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Academic Appointments

2018 – Tata Chancellor’s Chair in Social Sciences; University of California, San Diego
2010 – Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2003 – 2010 Associate Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2001 – 2003 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
1998 – 2001 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

Administrative Appointments

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

Visiting Positions

December 2015 Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ben Gurion University, Israel
Summer 2013,15, Visiting Scholar. Science, Technology and Innovation Studies.
17, 19, 22 University of Edinburgh.
Spring 2011 Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in Bioethics, Westfälische
Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany.
Summer 2007,09,11 Visiting Professorial Fellowship. ESRC Genomics Policy and
Research Forum. University of Edinburgh.
2001 – 2002 Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study. Princeton,NJ
1998 – 2000 Post Doctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy
Research Program, Yale University.

Education

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

Publications

Books

- 2024 [Disembodied Brains: Understanding our Intuitions on Neuro-Chimeras and Human-Brain Organoids.](#) New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- 2021 [The Emerging Field of Human Neural Organoids, Transplants, and Chimeras: Science, Ethics and Governance.](#) Washington, DC: The National Academies Press (Co-authored with 10 members of the National Academies Committee on Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Issues Associated with Neural Chimeras and Organoids.)
- 2020 [The Human Gene Editing Debate.](#) New York: Oxford University Press
- 2018 [Morals Not Knowledge: Recasting the Contemporary U.S. Conflict Between Religion and Science.](#) Berkeley, CA: University of California Press
- 2017 [Human Genome Editing: Science, Ethics, and Governance.](#) Washington, DC: The National Academies Press. (Co-authored with 21 members of the National Academies Committee on Human Gene Editing.)
- 2016 [What is a Human? What the Answers Mean for Human Rights.](#) New York, NY: Oxford University Press
- 2012 [The History and Future of Bioethics: A Sociological View.](#) New York, NY: Oxford University Press [Paperback 2014]
- 2010 [Contested Reproduction: Genetic Technologies, Religion, and Public Debate.](#) Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press
- 2002 [Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate.](#) Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
Recipient, Distinguished Book Award from the Sociology of Religion Section of the *American Sociological Association*

Edited Volumes

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

Journal Articles

- forth “Scientism, Trust, Value Alignment, Views of Nature and U.S. Public Opinion About Gene Drive Mosquitos.” (With Cynthia E. Schairer) *Public Understanding of Science*
- 2023 [“Translational Bioethics and Public Input.”](#) *Ethics and Human Research* 45(4): 35-39.
- 2023 [“Patient Narratives of Hope in Stem Cell Technologies: Trust in Biomedicine and the Body’s Natural Ability to Heal Itself.”](#) *Health* 27(4): 476-490 (With Lauren Olsen and Lindsay DePalma)
- 2023 [“Brain Organoids, Consciousness, Ethics and Moral Status.”](#) *Seminars in Cell and Developmental Biology* 144: 97-102 (With Jacob Jeziorski, Reuven Brandt, Wendy Campana, Michael Kalichman, Evan Thompson, Lawrence Goldstein, Christof Koch and Alysson Muotri)

- 2022 [“Inquiry, Not Science, as the Source of Secularization in Higher Education.”](#) *Sociology of Religion* 83 (1): 102-129.
- 2021 [“Setting Ethical Limits on Human Gene Editing After the Fall of the Somatic/Germline Barrier.”](#) Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 118 (22)
- 2020 [“The Social Contexts of Religion in the Jurisdictions of Bioethics.”](#) *American Journal of Bioethics* 20 (12): 1-4
- 2020 [“Self-Interested and Altruistic Motivations in Volunteering for Clinical Trials: A More Complex Relationship.”](#) *Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics* (With Lauren Olsen and Lindsay DePalma) 15(5): 443-451.
- 2020 [“Can the Public Express Their Views or Say No Through Public Engagement?”](#) *Environmental Communication* 14 (7): 881-885.
- 2020 [“Who Doesn’t Trust Fauci? The Public’s Belief in the Expertise and Shared Values of Scientists in the Covid-19 Pandemic.”](#) *Socius* 6: 1-13 (with Eszter Hargittai)
- 2020 [“The Theological Debate Over Human Enhancement: an Empirical Case Study of a Mediating Organization.”](#) *Zygon* 55 (3): 615-637.
- 2019 [“The Scope and Implications of *Morals Not Knowledge*.”](#) *Zygon* 54 (3): 665-679.
- 2019 [“Science, Values and Science Communication: Competencies for Pushing Beyond the Deficit Model.”](#) (With Catherina Gere, Sherry Seethaler and Ramya Rajagopalan) *Science Communication* 41 (3): 378-388.
- 2018 [“Biomedical Ethics and Clinical Oversight in Multisite Observational Neuroimaging Studies with Children and Adolescents: The ABCD Experience.”](#) (With Duncan B. Clark, Celia B. Fischer, Susan Bookheimer, Sandra A. Brown, Christian Hopfer, James Hudziak, Ivan Montoya, Margaret Murray, Adolf Pfefferbaum and Deborah Yurgelun-Todd.) *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience* 32: 143-154
- 2017 [“Aversion to and Understanding God Talk in the Public Sphere: A Survey Experiment.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56 (3): 459-480
- 2014 [“Faith in Science in Global Perspective: Implications for Transhumanism.”](#) *Public Understanding of Science* 23 (7): 814-832.
- 2014 [“Defending the Jurisdiction of the Clinical Ethicist,” “Response to Callahan and Winslade” and “Power and Jurisdiction”](#) *Journal of Clinical Ethics* 25 (1): 20-31, 41-42; 25 (3): 194-195.
- 2013 [“Conservative Protestantism and Skepticism of Scientists Studying Climate Change”](#) (With Justin Feng). *Climatic Change* 121 (4): 595-608.
- 2013 [“Roundtable on the Sociology of Religion: Twenty-Three Theses on the Status of Religion in American Sociology – A Mellon Working-Group Reflection.”](#) (With Christian Smith, Brandon Vaidyanathan, Nancy Tatom Ammerman, José Casanova, Hilary Davidson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Philip S. Gorski, Mary Ellen Konieczny, Jason A. Springs, Jenny Trinitapoli, and Meredith Whitnah). *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81 (4): 903-938.
- 2013 [“The Growing Social and Moral Conflict Between Conservative Protestantism and Science.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52 (2): 368-385.
- 2011 [“Epistemological and Moral Conflict Between Religion and Science.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50 (4): 707-727.

- 2008 [“Religion and Science: Beyond the Epistemological Conflict Narrative.”](#) (With Michael S. Evans). *Annual Review of Sociology* 34: 87-105.
- 2007 [“Religion and Reproductive Genetics: Beyond Views of Embryonic Life?”](#) (with Kathy Hudson). *The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 46 (4): 565-581.
- 2007 [“Consensus and Knowledge Production in an Academic Field.”](#) *Poetics: Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, the Media and the Arts* 35 (1): 1-21.
- 2006 [“Religious Belief, Perceptions of Human Suffering and Support for Reproductive Genetic Technology.”](#) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 31 (6): 1047-1074.
- 2006 [“Between Technocracy and Democratic Legitimation: A Proposed Compromise Position for Common Morality Public Bioethics.”](#) *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 31 (3): 213-234.
- 2006 [“Cooperative Coalitions on the Religious Right and Left: Considering the Resilience of Sectarianism.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45 (2): 195-215.
- 2005 [“Stratification in Knowledge Production: Author Prestige and the Influence of an American Academic Debate.”](#) *Poetics: Journal of Empirical Research on Culture, the Media and the Arts* 33 (2): 111-133.
- 2005 [“The Deeper ‘Culture Wars’ Questions.”](#) (With Lisa M. Nunn). *The Forum* 3 (2): 1-10.
- 2005 [“Opinions about New Reproductive Genetic Technologies: Hopes and Fears for Our Genetic Future.”](#) (With Kalfoglou AL, Doksum T, Bernhardt B, Geller G, LeRoy L, Mathews DJH, Doukas D, Reame N, Scott J, and K Hudson.) *Fertility and Sterility* 83 (6): 1612 - 1621.
- 2004 “John Evans Responds.” [Response to Childress, Hauerwas, Stout and Meilaender.] Symposium on [Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate.](#) *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 24 (1): 204-217.
- 2003 [“Commodifying Life? A Pilot Study of Opinions Regarding Financial Incentives for Organ Donation.”](#) *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 28 (6): 1003-1032.
- 2003 [“The Creation of a Distinct Sub-Cultural Identity and Denominational Growth.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42 (3): 467-477.
- 2003 [“A Brave New World?: How Genetic Technology Might Change Us.”](#) *Contexts* 2 (2): 20-25.
- [Reprinted in pp. 353-360 of *The Contexts Reader*, edited by Jeff Goodwin and James M. Jasper. 2008. New York, NY: W.W. Norton and Company.]
- 2003 [“Have Americans’ Attitudes Become More Polarized? – an Update.”](#) *Social Science Quarterly* 84 (1): 71-90.
- 2002 [“Religion and Human Cloning: An Exploratory Analysis of the First Available Opinion Data.”](#) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 41 (4): 749-760.
- 2002 [“Polarization in Abortion Attitudes in U.S. Religious Traditions 1972-1998.”](#) *Sociological Forum*. 17 (3): 397-422.
- 2001 [“Opinion Polarization: Important Contributions, Necessary Limitations.”](#) *American Journal of Sociology*. 106 (4): 944-959. (With Paul DiMaggio and Bethany Bryson).
- 2000 [“A Sociological Account of the Growth of Principlism.”](#) *The Hastings Center Report* 30 (5): 31-38.

[Reprinted and expanded as “Max Weber Meets the Belmont Report: Toward a Sociological

Interpretation of Principlism,” Pp. 228-243 in *Belmont Revisited: Ethical Principles for Research with Human Subjects*, edited by James F. Childress, Eric M. Meslin, and Harold T. Shapiro. 2005. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.]

[Reprinted as “Eine soziologische Sicht auf die Entwicklung der Prinzipienethik.” Pp. 192-209 in *Prinzipienethik in der Biomedizin: Moralphilosophie und medizinische Praxis*. 2005. Edited by Oliver Rauprich and Florian Steger. Frankfurt: Campus Verlag.]

[Abridged on pp. 85-93 in *Beyond Bioethics: Toward a New Biopolitics*, edited by Osagie Obasogie and Marcy Darnovsky. 2018. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.]

1997 ["Multi-organizational Fields and Social Movement Organization Frame Content: The Religious Pro-Choice Movement."](#) *Sociological Inquiry* 67 (4): 451-469.

1997 ["Worldviews or Social Groups as the Source of Moral Value Attitudes: Implications for the Culture Wars Thesis."](#) *Sociological Forum* 12 (3): 371-404.

1996 ["Have Americans' Social Attitudes Become More Polarized?"](#) *American Journal of Sociology* 102 (3): 690-755. (With Paul DiMaggio and Bethany Bryson)

[Reprinted in *Cultural Wars in American Politics*, edited by Rhys H. Williams. 1997. New York, Aldine de Gruyter. Pp. 63-99.]

1996 “Culture Wars” or Status Group Ideology as the Basis of U.S. Moral Politics.” *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy* 16 (1-2): 15-34.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

2022 “A Critical History of Bioethics.” Pp. 41-49 in *The Disability Bioethics Reader*. Edited by Joel Michael Reynolds and Christine Wieseler. Routledge

2020 “Possibilities for Future Elite Conflict Between Science and Religion.” Pp. 191-203 in *Science and Religion: Exploring the Spectrum*. Edited by Fern Elsdon-Baker and Bernard Lightman. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press.

2020 “Biotechnology and the Non-religious Uses of God Talk.” Pp. 123-137 in *Religion and Biopolitics*. Edited by Ulrich Willems and Mirjam Weiberg-Salzmann. Springer International.

2019 “The Dismal Fate of Flourishing in Public Policy Bioethics: A Sociological Explanation.” Pp. 46-58 in *Human Flourishing in an Age of Gene Editing*. Edited by Erik Parens and Josephine Johnston. New York: Oxford University Press.

2018 “The View on the Street.” Pp. 324-340 in *The Warfare between Science and Religion: The Idea That Wouldn't Die*. Edited by Jeffrey Hardin and Ronald Numbers. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.

2016 “Bioethics: The View from Social Science.” In eLS. (Electronic Life Sciences) John Wiley & Sons, Ltd: Chichester. (With Lauren D. Olsen)

2016 “Future Vision in Transhumanist Writings and the Religious Public.” Pp. 291-306 In *Perfecting Human Futures: Transhuman Futures and Technological Imaginations*. Edited by J. Benjamin Hurlbut and Hava Tirosh-Samuelson. Dordrecht: Springer-Verlag.

2016 “Bioethics and Medicalization.” Pp. 241-262 in *To Fix or To Heal: Conflicting Directions in Contemporary Medicine and Public Health*. Edited by Joseph E. Davis and Ana Marta Gonzalez. New York, NY: New York University Press.

2013 “Religious Pluralism in Modern America: A Sociological Overview.” Pp. 43-55 in *Gods in*

- America: Religious Pluralism in the United States*. Edited by Charles Cohen and Ronald Numbers. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- 2013 “‘Teaching Humanness’ Claims In Synthetic Biology and Public Policy Bioethics.” Pp. 177-204 in *Synthetic Biology and Morality: Artificial Life and the Bounds of Nature*. Edited by Gregory E. Kaebnick and Thomas H. Murray. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2012 “Sociology and Christianity,” pp. 344-355 in the *Blackwell Companion to Science and Christianity*. Edited by James Stump and Alan Padgett. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. (With Michael Evans)
- 2010 “Arguing Against Darwinism: Religion, Science, and Public Morality,” pp. 286-308 in *The New Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Religion*. Edited by Bryan Turner. New York, NY: Blackwell. (With Michael S. Evans)
- 2010 “Science, Bioethics and Religion,” pp. 207-225 in *The Cambridge Companion to Science and Religion*. Edited by Peter Harrison. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.
- 2010 “The Tension Between Progressive Bioethics and Religion,” pp. 119-141 in *Progress in Bioethics: Science, Policy and Politics*. Edited by Jonathan D. Moreno and Sam Berger. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2009 “Where is the Counter-weight? Explorations of the Decline of Mainline Protestant Participation in Public Debates Over Values.” Pp. 221-247 in *Evangelicals and Democracy in America, Volume 1: Religion and Society*. Edited by Steven Brint and Jeanne Reith Schroedel. Russell Sage Foundation Press.
- 2009 “Bioethics and Human Genetic Engineering.” Pp. 349-366 In *The Handbook of Genetics and Society: Mapping the New Genomic Era*. Edited by Paul Atkinson, Peter Glasner and Margaret Lock. London: Routledge. (With Cynthia Schairer)
- 2009 “Two Worlds in Cultural Sociology” and “Imperviousness to Disconfirming Data,” pp. 209-252 and 263-277 in Meaning and Method: The Cultural Approach to Sociology. Edited by Isaac Reed and Jeffrey Alexander. Paradigm Publishers.
- 2008 “Religion, Conceptions of Nature and Assisted Reproductive Technology Policy.” Pp. 87-108 in *Altering Nature, Volume Two: Religion, Biotechnology, and Public Policy*. Edited by B. Andrew Lustig, Baruch A. Brody and Gerald P. McKenny. New York: Springer
- 2008 “The Diversity of Culture.” Pp. 1-9 in *Cultural Sociology and Its Diversity*. Special issue of the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Volume 619 (September). (With Amy Binder, Mary Blair-Loy, Kwai Ng, and Michael Schudson)
- 2006 “Who Legitimately Speaks for Religion in Public Bioethics?” Pp. 61-79 in *Handbook of Bioethics and Religion*. Edited by David E. Guinn. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- 2005 “Public Vocabularies of Religious Belief: Explicit and Implicit Religious Discourse in the American Public Sphere.” Pp. 398-411 in the *Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Culture*. Edited by Mark Jacobs and Nancy Weiss Hanrahan. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers.
- 2003 “After the Fall: Attempts to Establish an Explicitly Theological Voice in Debates over Science and Medicine after 1960.” Pp. 434 - 461 In *The Secular Revolution: Power, Interest, and Conflict in the Secularization of American Public Life*. Edited by Christian Smith. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
- 2002 “Introduction.” In *The Quiet Hand of God: Faith Based Activism and the Public Role of*

Mainline Protestantism (With Robert Wuthnow). Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

- 1999 “The Uneven Playing Field of the Dialogue on Patenting.” Pp. 57-73 in *Perspectives on Genetic Patenting: Religion, Science and Industry in Dialogue*, edited by Audrey R. Chapman. Washington, DC: American Association for the Advancement of Science Press. [Revised and Reprinted in *Claiming Power over Life: Religion and Biotechnology Policy*, edited by Mark Hanson. 2001. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press. Pp. 53-71]

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

- 2024 “Personhood and the Public’s Definitions of a Human.” *American Journal of Bioethics* 24 (1): 49-51
- 2022 “Neurocheck Frequency: Determining Perceptions and Barriers to Implementation of Evidence-Based Practice.” *The Neurologist*. 28(3):160-65. (with JN Labuzetta, MB Kazer, BB Kamdar, RL Owens, L Stone, A Malhotra)
- 2022 “Looking Between Categories at Four Religious High Schools.” Review symposium on *Agents of God: Boundaries and Authority in Muslim and Christian Schools*. Syndicate
- 2022 “The Public’s Ethical Issues with Brain Organoid Research and Application.” *American Journal of Bioethics – Neuroscience* 13 (2): 101-103.
- 2021 Review of Stephen P. Weldon, *The Scientific Spirit of American Humanism*. *Sociology of Religion* 82 (3): 388-389
- 2020 “Reactions to the National Academies/Royal Society Report on Heritable Human Genome Editing.” *CRISPR Journal* 3(5): 333-349 (with 38 other commentators).
- 2020 “New Barriers on the Slippery Slope?” *American Journal of Bioethics* 20 (8): 19-21
- 2019 “The Empirical Examination of the Social Process of Genetic Enhancement, Objectification and Maltreatment” *American Journal of Bioethics* 19: 32-34.
- 2019 “Religion.” (Revised from 2011) In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Sociology*. (With Lindsay DePalma) www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com
- 2018 Review of Stephen Hilgartner, *Reordering Life: Knowledge and Control in the Genomics Revolution*. *Contemporary Sociology* 47 (6): 719-721.
- 2017 “Bioethics.” *The Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. Edited by Bryan S. Turner. Wiley Blackwell.
- 2016 “When Human Rights Become Wrongs.” *New Scientist*. August 6, Pp. 36-37.
- 2016 “Symposium on Scientific Advances and their Impact on Society: Lawrence Goldstein, J. Craig Venter, Lisa Madlensky and John H. Evans.” *Bulletin of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences*. Winter, pp. 17-23.
- 2015 “Specifying the Relationship Between Social Anthropology and Moral Theology: A Critique of *Ethics of Everyday Life: Moral Theology, Social Anthropology and the Imagination of the Human*” *Cambridge Journal of Anthropology* 33(2): 121-125
- 2015 “Sacred/Secular and Negotiable/non-Negotiable in American Religion and Public Bioethics.” Working Papers. Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. European University Institute.
- 2014 “Critique of Davis and Robinson.” *Newsletter of the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association*. Fall

- 2014 “Secularizing God Talk” (Review Essay on Matthew Engelke, *God’s Agents: Biblical Publicity in Contemporary England*). *European Journal of Sociology* 55(3): 504-508.
- 2012 Review of Elaine Howard Ecklund, *Science vs. Religion: What Scientists Really Think*. *Social Forces* doi: 10.1093/sf/sos086
- 2011 “Report to the American Sociological Association Council Regarding the 2010 National Research Council Assessment of Doctorate Programs.” (With Sally Hillsman, Andrew Perrin, Mario Small and Sandra Smith)
- 2011 “Power and Representation of the Public’s Values in a Social Implications of Research Commission.” *American Journal of Bioethics* 11(5): 10-11.
- 2011 Review of Claude S. Fischer, *Made In America: A Social History of American Culture and Character*. *Sociological Forum* 26 (2): 457-460
- 2010 “Bioethics and Politics.” *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*. Edited by George Thomas Kurian. Yorktown Heights, NY: CQ Press
- 2010 “Sociology of Religion: Not Much Has Changed – and Should It?” *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion and the Public Sphere*. Social Science Research Council. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/03/11/not-much-has-changed/>
- 2010 Review of Harold W. Attridge, Editor, *The Religion and Science Debate: Why Does It Continue?* *Contemporary Sociology* 39 (3): 272-274.
- 2010 “Will Synthetic Biology Change How We Value Human Life?” *The Gen: The Newsletter of the ESRC Genomics Network* 11 (March): 26-27.
- 2009 Review of Charles L. Bosk, *What Would You Do? Juggling Bioethics and Ethnography*. *Social History of Medicine* 22 (3): 650-652.
- 2009 Review of Steven M. Tipton, *Public Pulpits: Methodists and Mainline Churches in the Moral Argument of Public Life*. *Contemporary Sociology* 38 (1): 32-33
- 2008 “In Search of a Measure of Industry Funding.” *American Journal of Bioethics* 8(8): 59-60.
- 2008 “Keeping Society from the Benchside.” *American Journal of Bioethics* 8(3):14-16.
- 2007 Review of Sheila Jasanoff, *Designs on Nature: Science and Democracy in Europe and the United States*. *Contemporary Sociology* 36 (5): 467-468.
- 2006 “Bioethics: Past and Future.” *Contexts* 5(3): 10-11.
- 2005 “Bioethical Consensus and the Force of Good Ideas.” *Hastings Center Report* 35 (3): 3.
- 2005 “The Intersection of Sociology and Bioethics.” *Footnotes (American Sociological Association)* May/June: .21 (with Joseph E. Davis and Raymond DeVries)
- 2004 “Wuthnow, Robert.” Pp. 879-880 in *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. Edited by George Ritzer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- 2002 “The Two Meanings of ‘How’ and the Gene Patenting Debate.” *American Journal of Bioethics*. 2(3): 26-28.
- 1995 Review of: *The Mainline Church’s Funding Crisis* by Ronald E. Vallet and Charles E. Zech. *Koinonia* 7 (2): 206-208.

Selected Honors

- 2023 – Elected Fellow of the Hastings Center
- 2022 – Elected Member, Sociological Research Association
- 2020-21 UC, San Diego Academic Senate Distinguished Research Award (Awardee of the Social Sciences or Humanities)

- 2016–22 Honorary Professor, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, University of Queensland
- 2013 – Elected Fellow, International Society for Science and Religion
- 2002 Distinguished Book Award 2002, Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association, for *Playing God? Human Genetic Engineering and the Rationalization of Public Bioethical Debate*
- 1988 Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Macalester College.

Grants

- 2023 “Companion Donation to ‘Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation.’” Templeton Religion Trust. \$37,500.
- 2020-22 “Religious Values and Human Enhancement: A Study of Engineers and the Public.” Templeton Religion Trust with coordination from the Issachar Fund. \$200,000.
- 2019-22 “The Sociology of Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation.” Co-PI with Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University. Templeton Religion Trust with coordination from the Issachar Fund. \$2,900,000.
- 2019-23 “Booting up a Mirror Cell.” National Science Foundation. Co-investigator for ethics component.
- 2017-18 “Planning Grant: Social Science Contributions to the Foundational Philosophical and Theological Questions Regarding Human Enhancement.” John Templeton Foundation. \$137,000
- 2017-18 “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Medical Curricular Change: The Application of Humanistic and Social Knowledge to Medicine.” National Science Foundation (with Lauren Olsen). \$3,000
- 2016-17 “Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Effect of the Loss of Stable Career-Paths on the Professional Middle Class.” National Science Foundation (with Lindsay DePalma). \$12,000
- 2012-14 “An Empirical Study of the Biological Definition of the Human.” Faraday Institute, Cambridge University. \$140,000
- 2012 “Translation of Religious Claims to Secular Claims in Public Debates.” UCSD Academic Senate. \$11,200.
- 2009-10 “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Everyday Prosthesis: Stories of Amputation, Technology, and Body.” 2009-2010. National Science Foundation (with Cynthia Schairer) \$9,163
- 2005 “Toward a Sociology of Bioethics.” Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, American Sociological Association (with Joseph Davis and Raymond DeVries). \$7,000
- 2003-04 “Religious Belief and Reproductive Genetics.” Pew Charitable Trusts and the Genetics and Public Policy Center. \$95,000
- 2003-04 “A Qualitative Evaluation of the Public’s Knowledge, Beliefs and Attitudes about Reproductive Genetics.” (With A. Kalfoglou, K. Hudson, D. Mathews, T. Doksum, L. LeRoy, B. Bernhardt, G. Geller, N. Reame, D. Doukas). Pew Charitable Trusts and the Genetics and Public Policy Center

- 2002-03 “Dehumanization Through Biotechnology: An Empirical Investigation.” Hellman Fellowship, University of California, San Diego. \$3,500.
- 2002 Chancellor's Summer Faculty Fellowship, UCSD
- 2002 Summer Writing Fellowship. Louisville Institute, Louisville Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 2000-01 “Gender, Academia and Consensus.” Council on Research, Academic Senate, Los Angeles Division. \$4,200
- 2000-01 “The ‘Clergy-Laity Gap’ and Mainline Protestant Decline.” Assistant Professor Initiative, Council on Research, Academic Senate, Los Angeles Division. \$2,000
- 1998-00 Assistant project director. Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project. Pew Charitable Trusts Grant to Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University.
- 1997-98 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant. (Robert Wuthnow, Principal Investigator). \$5,700
- 1997-98 Dissertation Fellowship, The Louisville Institute, Louisville Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 1995-97 Graduate Fellowship and Member, Princeton Society of Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. Princeton University

Invited Presentations (Past Five Years)

- 2023 “Science and Religion: Identity and Belief Formation in Sociology.” The Synthesis of Perspectives Conference, Issachar Fund and Templeton Religious Trust. Boston. September.
- 2023 Keynote Lecture: “The Limits of Generalizing the Religion and Science Experience in the Christian West to the Rest of the World.” Beyond Belief: Middle East and North Africa Perspectives on Science and Religion. Hebrew University, Jerusalem. June.
- 2023 “Value Conflict over Human Enhancement Between the Religious Public and Bioengineering Faculty in the U.S.” Science and religion: Identity and Belief Formation Conference. San Diego. June.
- 2022 “Combining Social Science and Normative Ethics in the Analysis of Science and Technology.” Centre for Biomedicine, Self and Society, University of Edinburgh. September
- 2022 “The Normative Turn in the Sociology of Religion and Science.” Ethics and Social Change Conference, Max Planck – Cambridge Centre for Ethics, Economy and Social Change. Cambridge, UK. September.
- 2022 “Is Vaccine Rejection the Start of a New Era in the Relationship of Conservative Protestants to Science?” Special Invited Session on Religion and the COVID-19 Pandemic. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles. August
- 2022 “Building the Sociology of Science and Religion as a Sub-Discipline” Keynote Panel. Annual Conference of the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society. Birmingham, UK. July.
- 2022 “Locating the Human: The Needs and Purposes of Genome Editing.” Conference: Five Years after Editorial Aspirations: In Search of Limits in the Age of Genome Editing. Kennedy School, Harvard University. May
- 2022 “The Ethics of Human Gene Editing.” Stanford MD/PhD Program Retreat. Stanford.

- May
- 2022 “The History of the Disease/Enhancement Distinction: Lessons for the Future.”
Special panel: The Ethical Gray Zone? Perspectives on the Development and
Governance of Gene and Cell Therapies for Human Enhancement. Annual Meeting of
the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy. Washington, DC. May
- 2022 “What is the Human in the Human Sciences.” Conference on Progress and the Figure
of the Human: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry into the Human Sciences. Arizona State
University. March
- 2022 “The Person and the View of the Public.” Theology of the Person Public Lecture
Series, Regent College, University of British Columbia. February
- 2021-24 “The Ethics of Human Brain Organoids and Human-Animal Neural Chimeras.”
– UC, San Diego Academic Senate Distinguished Research Award Lecture.
Dec 2021
– Centre for Biomedicine, Self and Society; Science, Technology and
Innovation Studies; the Mason Institute; the Centre for Science, Knowledge
and Policy, University of Edinburgh. September 2022.
– Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania.
September 2023
– Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University. September 2023.
– Center for Law and the Biosciences, Stanford University. January 2024.
– Center on Science, Technology and Public Life. University of Southern
California. February 2024.
- 2021 “Equitable and Ethical Development of Novel Applied Technology and Potential for
Misuse.” Berkeley Technology Law Journal Fall Symposium: Race and Technology
Law – Innovating Health Equity. UC Berkeley School of Law. November
- 2021 “Dialogue with Mark Taylor on *Intervolution: Smart Bodies, Smart Things*.
Department of Religion, Columbia University. April
- 2020-21 “Past and Future Limits on Human Gene Editing in Bioethical Debate: A Social
Explanation.”
Life Science Communication Colloquium, University of Wisconsin–Madison. 2/2020
Colloquium, Center for Bioethics, New York University. 3/2020
Bioethics Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania. 2/2021.
Department of Sociology Health Working Group, UCLA. 4/2021
National Institutes of Health, Department of Bioethics. May 2022
- 2020 “Ethics and the Purpose of Science.” A Deep Look into the Future of Biology: the 60th
Anniversary of the Division of Biological Sciences. UC, San Diego. March.

Invited Presentations (Five or More Years Ago)

- 2019 Life 2.0: The Promise and Challenge of a CRISPR Path to a Sustainable Planet. National
Academy of Science Colloquia. Irvine, CA.
- 2019 The Baker Institute, Rice University.
- 2019 First Annual Conference of the International Research Network for the Study of Science and
Belief in Society. Birmingham, UK.
- 2019 UCLA Institute for Society and Genetics. February 2019

- 2018 Workshop on the Self. Kyoto University, Japan.
- 2018 Center for the Study of Religion, UCLA.
- 2018 Tata Institute for Genetics and Society Joint Symposium. Bangalore, India.
Tata Institute for Genetics and Society Symposium, UCSD.
- 2018 Conference on Transformations of the Human. Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences.
- 2018 New Book Roundtable Discussion, UCSD Department of History.
- 2018 UCSD Emeriti Association.
- 2018 Center for Applied Philosophy and Ethics. Kyoto University.
- 2017 Plenary Session; International Society for Science and Religion, American Academy of Religion, National Academies of Sciences. Boston.
- 2017 Stead Center for Ethics and Values, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.
- 2017 Plenary Panel, Conference on New Perspectives on Science and Religion in Society. Manchester, UK.
- 2017 Keynote Address, Symposium on Science and Religion, Exploring the Spectrum. Newman University, UK.
- 2017 Annual Wickenden Lecture, Miami University.
- 2017 The Science of Genome Editing: Possibilities, Realistic Prospects, and Principles of Approach. UC Berkeley.
- 2016 Workshop on Life Sciences and Religion: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives. Max Planck Institute for the History of Science. Berlin.
- 2016 Ethics at the Beginning of Life: A Fresh Look Conference, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia.
- 2016 Human Flourishing in an Age of Gene Editing Conference. The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY.
- 2016 Keynote Address: Public Perception of Science and Religion Conference. San Diego.
- 2016 Theology and Human Enhancement: A Program Planning Meeting. Orlando, FL.
- 2016 Distinctive Voices Lecture, National Academy of Sciences. Irvine, CA.
- 2016 National Hellenic Research Foundation. Athens, Greece.
- 2016 Grinnell College.
- 2016 History of Science/Science and Technology Studies, University of Wisconsin – Madison.
- 2016 Institute of Advanced Studies, University College London.
- 2016 School of Divinity, the University of Edinburgh.
- 2016 Department of Sociology, London School of Economics.
- 2016 Faraday Institute, Cambridge University.
- 2015 Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Ben Gurion University, Israel.
- 2015 Stated Meeting on Scientific Advances and their Impact on Society. American Academy of Arts and Sciences. San Diego, CA.
- 2015 International Conference on Religion and Biopolitics. University of Muenster
- 2015 Science & Religion: Exploring the Spectrum Workshop. York University, Toronto
- 2015 Conference on “The Idea That Wouldn’t Die”: The Warfare Between Science and Religion. University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2015 Committee on Ethical and Social Policy Considerations of Novel Techniques for Prevention

- of Maternal Transmission of Mitochondrial DNA Diseases, Institute of Medicine, U.S. National Academy of Sciences.
- 2015 Workshop on Negotiating the Non-negotiable. ReligioWest Project, European University Institute, Florence, Italy
- 2015 Ben Gurion University, Israel.
- 2014 UCSD Pediatric Grand Rounds
- 2014 Exploring the Religion and Science Dialogue. Rice University.
- 2014 Annual Bioethics Lecture, Bioethics Institute, Loyola Marymount University
- 2014 Uses and Abuses of Biology Dissemination Workshop. Cambridge University, UK
- 2014 Science, Technology and Innovation Studies. University of Edinburgh, UK.
- 2014 Forum on Religion, London School of Economics.
- 2014 Department of Sociology, Rice University
- 2014 Evangelical Theological Society
- 2014 Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia
- 2014 Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University
- 2013 Biomedicine and Personhood Working Group. University of Southern California
- 2013 Uses and Abuses of Biology Workshop. Cambridge University, UK.
- 2013 School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University.
- 2013 Imagining the (Post-) Human Future: Meaning, Critique, and Consequences.” Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2013 Technologies of Imagination: Fifty Years Beyond *Man and His Future*. Arizona State University
- 2013 Conference on Religion, Naturalism and the Sciences. Florida State University
- 2013 DeCamp Bioethics Seminar, Princeton University
- 2013 Department of Sociology, University of Southern California
- 2013 Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University
- 2012 Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.
- 2011 ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh
- 2011 Workshop on the Dilemmas of Choice: Responsibility in Nanotechnology Development University of Padua and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology. Rovigo, Italy
- 2011 Center for Advanced Study in Bioethics, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster
- 2011 Religion and Public Life Program. Rice University
- 2011 Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley
- 2011 ESRC Center for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics, Lancaster and Cardiff Universities, UK
- 2011 Center for Science, Policy and Outcomes, Arizona State University
- 2011 Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania
- 2011 Cultural Studies of Science and Technology Seminar. Rice University
- 2010 Conference on Construction of New Realities in Medicine.” Social Trends Institute. Barcelona, Spain.
- 2009 Working Group on The Challenges to Innovation: Insights from STS, the Social Sciences, and Bioethics. The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY.
- 2009 Department of Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center.

2009 Religion Working Group, Department of Sociology, UCLA

2009 Conference on Ethical Issues in Synthetic Biology. The Hastings Center.

2009 Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen), Cardiff University, UK.

2009 Centre for Biomedicine and Society, Kings College London. London, UK.

2009 Ian Ramsey Centre 2009 Conference: Religious Responses to Darwinism, 1859-2009. Oxford University, Oxford, UK.

2008 Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University

2008 Beyond the Creation-Evolution Controversy: Science and Religion in Public Life Conference. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

2008 Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, April

2008 Conference on Ethics, Science and Politics: The Debate about Stem Cell Research in Germany and the United States. American Institute for Contemporary German Studies. Brussels, Belgium

2008 Department of Sociology, University of Arizona

2007 Workshop on Constituting Citizenship through the Life Sciences, ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh

2007 Conference on The Christian Conservative Movement and American Democracy. Russell Sage Foundation, New York

2007 Conference on Religious Pluralism in Modern America. UW – Madison.

2007 ESRC Genomics Forum, University of Edinburgh

2006 ASBH Summer Conference, Bioethics and Politics: The Future of Bioethics in a Divided Democracy.

2006 Center for American Progress, Washington, DC

2008 Biomedical Ethics Seminar, UCSD Medical School

2006 UCSD Stem Cell Conference

2006 Stem Cell Research in the Heartland: A Symposium on the Social, Cultural, Ethical and Regional Economic Implications. University of Missouri.

2006 Department of Political Science, Stanford University

2006 Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

2006 Yale Divinity School

2005 Center for Society and Genetics Colloquium, University of California, Los Angeles.

2005 Launching Conference, the Economic and Social Research Council Genomics Policy and Research Forum. University of Edinburgh, UK.

2005 Conference on Genetic and Reproductive Ethics, Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity. Chicago, IL

2005 Bouma Lecture Series, Calvin College

2005 Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

2005 Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

2005 Symposium on Bioethics, Politics and Public Policy. Yale Interdisciplinary Bioethics Project, Yale University

2004 The Polarization of American Politics: Myth or Reality? Princeton University

2004 Department of Medical History and Bioethics. University of Wisconsin Medical School

2004 Politics, Culture and Society Workshop, University of Wisconsin – Madison.

2004 Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University
 2003 Religion and Politics Conference. University of Notre Dame
 2003 European Union Center and Keck Graduate Institute, Claremont Colleges.
 2003 Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
 2003 Department of Sociology, Duke University
 2003 Department of Sociology, UNC, Chapel Hill
 2003 Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
 2003 Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY
 2003 Society for Christian Ethics, Pittsburgh, PA
 2002 Center for Bio-medical Ethics/Department of Religion, University of Virginia.
 2002 Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton University
 2002 Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania
 2002 Center for Bio-medical Ethics/Department of Religion, University of Virginia
 2002 The Hastings Center Lunch Symposia, Hastings Center
 2002 Science and Religion Seminar Series. Center for the Study of Science and Religion,
 Columbia University
 2001 Department of Sociology, Princeton University
 2001 Department of Sociology, University of California Berkeley
 2001 Department of Sociology, Indiana University
 2001 The LeRoy Neiman Center, UCLA
 2001 Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania
 2001 The Secular Revolution: Power, Interests, and Conflict in the Secularization of
 American Public Life. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 2001 Pew Forum for Religion and Public Life. Washington, DC
 2000 Research Conference, Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project, Princeton
 2000 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Program Annual Conference, Aspen CO
 2000 Center for the Study of Religion, UCLA
 2000 Planning Retreat, Liaison and Advisory Group, Public Role of Mainline Protestantism
 Project. Airlie House, Warrenton, VA
 1999 Toward a Sociology of Culture and Cognition Conference. Rutgers University
 1999 Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
 1999 Conference on the 20th Anniversary of the Belmont Report: the Past and Future
 Directions, University of Virginia
 1999 Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
 1999 Department of Sociology, Princeton University
 1999 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Scholars Program, Aspen, CO
 1999 Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University
 1999 Lunch Symposia, The Hastings Center, Garrison, NY
 1999 Conference on New Directions in Secularization Theory, UNC – Chapel Hill
 1997 Religion and Biotechnology Policy Working Group Meeting. The Hastings Center,
 Briarcliff Manor, NY.
 1996 Mini-Conference on Research in the Sociology of Culture and Cultural Policy. Princeton
 University.

Papers at Professional Meetings

2017, Association for the Sociology of Religion; 2015, Society for the Anthropology of Religion; 2014, American Sociological Association (ASA); 2014, Association for the Sociology of Religion; 2013, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; 2012, American Sociological Association (ASA); 2011, ASA; 2010 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; 2009 ASA; 2009, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; 2008, ASA; 2007, ASA; 2006, ASA; 2005, ASA; 2004, ASA; 2004, American Society of Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting; 2004, National Society of Genetic Counselors Annual Meeting; 2003, American Society of Human Genetics; 2003, American Society of Reproductive Medicine Annual Meeting; 2002, ASA; 2001, ASA; 2000, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion; 2000, ASA; 1999, ASA; 1998, ASA; 1998, ASA; 1997, Eastern Sociological Society; 1996, Association for the Sociology of Religion; 1995, ASA; 1994, ASA

Other Conference Activities

Panelist: “Biology and Society Panel Discussion.” Uses and Abuses of Biology Dissemination Workshop. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. September 2014; “How Genetic Claims Influence Society.” Uses and Abuses of Biology Workshop. Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK. September 2013; “The Genetic Revolution: Can Ethics Keep Pace?” Frances G. Harpst Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, University of San Diego. March 2012; “Winning Small Grants for Cutting Edge Research and Research Activities: The Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline.” ASA. August 2006; Conference on the Polarization of American Political Life. Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, December 2004; “Advice for Graduate Students in the Sociology of Religion.” Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 2004; “Observing Ethic(ist)s: Reflections on the Work and Profession of Ethics.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Nashville, TN. October 2001; “Observing Ethic(ist)s: Reflections on the Work and Profession of Ethics.” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. Nashville, TN. October 2001.

Discussant: “Religion and Science,” ASA. August 2016; Conference on The Christian Conservative Movement and American Democracy. Russell Sage Foundation, New York. April 2007; Religion and Politics Conference. University of Notre Dame, June 2003; UCLA Center for Comparative Social Analysis. “Comparativists Day.” January 2003; Panel on Religious Organizations: Data Resources and Research Opportunities. Conference on Data Resources and Research Opportunities in the Study of Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector. Washington, DC. October 2001.

Session Chair: “New Directions in the Sociology of Religion and Science.” ASR, August 2022. “Religion, Science and the Social Sciences,” ASA, August 2013; Conference on Political Civility and Scientific Objectivity, UCSD. March 2012; “Author meets the critics: *Shaping Abortion Discourse* by Ferree, Gamson, Gerhards, Rucht.” ASA. August 2004; Meaning and Measurement Conference. Atlanta, August 2003; Center for the Study of Religion Conference: What Does It Mean To Be Human? Religion and Bioethics. Princeton University. November 2001; Session on Religious and Historical Transitions. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX. October 2000

Organizer: “New Directions in the Sociology of Religion and Science.” ASR, August 2022.

“Religious Discourse in Liberal Societies: Thriving, Dying or Transforming?” ASA. August 2004; Session on Public Role of Mainline Protestantism Project. Annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX. October 2000.

Professional Activities and Service

Editorial

- 2018 – Editorial Board Member, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
2011 – 19 Editorial Board Member, *Qualitative Sociology*
2011 – 18 International Editorial Advisory Board, Genetics and Society Book Series, Routledge Press
2005-06 Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

Ad-hoc reviewer – Journals (past four years):

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Social Forces; Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion; Sociology of Religion; Public Understanding of Science; Sociological Theory; Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses; the Sociological Review; Science and Public Policy; Public Opinion Quarterly; Science, Technology and Human Values; International Journal of Research on Religion; American Psychologist; Sociological Compass; Sociological Forum; AJOB Empirical Bioethics; Anthropocene Review; PNAS, Science; Social Science & Medicine; Zygon; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Law and the Biosciences; Hastings Center Report; Science Advances; Socius; American Journal of Bioethics; Neuroethics; New England Journal of Medicine; Social Studies of Science

Ad-hoc reviewer – Book Publishers and Funding Agencies (past four years):

European Research Council; Princeton University Press; Wellcome Trust (UK); Oxford University Press; National Science Foundation; Templeton Religion Trust; Templeton World Charity Foundation; John Templeton Foundation; University of California Press; Social Science Research Council; Columbia University Press; New York University Press; University of Chicago Press; University of Virginia Press

Service to the Broader Academic Community

- 2021 – External Advisory Board, “Religious Perspectives and Human Futures in South American Countries.” Laudato Si Research Institute, Campion Hall, University of Oxford.
2021 – 22 Expert Advisory Committee, “Deliberative Polling and Human Gene Editing” project. The Hastings Center and Stanford Center for Deliberative Democracy
2020 – Member of the International Advisory Board, Global Observatory on Genome Editing, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
2020 - 21 Member of the Committee on Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Issues Associated with Neural Chimeras and Organoids. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.
2020 - 22 Project Advisor, “Inclusive and International Risk Assessment: Building a Framework for Gene Drive Organisms Through Collaboration.” University of Exeter and the

- British Academy
- 2020 – 23 Board of Advisors, “The Boundaries of Humanity: Genetics, Biotechnology, and the Human Future.” Stanford University.
- 2019 – Chair, Social Science of Science and Religion Affinity Group, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2019 – Advisory Board, International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society
- 2018- 22 Advisory Board. Chaplain Innovation Lab. Brandeis University.
- 2017 –18 Advisory Board, Understanding Public Perceptions of Science in Muslim Societies.
- 2017 Two lectures for a MOOC and online Msc degree in Philosophy, Science and Religion. University of Edinburgh.
- 2017 – 22 Advisory Committee, Social Scientific and Social Humanities Study of Science and Religion International Research Network
- 2016 – 17 Social Science Advisor, Project on Science and Orthodoxy Around the World. National Hellenic Research Foundation. Athens, Greece.
- 2015 – 17 Member of the Committee on Human Gene Editing: Scientific, Medical and Ethical Considerations. National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine.
- 2014 – 19 Member of the Advisory Board. Project on: “Clash Narratives in Context: Uncovering the Social and Cultural Drivers of Contemporary Science vs. Religion Debates. Coventry University; York University, Canada; the British Library; the British Science Association.
- 2013 Member of the External Review Committee, Department of Sociology, San Diego State University
- 2012 – 15 Member of the Advisory Board, “Scientists and Religious Communities: Investigating Perceptions to Build Understanding” grant. American Association for the Advancement of Science and Rice University.
- 2012 – Co-founder and current co-facilitator of the Network for the Social Scientific Study of Science and Religion
- 2011 – 15 Member of the Advisory Board, “Religion Among Scientists in International Context” grant. Rice University.
- 2011 – 12 Member of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Working Group on the Status of Religion in American Sociology
- 2011 – 14 Elected Member of the Council of the Sociology of Religion Section of the ASA
- 2010 – 11 Member of the Council Subcommittee on the NRC Ratings, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2010 – 13 Elected Member of the Council of the Cultural Sociology Section of the ASA
- 2010 – 15 Member of the Preliminary Review Panel for Sociology, The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009 – 10 Ethical Issues in Synthetic Biology Working Group. The Hastings Center.
- 2009 – 12 Advisory Board Member. Documentary: “Cracking Your Genetic Code.” NOVA, WGBH Boston and the Hastings Center.
- 2008 – 09 Member, Nominations Committee. Sociology of Religion Section, ASA

2008 Program Committee. Sociology of Religion Section, ASA meetings
 2007 – 08 Member of the Religion Survey Data Expansion Project, John Templeton Foundation.
 2007 Program Committee. Sociology of Religion Section, ASA meetings
 2005 Program Co-chair. Mini-conference on the Sociology of Bioethics. Washington, DC., April
 2004 Member of Planning Group. Development of the cultural authority of science module for the 2006 General Social Survey
 2004 – 06 Member of Advisory Panel, Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy, ASA
 2004 Book of the Year Award Committee, Sociology of Culture Section, ASA
 2002 Chair, Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Religion Section, ASA
 2002 Program Committee, Sociology of Religion Section, ASA
 2001 Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Religion Section, ASA
 2000 Member, Nominating Committee, Cultural Sociology Section, ASA
 1996 – 97 Religion and Biotechnology Policy Working Group. The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, NY

University Service

2019-20 Provost Review Committee
 2019-20 Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Social Implications of Data Analytics
 2016-17 Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Social Basis of Knowledge, Learning and Creativity
 2016-17 Chair, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Social Implications of Science, Technology and Medicine
 2015– 17 Member, Oversight Committee, Joint FTE Initiative in Practical Ethics
 2015– 17 Member, Oversight Committee, Joint FTE Initiative in Knowledge, Learning and Creativity
 2015 – 16 Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee, Bioethics. School of Medicine and Philosophy
 2012 – 13 Social Science Representative to Council of Chairs Working Group on the University Strategic Planning Process
 2010 – 11 Diversity General Education Requirement Committee, Council of Provosts and Senior Vice-Chancellor’s Office
 2010 Faculty Steering Committee, Dimensions of Culture Program, Thurgood Marshall College
 2009 – 11 Chair of the Board of Directors. Burke Lectureship in Religion on Religion and Society
 2007 – 09 Vice-chair of the Board of Directors. Burke Lectureship in Religion on Religion and Society
 2005 – Chancellor’s Representative to Board of Directors. Burke Lectureship on Religion and Society
 2006 – Faculty Advisory Committee, Health Care – Social issues Interdisciplinary Program
 2005 – 11 Member of Planning Group. Yankelovich Workshops in Religion and Public Life

- 2005 – 06 Extended Study and Public Service Committee
- 2003 – 08 Faculty member, Graduate Program in Research Ethics
- 2002 – Faculty member, Program for the Study of Religion
- 2000 – 01 Steering Committee, Medical Humanities and Social Sciences Group, College of Letters and Science (UCLA)
- 2000 – 01 Advisory Committee to the Undergraduate Inter-departmental Program in the Study of Religion (UCLA)
- 2000 – 01 Governing Board, Center for the Study of Religion (UCLA)

Departmental Service

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

Public Lectures

- 2024 “The Relationship Between Religion and Science.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UCSD. January
- 2022 “The Ethics of Human Gene Editing.” MD/PhD Program Retreat, Stanford Medical School. May
- 2021 “Inequality in Human Gene Editing.” Berkeley Technology Law Journal Fall Symposium. November.
- 2021 “The Ethical Debate About Human Brain Organoids and Neuro-chimeric Animals.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UCSD. April.
- 2021 “The Ethical Debate About Human Gene Editing” Chancellor’s Associates, UC San Diego. February.
- 2019 “Significance of the Humanities for Science.” High School “Semanities.” San Diego.
- 2019 “Human Gene Editing: The Protestant Debate in Social Context.” St. Andrews Church, Houston, TX. August.
- 2018 “Human Gene Editing.” Suds and Science, Stone Brewing, San Diego. September.
- 2018 “Science and Religion.” San Diego Islamic Center. June.
- 2017 “Human Gene Editing: The Ethical Debate in Social Context.” UCSD Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. August
- 2016 “What is a Human and How Should We Treat Them?” Educational Forum, Cambridge UK Secondary School Consortium. November.

- 2013 “The History and Future of Bioethics.”
Kaiser Permanente San Diego Bioethics Committee. May.
San Diego Medical Society Bioethics Committee. October.
- 2007 “The Stem Cell Challenge: Genes and Society.” Edinburgh International Book
Festival, Edinburgh, Scotland. August
- 2004 “From the Extremist Elites to the ‘Reasonable Middle’ Public.” Panel on Religion,
Science and Public Policy. Western Knight Center for Specialized Journalism,
University of Southern California. Training seminar for American journalists.
September