

Curriculum Vitae

28 September 2026

Thomas A. Tweed

Email: ttweed@nd.edu

Experience:

- 2026- W. Harold and Martha Welch Professor Emeritus. American Studies and History.
University of Notre Dame.
- 2013-25 W. Harold and Martha Welch Professor of American Studies and Professor of
History. Faculty Fellow in the Institute for Latino Studies, Liu Institute for Asia and
Asian Studies, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, and Kroc Institute
for International Peace Studies. University of Notre Dame
- 2018-19 Founding Director. The Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion.
Keough
School of Global Affairs. University of Notre Dame
- 2015-18 Chair, Department of American Studies, University of Notre Dame
- 2008-13 Shive, Lindsay, and Gray Professor of Religion, Department of Religious Studies.
Faculty Affiliate in American Studies, Asian American Studies, and Mexican American
Studies. University of Texas at Austin
- 2006-08 Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
- 2002-06 Zachary Smith Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies
Adjunct Professor of American Studies, University of North Carolina
- 2000-01 Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies
Adjunct Professor of American Studies, University of North Carolina
- 1999-2004 Associate Dean for Undergraduate Curricula, College of Arts and Sciences,
University of North Carolina
- 1999-2000 Founding Director, First Year Seminar Program, University of North Carolina
- 1996-2000 Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies
Adjunct Associate Professor of American Studies, University of North Carolina
- 1993-96 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina

1988-93 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Miami.

Education:

March 1989 Ph.D., Religious Studies, Stanford University

1986-87 Exchange Scholar, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University

June 1983 M.A., Religious Studies, Stanford University

Summer 1980 American Institute of Buddhist Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

June 1979 M.T.S., Harvard University, The Divinity School

March 1977 B.S., Human Development, Pennsylvania State University

Publications:

BOOKS:

Religion in the Lands That Became America: A New History (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2025).

- Awarded the Philip Schaff Prize for the best book in the history of Christianity. American Society of Church History.
- Finalist. PROSE Award for Excellence in North American/US History. Association of American Publishers.
- Audiobook edition: Narrated by James Laurie (Newark, NJ: Audible, 2025). Released July 1.

Religion: A Very Short Introduction (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020).

- Audiobook edition: Narrated by Al Kessel (Old Saybrook, CT: Tantor Media, 2021).
- Turkish translation: *Din* [Religion], Deniz Keskin, trans. (Istanbul: Türkiye İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları, 2024).

“America’s Church”: The National Shrine and Catholic Presence in the Nation’s Capital (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011). Won the 2012 “Award for Excellence” from the American Academy of Religion.

- Russian translation: *Церковь Америки* [Tserkov' Ameriki]. Olga Terpugova, trans. Contemporary Religious and Theological Studies Series. BiblioRossica (Newton, MA: Academic Studies Press, 2025).
- eBook edition: December 2025.

Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006).

- Paperback edition: 2008.

Our Lady of the Exile: Diasporic Religion at a Cuban Catholic Shrine in Miami. Religion in America Series. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1997). Won the 1998 “Award for Excellence” from the American Academy of Religion.

- Paperback edition: 2002.

The American Encounter with Buddhism, 1844-1912: Victorian Culture and the Limits of Dissent. Revised paperback edition, with a new preface. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000).

- Japanese translation of chapter 3: In *Budda no henbo*, eds., SUEKI Fumihiko, HAYASHI Makoto, OTANI Eiichi, and YOSHINAGA Shin'ichi, eds. (Kyoto: Hozokan, 2014), 179-213.
- Korean translation of the book: 미국과 불교의 만남 [The American Encounter with Buddhism] (Flushing, NY: Modern Buddhism, 2016).

The American Encounter with Buddhism, 1844-1912: Victorian Culture and the Limits of Dissent. Religion in North America Series. (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1992).

EDITED BOOKS:

Editor and Introduction. *Buddhism in the United States, 1844-1925*, 6 vols. (Bristol, United Kingdom: Ganesha Publishing; Tokyo, Japan: Edition Synapse, 2004). The series' six volumes reprint important primary sources for the study of America's encounter with Buddhism: Volume 1, *Contacts and Exchanges in Print Culture: Encountering Buddhism in U.S. Periodicals, 1844-1903*; Volume 2, *Imagining Buddhism's Founder*; Volume 3, *Challenging Buddhism's Popularity*; Volume 4, *Answering Buddhism's Critics*; Volume 5, *Explaining Buddhism's Teachings*; Volume 6, *Presenting Convert Interpretations*. 2,700 pages.

Asian Religions in America: A Documentary History, co-edited with Stephen Prothero (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999). Named an "Outstanding Academic Book" for 1999 by *Choice*.

Retelling U.S. Religious History (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997).

Editor and Introduction. *Dictionary of All Religions and Religious Denominations*, by Hannah Adams, Classics in Religious Studies Series, reprint (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1992; and New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), vii-xxxiv.

BOOK FOREWORDS AND AFTERWORDS:

"Afterword: Narrating Catholic History." In *Crossings and Dwellings: Restored Jesuits, Women Religious, American Experience, 1814-2014*. Series on Jesuit Studies. Kyle B. Roberts and Stephen R. Schloesser, S.J., eds. (Leiden: Brill, 2017), 725-731.

"Afterword: The Study of Religion and the Discourses of Indigeneity." In *The Handbook of Indigenous Religion(s)*. Gregory Johnson and Siv Ellen Kraft, eds. (Leiden: Brill, 2017), 378-386.

"Afterword: 'No Home Like a Raft': Repositioning the Narratives of U.S. Religious History," *Gods of the Mississippi*, edited by Michael Pasquier (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013), 205-215.

"Foreword," *American Buddhism as a Way of Life*, edited by Gary Storhoff and John Whalen-Bridge (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2110), xi-xii.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Geography and Religious Studies: Insights Gained, Opportunities Missed, and Collaborations Proposed,” in *Handbook of the Geographies of Religion*. Edited by Lily Kong, Orlando Woods, and Justin K. H. Tse (New York: Springer, 2024), 1103-1115.

“The Quotidian Turn: Interpretive Categories and Scholarly Trajectories,” in *Gestures: The Study of Religion in Practice*, Michiel Leezenberg, Anne-Marie Korte, and Martin van Bruinessen, eds. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2022), 279-302.

“Flows and Dams: Rethinking Categories for the Study of Religion.” In *Transnational Religious Spaces: Religious Organizations and Interactions in Africa, East Asia, and Beyond*, Philip Clart and Adam Jones, eds. (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2020), 10-32.

“Relevance [of the Study of Religion].” In Steven Engler and Michael Stausberg, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), 804-814.

“Religious Identity and Emigration from Latin America.” In *The Cambridge History of Religions in Latin America*, eds. Virginia Garrard-Burnett, Paul C. Freston, and Stephen D. Dove (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016), 680-689.

“Space.” In *Key Terms in Material Religion*. Edited by S. Brent Plate (New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015), 223-229.

“Theory and Method in the Study of Buddhism: Toward ‘Translocative’ Analysis.” In *Buddhism Beyond Borders: New Perspectives on Buddhism in the United States*. Edited by Scott A. Mitchell and Natalie E. F. Quli (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2015), 3-19.

“Following the Flows: Diversity, Santa Fe, and Method in Religious Studies.” In Peter C. Phan and Jonathan Ray, eds., *Understanding Religious Pluralism: Perspectives from Religious Studies and Theology* (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2014), 1-19.

“秘教主義者、合理主義者、ロマン主義者——欧米仏教徒の類型。” [Types of Western Buddhists: Esoteric, Rationalist, and Romantic]. In *Budda no henbo* [The Transformation of Buddha], eds., SUEKI Fumihiko, HAYASHI Makoto, OTANI Eiichi, and YOSHINAGA Shin'ichi, eds. (Kyoto: Hozokan, 2014), 179-213. Japanese translation of chapter 3 of my book, *The American Encounter with Buddhism, 1844-1912*.

“Smells and Bells: Buddhism, Catholicism, and the Therapeutic Aestheticism of William Sturgis Bigelow and Isabella Stewart Gardner,” in *Inventing Asia*, edited by Alan Chong and Noriko Murai (Boston: Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum; Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2014), 37-47.

“Buddhism, Art, and Transcultural Collage: Toward a Cultural History of Buddhism in the United States, 1945-2000,” in Charles L. Cohen and Ronald L. Numbers, eds., *Gods in America: Religious Pluralism in the United States* (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), 193-227.

“Marking Religion’s Boundaries: Constitutive Terms, Orienting Tropes, and Exegetical Fussiness,” in *Figuring Religions: Comparing Images, Ideas, and Activities*, ed. Shubha Pathak (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2013), 2-30. Reprint of my article from *History of Religions*.

“Who Is a Buddhist?,” in *The Study of Religion: A Reader*, edited by John S. Harding and Hillary Rodrigues (London: Routledge, 2013), 374-386. Reprint of my chapter from *Westward Dharma: Buddhism beyond Asia*.

モダニティの流れをたどるー（明治時代＝ビクトリア朝）ー 太平洋地域の仏教諸潮流。 [“Tracing Modernity’s Flows: Buddhist Currents in the (Meiji-Victorian) Pacific World”]. Translated by SIMAZU Esho. In *Kindai to Bukkyō* [Modernity and Buddhism]. SUEKI Fumihiko, ed. (Kyoto: *Nichibunken* [International Research Center for Japanese Studies], 2012), 27-42.

“John Wesley Slept Here: American Shrines and American Methodists.” Reprinted in Elizabeth Koepping, ed., *World Christianity: Critical Issues in Religious Studies*, vol. 4. (London: Routledge, 2011), 169-177.

“Religious Mediation, Variable Muteness, and Verbal Representation in Exhibitions,” in *A Place for Meaning: Art, Faith, and Museum Culture*, eds. Amanda Millay Hughes and Carolyn H. Wood (Chapel Hill: Ackland Art Museum, 2009): 244-246.

“Our Lady of Guadeloupe Visits the Confederate Memorial,” reprinted in Larry J. Griffin and Harry L. Watson, eds., *Southern Cultures: The Fifteenth Anniversary Reader, 1993-2008* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2008), 255-271.

“Buddhist Communities Abroad,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Global Religions*, Mark Juergensmeyer, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), 161-172.

“Our Lady of Guadeloupe Visits the Confederate Memorial: Latino and Asian Religions in the South,” in *Religion in the Contemporary South: Changes, Continuities, and Contexts*, Corrie E. Norman and Don S. Armentrout, eds. (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 2005), 139-58.

“Diasporic Nationalism and Urban Landscape: Cuban Immigrants at a Catholic Shrine in Miami,” reprinted in *Religion and American Culture: A Reader*, 2nd ed. David G. Hackett, ed. (New York and London: Routledge, 2003), 497-513.

“Who is a Buddhist?” in *Westward Dharma: Buddhism beyond Asia*, Charles Prebish and Martin Baumann, eds. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002), 17-33.

“Between the Living and the Dead: Fieldwork, History, and the Interpreter's Position,” in *Personal Knowledge and Beyond: Reshaping the Ethnography of Religion*, James V. Spickard, J. Shawn Landres, and Meredith B. McGuire, eds., (New York: New York University Press, 2002), 63-74.

“‘America's Church’: Roman Catholicism and Civic Space in the Nation's Capital,” in *The Visual Culture of American Religions*, Sally Promey and David Morgan, eds., (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2001), 129-57.

“Diasporic Nationalism and Urban Landscape: Cuban Immigrants at a Catholic Shrine in Miami,” in *The Gods of the City: Religion and the Contemporary American Urban Landscape*, ed. Robert A. Orsi (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999), 151-74.

“Nightstand Buddhists and Other Creatures: Sympathizers, Adherents, and the Study of Religion,” in *American Buddhism: Methods and Findings in Recent Scholarship*, ed. Duncan Ryuken Williams and Christopher S. Queen (Surrey, U.K.: Curzon Press, 1999), 71-90.

“An Emerging Protestant Establishment: Religious Affiliation and Public Power on the Urban Frontier in Miami, 1896-1904,” reprinted in *American Church History: A Reader*, ed. Henry Warner Bowden and P. C. Kemeny (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998), 303-13.

“Asian Religions in America: Reflections on an Emerging Subfield,” in *Religious Diversity and American Religious History: Studies in Traditions and Cultures*, ed. Walter H. Conser, Jr. and Sumner B. Twiss (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1997), 189-217.

REFEREED ARTICLES:

“Reimagining Power and Placemaking: Reflections on the 20th Anniversary of *Crossing and Dwelling*.” *Religious Studies Review* 52.4 (2027). In press.

“‘Liberal’ and ‘Liberalism’ in American Religious History: A Response.” In Elesha Coffman, Janine Giordano Drake, Mark Thomas Edwards, Gale Kenny, Thomas A. Tweed, Gene Zubovich, “Forum: Exchange on the History of American Liberal Protestantism,” *Church History* 95 (2026): 1–24. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640726103515>.

“Reimagining Troubled Pasts and Sustainable Futures: Religion and Post-Brexit Northern Ireland,” *Irish Studies in International Affairs* 35.2 (2024): 83-98.

“O estudo interdisciplinar de geografia e religião: uma abordagem pragmática,” tradução de Eduardo R. Cruz, *Último Andar*, 25.39 (2022): 1-27.
<https://doi.org/10.23925/ua.v25i39.57586>. Portuguese translation of my article, “The Interdisciplinary Study of the Geography of Religion.”

“‘Religion’s Engine:’ Theorizing Religion and Modernity.” Contribution to a Forum on *God in Gotham: The Miracle of Religion in Modern Manhattan*. By Jon Butler. *Church History* 90.1 (March 2021): 6-10.

“On Narratives, Niches, and Religion: A Response to Jonathan Marks.” *Philosophy, Theology, and the Sciences* 3 (2016): 183-187.

“AAR Presidential Address: *Valuing* the Study of Religion: Improving Difficult Dialogues within and beyond the AAR’s ‘Big Tent.’” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 84.2 (June 2016): 287-322.

“Toward a Translocative History of Occult Buddhism: Flows and Confluences, 1881-1912.” *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research* (May 2015): 423-433.

“After the Quotidian Turn: Interpretive Categories and Scholarly Trajectories in the Study of Religion since the 1960s,” *Journal of Religion* 95.3 (July 2015): 361-385.

“The Interdisciplinary Study of Geography and Religion: A Pragmatic Approach.” *Relegens Thréskeia: Revista de Pesquisas e Estudos em Religião* (Brazil) 3.2 (2014): 1-27.

“Beyond ‘Surreptitious Staring’: Migration, Missions, and the Generativity of Mormonism for the Comparative and Transnational Study of Religion,” *Mormon Studies Review* 1.1 (2014): 17-28.

“Catholic Studies after the Quotidian Turn: A Response.” Response to four reviews of my book, *America’s Church*, in a “Review Symposium.” *American Catholic Studies* 123.4 (Winter 2012): 82-87. The Catholic Press Association gave this review forum *honorable mention* for Best Review at their annual convention in June 2012.

“Beikoku okarutizumu to nihon bukkō: A. J. Edomanzu to Suzuki Daisetsu, soshite toransurokativu na rekishi jujutsu.” Translated by KIRIHARA Kenshin and Orion KLAUTAU. *Nenpō nihon shisōshi* [*The Annual of Japanese Intellectual History*], v. 11 (March 2012): 1-31. Japanese translation of my article, “American Occultism and Japanese Buddhism: Albert J. Edmunds, D.T. Suzuki, and Translocative History.”

Co-authored with Timothy Matovina. “Migration Matters: Perspectives from Theology and Religious Studies.” *Apuntes: Reflexiones Teológicas desde el Contexto Hispano-Latino* 32.1 (Spring 2012): 4-20.

“Tracing Modernity’s Flows: Buddhist Currents in the Pacific World.” Special Issue: Buddhism and Modernity. *Eastern Buddhist* [Japan] 43.1 (Fall 2012): 1-22.

“Space.” Special Issue on “Key Words in Material Religion.” *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art, and Belief* 7.1 (2011): 116-123.

“Theory and Method in the Study of Buddhism: Toward ‘Translocative’ Analysis.” *Journal of Global Buddhism* 12 (2011): 17-32.

“Expanding the Study of U.S. Religion: Reflections on the State of a Subfield.” *Religion* 40 (2010): 250-258. In March 2013 the journal reported that this was one of its top ten most cited articles between 2008 and 2013.

“Mary’s Rain and God’s Umbrella: Religion, Identity, and Modernity in the Visionary Art of a Chicana Painter.” *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art, and Belief* 6.3 (Nov. 2010): 274-303.

“Toward the Study of Vernacular Intellectualism.” *Contemporary Buddhism: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 11.2 (Nov. 2010): 281-286.

“Crabs, Crustaceans, Crabiness, and Outrage: A Response.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 77.2 (2009): 445-459. Contribution to a “Book Review Symposium” on my book *Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion*.

“Why Are Buddhists So Nice?: Media Representations of Buddhism and Islam since 1945.” Contribution to the Forum on “Western Dharma: Visual Media and the Reception of Buddhism in North America and Europe.” *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art, and Belief* 4.1 (2008): 91-93.

Contribution to the Forum “How the Graduate Study of Religion and American Culture Has Changed in the Past Decade.” *Religion and American Culture* 17.1 (Winter 2007): 18-25.

“The Spiritual Origins of the Freer Gallery of Art: Religious and Aesthetic Inclusivism and the First American Buddhist Vogue, 1879-1907,” *The Journal of American and Canadian Studies* [Japan], No. 24 (2006): 41-59.

“‘The Seeming Anomaly of Buddhist Negation:’ American Encounters with Buddhist Distinctiveness, 1858-1877,” reprinted in the serial *Nineteenth-Century Literature Criticism*, vol. 164, on “Buddhism in the Nineteenth Century Western World,” ed. Jessica Bomarito and Russell Whitaker (2006): 18-35.

“American Occultism and Japanese Buddhism: Albert J. Edmunds, D.T. Suzuki, and Translocative History,” *Japanese Journal of Religious Studies* [Japan] 32.2 (Fall 2005): 249-81.

“Marking Religion’s Boundaries: Constitutive Terms, Orienting Tropes, and Exegetical Fussiness,” *History of Religions*, 44.3 (February 2005): 252-76.

“Our Lady of Guadeloupe Visits the Confederate Memorial,” *Southern Cultures* (Summer 2002): 72-93.

the “On Moving Across: Translocative Religion and the Interpreter’s Position,” *Journal of American Academy of Religion*, 70.2 (June 2002): 253-77.

Contribution to a Forum on “Teaching the Introductory Course on American Religion,” *Religion and American Culture*, 12.1 (Winter 2002): 1-8.

“John Wesley Slept Here: American Shrines and American Methodists,” *Numen: International Review for the History of Religions*, 47 (Spring 2000), 41-68.

“Proclaiming Catholic Inclusiveness: Ethnic Diversity and Ecclesiastical Unity at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,” *U.S. Catholic Historian*, 18 (Winter 2000), 1-18.

“Identity and Authority at a Cuban Shrine in Miami: Santería, Catholicism, and Struggles for Religious Identity,” *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* 4 (August 1996): 27-48.

“An Emerging Protestant Establishment: Religious Affiliation and Public Power on the Urban Frontier in Miami, 1896-1904,” *Church History*, 64 (September 1996): 412-37.

“Inclusivism and the Spiritual Journey of Marie de Souza Canavarro,” *Religion* 24 (January 1994): 43-58.

“An American Pioneer in the Study of Religion: Hannah Adams (1755-1831) and Her *Dictionary of All Religions*,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 60.3 (December 1992): 437-64.

“‘The Seeming Anomaly of Buddhist Negation:’ American Encounters with Buddhist

Distinctiveness, 1858-1877,” *Harvard Theological Review* 83.1 (January 1990): 65-92.

REFERENCE BOOK ENTRIES:

“Hannah Adams” (900 words), *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2nd ed., vol. 1, Lindsay Jones, ed. (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2005), 30-32.

“New Immigration” (750 words) and “Buddhism” (500 words) in *Encyclopedia of Religion in the South*, 2nd ed., Samuel S. Hill and Charles Lippy, eds. (Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 2005).

“United States [Buddhism in the]” (2500 words). *Encyclopedia of Buddhism*, ed. Robert E. Buswell, Jr. (New York: Macmillan, 2003), vol 2: 864-70.

“Shrines” (1200 words) and “Pilgrimage” (1500 words) in *Contemporary American Religion*, 2 vols., ed. Wade Clark Roof (New York: Macmillan, 1999), 2: 534-36; 674-76.

“Buddhists,” in *Encyclopedia of American Immigrant Cultures*, 2 vols., ed. David Levinson,

Sponsored by the Human Relations Area Files (New York: Macmillan, 1997), 1: 104-12.

“Christian Examiner,” in *Popular Religious Magazines of the United States*, ed. Mark Fackler and Charles H. Lippy (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood, 1995), 121-26.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS:

“Interpretive Scales and Interpreters’ Interests: Reflections on the Geographical Framing of the History of US Religion.” *Proceedings of the Fourth Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture* (Indianapolis: Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, 2015), 36-38.

“Documenting North American Religions: The Role of the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative.” *Proceedings of the EBTI, ECAI, and PNC Joint Meeting: 1999* (Taipei, Taiwan: Academia Sinica, 1999), 503-14.

ONLINE ARTICLES, INTERVIEWS, AND PODCASTS:

2026 “Religion and Place.” Interviewed for the ReligionWise podcast. The episode focused on my work, including *Religion in the Lands That Became America*. The Institute for Religious and Cultural Understanding at Muhlenberg College. <https://religionwise.buzzsprout.com/>

“What the Declaration of Independence does—and doesn’t—say about God.” *The Conversation*, April 24, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AAI.rer4yhdj>. Reposted on July 4 in their daily newsletter. Reprinted by *Religion News Service*, *St. Louis Jewish Light*, and linked

in the politics newsletter by Michael Sean Winters, *National Catholic Reporter*, April 29. (20,500 reads)

“America Is a Shared Responsibility.” Contribution to an article posted on X that includes six faculty members’ perspectives on the meaning of America 250. Notre Dame News. July 3.

“A New Approach to Studying Religion in the Lands That Became America.” A reprint of the Introduction of my book in *Church Life Journal*, a journal of the McGrath Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame. March 3.

<https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/a-new-approach-to-religion-in-the-lands-that-became-america/>

- 2025 “How the Plymouth Pilgrims Took Over Thanksgiving—and Who History Left Behind.” *The Conversation*, November 13. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AAI.aqcs7gywp>. Reprinted by *Religion News Service* (November 17), *The Conversation U.S.* (November 18), *PBS News* (November 23), and other national and international news outlets. (168,000 reads)
- The French translation: “Thanksgiving: derrière l’histoire populaire des pèlerins et des « Indiens », de nombreux oubliés...” *The Conversation France*, November 26, 2025. <https://doi.org/10.64628/AAK.tjw5uff9w>

“Documenting the Emergence of a White Male Protestant Establishment.” Invited contribution to “Back Pages: The Present in Retrospect.” *American Religion* 16 October 2025, <https://www.american-religion.org/back-pages/documenting-the-emergence-of-a-white-male-protestant-establishment>

“Hope, Despair, and American History: An Academic Life Bonus Discussion with Dr. Thomas A. Tweed.” *Academic Life Newsletter*. 19 August 2025, https://christinagessler.substack.com/p/hope-despair-and-american-history?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=email-restack-comment&r=4enka&triedRedirect=true

Podcast: Interview about “Religion in the Lands That Became America.” “Academic Life” hosted by Dr. Christina Gessler. 29 July 2025, <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/religion-in-the-lands-that-became-america/id153934162?i=1000719608162>

Podcast: Interview about *Religion in the Lands That Became America*. “Theology in the Raw” hosted by Preston Sprinkle. 4 July 2025, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6ieJ9hSvfk>

Podcast: Interview about *Religion in the Lands That Became America*. “Is America a Christian Nation?” Kahlil Greene’s “History Can’t Hide” [Substack](#) podcast. 24 June 2025.

“Did Washington Kneel in Prayer at Valley Forge?” Yale University Press Blog. 1 July 2025, <https://yalebooks.yale.edu/2025/07/01/did-washington-kneel-in-prayer-at-valley-forge/>

“Thomas Tweed’s Religion in the Lands That Became America,” The Page 99 Test, 26 May 2025, <https://page99test.blogspot.com/2025/05/thomas-tweeds-religion-in-lands-that.html>

“Thomas Tweed’s *Religion in the Lands That Became America*.” Lecture. Congregational Library & Archives. Boston. 14 May 2025.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfFltKmfWo>

- 2024 “On Failing Generatively: A Response,” *Retelling US Religious History: A Roundtable Retrospective*,” *American Religion* 6.1 (Spring 2024),
<https://www.american-religion.org/retelling/onfailing>. (Response to a roundtable about my edited volume, *Retelling US Religious History*, on the 25th anniversary of its publication.)

“Reframing the Past and Imagining the Future of Post-Brexit Northern Ireland,” *Contending Modernities*, Keough School of Global Affairs, 6 February 2024, Turbulent Religions, Alternative Futures Series,

<https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/theorizing-modernities/reframing-past-imagining-future-northern-ireland/>.

- 2017 “Thinking Normatively about Culture.” Invited response to Richard B. Miller’s *Friends and Other Strangers: Studies in Religion, Ethics, and Culture* (Columbia UP, 2016). *Religion and Culture Forum*, The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago, 15 May 2017, <http://voices.uchicago.edu/religionculture/>

Podcast. “Some Challenges of Religious Studies, with Thomas Tweed.” The Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship. MI Podcast #58. Recorded December 2016 and posted 17 January 2017. Interview about my AAR presidential address and the state of the academic study of religion in North America. <http://mi.byu.edu/tag/podcast/>.

- 2016 Introduction to “Normativity in the Study of Religion: A Dialogue about Theology and Religious Studies.” A Conversation between Graham Ward and Ann Taves. *Religious Studies News*. 22 March, <http://rsn.aarweb.org/articles/normativity-study-religion-dialogue-about-theology-and-religious-studies>.

“A Word with a Professor.” Notre Dame Admissions. Student Corner. 8 February 2016, <http://ndadmissions.tumblr.com/post/138929098611/a-word-from-a-professor>

- 2015 “A (Second) Conversation with AAR President, Thomas Tweed.” *Religious Studies News* 28 September 2015.

“A Conversation with AAR President, Thomas A. Tweed,” *Religious Studies News*, 8 April 2015, pp. 1-4.

- 2014 “Five Minutes with Thomas Tweed.” USAPP. Blog on American Politics and Policy. London School of Economics and Political Science, 13 February 2014, <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2014/02/13/five-minutes-with-thomas-tweed/>

- 2013 “Why Are Buddhists So Nice?: Buddhism and Islam in the American Imagination.” *Tricycle: The Buddhist Review*. October 29, 2013. Reprint of my article for *Material Religion*.
- 2012 “Texas: A Longhorn Remembers the Alamo.” [“Liberty Constrained: Freedom, Evil, and the Shared Sense of Siege in Texas’ Political Culture.”] The States of the Union Project. *Religion and Politics: An Online Journal*. The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University in St. Louis. 9 May 2012.
- 2011 “John Cage (1912-1992).” *Frequencies: A Collaborative Genealogy of Spirituality*. A digital compendium. Produced by Immanent Frame and Killing the Buddha. 22 November 2011, <https://frequencies.ssrc.org/2011/11/22/john-cage-1912-1992/>
- “America’s Three Rules for Religious Competition (and How Catholics Follow Them).” *The Huffington Post*, July 25, 2011. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com>.
- “Thomas Tweed’s *America’s Church*.” Contribution to *The Page 99 Test*. July 26, 2011. <http://page99test.blogspot.com/>.
- 1998 “Islam in America: From African Slaves to Malcolm X,” in *Divining America*. National Humanities Center’s site for High School History Teachers, <http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/tserve/twenty/tkeyinfo/islam.htm>. 1998.
Reprinted in *The Spirit of A.I.M.*, Newsletter of the Association of Interfaith Ministers, vol. 9 (1999).

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of *Imperial Stewards: Chinese Art and the Making of America’s Pacific Century*, by K. Ian Shin. *Journal of American History* (600 words). In press..

Review of *American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War*, by Duncan Ryūken Williams. *History of Religions* 60.4 (2021): 368-370. (750 words)

Review of *The Fight for Asian American Civil Rights: Liberal Protestant Activism, 1900–1950*, by Sarah M. Griffith. *Journal of American History* 106.4 (2021): 1101. (500 words)

Review of *Religion, Culture, and Politics in the Twentieth-Century United States*, by Mark Hulsether. *American Studies* 48.4 (Winter 2007): 149-150 (500 words). Appeared 2009.

Review of *Saints and Their Cults in the Atlantic World*, ed. by Margaret Cormak, *Church History*, 76.4 (Dec. 2007): 890-892. (1,000 words).

Review of *American Apostle of the Family Rosary: The Life of Patrick J. Peyton, CSC*, by Richard Gribble, *American Catholic Studies* 117.4 (Winter 2006): 74-76. (500 words).

Review of *Habits of Devotion: Catholic Religious Practice in Twentieth-Century America*, ed. by James M. O'Toole, *American Historical Review* 110.5 (Dec. 2005): 1550-51. (1,000 words)

Book Note. *Religions in Asian America: Building Faith Communities*, ed. by Pyong Gap Min and Jung Ha Kim, *Religious Studies Review* 30 (July 2004). (200 words)

Review of *Religion and the American Nation: Historiography and History* by John F. Wilson, *The Catholic Historical Review* 90 (April 2004): 346-47. (500 words).

Book Note. *Religion and the New Republic: Faith in the Founding of America*, ed. by James H. Hutson, *Religious Studies Review*, 29 (October 2003): 385. (200 words)

Review of *Protestants and Pictures: Religion, Visual Culture, and the Age of American Mass Production*, by David Morgan, *Journal of Religion*, 81 (July 2001): 468-470. (1,000 words)

Review of *Gatherings in Diaspora: Religious Communities and the New Immigration*, eds. R. Stephen Warner and Judith G. Wittner, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, 19 (Winter 2000): 136-39. (1500 words)

Book Note. *The White Buddhist: The Asian Odyssey of Henry Steel Olcott*, by Stephen Prothero, *Religious Studies Review*, 23 (1997): 203. (200 words)

Review of *Old Wisdom in the New World: Americanization in Two Immigrant Theravada Buddhist Temples*, by Paul David Numrich, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 36 (March 1997): 124-26. (750 words)

Review of *Puerto Rican and Cuban Catholics in the U.S., 1900-1965*, ed. by Jay P. Dolan and Jaime R. Vidal, *Journal of Religion* 77 (January 1997): 151-52. (500 words)

Review of *Vedanta for the West*, by Carl T. Jackson, *Journal of American History*, (June 1995): 286-87. (450 words)

Review of *American Transcendentalism and American Culture*, by Arthur Versluis, *Journal of Religion*, 75 (April 1995): 322-23. (750 words)

Review of *East Asian Art and American Culture*, by Warren I. Cohen, *Journal of American History*, 80 (June 1993): 322-23 (500 words).

Review of *Belief and Behavior: Essays in the New Religious History*, ed. by Philip R. Van der Meer and Robert P. Swierenga. *Journal of American History* 79 (Sept. 1992): 620-21 (600 words).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

“Kudzu and Karma: An Overview of Buddhism in the South.” In the exhibition catalog, *From Cambodia to Greensboro: Tracing the Journeys of New North Carolinians*. Ed. by Barbara Lau. Greensboro: Greensboro Historical Museum, 2004, 5-13.

Co-Author. *Students in the Balance: General Education in the Research University* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University, 2002), 63 pp.

Editor and Co-author (with the participants in the Buddhism in North Carolina Project), *Buddhism and Barbecue: A Guide to Buddhist Temples in North Carolina* (Chapel Hill: The Buddhism in North Carolina Project, 2001), 72 pp.

Contribution to a Forum on “Why is Religion Important?” *Ideas* (periodical of the National Humanities Center), vol. 7, No. 2 (2000), 36.

and Yonat Shimron, “Liaisons Religieuses: Covering the Bible Belt.” *Religion in the News* 2.1 (Spring 1999): 10-11, 22.

“New Faiths in North Carolina: Buddhism,” *Tar Heel Junior Historian* 37 (Spring 1998): 34-35.

“Religion and Healing: Cultivating a Respectful Ambivalence,” *North Carolina Medical Journal*, 59 (May/June 1998): 186-87.

““Opening the Tomb of the Buddha’: Buddhism and the Early Years of the American Oriental Society,” *Newsletter of the American Oriental Society* (May 1996): 2-8.

“Diaspora Nationalism and Urban Landscape: Cuban Immigrants at a Catholic Shrine in Miami,” Working Paper Series, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, Series 27, No. 3, Fall 1995, 31 pp.

“Narrating American Religious History: A Progress Report on a Collaborative Project,” *Religious Studies News* (Sept. 1994): 12, 32.

with Helen Tworkov, “The Original Ray,” *Tricycle: The Buddhist Review* 1.1 (Fall 1991): 6-7.

Grants and Fellowships:

2020 Visiting Senior Research Fellow. Laudato Si’ Research Institute, Campion Hall, University of

- Oxford. Accepted the invitation to serve as fellow (Fall 2020). Cancelled because of the pandemic.
- 2019 Distinguished Fellow. Institute for Advanced Study. University of Notre Dame. Spring.
- Book Subvention Grant. Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts. For *Religion in the Lands That Became America* (Yale University Press).
- 2009 Visiting Research Fellow (*Gjesteforsker*). Institute for Archeology, History, Culture Studies, and Religion. University of Bergen. Norway.
- 2007 Principal Investigator. "Past, Present, and Future Contributions of Christianity to Society: Values, Character, and Science." Grant from the Templeton Foundation to support curricular efforts for the minor in Christianity and Culture. \$289,440. (I took over as principal investigator in 2007 after Christian Smith, the original P.I., left for another institution.)
- 2005 Travel Grant. Support for travel to Japan. University Center for International Studies and Office of the Associate Provost for International Affairs, UNC. Project Period: 3/05-4/05.
- 2003 Course Development Grant, "Transnational Buddhisms in Asia and America," Freeman Foundation Implementation Committee, Asia Center, UNC. Project Period: 5/03-8/03.
- Robertson Scholars Collaboration Grant, "Transnational Buddhisms in Asia and America." Robertson Scholars Program, Duke and UNC. Period: 8/03-12/03.
- 2002 The Pluralism Project, Harvard University, "Mapping the Religious Landscape of North Carolina: Buddhism in the Tar Heel State." Period: 5/02-8/02.
- 2000-1 Grant. North Carolina Humanities Council. "The Buddhism in North Carolina Project." Period: 12/1-6/01.
- 2000 National Endowment for the Humanities. Summer Stipend. "Locating Religion: A Spatial Interpretation of Religion in the U.S." Period: 5/00-8/00.
- The Pluralism Project, Harvard University, Lilly Endowment for the Humanities, Project Affiliate Grant, "Mapping the Religious Landscape of North Carolina: Buddhism in the Tar Heel State." Period: 5/00-5/01.
- 1997 Travel Grant. "America's Church." Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame. Period: 1/97-12/97.
- Endowment Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences for Scholarly Publications. For maps drawn for *Our Lady of the Exile* (Oxford University Press).

- University Research Council Grant. For work on "America's Church: The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C." Period: 5/97-5/98.
- IRSS summer stipend for a graduate research assistant. For work on "America's Church: The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C." Period: 5/97-7/97.
- 1996 Collaborative Grant. "A Documentary History of Asian Religions in America." American Academy of Religion. Period: 1/96-12/96.
- 1995 National Endowment for the Humanities. Fellowship for University Professors. Period: 6/94-6/95.
- The Pew Charitable Trusts. Collaborative Project on "Rewriting the Narratives of American Religious History." Period: 1/94-12/95.
- 1994 Junior Faculty Development Award. University of North Carolina. "Our Lady of the Exile." Period: 1/94-12/94.
- University Research Council Grant. University of North Carolina. "Our Lady of the Exile." Period: 12/93-11/95 (Used 4/94).
- 1993 Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture. Collaborative project on "Decentering American Religious History." Period: 1/93-12/93.
- 1992 National Endowment for the Humanities. Summer Stipend. "Religion and Ethnicity in Miami." Period: 5/92-8/92.
- Max Orovitz Summer Research Award in the Arts and Humanities. University of Miami.
- "Religion and Ethnicity in Miami." Period: 9/92-5/93 (Grant period was changed by University of Miami to allow acceptance of NEH award.)
- 1991 National Endowment for the Humanities. Travel to Collections Grant. "Hannah Adams: American Pioneer in the Study of Religion." Period: 5/91-8/91.
- American Academy of Religion. Collaborative Research Grant. Collaborative project on "Decentering American Religious History." Period: 1991-93.
- 1990 Max Orovitz Summer Research Award in the Arts and Humanities, University of Miami "Rethinking American Religious History." Period: 5/90-8/90.

1989 Max Orovitz Summer Research Award in the Arts and Humanities, University of Miami, "The American Encounter with Buddhism." Period: 5/89-8/89.

Honors and Fellowships:

2026 Awarded the 2027 Philip Schaff Prize for the best book in the history of Christianity. American Society of Church History.

2015 President of the American Academy of Religion (AAR).

2014 President-elect of the American Academy of Religion (AAR).

2013 Vice President of the American Academy of Religion (AAR)

2011 The 2012 Award for Excellence, American Academy of Religion, for best historical book on religion: *America's Church* (Oxford University Press, 2011).

2011-14 President. American Society for the Study of Religion (ASSR). <https://assr.clubexpress.com/>

2009 Visiting Research Fellowship (*Gjesteforsker*). Institute for Archeology, History, Culture Studies, and Religion. University of Bergen. Norway.

2008 Elected Vice President of the American Society for the Study of Religion

1999 Hettleman Fellow, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, University of North Carolina. Spring.

1998 The 1998 Award for Excellence, American Academy of Religion, for best historical book on religion: *Our Lady of the Exile* (Oxford University Press, 1997).

1997 Elected to membership in the American Society for the Study of Religion.

Awarded the Philip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement, UNC

"Favorite Faculty Award" by the Senior Class of 1997, UNC.

1994-95 National Endowment for the Humanities. Fellowship for University Teachers.

"Diasporic

Religion and Collective Identity at a Cuban-American Shrine in Miami." Period: 8/94-5/95.

1992-93 Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University Indianapolis, a two-year fellowship for "Young Scholars in American Religion" funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Professional Service:

- 2026 Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*.
- Advisory Board. Book series on *Catholic Practice in the Americas*. Fordham University Press.
- Mentor. Ph.D. and Early Career Scholars. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History. Chicago. January 6.
- Mentor. Early Career Scholars. The American Academy of Religion. Summer and Fall.
- 2025 Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*.
- Advisory Board. Book series on *Catholic Practice in the Americas*. Fordham University Press.
- Mentor. Ph.D. and Early Career Scholars. “Cup of Coffee Mentor-Mentee Program” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston. November 22.
- Mentor. Ph.D. and Early Career Scholars. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History. Chicago. January 4.
- 2024 Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*.
- Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.
- Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in the Americas*. Fordham University Press.
- 2023 Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*.
- Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.
- Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in the Americas*. Fordham University Press.
- 2022 Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*.

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in the Americas*. Fordham University Press.

2021 Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*.

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in the Americas*. Fordham University Press.

2020 Research Project Evaluator. *Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung* (FWF). The Austrian Science Fund is Austria's central organization for basic research.

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*.

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in the Americas*. Fordham University Press.

2019 Nominations Committee. American Academy of Religion (AAR).

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in North America*. Fordham University Press.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Buddhism*

2018 Nominations Committee. American Academy of Religion (AAR).

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in North America*. Fordham University Press.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Buddhism*

2017 Nominations Committee. American Academy of Religion (AAR).

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in North America*. Fordham University Press.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Buddhism*

2016 Co-Chair. Nominations Committee. American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in North America*. Fordham University Press.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Buddhism*

2015 President, American Academy of Religion (AAR)

Chair. Board of Directors. American Academy of Religion

Chair. Executive Committee. American Academy of

Religion Chair. Personnel Committee. American Academy

of Religion

Member. Audit Committee. American Academy of Religion

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*

Advisory Board. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Oxford Research Encyclopedias. Oxford University Press.

Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in North America*. Fordham University Press.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Buddhism*

2014 President-elect, American Academy of Religion (AAR).

Member. Board of Directors. American Academy of Religion.

Member. Executive Committee. American Academy of

Religion. Member. Audit Committee. American Academy of

Religion.

President. American Society for the Study of Religion (ASSR). January to April.

Member. Notre Dame Hosting Committee. Haitian Studies Association Annual Meeting on “Migration, Crossing Boundaries, Paths Forward.” November 6-8. Notre Dame, Indiana.

Consultant. Department of Religious Studies. Georgia State University. 12 September.

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*

2013 Vice President, American Academy of Religion

Member. Board of Directors. American Academy of Religion

Member. Executive Committee. American Academy of

Religion Member. Program Committee. American Academy of

Religion President, American Society for the Study of Religion

Chair. Executive Committee. American Society for the Study of Religion

The American Academy of Religion’s Representative to the International Association For the History of Religion (IAHR). Meeting in Liverpool in September 2013.

Advisory Board. *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. John Barton, Oxford University, editor-in-chief

Editorial Board. *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Research*

2012 Vice President. American Academy of Religion (after November

19) President. American Society for the Study of Religion.

Consultant. Graduate Education in the Study of Religion, USC School of Religion, 21 March

Committee Member. International Connections Committee. American Academy of Religion.

Advisory Network. Initiative for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion, Yale University, <http://mavcor.yale.edu/>.

Advisory Board. Religion News Service. <http://www.religionnews.com/>.

2011 President. American Society for the Study of Religion.

Committee Member. International Connections Committee. American Academy of Religion.

Advisory Network. Initiative for the Study of Material and Visual Cultures of Religion, Yale University, <http://mavcor.yale.edu/>.

2010-25 Advisory Board. Series on *Catholic Practice in North America*. Fordham University Press.

2009 External Reviewer. Department of Religious Studies. University of Colorado at Boulder. February 25-27.

External Reviewer. Department of Religious Studies. Indiana University at Bloomington. February 8-10.

Editorial Board. *Sociological*

Insight.

Vice President and Program Coordinator. American Society for the Study of Religion.

- 2008
American
Steering Committee. The Critical Theory and Discourses of Religion Group.
Academy of Religion.
- Vice President and Program Coordinator. American Society for the Study of Religion.
- 2007
External Reviewer. Department of Religious Studies. University of North Carolina at Greensboro. January 17-19.
- Steering Committee. The Critical Theory and Discourses of Religion Group.
American
Academy of Religion.
- 2007-08
Elected to the Executive Council, American Society for the Study of Religion.
- 2006
Program Committee for the Annual Meeting. North American Society for the Study of Religion. Washington, D.C.
- External Reviewer. Department of Religious Studies. Arizona State University.
January
26-27.
- Steering Committee. The Critical Theory and Discourses of Religion Group.
American
Academy of Religion.
- Executive Council. American Society for the Study of Religion.
- 2005
Elected to the Steering Committee. The Critical Theory and Discourses of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion. Served a three-year term.
- 2004
Elected to the Executive Council. American Society for the Study of Religion.
Served a three-year term.
- 2004
Consulted on and signed a Friend of the Court Brief. *Amicus Curiae Brief of Religious Scholars and Theologians*. Peter Irons, Counsel of Record for Amici. Supreme Court of the United States. No. 02-1624, Elk Grove Unified School District and David W. Gordon, Superintendent, Petitioners v. Michael A. Newdow, Respondent. February 13, 2004.
- 2002-05
Advisory Board. The Journalism, Religion, and Public Life Project, Foundation for American Communications, three-year project funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

- 2002 Reviewer. Rockefeller Foundation Fellowships in the Humanities. Rockefeller Foundation, New York.
- Program Committee. American Catholic Historical Association. Annual Meeting, Chicago, January, 2003.
- 2000-05 Advisory Board. Religion, Immigration, and Civil Society in Chicago Project. McNamara Center for the Social Study of Religion. Loyola University. Funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts as part of its Gateway City Projects.
- 2000-2004 Participant and Consultant. The Five Faiths Project on Religion and Art. Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation. Ackland Art Museum. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2000-19 Editorial Board, *Journal of Global Buddhism*
- 1997-99 Co-Chair, Religion in North America Section, American Academy of Religion
- 1999 External Reviewer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 1999-2003 Co-director, American Religious Experience Online project, centered at West Virginia University
- 1998-99 Co-director, North American Religions Team, the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative, an international project to create a database that includes maps, cultural information, and texts.
- 1997-2004 Associate Editor, *Church History*
- 1997-2011 Editorial Board, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*
- 1995-96 Steering Committee, Religion in North America Section, American Academy of Religion
- 1994-96 Committee on Book Awards, Historical Category, American Academy of Religion
- 1996 Reviewer, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park
- 1995-2000 Project Evaluator, Lilly Endowment for the Humanities
- 1993-2001 Reviewer, The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C.

1993-97 Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Division of Preservation & Access

Papers, Lectures, and Conference Participation:

2026 Plenary Address. “Reinventing Religion and Belonging: Judaism in American Religious History.” A session on my book, *Religion in the Lands That Became America: A New History*. American Jewish Historical Association. Cleveland. June 1.

Invited Lecture. Talk by Zoom for an undergraduate class on “Religion in America” at Florida State University that is using *Religion in the Lands That Became America*. September 15.

2025 Panelist. “Religious Studies Departments and Program Closures.” Presidential Plenary Discussion. American Academy of Religion. Boston. November 22.

Invited Lecture. *Religion in the Lands That Became America: A New History*. Co-sponsored by History, American Studies, and Religious Studies. Colby College. November 20.

Invited Interview. “Thomas Tweed and John Low: *Religion in the Lands That Became America*.” Interview and Q&A about my book. American Prophets Series: Writers, Religion, and Culture. American Writers Museum, Chicago. November 10.

Invited Lecture. “Flows, Dams, and Niches: Terms for Interpreting the Kinetics of Religion.” For the symposium “In the Flow: Religious Movements Through Space, Time, and Power.” Department of Religion. Princeton University. October 4.

Invited Lecture. “Retelling National Narratives and Recovering Shared Values: Historic Sources for Hope as America’s 250th Anniversary Approaches.” The J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies Lecture. Baylor University. September 10.

Invited Lecture. Talk and Q&A on my book, *Religion in the Lands That Became America*. Bryant Park Reading Room Non-Fiction Series. Produced in partnership with the New York Historical Society. New York City. July 30.

Invited Lecture. Talk and Q&A on my book, *Religion in the Lands That Became America*. Moreau College Initiative. Westville Correctional Facility. Westville, Indiana. March 28.

Invited Lecture. “Retelling the Religious History of the Lands That Became America.” Department of Religious Studies, Climate & Environmental Studies Program, and the Americanist Seminar (Dept. of History). Vanderbilt University. February 6.

Moderator. Session on “The Clergy Abuse Crisis: Land, Space, and Place.” Catholic Modernity in the Americas. Cushwa Center 50th Anniversary Conference. University of Notre Dame. April 11.

- 2024 Panelist. “‘In the Interest of Space’: The Challenges and Benefits of a ‘Very Short’ Introduction to Vatican II.” Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. University of Notre Dame. April 5.
- 2023 Respondent. “*Retelling U.S. Religious History: A Roundtable Discussion.*” (A North American Religions session marking the 25th anniversary of my edited book, *Retelling US Religious History*.) Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas. November 18.

Invited Talk. “Redescribing Contested Pasts and Imagining Sustainable Futures: Religious Conflict and Stressed Niches in the Lands That Became the US and Northern Ireland.” Workshop on “Turbulent Religions, Alternative Futures.” Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security, and Justice (Queens University) & Kroc Institute for Peace Studies (Notre Dame). Queens University Belfast, Northern Ireland. August 11.

Gallery Talk. “The US Catholic Context for the Notre Dame Columbus Murals.” Conference on “Routes and Roots: History and Literature of Travel, Exploration, and Cultural Interaction from Antiquity to Modernity.” Online and in-person. In collaboration with the Hakluyt Society and the American Friends of the Hakluyt Society. University of Notre Dame. April 26.

Respondent. Panel on “Crossing Waters: Undocumented Migration in the Hispanophone Caribbean.” Conference on “Routes and Roots: History and Literature of Travel, Exploration, and Cultural Interaction from Antiquity to Modernity.” In collaboration with the Hakluyt Society and the American Friends of the Hakluyt Society. University of Notre Dame. April 25.

Interviewer. “Oral Histories: The Pokagon Potawatomi and the University of Notre Dame” by John N. Low. The Notre Dame Native Initiative. University of Notre Dame. March 6.

- 2022 Panelist. “As Much Truth as One Can Bear:” Comments on *Obeah, Orisa, and Religious Identity in Trinidad*,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 21.

Presider. Session on “The Role of Crises in the Formation of Fields of Study: The Climate as Contemporary Crisis.” Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion: “Race, Ecology, and the Matter of Religion.” University of Chicago. April 23.

Moderator. Roundtable on “(How) Does Religion Really Matter?: Religion, Secularization, and Global Power,” Conference on Global Religion and American World-Making, University of Notre Dame, April 9.

- 2021 Panelist. “Toward a Media Commons: The Role of Books in Public-Facing Scholarship.” The Public Understanding of Religion Committee. Panel on “The Media Ecosystem in the Public Understanding of Religion.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Antonio. Virtual Session. November 20.

Respondent. Session on “Power and Politics in Transnational Religious Expressions.” Transnational Religious Expression: Between Asia and North America Seminar. Annual

- Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Antonio. Virtual Session. November 21.
- Invited Lecture. "Major's Seminar: Theories of Religion." Undergraduate Class. Religious Studies Department. Stanford University. By Zoom. February 24.
- Panelist. Online Book Discussion of *God in Gotham* (Harvard UP) by Jon Butler. Co-sponsored by the American Society of Church History and the Department of History, University of Minnesota. January 13.
- 2020 Panelist. "The Media Ecosystem in the Public Understanding of Religion." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston. November 22. Accepted. *Session Postponed until 2021 because of the pandemic.*
- Respondent. "Power and Politics in Transnational Religious Expressions. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Boston. November 22. Accepted. *Session Postponed until 2021 because of the pandemic.*
- 2018 Keynote Address. "Flows and Dams: Rethinking Categories for the Study of Transnationalism." Conference on "Transnational Religious Organizations and Space: Their Interaction in Africa and East Asia." Collaborative Research Center (SFB) in cooperation with the Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Leipzig. December 13.
- Invited Respondent. AAR Roundtable: "The Ethics of Comparison." Comparative Studies in Religion Unit. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Denver. November 18.
- Inaugural Lecture. "Engaging Religion." Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion. University of Notre Dame. October 25.
- Respondent. Panel on "Sustainable Habitats." Ansari Institute Conference on "Engaging Religion," University of Notre Dame. October 26.
- Participant. Working Group on "Re-examining Religion and Modernity in the Populist Moment." Contending Modernities Project. Kroc Institute for Peace Studies. Keogh School of Global Affairs. Chicago. June 5-6.
- Keynote Address. "Displacement and Emplacement: Themes for a Hemispheric History of Religion." Conference on "Religious Movement(s): Migration and Belief in the Americas." Centro de las Américas/Americas Center. University of Virginia. April 20.
- Invited Respondent. Response to Frank Clooney's *Slow Learning in Fast Times*. Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study and Department of Theology. April 16.
- Invited Panelist. Contribution to "A Roundtable on Grand Narratives." "Enduring Trends and New Directions: A Conference on the History of American Christianity in Honor of Mark Noll." University of Notre Dame. March 22.

- Invited Lecture. "Plurality, Plasticity, and Emplacement: Reflections on "Human Nature" from the Field and the Archives." Conference on "Theorizing Human Nature." Sponsored by the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Moral Theology Concentration at Notre Dame and Religious Ethics Concentration at the University of Chicago Divinity School. February 27.
- 2017 Invited Panelist. Response to *Dream Trippers: Global Daoism and the Predicament of Modern Spirituality* (Chicago, 2017). Anthropology of Religion and Comparative Studies in Religion Units. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston. 18 November.
- Response. "Negotiating Diversity Through Urban Landscapes" Space, Place, and Religion Unit. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Boston. 18 November.
- Invited Panelist. "Ecumenism and Pluralism at Notre Dame." Sorin Seminar for Faculty on the Mission of a Catholic University. 24 May.
- Plenary Address. "Strategic Empiricism in an Age of Alternative Facts; Or, How I Came to Love Facts Again." Midwestern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Bowling Green University. Muncie, Indiana. 5 March.
- Response. Panel on "Religion, Gender, and Sexuality." Midwestern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Bowling Green University. Muncie, Indiana. 5 March.
- Response. "Engaging Difference: Metaphors and Assumptions for a Metaethics of Peacebuilding: A Response to Reina Neufeldt." Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. 17 February.
- 2016 Invited Lecture. "Making Space for Catholicism in the University: The Case of US Religious History." Co-Sponsored by the Catholic Studies Program, Department of History, and Institute for the Humanities. University of Illinois at Chicago. 3 November.
- Introduction. Fatemeh Keshavarz, "Speaking Truth to Power: Candid Conversations with the Divine." American Lectures on the History of Religion. Co-sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. University of Notre Dame. 24 October.
- Invited Lecture. "In the Beginning: American Religion before Columbus." The Thomas Lamb Eliot Lecture. Reed College. Portland, Oregon. 15 September.
- Moderator. Panel on "Ecological Conversion: The Role of Faith in Development." Conference on "For the Planet and the Poor." Keough School of Global Affairs. University of Notre Dame. April 5.
- Invited Lecture. "Reframing Divisive Debates: Theology and Religious Studies." Faculty of Theology and Religion. Christ Church College and Campion Hall. Oxford University. 2 March.

Participant. Workshop on U.S. History. Faculty/Graduate Student collaboration between Notre Dame's History Department and Oxford's Rothermere American Institute. Oxford University. March 2-4.

- 2015 Presider, Organizer, and Introduction. Plenary Session on "Racial Injustice and Religious Response: Selma to Ferguson." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta. 21 November.

Presider, Organizer, and Introduction. "Open Session on the AAR's Revised Statement on Academic Freedom: A Conversation." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta. 21 November.

Presidential Address. "*Valuing* the Study of Religion: Improving Difficult Dialogues within and beyond the AAR's 'Big Tent.'" Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta. 22 November.

Presider, Organizer, and Introduction. Plenary Session on "The Moral Challenges of Research: A Panel on the AAR's Draft Statement on Responsible Research Practices." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta. 22 November.

Presider, Organizer, and Introduction. Plenary Session. "Normativity and the Academic Study of Religion: Reframing the Conversation about Theology and Religious Studies." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta. 23 November.

Panelist. "Considering Class: ND Faculty Reflect on Their Journey through College and the Professoriate." The AnBryce Forum on *Class, College, and the American Dream*. 4 November.

"Narratives, Niches, and Religion: A Response to John Marks." The Evolution of Wisdom Colloquium. University of Notre Dame. 26 June.

"Interpretive Scales and Interpreters' Interests: Reflections on the Geographical Framing of the History of U.S. Religion." Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture. Indianapolis. 5 June.

Participant. Conference on "Polarization in the U.S. Catholic Church." University of Notre Dame. 27-28 April.

Presider. A session on "Myth." Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion (ASSR). Rice University. Houston. 25 April.

Presider. A session on "Crime and Scandal in American Catholicism." American Catholic Historical Association (ACHA). University of Notre Dame. March 27.

- 2014 "Best Practices and Guiding Principles: Reflections on the Admission and Training of

Graduate Students.” Contribution to a session on “Graduate Training and Scholarly Formation.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego. 22 November.

Presider and Presenter. “Toward an AAR Code of Conduct.” Responsible Research Practices Seminar. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego. 23 November.

Presider. Presidential Address: Interrupting Your Life: An Ethics for the Coming Storm. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego. 23 November.

Presider. Session jointly sponsored by the AAR and the British Association for the Study of Religion. “Opportunities and Obstacles in Pilgrimage Study: Research Traditions in a Global Context.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego. 23 November.

Invited Workshop Leader. “Designing the Undergraduate Course.” Co-sponsored by the Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion Series and the American Religious History Workshop. University of Chicago. The Divinity School. 5 May.

Presider. Concluding Session: “Scale and the Study of Religion.” The Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion. 27 April.

Invited Lecture. “Religion’s Deep History: Cognitive Capacities, Archaeological Evidence, and Historical Narrative.” University of Oxford. School of Anthropology. Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology. 21 February.

Invited Lecture. “When Do We Start the Story?: Toward a Deep and Broad History of Religion.” Global History Seminar. Sponsored by the University of London’s Institute of Historical Research, the University of Notre Dame’s London Program, and the University of Oxford’s Centre for Global History. 20 February.

Invited Lecture. “Beyond the Box in the Cabinet: Methodological Reflections on Studying Religion’s Global Flows.” University of Edinburgh. New College. Religious Studies Seminar Series. 18 February.

Invited Lecture and Conversation. “Graduate School and After: Reflections on the State of Religious Studies.” University of Edinburgh. New College. 18 February.

Respondent. “The Transnational Turn and the Study of U.S. Protestantism: A Response.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C. 5 January.

2013 Invited Lecture and Consultation. Symposium on “Religion in America.” National Museum of American History. Smithsonian Institution. Washington, D.C. 5-6 December.

Respondent. "Overlapping Grids and Shifting Maps: Reflections on the Geographical Frame for the Study of Religion in the Americas." Cross-listed session (North American Religions Section; Anthropology of Religion Group; Asian North America Religion, Culture, and Society Group; North American Hinduism Group; Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Unit). Session on "Placing the Subfield." Annual Meeting. American Academy of Religion. Baltimore. 23 November.

Respondent. "The Afterlife of the Martyrs and the Future of the Study of Religion in the Americas. Response to Emma Anderson's *Death and Afterlife of the North American Martyrs*. Seminar on American Religion. Cushwa Center. University of Notre Dame. 16 November.

Respondent. Response to Mary Ellen Konieczny's *The Spirits Tether: Family, Work, and Religion among American Catholics*. Center for the Study of Religion and Society. University of Notre Dame. 19 September.

2012 Invited Lecture. "On the Study of Religion in the Americas." College of Liberal Arts Advisory Council, 9 November. University of Texas at Austin

Keynote Address. "Prefixes and Prepositions: On the Study of Religion in Motion." Conference on "Religion and the Trans." Northwestern University. 13 October.

Keynote Address. "Theory, Metaphor, and Method in the Study of Religion." Conference on 'Religious Pluralism in Europe and Asia: Conditions, Modes, and Consequences.' Co-sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin and the Käte Hamburger Kolleg at Ruhr-Universität Bochum. 28 September.

Invited Lecture. "The Subjunctive, the Indicative, and the Mood of Catholicism in the Capital, 1913-1959." The Cushwa Center Lecture. The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. University of Notre Dame. South Bend, Indiana. September 13.

Plenary Address. "Following the Flows: Santa Fe, Diversity, and Method in the Study of Religion." Conference on "Understanding Religious Pluralism." Georgetown University. Washington, D.C. 21 May.

Invited Lecture. "After the Quotidian Turn: Bridging Binaries in the Study of Religion in 'Everyday Life.'" Center for Religion and Civic Culture, Dornsife, University of Southern California. Los Angeles. 21 March.

"Toward a Translocative History of Occult Buddhism: Flows and Confluences, 1881-1912." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. Chicago. 7 January.

- “Contesting Protestants: A Material Rejoinder at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 1920-1931. Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association. Chicago. 5 January.
- 2011 “Theses on Narration.” Panel on “Narrativity in the Study of North American Religions.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Francisco. 19 November.
- Presider. “The Evidence of Religion in North America: A Roundtable.” North American Association for the Study of Religion. San Francisco. 19 November.
- Invited Lecture and “Visiting Scholar.” “Revising a Definition of Religion.” Swarthmore College and Haverford College Religion Colloquium. Colloquium on my book, *Crossing and Dwelling*. Swarthmore College. 28 October.
- Invited Lecture. “Tracing Modernity’s Flows: Buddhist Currents in the (Meiji-Victorian) Pacific World,” International Research Symposium on ‘Buddhism and Modernity,’ International Research Center for Japanese Studies (*Nichibunken*), Kyoto, Japan. 12 October.
- Invited Lecture. “After the ‘Transnational Turn’: Theory, Method, and the Translocative Study of Religion.” Institut für Religionswissenschaft. University of Heidelberg. Heidelberg, Germany. 14 June.
- Plenary Lecture. “Ordinary People and Everyday Life: Reflections on Method and Theory in the Study of the Religious Past.” Conference on “The Future of Religious Past.” Sponsored by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (*NOW*). Amsterdam, Netherlands. 16 June.
- Invited Lecture. “Dhammaloka in Context: Globalizing Buddhism at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.” Dhammaloka Day Conference. University College Cork, Cork, Ireland. 19 February.
- 2010 Response. Conference session on my book, *Crossing and Dwelling*. History of Christianity Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia. 30 October.
- Response. Symposium on my book, *Crossing and Dwelling*. Ohio State University. Center for the Study of Religion. Columbus, Ohio. 14 October.
- Invited Lecture. “Religion, Identity, and Modernity in the Work of a Latina Painter.” Ohio State University. Center for the Study of Religion. Columbus, Ohio. 14 October.
- Plenary Lecture. “Following the Flows: Reframing the Study of Buddhism.” Conference on “Buddhism without Borders.” Institute of Buddhist Studies. Berkeley, California. March 19.

- Invited Lecture. "A Catholic America?: Ritual and Architectural Claims on Civic Space in the Nation's Capital, 1913-1959." The Newman Lecture in Catholic Studies. Yale University. February 25.
- 2009 Invited Lecture. "Crossing and Dwelling: Reflections on a Transnational Theory of Religion," The Melburn G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Texas A&M University. November 19.
- Presider. Session on Recent Research on Immigrant Christianity in North America, World Christianity Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. November 8.
- Conference Paper. "Methodological Axioms for the Study of Place and Displacement," Special Topics Forum: Diasporas of Religion, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. November 7.
- Presider. "Workshop on Festivals." Sponsored by Religion i pluralistiske samfunn, University of Oslo, Norway. October 24.
- Plenary Lecture. "Following the Flows: Toward an Interdisciplinary Study of Geography and Religion." Conference on "From Topos to Topic: Recent Shifts in Spatial Approaches to Religion and Folklore," School of Cultural Studies, University of Turku, Finland. October 8.
- Invited Lecture. "Claiming Civic Space: Catholicism in the U.S. Capitol." University of Bergen, Norway. September 28.
- Invited Lecture. "Reflections on a Theory of Religion: Applications, Criticisms, and Responses." University of Tromsø, Institute for Religious Studies, Tromsø, Norway. September 16.
- Invited Paper. "Smells and Bells: Buddhism, Catholicism, and the Therapeutic Aestheticism of William Sturgis Bigelow and Isabella Stewart Gardner." Delivered at "Inventing Asia: A Symposium on American Perceptions and Influences around 1900." Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, Massachusetts. April 4.
- Invited Lecture. "Toward an Ethic of Civic Engagement: Reflections on a Kinetic and Relational Theory of Religion." Department of Religion. University of Florida, Gainesville. January 23.
- 2008 Keynote Address. "A Diasporic Theory of Religion and Its Uses in Studying Western European Modernity." Conference and Workshop on "Research on Religion." Co-sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council's "Religion and Society Programme" and The Arts and Humanities Research Council's "Diasporas, Migration, and Identities Programme" London. December 15-16.

“Religion in the Americas: Toward a Hemispheric Perspective.” Religion in North America Section. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Chicago, Illinois, November 3.

Invited Response to *The American University in a Postsecular Age* by Douglas Jacobsen and Rhonda Jacobsen. Forum on Religion in the Academy, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Illinois, November 1.

Invited Lecture. “Everyone Does Gender: Reflections on *The Religious History of American Women: Reimagining the Past*.” The Cushwa Seminar in American Religion, University of Notre Dame, September 20.

Plenary Lecture. “Identity, Representation, and Engagement.” Conference on “*Convivencia*: Religious Identities in the New World.” Loyola Marymount University, March 28.

Invited Lecture. “Reframing the Study of Religion in the United States: The ‘New Historiography,’ the ‘Ethnographic Turn,’ and the State of the Field.” Stanford University, Department of Religious Studies. Stanford, California. January 11.

2007 Respondent. “Crabs, Crustaceans, and Crabiness.” Session on my book: “Critical Reflections on Thomas Tweed’s *Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion*.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego California. November 19.

Invited Lecture. “What Did the Yogin Say to the Hog Dog Vendor?: Reflections on the Young Scholar Program and the Study of U.S. Religion.” Plenary Address. Young Scholars in American Religion Conference. San Diego, California. November 16.

“Buddhism, Art, and Transcultural Collage in Postwar America.” Paper delivered at the conference on “Religious Pluralism in Modern America.” Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions. University of Wisconsin, Madison. April 13.

Respondent. Session on my book: “Thomas Tweed’s *Crossing and Dwelling: A Theory of Religion*: Implications for Studying and Teaching Religion.” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion. Nashville, Tennessee. March 17.

2006 Respondent. Session on “Transnational Religions in the United States.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. North American Religions Section. Washington, D.C. Nov. 18.

Invited Public Lecture. “The Spiritual Origins of the Freer Gallery of Art: Religious and Aesthetic Inclusivism and the First American Buddhist Vogue, 1879-1907.” The Freer Gallery of Art. Smithsonian Institution. Washington, D.C. June 3.

- “Religion and Visual Culture.” Paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion. Harvard University. April 29.
- Chair. Session on “Faith, Pluralism, and National Identity in the United States and Western Europe: Comparative Perspectives on History Past and Present” American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. January 7.
- 2005 “Toward a Theory of Ritual.” Ritual Studies Group. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 20.
- “Mormonism and Comparative and Transnational Studies.” Special Topics Forum. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 20.
- “Accommodating Buddhist Practice in State Prisons.” Presentation and Consultation. Directors of Chaplaincy for State Prisons. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 21.
- Invited Lecture and Consultation. “What is ‘Catholic Studies’?” Department of Religion and Philosophy. Hofstra University. Hempstead, New York. October 31.
- “American Occultism and Japanese Buddhism: Albert J. Edmunds, D.T. Suzuki, and Transnational Religious Flows.” World Congress of the International Association of the History of Religions, Tokyo, Japan. March 30.
- Invited Consultation. Planning Committee for *The Cambridge Companion to Christianity in the United States*. Edited by Catherine Brekus and Clark Gilpin. University of Chicago. Sept. 22-23.
- Invited Lecture. “Crossing and Dwelling: Toward a Theory of Religion.” The Department of Religion’s Annual Lecture. Boston University. February 28.
- 2004 “Organic Channels and Cultural Currents: Theorizing Spatial Representation.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 22.
- Respondent. A session on my book, *Our Lady of the Exile*, at the fall meeting of SCARS, the Southern Colloquium on American Religious History, a faculty reading group on American religious history for faculty from colleges and universities in Virginia and North Carolina. Hampden-Sydney College, October 1.
- 2003 Respondent. Session on “Pilgrims and Tourists: Religion and the Construction of Travel,” Anthropology of Religion Consultation, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 23.
- Conference co-organizer (with Armin Lange, UNC, and Eric Myers, Duke). “Light Against Darkness: Dualism in Ancient Mediterranean Religion and the Contemporary World.” June 2-5. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- 2002 Invited Paper. "Communications about General Education from Instructors to Students," presented to the General Education Symposium, UCLA, Los Angeles, March 14-17.

Chair and Respondent. Session on "Globalization, Religious Displacements, and the Problem of Authenticity," Comparative Studies Section, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 25.

- 2001 Invited Paper. "Devaluing General Education: Conditions Affecting Research Universities," presented to the General Education Symposium, Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, June 29.

The Robert C. Lester Lecture on the Study of Religion. "On Moving Across: Diaspora, Religion, and the Interpreter's Position," Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado, Boulder, March 21. This lecture was printed and distributed to Religious Studies Departments in the United States.

"Teaching Buddhism to First Year Students: An Experiment in Inquiry-Based Learning," Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Charlotte, North Carolina, March 17.

- 2000 Plenary Address. "Diasporic Ritual." Annual Meeting, The Western Humanities Alliance, Seattle, Washington, October 13.

Invited Lecture. "American Buddhism and the Hybridity of Practice." Workshop in Buddhist Studies. Department of Religion. Princeton University. March 3.

Invited Lecture. "Roman Catholicism and Civic Space in the Nation's Capital." Annual Catholic Studies Lecture. Department of Religion. Duke University, February 14.

- 1999 Invited Lecture. "'America's Church': Roman Catholicism and Civic Space in the Nation's Capital." Conference on the Visual Culture of American Religions, Winterthur Museum, October 22.

Invited Lecture. "Our Lady of Guadeloupe Visits the Confederate Memorial: Asian and Latino Migrants in the New South." The William Porcher DuBose Lectures, a Symposium on Religion in the South at the Millennium, The School of Theology, Sewanee, October 4.

Invited Participant. "Interiority and Public Religion." The Public Religion Project. University of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois. April 30.

Chair. Panel on "Working with Journalists: The Scholar of Religion as Cultural Critic/Translator," Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion, Carleton College. April 23.

- “Documenting North American Religions: The Role of the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative.” Joint Meeting of the Pacific Neighborhood Consortium and the Electronic Cultural Atlas Initiative, Taipei, Taiwan. January 18.
- “America's Church: Claiming Civic Space in the Nation's Capital.” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Washington, D.C. January 8.
- 1998 “Between the Living and the Dead: Fieldwork, History, and the Interpreter's Position.” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Orlando, Florida. 22 November.
- Conference paper. “Shrines and The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.” The Visual Culture of American Religions. Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University, 6-9 August.
- Working Group. The Changing Role of Religion in American Life. The National Humanities Center. A group funded by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. 28-30 May.
- Invited Lecture. “Marian Devotion and National Identity.” Smithsonian Institution conference on “Image of Devotion, Icon of Identity: The Virgin Mary in Hispanic America.” San Antonio, Texas, 14-16 May.
- 1997 Invited Lecture. “Teaching American Religious History: Organizing the Introductory Course.” Northeast Regional Faculty Conference on Religion and American History. Yale University. 5 December.
- Invited Lecture. “Diasporic Religious Artifacts.” Center for the Study of American Art and Material Culture. Yale University. 4 December.
- Invited Lecture. “Cuban Catholicism in Miami.” American Studies Program. University of Miami. 5 September.
- Respondent. Panel on “Asian American Protestants in the American West.” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. New York City. 2-5 January.
- Invited Lecture. “Religion and the New Immigrants: Cuban Catholics.” The Catholic University of America, 1 March.
- 1996 Respondent. Pew Fellows Conference, Pew Program in Religion and American History, Yale University, 2-4 May.
- 1994 “Authority and Identity in Cuban American Catholicism.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 18-21 November.

- Chair. Panel on "Toward a Comparative Study of Religion in the Hemisphere." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 18-21 November.
- "Cuban Catholics in Miami," Invited Lecture, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 28 September.
- Invited Paper. "Protestantism and Pluralism," Conference on "Religious Pluralism in America: Past and Present," Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, 2-5 June.
- Respondent. Panel on Religion and Healing in Ecuador and Guatemala, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies, Chapel Hill, 9-11 March.
- 1995 "Siting the Narratives of American Religious History: An Overview of the Narratives Project," North American Religions Session devoted to the project, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 19-22 November.
- "Contested Meanings: Santería, Catholicism, and Lay-Clerical Struggles at a Cuban Shrine in Miami," Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Nashville, 27-30 October.
- 1994 "Diaspora Nationalism and Cuban Immigrants," Joint Session: North American Religions and Comparative Studies Sections, annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., 20-23 November.
- "On the Uses of History and Sociology in the Study of American Protestantism," Consultation on Mainline Protestantism, Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture, Louisville, 14-15 October.
- "Rewriting the Narratives of American Religious History," Invited Lecture, University of Florida, Gainesville, 29 March.
- 1992 "Our Lady of the Exile: Geopieté and Devotion at a Cuban-American Shrine in Miami," Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Group, Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Diego, 18-22 April.
- 1991 "Inclusivism and the Spiritual Journey of Marie de Souza Canavarro (1849-1933)," North American Religions Section, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Kansas City, 23-26 November.
- 1990 "The Protestant Establishment and Religious 'Outsiders': Regional and Local Studies and the Case of Miami." North American Religions Section, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, 17-20 November.

Respondent, Buddhism Section panel on, "Buddhism at the World's Parliament of Religions, Chicago, 1893," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, 17-20 November.

1989 Invited Lecture. "Nineteenth Century Western Interpretations of Buddhism." Stanford University, January 12, 1989. Sponsored by the Stanford-Berkeley Buddhist Studies Colloquium and the Department of Religious Studies.

1988 "Activism and Optimism: The American Conversation about Buddhism and Victorian Religious Culture, 1844-1912." North American Religions Section, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 19-22 November.

"Religious Outsiders and the Protestant Establishment." Comments presented at the Lilly Conference on "The Protestant Establishment and American Culture, 1880s to the Present," 20-21 May, Harvard University.

1987 "'In No Danger of Idolatry: Hannah Adams' *Dictionary of All Religions* and the American Encounter with Chinese Religions, 1784-1830." Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, New York City, 21-24 November.

"'Shall We All Become Buddhists?': Euro-American Buddhist Sympathizers and Adherents, 1875-1912." Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies, Berkeley, California, 10-15 August.

Professional Organizations:

American Historical Association; American Studies Association; American Academy of Religion; Organization of American Historians; Native American and Indigenous Studies Association; Society for American Archaeology; American Society for Church History; American Society for the Study of Religion; American Catholic Historical Association.

Thesis and Dissertation Advising:

1993-2026

I currently serve on 2 Ph.D. committees (1 as advisor).

Between 1993 and 2026, I served on 50 Ph.D. committees.

At Notre Dame (2013 to 2025): I served on 18 Ph.D. exam/dissertation committees (16 History; 1 Theology; 1 English). I also served on 5 dissertation committees at UT Austin and 1 at Brandeis University during this time. I was co-supervisor for a Ph.D. student at the University of Bergen (Norway) and external examiner for a dissertation at the University of Western Sydney (Australia).

At UT Austin (2008 to 2013): I served on 7 doctoral committees (in Anthropology, Sociology, History, Asian Studies, American Studies, and English) and 3 M.A. thesis committees (Religious Studies and History).

At UNC Chapel Hill (1993-2012): I served on 55 master's thesis and doctoral dissertation committees. I was advisor or co-advisor for 14 of them. I also served on graduate committees in other department and universities: 5 from History or English at UNC and 8 from Duke University. I was external examiner for a dissertation from University of Cape Town (South Africa).

University Service:

- 2026: Participant. The Colloquium on Religious History (CORAH). History Department.
- 2025: Mentor. Assigned mentor for two junior colleagues in American Studies.
- Mentor. Assigned mentor for one junior colleague in History.
- Participant. The Colloquium on Religious History (CORAH). History Department.
- 2024: Member. Committee on the History Seminar. Moreau College Initiative's Humanities Concentration for the B.A. degree for the Westville Correctional Facility.
- Mentor. Assigned mentor for two junior colleagues in American Studies.
- Mentor. Assigned mentor for one junior colleague in History.
- Participant. The Colloquium on Religious History (CORAH). History Department.
- 2023 Member. Faculty Senate. American Studies Representative.
- Member. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. Faculty Senate.
- Chair. Full Professor Promotion Committee. American Studies.
- Member. Senior Search Committee in American Studies. American Studies Department.
- Member. Exploratory Search Committee for a Senior Search on Race and Religion. History Department.
- Mentor. Assigned mentor for two junior colleagues in American Studies.
- Participant. The Colloquium on Religious History (CORAH). History Department.
- 2022 Member. Faculty Senate. American Studies Representative.
- Mentor. Assigned mentor for two junior colleagues in American Studies.
- Member. Faculty Fellows Committee. Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion. Keough School of Global Affairs.
- Participant. The Colloquium on Religious History (CORAH). History Department.

Member. Tantur Ecumenical Institute International Advisory Board. Jerusalem.
Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs. University of Notre Dame.

2021 Member. Faculty Fellows Committee. Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with
Religion. Keough School of Global Affairs.

Mentor. Building Bridges Program. Mentor for a first-year student exploring
possible American Studies and Global Affairs majors. Multicultural Student Programs
and Services.

Mentor. Assigned official mentor for two junior faculty members in American Studies.

Evaluator. Visiting Fellows applications. Kellogg Institute for International Studies.
Keough School of Global Affairs.

Participant. The Colloquium on Religious History (CORAH). History Department.

Member. Tantur Ecumenical Institute International Advisory Board. Jerusalem.
Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs. University of Notre Dame.

2020 Mentor. Assigned official mentor for one assistant professor in History and one
assistant professor in American Studies.

Participant. The Colloquium on Religious History (CORAH). History Department.

Member. Tantur Ecumenical Institute International Advisory Board. Jerusalem. Office of
Mission Engagement and Church Affairs. University of Notre Dame.

2019

Founding Director, the Rafat and Zoreen Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with
Religion, Keough School of Global Affairs. (Spring)

Faculty Fellow. Sustainability Working Group. Notre Dame Initiative for Global
Development. Keough School of Global Affairs (Fall)

Member. Promotion Committee. American Studies. Member of five promotion
committees, two for full, one for associate, and two teaching professors (Fall).

Member. Search Committee. Theology Department, World Religions/World Church
Faculty Position (Spring)

Chair. Search Committee. Ansari Institute, Keough School of Global Affairs (Spring)

Mentor. Assigned official mentor for two assistant professors in History and one in
American Studies.

Member. Tantur Ecumenical Institute International Advisory Board. Jerusalem. Office of

Mission Engagement and Church Affairs. University of Notre Dame.

Member. Promotion Committee. American Studies Department (Summer).

2018

Chair. Department of American Studies, Notre Dame (Spring)

Founding Director, the Rafat and Zoreen Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, Keough School of Global Affairs (Fall).

Member. Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Letters, Office of the Provost.

Chair. Search Committee. Ansari Institute, Keough School of Global Affairs.

Member. Search Committee. Theology Department, World Religions/World Church Faculty Position.

Member. Tantur Ecumenical Institute International Advisory Board. Jerusalem. Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs. University of Notre Dame.

Member. Laetare Medal Recommendation Committee. Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs.

Faculty Mentor. AnBryce Scholars Initiative. (A program supporting promising First Generation students who face challenging socioeconomic circumstances.)

Member. Endowed Professor Committee. (Two committees this year; chaired one.)

Mentor. Assigned official mentor for one associate professor and two assistant professors. Department of History.

2017

Chair. Department of American Studies, Notre Dame

Member. Search Committee for Dean of Arts and Letters, Office of the Provost

Member. Catholicism and the Disciplines Learning Goals Committee, Office of the Provost

Member. Tantur Ecumenical Institute International Advisory Board. Jerusalem. Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs. University of Notre Dame.

Member. Laetare Medal Recommendation Committee.

Faculty Mentor. AnBryce Scholars Program.

Member. Endowed Professor Committee. (Two committees this year.)

Mentor. Official mentor for one associate professor and one assistant professor.

Department of History.

2016

Chair. Department of American Studies. Notre Dame.

Chair. Search Committee. Gallivan Program Director.

Member. Executive Committee. Department of History.

Member. Tantur Ecumenical Institute International Advisory Board. Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs.

Member. Laetare Medal Recommendation Committee.

Convener. Global Religions Faculty Reading Group. Keough School of Global Studies and College of Arts and Letters.

Faculty Mentor. AnBryce Scholars Program.

Panelist. Faculty Panel. Arts and Letters Information Session. The Hesburgh-Yusko Scholars Program Finalists. 21 March.

Member. Five Pillars Project. Faculty Focus Group. Office of Mission Engagement and Church Affairs. 12 February.

Member. Planning Committee for the April 2016 Conference on “For the Planet and the Poor.” Keough School of Global Affairs.

2015

Chair, Department of American Studies. Notre Dame.

Member. Executive Committee. Department of History. Notre Dame.

Member. Catholic Mission Focus Group. Office of the Provost. Tasked with making recommendations to the Core Curriculum Committee. Notre Dame.

Member. Committee on Notre Dame-Zhejiang University Collaboration. Office of the Provost. Notre Dame.

Member. Planning Committee for the April 2016 Conference on “For the Planet and the Poor.” Keough School of Global Affairs.

Member. Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP). Office of Student Affairs. Notre Dame.

- 2014-15 Member. Catholic Mission Focus Group. Office of the Provost. Tasked with making recommendations to the Core Curriculum Committee.
- Member. Committee on Notre Dame-Zhejiang University Collaboration. Office of the Provost. Notre Dame.
- Member. Committee on Appointments and Procedures (CAP). American Studies. Notre Dame.
- Member. Committee for Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP). Office of Student Affairs. Notre Dame.
- 2013-14 Member. Search Committee. Institute for Latino Studies. Notre Dame.
- Facilitator. *Faculty Seminar on Religion in the Americas*. An Initiative of the College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin. Organized and convened this multi-disciplinary initiative that included sixteen colleagues from eight departments. Spring 2013.
- 2012-13 Co-Chair, Search Committee, Religion in the Americas Search
- 2011-12 Co-Chair, Search Committee, Religion in the Americas Search
- Post-tenure Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies
- Academic Planning Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
- 2010-11 Chair, Search Committee, North American Religion Search
- Academic Planning Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
- 2008-09 Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
- Search Committee, Religions of the African Diaspora, Department of Religious Studies, UT Austin
- Salary Committee, Department of Religious Studies, UT Austin.
- 2006-08 Chair, Department of Religious Studies, UNC
- 2005-06 Chair, Lectures Committee. Department of Religious Studies.
- 2004-05 Chair, Search Committee. East Asian Religions position. Department of Religious Studies.

Undergraduate Studies Committee. Department of Religious Studies.

2003-04 Chair, General Education Implementation Committee, College of Arts and Sciences and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chair, Administrative Boards of the General College and College of Arts and Sciences

Chair, Subcommittee on General Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Search Committee on the Ethnography of Asian Religions Position, Department of Religious Studies

Faculty Salary Committee, Department of Religious Studies

2002-03 Chair, Administrative Boards of the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences

Chair, Subcommittee on General Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Chair, Subcommittee on Technology and General Education, College of Arts and Sciences

General Education Curriculum Revision Steering Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

First Year Experience Steering Committee, Office of the Provost

Course Renumbering Committee, Office of the Provost

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies

John Calvin McNair Lecture Committee, Department of Religious Studies

Faculty Salary Committee, Department of Religious Studies

2001-02 Curriculum Review Steering Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

Qatar Planning Committee, Office of the Provost

Interdisciplinary Studies Subcommittee, Curriculum Review, College of Arts and Sciences

Chair, Lectures Committee, Department of Religious Studies

John Calvin McNair Lecture Committee, Department of Religious Studies

Exploratory Committee on Part-Time Undergraduate Adult Degree Programs, Office of the Provost

Chair, Subcommittee on General Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Chair, Administrative Boards of the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences

2000-01 Curriculum Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

Exploratory Committee on Part-Time Undergraduate Adult Degree Programs, Office of the Provost

Search Committee, Modern Western Religious Thought, Department of Religious Studies

Search Committee, Hebrew Bible, Department of Religious Studies

Chair, Subcommittee on General Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Chair, Administrative Boards of the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences

1999-2000 The Frank Porter Graham Lecture Committee, College of Arts and Sciences

Book Selection Committee, The UNC First Year Students' Summer Reading Program

Colloquia and Lectures Committee, Department of Religious Studies

Chair, First Year Seminars Steering Committee

Chair, Subcommittee on General Education, College of Arts and Sciences

Chair, Administrative Boards of the General College and the College of Arts and Sciences

1997-98 Coordinator of Colloquia and Lectures, Department of Religious Studies

Media Relations Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies

Faculty Salary Committee, Department of Religious Studies

1996-97	Nominating Committee for the Faculty Council, Humanities Division, University of North Carolina
	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
	Faculty Salary Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
	Policy and Procedures Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
1995-96	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
	Policy and Procedures Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
	Faculty Salary Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
1993-94	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
	Search Committee, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
	Recording Secretary, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
	Faculty Advisor, <i>Excursus: A Review of Religious Studies</i> , Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina
1992-93	Steering Committee, American Studies Program, University of Miami
1991-93	Faculty Associate, Eaton Residential College, University of Miami
1990-93	Elected Faculty Fellow, Honors Students Association, University of Miami
1989-93	Academic Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Miami
	Undergraduate Studies Director, Department of Religious Studies, University of Miami
	Steering Committee, Writing Across the Curriculum, University of Miami
	Coordinator, Department of Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Miami
1988-91	Faculty Fellow, Hecht Residential College, University of Miami

- 2026 Invited Lecture. Zoom presentation and discussion with undergraduates reading *Religion in the Lands That Became America* for their course, *Religion in America*. Florida State University. September 15.
- Class Visit. *Engaging World Religions*. Global Affairs 30119. Visited a class that was reading one of my books. February 18.
- 2025 Invited Lecture. “Retelling the Religious History of America.” Moreau College Initiative. Westville Correctional Facility. 28 March.
- 2022 Radio Interview. “Islam in America.” *Voice of America*. International Edition. Interviewed by Angie H. Omar. Egypt. 8 February.
- 2021 Invited Consultant. “Vibrant Light: Stained Glass of the Basilica of Notre Dame.” WNIT Public Television. PBS Michiana. Premiered December 18.
- 2019 Signator. Environmental History Amicus Curiae Brief. *Juliana v. United States*, 231 F.Supp.3d 1224 (D.Or 2016). Case No. 18-36082. In the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. 1 March. [*Youth v. Gov*, the documentary about the 21 plaintiffs in the youth-led constitutional lawsuit premiered on Netflix April 29, 2022.]
- 2017 Invited Presentation and Consultation. “On Not Burdening Religious Exercise: Accommodating Buddhist Practice in State and Federal Facilities.” Directors of Chaplaincy for State and Federal Prisons. Boston. 18 November.
- Participant. Conversation with Syrian Refugees in Berlin. “Journeys: Bridging the Us/Them Divide in the Global Refugee Crisis.” Co-sponsored by the Religious Literacy Project at Harvard Divinity School, Boston College, and the American Academy of Religion. Boston. 19 November.
- 2008 Invited Consultant. Accommodating Religious Practice in U.S. Prisons. Prison Chaplaincy Directors. Chicago, Illinois, November 2.
- 2007 Co-facilitator (with Carl Ernst). Workshop for High School Teachers of Religion. Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education, UNC-CH. February 24.
- 2006 “An Introduction to Buddhism.” Lectures to two Honors Comparative Religion classes at Chapel Hill High School. November 2.
- “Religion and Art.” Talk to students in the Comparative Religion Honors Class at Chapel Hill High School. Ackland Museum. University of North Carolina. March 7.
- 2005 Invited Consultation. Prison Chaplaincy Directors. “Accommodating Buddhist Practice in Prison.” Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. November 21.
- 1997-2020 Media Consultant, The Public Religion Project, University of Chicago Divinity School, funded by The Pew Charitable Trusts

1996-98 Regular Consultant, *News and Observer* (Raleigh), “Faith” Section (weekly contact with religion reporter)

1995-2008 Carolina Speakers Bureau, University of North Carolina

1990-2026 Media Consultant

Consulted for stories about religion, including the following:

The Vietnam War Memorial. *New York Times*, 1994.

Latino Catholicism. *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 1997.

U.S. Buddhism. *Charlotte Observer*, 2000.

Religious diversity. *Religion News Service*, 2008.

Protestant evangelicals. *ABCnews.com*, 2011.

Catholic outreach to Latinos, 2011, *NBC Latino*.

Pope Francis’s US visit. *Washington Post*, 2015.

Pope Francis’s US visit. London’s *Financial Times*, 2015.

Rio’s Christ statue. *Washington Post*, 2016.

Roadside chapels. *The Economist*, 2018.

Prayer at the Pentagon. *Religion News Service*, 2025; *The New York Times*, 2026.

I also was quoted in stories about Catholicism, Buddhism, Islam, or US religious diversity in the *Chicago Tribune*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *News and Observer* (Raleigh), *Sun-Sentinel* (Fort Lauderdale), *Sentinel* (Keene, New Hampshire), Fort Worth *Star-Telegram*, the *Patriot-News* (Harrisburg), and the *Miami Herald*.

I consulted for or appeared on radio & television programs as well as documentary films:

I served as a consultant for segments on *PBS News Hour*, CBS’s *Sunday Morning*, and CBS Radio’s *The Osgood File*. I participated in television and radio interviews about religion, including in Windsor, Canada (CKWW), Augusta, Georgia (WAJY), Durham, North Carolina (WPTF), and New York City (WBBR). I was interviewed for stories on Pope John Paul II’s 1998 visit to Cuba for *National Public Radio* (“Morning Edition” and “Weekend Edition”). In May 2004 I was a guest on the national NPR radio program, *Odyssey*, produced by WBEZ in Chicago. In December 2000, I appeared in the documentary film on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, which aired as *American Byzantine* on PBS stations. In April 2006, I was interviewed about miracles at Lourdes on “The World Today,” BBC World Service Radio. In 2015, I was interviewed for PBS’ “Religion & Ethics Newsweekly” program. In 2021, I consulted for the documentary *Vibrant Light: Stained Glass of the Basilica of Notre Dame*. WNIT Public Television. PBS Michiana. Premiered December 18. I did a 2022 radio interview. “Islam in America.” *Voice of America*. International Edition. Egypt. I was interviewed in an NPR story on images of George Washington kneeling in prayer that aired in May 2026.