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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Marquette University, Religious Studies (1996)
M.A. Marquette University, Theology (1992)
M.A. The American University, Film (1980)
B.A. Antioch College, Communications (1974)

Dissertation: "Jewish and Christian Relations in the Life and Thought of Hugh of St. Victor."

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

History of Christianity, especially Jewish and Christian Dialogue
New Testament and early Christianity
Religion in America, especially New Religious Movements

CURRENT PROJECTS

January 2015-Present

Co-Director, Women in the World's Religions and Spirituality Project
<http://www.wrs.vcu.edu/index.html>

July 2015-Present

Reviews Editor, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*

November 1998-Present

Co-Director, The Jonestown Institute, *Alternative Considerations of Jonestown and Peoples Temple*, <http://jonestown.sdsu.edu/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

July 2008-August 2015

PROFESSOR, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

Teach undergraduate courses in western religious traditions, religion in America, and alternative religious traditions. Serve on university and departmental committees.
Department Chair 2006-2011.

June 2003 - June 2008

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

Teach undergraduate courses in western religious traditions, religion in America, and alternative religious traditions. Serve on university and departmental committees.
Departmental Advisor 2003-2006.

August 1999-June 2003

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

Taught undergraduate courses in western religious traditions, religion in America, and alternative religious traditions. Served on university and departmental committees.
Departmental Advisor.

August 1996 June 1999

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Department of Philosophy and Religion, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.

Taught undergraduate courses in history of western religious traditions and ethics.
Served on university and departmental committees.

August 1995 May 1996

INSTRUCTOR, Department of Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

Taught courses in historical theology and ethics to upper division undergraduates.

January 1992 May 1996

INSTRUCTOR, Department of Theology, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI.

Taught courses in christology and in historical theology, two of seven required core courses in the Master of Theological Studies Program, a graduate program for adult working students.

May 1994 August 1996

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Health Arts Program, The College of St. Francis, Joliet, IL.

Taught courses in religion in America and ethics to health care professionals in Bachelor

of Science degree program.

January 1991 June 1995

TEACHING ASSISTANT, Department of Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

Lectured to undergraduate classes in religious studies as needed, graded papers and tests, met with students concerning questions and problems. Assisted faculty members in research and writing projects, grants, and curriculum development.

September 1981 December 1985

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Department of Film/Television Production, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.

Taught TV theory, writing and production courses, and developed new curricula. Advised students. Produced programs that aired on public and commercial TV stations in Montana and Utah. Successfully wrote grants. Served on university committees.

NEW COURSES ADDED TO RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND CLASSICS AND HUMANITIES CURRICULUM

REL S 358 Death, Dying, and the Afterlife*
 REL S 390A-B Religion and American Institutions**
 REL S 395 New Religions
 REL S 530 Religion and Revolution
 HUM 110 California Humanities and Institutions**

*Accepted for Cultural Diversity, Fall 2007

**Fulfills University American Institutions requirement

TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS

2012 “Local Religion in the Religious Studies Classroom” and “Digital Mapping: Does it Engage Students? Is it Publicly Useful?” Two invited presentations given at a conference hosted by CSU Chico on “California Local Religion Projects: When the Community is the Classroom,” September 20-22.

2012 Lecturer, “El Mercado Religioso en los E.U. y California,” five-week graduate seminar, Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, Tijuana, Mexico, August through September.

2012 Outstanding Faculty Member for the Department of Religious Studies.

2011 “What Were They Thinking: Learning to Anticipate Future Ethical Problems in Science and Technology.” Panel Member for Provost’s Lunch on Learning, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, November 9.

2011 Alumni Association Award (“The Monty”) for Outstanding Faculty Contributions in the College of Arts and Letters

- 2011 “Teaching Courage: Learning Through Engagement.” Co-organizer and panel member for Center for Teaching and Learning Lunch, March 17.
- 2010 Senate Distinguished Professor, Excellence in Teaching Award from the University Senate, Faculty Honors and Awards Committee
- 2009 Outstanding Faculty Member for the Department of Religious Studies.
- 2008 Outstanding Faculty Member for the SDSU Interdisciplinary Program.
- 2008 Outstanding Faculty Member for the Department of Religious Studies.
- 2008 Presenter, “Lessons from World Religions,” Provost’s Lunch on Learning for the Center for Teaching and Learning, April 9.
- 2007 “Online Assessments,” Blackboard Training Session, April 27.
- 2007 Outstanding Faculty Member for Department of Religious Studies.
- 2005 Nominee, Exemplary Academic Advising Award.
- 2005 Nominee, University Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2004 Outstanding Faculty Member for Department of Religious Studies.
- 2002-2003 Interim Director, Center for Teaching and Learning, New Faculty Mentor.
- 2002 Outstanding Faculty Member for Department of Religious Studies.
- 2002 “Effective Technology with Teaching,” Co-organizer of faculty workshop co-sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, LARC, Instructional Technology Services, and the Office of Academic Affairs, 10-11 January.
- 2001 New Courses added to the Religious Studies Curriculum: Religion and American Institutions (REL S 390B and 390B); Death, Dying and the Afterlife (REL S 358); New Religions (REL S 395; formerly Alternative Religious Movements); Religion and Revolution (REL S 530)
- 2001 “Teaching and Learning in Our Diverse Classrooms,” Co-organizer of faculty workshop sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, 4 and 11 October.
- 2001 “Plagiarism, Free-Riding, and Moral Hazards,” Organizer and Facilitator of teaching workshop for Department of Economics, 5 November.
- 2001 “Pareto-Improving Ways to Include Writing in Your Economics Courses,” Organizer and Facilitator of teaching workshop for Department of Economics, 12 September
- 2001 Outstanding Faculty Member for Department of Religious Studies.
- 2001 “Working With Large Classes,” Co-organizer and Co-facilitator of faculty workshop sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning, 24 January.
- 2000 “Beyond the Lecture: Encouraging Active Learning,” Co-organizer and Co-facilitator of faculty workshop, co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters and the Center for Teaching and Learning, San Diego State University, 30-31 May.
- 2000 Reunion for “Encouraging Active Learning,” Co-organizer and Co-facilitator, San Diego State University, 20 October.
- 2000 “Using Interactive Learning in the Large (and Small) Classroom,” Panel member, San Diego State University, 23 March.
- 2000-2002 Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, for College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University.
- 1998-1999 Teaching Fellow, American Academy of Religion/Lilly Foundation, Upper

- Midwest American Academy of Religion.
- 1996-1997 Alice T. Clark Mentoring Fellow, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.
- 1985 National Journalism Teaching Award, The Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, FL.
- 1982 Award for Excellence in Teaching, The Montana State University Alumni Association and the Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce, Bozeman, MT

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

April 1987 July 1990

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIRECTOR, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, Reno, NV.

January 1986 April 1987

PRODUCER, KNPBTV, Reno, NV.

January 1980 September 1981

CULTURAL AFFAIRS PRODUCER, South Dakota Public Television, Vermillion, SD.

January 1975 December 1979

EDITOR, Televisions Magazine, Washington, DC.

BOOKS (peer reviewed)

Violence and New Religious Movements. In *Elements* series, ed. James R. Lewis. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, in progress.

Women in Christian Traditions. New York: New York University Press, 2015.

A Portable God: How Early Jews and Christians Read the Bible, with R. L. Kohn. Lanham, Md.: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007.

Voices of Christianity: A Global Introduction New York: McGraw-Hill, 2005.

Peoples Temple and Black Religion in America, co-editor. Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 2004.

Jews and Christians in the Life and Thought of Hugh of St. Victor, Atlanta: Scholars Press and University of South Florida Center for Judaic Studies. 1998.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY BOOKS

Understanding Jonestown and Peoples Temple, Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2009 (by invitation).

The Need for a Second Look at Jonestown, coeditor. Lewiston N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1989.

New Religious Movements, Mass Suicide, and Peoples Temple, coeditor. Lewiston N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1989.

In Defense of Peoples Temple. Lewiston N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1988.

The Jonestown Letters. Lewiston N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1986.

A Sympathetic History of Jonestown. Lewiston N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1985.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (peer reviewed)

- “On the (Im)possibility of Participant Observation.” In *The Insider-Outsider Debate: New Perspectives in the Study of Religion*, ed. George D. Chryssides and Stephen E. Gregg. Sheffield, U.K.: Equinox, in progress.
- “From Jonestown to 9/11 and Beyond: Mapping the Contours of Violence and New Religious Movements.” In *The Oxford Handbook on New Religions*, ed. James R. Lewis and Inga B. Tøllefsen. New York: Oxford University Press, in press.
- “Mythopoesis, Digital Democracy, and the Legacy of the Jonestown Website.” In *Digital Death: Mortality and Beyond in the Online Age*, ed. Christopher M. Moreman and A. David Lewis, pp. 143-158. Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2014. *Digital Death* is co-winner of the Ray and Pat Browne Award for Best Edited Collection in Popular Culture and American Culture, for the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association.
- “Rhetoric, Revolution and Resistance in Jonestown, Guyana.” In *Sacred Suicides*, ed. James R. Lewis and Carole M. Cusack, pp. 73-90. London: Ashgate Publishing, 2014.
- “The Controversies about Peoples Temple and Jonestown” [completely new article for rev. ed.]. In *Controversial New Religions*, 2d ed., rev. and exp., ed. James Lewis and Jesper A. Petersen, pp. 53-66. New York and London: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- “Rhetoric, Revolution, and Resistance in Jonestown, Guyana.” *Journal of Religion and Violence* 1, no. 3 (2013): online journal.
- “Jonestown and the Study of NRMs: How Survivors and Artists are Reshaping the Narrative of Jonestown.” In *The Bloomsbury Companion to New Religious Movements*, ed. George D. Chryssides and Benjamin E. Zeller, pp. 73–88. London: Continuum, 2013.
- “Angels Among Us in Four San Diego Spiritualist Churches.” In *The Spiritualist Movement: Speaking with the Dead in America and Around the World*, Vol. 1, ed. Christopher Moreman, pp. 161–179. Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2013.
- “Affective Commitment to Congregations,” co-author with Jai Ghorpade and Jim Lackritz. *Journal of Pastoral Psychology* 61, no. 3 (2012): 285-298.
- “Narratives of Persecution, Suffering, and Martyrdom: Violence in Peoples Temple and Jonestown.” In *Violence and New Religious Movements*, ed. James R. Lewis, pp. 95-111. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.
- “The Stigmatized Deaths in Jonestown: Finding a Locus for Grief.” *Death Studies*, 35, no. 1 (2011): 42-58.
- “Intrinsic Religious Orientation: The Conservative Christian Connection,” co-author with Jai Ghorpade and James R. Lackritz, *International Journal of Psychology and Religion* 20, no. 3 (July-September 2010): 201-218.
- “The Curious Collection of Mr. Hyde: The World of Western Esotericism,” co-author with Anne Bahde, *Journal of Religious and Theological Education* 8, no. 3/4 (Summer 2010): 111-127.
- “Jonestown in Literature: Caribbean Reflections on a Tragedy.” *Literature and Theology* 23, no. 1 (March 2009): 1-15.
- “O Mother, Where Art Thou? In Search of the Authentic St. Monnica.” In *Feminist Interpretations of Augustine*, ed. Judith Stark, 147-66. University Park, Penn.: Penn State

- University Press, 2007.
- “‘Drinking the Koolaid’: The Cultural Transformation of a Tragedy.” *Nova Religio* 7, no. 2 (October 2003).
- “Reconstructing Reality: Conspiracy Theories About Jonestown.” *Journal of Popular Culture* 36, no. 2 (Fall 2002): 200-20.
- “Is the Canon on Jonestown Closed?” *Nova Religio* (October 2000): 7-27.
- “St. Monica and the Mystical Gift of Tears,” *Magistra* 4,2 (Winter 1998): 61-88.
- “Hugh of St. Victor and *In Threnos Ieremiae*,” *Journal of Religious History* 22,3 (October 1998): 255-269
- “The Jews in World History According to Hugh of St. Victor,” *Medieval Encounters* 3,1 (1997): 1-19 .
- “Social Redemption and Individual Liberty: Walter Rauschenbusch’s Challenge to Henry George,” *American Baptist Quarterly* 11,3 (Sept 1992): 259-270.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- “European Millennialism.” In *The Oxford Handbook on Millennialism*, ed. Catherine Wessinger, pp. 284-303. New York: Oxford University Press. 2011.
- “Rethinking Sectarian Judaism: The Centrality of the Priesthood in the Second Temple Period,” with Risa Levitt Kohn. In *Sacred History, Sacred Literature: Essays on Ancient Israel, the Bible, and Religion*, ed. S. Overton. Winona Lake, Ill.: Eisenbrauns, 2008.
- “Where is God? Divine Presence in the Absence of the Temple,” with Risa Levitt Kohn. In *Milk and Honey: Essays on Ancient Israel and the Bible*, ed. S. Malena and D. Miano, 133-53. Winona Lake, Ill.: Eisenbrauns, 2007.
- “Peoples Temple: A Typical Cult?” In *Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America*, Vol. 2, ed. Eugene V. Gallagher and W. Michael Ashcraft, 113-34. Westport, Conn: Greenwood, 2006.
- “A Framework for Understanding Fundamentalism.” In *Religion and News Writing*, ed. Claire Badaracco, 87-99. Waco, Tex.: Baylor University Press, 2005.
- “Reconstructing Reality: Conspiracy Theories About Jonestown” In *Controversial New Religions*, ed. James Lewis and Jesper A. Petersen, 61-78. New York and London: Oxford University Press, 2005. Reprint of article in *Journal of Popular Culture*.
- “Jewish Influence on Christian Biblical Interpretation: Hugh of St. Victor and the Four Daughters of God.” In *Of Scribes and Sages: Studies in Early Jewish Interpretation and Transmission of Scripture*, vol. 2, ed. Craig A. Evans, 148-58. London: T&T Clark International, 2004.
- “A Demographic Study of Black Involvement in Peoples Temple: What the Numbers Say.” In *Peoples Temple and Black Religion in America*, ed. Rebecca Moore, Anthony B. Pinn, and Mary R. Sawyer, 57-80. Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 2004.
- “Using the Web in Religious Studies Courses.” In *Theological Librarians and the Internet: Implications for Practice*, ed. Mark Stover, 139-50. New York: Haworth Press, 2001.
- “Using the Web in Religious Studies Courses,” *Journal of Religious and Theological Information* Vol. 3, Nos. 3/4 (2001): 139-50.
- “American as Cherry Pie: Peoples Temple and Violence in America,” in *Millennialism*,

Persecution, and Violence: Historical Cases, ed. Catherine Wessinger, 121-37, Syracuse N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 2000.

WORK IN PROGRESS

After Jonestown, book prospectus under construction.

Brothers Keepers: Jewish Scholars and the New Testament, book prospectus under construction.

What We Owe the Dead, book prospectus under construction.

REVIEWS, DIGESTS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

Borderlands Saints: Secular Sanctity in Chicano/a and Mexican Culture, by Desirée Martin.

Reviewed for *Nova Religio*, 18, no. 3 (February 2015): 112-114.

From Knowledge to Beatitude: St. Victor, Twelfth-Century Scholars, and Beyond. Essays in Honor of From Knowledge to Beatitude: St. Victor, Twelfth-Century Scholars, and Beyond. Essays in Honor of Grover A. Zinn, Jr. Edited by E. Ann Matter and Lesley Smith.

Reviewed for *Church History*, 83, no. 3 (September 2014): 738-140.

Devoted to Death: Santa Muerte, the Skeleton Saint, by R. Andrew Chesnut. Reviewed for *Nova Religio* 17, no. 1 (August 2013): 124-125.

“Hell Disarmed? The Function of Hell in Reformation Spirituality,” by Tarald Rasmussen.

Abridged for *Luther Digest* 20 (2012): 57-60.

“Another Look at Luther’s Battle with Karlstadt,” by Richard A. Beinert. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 20 (2012): 75-77.

Antisemitism: A History, ed. by Albert S. Lindemann and Richard S. Levy. Reviewed for *Church History* 81, no. 1 (March 2012): 148.

Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence, by Jon Pahl. Reviewed for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50, no.2 (June 2011): 428-430.

“Martin Luther on Hosea,” by Mary Jane Haemig. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 19 (2011): 39-40.

“*Fortuita Misericordia*: Martin Luther on the Salvation of Biblical Outsiders.” Abridged for *Luther Digest* 19 (2011): 55-58.

“La Reforma antes de la Reforma: Reflexiones Acerca de la Coyuntura Histórica,” by Diana Rocco Tedesco. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 19 (2011): 139-142.

“Immigration Reform: Linking the Academy to Activism.” *Religious Studies News* (May 2011) http://rsnonline.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=748&Itemid=846.

The Unconverted Self: Jews, Indians, and the Identity of Christian Europe, by Jonathan Boyarin. Reviewed for *Church History* 79, no. 4 (December 2010): 910-913.

The Eve of Spain: Myths of Origin in the History of Christian, Muslim, and Jewish Conflict, by Patricia E. Grieve. Reviewed for *Church History* 79, no. 3 (September 2010): 696-698.

Apocalypse: From Antiquity to the Empire of Modernity, by John R. Hall. Reviewed for *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49, no.1 (March 2010): 191-192.

“Law, Gospel, and Repentance in Luther’s Antinomian Disputations,” by Jeffrey G. Silcock. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 18 (2010): 89-91.

“*Nemo iudex in causa sua* as the Basis of Law, Justice, and Justification in Luther’s Thought,” by Piotr J. Malysz. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 18 (2010): 65-70.

- “The Challenge of History: Luther’s Two Kingdoms Theology as a Test Case,” by Cameron A. Mackenzie. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 18 (2010): 60-64.
- “New Religions (United States).” Article in *Encyclopedia of Global Religions*, ed. Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof. Newbury Park, Calif.: Sage Publications, accepted for publication.
- “Peoples Temple.” Article in *Religions of the World Religions*, 2d ed., *A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*, ed. J. Gordon Melton. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2010.
- “Sri Chinmoy International Organization.” Article in *Religions of the World Religions*, 2d ed., *A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*, ed. J. Gordon Melton. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2010.
- “Luther Spiritualism and the Spirit,” by R. Emmet McLaughlin. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 16 (2008): 69-73.
- “Blood, People, and Crowds in Matthew, Luther, and Bach,” by Michael Marissen. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 16 (2008): 43-45.
- “Invective and Discernment in Martin Luther, D. Erasmus, and Thomas More,” by Constance M. Furey. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 16 (2008): 28-32.
- The Insight of Unbelievers: Nicholas of Lyra and Christian Reading of Jewish Text in the Later Middle Ages*, by Deena Copeland Klepper. Reviewed for *Church History* 77, no. 2 (June 2008).
- “Luther on Eve, Women and the Church,” by Mickey L. Mattox. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 14 (2006): 82-85.
- “Peoples Temple Revisited: A Review Essay.” *Nova Religio* 10, no. 1 (August 2006): 111-18.
- “Jim Jones.” Article in *The Encyclopedia of African American Folklore*. Anand Prahlaḍ, ed. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Publishing, 2005.
- “Father Divine.” Article in *The Encyclopedia of African American Folklore*. Anand Prahlaḍ, ed. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Publishing, 2005.
- “Jim Jones.” Article in *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2d edition. Lindsay Jones, ed. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2005.
- “Aquinas and Luther on War and Peace: Sovereign Authority and the Use of Armed Force,” by James Turner Johnson. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 13 (2005): 48-51.
- “Fighting Like a Christian: The Ottoman Advance and the Development of Luther’s Doctrine of Just War,” by Gregory J. Miller. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 13 (2005): 54-57.
- “Luther on his Opponents,” by Mark U. Edwards Jr. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 13 (2005): 137-140.
- “Mistakes of the New Perspective on Paul,” by Paul F. M. Zahl. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 12 (2004): 38-40.
- “Catholic or Heretic: Martin Luther as Rebel and Reformer,” by John Arthur Maxfield. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 12 (2004): 144-147.
- “Making and Breaking the Marriage Bond, According to Bucer and Luther,” by Matthieu Arnold. Translated and abridged for *Luther Digest* 12 (2004): 42-46.
- “A Life for Theology — A Theology for Life,” by Gerhard Ebeling. Translated and abridged for *Luther Digest* 10 (2002): 160-164.
- “Melancthon and Luther/Luther and Melancthon,” by Timothy Wengert. Abridged for *Luther*

- Digest* 10 (2002): 221-228.
- “The Sweat of the Brow is of Many Kinds:’ Luther on the Duties of Adam and His Sons,” by Kristen E. Kvam. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 10 (2002): 30-32.
- “Peoples Temple.” Article in *The 21st Century Encyclopedia of the World Religions*, ed. J. Gordon Melton and Martin Baumann. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2002.
- “Sri Chinmoy International Organization.” Article in *The 21st Century Encyclopedia of the World Religions*, ed. J. Gordon Melton and Martin Baumann. New York: ABC-Clio, 2002.
- “Peoples Temple.” Article in *The Encyclopedia of Religions in Canada*, ed. James A. Beverley (Toronto: HarperCollins Canada, forthcoming).
- Toleranz im Mittelalter*, ed. Alexander Patchovsky and Harald Zimmermann. Reviewed for *Church History* 69,4 (December 2000): 881-883.
- “Peoples Temple.” Article in *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movements*, ed. Richard Landes, 305-308, New York and London: Routledge, 2000.
- “Jubilee, Year of.” Article in *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movements*, ed. Richard Landes, 213-215, New York and London: Routledge, 2000.
- “The Ontology of Deification,” by Dennis Bielfeldt. In *Caritas Dei: Beiträge zum Verständnis Luthers und der gegenwärtigen Ökumene*, ed. Oswald Bayer, Robert W. Jenson und Simo Knuuttila, 90-113, Helsinki: Luther-Agricola-Gesellschaft, 1997. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 8 (2000).
- “*Christus finis omnium*: Eine Studie zu Luthers erster Psalmenvorlesung,” by Leif Grane. Translated and abridged for *Luther Digest* 8 (2000).
- “Loi et Évangile chez Luther et Cranach,” by Jérôme Cottin. Translated and abridged for *Luther Digest* 7 (1999): 2-9.
- “Luther et Calvin Commentateurs de l’Épître aux Romains: Une Comparaison,” by Hubert Goudineau. Translated and abridged for *Luther Digest* 7 (1999): 10-18.
- Giordano Bruno and Kabbalah: Prophets, Magicians and Rabbis*, by Karen Silvia de Léon-Jones. Reviewed for *Church History* 68, 1 (March 1999): 179-181.
- “The Authority of Scripture: Luther’s Approach to Allegory in Galatians,” by Timothy H. Maschke. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 6 (1998): 8-10.
- The Ladies of Zamora*, by Peter Linehan. Reviewed for *Church History* 67,1 (March 1998): 141-142.
- “Health, Education, and Welfare in the Protestant Reformation: Who Cared?” by Rebecca B. Prichard. Abridged for *Luther Digest* 5 (1997): 5961.
- “La Raison chez Luther,” by Pierre E. S. Metzger. Translated and abridged for *Luther Digest* 5 (1997): 117120.
- “Luther et sa conception de l’homme. Regards sur le Commentaire de la Genèse (1535 a 1545),” by Marc Lienhard. Translated and abridged for *Luther Digest* 3 (1995): 3234.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (Peer Reviewed)

- “Brothers Keepers: Jewish Scholars Transforming New Testament Studies,” Paper presented March 2015 at the American Academy of Religion, Western Region, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, CA.
- “Literature as Funerary Rite: Re-memorizing the Dead in Two Vietnam War Novels.” Paper given

- March 2014 at the Western Region American Academy of Religion, Los Angeles, CA.
- “The Problem with Pentecostalism: Toward a New Identity in Mexican Protestantism,” Paper co-authored with Dr. Ramiro Jaimes Martínez presented November 2012 at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, AZ.
- “The People of Peoples Temple: A Conversation.” Panel organized and facilitated by R. Moore November 2011 at the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA.
- “Religious Conversion and Rehabilitation: Neopentecostal Treatment Centers in Tijuana, Mexico.” Paper co-authored with Ramiro Jaimes Martínez presented October 2010 at the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA.
- “The Committed Church Member: Some Multi-Dimensional Correlates of Affective Commitment to Congregations.” Paper given October 2009 at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO.
- “Naming Names: Identifying and Memorializing the Jonestown Dead.” Paper given November 2008 at the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL.
- “The Power of Cultural Opponents: The Case of Peoples Temple.” Paper given December 2007 at the International Symposium on Cultic Studies, sponsored by the Institute of World Religions: Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Shenzhen, China.
- “The Global Culture of Hellenism,” “Judaic Religions in the First Centuries B.C.E. and C.E.,” and “The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins.” Lectures given at three-day seminar on “Rediscovering the Dead Sea Scrolls,” for the Biblical Archaeology Society, 3-5 August 2007, San Diego, CA.
- “Representations of Jonestown in the Arts.” Paper given August 2006 at the International Conference on the Arts in Society, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland.
- “Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Information: The Problem of Government Secrecy and Document Classification.” Paper given July 2006, at the CESNUR Conference, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.
- “Exploring Jewish and Christian Origins: Varieties of Beliefs and Practices 200 B.C.E. – 200 C.E.,” three lectures given for the Biblical Archeology Society, April 27-29 2006, San Diego.
- “Progressive Politics and Peoples Temple: California Dreamin’.” Paper given March 2006 at the American Academy of Religion, Western Region, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.
- “Secrets and Lies: The U.S. Government and Jonestown.” Paper given at “Religion, Secrecy and Security: Religious Freedom and Privacy in a Global Context,” an Interdisciplinary Conference at Ohio State University, April 2004.
- “Where Did God Go? God’s New Dwelling Place in the Absence of a Temple.” Paper given March 2004 at the Western Jewish Studies Association, San Diego, CA.
- “The Early Christian Mishna: The Idea of Dual Torah in the New Testament.” Paper given March 2004 at the Western Jewish Studies Association, San Diego, CA.
- “Race and Family in Jonestown: What the Numbers Say.” Paper given November 2002 at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT.
- “‘Drinking the Koolaid’: The Cultural Transformation of a Tragedy.” Paper given March 2002 at the Western Regional American Academy of Religion, Moraga, CA.
- “Reconstructing Reality: Conspiracy Theories and Jonestown.” Paper given March 2001 at the Western Regional American Academy of Religion, Claremont, CA.

- “The Four Daughters of God: Jewish Influences on Christian Interpretation of Psalm 85.” Paper given November 2000 at the Society for Biblical Literature, Nashville, TN.
- “Against the Tradition: Hugh of St. Victor and the Efficacy of Sacraments before the Incarnation,” Paper given May 2000 at the 35th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.
- “The State of the Question in Jonestown Research: Is the Canon on Jonestown Closing?” Paper given November 1999 at the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA.
- “Henri de Lubac and Hugh of St. Victor: A Cautionary Tale,” Paper given May 1999 at the 34th International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.
- “Evaluating the Intelligence Gathered on Peoples Temple Before 18 November 1978,” Paper written for June 1999 conference on “Millennialism and Jerusalem at 2000: The Local-Global Challenges that Apocalyptic Traditions Pose to Civil Society,” Jerusalem, Israel.
- “Unexamined Questions About Peoples Temple,” Paper given November 1998 at the American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL.
- “Sigebert of Gembloux and the Jews: A Short Course in Historiography,” Paper given May 1998 at the 33rd International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.
- “Hugh of St. Victor and *In Threnos Ieremiae*,” Paper given May 1997 at the 32nd International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.
- “The Jews in World History According to Hugh of St. Victor,” Paper given May 1996 at the 31st International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI.
- “Uses of the *Patrologia Latina Database* in Research on Hugh of St. Victor,” Paper given April 1995 at the American Catholic Historical Association Spring Meeting, Milwaukee, WI.
- “Twelfth Century Curricula and the Seven Liberal Arts: A New Approach to the Debate over Chartres,” Paper given September 1994 at the Medieval Association of the Midwest, Emporia, KS.
- “Christian and Jewish Interpretations of Genesis 1:2627: Dialogue and Polemic in Twelfth Century Exegesis,” Paper given November 1993 at the Society for Biblical Literature, Washington, DC.

GRANTS RECEIVED

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| Spring 2011 | The Leichtag Family Foundation, First Annual Symposium on Moral Courage, \$15,000 |
| Fall 2010 | Regional Development Grant, American Academy of Religion, for program “Immigration Reform: Linking the Academy to Activism,” \$2,000 |
| Spring 2010 | James Hervey Johnson Trust, “Toward a Reasonable World: The Heritage of Western Humanism, Skepticism, and Freethought,” \$85,000 |
| Fall 2009 | San Diego Foundation, Metropolitan Area Pluralism Study Website Expansion, \$23,000. |
| Fall 2008 | College of Arts and Letters, Critical Thinking in the Humanities and Social Sciences, “Religion on the Border,” \$2404 |
| Spring 2008 | National Endowment for the Humanities, “The History of War and Peace in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” a Faculty Humanities Workshop for Secondary School History and English Teachers, co-author, \$29,982 |

- Spring 2008 President's Leadership Fund, "MAPP (Metropolitan Area Pluralism Project)," \$11,406
- Spring 2001 California State University, Judaic Studies Consortium, "Jewish and Christian Origins Online Course," \$5000.
- Fall 2000 CAL MicroGrant awarded for "Editorship of *Nova Religio*," \$450.
- Spring 2000 Office of International Programs, "Study Travel to Israel," \$5000.
- Spring 2000 Lawrence Baron Fund for Ethics in Education, "Jewish and Christian Origins" Course, \$3000.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2015 Co-Presenter, "Facilitating Discussion of Difficult Topics," Center for Teaching and Learning, San Diego State University, April 29.
- 2014-2015 Chair, University Senate Committee on Committees and Elections
- 2014 Organizer, "In Praise of Wisdom," Symposium on the Future of Religious Studies, April 27.
- 2013 Search Committee Member, Department of Religious Studies
- 2013-2015 Member, University Senate Committee on Committees and Elections
- 2013-2015 University Senate Representative for CAL
- 2012-2013 Member, University Senate Task Force on Active Transportation
- 2012 Judge, Walter Koppelman Memorial Scholarship, California Faculty Association
- 2012-2015 Member, Periodic Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies
- 2012-2015 Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Religious Studies
- 2010-2012 Interim Chair, Department of Classics and Humanities
- 2011-2015 Member, College of Arts and Letters, Retention, Tenure, and Promotion Committee
- 2010-2012 Judge, Student Research Symposium
- 2010-2012 Member, Faculty Honors and Awards Committee
- 2010-2012 Judge, Kyoto Scholarship Program, The San Diego Foundation
- 2009-2015 Director, Metropolitan Area Pluralism Study (MAPS)
- 2009-2011 Secretary, California Faculty Association
- 2009 Judge, Kyoto Scholarship Program, The San Diego Foundation
- 2008 Judge, Walter Koppelman Memorial Scholarship, California Faculty Association
- 2007-2008 Member, University Senate Task Force on Retention, Tenure, and Promotion
- 2010-2011 Member, University Senate Faculty Affairs Committee
- 2007-2010 Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee of the University Senate
- 2006-2011 Chair, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University
- 2006-2007 Member, University Senate Committee on Committees
- 2006 Chair, Periodic Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies
- 2006 Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Religious Studies
- 2005-2011 University Senate Representative for CAL
- 2005 CAL Building Committee Member
- 2005 Chair, Periodic Review Committee, Department of Religious Studies
- 2005 Search Committee Member, Department of Religious Studies

2004	Search Committee Member, Department of Religious Studies
2004	Review Committee Member for Selma Reed Evaluation
2004	Awards Committee Member, Advising and Evaluations Department
2002	Search Committee Member, Department of Religious Studies
2002	Search Committee Member, Division of Undergraduate Studies
2002-2006	Interviewer, Preprofessional Health Student Evaluation Committee
2001	Search Committee Member, Department of Religious Studies
2000-2002	Library Representative, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University.
2000-2006	Academic Advisor, Department of Religious Studies, San Diego State University.
1999-2015	Member, Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies, Executive Committee, San Diego State University.

COMMUNITY SERVICE, LECTURES, AND TALKS

2015	“Understanding the Early Church.” Lecture given at School of Biblical Studies, First United Methodist Church, San Diego, May 18.
2015	Book Talk on <i>Women in Christian Traditions</i> , La Mesa United Church of Christ, May 17.
2015	“Forgotten Voices: 2000 Years of Women’s Leadership in Christianity.” Book talk on <i>Women in Christian Traditions</i> at San Diego State University, May 7.
2015	“The Jewish New Testament.” Four Lectures at the Center for Jewish Culture, La Jolla, April-May.
2015	“Brothers Keepers: Jewish Scholars Transforming New Testament Studies,” Talk given at the Beth Jacobs Senior Center, April 1.
2014	Participant, “Theology and Methods of Teaching Religion,” Second symposium hosted by the Department of Religious Studies for Scholars from Saudi Arabia, August 10.
2014	“Christianity: A Guide for the Perplexed.” Four Lectures at the Center for Jewish Culture, La Jolla, August–September.
2014	Participant, “Theology and Methods of Teaching Religion,” First symposium hosted by the Department of Religious Studies for Scholars from Saudi Arabia, June 10.
2014	“Cult is a Four-Letter Word” and “Drinking the Kool-Aid.” Two Lectures for the California Pluralism Project, an NEH-funded program, University of California, Santa Barbara, June 7.
2014	“Satan: The Personification and Projection of Evil.” Presentation to the San Diego Association for Rational Inquiry, May 25.
2014	“Matters of Life and Death.” Two Lectures for San Diego School for Christian Studies, April 16 and 23.
2014	“All About Eve.” Four Lectures at the Center for Jewish Culture, La Jolla, March–May.
2013	“The History of Halloween.” Presentation to Senior Citizen Center, Beth Jacob Synagogue, October 31.

- 2013 “Two Churches Divided by Gender: Lessons from Early Christianity.” Phi Beta Kappa Lecture, San Diego State University, October 17.
- 2013 “The Fall and Rise of Mary Magdalen, A Twenty-First Century Apostle.” The Berkey Lecture at Otterbein University, April 16.
- 2013 “The Resurrection of Mary Magdalene.” Presentation to Mary Magdalene Apostle Roman Catholic Community, February 21.
- 2013 “A Dream Deferred: The Promise and Pathos of Peoples Temple.” Inaugural Lecture in the “Jonestown Reconsidered” series, The Griot Institute for Africana Studies, Bucknell University, February 6.
- 2012 “A Portable God.” Presentation to Mary Magdalene Apostle Roman Catholic Community, April 12.
- 2011 “American Angels.” Presentation to OASIS Adult Education, December 1.
- 2011 “Symposium on Moral Courage.” Co-Organizer of week-long symposium sponsored by San Diego State University, October 24-November 1.
- 2011 “Responses to Cult Disasters.” Presentation to San Diego Secular Humanist Outreach, October 1.
- 2011 “Toward a Reasonable World: The Western Heritage of Humanism, Skepticism, and Freethought.” Organizer of three-day scholarly conference sponsored by San Diego State University open to the public.
- 2011 “Mapeando los Contornos Religiosos de la Frontera.” Presentación en El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF), June 7.
- 2011 “Jews, Christians and Muslims in Apocalyptic Dialogue.” The Mandelbaum Family Lecture Series, April 13.
- 2011 “Jews, Christians and Muslims in Apocalyptic Dialogue.” The Scholar Lecture Series on Jewish Studies, April 4.
- 2010 “Contested Knowledge: What Conspiracy Theories Really Tell Us.” The Paul and Marie Castelfranco Lecture, University of California, Davis, October 21.
- 2010 “Religion in America.” Panel member at San Diego State University, October 4.
- 2010 “God. Is. Good.” Retreat Speaker, First United Methodist Church-Reno, Nevada, at Zephyr Cove, Nevada, April 23-25
- 2010 “Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination,” Panel Respondent to Kathleen Norris, 25 March, Point Loma Nazarene University
- 2010 “New Religions, Cults, and Communes: Alternatives to the Mainstream,” San Diego School of Christian Studies, 22 February and 1 March, First United Methodist Church, San Diego
- 2010 “Understanding Jonestown and Peoples Temple,” Lecture to Summit Unitarian Fellowship, February 21
- 2009 Book Talk, *Understanding Jonestown and Peoples Temple*, San Diego Public Library, November 18
- 2009 “Convivencia: When Jews, Christians, and Muslims Got Along,” Havurah Talk for Temple Adat Shalom, November 16
- 2009 “Crazy Cultists: Who Joins and Why,” presentation to OASIS Adult Education, October 29
- 2009 “Metaphysical Madness,” presentation to OASIS Adult Education, July 20

- 2009 "Faith Seeking Understanding: The Tradition of Liberal Thought in Religion," presentation to Humanist Fellowship of San Diego, July 19
- 2009 "Becoming a Thinking Christian," Retreat Speaker, First United Methodist Church-Reno, Nevada, at Zephyr Cove, Nevada, March 24-26
- 2009 Moderator, "Science and Religion: Irreconcilable Differences?" panel co-sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies and SDSU Common Experience, April 16
- 2009 "A Portable God: Understanding the Origin of Judaism and Christianity," presentation to Christ United Presbyterian Church, March 14
- 2009 Participant, Panel on Darwin and Evolution, Kensington Community Church, February 15
- 2009 "Who Wrote the Bible," adult education class at St. Mark's City Heights, February 1, 8, 15, 22
- 2009 "Origins of Judaism and Christianity," presentation to the Humanistic Jewish Fellowship, January 29
- 2008 "Understanding Jonestown and Peoples Temple," presentation given to the Senior Center, Beth Jacobs Synagogue, 13 November, San Diego
- 2008 "A Christian Nation? Religion and Politics in the United States," presentation at OASIS, adult education program, August 13, San Diego
- 2008 "Religion and Politics: Must They be Separate," Moderator, Debate sponsored by Humanist Fellowship of San Diego, 27 July, San Diego
- 2008 "It's a Revelation: A Study of the Apocalypse of John," San Diego School for Christian Studies, First United Methodist Church, San Diego, two sessions in March.
- 2008 "The Sacred and the Profane in Wilson Harris' *Jonestown*," Presentation given at Crisis Carnival 2008, 20 March, San Diego State University
- 2008 "Religion in America: Our Society, Our Politics," Presentation given at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, 14 March, San Diego State University
- 2008 "A Portable God," presentation given to Congregation Dor Hadash, 14 March, San Diego
- 2008 "Parents or Children? The Origins of Judaism and Christianity," presentation given to the Senior Center, Beth Jacobs Synagogue, 24 January, San Diego
- 2007 "A Portable God: The Origin of Judaism and Christianity," the 22nd Annual Robert Siegel Memorial Lecture, at the San Diego Jewish Book Fair, 4 November, La Jolla
- 2007 "Cross-Cultural Forms of Memorialization," presentation for "Funerary," an exhibit of funerary art at the Sharp Gallery, 2 November, San Diego
- 2007 "Does God Have a Sense of Humor," panel discussion for "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged)," San Diego Repertory Theatre, 25 October, San Diego
- 2007 "The Secular Divide: Where Religion Meets Humanism," presentation to the Humanist Fellowship of San Diego, August 12, San Diego
- 2007 "Paul the Jew," presentation given at Torrey Pines Christian Church, August 9, La Jolla

- 2007 "Jesus the Jew," presentation given at Torrey Pines Christian Church, August 8, La Jolla
- 2007 "Gnosticism, II: The Judas Gospel," presentation at OASIS, adult education program, April 19, San Diego
- 2007 "Gnosticism, I: Fact and Fiction in the Da Vinci Code," presentation at OASIS, adult education program, April 12, San Diego
- 2007 "Jesus the Jew," presentation at OASIS, adult education program, April 11, Escondido
- 2007 "Jesus the Jew," presentation at OASIS, adult education program, April 2, San Diego
- 2007 "The Gnostic Gospels," three-week course at San Diego School for Christian Studies, March 8, 15, 22, San Diego
- 2007 "Academic Study and Thematic Approaches to Teaching About World Religion in Public Schools," presentation at two-day symposium on Teaching About World Religions in Public Schools, Los Angeles Unified School District, February 27, Downey, California
- 2007 "When in Rome: Jews and Christians in the Roman Empire," presentation at OASIS, adult education program, January 12, San Diego
- 2006 "Christianity," presentation at Conference on Teaching About World Religions in Public Schools, co-sponsored by the San Diego County Office of Education, in collaboration with the California 3R's Project, the International Studies Education Project, and the Department of Religious Studies at SDSU, November 7.
- 2006 "Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple," dir. Stanley Nelson, panel member for post-film discussion October 28, Los Angeles
- 2006 "Revisiting Jonestown Three Decades Later," presentation to class on New Religions, October 24, University of California, Riverside
- 2006 "Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple," dir. Stanley Nelson, panel member for post-film discussion October 12 at University of California, Los Angeles
- 2006 "Ancestors and Angel Babies: Cross-Cultural Rituals of Inclusion," presentation at San Diego Eye Bank symposium on Cultural and Religious Views on Death, Dying, and Donation, October 6, San Diego
- 2006 Organizer and host, CESNUR Conference, an international conference for scholars studying new religions, July 13-16, San Diego State University
- 2006 "Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple," dir. Stanley Nelson, moderator, panel discussion on film at San Diego State University, July 13, San Diego
- 2006 "Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple," dir. Stanley Nelson, panel member for post-film discussion at Los Angeles International Film Festival, June 26, Los Angeles
- 2006 "Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple," dir. Stanley Nelson, panel member for post-film discussion at world premiere, January 22, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 2006 "The Judas Gospel," June 17, lecture for Temple Emanu-El, San Diego

- 2006 "When in Rome: Jews and Christians in the Roman Empire," May 26, lecture at the Senior Citizens Center, Beth Jacobs Synagogue, San Diego
- 2006 "Violence in Early Judaism and Christianity: Jewish Nationalism and Constantinian Christianity," paper presented at the Conference on Violent Religious Extremism, sponsored by the FBI Counterterrorism Division, Counterterrorism Analysis Section, May 3-4, McLean, Virginia
- 2006 "Classroom Politics and Teaching Controversy," April 13, panel discussion at the National Conference on Academic Freedom, University of California, San Diego.
- 2006 "Jonestown: The Life and Death of Peoples Temple," January 22, panel discussion on Peoples Temple, Salt Lake City
- 2005 "Beyond Belief: Religious Commitment and Extremism," May 21, moderator for panel as part of The Peoples Temple Dialogues, Berkeley Repertory Theater
- 2005 "Descendants of Abraham: Panel Discussion," May 18, for Agency for Jewish Education
- 2005 "Who Wrote the New Testament?" 3, 10, 17 March, three-week lecture series for San Diego School of Christian Studies
- 2005 "Jesus the Rabbi," 17 February, lecture at the Senior Citizens Center, Beth Jacobs Synagogue
- 2005 "Peter, Paul, and Mary: The Formation of Early Christianity," 15 December, for lecture series on "Descendents of Abraham: The Common Roots of 3 Great Religions," for Agency for Jewish Education
- 2004 "Jesus the Rabbi," 17 November, for lecture series on "Descendents of Abraham: The Common Roots of 3 Great Religions," for Agency for Jewish Education
- 2004 "SDSU Family Weekend," 15 October, interviewer of Guest Lecturer Ann Fadiman
- 2004 "The Journey of Abraham," 9 September, panel member for "Stories of Faith" series sponsored by San Diego Public Library
- 2004 "Origins of Judaism and Christianity," 16 August, The Sillman Series, La Vida Real Senior Center
- 2004 "Bringing the Word to the People: The Evolution of the Bible as a Book," 26 May, San Diego Public Library, Wangenheim Room Exhibit Lecture
- 2004 "Jewish and Christian Origins," April-May, Agency for Jewish Education, two 4-week courses co-taught with Professor Risa Levitt Kohn
- 2004 "Fanatics, Fundamentalists, and the Future of Religion," 21 April, presentation to the Heritage Society and the Tower Society, San Diego State University
- 2004 "Religious Views of Same-Sex Marriage," 18 March, panel sponsored by the Society of Gay-Lesbian Journalists and the Association of Asian Journalists, San Diego *Union-Tribune*
- 2004 "*The Passion* and the Gospels," 11 March, presentation to Navajo Interfaith Clergy Association
- 2004 "The Gospel According to Mel Gibson," 11 March, panel presentation at California State University, San Marcos
- 2004 "From Jesus to *The Passion* of Mel: The History of Jewish-Christian Relations in the New Testament," 1 March, San Diego Agency for Jewish Education

- 2004 "The Gospel According to Mel Gibson: Historical and Religious Perspectives on *The Passion*, 1 March, Forum co-sponsored by SDSU History Department, SDSU Religious Studies Department, and the Lipinsky Institute
- 2004 "Jonestown and the Conflictual Model," 12 February, presentation to POL S 370 Political Violence, taught by Prof. Dipak Gupta
- 2004 "From Jesus to Mel (Gibson): 2000 Years of Jewish and Christian Relations," 8 February, Temple Adat Shalom
- 2003 "Building Bridges of Understanding: An Interfaith Response to September 11," 1, 8, 15, 22 October, at La Mesa United Church of Christ
- 2003 "Teaching Faculty Experience," 21 August, presentation to New Faculty Orientation for the Love Library
- 2003 "Jonestown in California History," 23 April, presentation to HIST 445 California History Since Statehood, taught by John Putman
- 2003 "Jonestown and Religious Violence," 12 March, presentation to RelS 379 Religious Violence and Nonviolence," taught by Linda Holler
- 2003 "Jewish and Christian Origins," 6-27 March, San Diego School of Christian Studies, 4-week course co-taught with Professor Risa Levitt Kohn
- 2003 "Fundamentalism, Modernism, and a Post-Modern Future," 24 February, Biever Guest Lecturer at Loyola University, New Orleans
- 2002 "Jonestown in California History," 2 December, presentation to HIST 445 California History Since Statehood, taught by John Putman
- 2002 "Jews and Christians: A Troubled History," 20 September, OASIS presentation to older adults at Robinsons-May Company, Mission Valley
- 2002 "New Religions in San Diego," guest appears on KPBS' "These Days," 20 August
- 2002 Preprofessional Health Advisory Committee, San Diego State University
- 2002 "Religion and Revolution," 20 February, Society for the Academic Study of Religion
- 2002 "Fundamentalism and the Abrahamic Faiths," 13 February, Lipinsky Institute Lecture, San Diego State University
- 2001 "Harmony Through Understanding: Christianity," 29 November, Hewlett-Packard
- 2001 "After September 11th: Reflecting on the Past, Imagining the Future," 12 November, co-organizer and facilitator of SDSU teach-in
- 2001 Faculty Evaluation Committee for CUHRE (Collegiate Union for Health Related Education)
- 2001 "The Disputation," 4 April, Lipinsky Institute Lecture, San Diego State University
- 2001 "Origins of Satan," 28 February, Lecture to the Society for the Academic Study of Religion, San Diego State University
- 2001-2004 Technical Advisor, *After Jonestown*, a documentary film produced by Paul VanDeCarr and Pamela Harris, San Francisco
- 2001-2004 Technical Advisor, *The People's Temple*, a theatrical production commissioned by The Z Space, San Francisco
- 2001-2011 Co-General Editor, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*
- 2000-2013 Associate Editor, *Luther Digest*, published annually by the Luther Academy

- (USA), St. Louis, Missouri
- 2000 “Jewish Influences on Christian Biblical Interpretation,” 8 November, Lipinsky Institute Lecture, San Diego State University
- 2000 “Personal Reflections on Jonestown and New Religious Movements,” and “New Religious Movements and Their Opponents: A Deadly Combination,” Wright Lecturer, 28 February, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA
- 2000 “Religious Ethics,” 8 February, Guest Lecturer, Honors Seminar, Thurgood Marshall College, University of California San Diego
- 1999 “Martin Luther: Friend and Foe of Women and Jews,” 28 October, German Club Colloquium, San Diego State University
- 1999 “Jews in Christian Apocalyptic Thinking,” 20 October, Lipinsky Institute Lecture, San Diego State University
- 1999 “Millennium Fever,” October-November, four-week course taught at San Diego School of Christian Studies, First United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA
- 1999-2002 Lecturer (quarterly), “The Challengers Adult Education Class,” First United Methodist Church, San Diego
- 1998-present Manager and Organizer, “Alternative Considerations of Jonestown and Peoples Temple,” <http://jonestown.sdsu.edu>, the leading website in the world for scholarly information about this significant new religion.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion

- AAR New Religious Movements Group, Steering Committee, 2002-2008
- AAR Millennial Studies Group, Panel Respondent, November 2000, Nashville
- AAR New Religious Movements Group, Co-author of survey report on millennial violence, November 1999
- AAR New Religious Movements Group, Consultant with FBI on New Religious Movements, 1998-2000

American Academy of Religion, Western Region

- Past President, 2010-2011
- President, 2009-2010
- Vice President, Program Chair, and President-Elect, 2008-2009
- Regional Representative, 2005-2008
- Section Co-Chair, Religion in America 2001-2005, 2008-2011

Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2014

- Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages, 1996-2001; President 2000-2001
- Society of Biblical Literature, Steering Committee, Section on History of Interpretation, 1997-2001

THESIS READER, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

- Megan Zebert Judd, M.A., Homeland Security (in progress), “Material Representation: Narco Culture and Religiosity in New American Conception”

- Shelley Hernandez, M.A., Interdisciplinary Studies (in progress), "James Moffett and the Universal Schoolhouse"
- Aaron Duggan, Ph.D., Pacifica Graduate Institute (2014), "Addicted to Permanence: Myth, Technology, and the Psychic Drive Toward Eternal Life"
- Matthew Cromwell, History (2013), "Religious Patriotism During World War I (1914-1918): A 'Tri-Faith' Perspective"
- Elizabeth Magaña, M.A., Political Science (2013), "The Vatican in World Politics: Transnational Activism and the Campaign for Debt Relief"
- Gerardo Arteaga, M.A., Spanish Language and Literature (2012), "Una comparación de la hibridación del pícaro como estrategia de sobrevivencia entre *El canillitas* y *Ángeles del abismo*"
- Karey Sobel, M.A., Political Science (2012), "Slingshots and Giants: The David and Goliath Narrative as Discourse in American News Coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict"
- Marisa Waian, M.A., Philosophy (2012), "Excavating Plato's Cave"
- Nancy DiSimone, M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies (Thesis Committee Chair) (2011), "From the *Yijing* to Jesus: A Comparative Study of Aphorisms in the *Yijing* Hexagrams and the Sayings of Jesus"
- Michael J. Tetreault, M.A. Philosophy (2011), "A Single Glance: The Mandala of the Two Realms and the *Upaya* of Awakening"
- Kristian Klippenstein, M.A. Theology, (2011) University of Winnipeg, "The Impact Of Jim Jones's Understanding Of Jesus As A Messiah On Peoples Temple"
- Justin Murray, M.A. Philosophy (2011), "Death, Being, and Other: Heidegger, Levinas, and Tolstoy on Death"
- Holly Smith, M.A. History (2010), "Whoremongers, Heretics, and the Devil's Doctrine: Clerical Marriage in Mid-Tudor England, 1540-1555"
- George Thornton, M.A. History (2010), "Lomaland: Local Media Portrayals of the Occult"
- Robert L. Jordan, M.F.A. English and Comparative Literature (2010)
- Rosemary Benya, M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies (Thesis Committee Chair) (2009), "Cultural Diversity and End of Life Issues: Critical Care in a Hospital Setting"
- Eric John Timmons, M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies (Thesis Committee Chair) (2009), "Historicizing the Mormon Priesthood Ban of Blacks: Race Relations in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints"
- Kelly Crampton, M.A. History (2009), "Savior on the Silent Screen: *The King of Kings* and American Culture"
- Kimberly Scott, M.A. Anthropology (2009), "Changing Ideologies In U.S. Burial Practice: An Environmental Perspective"
- Marci Nielsen, M.A. History (2009), "Martyrs, Monastics, Matrons, and Miracle-Workers: The Early Christian Matrix of Mixed Messages Regarding Roles for Women"
- Lindsay Spikula, M.A. History (2008), "The Golden Legend and Dialogue on Miracles: Religious Continuity in the Late Middle Ages"
- Marie Soriano, M.A. English Literature (2008), "The Wicked Witch is Dead: The Transformation of the Witch in Children's and Young Adult Novels"
- Antonio Eduardo Acevedo, M.A. History (2007), "A Time for War and a Time for Peace: Evolving Ideals of Peace and Violence in Lactantius"

- Mae Halleck, M.A. Latin American Studies (2007), Thesis Committee Examiner
- Darren Iammarino, M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies (2006), (Thesis Committee Chair), "Creating An Enriched Hermeneutic of Ultimate Reality and the Aim of Life: An Integration of the Philosophies of Alfred Whitehead and Mencius."
- Lisa N. Miller, M.A. History (2005), "Gnostic Women and Heresy: Identifying the Nature of the Gnostics' Heresy from the Second to the Fourth Centuries"
- Eric D. Wilson, M.A. Philosophy (2005), "On the Impossibility of all Theoretical Proofs for the Existence of God"
- Timothy Collins, M.A. Philosophy (2005), "Wilderness and Morality: The Relationship Between Animal Welfare Theory and Environmental Ethics"
- Lisa Randall, M.A. Gerontology (2005), "Existing and Potential Health Promotion Service in San Diego: A Survey of Religious Institutions"
- John D. Ford, M.A. English (2005), "A Quiet, Disquieting Presence: The Politics of the New Assembly of the Thessalonians"
- Jessie Woolley, M.A., Rhetoric and Writing Studies (2004) "Empowering Students and Teachers with Religious Worldviews in the Writing Classroom"
- Barbara Fish, M.A. Linguistics (2003), "God said, 'Let There be Light,' and There was Light': A Speech Act Theory Analysis of Biblical Miracles"
- Harvey Rocky Silvers, M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies (2003), (Thesis Committee Chair) "Two Sixteenth-Century Women of Valor: An Imaginary Dialogue"
- Carolyn Passig Jensen, M.A. Rhetoric and Writing (2003), "The Spiritual and Feminist Rhetoric of Hester Ann Rogers, An Early Methodist"
- Joshua T. Hermsmeier, M.A. History (2002), "Black Power and the White Church: The United Presbyterian Church United States of America Responds to the 'Black Manifesto'"
- Shana A. Heinricy, M.A. Communication (2002), "Searching for Enlightenment in a Yoga Ashram: The Complexities of Self-Disclosure"
- Melissa B. Gentzkow, M.A. Communication (2000), "Pastoral Immediacy as a Predictor of Pastoral Effectiveness"