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## Academic Appointments

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Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts (2009-)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts (2006-2009)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine (2003-2006)

## Visiting Positions

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Susan Young Murray Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (2008-2009)  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts (2004-2006)  
Acting Associate Director, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton NJ (2002-2003)

## Education

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### Princeton University

2002. Ph.D., Sociology. Dissertation: "Seeking the Heart: the First Generation Practices Theravada Buddhism in America."  
2000. M.A. with Distinction, Sociology. General Examinations in Religion, Gender and Sexuality, Economic Development in South Asia

### Swarthmore College

1997. B.A. with High Honors in Sociology & Anthropology and Religion, Phi Beta Kappa.

## Publications

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### Book

*Heartwood: The First Generation of Theravada Buddhism in America*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press (2005).

Reviews published in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Social Forces*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Global Buddhism*, and *Buddhadharma*.

### Journal Articles

Forthcoming. "Religion and Spirituality: A Barrier and a Bridge in the Everyday Professional Work of Pediatric Physicians" with Elaine Howard Ecklund and Nicholas Short. *Social Problems*

Forthcoming. "Prayers in the Clinic: How Do Pediatricians and Pediatric Oncologists Respond?" with Elaine Howard Ecklund. *Southern Medical Journal*

Forthcoming as a Research Letter "Physicians' Experiences with and Satisfaction with Chaplains: Results from a National Study" with George Fitchett, Farr Curlin, and Kenneth Rasinski. *Archives of Internal Medicine*

Forthcoming. "Teaching Graduate and Undergraduate Research Methods: A Multi-Pronged Departmental Initiative" with Sara Shostak, Jennifer Girouard, and David Cunningham. *Teaching Sociology*.

2009. "Saying Your Prayers, Constructing Your Religions: Medical Studies of Intercessory Prayer." *Journal of Religion* 89: 299-327

2009. "Constructing American Muslim Identity: Tales of Two Clinics in Southern California" with Lance Laird. *Muslim World* 99: 270-293.

2009. "Ciudad como Contexto" with Peggy Levitt, B. Nadya Jaworsky and Sara Curran. Número Monográfico: *Religion y Migración*; copublicación *Les Cahiers Alhim y la Revista Migraciones*, Universidad Paris 8-Universidad Pontificia Comillas.

2008. "Blessings, Strength, and Guidance: Prayer Frames in a Hospital Prayer Book" with M. Daglian. *Poetics* 36: 358-373.

2008. "The Spiritual and Religious Identities, Beliefs, and Practices of Academic Pediatricians in the United States" with Elizabeth Catlin, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Elizabeth A. Gage, and Angelika Annette Zolfrank. *Academic Medicine*. 83(12):1146-1152.

Comment: Curlin, F. 2008. "Commentary: A Case for Studying the Relationship Between Religion and the Practice of Medicine." *Academic Medicine* 83(12):1118-20.

2008. "De Facto Congregationalism and the Religious Organizations of Post-1965 Immigrants to the United States: A Revised Approach." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 76(2): 344-374.

2008. "Hospital Chaplaincy in the United States: A National Overview" with Jeremy Freese and Nicholas Christakis. *Southern Medical Journal*. 101(6):626-630.

2008. "Facilitators and Advocates: How Mainline Protestant Clergy Respond to Homosexuality" with Christopher Wildemen. *Sociological Perspectives*. 51(3):587-603.

2008. "How Denominational Resources Influence Debates about Homosexuality in Mainline Protestant Congregations" with Laura Olson and Christopher Wildeman. *Sociology of Religion*. 69(2):187-207.

2007. "Immigration and Religion" with Elaine Howard Ecklund. *Annual Review of Sociology*. 33: 17.1-17.21

2007. "The Religious and Spiritual Beliefs and Practices of Academic Pediatric Oncologists in the United States" with Elaine Howard Ecklund, Elizabeth A. Gage, and Elizabeth A. Catlin. *Journal of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology*. 29(11):736-742.

Comment: Walco, GA. 2007. "Religion, Spirituality, and the Practice of Pediatric Oncology." *Journal of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology*. 29(11): 733-35.

2007. "Reflections on *Habits of the Heart*, Buddhism in America, and Religious Individualism." *Sociology of Religion*. 68(2): 201-205.

2007. "Bridging the Denomination-Congregation Divide: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Congregations Respond to Homosexuality" with Heather Day and Christopher Wildemen. *Review of Religious Research*. 48(3): 245-259.
2007. "Early Factors Leading to College Graduation for Asians and Non-Asians in the United States" with Thomas Vartanian, Page Buck, and David Karen. *Sociological Quarterly*. 48:165-197.
2006. "Constructing Buddhism(s): Interreligious Dialogue and Religious Hybridity" with Courtney Bender. *Sociology of Religion*. 67(3):229-247.
2006. "2005 SSSR Presidential Address: On Being a Community of Scholars--Practicing the Study of Religion" with Nancy Ammerman, Milagros Pena, Robert D. Woodberry and Omar M. McRoberts. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 45(2): 137-148.
2006. "Religious Service Attendance among Immigrants: Evidence from the New Immigrant Survey Pilot" with Elaine Howard Ecklund. *American Behavioral Scientist*. 49(11): 1574-1595.
2006. "Religion and Public Opinion about Same-Sex Marriage" with Laura Olson and James Harrison. *Social Science Quarterly*. 87(2):340-360. (One of ten most downloaded articles from the SSQ webpage in 2006. Reprinted in Dulio, David, Erin O'Brien, and John S. Klemanski Eds. 2008. *American Political Diversity*. Longman Pub).
2006. "Ascription, Choice, and the Construction of Religious Identities in the Contemporary United States" with Lynn Davidman. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 45(1): 23-38.
2006. "Making Sense of Suffering and Death: How Healthcare Providers Construct Meanings in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit" with Elizabeth A. Catlin. *Journal of Religion and Health*. 45(2): 248-263.
2005. "Thai Buddhism in America: A Historical and Contemporary Overview" with Sidhorn Sangdhanoo *Contemporary Buddhism*. 6(1): 8-35.
2004. "Buddhists and Buddhism in the United States: The Scope of Influence" with Robert Wuthnow. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 43(3): 361-378.
2004. "Gendered Religious Organizations: The Case of Theravada Buddhism in America." *Gender and Society*. 18(6): 777-793.
2004. "Yoga and Rebirth in America: Asian Religions are Here to Stay" with Courtney Bender. *Contexts: Understanding People in Their Social Worlds*. 3(1): 45-51. (Reprinted in *The Contexts Reader*, Jeff Goodwin and James Jasper, Eds. 2007, New York: W.W. Norton and Companies).
2004. "Educational Opportunities for Boys and Girls in Thailand" with Sara Curran, Chang Chung, and Anchalee Varangrat. *Research in Sociology of Education* 14: 59-102.
2003. "Arranged and Love Marriage in Kandy, Sri Lanka: Evidence from 1978 and 1998." with Kamala Liyanage and Nina Paynter. *Pakistan Journal of Women's Studies: Alam-e-Niswan*. 10(2): 229-240.
2002. "Talking about Homosexuality: the Views of Mainline Protestant Clergy" with Laura R. Olson. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 41(1): 153-167.
2002. "Conceptualizing Your Community-Based Learning Project: Decision Points for the Initial Stages of Project Design" with Marion Carter, Estella Rivero, and Sara Curran. *Teaching Sociology*. 30 (April): 158-173.

### Book Chapters

Forthcoming (2010). "Religion, Spirituality, Health and Medicine: Sociological Intersections" with Brian Fair. *Handbook of Medical Sociology*. Chloe Byrd, Allan Fremont, Stefan Timmermans, and Peter Conrad, Eds. Vanderbilt University Press.

2009. "Religion, Spirituality, and Health: An Institutional Approach." *Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Peter Clarke Ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 836-856.

2006. "Religion and the Non-profit Sector" with Robert Wuthnow. *Handbook of NonProfits*. Walter Powell and Richard Steinberg. Eds. New Haven: Yale University Press. 485-505.

2005. "Religions of Immigrants in the Mid-Atlantic States." *Religion in the Middle Atlantic States: Fount of Diversity*. Randall Balmer and Mark Silk, Eds. Walnut Creek: AltaMira Press. 133-154.

2005. "Reconciling Congregations Bridging Gay and Straight Communities." *Gay Religion*. Edward R. Gray and Scott Thumma, Eds. Walnut Creek: AltaMira Press. 31-46.

2005. "Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Buddhist Practitioners." *Gay Religion*. Edward R. Gray and Scott Thumma. Eds. Walnut Creek: AltaMira Press. 139-152.

2002. "Vital Conflicts: The Mainline Protestant Denominations Debate Homosexuality." *The Hand of God: Faith-Based Activism and the Public Role of Mainline Protestantism*. Robert Wuthnow and John Evans, Eds. Berkeley: University of California Press. 265-286.

2001. "The Role of Religion in Public Conflicts over the Arts in the Philadelphia Area, 1965-1997" with Paul DiMaggio, Lynn Robinson, and Brian Steensland. *Crossroads: Art and Religion in American Life*. Alberta Arthurs & Glenn Wallach. Eds. New York: The New Press. 103-137.

### Reviews, Reports and Other Occasional Writing

2009 to present. Bimonthly columns on Religion, Spirituality and Medicine, Religion Dispatches. <http://www.religiondispatches.org/search/?what=story&compare=contains&term=cadge>

Forthcoming. Book review of *Immigration and Religion in America: Comparative and Historical Perspectives* edited by Richard Alba, Albert J. Raboteau and Josh DeWind. *American Journal of Sociology*.

Forthcoming. "Response to Standards of Practice." *Chaplaincy Today*

Forthcoming. "Spotlight on Teaching and Research. Saying Your Prayers, Constructing Your Religions: Medical Studies of Intercessory Prayer." *Religious Studies News*

2009. "Research Briefing. Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine." *Religious Studies News*, published by the American Academy of Religion. 24(2):24

2008. "What We Pray." *Baltimore Sun*. December 14, 2008. Op-Ed Page.

2008. "Lost in Translation? Sociological Observations and Reflections on the Practice of Hospital Chaplaincy" with Raymond De Vries and Nancy Berlinger. *The Hastings Center Report*. 38(6):9-13.

2008. Book review of *Be Not Deceived: The Sacred and Sexual Struggles of Gay and Ex-gay Christian Men* by Michelle Wolkomir and *Straight to Jesus: Sexual and Christian Conversions in the Ex-Gay Movement* by Tanya Erzen. *Social Forces*. 86(4):1841-1843.

2008. Book review of *Death Is That Man Taking Names: Intersections of American Medicine, Law, and Culture* by Robert A. Burt, and *...And a Time to Die: How American Hospitals Shape the End of Life* by Sharon R. Kaufman. *Society*. 45:99-101.

2007. Book Review of *A Nation of Religions: The Politics of Pluralism in Multi-religious America*. Stephen Prothero, Ed. *American Journal of Sociology*. 113(3): 912-914.
2007. "Muslim Community-Based Health Organizations" with Lance Laird. Report to the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding and the Association of Muslim Health Professionals.
2007. "Religious Leaders Opinions about Social Issues: A Pilot Study" with Laura R. Olson. Report to the Gill Foundation.
2006. "Dialogue Across Differences: Mainline Protestant Congregations Talking about Homosexuality." *Congregations*. Alban Institute. Summer: 18-21.
2006. Book review of *Congregations in America* by Mark Chaves. *Journal of Religion*. 86(2):326-328.
2005. Book review of *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*. Michele Dillon, Ed. *Social Forces*. 83(4): 1783-1785.
2005. Book review of *God, Sex, and Politics: Homosexuality and Everyday Theologies* by Dawne Moon. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 44(2):232-233.
2004. "Report: Interviews with Participants of 'Nuns in the West'" with Courtney Bender. Monastic Inter-religious Dialogue.
2004. Book Review of *God in Chinatown: Religion and Survival in New York's Evolving Immigrant Community* by Kenneth J. Guest. *Contemporary Sociology*. 33(5):564-566.
2003. "Homosexuality and the Natural, Social, and Behavioral Sciences." Background Paper for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's National Sexuality Study. (Reprinted as "Homosexuality and the Social Sciences" in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Homosexuality*. Jeffrey Siker Ed. 2006. Greenwood Press).
2003. Entries about "Charitable Choice," "Homosexual Reeducation Programs," "American Friends Service Committee," and "Mainline Protestant Pro-Gay Groups." *Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. Paul A. Djupe and Laura R. Olson. Eds. New York: Facts on File.
2002. "Sex, Sexuality, and Gender Syllabus" with Sara Curran. *The Sociology of Gender: Syllabi & Other Instructional Materials*. Amy Blackstone and Betsy Lucal, Eds. Washington DC: American Sociological Association.
2001. "Forging Links Between Disciplines and Area Studies" with Angelique Haugerud. *Items & Issues*. Social Science Research Council. 2:1-2. p. 8-10.
2000. "The Social Sciences and Area Studies: the Social Science Research Council's International Predissertation Fellowship Program (1991-2000)" with Angelique Haugerud. A Report to the Ford Foundation.
1999. Book Review of *Speaking Out: Women's Economic Empowerment in South Asia*. Marilyn Carr, Martha Chen, and Renana Jhabvala, Eds. *Ethnic Studies Report*. 16 (2).

### In Progress

*Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine*. Book manuscript, in progress

*Opportunities on the Edge: Re-Centering and De-centering the Sociology of Religion* with Courtney Bender, Peggy Levitt, and David Smilde. Edited volume, in progress.

"What Do Chaplains Contribute to Large Academic Hospitals? The Perspectives of Pediatric Physicians and Chaplains" with Katherine Calle and Jennifer Dillinger. Under review

“Institutionalizing Islam in America: Community-Based Health Clinics as Mechanisms of Adaptation” with Lance Laird. Under review.

“Muslim Charitable Clinics and NGO Power in the US” with Lance Laird. Under Review

“Shifting the Affective Landscape: Ambivalence Among Intensive Care Nurses” with Clare Hammonds. Under review

“Professional Emotional Management Off the Job: The Case of Intensive Care Nurses” with Clare Hammonds. Under review.

“Saving the Phenomenon in Dissenting Science: Medical Studies of Intercessory Prayer,” in progress

“The City as Context: Spaces of Reception in New Immigrant Destinations,” with Sara Curran, B. Nadya Jaworsky, Peggy Levitt, and Jessica Hejtmanek, in progress

“The City as Context: How Religion Influences Reception in New Immigrant Destinations” with B. Nadya Jaworsky, Peggy Levitt and Sara Curran, in progress

“Why Help Immigrants? Moral and Instrumental Logics among Service Providers” with Casey Clevenger and Amelia Seraphia Derr, in progress

“Ambiguity in Clergy's Approaches to Homosexuality: Opinions, Actions and (Un)certainities” with Jennifer Girouard and Laura Olson, Under review

“How Do Catholic and Episcopal Priests Respond to Controversial Family Issues? Divorce and Homosexuality as Case Studies” with Madison Lyleroehr and Laura Olson, in progress

### **Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

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2008-2009	Susan Young Murray Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
2008-2009	Visiting Scholar, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (declined)
2008-2009	Religious Institutions Grant, Louisville Institute. Project title: “Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.” (\$40,000)
2006-2009	Spiritual Capital Research Program, Metanexus Institute. Project title: “Comparing Spiritual and Other Forms of Social Capital: Lessons from the Immigrant Experience” (with Peggy Levitt and Sara Curran). (\$150,000)
2006-2009	Brandeis University, Theodore and Jane Norman Fund for Faculty Research and Creative Projects (\$9000)
2009	Changing SEA, Lifecycle Institute at Catholic University of America (with Casey Clevenger). Project title: “What Do We Know about Service and Community Engagement Among Young Adults?” (\$3000).
2008	Brandeis University, Michael Walzer '56 Award for Excellence in Teaching
2007-2008	Teaching Enhancement Fund Grant, American Sociological Association (with David Cunningham and Sara Shostak). Project title: “Teaching Graduate and Undergraduate Research Methods: A Combined Initiative.” (\$1000).
2006-2008	Faculty Fellow, Cognitive and Textual Methods Project, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion. Project title: “Prayers in Hospitals: A Textual Analysis.”
2006-2008	Brandeis University, Women’s Studies Research Center, Student-Scholar Partnership
2007	Gill Foundation. Project title: “Religious Leaders’ Opinions about Social Issues: A Pilot Study.” (\$40,000).
2006-2007	Association of Muslim Health Professionals and Institute for Social Policy and Understanding. Project title: “Muslim Community Health Organizations” (with Lance Laird). (\$6000)

- 2006-2007 American Academy of Religion Individual Research Grant. Project title: "Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine." (\$3000)
- 2005-2007 General Grant, Louisville Institute (with Elizabeth A. Catlin). Project title: "How Religion and Spirituality Influence Vocation and Ethical Decision-making among American Physicians: A Research Study and Broader Conversation."(\$47,238)
- 2004-2006 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research, Harvard University  
2005 John Templeton Foundation (Elaine Howard Ecklund, PI), Sub-contract. Project title: "Religion in the Lives of Pediatricians and Pediatric Oncologists: A Pilot Study."
- 2004-2005 Younger Scholar in American Religion, Center for the Study of Religion & American Culture, Indiana University
- 2004 Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (with Courtney Bender). Project title: "Spiritual Sisters: Catholic and Buddhist Nuns in America." (\$1500)
- 2004 Summer Stipend, Louisville Institute. Project title: "Lessons Learned: Congregations Talking about Homosexuality." (\$8000)
- 2001-2002 Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Project title: "Immigrant and Convert Theravada Buddhists in America." (\$2000)
- 2001-2002 Teaching Enhancement Fund Grant, American Sociological Association. Project title: "TIPS: Teaching Initiative for Princeton SocGrads" (\$1000)
- 2001 Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award, Sociology Department, Princeton University
- 2001 Best Graduate Student Paper Prize, Midwest American Academy of Religion
- 2000-2002 Princeton Society of Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2000-2001 Center for the Study of Religion Dissertation Research Award, Princeton University
- 2000-2001 University Center for Human Values Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University  
2000 Wilson Fellowship Program Summer Stipend, Princeton University
- 1998-1999 Fulbright IIE Fellowship, Sri Lanka
- 1998 Center for the Study of American Religion Graduate Research Grant, Princeton University
- 1997-1998 Rotary Foundation Gundaker Scholarship
- 1996 Joel Dean Senior Thesis Field Research Grant, Swarthmore College
- 1995 Swarthmore Foundation Community Service Grant, Swarthmore College

### Select Presentations

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- 2010  
"Hospital Chaplains: Their Words and Actions." Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Meeting (Invited Lecture)
- 2009  
Religion, Spirituality and Health Interest Group. University of Pennsylvania Hospital (Invited Lecture)  
Massachusetts General Hospital Chaplaincy Department (Invited Lecture)  
"Negotiating Religious Differences in Secular Organizations: The Case of Hospital Chapels and Chaplains" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting  
"Professional Emotional Management Off the Job: The Case of Intensive Care Nurses" with Clare Hammonds. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting  
"Teaching Graduate and Undergraduate Research Methods: A Multi-Pronged Departmental Initiative" with Sara Shostak, Jennifer Girouard, and David Cunningham" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting  
"How Religion Influences Reception in New Immigrant Destinations" with Peggy Levitt, Nadya

Jaworsky, Sara Curran. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting  
 “Religion at the Edge: Expanding the Boundaries of the Sociology of Religion.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Session Organizer)  
 “Reaching In and Reaching Out: Hospital Chaplaincy as Profession.” Duke University, Society for Spirituality, Theology & Health. (Invited Lecture)  
 “Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program, Harvard University (Invited Lecture)  
 “Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University (Invited Lecture)  
 “Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.” Department of Sociology, Loyola University of Chicago. (Invited Lecture)  
 “Seeing Hospital Chaplaincy through a Sociologist’s Eyes: an Overview” and “Reaching Out and Reaching In: Hospital Chaplaincy as a Profession” at the Spiritual Care Collaborative, an international meeting of chaplains and spiritual care professionals. (Invited Lecture and Professional Workshop)

2008

“A Barrier or a Bridge? Understandings of Religion Amongst Pediatric Oncologists” with Elaine Howard Ecklund. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.  
 “The City as Context: How Religion Influences Reception in New Immigrant Destinations” with Peggy Levitt. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.  
 “Religion at the Edge: Expanding the Boundaries of the Sociology of Religion.” Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion. Conference Organizer with Courtney Bender, Peggy Levitt and David Smilde.  
 “Institutionalizing Islam in America: The Case of Community-Based Health Clinics” with Lance Laird. Association of Muslim Social Scientists Annual Conference.  
 “The City as Context: Spaces of Reception in New Immigrant Destinations” with B. Nadya Jaworsky, Peggy Levitt, Jessica Hejtmanek, and Sara Curran. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.  
 “Priests in Temples of Medicine: Existing Institutional Arrangements.” Joint Session of the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meetings.  
 “Boundaries Between Religion, Spirituality and Medicine in the Daily Work of Pediatric Physicians.” Colloquium on Qualitative Research in Health, Boston University.

2007

“Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.” Duke University, Departments of Religion and Sociology and the Duke Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health. (Invited Lecture)  
 “City Level Spiritual Capital? Lessons from the Immigrant Experience in Two Small Cities” with B. Nadya Jaworsky. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.  
 “The Medicalization of Religion: Scientific Studies of Intercessory Prayer.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.  
 “Professional Workshop. Making the Most of Your Dissertation: Publishing Opportunities.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Organizer and Panelist.  
 “Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.” University of Washington, Departments of Sociology and Comparative Religion. (Invited Lecture)

2006

“Paging God? Constructions of Religion and Spirituality amongst Staff in Hospital Intensive Care Units” with Elizabeth Catlin. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.  
 “Embracing, Accommodating, and Avoiding: How Staff Respond to Religion and Spirituality in Neonatal and Medical Intensive Care Units” with Elizabeth Catlin. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.

- “How Spirituality and Religious Thinking Influence Current Medical Practice among American Physicians” with Elizabeth Catlin. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting.
- “Embracing, Accommodating, and Avoiding: How Staff Respond to Religion and Spirituality in Neonatal and Medical Intensive Care Units” with Elizabeth Catlin. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.
- “Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research Program Annual Meeting.
- “TransBuddhism American Style: Diaspora Buddhist Groups in the United States.” Smith College (Invited Lecture)
- “The Possibilities and Limits of Medical Science: Debates Over Double Blind Clinical Trials of Intercessory Prayer.” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University. (Invited Lecture)
- “Constructions of Religion and Spirituality in Hospitals.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (Invited Thematic Session)
- “The Possibilities and Limits of Medical Science: Debates Over Double Blind Clinical Trials of Intercessory Prayer.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

2005

- “Heartwood: The First Generation of Theravada Buddhism in America.” Harvard Divinity School. (Invited Presentation)
- “Religion and Spirituality in Medical Settings: An Institutional Approach.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.
- “On Being a Community of Scholars: Practicing the Study of Religion.” Contribution to Presidential Address, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.
- “Scientific Studies of Intercessory Prayer: Religious, Scientific, and Popular Responses.” With Nicholas Christakis. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- “Dialogues across Difference: Mainline Protestant Clergy Facilitate Local Conversation about Homosexuality” with Christopher Wildeman, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- “Reflections on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Publication of *Habits of the Heart*.” Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting. (Invited Presentation)
- “Appropriating Buddhism(s): Catholic and Buddhist Nuns in the United States.” Boston Area Religion Study Group. (Invited Presentation)
- “Religion and Public Opinion about Same-Sex Marriage” with Laura Olson and James Harrison. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.

2004

- “Lessons Learned? Congregations Talking about Homosexuality.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.
- “Thai Buddhist Temples in America: Institutionally Isomorphic?” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- “Monks and Meditators: The History of Theravada Buddhism in America.” Wellesley College. (Invited Lecture)
- “Gendered Religious Organizations: The Case of Theravada Buddhism in America.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

2003

- “Thai Buddhism in America: A Historical and Contemporary Overview” with Sidhorn Sangdhanoo. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- “Race, Cultural Capital, and Educational Attainment: How Do Asian-Americans Differ?” With David Karen and Tom Vartanian. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- “A Global Sangha? The Transnational Nature of Buddhism in America.” Anna I. Morgan Lectures in Religion Series. Rutgers University Department of Religion. (Invited Lecture)

2002

“Heartwood.” Princeton University Buddhist Studies Workshop. (Invited Lecture)

“Visions of a Moral Life.” Paper presented at the retirement celebration of Donald Swearer and Jerry Frost. Swarthmore College Department of Religion. (Invited Lecture)

“Thai Buddhist Temples in America: A Mapping and History.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

“Taking Refuge in the Buddha: Ascribed and Achieved Buddhist Identities.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Refuge in the Dharma: Buddhism in Daily Life in the United States.” Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

2001

“American Buddhists? The Religious Identities of Theravada Buddhist Practitioners in the United States.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.

“Taking Refuge in the Dharma: Buddhism in Daily Life.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

“Leading, Cooking, and Praying: Thai Buddhist Women in the United States.” Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting.

“Congregations: a Safe Place for Difficult Dialogue?” Presenter and Panel Member at Aspen Institute Conference: The Public Role of Mainline Protestantism: Is the “quiet voice” loud enough? (Invited Lecture)

2000

“Talking about Homosexuality: The Views of Mainline Protestant Clergy.” With Laura R. Olson. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting.

“The Mainline Denominations Debate Homosexuality.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

“Changing Educational Opportunities in Thailand: The Effects of Gender, Siblings, and Village Location” with Sara Curran and Anchalee Varangrat. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

1998

“Public Art Conflicts in Philadelphia: 1960-1998.” With Lynn Robinson and Brian Steensland. Social Theory, Politics, and the Arts Conference.

## **Teaching Experience**

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### Courses Taught:

Approaches to Social Research (graduate)

Sociology of Religion (graduate)

Issues in Sexuality (undergraduate)

Observing the Social World: Doing Qualitative Sociology (undergraduate)

Order and Change in Society: An Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate)

Praying for a Cure: Religion, Health and Healing in America (first year seminar)

Religion in American Life: A Sociological Approach (undergraduate)

Research Methods / Methods of Social Inquiry (undergraduate)

Sociology of Gender (undergraduate)

The Church and Sexuality in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (graduate seminary students)

1998-2003. Writing Tutor, Princeton University Writing Center.

2000-2002. Founder and Organizer of TIPS (Teaching Initiative for Princeton Sociology Graduate Students).

1994-1997. Writing Associate, Swarthmore College Writing Center.

## **Professional Activities**

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### *Association Memberships*

American Sociological Association  
Sociology of Religion Section Executive Council Member 2007-2010  
Sociology of Religion Program Selection Committee 2008  
Sociology of Religion Nominating Committee 2005, 2006  
Sociology of Religion Section Best Paper Selection Chair 2005, Committee 2004

American Academy of Religion  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Publications Committee 2008-2010, Chair 2009  
Secretary 2006-2009  
Student Paper Award Committee Chair 2006, Committee 2005  
Travel Awards Committee 2003

Association for the Sociology of Religion  
MacNamara Student Paper Award Committee 2008-2010  
Nominations Committee 2008-2009

Eastern Sociological Society  
Sociologists for Women in Society

### *Reviewer*

Associate Editor, *Sociology of Religion*  
Editorial Board, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
Journals: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, *Sociological Focus*, *Gender and Society*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *American Journal of Preventative Medicine*, *Southern Medical Journal*, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, *Rural Sociology*, *Symbolic Interaction*  
Monographs: Oxford University Press, University of North Carolina Press, AltaMira Press, McGraw Hill  
Competitive Grants: National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Israel Science Foundation, Templeton Foundation

### *Consultant*

Community of Scholars, Duke University Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health 2009-  
Massachusetts General Hospital, Professional Advisory Group, Clinical Pastoral Education 2009-  
Advisory Committee, The Chaplain's Role in Pediatric Palliative Care: Mapping Model  
Programs, The Hastings Center and Department of Religion, Health and Human Values  
at Rush University Medical Center 2009-2010.  
Annie E. Casey Foundation Faith Dialogue 2003  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Sexuality Study 2003  
Ford Foundation 2000

### *Media and Public Education*

Religion Dispatches, Religion and Health Columnist 2009-  
Women, Action and the Media Conference 2008  
Prayer in America Documentary Film 2007  
Primary Source

The Peabody Essex Museum

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