and Representation of the Public’s Values in a Social Implications of Research Commission.” *American Journal of Bioethics* 11(5): 10-11.
- 2011 Review of Claude S. Fischer, *Made In America: A Social History of American Culture and Character*. *Sociological Forum* 26 (2): 457-460
- 2010 “Bioethics and Politics.” *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian. Yorktown Heights, NY: CQ Press

- 2010 “Sociology of Religion: Not Much Has Changed – and Should It?” *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion and the Public Sphere*. Social Science Research Council.
<http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/03/11/not-much-has-changed/>
- 2010 Review of Harold W. Attridge, Editor, *The Religion and Science Debate: Why Does It Continue?* *Contemporary Sociology* 39 (3): 272-274.
- 2010 “Will Synthetic Biology Change How We Value Human Life?” *The Gen: The Newsletter of the ESRC Genomics Network* 11 (March): 26-27.
- 2009 Review of Charles L. Bosk, *What Would You Do? Juggling Bioethics and Ethnography*. *Social History of Medicine* 22 (3): 650-652.
- 2009 Review of Steven M. Tipton, *Public Pulpits: Methodists and Mainline Churches in the Moral Argument of Public Life*. *Contemporary Sociology* 38 (1): 32-33
- 2008 “In Search of a Measure of Industry Funding.” *American Journal of Bioethics* 8(8): 59-60.
- 2008 “Keeping Society from the Benchside.” *American Journal of Bioethics* 8(3):14-16.
- 2007 Review of Sheila Jasanoff, *Designs on Nature: Science and Democracy in Europe and the United States*. *Contemporary Sociology* 36 (5): 467-468.
- 2006 “Bioethics: Past and Future.” *Contexts* 5(3): 10-11.
- 2005 “Bioethical Consensus and the Force of Good Ideas.” *Hastings Center Report* 35 (3): 3.
- 2005 “The Intersection of Sociology and Bioethics.” *Footnotes (American Sociological Association)* May/June: .21 (with Joseph E. Davis and Raymond DeVries)
- 2004 “Wuthnow, Robert.” Pp. 879-880 in *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. Edited by George Ritzer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- 2002 “The Two Meanings of ‘How’ and the Gene Patenting Debate.” *American Journal of Bioethics*. 2(3): 26-28.
- 1995 Review of: *The Mainline Church’s Funding Crisis* by Ronald E. Vallet and Charles E. Zech. *Koinonia* 7 (2): 206-208.

Selected Honors

- 2016–19 Honorary Professor, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Queensland
- 2013 – Elected Fellow, International Society for Science and Religion
- 2002 Distinguished Book Award 2002, Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association, for *Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate*
- 2002 Chancellor's Summer Faculty Fellowship, UCSD
- 2002 Summer Writing Fellowship. Louisville Institute, Louisville Seminary, Louisville, KY.
- 1997-98 Dissertation Fellowship, The Louisville Institute, Louisville Seminary, Louisville, KY.
- 1995-97 Graduate Fellowship and Member, Princeton Society of Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Princeton University
- 1988 Graduated with Highest Honors for undergraduate thesis. Macalester College. "The Recent Growth of the New Religious Right: The Process of a Radical Socio-political Movement."
- 1988 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Macalester College.

Grants

- 2017-18 Planning Grant: Social Science Contributions to the Foundational Philosophical and Theological Questions Regarding Human Enhancement. John Templeton Foundation. \$137,000
- 2017-18 Doctoral Dissertation Research: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Medical Curricular Change: The Application of Humanistic and Social Knowledge to Medicine. National Science Foundation (with Lauren Olsen). \$3,000
- 2016-17 Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Effect of the Loss of Stable Career-Paths on the Professional Middle Class. National Science Foundation (with Lindsay DePalma). \$12,000
- 2012-14 “An Empirical Study of the Biological Definition of the Human.” Faraday Institute, Cambridge University. \$140,000
- 2012 “Translation of Religious Claims to Secular Claims in Public Debates.” UCSD Academic Senate. \$11,200.
- 2009-10 “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Everyday Prosthesis: Stories of Amputation, Technology, and Body.” 2009-2010. National Science Foundation (with Cynthia Schairer) \$9,163
- 2005 “Toward a Sociology of Bioethics.” Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, American Sociological Association (with Joseph Davis and Raymond DeVries). \$7,000
- 2003-04 “Religious Belief and Reproductive Genetics.” Pew Charitable Trusts and the Genetics and Public Policy Center. \$95,000
- 2003-04 “A Qualitative Evaluation of the Public’s Knowledge, Beliefs and Attitudes about Reproductive Genetics.” (With A. Kalfoglou, K. Hudson, D. Mathews, T. Doksum, L. LeRoy, B. Bernhardt, G. Geller, N. Reame, D. Doukas). Pew Charitable Trusts and the Genetics and Public Policy Center
- 2002-03 “Dehumanization Through Biotechnology: An Empirical Investigation.” Hellman Fellowship, University of California, San Diego. \$3,500.
- 2000-01 “Gender, Academia and Consensus.” Council on Research, Academic Senate, Los Angeles Division. \$4,200
- 2000-01 “The ‘Clergy-Laity Gap’ and Mainline Protestant Decline.” Assistant Professor Initiative, Council on Research, Academic Senate, Los Angeles Division. \$2,000
- 1998-00 Assistant project director. Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project. Pew Charitable Trusts Grant to Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.
- 1997-98 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant. (Robert Wuthnow, Principal Investigator). \$5,700

Invited Presentations

- 2017 “Social Questions in Human Gene Editing.” Plenary Session, mini-conference on Human Gene Editing; International Society for Science and Religion, American Academy of Religion, National Academies of Sciences. Boston. November.
- 2017 “Theological Anthropology and its Competitors in the Public Mind: the Impact on Human Treatment.” Stead Center for Ethics and Values, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. September.

- 2017 “New Empirical Directions in Religion and Science for Social Science.” Plenary Panel, Conference on New Perspectives on Science and Religion in Society. Manchester, UK. June.
- 2017 “The Human: The Ultimate Conflict Between Religion and Science?” Keynote Address, Symposium on Science and Religion, Exploring the Spectrum. Newman University, UK. April.
- 2017 “The Eclipse of the Sacred Human: Are Human Rights Under Threat from Medical Science?” Annual Wickenden Lecture, Miami University. March.
- 2017 “The Social Ethics Concerns about Human Gene Editing.” The Science of Genome Editing: Possibilities, Realistic Prospects, and Principles of Approach. UC Berkeley. January.
- 2016 “The Public’s Views of the Relationship Between Religion and Science – and the Resulting Disconnect between Social Science, History, Philosophy and Theology” Workshop on Life Sciences and Religion: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. Berlin. May.
- 2016 “The View from Social Science.” Ethics at the Beginning of Life: A Fresh Look Conference, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia. May
- 2016 “The Dismal Fate of Flourishing in Public Policy Bioethics: A Sociological Explanation.” Human Flourishing in an Age of Gene Editing Conference. The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY. May
- 2016 “The Promise and Perils of the Social Scientific Study of Religion and Science.” Keynote Address: Public Perception of Science and Religion Conference. San Diego. May
- 2016 “The Public Perception of Human Enhancement: Data, Conclusions and the Road Ahead.” Theology and Human Enhancement: A Program Planning Meeting. Orlando, FL, April
- 2016-17 “Human Gene Editing: The Ethical Debate in Social Context.”
Distinctive Voices Lecture, National Academy of Sciences. Irvine, CA. February 2016
UCSD Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. August 2017
- 2015-16 “What is a Human? The American Public’s Views and the Impact on Human Rights.”
Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Ben Gurion University, Israel.
December 2015
National Hellenic Research Foundation. Athens, Greece. May 2016
Grinnell College. September 2016
History of Science/Sociology/Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin – Madison. September 2016
Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London. November 2016
School of Divinity, the University of Edinburgh. November 2016
Department of Sociology, London School of Economics. November 2016
Faraday Institute, Cambridge University. November 2016
UCSD Emeriti Association. April 2018
- 2015 “Public Opinion Formation on Human Biotechnology.” Stated Meeting on Scientific Advances and their Impact on Society. American Academy of Arts and Sciences. San Diego, CA October.

- 2015 “Biotechnology and the Non-religious Uses of God Talk.” International Conference on Religion and Biopolitics. University of Muenster. October
- 2015 “The Public’s Views of the Relationship Between Religion and Science – and Proposed Reasons Why *The Idea* Will Not Die.”
 Science & Religion: Exploring the Spectrum Workshop. York University, Toronto, Canada. May
 Conference on “The Idea That Wouldn’t Die”: The Warfare Between Science and Religion. University of Wisconsin, Madison. May.
- 2015 “Germline Modification and Mitochondrial Replacement Therapies: Historical Debates, Ethical Distinctions.” Committee on Ethical and Social Policy Considerations of Novel Techniques for Prevention of Maternal Transmission of Mitochondrial DNA Diseases, Institute of Medicine, U.S. National Academy of Sciences. March
- 2015 “Sacred/Secular and Negotiable/non-Negotiable in American Religion and Public Bioethics.” Workshop on Negotiating the Non-negotiable. ReligioWest Project, European University Institute, Florence, Italy. February.
- 2014-15 “Public Opposition to Embryonic Stem Cell Research.”
 UCSD Pediatric Grand Rounds. October 2014
 Ben Gurion University, Israel. December 2015.
- 2014 “Critique of ‘Matter and Meaning: The Real Story of What Religious People Think About Science.’” Exploring the Religion and Science Dialogue. Rice University. October
- 2014 “On Being Human.” Exploring the Religion and Science Dialogue. Rice University. October
- 2014 “A More Democratic Bioethical Debate for our Polarized Times.” Annual Bioethics Lecture, Bioethics Institute, Loyola Marymount University, October
- 2014 “Are U.S. Concepts of Human Identity Shaped by Biology?” Uses and Abuses of Biology Dissemination Workshop. Cambridge University, UK. September.
- 2014 “Is the Biologically Defined Human of the Humanists’ (and STS) Fears Really in the Mind of the Public?” Science, Technology and Innovation Studies. University of Edinburgh, UK. September
- 2014 “The Human: Intellectual Definitions and Public Beliefs in the U.S.” Forum on Religion, London School of Economics. September.
- 2013-2014 “What Does It Mean to be Human? Empirical Findings and Social Effects.”
 Biomedicine and Personhood Working Group. University of Southern California. April 2013
 Uses and Abuses of Biology Workshop. Cambridge University, UK. September 2013.
 Department of Sociology, Rice University, October 2014.
 Evangelical Theological Society, November 2014
 Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia. November 2014.
 Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University. November 2014.
- 2013 “Eschatology and Future Vision in Transhumanist Writings and the Religious Public” School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University. December.

- 2013 “Faith in Science in Global Perspective: Implications for Transhumanism.” Imagining the (Post-) Human Future: Meaning, Critique, and Consequences.” Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. Karlsruhe, Germany, July
- 2013 “The Social Legacy of ‘Man and His Future.’” Technologies of Imagination: Fifty Years Beyond *Man and His Future*. Arizona State University, April.
- 2013 “Social Science and Naturalism.” Conference on Religion, Naturalism and the Sciences. Florida State University, February.
- 2011 “Quasi-Religious Arguments in Social Debates About New Technologies.” ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh, August
- 2011 Plenary Talk: “The Structure of Nanotechnology Debates and Responsibility to the Public’s Values.” Workshop on the Dilemmas of Choice: Responsibility in Nanotechnology Development. University of Padua and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. Rovigo, Italy. June
- 2011 “The Possible Relationships Between Religious and Secular Reasons in Public Bioethics.” Center for Advanced Study in Bioethics, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. May
- 2011 “Religion and Medicine: The Meaning of Being Human.” Religion and Public Life Program. Rice University. March.
- 2010-2013 “The History and Future of Bioethics: An Unorthodox Sociological View.”
 DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University, April 2013
 Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University, April 2013
 Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. May 2012
 ESRC Center for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics, Lancaster and Cardiff Universities, UK, July 2011
 Center for Science, Policy and Outcomes, Arizona State University, March 2011
 Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, October 2010
- 2010 “Bioethics and Medicalization.” Conference on Construction of New Realities in Medicine.” Social Trends Institute. Barcelona, Spain. April
- 2009 “Barriers to Communication and Collaboration Between Social Science, STS and Bioethics” Working Group on The Challenges to Innovation: Insights from STS, the Social Sciences, and Bioethics. The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY. December
- 2009-13 “Will There Be a Good Debate About Reproductive Genetic Technologies?”
 Department of Sociology, USC. April 2013
 Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley. February 2011
 Department of Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center. December 2009
- 2009 “An Empirical Test of the Religion and Science Conflict Narratives.” Religion Working Group, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles. November

- 2009-11 “Evaluating Anthropological Pedagogy Claims In Synthetic Biology and Public Bioethics.”
 Cultural Studies of Science and Technology Seminar. Rice University. March, 2011
 Conference on Ethical Issues in Synthetic Biology. The Hastings Center. August, 2009
 Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen), Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK. July, 2009
- 2009 “The Religious Citizen and Reproductive Genetics: Toward A Unified Opposition to Abortion and the New Technologies?” Centre for Biomedicine and Society, Kings College London. London, UK. July
- 2009 “Plenary talk – Law, Epistemology and Values in Religiously Motivated U.S. Anti-Evolution Movements.” Ian Ramsey Centre 2009 Conference: Religious Responses to Darwinism, 1859-2009. Oxford University, Oxford, UK. July
- 2008 “Convergence of Public Religious Debates in a Post-Worldview, Cognitive ‘Tool-Kit’ era.” Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University. April
- 2008 “Severing the Morality/Darwinism Link: A Proposal for Modest Compromise in the Intelligent Design Battles.” Beyond the Creation-Evolution Controversy: Science and Religion in Public Life Conference. Program on Science, Technology and Society, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, April
- 2008 “From Truth to Ethics: Conflict Between Science and Religion.” Program on Science, Technology and Society, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, April
- 2008 “Embryos and Stem Cells Among the U.S. Religious Public.” Discussion Panel, Conference on Ethics, Science and Politics: The Debate about Stem Cell Research in Germany and the United States. American Institute for Contemporary German Studies. Brussels, Belgium. February
- 2007 “Between Technocracy and Democratic Legitimation: A Proposed Compromise Position for Common Morality Public Bioethics.” Workshop on Constituting Citizenship through the Life Sciences, ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh, July
- 2007 “Where is the Counter-weight? Explorations on the Decline of Mainline Protestants in Public Debates” Conference on The Christian Conservative Movement and American Democracy. Russell Sage Foundation, New York. April
- 2007 “Religious Pluralism in Modern America: A Sociological Overview.” Conference on Religious Pluralism in Modern America. University of Wisconsin – Madison. April
- 2006 “Will Religious Bioethical Debate Damage the Public Sphere? An Empirical Analysis.” ASBH Summer Conference, Bioethics and Politics: The Future of Bioethics in a Divided Democracy. July
- 2006 “How Bioethics Contained Its Differences, 1970-2000.” Center for American Progress, Washington, DC, April

- 2006-08 “Social and Religious Context of Stem Cell Research in the U.S.”
Biomedical Ethics Seminar, UCSD Medical School. June 2008
UCSD Stem Cell Conference. May 2006
Stem Cell Research in the Heartland: A Symposium on the Social, Cultural,
Ethical and Regional Economic Implications. University of Missouri. March
2006
- 2006-08 “Geographic Polarization in Social and Political Attitudes.”
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona, March 2008
Department of Political Science, Stanford University, February 2006.
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, May 2006
- 2005 “What Religious People Think of Reproductive Genetic Technologies.” Center for
Society and Genetics Colloquium, University of California, Los Angeles. December
- 2005 “The Fall of Bioethics, Reproductive Genetics and Social Science.” Keynote talk,
Launching Conference, the Economic and Social Research Council Genomics Policy and
Research Forum. University of Edinburgh, UK. September
- 2005 “Religion and Reproductive Genetic Technologies: What the People in the Pews Think.”
Conference on Genetic and Reproductive Ethics: The Scientific Cutting Edge and the
Everyday Healthcare Challenges. Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity. Chicago, IL:
July
- 2005 “Religion and Reproductive Genetics.” Bouma Lecture Series, Calvin College, April
- 2005-07 “God Talk in Politics: Actual Practices and Ideal Theories.”
ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh, July 2007
Yale Divinity School, March 2006
Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, February 2005.
Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, March 2005.
- 2005 “Lessons from History.” Symposium on Bioethics, Politics and Public Policy. Yale
Interdisciplinary Bioethics Project, Yale University, January
- 2004 “Have Americans Become More Polarized over ‘Values’?” The Polarization of American
Politics: Myth or Reality? Princeton University, December
- 2004 “Polarization over Abortion: Myth and Reality.” Department of Medical History and
Bioethics. University of Wisconsin Medical School, April
- 2003-04 “Conflict and Cooperation Between U.S. Religious Groups in the Public Sphere: Herberg
and Wuthnow Revisited.”
Politics, Culture and Society Workshop, University of Wisconsin – Madison.
April 2004
Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University, February 2004
Religion and Politics Conference. University of Notre Dame, June 2003
- 2001-03 “Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethics.”
European Union Center and Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont Colleges.
September 2003
Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, April 2003
Department of Sociology, Duke University, February 2003
Department of Sociology, UNC, Chapel Hill, February 2003

- Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, December 2001
 Department of Sociology, University of California Berkeley, April 2001
 Department of Sociology, Indiana University, April 2001
 The LeRoy Neiman Center, UCLA, March 2001
- 2002-03 “Author Meets the Critics: *“Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate.”*
 Society for Christian Ethics, Pittsburgh, PA, January 2003
 Center for Bio-medical Ethics/Department of Religion, University of Virginia.
 April 2002
- 2003 “Religion and Human Cloning.” Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, January
 2002 “Have Americans’ Attitudes Become More Polarized? – an Update.” Conference on Conflict, Contention and Culture,” Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton University, October
- 2001-02 “Social Dehumanization through Biotechnology: An Empirical Examination.”
 Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, April 2002
 Center for Bio-medical Ethics/Department of Religion, University of Virginia.
 April 2002
 The Hastings Center Lunch Symposia, February 2002
 Department of Sociology, Princeton University. December 2001
- 2002 “The Slow and Silent Exclusion of Religion from Bioethics: the Case of Human Genetic Engineering, 1959-1995.” Science and Religion Seminar Series. Center for the Study of Science and Religion, Columbia University. February
- 1999-01 “Max Weber Meets the Belmont Report: Toward a Sociological Account of Principlism.”
 Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, October 2001
 Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University, November, 1999
 Conference on the 20th Anniversary of the Belmont Report: the Past and Future Directions, University of Virginia, April 1999.
- 2001 “After the Fall: Attempts to Establish an Explicitly Theological Voice in Debates over Science and Medicine after 1960.” The Secular Revolution: Power, Interests, and Conflict in the Secularization of American Public Life. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. June
- 2001 “Quietly Influential: Mainline Protestantism and the Public Sphere.” Pew Forum for Religion and Public Life. Washington, DC. April
- 2000 “Material and Cultural Resources of the Mainline: Achieving a Proper Asset Allocation for Influencing the Public Sphere.” Research Conference, Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project, Princeton University, June
- 2000 “Commodifying Life? Future Health Policy Leaders’ Opinions Regarding Financial Incentives for Organ Donation. Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Program Annual Conference, Aspen CO. May
- 2000 "Mainline Protestantism and the Public Sphere 1970 to present -- a Reassessment."
 Center for the Study of Religion, UCLA. April

- 2000 “The Material and Cultural Resources of Mainline Protestants for Political Action.” Planning Retreat, Liaison and Advisory Group, Public Role of Mainline Protestantism project. Airlie House, Warrenton, VA, March
- 1999 “Quantitative Measurement and the Sociology of Knowledge.” Toward a Sociology of Culture and Cognition Conference. Rutgers University, November
- 1999 “Academia, Discursive Consensus and the Debate over Social Problems.” Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, October
Department of Sociology, Princeton University, April
- 1999 “The Commodification of the Self: the Fundamental Concern About Medicine and the Free Market?” Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Program, Aspen, CO, June
Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, April
- 1999 “Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Bioethics.” Lunch Symposia, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY. February
- 1999 “Abbott’s System of Professions and Secularization.” Conference on New Directions in Secularization Theory, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. January
- 1997 “Religious Arguments and Industry Arguments: Dialogue on an Uneven Playing Field.” Religion and Biotechnology Policy Working Group Meeting. The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, NY. April
- 1996 “The Transformation of Public Discourse About Human Genetic Engineering: The Institutional Logics of the State and Science as Culture and Power.” Mini-Conference on Research in the Sociology of Culture and Cultural Policy. Princeton University. May

Professional Meetings

- 2017 “Critique of *Religion vs. Science: What Religious People Really Think*. Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal. August.
- 2015 “Critique of *Ethics of Everyday Life: Moral Theology, Social Anthropology and the Imagination of the Human*. Society for the Anthropology of Religion. San Diego. April.
- 2014 “Critique of *Claiming Society for God: Religious Movements and Social Welfare in Egypt, Israel, Italy and the United States*.” Author meets critics session. ASA, San Francisco. August.
- 2014 “What is the ‘Strong Program’ in the Sociology of Religion?” Panel on the Strong Program. Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco. August.
- 2013 “What It Means To Be Human: An Empirical Study.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA. November.
- 2012 “Religion and Skepticism of Scientific Claims About Climate Change.” (With Justin Feng) American Sociological Association, Denver, CO. August.
- 2012 “Author Meets the Critics: *Contested Reproduction: Genetic Technologies, Religion and Public Debate*.” ASA, Denver, CO. August.
- 2011 Panelist, “Open Forum Session, National Research Council Sociology Rankings Report.” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV. August.

- 2010 Panelist, Author Meets the Critics Session on Elaine Ecklund's *Science vs. Religion: What Do Scientists Really Think?* Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Baltimore, MD. October.
- 2009 "An Empirical Test of the Religion and Science Conflict Narratives."
American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco, CA. August
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO. October
- 2008 "The Sociological Study of Religion and Science: How Rarely Will the Two Meet?" ASA. Boston, MA. August
- 2007 "Religion and Science: Beyond the Hydraulic Conflict Narrative." (With Michael Evans). ASA. New York, NY. August
- 2006 "Truth Boundaries: Boundary Drawing in Science and Religion." (With Michael S. Evans). ASA. Montreal, Canada. August
- 2006 "Geographic Polarization in Social Attitudes." (With Lisa M. Nunn). ASA. Montreal, Canada. August
- 2005 "Religion and Reproductive Genetics." (With Kathy Hudson). ASA. Philadelphia, PA. August
- 2005 "Religious Belief, Perceptions of Human Suffering and Support for Reproductive Genetic Technology." ASA. Philadelphia, PA. August
- 2004 "Cooperative Coalitions on the Religious Right and Left: Considering the Resilience of Denominationalism." ASA. San Francisco, CA. August
- 2003-04 Various papers using qualitative data gathered by the Hopkins genetics research group. (With A. Kalfoglou, K. Hudson, D. Mathews, T. Doksum, L. LeRoy, B. Bernhardt, G. Geller, N. Reame, D. Doukas, J. Scott).
American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
October 2004
National Society of Genetic Counselors Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
October 2004
American Society of Human Genetics, Los Angeles, CA. (*American Journal of Human Genetics* 2003: 73 Suppl. 5; 259. November 2003
American Society of Reproductive Medicine Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
(*Fertility and Sterility* 2003; 80 Suppl. 3; P369). October 2003
- 2002 "Social Dehumanization through Biotechnology: An Empirical Examination." ASA. Chicago, IL. August
- 2001 "Commodifying Life? Future Health Policy Leaders' Opinions Regarding Financial Incentives for Organ Donation." ASA. Anaheim, CA. August
- 2000 "Looking Back, Looking Ahead: Conclusions about the Public Role of Mainline Protestantism." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX. October
- 2000 "Are Cited Texts Influential Texts?" ASA. Washington, DC. August
- 1999 "Academia, Discursive Consensus and the Debate over Social Problems." ASA. Chicago, IL. August
- 1998 "Public Debates, Intellectuals, and the Production of Culture: The Case of Bioethics." ASA. San Francisco, CA. August

- 1998 "Locating Actual Cultural Conflict: Polarization over Abortion in Protestant Denominations 1972-1996." (With Bethany Bryson). ASA. San Francisco, CA. August
- 1997 "Driving Religion Out of Bioethics: The Case of the President's Commission and Human Genetic Engineering." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD. April
- 1996 "Driving Religion Out of Bioethics: The Case of the President's Commission and Human Genetic Engineering." Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY. August
- 1995 "Worldviews or Status Groups as the Source of Moral Value Orientation." ASA. Washington, D.C. August
- 1995 "Have Americans' Social Attitudes Become More Polarized? (With Paul DiMaggio and Bethany Bryson) ASA. Washington, D.C. August
- 1994 "Toward an Explanation of Social Movement Organization Framing Decisions: the Religious Pro-choice Movement". ASA. Los Angeles, CA. August

Other Conference Activities

- Panelist: "Biology and Society Panel Discussion." Uses and Abuses of Biology Dissemination Workshop. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. September 2014; "How Genetic Claims Influence Society." Uses and Abuses of Biology Workshop. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. September 2013; "The Genetic Revolution: Can Ethics Keep Pace?" Frances G. Harpst Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, University of San Diego. March 2012; "Winning Small Grants for Cutting Edge Research and Research Activities: The Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline." ASA. August 2006; Conference on the Polarization of American Political Life. Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, December 2004; "Advice for Graduate Students in the Sociology of Religion." Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 2004; "Observing Ethic(ist)s: Reflections on the Work and Profession of Ethics." American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Nashville, TN. October 2001; "Observing Ethic(ist)s: Reflections on the Work and Profession of Ethics." American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Nashville, TN. October 2001.
- Discussant: "Religion and Science," ASA. August 2016; Conference on The Christian Conservative Movement and American Democracy. Russell Sage Foundation, New York. April 2007; Religion and Politics Conference. University of Notre Dame, June 2003; UCLA Center for Comparative Social Analysis. "Comparativists Day." January 2003; Panel on Religious Organizations: Data Resources and Research Opportunities. Conference on Data Resources and Research Opportunities in the Study of Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector. Washington, DC. October 2001.
- Session Chair: "Religion, Science and the Social Sciences," ASA, August 2013; Conference on Political Civility and Scientific Objectivity, UCSD. March 2012; "Author meets the critics: *Shaping Abortion Discourse* by Ferree, Gamson, Gerhards, Rucht." ASA. August 2004; Meaning and Measurement Conference. Atlanta, August 2003; Center for the Study of Religion Conference: What Does It Mean To Be Human? Religion and Bioethics. Princeton University. November 2001; Session on Religious and Historical Transitions. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX. October 2000
- Organizer: "Religious Discourse in Liberal Societies: Thriving, Dying or Transforming?" ASA. August 2004; Session on Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project. Annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX. October 2000.

Professional Activities and Service

Editorial

- 2011 – Editorial Board Member, *Qualitative Sociology*
- 2011 – International Editorial Advisory Board, Genetics and Society Book Series, Routledge Press
- 2005-06 Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*
- Ad-hoc reviewer – Journals (past four years):
American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Social Forces; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Sociology of Religion; Qualitative Sociology; Climatic Change; Public Understanding of Science; Social Science Research; Acta Sociologica; Sociological Theory; Sociological Science, Sociological Perspectives; Socius; Environment and Behavior; Asian Journal of Social Psychology; Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses; the Sociological Review; Science and Public Policy; Public Opinion Quarterly
- Ad-hoc reviewer – Book Publishers and Funding Agencies (past four years):
University of Chicago Press; Princeton University Press; Wellcome Trust (UK); Oxford University Press; National Science Foundation; Templeton Religion Trust; Templeton World Charity Foundation; Columbia University Press; University of California Press

Service to the Broader Academic Community

- 2017 – Advisory Board, Understanding Public Perceptions of Science in Muslim Societies.
- 2017 – Two lectures for a MOOC and online Msc degree in Philosophy, Science and Religion. University of Edinburgh.
- 2017 – Advisory Committee, Social Scientific and Social Humanities Study of Science and Religion International Research Network
- 2016 – Social Science Advisor, Project on Science and Orthodoxy Around the World. National Hellenic Research Foundation. Athens, Greece.
- 2015 – 17 Member of the Committee on Human Gene Editing: Scientific, Medical and Ethical Considerations. National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine.
- 2014 – Member of the Advisory Board. Project on: “Clash Narratives in Context: Uncovering the Social and Cultural Drivers of Contemporary Science vs. Religion Debates. Coventry University; York University, Canada; the British Library; the British Science Association.
- 2013 – Member of the External Review Committee, Department of Sociology, San Diego State University
- 2012 – 15 Member of the Advisory Board, “Scientists and Religious Communities: Investigating Perceptions to Build Understanding” grant. American Association for the Advancement of Science and Rice University.
- 2012 – Co-creator and current co-facilitator of the Network for the Social Scientific Study of Science and Religion
- 2011 – 15 Member of the Advisory Board, “Religion Among Scientists in International Context” grant. Rice University.
- 2011 – 12 Member of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Working Group on the Status of Religion in American Sociology
- 2011 – 14 Elected Member of the Council of the Sociology of Religion Section of the ASA

- 2010 – 11 Member of the Council Subcommittee on the NRC Ratings, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2010 – 13 Elected Member of the Council of the Cultural Sociology Section of the ASA
- 2010 – 15 Member of the Preliminary Review Panel for Sociology, The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009 – 10 Ethical Issues in Synthetic Biology Working Group. The Hastings Center.
- 2008 – 09 Member, Nominations Committee. Sociology of Religion Section, ASA
- 2008 Program Committee. Sociology of Religion Section, ASA meetings
- 2007 – 08 Member of the Religion Survey Data Expansion Project, John Templeton Foundation.
- 2007 Program Committee. Sociology of Religion Section, ASA meetings
- 2005 Program Co-chair. Mini-conference on the Sociology of Bioethics. Washington, DC., April
- 2004 Member of Planning Group. Development of the cultural authority of science module for the 2006 General Social Survey
- 2004 – 06 Member of Advisory Panel, Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy, ASA
- 2004 Book of the Year Award Committee, Sociology of Culture Section, ASA
- 2002 Chair, Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Religion Section, ASA
- 2002 Program Committee, Sociology of Religion Section, ASA
- 2001 Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Religion Section, ASA
- 2000 Member, Nominating Committee, Cultural Sociology Section, ASA
- 1996 – 97 Religion and Biotechnology Policy Working Group. The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, NY

University Administrative Committees

- 2016-17 Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Social Basis of Knowledge, Learning and Creativity
- 2016-17 Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Social Implications of Science, Technology and Medicine
- 2015– 17 Member, Oversight Committee, Joint FTE Initiative in Practical Ethics
- 2015– 17 Member, Oversight Committee, Joint FTE Initiative in Knowledge, Learning and Creativity
- 2015 – 16 Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Bioethics. School of Medicine and Philosophy
- 2012 – 13 Social Science Representative to Council of Chairs Working Group on the University Strategic Planning Process
- 2010 – 11 Diversity General Education Requirement Committee, Council of Provosts and Senior Vice-Chancellor’s Office
- 2010 Faculty Steering Committee, Dimensions of Culture Program, Thurgood Marshall College
- 2009 – 11 Chair of the Board of Directors. Burke Lectureship in Religion on Religion and Society

- 2007 – 09 Vice-chair of the Board of Directors. Burke Lectureship in Religion on Religion and Society
- 2005 – Chancellor’s Representative to Board of Directors. Burke Lectureship on Religion and Society
- 2006 – Faculty Advisory Committee, Health Care – Social issues Interdisciplinary Program
- 2005 – 11 Member of Planning Group. Yankelovich Workshops in Religion and Public Life
- 2005 – 06 Extended Study and Public Service Committee
- 2003 – 08 Faculty member, Graduate Program in Research Ethics
- 2002 – Faculty member, Program for the Study of Religion
- 2000 – 01 Steering Committee, Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Group, College of Letters and Science (UCLA)
- 2000 – 01 Advisory Committee to the Undergraduate Inter-departmental Program in the Study of Religion (UCLA)
- 2000 – 01 Governing Board, Center for the Study of Religion (UCLA)

Departmental Service

- 2011 – 14 Chair
- 2009 – 11 Vice-Chair
- 2010 – 11 Colloquium Committee
- 2007 – 09 Graduate Placement Director
- 2005 – 09 Organizing Committee, Annual UCSD Culture Conference
- 2008 – 09 Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee
- 2006 – 07 Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee
- 2005 – 06 Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee
- 2003 – 05 Chair, Graduate Recruitment Committee
- 2002 – 03 Member, Graduate Recruitment Committee
- 2002 – 11 Founder and Co-convener, Culture and Society Workshop
- 2000 – 01 Co-convener. Working group on the Sociology of Beliefs and Knowledge

Public Service Activity

- 2016 “What is a Human and How Should We Treat Them?” Educational Forum, Cambridge UK Secondary School Consortium. November.
- 2013 “The History and Future of Bioethics.”
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Bioethics Committee. May.
San Diego Medical Society Bioethics Committee. October.
- 2009 – 12 Advisory Board Member. Documentary: “Cracking Your Genetic Code.” NOVA, WGBH Boston and the Hastings Center.
- 2007 “The Stem Cell Challenge: Genes and Society.” Edinburgh International Book Festival, Edinburgh, Scotland. August
- 2004 “From the Extremist Elites to the ‘Reasonable Middle’ Public.” Panel on Religion, Science and Public Policy. Western Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, University of Southern California. Training seminar for American journalists. September