

CURRICULUM VITAE

Catherine L. Albanese, Professor and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara

Education

A.B., 1962 Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, Classics
M.A., 1968 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, History
M.A., 1970 University of Chicago, History of Christianity
Ph.D., 1972 University of Chicago, American Religious History
Dissertation: "Charon and the River: The Changing Religious Symbols of Six American Transcendentalists" (Ralph Waldo Emerson, Amos Bronson Alcott, George Ripley, James Freeman Clarke, Frederic Henry Hedge, Convers Francis). 1972.

Employment

Duquesne University, 1966-68, Teaching Graduate Assistant, Western Civilization
St. Xavier College, Chicago, 1969-70, Instructor, History of Christianity
University of Chicago Extension, 1970, Instructor, Medieval Culture
Wright State University, 1972-76, Assistant Professor of Religion
Pennsylvania State University, 1976-77, Visiting Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Wright State University, 1977-81, Associate Professor of Religion
Wright State University, 1981-87, Professor of Religion
University of California, Santa Barbara, 1987-, Professor of Religious Studies; Chair, 2005-.

Awards, Grants, Honors

A.B. *summa cum laude*, 1962
University of Chicago Fellow, 1971-72
Research Grant, Wright State University, 1973-74. (Liberal Arts College)
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 1975
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, 1977 (University of California, Santa Barbara under Professor Walter Capps)
Fred Harris Daniels Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, Summer 1977
Research Grant, Wright State University, 1978-79. (Liberal Arts College)
Travel Grant, Penrose Fund of the American Philosophical Society, Summer 1979
Research Grant, Wright State University, 1980-81. (Research Council)
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Study and Research, 1981-82

Samuel Foster Haven Fellowship, American Antiquarian Society, Summer 1983
Wright State University, College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, 1983
Wright State University, Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence, 1984
Research Grants, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1988, 1989, 1995
Alumna of the Year, Divinity School, University of Chicago, 1991
President, American Academy of Religion, 1994
Election to membership, American Society for the Study of Religion, 1997
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, 2003-4
University of California Presidential Research Fellowship in the Humanities, 2003-4
Leonard E. Greenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion in Public
Life, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., 2006
Induction into Libris Society, Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, 2006.

Memberships

American Society of Church History--Membership Committee, 1975-78; Council, 1977-79,
1985-87; Committee on Nominations, 1980, 1988; Program Committee, 1989 Annual
Meeting.
American Academy of Religion--Steering Committee, North American Religions Section,
1979-83; Chair, North American Religions Section, 1983-86; Secretary, 1983-85;
Sub-Committee of Program Committee for Planning Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Program,
1984; Vice-President, 1991-92; President-Elect, 1992-93; President, 1993-94.
American Historical Association.
Organization of American Historians.
American Studies Association, Council, 1985-88; Executive Committee, 1985-88; Task Force on
Minority Affairs, 1985-89; Program Committee, 1993.
Ohio Academy of Religion--1972-1987; Secretary-Treasurer, 1973-74; Vice-President, 1974-75;
President, 1975-76.
Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions, Nominating Committee,
1988-90.

Publications

Books

Sons of the Fathers: The Civil Religion of the American Revolution (Philadelphia: Temple
University Press, 1976).
Corresponding Motion: Transcendental Religion and the New America (Philadelphia: Temple
University Press, 1977).
America: Religions and Religion (Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth Publishing, 1981); 2d ed.
(Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth Publishing, 1992); 3d ed. (Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth
Publishing, 1999); 4th ed. (Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth Publishing, 2006).

The Spirituality of the American Transcendentalists: Selected Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Amos Bronson Alcott, Theodore Parker, and Henry David Thoreau, Edited with Introduction and Notes (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1988).

Nature Religion in America: From the Algonkian Indians to the New Age, Chicago History of American Religion (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990).

A Cobbler's Universe: Religion, Poetry, and Performance in the Life of a South Italian Immigrant (New York: Continuum, 1997). Edited with Introduction, Translations, and Notes.

American Spiritualities: A Reader, Edited with Introduction and Notes (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2001).

Reconsidering Nature Religion. Rockwell Lectures 2000, Rice University (Harrisburg, Pa.: Trinity Press International, 2002).

A Republic of Mind and Spirit: A Cultural History of American Metaphysical Religion (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007).

Articles

“In Medias Res: Transcendental Yankees and the Anti-slavery Cause,” Ohio Journal of Religious Studies 1, no. 1 (April 1973): 18-22.

“Requiem for Memorial Day: Dissent in the Redeemer Nation,” American Quarterly 26, no. 4 (October 1974): 386-98.

“The Kinetic Revolution: Transformation in the Language of the Transcendentalists,” New England Quarterly 47, no. 3 (September 1975): 319-40.

“Ralph Waldo Emerson: An American Mystic?” Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture 11, no. 2 (Spring 1976): 114-29.

“Technological Religion: Life-Orientation and The Mechanical Bride,” Journal of Popular Culture 10, no. 1 (Summer 1976): 14-27.

“Newness Transcending: Civil Religion and the American Revolution,” The Southern Quarterly 14, no. 4 (July 1976): 307-31.

“The Two-in-One: Revolutionary Religion in Eighteenth-Century America,” Eighteenth-Century Life 3, no. 1 (September 1976): 16-22.

“Inwardness: A Study of Some Gnostic Themes in Relation to Early Christianity in the Gospel according to Thomas,” Recherches de Théologie Ancienne et Médiévale 18 (1976): 64-88.

“The Multi-Dimensional Mandala: A Study in the Interiorization of Sacred Space,” Numen 24, no. 1 (April 1977): 1-25.

“Toward a Public Education Course on Christianity,” with David L. Barr, in Teaching about Religion in Public Schools, ed. Nicholas Piediscalzi and William Collie (Niles, Ill.: Argus Communications, 1977), 217-32.

“Response to Dr. Bowden,” in R. Pierce Beaver, ed., American Missions in Bicentennial Perspective (Pasadena, Calif.: William Carey Library, 1977), 63-68.

“Citizen Crockett: Myth, History, and Nature Religion,” Soundings 61, no. 1 (Spring 1978): 87-104.

- “King Crockett: Nature and Civility on the American Frontier,” Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society 88, part 2 (Spring 1979): 225-49. (Also published as a separate monograph by the University Press of Virginia.)
- “David Crockett,” in Antebellum Writers in New York and the South, vol. 3 of Dictionary of Literary Biography, ed. Joel Myerson (Detroit: Gale Research, 1979), 94-96.
- “Research Needs in American Religious History,” The Council on the Study of Religion Bulletin 10, no. 4 (October 1979): 101, 103-5.
- “The Poetics of Healing: Root Metaphors and Rituals in Nineteenth-Century America,” Soundings 63, no. 4 (Winter 1980): 381-406.
- “Mormonism and the Male-Female God: An Exploration in Active Mysticism,” Sunstone 6, no. 2 (March-April 1981): 52-58.
- “Savage, Sinner, and Saved: Davy Crockett, Camp Meetings, and the Wild Frontier,” American Quarterly 33, no. 5 (Winter 1981): 482-501. (Special issue on “American Culture and the American Frontier.”)
- “Dominant and Public Center: Reflections on the 'One' Religion of the United States,” The South Atlantic Quarterly 81, no. 1 (Winter 1982): 14-29. Reprint, American Journal of Theology and Philosophy 4, no. 3 (September 1983): 83-96.
- “Religious Freedom, Pluralism, and Nineteenth-Century American Religion,” in Robert S. Ellwood, Jr., “Workshop Report,” Center for Study of the American Experience, Freedom of Religion in America: Historical Roots, Philosophical Concepts, and Contemporary Problems (New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Books, Rutgers University, 1982), 126-31.
- “Exploring Regional Religion: A Case Study of the Eastern Cherokee,” History of Religions 23, no. 4 (May 1984): 344-71.
- “The Study of American Popular Religion: Retrospect and Prospect,” explor 7 (Fall 1984): 9-15. (Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary)
- “Davy Crockett and the Wild Man; or, the Metaphysics of the Longue Durée,” in Michael A. Lofaro, ed., Davy Crockett: The Man, the Legend, the Legacy, 1786-1986 (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1985), 80-101.
- “Physic and Metaphysic in Nineteenth-Century America: Medical Sectarians and Religious Healing,” Church History 55, no. 4 (December 1986): 489-502. Condensed reprint, Henry Warner Bowden and P. C. Kemeny, eds., American Church History: A Reader (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998), 380-89.
- “Christianity in North America,” in Encyclopedia of Religion, Mircea Eliade (New York: Macmillan, 1987), 3:401-11.
- “Whither the Sons (and Daughters)? Republican Nature and the Quest for the Ideal,” in Jack P. Greene, ed., The American Revolution: Its Character and Limits (New York: New York University Press, 1987), 362-87.
- “Transcendentalism,” in Encyclopedia of the American Religious Experience, ed. Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams (New York: Scribner's, 1988), 2:1117-28.
- “The Problem of Bias: Interpretive Strategies in Religious Studies,” Soundings 71, nos. 2-3 (Summer/Fall 1988): 279-93.

- “Religion and the American Experience: A Century After,” Church History 57, no. 3 (September 1988): 337-51. Condensed reprint, Henry Warner Bowden and P. C. Kemeny, eds., American Church History: A Reader (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998), 256-66.
- “Religion and the Constitution: A Response to William Lee Miller,” in William Lee Miller et al., Religion and the Public Good: A Bicentennial Forum (Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 1988), 23-31.
- “Appalachian Religion,” in Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, ed. William Ferris and Charles Reagan Wilson (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press for the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, 1989), 1275-76.
- “The Protocols of Patriotism: Separatist Spirit and American Civil Religion,” in Joseph F. Kelly, ed., American Catholics (Wilmington, Del.: Michael Glazier, Inc., 1989), 73-97.
- “The Tribe of Jesse and American Nature Religion,” Cross Currents: Religion and Intellectual Life 40, 1 (Spring 1990): 53-63, 87. (Excerpt from Nature Religion in America: From the Algonkian Indians to the New Age [Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990].)
- “Forum: The Decline of Mainline Religion in American Culture,” Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation 2, no. 1 (Summer 1991): 138-42.
- “Attending the Masked Ball; Or, Learning to Make History Religiously” (The 1991 Divinity School Alumna of the Year Address), Criterion 31, no. 1 (Winter 1992): 14-20.
- “On the Matter of Spirit: Andrew Jackson Davis and the Marriage of God and Nature,” Journal of the American Academy of Religion 60, no. 1 (Spring 1992): 101-17.
- “The Magical Staff: Quantum Healing in the New Age,” in James R. Lewis and J. Gordon Melton, eds., Perspectives on the New Age (Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1992), 68-84, 307-10.
- “Body Politic and Body Perfect: Religion, Politics, and Thomsonian Medicine in Nineteenth-Century America,” in Jay P. Dolan and James P. Wind, eds., New Dimensions in American Religious History: Essays in Honor of Martin E. Marty (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1993), 131-51.
- “Fisher Kings and Public Places: The Old New Age in the 1990s,” The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science 527 (May 1993): 131-43. (Special issue on “Religion in the Nineties.”)
- “La religion de la nature en Amérique: L’ambiguïté cosmologique et morale chez les transcendantalistes de la Nouvelle-Angleterre,” in Danièle Hervieu-Léger, ed., Religion et ecologie (Paris: Les Éditions du Cerf, 1993), 111-25. (Trans. Danièle Hervieu-Léger.)
- “From New Thought to New Vision: The Shamanic Paradigm in Contemporary Spirituality,” in Leonard I. Sweet, ed., Communication and Change in American Religious History (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1993), 335-54.
- “Refusing the Wild Pomegranate Seed: America, Religious History, and the Life of the Academy,” Journal of the American Academy of Religion 63, no. 2 (1995): 101-25.
- “Nontraditional Religions,” in Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century, ed.

- Stanley I. Kutler (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1996), 4:1539-64.
- "In the Late Twentieth Century, Mesmer, Swedenborg, and Quantum Physics Converge in the New Age," Compass: A Jesuit Journal 14, no. 2 (May/June 1996): 20-21. (Excerpt, with adaptations, from "The Magical Staff: Quantum Healing in the New Age," in James R. Lewis and J. Gordon Melton, eds., Perspectives on the New Age [Albany: State University of New York Press, 1992].)
- "Religion and American Popular Culture: An Introductory Essay," Journal of the American Academy of Religion 64, no. 4 (Winter 1996): 733-42. (Introduction to Thematic Issue on Religion and American Popular Culture.)
- "Dissident History: American Religious Culture and the Emergence of the Metaphysical Tradition," in Walter H. Conser, Jr., and Sumner B. Twiss, eds., Religious Diversity and American Religious History: Case Studies in Traditions and Cultures (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1997), 157-88.
- "Exchanging Selves, Exchanging Souls: Contact, Combination, and American Religious History," in Thomas A. Tweed, ed., Retelling U.S. Religious History (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997), 200-226, 279-85.
- "A Transcendentalist's Aristotle: Nonevangelical Reflections on Conviction and the Writing of History," in Bruce Kuklick and D.G. Hart, eds., Religious Advocacy and American History (Grand Rapids, Mich.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1997), 179-89.
- "Having Nature All Ways: Liberal and Transcendental Perspectives on American Environmentalism," The Journal of Religion 77, no. 1 (January 1997): 20-43.
- "Narrating an Almost Nation: Contact, Combination, and Metaphysics in American Religious History," Criterion 38, no. 1 (Winter 1999): 2-15, 44).
- "The Subtle Energies of Spirit: Explorations in Metaphysical and New Age Spirituality," Journal of the American Academy of Religion 67, no. 2 (June 1999): 305-25.
- "The Aura of Wellness: Subtle-Energy Healing and New Age Religion," Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation 10, no. 1 (Winter 2000): 29-55.
- "The Culture of Religious Combining: Reflections for the New American Millennium," CrossCurrents (The Wisdom of the Heart and the Life of the Mind: Fiftieth Anniversary Issue) 50, nos. 1-2 (Spring/Summer 2000): 16-22.
- "Energy Medicine: The Spiritual Culture of an Emerging Paradigm," Second Opinion (Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics), no. 3 (September 2000): 12-36.
- "American Religious History: A Bibliographical Essay," in Currents in American Scholarship (Washington, D.C.: Study of the U.S. Branch, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State, 2002; booklet and on-line publication at <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/amstudy/>).
- "Forum: How I Have Changed My Mind," Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation 14, no. 1 (Winter 2004): 3-10.
- "Nature Religion in the United States," in Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature, ed. Bron R. Taylor (London and New York: Continuum International, 2005), 2: 1175-85.
- "Sacred (and Secular) Self-Fashioning: Esalen and the American Transformation of Yoga," in Jeffrey J. Kripal and Glenn W. Shuck, eds., On the Edge of the Future: Esalen and the

Evolution of American Culture (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005), 45-79.
“Forum: How the Study of Religion and American Culture Has Changed at Your Institution in the Past Decade,” Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation 17, no. 1 (Winter 2007): 1-7.

Book Reviews

American Historical Review (June 1988; February 1990; June 1999)
American Indian Quarterly (Winter 1985)
Church History (March 1973; June 1974; March 1975; December 1975; June 1978; September 1980; June 1983; September 1983; December 1983; September 1984; September 1987; March 1989; March 1992; June 1992; December 1996; December 1997)
History of Religions (August 1999)
Journal of the American Academy of Religion (June 1981; September 1981; September 1982; December 1982; September 1983; March 1984; March 1985; Fall 1998; Spring 2003)
Journal of American History (September 1979; December 1980; September 1981; September 1983; March 2001)
Journal of Ecumenical Studies (Winter 1980)
Journal of Medical Humanities (Spring 1990)
The Journal of Religion (July 1970; January 1982; July 1990; January 1991; July 1991)
New England Quarterly (September 1976)
New York History (April 1979)
Religious Studies Review (July 1976; January 1977; April 1977; July 1977; October 1977; January 1978; October 1981; April 1982; July 1982)
Unitarian Universalist World (May 15, 1983; March 15, 1984)
The William and Mary Quarterly (April 1985)
Winterthur Portfolio (Spring 1980)
(Wright State) University Times (January 1980)
The Yale Review (Winter 1985)

Other

Invited lectures and presentations at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting 2001, American Academy of Religion Western Region (Keynote), American Antiquarian Society, American Society of Church History Centennial (Keynote), American Society of Church History Appraisal of the Career of Martin Marty, Antioch College, Arizona State University, Boston University, California American Studies Association (Keynote), Central Michigan University, Concordia College, DePaul University, Drew University, Duke University, Esalen Institute, Florida State University, Franklin and Marshall College, Groupe de Sociologie des Religions, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Paris), Harvard Divinity School, Hendrix College (Conway, Ark.), Iliff School of Theology, Indiana University, Indiana University-Purdue

University (Indianapolis), John Carroll University, Johns Hopkins University (Conference), Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.), Lakewood Community College (White Bear Lake, Minn.), Methodist Theological School (Delaware, Oh.), Michigan State University, New Narratives Project (Fort Lauderdale, Fla.), Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Rice University (Rockwell Lectures 2000), Santa Clara University (Plenary Western Regional AAR Address), Syracuse University, Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.), University of California, Riverside, University of California, San Francisco, University of California, Santa Barbara, University of Chicago (Divinity School Lecture) University of Chicago (Martin E. Marty Retirement Conference), University of Colorado, Boulder (Center of the American West), University of Colorado, Boulder (Religious Studies), University of Denver, University of Idaho, University of Mary (Bismarck, N.D.), University of North Carolina at Greensboro, University of Southern California, University of Tulsa (Barnard/Snuggs Lecture), University of Utah, Vanderbilt University, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Wheaton College, Wingspread Conference.

Papers at professional meetings of American Academy of Religion, American Society of Church History, American Studies Association, CESNUR (Center for Studies on New Religions), Ohio Academy of Religion, Organization of American Historians, Popular Culture Association.

Respondent to formal papers at American Academy of Religion, American Antiquarian Society, American Historical Association, American Society of Church History, American Society of Missiology, American Studies Association, Claremont School of Religion, Conference on Millerism and the Millenarian Mind (Killington, Vt.), Lutheran General Hospital Project X (Park Ridge, Ill.), University of Southern California, Mormon History Association, Ohio Academy of Religion, Old Christ Church Bicentennial Forum on the Constitution (Philadelphia), Pennsylvania State University, United Theological Seminary (Dayton, Oh.), University of California, Los Angeles, University of Virginia.

Informal discussant at Harvard University, Indiana University, Indiana University-Purdue University (Indianapolis), Lutheran General Hospital Project X (Park Ridge, Ill.), Princeton University, University of Notre Dame.

Co-Editor (with Stephen J. Stein), Religion in North America Series, Indiana University Press, 1984-.

Associate Editor, Contemporary American Religion (Single-volume encyclopedia; New York: Macmillan, 1999).

Editor, The Oxford Companion to American Religion (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming). (Jon Butler is Editor-in-chief.)

Editorial Board, Environmental Review, 1976-78.

Editorial Board, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, 1979-1994.

Editorial Board, Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation, 1989-1994.

Board of Consultants, Journal of Religion, 1983-2004.

Advisory Board, Nineteenth-Century Studies, 1988-1996.

Editor, Religion in the Americas, Religious Studies Review, 1984-1991.

Editorial Advisory Board, Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses, 1985-87.

Contributing Editor, Second Opinion, 1999-2003.

Editorial Referee, American Quarterly, Church History, The Historian, Journal of American History, Journal of the Early Republic, Ohio Journal of Religious Studies, Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, William and Mary Quarterly, Lutheran General Hospital Project X (Park Ridge, Ill.), American Academy of Religion Dissertation Series, Columbia University Press, Duxbury Press, Indiana University Press, Princeton University Press, Temple University Press, University of Kansas Press, Yale University Press.

Consultant, Billy Sunday Grant Project (National Endowment for the Humanities), Community Heritage Film Group, Missouri Humanities Council, Pepperdine University Grant Project (Lilly).

Member, "Region and Religion" Project, Phillip Hammond through UCSB, with assistance of Lilly Foundation.

Seminar Director, Young Scholars Program, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, 1992.

Consultant, Regional Planning Meeting, Young Scholars Program, 1994.

Consultant, Department of the History of Health Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, 1995.

Consultant, Utopian Colonies Documentary Project, Wendy McLoughlin, California Council for the Humanities Funding, 1995.

Consultant, Pentecostalism Project, Stephen Williams, University of California, Los Angeles, 1995.

Consultant, Communal Societies, Ohio Historical Society, 1995.

Consultant, One Nation Films (Former South Park Productions), Santa Monica, CA.

Reviewer and panel member (ad hoc), National Endowment for the Humanities.

Final Selection Committee, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships, 1995, 1996, 1997.

Selection Committee, Pew Fellowships in Religion and American History, Yale University, 1996.

Alumni Council, University of Chicago Divinity School (to 1997).

Board of Directors, Santa Barbara College of Oriental Medicine (to 2005).