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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Centre for the Graduate Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 1995 (Religious Studies)  
Dissertation Supervisor: Prof. Neil McMullin; Committee Members: Profs. Donald Wiebe, Willard Oxtoby; External Examiner: Prof. J. Samuel Preus (Indiana University)
- M.A. Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 1988 (Religious Studies)  
Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Ernest Best
- Th.M. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, 1987 (Master of Theology)  
Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Pamela Dickey Young
- M.Div. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada 1986 (Master of Divinity)
- B.A. Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada 1983 (Life Sciences)

## ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- University Research Professor, University of Alabama, Spring 2018-present (voted by UA Board of Trustees February 2, 2018)
- Professor (tenured), College of Arts & Sciences, University of Alabama, 2005-present
- Appointed, Graduate College, University of Alabama, 2004-present
- Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama, 2001-2005
- Associate Professor (untentured), Department of Religious Studies, Southwest Missouri State University, 1999-2001
- Appointed, School of Graduate Studies, Southwest Missouri State University, 1996-2001
- Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Religious Studies, Southwest Missouri State University, 1996-1999
- Full-time Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, 1993-1996
- Graduate Assistant to Prof. Donald Wiebe, Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 1991-1992
- Teaching and/or Research Assistant, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto (working with Professors Michel Desjardins, Bruce Alton, Willard Oxtoby,

Joseph O'Connell, and Donald Wiebe), 1989-1993

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama, 2001-6; 2006-9; 2013-18; 2018-23

Associate Information Officer, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Alabama, 2010-2011  
(Directing the Office of Educational Technology's [etech]; 10 staff members)

Communication Director of Technology Resources (CDTR), College of Arts & Sciences, University of Alabama, January 2009-10

## **GRANT APPLICATIONS**

"Hijacked! A Conference at the University of Hannover on the Critical Treatment of the Public Rhetoric of 'Good' and 'Bad' Religion," co-written application with Steffen Führding and Leslie Dorrough Smith. Volkswagen Foundation, Value: 50,000€. (Submitted: Fall 2015; not awarded)

"Hijacked! A Conference at the University of Hannover on the Critical Treatment of the Public Rhetoric of 'Good' and 'Bad' Religion," co-written with Steffen Führding and Leslie Dorrough Smith. Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Value: 40,000€ (Submitted Spring 2016; not awarded)

## **GRANT ASSESSMENT**

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) panelist/assessor for "Enduring Questions" course development grant (worth \$25,000 per grant). Washington, DC, October 31, 2011. <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/EnduringQuestions.html>

## **RESEACH COLLABORATIONS**

Culture on the Edge: sixteen person project focused on developing theories of identification, with blog ([edge.ua.edu](http://edge.ua.edu)) and book series. Visit <http://edge.ua.edu/identity/>

## **AUTHORED BOOKS (MONOGRAPH & SINGLE-AUTHOR ESSAYS COLLECTIONS)**

*Fabricating Religion: A Fanfare for the Common e.g.* Walter de Gruyter, 2018.

*"Religion" in Theory and Practice: Demystifying the Field for Burgeoning Academics.* Equinox Publishers, 2018.

*A Modest Proposal on Method: Essaying the Study of Religion.* E. J. Brill, 2015; paperback edition, 2018.

*Entanglements: Marking Place in the Field of Religion.* Equinox Publishers, 2014.

*The Sacred is the Profane: On the Political Nature of "Religion."* Oxford University Press, 2013 (co-authored with William Arnal).

- Studying Religion: An Introduction*. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2007 and Routledge 2014; 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2019.
- Religion and the Domestication of Dissent, or How to Live in a Less than Perfect Nation*. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2005 and Routledge, 2014.
- The Discipline of Religion: Structure, Meaning, and Rhetoric*. Routledge, U.K., 2003.
- Critics Not Caretakers: Redescribing the Public Study of Religion*. State University of New York Press, 2001.
- Manufacturing Religion: The Discourse on Sui Generis Religion and the Politics of Nostalgia*. Oxford University Press, 1997; paperback edition, 2003.

### **EDITED BOOKS (ESSAY COLLECTIONS, HANDBOOKS & ANTHOLOGIES)**

- Remembering J. Z. Smith: A Career and its Consequence* (co-edited with Emily Crews). Equinox Publishers (contracted).
- Religion is...: Debating the Academic Study of Religion* (co-edited with Aaron Hughes). Oxford University Press (contracted).
- Current Approaches to the Study of Religion*. Germany: Walter de Gruyter (contracted)
- Jesus and Addiction to Origins: Toward an Anthropocentric Study of Religion*. Essays by Willi Braun (Russell T. McCutcheon ed. and foreword and afterword by William E. Arnal). Equinox Publishers (submitted).
- Reading J.Z. Smith: Interviews and Essay, 1999-2013* (co-edited with Willi Braun). Oxford University Press, 2018.
- Religion in 5 Minutes: Scholars Answer Your Questions* (co-edited with Aaron W. Hughes), Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- Fabricating Identities*, Vol. 3 in the “Working with Culture on the Edge” series. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- Fabricating Origins*, Vol. 1 in the “Working with Culture on the Edge” series. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- Religious Experience: A Reader*. Craig Martin and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), with Leslie E. Smith. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2012 and Routledge 2014.
- Failure and Nerve in the Academic Study of Religion: Essays in Honor of Donald Wiebe*. William Arnal, Willi Braun, and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.). Equinox Publishers, UK, 2012 and Routledge 2014.
- Introducing Religion: Essays in Honor of Jonathan Z. Smith*. Willi Braun and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), Equinox Publishers, UK, 2008 and Routledge 2014.
- Guide to the Study of Religion*. Willi Braun and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), Continuum, UK and Bloomsbury, 2000.
- Perspectives on Method and Theory in the Study of Religion: Adjunct Proceedings of the XVIIth Congress of the International Association of the History of Religions, Mexico City, 1995*. Armin W. Geertz and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), Brill, 2000; also published as a special double issue of *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 12/1&2 (2000).
- The Insider/Outsider Problem and the Study of Religion: A Reader*. Continuum, UK, 1999 (first volume in *Controversies in the Study of Religion* series, see below).

## TRANSLATIONS

Manufacturing Religion (1997) in the process of being translated into Mandarin by Xiaohong (“Rachel”) Zhu.

“L’Homme est la mesure de toute chose... ‘. À propos de la fabrication des religions orientales par l’histoire des religions en Europe” [Translation of: “‘Man is the Measure of All Things...’: On The Fabrication of Oriental Religions by European History of Religions” *Asdiwal* (Journal of the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion) 11 (2016): 105-126.

*Religionswissenschaft: Einführung und Grundlagen* [German translation of *Studying Religion: An Introduction*], Steffen Führding (trans.). Frankfurt: Verlag Peter Lang, 2013.

*Izuchavane na religiyata: Vavedenie*. Bulgarian translation of *Studying Religion: An Introduction*. Ina Merdjanova (trans.). Silistra, Bulgaria: DEMOS Foundation, 2007.

“Роль методу і теорії в дослідженнях Міжнародної Асоціації Історії релігій,” Ukrainian translation of “The Role of Method and Theory in the IAHR” (co-authored with Armin W. Geertz), *Українське релігієзнавство* 1 (2005) 33: 109-122.

*Egheiridio Threskeiologias*, Greek translation of the *Guide to the Study of Religion*. Dimitris Xygalatas (trans.). Thessaloniki, Greece: Vanias Edition, 2003.

*Kataskeuazontas ti Threskeia*, Greek translation of *Manufacturing Religion*. Dimitris Xygalatas (trans.). Thessaloniki, Greece: Vanias Editions, 2003.

Japanese translation of “The Category ‘Religion’ in Recent Publications: A Critical Survey” (originally published in *Numen* 42/3 [1995]: 284-309), *Gendai Shisoo* (*Modern Thought*; an inter-disciplinary Japanese periodical) 28/9 (2000): 210-229. Translated by Isomae Junichi (Japanese Women’s University) and Richard Calichman.

## EDITED BOOK SERIES

*Supplements to Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* (Brill), series founding co-editor (with Aaron Hughes and Kocku von Stuckrad). Volumes include:

Aaron W. Hughes (ed.), *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion: Twenty Five Years On* (2013)

Russell T. McCutcheon, *A Modest Proposal on Method: Essaying the Study of Religion* (2014)

Trevor Stack, Naomi R. Goldenber, and Timothy Fitzgerald (eds.), *Religion as a Category of Governance and Sovereignty* (2015)

Frans Wijsen and Kocku von Stuckrad (eds.), *Making Religion: Theory and Practice in the Discursive Study of Religion* (2016)

Luther H. Martin and Donald Wiebe (eds.), *Conversations and Controversies in the Scientific Study of Religion* (2016)

Daniel Dubuisson, *Religion and Magic in Western Culture* (2016)

Christopher Hartney and Daniel J. Tower (eds.), *Religious Categories and the Construction of the Indigenous* (2016)

Steffen Führding (ed.), *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion: Working Papers*

*from Hannover* (2017)

Vaia Touna, *Fabrications of the Greek Past: Religion, Tradition, and the Making of Modern Identities* (2017)

Nicolas Meylan, *Mana: A History of a Western Category* (2017)

Jason Blum (ed.), *The Question of Methodological Naturalism* (2018)

Anthony Palma (ed.), *The Science of Religion: A Defence: Essays By Donald Wiebe* (2018)

Anders Klostergaard Petersen et al. (eds.), *Evolution, Cognition, and the History of Religion: A New Synthesis. Festschrift in Honour of Armin W. Geertz* (2018)

*Religion in Culture: Studies in Social Contest and Contestation* (Routledge, UK), series founder and editor; monograph series. Volumes include:

William E. Arnal, *The Symbolic Jesus: Historical Scholarship, Judaism and the Construction of Contemporary Identity* (2005)

Russell T. McCutcheon, *Religion and the Domestication of Dissent, or How to Live in a Less than Perfect Nation* (2005)

Tim Murphy, *Representing Religion: History, Theory, Crisis* (2007)

Aaron Hughes, *Situating Islam: The Past and Future of an Academic Discipline* (2008)

Burton Mack, *Myth and the Christian Nation: A Social Theory of Religion* (2008)

D. N. Jha, *Rethinking Hindu Identity* (2009)

Jun'ichi Isomae, *Japanese Mythology: Hermeneutics on Scripture* (2010)

Craig Martin, *Masking Hegemony: A Genealogy of Liberalism, Religion and the Private Sphere* (2010)

Burton Mack, *Christian Mentality: The Entanglements of Power, Violence and Fear* (2011)

Aaron Hughes, *Theorizing Islam: Disciplinary Deconstruction and Reconstruction* (2012)

Christopher R. Cotter & David G. Robertson (ed.), *After 'World Religions': Reconstructing Religious Studies* (2016)

*Controversies in the Study of Religion* (Continuum, UK), series founder and editor; anthology series designed for senior undergraduate and graduate students, 1998-2003. Volumes include:

*The Insider/Outsider Problem and the Study of Religion: A Reader* (Russell T. McCutcheon [ed.]), 1999

*Feminism in the Study of Religion: A Reader* (Darlene Juschka [ed.]), 2001

*Understanding Religious Sacrifice: A Reader* (Jeffrey Carter [ed.]), 2003

*Critical Categories in the Study of Religion* (Routledge, UK), series founder and co-editor (with Steffen Führding); anthology series designed for senior undergraduate and graduate students. Volumes include:

- Syncretism in Religion: A Reader* (Anita Leopold and Jeppe Sinding Jensen [eds.]), 2004  
*Ritual and Religious Belief: A Reader* (Graham Harvey [ed.]), 2005  
*Defining Hinduism: A Reader* (J. E. Llewellyn [ed.]), 2005  
*Religion and Cognition: A Reader* (R. Jason Slone [ed.], 2006)  
*Mircea Eliade: A Reader* (Bryan Rennie [ed.], 2006)  
*Defining Islam: A Reader* (Andrew Rippin [ed.], 2007)  
*Defining Buddhisms: A Reader* (Karen Derris and Natalie Gummer [eds.], 2007)  
*Myths and Mythologies: A Reader* (Jeppe Sinding Jensen [ed.], 2009)  
*Defining Judaism: A Reader* (Aaron Hughes [ed.], 2010)  
*Readings in the Theory of Religion* (Scott Elliott and Matthew Waggoner [eds.], 2010)  
*Religious Experience: A Reader* (Russell T. McCutcheon and Leslie Smith [eds.], 2012)  
*Defining Magic: A Reader* (Bernd-Christian Otto, Michael Stausberg [eds.] 2013)  
*Missions, Management and Effects: A Reader in Religion and Colonialism* (Mark Elmore and Caleb Elfenbein [eds.], 2014)  
*What is Religious Studies?* (Steven Sutcliffe [ed.], 2014)  
*Defining Shinto: A Reader* (Mark MacWilliams and Okuyama Michiaki [eds.], 2019)  
*Faith: A Reader* (Nathan Rein [ed.], contracted)

## ORIGINAL WEB RESOURCES

- Culture on the Edge*, [edge.ua.edu](http://edge.ua.edu) (co-created with Steven Ramey, June 2013); collaborative research blog  
*Studying Religion*, <http://www.as.ua.edu/rel/studyingreligion.html> (created in May/June 2005, with the assistance of Kim Davis, Christine Scott, and Karissa Rinas; taken down 2012); German translation/edition: <http://www.rw-studieren.uni-hannover.de/>  
*eChairs Resource* (password protected website for Department Chairs, University of Alabama, Summer 2009-11)  
Alabama Greece Initiative of the College of Arts & Sciences; co-developed with Steven Ramey, <http://www.as.ua.edu/greece/>  
*Past Perfect* (Blog for REL Goes to Greece 2011 study abroad course, co-developed with Merinda Simmons), <http://www.as.ua.edu/pastperfect/>; course canceled due to April 27, 2011 tornado

## UNPUBLISHED BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

- Manufacturing Religion: The Discourse on Sui Generis Religion and the Politics of Nostalgia*. Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 1995, xxiii + 285. Supervisors: Profs. Neil McMullin and Donald Wiebe.  
*Process Thought and the Problem of Evil: A Study of the Contemporary Process Theodicy of David Griffin in the Light of Charles Hartshorne*, Unpublished Master of Theology Thesis, Queen's University, 1987, vii + 167. Supervisor: Prof. Pamela Dickey Young.

## SCHOLARLY JOURNALS EDITED

- Interim Co-editor-in-Chief (with Willi Braun), *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, vol. 24 (2012).
- Guest Editor, “Strategies for Surviving Dissolution: Working with Gary Lease in the Academic Study of Religion,” special issue of *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* (21/2 [2009]).
- Editor and/or Co-editor, *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, 1990-2001.
- Editor and/or Co-editor, *Bulletin of the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion*, 1996-2001.
- Sub-editor for book notes (method and theory) *Religious Studies Review*, 1997-2002.

## BOOK CHAPTERS, INTRODUCTIONS & AFTERWORDS

- “The Passed Past,” for a collection of essays resulted from 2016 and 2017 sessions at the Society of Biblical Literature conference, edited by Gerhard van den Heever. Equinox Publishers, UK (submitted).
- Introduction to *Hijacked! A Critical Treatment of the Public Rhetoric of ‘Good’ and ‘Bad’ Religion* in Steffen Führding, Adrian Hermann, and Leslie Dorrough Smith (eds.). Equinox Publishers, UK (submitted).
- “Learning to Code: Digital Tools and the Reinvention of an Academic Discipline,” in Christopher Cantwell and Kristian Petersen (eds.), *Introduction to Digital Humanities: Religion*. Walter de Gruyter (submitted).
- “The Gatekeeping Rhetoric of Collegiality in the Study of Religion,” co-written with Aaron W. Hughes, in Leslie Dorrough Smith (ed), *The Architecture of the Academy: Processes, Institutions, and Power in the Academic Study of Religion*. Equinox Publishers, UK (submitted).
- “Afterword: Strategic Acts I and II,” in Vaia Touna (ed.), *Strategic Acts in the Study of Identity: Towards a Dynamic Theory of People and Place*, 167-178. Equinox Publishers, UK.
- “Transgressions,” reply to Leslie Dorrough Smith, “Writing Women out of Women’s Movements: The Discursive Boundaries of Feminism,” in Vaia Touna (ed.), *Strategic Acts in the Study of Identity: Towards a Dynamic Theory of People and Place*, 142-154. Equinox Publishers, UK.
- “Afterword: The Meaning and End of Scholarship on Religion” in Matt Sheedy (ed.), *Identity, Politics, and Scholarship: The Study of Islam and the Study of Religions*, 201-223. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2018.
- “Historicizing the Elephant in the Room,” in High Urban and Greg Johnson (eds.), *Irreverence and the Sacred: Critical Studies in the History of Religions*, 267-285. Oxford University Press, 2018.
- “I’m Spiritual But Not Religious” (co-authored with Andie R. Alexander) in Craig Martin and Brad Stoddard (eds.), *Stereotyping Religion: Critiquing Clichés*, 97-112. Bloomsbury, 2017.
- Introduction in Russell McCutcheon (ed.), *Fabricating Identities*, 1-9. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “Afterword, Express Yourself,” in Russell T. McCutcheon (ed.), *Fabricating Identities*, 139-164.

- Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “Who Are You? I’m a Leg Crosser,” in Russell T. McCutcheon (ed.), *Fabricating Identities*. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “Who Are You? I’m an Alabamian,” in Russell T. McCutcheon (ed.), *Fabricating Identities*. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “Is Everyone Religious?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 3-7. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “Can Sports Be a Religion?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 14-17. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “What is the Difference Between Religion and Mythology?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 18-21. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “Do All Religions Have Sacred Books?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 34-37. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “Do All Religions Have Miracles?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 38-42. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “What is the Difference Between Rituals and Habits?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 51-56. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “What Do You Do When You Do Fieldwork in Religion?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 248-252. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “What is the Future of ‘Religion’?” in Aaron Hughes and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Religion in 5 Minutes*, 299-306. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2017.
- “‘Man is the Measure of All Things...’: On The Fabrication of Oriental Religions by European History of Religions,” in Steffen Führding (ed.), *Working Papers on Method and Theory from Hannover*. Brill, 2017.
- “Foreword: *Plus ça change...*,” to the new edition of Jacques Waardenburg’s *Classical Approaches to the Study of Religion*, vol 1 (1973), v-xii. Walter de Gruyter, 2017.
- “Foreword: He Packed a Punch,” in Alumno Sinllanto (ed.), *Nothing Could Be Further From the Truth: Collected Columns of Reed M. N. Weep, 1997-2011*, 1-4. Equinox Publishers, UK.
- “Afterword: Feast and Famine in the Study of Religion,” in Aaron Hughes (ed.), *Theory in a Time of Excess: Collected Papers from the NAASR 2015 Conference*, 191-202. Equinox Publishers, 2016.
- “Fanfare for the Common e.g.” On the Strategic Use of the Mundane in the Study of Religion,” in Peter Antes, Armin W. Geertz, and Mikael Rothstein (eds.), *Contemporary Views on Comparative Religion*, 153-164. Equinox Publishers, 2016.
- “Criticisms, Debates, and Futures: The Sociology of Religion and Social Theory,” in William B. Parsons (ed.), *Social Religion, Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Religion*, vol. 2: 179-196. Macmillan, 2016.
- “Afterword: On Utility and Limits,” in Christopher Cotter and David Robertson (eds.), *After World Religions: Reconstructing Religious Studies*, 183-196. New York: Routledge, 2016.
- “The Role of Method and Theory in the IAHR” (co-written with Armin W. Geertz), reprinted in Tim Jensen and Armin W. Geertz (eds.), *The Academic Study of Religion, and the IAHR: Past, Present, and Prospects* (revision and update of our 2000 essay), 119-162. Brill, 2015.
- “Will Your Cognitive Anchor Hold in the Storms of Culture?” reprinted in Monica Miller (ed.),



- Claiming Identity in the Study of Religion: Social and Rhetorical Techniques Examined*, 28-45. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “The Melancholy Empire Builder: The Life and Works of Mircea Eliade,” reprinted in Monica Miller (ed.), *Claiming Identity in the Study of Religion: Social and Rhetorical Techniques Examined*, 52-85. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “A Gift with Diminished Returns: On Jeff Kripal’s The Serpent’s Gift,” reprinted in Monica Miller (ed.), *Claiming Identity in the Study of Religion: Social and Rhetorical Techniques Examined*, 97-117. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “It’s a Lie. There’s No Truth in It! It’s a Sin!”: The Cost of Saving Others from Themselves,” reprinted in Monica Miller (ed.), *Claiming Identity in the Study of Religion: Social and Rhetorical Techniques Examined*, 124-161. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “Affinities, Benefits, and Costs: The ABCs of Good Scholars Gone Public,” reprinted in Monica Miller (ed.), *Claiming Identity in the Study of Religion: Social and Rhetorical Techniques Examined*, 169-190. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “The Resiliency of Conceptual Anachronisms: On the Limits of ‘the West’ and ‘Religion’,” reprinted in Monica Miller (ed.), *Claiming Identity in the Study of Religion: Social and Rhetorical Techniques Examined*, 200-222. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “Writing a History of Origins,” in Russell McCutcheon (ed.), *Fabricating Origins*, 70-73. Vol 1. “Working with Culture on the Edge” series. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “Afterword: Origins Today,” in Russell McCutcheon (ed.), *Fabricating Origins*, 77-92. Vol 1. “Working with Culture on the Edge” series. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “Introduction,” in Russell McCutcheon (ed.), *Fabricating Origins*, 1-8. Vol 1. “Working with Culture on the Edge” series. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2015.
- “Afterword: Reinventing the Study of Religion in Alabama” in Steven Ramey (ed.), *Writing Religion: The Case for the Critical Study of Religion*, 208-222. University of Alabama Press, 2015.
- “Naming the Unnameable: Theological Language and the Academic Study of Religion” reprinted in Aaron W. Hughes (ed.), *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion: Twenty Five Years On*, 87-99. Brill, 2013.
- “Everything Old is New Again” in William Arnal, Willi Braun, and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Failure and Nerve in the Academic Study of Religion: Essays in Honor of Donald Wiebe*, 78-94. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2012.
- Introduction, Afterword, “I Have a Hunch” (reprinted) in Craig Martin and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), with Leslie E. Smith, *Religious Experience: A Reader*, 199-202. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2012.
- “A Response to Robert Ford Campany’s ‘Chinese History and its Implications for Writing ‘Religion(s)’,” in Volkhard Krech and Marion Steinicke (eds.), *Dynamics in the History of Religions between Asia and Europe: Encounters, Notions, and Comparative Perspectives*, 295-305. Leiden: Brill, 2012.
- “Religion Before ‘Religion’?” in Donald Wiebe and Panayotis Pachis (eds.), *Chasing Down Religion, In the Sights of History and the Cognitive Sciences: Essay in Honour of Luther H. Martin*, 285-301. Thessaloniki, Greece: Barbounakis Publications, 2010. Reprinted by Equinox Publishers (2014).
- “Introducing Smith,” in Willi Braun and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Introducing Religion: Essays in Honor of Jonathan Z. Smith*, 1-17. Equinox Publishers, UK, 2008.

- “The Tricks and Treats of Classification: Searching for the Heart of Authentic Islam,” in Bryan Rennie and Philip L. Tite (eds.), *Religion, Violence and Terror*, 81-95. London and New York: Routledge, 2008.
- “Social Theory of the Rhetoric of Faith,” in Panayotis Pachis, Petros Vasiliadis, and Dimitris Kaimakis (eds.) ΦΙΛΙΑ ΚΑΙ ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΑ [Friendship and Society]. Festschrift in Honor of Prof. Gregorios D. Ziaka, 347-364. Thessaloniki, Greece: Vantias Publishers, 2007.
- “Africa on Our Minds,” in Ted Trost (ed.), *The African Diaspora and the Study of Religion*, 229-237. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.
- “Theses on Professionalization,” in Mathieu E. Courville (ed.), *Next Step in Studying Religion: A Graduate’s Guide*, 41-45. London: Continuum, 2007.
- “Circling the Wagons: The Problem with the Insider/Outsider Problem in the Comparative Study of Religions,” in Thomas Idinopulos, Brian Wilson, and James Constantine Hanges (eds.), *Comparing Religions: Possibilities and Perils?* 235-248. Leiden: Brill: 2006.
- “Critical Trends in the Study of Religion in the U.S.,” in Peter Antes, Armin W. Geertz and Randi Warne (eds.), 317-343. *New Approaches to the Study of Religion* (Religion and Reason Series). Germany: Verlag de Gruyter, 2004.
- “Preface to the Greek Edition,” co-written with Willi Braun, for Greek translation of *Guide to the Study of Religion*. Vantias Editions: Thessaloniki, Greece, 2003.
- “Preface to the Greek Edition,” for Greek translation of *Manufacturing Religion*. Vantias Editions: Thessaloniki, Greece, 2003.
- “Dispatches from the Wars of ‘Religion’,” in Timothy Light and Brian Wilson (eds.), *Religion as a Human Capacity: A Festschrift in Honor of E. Thomas Lawson*, 161-189. Brill, 2003.
- “The Category ‘Religion’ and the Politics of Tolerance,” in Larry Greil and David G. Bromley (eds.), *Defining Religion: Investigating the Boundaries Between the Sacred and Secular*, 139-162. London: Elsevier Press, 2003.
- “The Study of Religion as an Anthropology of the Credible,” in Delwin Brown and Linell Cady (eds.), *Religious Studies, Theology, and the University*, 13-30. State University of New York Press, 2002.
- “Methods, Theories, and the Terrors of History: Closing the Eliadean Era With Some Dignity,” in Bryan Rennie (ed.), *Reconsidering Eliade*, 11-23. State University of New York Press, 2001.
- “The Imperial Dynamic in the Study of Religion: Neo-colonial Practices in an American Discipline,” in C. Richard King (ed.), *Postcolonial America*, 275-302. University of Illinois Press, 2000.
- “The Role of Method and Theory in the IAHR” (co-authored with Armin W. Geertz), in Armin W. Geertz and Russell T. McCutcheon (eds.), *Perspectives on Method and Theory in the Study of Religion Adjunct Proceedings of the XVIIth Congress of the International Association of the History of Religions, Mexico City, 1995*, 3-37. Brill, 2000.
- “Taming Ethnocentrism and Trans-cultural Understandings,” in Armin W. Geertz and Russell McCutcheon (eds.), *Perspectives on Method & Theory in the Study of Religion Adjunct Proceedings of the XVIIth Congress of the International Association of the History of Religions, Mexico City, 1995*, 298-306. Brill, 2000. Reprinted in *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 12/1&2 (2000): 294-306.
- “Myth,” in Willi Braun and Russell McCutcheon (eds.), *Guide to the Study of Religion*, 190-208. Continuum, UK, 2000.

“Critics Not Caretakers: The Scholar of Religion as Public Intellectual,” in Tim Jensen and Michael Rothstein (eds.), *Secular Theories on Religion: A Selection of Recent Academic Perspectives*, 167-181. Museum Tusulanum Press, 2000.

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- Moore Lecturer, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago, New Zealand (Spring 2017); declined.
- Discussion Leader, Graduate Student Workshop, Universities of Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, September 28-30, 2015.



- “Man is the Measure of All Things...”: On The Fabrication of Oriental Religions by European History of Religions,” Faculty of Theology, University of Zurich, September 29, 2015.
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- “Categories at Work: Rethinking ‘Religious Experience’,” week-long undergraduate/graduate intensive course, Institut für Theologie und Religionswissenschaft, Leibniz University, Hannover, Germany, January 17-21, 2011.
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- “Religion on Our Minds,” Secularism and Beyond: Comparative Perspectives, University of Copenhagen, May 28-June 1, 2007.
- “Religion’s Roots and Tangled Branches, or Fighting the War on Terror with Authentic Fakes,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary, March 27, 2007.
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- “The Costs of Discipleship: On the Limits of the Humanistic Study of Religion,” lecture presented to the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, Trinity College, University of Toronto, March 24, 2006.
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- “Circling the Wagons: The Problem with the Insider/Outsider Problem in the Study of Religion,” participant in “Religious Identities in the Religious Studies Classroom,” participant in a workshop sponsored by the Department of Religion and Culture, Wilfrid Laurier University, and funded by the Wabash Center, February 5-6, 2004.
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- Lecture Presented at the Centre for the Study of Religion’s Twentieth-Anniversary Conference, University of Toronto, March 8, 1997.
- “The Future of Religious Studies in North America,” Panel Participant, Centre for the Study of Religion’s Twentieth Anniversary Conference, University of Toronto, March 7, 1997.
- “Theory in the Classroom,” Paper presented to the faculty of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Spring 1994.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & ORGANIZED PANELS

- Panelist, “Creating Successful Religion Programs in an Anti-Humanities Age,” American Academy of Religion’s Academic Relations Committee, San Diego, CA, November, 2019.
- Chair and Respondent, “Private Interests and Public Institutions: Note from the Field,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2018 (invited).
- Chair, “The Contributions of Jonathan Z. Smith,” North American Association for the Study of Religion, Denver CO, November 2018 (invited).
- Panelist, “A Question (Still) Worth Asking,” Contemporary Perspectives on a “Perennial” Figure: The Intellectual Legacy of the Late Huston Smith (1919-2016), American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 2017.
- Roundtable Panelist, “What’s Love Got to Do with It? Critical Appraisals of Love as a Civic Value,” organized by the Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion, American Academy of Religion, November 2016.
- Moderator, Presidential Panel, North American Association for the Study of Religion. November 21, 2015 (Atlanta, GA).
- Discussant, “The Problem of Contingent Labor in Higher Education,” Public University Department Chairs Workshop. American Academy of Religion, November 22, 2015 (Atlanta, GA).
- Panelist, “There Are Advantages to Knowing Your Limits: On Making a Difference for Non-Tenure Track Colleagues,” American Academy of Religion, November 22, 2015 (Atlanta GA).
- Panelist, “A Critical Discussion of Aaron W. Hughes’ book *Muslim Identities: An Introduction*

- to Islam*,” World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Germany, August, 2015 (declined)
- Chair, “After ‘World Religions’: Reconstructing the Introductory Course in Religious Studies,” World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Germany, August, 2015 (declined)
- Respondent, “Three Strands of Dialogue Research,” for the Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, Nov. 2014.
- “Why Do You Seek the Living Among the Dead? (Luke 24:5),” paper presented as part of a panel, “What Does it Mean to ‘Explain’ Earliest Christianity?” at the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- “A Modest Proposal on Method.” Panelist, “The Past and Future of NAASR,” Presidential Panel of the North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR), Chicago, IL, November 18, 2012.
- “I Have a Hunch,” Respondent, Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 19, 2011.
- “How to Give Up the Bible and Learn to Love it Again,” Respondent, Review Panel on *Secularism and Biblical Studies* (ed. by Roland Boer), Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 20, 2011.
- Co-organizer and Chair, “Failure of Nerve in the Academic Study of Religion: A One Day Conference in Honor of Donald Wiebe,” Trinity College, Toronto, October 21, 2011.
- Introduction, R. Dale Guthrie, Plenary Address, 20<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Toronto, Canada, August 17, 2010.
- Respondent, Method and Theory in the Study of Religion Group, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, March 14, 2009.
- “Religion Before ‘Religion,’ or the Persistence of Imagining Religion,” A Quarter Century of Interrogating ‘Religion’: From *Imagining Religion* (1982) to *Religion: Beyond a Concept* (2008). North American Association for the Study of Religion panel at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Boston, MA, November, 2008.
- Respondent (declined), “The Place of the Practitioner in the Academy,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2007.
- Chair (declined), Authority and Representation in Legal and Religious Conflicts,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 2007.
- Co-Facilitator, “Resource Management” and “Conflict Management,” Department Chairs’ Workshop, Annual Meeting of the Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Chicago, June 13-15, 2006.
- Panelist, “The Category ‘Religion’ and the Lust for Dogmatic Rule: On the Redescription of ‘Religious Experience’,” Greek Society for the Study of Culture and Religion (GSSCR), Thessaloniki, Greece, June 2-5, 2006.
- Panelist, “Underlying Terror: Religious Studies Perspectives on the War on Terrorism,” Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, March 25, 2005.
- “Swapping Stories, Drawing Boundaries: The Limits of the Insider/Outsider Problem,” Revisiting the Insider/Outsider Approaches to the Study of Religion, Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, March 29, 2005.
- Panelist and co-organizer (with J. E. Llewellyn, Southwest Missouri State University), “The

- Domestication of Dissent: Pundits' Contributions to the War on Terrorism," Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Tokyo, March 30, 2005.
- Invited participant, "Good Scholars Gone Public: Assessing the Costs and Benefits," as part of review panel on the work of Bruce Lincoln, American Academy of Religion, Southeast Regional Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 5-7, 2003.
- Chair, "Religion/s Between Covers: Dilemmas of the World Religions Textbook," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.
- Panelist, "The Cold War, the Humanistic Study of Religion, and the Fallacy of Insufficient Cynicism," paper presented to the "Cultural History of the Study of Religion" Consultation of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.
- Organizer, "Putting Theory in its Place: The Role of Method and Theory in the Religious Studies Classroom," annual meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 21, 2003.
- Organizer, "Bridging the Gap: Teaching Controversies in the Study of Religion," panel presented to the North American Association for the Study of Religion, Toronto, Ont., November 22, 2002.
- Organizer and Panelist, "The Cold War, the Humanistic Study of Religion, and the Fallacy of Insufficient Cynicism," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 2, 2002
- Respondent, "Review Symposium on *Critics Not Caretakers*," Southeast regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, March 9, 2002.
- Panelist, "The Perfect Past and the Jargon of Authenticity: Bruce Lincoln's *Theorizing Myth*." Review Symposium for Bruce Lincoln's *Theorizing Myth* (University of Chicago Press, 1999), Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and the Ritual Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, TN, November 20, 2000.
- Convener and Respondent, "The Impact of Religious Traditions on Colonial Policy and Post-Colonial Democratization." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX, November 2000.
- Respondent, "Authors Meet Critics: The *Guide to the Study of Religion*." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, TX, October 13, 2000.
- Panelist, "Visions of the Study of Religion for the New Millennium." One of eight participants in the closing plenary session of the International Association for the History of Religions' XVIII Congress, Durban, South Africa, August 11, 2000.
- Review Panel Organizer and Chair, "Jeremy Carrette's *Religion and Culture, Foucault and Religion* (Routledge, 1999; 2000)." International Association for the History of Religions' XVIII Congress, Durban, South Africa, August 11, 2000.
- Review Panel Organizer and Chair, "Richard King's *Orientalism and Religion* (Routledge 1999)." International Association for the History of Religions' XVIII Congress, Durban, South Africa, August 11, 2000.
- Respondent, "Missing Links and the Study of Religion." International Association for the History of Religions' XVIII Congress, Durban, South Africa, August 8, 2000.
- Respondent, "Comparativism Then and Now: Stocktaking and Critical Issues in the Formation of Cross-cultural Knowledge." International Association for the History of Religions' XVIII Congress, Durban, South Africa, August 7, 2000.
- "Social Theory of Religion and Christian Origins," North American Association for the Study of

- Religion annual meeting, Boston, November 20, 1999.
- Manufacturing Religion*. Respondent for Review Panel at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Montreal, November, 1998.
- “Redescribing ‘Religion’ as Social Formation: Toward a Social Theory of Religion.” Presentation to the North American Association for the Study of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 23, 1997.
- “Explaining the Sacred: Theorizing on Religion in the Late-Twentieth Century,” Paper to be presented to the Comparative Religion Group of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 23, 1997.
- “Rodney Stark’s *The Rise of Christianity*: A Review Symposium.” Co-organizer and Moderator for joint North American Association for the Study of Religion/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion panel, San Diego, CA, November 9, 1997.
- “The Scholar of Religion as Public Intellectual.” Paper Presented the Central Region of the Society for Biblical Literature, Kansas City, MO, April 6, 1997.
- “Late Capitalism Arrives on Campus: Making and Remaking the Study of Religion.” Panel Organizer and Moderator for joint North American Association for the Study of Religion/Society for the Scientific Study of Religion panel, Nashville, TN, Nov. 9, 1996.
- “Methods, Theories, and the Terrors of History: Closing the Eliadean Era With Some Dignity.” History of the Study of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November 24, 1996.
- “Scholars, Media, and the ‘Sea of Fire’: The Politics of Representation in the Discourse on Religion.” Annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, St. Catharines, Ontario, May 25-28, 1996.
- “The Discourse on *Sui Generis* Religion and the Significance of Theory.” Annual meeting of the NAASR held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the AAR, November 17, 1995.
- “Taming Ethnocentrism Through Trans-Cultural Understandings: Implications for the Academic Study of Religion.” Paper presented to the XVII Congress of the IAHR, Mexico City, August 8, 1995.

## BOOK REVIEWS & BOOK NOTES

- Lois Lee, *Recognizing the Non-Religious: Reimagining the Secular* (Oxford, 2015), *Religion* (underway).
- Andrew Dole, *Reframing the Masters of Suspicion: Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud* (Bloomsbury, 2019), *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (submitted)
- Carlin A. Bartin and Daniel Boyarin, *Imagine No Religion* (Fordham, 2016), *History of Religions* 57/4 (2018): 439-441.
- Scott Elliott, *Reinventing Religious Studies* (Routledge, 2013), *Journal of Religion in Europe* 7 (2014): 309-334.
- Bruce Lincoln, *Gods and Demons, Priests and Scholars* (University of Chicago Press, 2012), *History of Religions* 53/2 (2013): 212-215.
- Jeppe Sinding Jensen, *The Study of Religion in a New Key* (Aarhus University Press, 2003), *History of Religions* 47/4 (2008) 323-325.
- Harvey Whitehouse, *Modes of Religiosity* (Altamira, 2004), *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 21/2 (2006): 261-262.

- Kevin Schilbrack (ed.), *Mythical Thinking: Philosophical Contributions to the Study of Myth* (Routledge, 2002), *Religion & Culture* 5/3 (2004): 401-406.
- Iva Doležalová, Luther H. Martin, and Dalibor Papoušek (eds.), *The Academic Study of Religion During the Cold War: East and West*. (Peter Lang, 2001), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70/3 (2002): 633-636.
- Gavin Flood, *Beyond Phenomenology: Rethinking the Study of Religion* (Cassell, 1999), *Religious Studies Review* 27/1 (2001): 48.
- Robert Ellwood, *The Politics of Myth* (SUNY 1999), *Journal of Religion* 80/1 (2001): 173-175.
- Jon Stone (ed.), *The Craft of Religious Studies* (St. Martin's, 1997), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 39/3 (2000): 392-393.
- Talal Asad, *Genealogies of Religion* (Johns Hopkins, 1993), *Zygon* 35/4 (2000): 705-708.
- Bruce Lincoln, *Authority: Construction and Corrosion* (Chicago, 1994), *Religion* 30/1 (2000): 82-85.
- David Chidester, *Savage Systems: Colonialism and Comparative Religion in Southern Africa* (University Press of Virginia, 1996), *History of Religions* 39/1 (1999): 73-76.
- Walter Capps, *Religious Studies: The Making of a Discipline* (Fortress Press, 1995), *Zygon* 34/3 (1999): 527-530.
- Donald Wiebe, *The Politics of Religious Studies* (St. Martin's, 1999), *Toronto Globe & Mail* (Canadian National Newspaper), March 6, 1999, D10.
- Edward Yonan and Thomas A. Idinopulos (eds.), *The Sacred & Its Scholars* (E. J. Brill, 1997), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 37/2 (1998): 374-375.
- Bryan Rennie, *Reconstructing Eliade* (SUNY 1996), *Religion* 28/1 (1998): 92-97.
- Ninian Smart, *Dimensions of the Sacred* (California, 1996), *Religious Studies Review* 23/4 (1997): 368.
- Brian J. Fraser, *The Study of Religion in British Columbia* (Wilfrid Laurier, 1995), *Religious Studies Review* 23/2 (1997): 202.
- Daniel Pals, *Seven Theories of Religion* (Oxford, 1996), *Religion* 27/3 (1997): 285-287.
- Donald S. Lopez (ed.), *Curators of the Buddha* (Chicago, 1995), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 36/1 (1997): 123-124. [This review is reprinted on the Digital Buddhist Library and Museum at <http://sino-sv3.sino.uni-heidelberg.de/FULLTEXT/JR-EPT/russell.htm>]
- Marc Manganaro, *Myth, Rhetoric, and the Voice of Authority* (Yale, 1992), *University of Toronto Quarterly* 66/1 (Winter 1996/1997): 359-363.
- Edward Yonan and Thomas A. Idinopulos (eds.), *Religion and Reductionism* (E. J. Brill, 1994), *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 24/2 (1995): 215-215.
- Peter Masefield and Donald Wiebe (eds.), *Aspects of Religion: Essays in Honour of Ninian Smart* (Peter Lang, 1994), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 34/3 (1995): 414-415.
- Robert A. Segal, *Explaining and Interpreting Religion* (Peter Lang, 1992), *Review of Religious Research* 37/1 (1995): 92-95.
- Thomas Ryba, *The Essence of Phenomenology and Its Meaning for the Scientific Study of Religion* (Peter Lang, 1991), *Review of Religious Research* 37/1 (1995): 92-95.
- Ivan Strenski, *Religion in Relation: Method, Application, and Moral Location* (South Carolina, 1993), *Review of Religious Research* 37/1 (1995): 92-95.
- Michael Hunter and David Wootton, *Atheism from the Reformation to the Enlightenment*



- (Oxford University Press, 1992), *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, 24/1 (1995): 115-117.
- Luther Martin (ed.), *Religious Transformations and Socio-Political Change* (Mouton de Gruyter, 1993), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 33/4 (1994): 390-391.
- Edward Said, *Culture and Imperialism* (Alfred A. Knopf, 1993), *Religion* 24/3 (1994): 287-290.
- Stewart Elliott Guthrie, *Faces in the Clouds: A New Theory of Religion* (Oxford, 1993), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 33/1 (1994): 81-82.
- Robert S. Shepard, *God's People in the Ivory Tower: Religion in the Early American University* (Carlson Publishing Inc., 1991), *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 5/2 (1993): 198-207.
- R. Maurice Barineau, *The Theodicy of Alfred North Whitehead* (University Press of America, 1991), *Process Studies* 22/1 (1993): 51-54.
- Helen Longino, *Science as Social Knowledge: Values and Objectivity in Scientific Inquiry* (Princeton, 1990), *Queen's Quarterly* 99/4 (1992): 1029-1031.
- Victor Lowe, *Alfred North Whitehead: The Man and His Work Vol. II* (Johns Hopkins, 1990), *Toronto Journal of Theology* 7/1 (1991): 143-145.
- John B. Cobb and Herman Daly, *For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy Toward Community, the Environment and a Sustainable Future* (Beacon Press, 1989), *Queen's Quarterly* 97/4 (1990): 653-654.

## AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

- Nominated, Bynum Distinguished Faculty Award, University of Alabama: nominated by the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences 2017-18 (semi-finalist); 2018-19 (semi-finalist).
- Appointed, University Research Professor, University of Alabama Board of Trustees (February 2018); effective Spring 2018.
- Research Award, College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Southwest Missouri State University, 1996- 1997
- Research Award, College of Humanities and Public Affairs, Southwest Missouri State University, 1998-1999
- Manufacturing Religion* , nominated for the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Book of the Year, 1998.
- Manufacturing Religion*, nominated by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto, and the Associate Director of the Centre for the Graduate Study of Religion, University of Toronto, for the Council of Graduate School's Gustave O. Arlt Award in the Humanities, 2000 (given annually to one North American dissertation/book in one area of the Humanities; it is therefore awarded in Religious Studies once every seven years).
- Service Award, College of Public Affairs and Humanities, Southwest Missouri State University, 1999-2000

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Undergraduate Courses

Writing/Research in Religious Studies; Sociology of Religion; The Politics of Claims to

Religious Authenticity; Religious Studies Senior Seminar on Theories of Religion and Nationalism; Introduction to the Study of Religion; Honors Introduction to the Study of Religion; Religion and Human Culture; Modern Continental Philosophy and the Study of Religion; Modern Religious Thought (Hume to the Present); History of the Study of Religion; Comparative Religion: An Introduction to the World's Religions; Capstone Senior Seminar; Self, Society and Religion; Theories of Myth, Symbol, and Ritual; Debates Between Science and Religion; Theories of Sacrifice; Theories of Ritual; Theories of Myth; Theories of Religious Experience; Narrative Knowledge (team taught interdisciplinary course)

### **Study Abroad Courses**

- Director, University of Alabama's "Religious Studies Goes to Greece," May, 2008; May 2009 (Vaia Touna, local coordinator)
- Co-Director (with Merinda Simmons) May 2011 (Vaia Touna, local coordinator; trip canceled due to Tuscaloosa tornado); May 2012 (Vaia Touna, local coordinator; trip canceled)

### **Graduate Courses (M.A.)**

Approaches to the Study of Myths and Rituals; Theories of Religion, Self, and Society: Basic Issues and Seminar Courses; Method & Theory in the Study of Religion

### **Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committees**

Matt Waggoner, History of Consciousness Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2001  
Brent McDougall, Department of Political Science, University of Alabama, 2003-2004

### **Ph.D. Supervisory/Examination Committee**

Brent McDougall, Department of Political Sciences, University of Alabama, 2004-2006 (External Examiner), *The Divisive Role of Ideology in the 1994 Rwandan Genocide*.

### **Ph.D. Examination Committee**

Travis Webster, University of Sydney, Australia, 2008

### **M.A. Thesis Supervisor**

Sierra Lawson, *Theorizing Origins: An Analysis of Descriptions of Hybridity in Marian Devotional Cults*, (University of Alabama, 2017-2019)  
Matthew S. Waggoner, *The Making of American Religious Experience: A Socio-Political Critique of 'Experience' in American Religious History* (Southwest Missouri State University, 1998-1999)  
Leslie E. Smith, *Divine Order, Divine Myth: The Necessity of Gender Paradigms in the Study of Protestant Fundamentalist Groups* (Southwest Missouri State University, 1998-1999)

### **M.A. Thesis Committee Member**

Phillip Thompson, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, 2007-8  
 Emma Gibson, Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama, 2018-19

**M.A. Thesis Outside Examiner**

Jessee M. Bailey, Department of Religious Studies, University of Regina, 2012

**M.A. Student Teacher Supervisor**

Devised and Implemented Course for Graduate Student Teaching Assistants, Southwest Missouri State University, Spring 1999

**B.A. Honors Theses Supervisor**

University of Tennessee: 1993-1994, 1995-1996

University of Alabama, 2007-8 (Sarah Luken), 2007-8 (Christopher Hurt); Keeley

McMurray (2017-18)

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, 2001-PRESENT**

**Department**

- Chair, Department of Religious Studies, 2001-2009; 2013-18; 2018-23
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies Retention Committee, 2010-11; 2012-13
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies Promotion Committee, 2010-11; 2012-13
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies Tenure Committee, 2010-11
- Member, MA Proposal Committee, 2016-17
- Member, Modern Middle East/Islam Search Committee, 2012-3
- Member, Religions of China Search Committee (canceled search after initial interviews of candidates), 2009
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies Search Committees (8 searches conducted between 2001-8)
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies Technology Committee, 2001-9
- Assessment Coordinator, 2004-9; 2013-2017
- Author, Department of Religious Studies Annual Report, 2001-9; 2013-present
- Editor, Department of Religious Studies Annual Newsletter, 2003-4; 2005-6; 2006-7; 2007-8; 2011-12; 2013-present
- Webmaster ([www.as.ua.edu/rel](http://www.as.ua.edu/rel)), 2002-9; 2011-present
- Administrator, REL blog ([www.as.ua.edu/rel/blog](http://www.as.ua.edu/rel/blog)), 2012-present
- Chair, Judaic Studies Advisory Board, 2001-9
- Department of Religious Studies Library Representative, 2001-3
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies Speakers Committee, 2001-2, 2005-6, 2016-17
- Author, Department of Religious Studies Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) Waiver Application Document, 2001-2
- Author, Department of Religious Studies Eight Year Review Dossier, 2003-4
- Author, Department of Religious Studies Southern Association of College and

Schools (SACS) Documentation, 2003-4

- Author, Department of Religious Studies Five Year Plan, 2005-6
- Author, Department of Religious Studies Student Worker Handbook (<http://www.as.ua.edu/rel/stdeskstudenthandbook.html>)

**College**

- Chair, A&S Library Committee, 2017-present
- Chair, A&S Search Committee, Mid-East Politics and Religious Studies Endowed Professorship, 2017-18
- Member, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend A&S Review Committee, 2015
- Organizer and Chair, A&S Hidden Humanities Lecture Series Planning Committee, 2013-2017; Co-organizer and co-chair, 2017-2018; Committee member, 2018-present
- Member, Department of Criminology Chair Search Committee, 2013-14
- Panelist, University Day (high school recruiting event), 2012-13
- Chair, Department of Criminology Search Committee (Cybercrime), 2011-12
- Consultant, College of Arts & Sciences Greece Initiative, 2010-present
- Member, Organizing Committee for Alabama/Greece Initiative, 2010-11
- Webmaster, Alabama/Greece Initiative, 2011-present
- A&S Representative to the Registrar Office's Faculty Advisory Council, 2010-2013
- Member, Search Committee for the Chair, Department of Political Science, 2010-11
- Member, Search Committee for the Chair, Department of Criminal Justice, 2009-10
- Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Technology Committee, 2010
- Communication Director of Technology Resources (CDTR), 2009-10
- Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Technology Advisory Committee, 2008-9
- Chair, College of Arts & Sciences Technology Review Committee, 2006-7
- Acting Department Chair for Department of Philosophy's Tenure and Promotion Committee Process for James Otteson's application for promotion to "Full" Professor, 2006
- Member, Emergency Operations Planning Committee, 2005
- Member, College of Arts & Sciences/College of Continuing Studies Liaison Committee, 2004-2005
- Member, Search Committee for the Chair, Department of English, 2003-4
- Member, College of Arts & Sciences Space Committee, 2003-4
- Member, College of Arts & Sciences Technology Committee, 2003-5

**University**

- Member, University Library Committee, 2018-2020
- Member, Faculty Participation in the Selection of Deans and Department Chairpersons & in the Evaluation of Academic Programs Committee, 2013-2015
- Elected to Faculty Senate, 2011-14; Co-Chair, Faculty and Senate Governance Committee, 2011; Member, Faculty Senate Steering Committee, 2011; member, Academic Affairs subcommittee, 2012-13

- Member/Faculty Senate Representative to, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Summer 2012
- Chair, Resources and Priorities Committee, 2004-5 (35 member senior committee that reports directly to the Provost/VP Academic and the President of the University of Alabama)
- Member/Executive Committee Member, Resources and Priorities Committee, 2002-5
- Member, Planning Committee, "Understanding Islam," Workshop, 2002-3
- Member, Department of Philosophy Eight Year Review Committee, 2002-3

### **SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY, 1996-2001**

#### **Department**

- Member, Departmental of Religious Studies Graduate Committee, 1997-2001
- Member, Department of Religious Studies Missions, Goals, Strategies, and Endowed Chairs Committee, 2000-2001
- Recording Secretary for Department of Religious Studies' Weekly Faculty Meetings, 1999-2001
- Faculty Advisor, Zoe, undergraduate religious studies student organization, 2000-1
- Editor, Tablet, Department of Religious Studies Newsletter, 1998-9
- Developed and Produced Department of Religious Studies Graduate Studies Handbook, vols. 1 and 2 (1999-2000; 2000-1)

#### **College**

- Member, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Council, 1997-9
- Member, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Awards Committee, 1998

#### **University**

- Faculty Evaluator, Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Research Forum, 2000
- Member, Faculty Concerns Committee (Sub-committee of Faculty Senate), 2000-1; member sub-committee on the Academic Administrator's Assessment, 2000
- Faculty Interviewer, Presidential Scholars Applications Process, 2000
- Completed Master Advisor Workshop, 1999

### **UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, 1993-1996**

#### **Department**

- Editor, *Samsara*, Department of Religious Studies Newsletter, 1993-6

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **Delegate**

- American Council of Learned Society (ACLS), appointed as delegate for the American

Academy of Religion (AAR), 2018-2021

### Board of Trustees

- *Religious Studies Project*, 2017 to present

### Editorial Advisory Boards

- Editorial Advisory Board, e-Rhizome (<http://www.e-rhizome.upol.cz/>), 2017-present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Implicit Religion*, 2015-present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, 2012-present
- International Editorial Board, *Studi e Materiali di Storia delle Religioni* (Rome, Italy), 2013-present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2008-14
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, 1999-2001; 2007-9
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Culture & Religion*, 2002-present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Religion & Theology*, 2003-present
- Committee of Editorial Consultants, *ARC* (journal of McGill University's Department of Religious Studies), 2002-2005.
- Consultant: The Method and Theory On-line Bibliography Project, University of Toronto, Canada; The Internet Journal of Religion, Marburg University, Germany, 1995-2000.

### Service

- Member, Analytic-Descriptive Book Awards, American Academy of Religion, 2017-2020; committee Chair 2018-2020.
- Convener, Public University Department Chairs Group, American Academy of Religion, 2015-present
- Convener, Public University Department Chairs Workshop at the University of Alabama (Apr. 29, 2015; sponsored by the College of Arts & Sciences, Univ. of Alabama)
- North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR) Executive Committee, 1995-1998; Membership Secretary, 2002-4; Executive Secretary/Treasurer, 2004-7; President 2014-17
- Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (CSSR), President 2005-9; CSSR disbanded in 2009
- Webmaster, Council of Societies for the Study of Religion, 2007-8 ([www.cssr.org](http://www.cssr.org))
- Associate Director of the International Congress Secretariat for the XXth World Congress of the International Associations for the History of Religions (IAHR), Toronto (August 2010), 2006-2010- Member, International Committee of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), 2005-7- Member, Planning Committee (representative of NAASR) for the 2010 World Congress for the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), 2005
- Webmaster, North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR); 2002-

2008 (www.naasr.com)

- *MTSR* representative to NAASR Executive, 1998-2001
- Appointed, NAASR Representative to the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (CSSR), 1996-2001; 2005-6
- External Reviewer, "Religion and the Social Sciences" Section of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.
- Member, Executive Planning Committee, J. Omar Good Award, Department of Religion, Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA, 2003-4

### **Contributor**

- *Science of Religion: Abstracts and Index of Recent Articles*, and *Religious Studies Review*, 1996-2001

### **Manuscript Referee**

Fortress Press, Oxford University Press (USA), Continuum Press (UK), University of Chicago Press, Equinox Publishers (UK), Brill (The Netherlands), Mayfield Press (USA); Routledge (USA/UK), University Press of Virginia (USA), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Religion & Theology* (South Africa), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*; *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*; *History of Religions*; *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*, *Theology and Religious Studies*, *Critical Research on Religion*, etc.

### **Memberships**

(Past and/or current): American Academy of Religion (AAR); Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR); Society of Biblical Literature (SBL); Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR); North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR); International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR); Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (CSSR); American Association of University Professors (AAUP)