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Curriculum vitae

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Education

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| 2018 | Ph.D., Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara<br>with Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Emphasis in Global Studies |
| 2006 | M.A.T., Language Arts, Lewis & Clark College Graduate School   |
| 2004 | M.A.R., <i>cum laude</i> , History of Christianity, Yale Divinity School   |
| 2002 | B.A., English, Philosophy (with honors), Lewis & Clark College   |

Employment History

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

*Associate Director, Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life*  
(2022—)

- Works with the Capps Center Director to develop and implement initiatives and programming, including a public lecture series, seminars, workshops, conferences, graduate fellowship program, and undergraduate internship program
- Oversees and coordinates all Center activities, including with public and government officials, speakers, faculty, students, staff, and local community members
- Hires, trains, and supervises part-time student employees and staff
- Manages existing budget lines and facilitates growth through grant applications and donor relations
- Evaluates Center programming to ensure diversity of participants and audience

*Postdoctoral Researcher (2020—2022)*

- Meaning of Religion Project (part of \$2.8 million Templeton grant, “Spirituality and Prosocial Values in the Absence of Religion among Millennials and Their Families,” that surveyed and interviewed three generations of participants from diverse families in a longitudinal study)
- Secular Communities Survey (largest-ever survey of U.S. nonbeliever groups)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

*Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor (2019—2020)*

- “Comparative Religion,” REL 131 (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
- “The American Religious Experience,” REL 338 (Spring 2020)
- “Issues in Religion: New Religious Movements,” REL 490 (Fall 2019)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

*Lecturer (2018—2019)*

- "Race, Law, and Asian American Religions," ASAM 161 (Fall 2018, Summer 2019)
- "Introduction to Asian American Literature," ASAM 5 (Summer 2019)
- "New Religious Movements," RGST 101A (Spring 2019)

*Teaching Associate (Instructor of Record) (2014—2017)*

- "Asian American Religions," ASAM 161 (Summer 2016, Summer 2017)
- "Introduction to American Religion," RGST 7 (Summer 2017)
- "Spiritual but Not Religious in America," RGST 190SB (Spring 2016)
- "Introduction to the Study of Religion," RGST 1 (Summer 2015)
- "New Religious Movements," RGST 101A (Summer 2014)

*Teaching Assistant (2011—2018)*

- "Modern Iran," RGST 81 (Spring 2017)
- "Introduction to American Religion," RGST 7 (Winter 2012, Winter 2017)
- "Introduction to Religion in Asian America," RGST 71/ASAM 71 (Spring 2014)
- "Introduction to the Study of Religion," RGST 1 (Winter 2014)
- "Religion and Psychology," RGST 15 (Fall 2011)
- "Asian American Popular Culture," ASAM 4 (Winter 2018)
- "Asian American Literature," ASAM 5 (Spring 2013, Winter 2015, Spring 2015, Winter 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)
- "American Migration since 1965: Asians and Others in the United States," ASAM 2 (Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2015)
- "History of the American People, WWI-Present," HIST 17C (Spring 2012)

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Gresham, OR)

*Instructor (2005—2006)*

- "History of the Old Testament," REL 211 (Spring 2005, Spring 2006)
- "History of the New Testament," REL 212 (Spring 2005)

INZA R. WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL (Wilsonville, OR)

*Teacher (2006—2010)*

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science, 8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History

RELATED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Writing Center Tutor, Santa Barbara City College (Fall 2011)
- Instructor, "Religion in America after 1865," Wilsonville Public Library (Fall 2009)
- Instructor, "Religion in America before 1865," Wilsonville Public Library (Spring 2009)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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- 2026 "Brainwashing, Race, and New Religious Movements in the United States," *Nova Religio* 29, no. 4: 5-20. [invited as guest editor for this special issue]
- 2026 "Brainwashing, Race, and the Unification Church: Orientalism and Yellow Peril Rhetoric from the Cold War to the Cult Wars," *Nova Religio* 29, no. 4: 43-68.
- 2019 "Organic Farming as Spiritual Practice and Practical Spirituality at Sunburst Farms." *Nova Religio* 23, no. 1: 60-88.
- 2015 "Need a Minister? How about Your Brother?": The Universal Life Church between Religion and Nonreligion," *Secularism & Nonreligion* 4, no. 12: 1-13.

#### Peer-Reviewed Chapters in Edited Volumes

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- 2024 "Intergenerational Evolution of Religiosity and Spirituality in Sexual Minorities in an American Sample" (with Maria T. Brown, Joseph Blankholm, Woosang Hwang, RianSimone Harris, and Merrill Silverstein). In *Religious Change and Continuity Across Generations: Passing on Faith in Families of Six European and North American Nations*, edited by Merrill Silverstein, Christel Gärtner, and Maria T. Brown, 157-193. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- 2024 "Spiritual Beliefs and Practices of the Nonreligious in an American Context: A Cross-Generational Perspective." (with Woosang Hwang, Joseph Blankholm, Maria T. Brown, RianSimone Harris, and Merrill Silverstein). In *Religious Change and Continuity Across Generations: Passing on Faith in Families of Six European and North American Nations*, edited by Merrill Silverstein, Christel Gärtner, and Maria T. Brown, 195-218. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- 2019 "Biodiversity and Spiritual Well-being" (with Katherine N. Irvine, Rebecca Bell-Williams, and Sara L. Warber). In *Biodiversity and Health in the Face of Climate Change*, edited by Melissa R. Marselle, Jutta Stadler, Horst Korn, Katherine N. Irvine, and Aletta Bonn, 213-247. New York: Springer.
- 2017 "Your Wedding, Your Way: Personalized, Nonreligious Weddings through the Universal Life Church." In *Organized Secularism in the United States: New Directions in Research*, edited by Ryan T. Cragun, Lori L. Fazzino, and Christel Manning, 253-278. New York: De Gruyter.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

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- 2015 "Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI)." In *Ghosts, Spirits, and Psychics: The Paranormal from Alchemy to Zombies*, edited by Matt Cardin, 49-51. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- 2015 "Randi, James." In *Ghosts, Spirits, and Psychics: The Paranormal from Alchemy to Zombies*, edited by Matt Cardin, 253-254. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

- 2012 "Antigua and Barbuda." In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion, vol. 1*, edited by Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof, 44-45. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- 2012 "Virgin Islands (British)." In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion, vol. 2*, edited by Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof, 1361-1362. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- 2012 "Virgin Islands (U.S.)." In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion, vol. 2*, edited by Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof, 1362-1363. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

#### Conference Proceedings

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- 2013 "Thrasymachus: Diagnosis and Treatment" (with Nicholas D. Smith). In *Dialogues on Plato's "Politeia" ("Republic"): Selected Papers from the Ninth Symposium Platonicum* (International Plato Studies, Volume 31), edited by Noburu Notomi and Luc Brisson, 60-65. Sankt Augustin, Germany: Academia Verlag.

#### Book Reviews

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- 2022 Review of *Speak of the Devil: How the Satanic Temple is Changing the Way We Talk about Religion*, by Joseph P. Laycock, *Religion* 52.1: 143-146.
- 2020 Review of *Our Non-Christian Nation: How Atheists, Satanists, Pagans, and Others Are Demanding Their Rightful Place in Public Life*, by Jay Wexler, *Sociology of Religion* 81.3: 347-348.
- 2018 Review of *Inventing American Religion: Polls, Surveys, and the Tenuous Quest for a Nation's Faith*, by Robert Wuthnow, *Religion* 48.1: 132-135.
- 2016 Review of *Media Portrayals of Religion and the Secular Sacred: Representation and Change*, edited by Kim Knott, Elizabeth Poole, and Teemu Taira, *Religion* 46.3: 480-484.
- 2014 Review of *Religion and Hip Hop*, by Monica R. Miller, *Religion* 44.1: 186-189.
- 2012 Review of *Aimee Semple McPherson and the Making of Modern Pentecostalism, 1890-1926*, by Chas. H. Barfoot, *Religion* 42.4: 674-677.

#### Manuscripts in Preparation

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*A Convenient Religion: The Universal Life Church, Religious Freedom, and Contemporary Weddings*. Monograph. NYU Press.

*Asian American Religions, Religious Freedom, and the State*. Edited volume (co-edited with Melissa Borja). Rutgers University Press.

“The Unification Church and the Racial Politics of Religious Freedom: From the Fraser Report to the *Molko* Case.” Chapter in edited volume, *Asian Americans, Religious Freedom, and the State*, edited by Dusty Hoesly and Melissa Borja. Rutgers University Press.

“Introduction: Asian Americans, Religious Freedom, and the State.” Chapter in edited volume, *Asian Americans, Religious Freedom, and the State*, edited by Dusty Hoesly and Melissa Borja. For Rutgers University Press.

“Religious Freedom.” *The Oxford Handbook of Asian American Religions*, edited by Melissa Borja, Helen Jin Kim, and Justin Tse. Oxford University Press. Invited chapter.

“Managing Irrelevance: Esalen’s Citizen Diplomacy with Russia in the New Cold War.” Co-authored with Marion S. Goldman. *Nova Religio*. Revise and resubmit.

“Being Secular, Doing Religion: The Ritual Life of Nonbelievers.” Co-authored with Courtney Applewhite, Joseph Blankholm, and Juhem Navarro-Rivera. To be submitted to *Sociology of Religion*.

*A Tribute to Walter H. Capps: Scholar, Teacher, Public Servant*. Producer and writer of hour-long documentary film.

Review of *For the Wild: Ritual and Commitment in Radical Eco-Activism*, by Sarah M. Pike. Book review for *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*.

Review of *Nonverts: The Making Ex-Christian America*, by Stephen Bullivant. Book review for *Religion*.

#### Selected Online Academic Publications

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2023 “Just About Anybody in America Can Officiate a Wedding, Thanks to the Internet—and One Determined Preacher,” *The Conversation*, July 27.  
<https://theconversation.com/just-about-anybody-in-america-can-officiate-a-wedding-thanks-to-the-internet-and-one-determined-preacher-207953>

2021 “Preliminary Findings: Demographics and Secular Identifications,” *The Secular Communities Survey*, June 25. <https://secularcommunities.hfa.ucsb.edu/preliminary-findings-demographics-and-secular-identifications/>

2021 “Sunburst (Brotherhood of the Sun),” *World Religions and Spirituality Project*, June 22.  
<https://wrldrels.org/2021/06/18/sunburst-brotherhood-of-the-sun/>

2020 “Universal Life Church Monastery,” *World Religions and Spirituality Project*, July 28.  
<https://wrldrels.org/2020/07/26/universal-life-church-monastery/>

- 2020 Contribution to “Asian Americans and American Religion: Recommendations for Your Summer Reading and Fall Syllabi,” *Anxious Bench* [Patheos], May 28. <https://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2020/05/asian-americans-and-american-religion-recommendations-for-your-summer-reading-and-fall-syllabi/>
- 2017 “On Reading Ralph Ellison Theologically,” Religious Studies Project, June 16. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/2017/06/16/on-reading-ralph-ellison-theologically/>
- 2016 Review of *Losing Our Religion: How Unaffiliated Parents Are Raising Their Children*, by Christel Manning, *Reading Religion*, July 8. <http://readingreligion.org/books/losing-our-religion>
- 2014 “Better Know an Archive: UCSB’s American Religions Collection,” *Religion in the American West*, June 16. <http://relwest.blogspot.com/2014/06/better-know-archive-ucsbs-american.html>
- 2013 Review of *Theater in a Crowded Fire: Ritual and Spirituality at Burning Man*, by Lee Gilmore, *Religion in the American West*, June 3. <http://relwest.blogspot.com/2013/06/book-of-month.html>
- 2013 Review of *What Matters? Ethnographies of Value in a Not So Secular Age*, edited by Courtney Bender and Ann Taves, *Practical Matters* 6, May 4. <http://www.practicalmattersjournal.org/issue/6/reviews/what-matters-ethnographies-of-value-in-a-not-so-secular-age>
- 2013 “Religion, Secularism, and the Chaplaincy,” Religious Studies Project, April 24. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/2013/04/24/religion-secularism-and-the-chaplaincy-by-dusty-hoesly/>
- 2013 Review of *Cascadia: The Elusive Utopia: Exploring the Spirit of the Pacific Northwest*, edited by Douglas Todd, *Religion in the American West*, April 8. <http://relwest.blogspot.com/2013/04/book-of-month.html>
- 2012 “James Sheerin’s Search for the Holy Grail: Perceptions of Religion in the American West,” *Religion in the American West*, September 24. <http://relwest.blogspot.com/2012/09/james-sheerins-search-for-holy-grail.html>
- 2012 “Approaches to Studying Irreligion and Secular Spirituality in the Pacific Northwest,” *Religion in the American West*, July 16. <http://relwest.blogspot.com/2012/07/approaches-to-studying-irreligion-and.html>
- 2012 “The Last Best Hope of Earth? Bron Taylor and the Limits of Dark Green Religion,” Religious Studies Project, April 25. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/2012/04/25/dusty-hoesly-the-last-best-hope-of-earth-bron-taylor-and-the-limits-of-dark-green-religion/>

## Other Publications

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2010 "My Oregon Territories." In *Oregon Stories*, compiled by Ooligan Press, 171-172. Portland, OR: Ooligan Press [Portland State University].

## Grants, Awards, and Honors

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2026 Henry Luce Foundation Responsive Grant ("Repatriation Futures: Living Tradition, Spiritual Vitality, Best Practices," Co-PI with Greg Johnson), Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life, UCSB (\$500,000)

2024 Henry Luce Foundation Responsive Grant ("Religion, Repatriation, and Repair: Scoping Workshops," Co-PI with Greg Johnson and Sally Promey), Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life, UCSB (\$75,000)

2023 Henry Luce Foundation Responsive Grant ("Asian American Religions and the State: A Workshop," Co-PI with Melissa Borja), Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion, and Public Life, UCSB (\$35,000)

2021 Donia Human Rights Center Book Preparation Workshop Grant ("Asian American Religions, Religious Freedom, and the State," with Melissa Borja), University of Michigan (\$9,530)

2018 Walter Capps Memorial Award, Religious Studies Department, UCSB

2018 UCSB University Service Award

2018 UCSB Graduate Students Association Travel Grant (\$200)

2018 UCSB Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee

2017 UCSB Graduate Students Association Travel Grant (\$200)

2016 UCSB Graduate Students Association Travel Grant (\$200)

2016 Fee Fellowship (Fall), Religious Studies Department, UCSB

2016 Certificate of Gratitude, CARE Advocate Office for Sexual Violence, UCSB

2015 UCSB Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee

2015 Dean's Prize Teaching Fellowship, UCSB

2015 Cordano Catholic Studies Grant (\$360)

- 2015 UCSB Graduate Students Association Travel Grant (\$200)
- 2015 UCSB Open Access Fund Award, UCSB Library (£200)
- 2014 Fee Fellowship (Fall), Religious Studies Department, UCSB
- 2014 UCSB Academic Senate Doctoral Student Travel Grant (\$650)
- 2014 UCSB Graduate Students Association Travel Grant (\$200)
- 2014 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Travel Award (\$300)
- 2014 UCSB Graduate Dean’s Advancement Fellowship (\$6,750)
- 2013 UCSB Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research (ISBER) Graduate Research Award for Social Science Surveys (GRASSS) Grant (\$600)
- 2013 Chair’s Distinguished Service Award, Religious Studies Department, UCSB
- 2012 Professor Robert S. Michaelsen Memorial Award for Academic Achievement in The Study of American Religion, Religious Studies Department, UCSB
- 2012 Graduate Students Association Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee, UCSB
- 2010—2013 Rowny Research Fellowship, Religious Studies Department, UCSB
- 2010 National Council of Teachers of English Leadership Development Award
- 2003, 2004 Paul L. Holmer Scholar, Yale Divinity School
- 1998—2002 Dean’s Scholar, Lewis & Clark College

Presentations and Conference Papers

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- 2026 “Catherine L. Albanese and American Religious History at UCSB,” Catherine L. Albanese and American Religious History: A Symposium (February 21)
- 2024 “The Unification Church, Brainwashing, and the Racial Politics of Religious Freedom,” Asian American Religions and the State Workshop, University of California, Santa Barbara (May 9)
- 2023 “Brainwashing Lawsuits and the Unification Church,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 20)

- 2022 "The Universal Life Church and the Growth of Cannabis Churches: Psychedelic Spirituality, Spiritual Entrepreneurship, and the Failure of Religious Freedom in America," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 20)
- 2022 "Dechristianizing the Sociology of American (Ir)religion: Evidence from the Secular Communities Survey," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (November 12)
- 2022 "The Hidden Transmission of Religion across Generations: Evidence from the U.S." (co-authored with Merrill Silverstein, Maria Brown, Woosang Hwang, Joseph Blankholm), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (November 11)
- 2022 "The Garden of Religious Pluralism and Its Weeds" (with Joseph Blankholm), Continuities and Discontinuities in Religiosity, Spirituality, and Secularity Across Generations Workshop (November 10)
- 2022 "The Unification Church and the Racial Politics of Religious Freedom," Asian Americans, Religious Freedom, and the State Workshop, University of Michigan (September 30)
- 2022 "Symbolic Boundaries in the Ritual Life of Nonbelievers," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (August 8)
- 2021 "Religion's Afterlives: The Next Wave of the Longitudinal Study of Generations," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (August 8)
- 2021 "Citizen Diplomacy and Spiritual Privilege: Esalen, Russia, and a New Age Geopolitics," International Society for the Sociology of Religion Conference (July 15)
- 2021 "An Intergenerational Perspective on the Spiritual-But-Not-Religious" (co-authored with Merrill Silverstein, Joseph Blankholm, Woosang Hwang, and Maria T. Brown), International Society for the Sociology of Religion Conference (July 14)
- 2021 "Religious, Spiritual, and Secular Identifications among Secular Joiners and Religiously Unaffiliated Americans," Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network Conference (June 16)
- 2020 "New Age Spirituality and Health Foods at Sunburst Farms," University of Southern Mississippi (February 27)
- 2020 "Instant Ministers: Religious Freedom, Wedding Personalization, and the Universal Life Church," University of Wyoming (February 19)
- 2019 "Orientalism, Brainwashing, and the Unification Church," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 23)
- 2019 "Spiritual Diplomacy: Esalen, Russia, and Geopolitics," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (October 27)
- 2019 "Spiritual Diplomacy: Esalen, Russia, and International Relationships" (with Marion Goldman), Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (August 12)

- 2019 "Instant Ministers: Religious Freedom, Wedding Personalization, and the Universal Life Church," Bowdoin College (May 8)
- 2019 "Instant Ministers: Religious Freedom, Wedding Personalization, and the Universal Life Church," University of Southern Mississippi (April 4)
- 2018 "The IRS, Church Audits, and Religious Politics," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (October 27)
- 2017 "The IRS and the Universal Life Church: Regulating Religion in a Neoliberal Era," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (October 14)
- 2017 "Can Pragmatic Activity Be Religious? Some Examples and Theoretical Considerations," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (October 13)
- 2016 "The Universal Life Church, Same-Sex Weddings, and Religious-Secular Entanglements," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 22)
- 2016 "The Universal Life Church and Contemporary Weddings: The Changing Contours of American Rites of Passage," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (August 23)
- 2016 "Getting Married in the Pacific Northwest: Secularization and Liberalization in the None Zone and Beyond," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (Joint Session with American Sociological Association) (August 20)
- 2016 "Culture Wars in the U.S.," U.S. State Department Study of the U.S. Institute: Religious Pluralism and Public Presence, University of California, Santa Barbara (June 28)
- 2015 "They Will Be 'Attracted to Us by Our Fruits': Organic Farming as Spiritual Practice and Practical Spirituality at Sunburst Farms," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 22)
- 2015 "The Brotherhood of the Sun and the Spiritual Roots of Commercial Organic Farming," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (October 24)
- 2015 "Avoiding Sincerity: The Universal Life Church and the Troublesome Turn to Defining Religion," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (October 23)
- 2015 "Sunburst Farms, the Source Restaurant, and Yogi Tea: The Spiritual Origins of America's Health Food Revolution," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (August 21)
- 2015 "Culture Wars in the U.S.," U.S. State Department Study of the U.S. Institute: Religious Pluralism and Public Presence, University of California, Santa Barbara (July 1)
- 2015 "'Enough' of a Spiritual Leader?": The Universal Life Church and Evolving Judicial Interpretations of Religions and Ministers," Freedom of (and from) Religion Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara (May 1)

- 2015 "Healings, Weddings, and the Legal Limits of Ethical Practice," Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biennial Meeting (April 18)
- 2014 "I Did It to Perform Ceremonies": The Universal Life Church and Secular Religiosity," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 24)
- 2014 "Some Statutory Hoop: Nuptial Freedom and State Regulation of Wedding Officiants," Religion and American Law Discussion Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 23)
- 2014 "Your Wedding, Your Way: Personalized, Non-Religious Weddings through the Universal Life Church," Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference (November 20)
- 2014 "A Religion of Convenience: The Universal Life Church, Contemporary Weddings, and the Secular Sacred," Lewis & Clark College (November 4)
- 2014 "A Generation of Students: The Impact of Wade Clark Roof on Research and Teaching Today and Beyond," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (November 1)
- 2014 "For a Wedding or a Lark: The Universal Life Church between Religion and Non-Religion," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (October 31)
- 2014 "Need a Minister? How About Your Brother?": The Universal Life Church and Pragmatic Religious Practice," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (August 15)
- 2014 "The Universal Life Church: Prospectus for Research," UCSB American Religions Study Group (February 24)
- 2013 "We Do Not Stand Between You and Your God': The Universal Life Church as a New Religious Movement," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 25)
- 2013 "Sacred and Secular: Is the Universal Life Church a New Religious Movement?" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting (November 8)
- 2012 "The Historical Context of Alexander Campbell's Anti-Mormon Tract 'Delusions,'" American Academy of Religion Western Regional Annual Meeting (March 25)
- 2012 "Thrasymachus: Diagnosis and Treatment," Lewis & Clark College (March 19)
- 2002 "Socrates' Psychic Therapy of Thrasymachus in *Republic* Book I," 13<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Philosophy, Pyrgos, Greece (July 27); 6th Annual Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (April 6)

#### Podcast Interviews Conducted

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- 2016 Interview with David Gordon White, "Historical, Popular, and Scholarly Constructions of Yoga," Religious Studies Project, June 22.  
<http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/historical-popular-and-scholarly-constructions-of-yoga/>

- 2016 Interview with Joseph Blankholm, "Permutations of Secularism," Religious Studies Project, May 16. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/permutations-of-secularism/>
- 2016 Interview with Lynn Davidman, "Conversion and Deconversion as Concepts in the Sociology of Religion," Religious Studies Project, April 25. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/conversion-and-deconversion-as-concepts-in-the-sociology-of-religion/>
- 2015 Interview with Darren Sherkat, "Religious Demography in the U.S.," Religious Studies Project, November 25. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/religious-demography-in-the-us/>
- 2015 Interview with Rudy Busto, "Race and Religion: Intertwined Social Constructions," Religious Studies Project, June 1. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/race-and-religion-intertwined-social-constructions/>
- 2014 Interview with Wade Clark Roof, "Baby Boomers, Quest Culture, and Spiritual Seeking: An Interview with Wade Clark Roof," Religious Studies Project, December 15. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/baby-boomers-quest-culture-and-spiritual-seeking-an-interview-with-wade-clark-roof/>
- 2014 Interview with Michele Dillon, "Habermas, Religion, and the Post-Secular," Religious Studies Project, March 10. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/michele-dillon-on-habermas-religion-and-the-post-secular/>

## Research Experience

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- 2026— Co-PI, "Repatriation Futures: Living Tradition, Spiritual Vitality, Best Practices": co-wrote grant, will organize programming and administer grant funds during five-year award period; co-PI with Greg Johnson
- 2024—2026 Co-PI, "Religion, Repatriation, and Repair: Scoping Workshops": wrote grant, organized and co-led two workshops, wrote report, goal to apply for a larger grant to hold national workshops on this same topic; co-PI with Greg Johnson and Sally Promey
- 2023—2024 Co-PI, "Asian American Religions and the State: A Workshop": wrote grant, organized and led workshop, presented research, goal to publish an edited volume on this topic; co-PI with Melissa Borja
- 2020—2022 Project manager for the Meaning of Religion Project and the Secular Communities Survey: recruited research participants, designed quantitative surveys and interview schedules, conducted interviews, transcribed interviews, coded interview data, analyzed qualitative and quantitative data, created charts, presented research, wrote research articles, supervised graduate researchers, provided clerical support; UCSB; supervisor: Joseph Blankholm

- 2010—2013 Conducted interviews and created annotated bibliography about contemporary sexuality and spirituality; UCSB; director of research: Roger Friedland
- 2002—2004 Transcribed sermon manuscripts for The Works of Jonathan Edwards Project; Yale Divinity School; executive director: Ken Minkema

#### Selected Professional Service

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- 2023— Campus Climate Committee, AANAPISI Task Force, UCSB
- 2023— Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Religion Compass*
- 2022— Book Proposal Reviewer, Routledge
- 2021— Steering Committee, Asian North American Religion, Culture, & Society Unit, AAR
- 2020—2025 Co-Chair, Sociology of Religion Unit, AAR
- 2020— Book Proposal Reviewer, Bloomsbury
- 2019, 2026— Steering Committee, Sociology of Religion Unit, AAR
- 2016— Article Manuscript Reviewer, *Secularism & Nonreligion*
- 2015— Scholar as Resource, Religion and Diversity Project (Canada)
- 2014—2016 Interviewer, Religious Studies Project (<http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com>)
- 2014—2017 Smoke-Free Campus Steering Committee, UCSB
- 2012—2014 Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison, Religious Studies Department, UCSB
- 2011—2014 Vice President of Committees and Planning, Graduate Student Association, UCSB
- 2008—2010 Oregon Council of Teachers of English Executive Board; Membership Committee
- 2008—2010 Oregon Education Association Legislative Advisory Council; Contact Team
- 2008—2009 West Linn-Wilsonville School District Professional Development Committee
- 2007—2009 West Linn Education Association Insurance Committee

#### Teaching Areas/Courses Prepared to Teach

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Religion in America Today, American Religious History, New Religious Movements, Asian American Religions, Spiritual but Not Religious, Secularism and Secularity, Religion and Law, Religion and Politics, Introduction to the Study of Religion, Comparative Religions, Religion and Food, Religion and the American West, Religion and Globalization, Sociology of Religion, Method and Theory in Religious Studies

#### Languages

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German Beginning reading, writing, speaking  
 French Beginning reading

## Professional Memberships/Affiliations

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American Academy of Religion  
American Sociological Association  
American Anthropological Association  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
International Society for the Sociology of Religion  
Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network  
North American Association for the Study of Religion  
The Study of Religion as an Analytic Discipline  
American Society for Church History

## References

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