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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Awarded with Distinction, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago, December 1983.
M.A. The Divinity School, The University of Chicago, June 1979.
B.A. Awarded with Distinction in Religion, Pomona College, June 1974.

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, CA, 2008-09.

Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, July 2017-present.

Virgil Cordano, OFM, Professor of Catholic Studies and Professor of Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, July 2005-December 2017.

Visiting Professor, Department of Religion, and Research Scholar, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, 1997-98.

Acting Dean, Claremont School of Theology, Fall 1996.

Professor of the History of Christianity and American Religion, Claremont School of Theology, and Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, July 1993-June 2005.

Associate Professor of American Religious History, Claremont School of Theology and Associate Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate School, July 1986-June 1993.

Assistant Professor of American Religious History, School of Theology at Claremont and Assistant Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate School, October 1983-June 1986.

Instructor in American Religious History, Claremont School of Theology, July 1983-October 1983.

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- PI, "What counts as Religious Experience? Validating and Testing the Inventory of Nonordinary Experiences."
\$234,000 awarded by the John Templeton Foundation, 1/1/2019-12/31/2021.
Crossroads Grant from UCSB, 2014-15, with Tamsin German and Raymond Paloutzian.
Guggenheim Fellowship (awarded 2013), on leave Jan. 2014-Dec. 2014
PI (with Tamsin German [co-PI], Michael Kinsella [lead researcher], Michael Barlev, and Raymond Paloutzian), "The Role of Near Death Experiences in the Emergence of a Movement: A Quasi- Experimental Field Study of IANDS." \$242,270 awarded by the John Templeton Foundation through the Immortality Project at UC Riverside.
Alumna of the Year (2012), University of Chicago Divinity School
Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Class of 2011)
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2010 Book Award (\$1000) for *Religious Experience Reconsidered*.
Choice Book Award (2010) for *Religious Experience Reconsidered*
Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences, Palo Alto, CA, 2008-09.
Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Grant (\$2,000) for partial support of Workshop on Synaesthesia in the Arts, Religion, and Cognitive Science, 2007.

Project Co-Director (with Zayn Kassam), NEH Humanities Focus Grant (\$25,000) for “Engaging Islam,” 2001-2002.

Outstanding Professional and Scholarly Book Award in Philosophy and Religion (2000), Association of American Publishers for *Fits, Trances and Visions*.

Choice Book Award (2000) for *Fits, Trances and Visions*.

DAAD Grant for German Language Study, Summer 2001.

Theological Scholarship and Research Award (\$15,000), Association of Theological Schools, 1994-95.

AAR Collaborative Research Grant (with Carol Hendrickson, Anthropology, Marlboro College & Dena Pence Frantz, Theology, Bethany Theological Seminary), 1993-1994.

Participant, NEH Summer Institute on Religion and Material Culture, University of Hawaii, June-July 1993.

Research Grant, Association of Theological Schools, Fall 1986.

Participant, NEH Summer Institute on Afro-American Religion, Princeton University, June-July 1986.

Co-Winner of the Manuscript Competition, CUSHWA Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 1985.

University Fellow, University of Chicago, 1982-83.

Junior Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, 1982-83.

Superior Pass, Ph.D. Qualifying Examinations, 1981.

Divinity School Fellow, 1981-82.

BOOKS

Revelatory Events: Three Case Studies of the Emergence of New Spiritual Paths (Princeton University Press, October 2016).

Religious Experience Reconsidered: A Building Block Approach to the Study of Religion and Other Special Things (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009). *Winner of the 2010 Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. One of Choice's Outstanding Academic Books of 2010.*

Fits, Trances and Visions: Experiencing Religion and Explaining Experience from Wesley to James (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999). *Winner of the 2000 Association of American Publishers Award for Best Professional/Scholarly Book in Philosophy and Religion. One of Choice's Outstanding Academic Books of 2000.* Excerpts reprinted in Amanda Porterfield, ed., American Religious History (Blackwell, 2002), pp. 66-86, and Russell McCutcheon, ed., Religious Experience: A Reader (Equinox, 2013).

The Household of Faith: Roman Catholic Devotions in Mid-Nineteenth Century America, University of Notre Dame Press, 1986 (hc), 1990 (pb). *Co-Winner of the Manuscript Competition, CUSHWA Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 1985.*

EDITED VOLUMES

What Matters? Ethnographies of Value in a Not So Secular Age, ed. by Courtney Bender and Ann Taves (New York: Columbia University Press, 2012).

Religion and Domestic Violence in Early New England: The Memoirs of Abigail Abbot Bailey, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1989.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS – Most Recent by Type

Theory and Method

Taves, Ann. Forthcoming. “Psychology of Religion Approaches to the Study of Religious Experience.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Experience*, ed. Chad Meister and Paul Moser. Cambridge University Press.

Taves, Ann, and Egil Asprem. Forthcoming. “The Building Block Approach: An Overview.” In *Building Blocks of Religion: Critical Applications and Future Prospects*, edited by Göran Larsson, Jonas Svensson, and Andreas Nordin. London: Equinox.

- Taves, Ann, and Raymond F. Paloutzian. Forthcoming. "Designing Research." In *The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion*, edited by Steven Engler and Michael Stausberg, 2nd ed. New York: Routledge.
- Asprem, Egil, and Ann Taves. Forthcoming. "Event Model Analysis." In *The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion*, edited by Steven Engler and Michael Stausberg, 2nd ed. New York: Routledge.
- Wolf, Melissa Gordon, Elliott Ihm, Andrew Maul, and Ann Taves. Forthcoming. "Survey Item Validation." In *The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion*, edited by Steven Engler and Michael Stausberg, 2nd edition. New York: Routledge.
- Taves, Ann. 2019. "Modeling theories and modeling phenomena: A humanist's initiation." In *Human Simulation: Perspectives, Insights, Applications*, ed. Saikou Diallo, W. Wildman, F. L. Shults, & A. Tolks. Springer.
- Asprem, Egil and Ann Taves. 2018. "Explanation and the Study of Religion." In Brad Stoddard, ed. *Method Today: Beyond Description and Hermeneutics in Religious Studies Scholarship*. London: Equinox.
- Taves, Ann and Egil Asprem. 2017. "Experience as Event: Event Cognition and the Study of (Religious) Experience" with Egil Asprem. *Religion, Brain, and Behavior* 7/1: 43-62. Target article, published online 9 June 2016.
- Asprem, Egil and Ann Taves. 2017. "Connecting Events: Experienced, Narrated, and Framed." *Religion, Brain, and Behavior* 7/1 (2017): 88-93 (response to commentaries), published online 9 June 2016.

Scientific Worldview Studies

- Taves, Ann. 2018. "What is Nonreligion? On the virtues of a meaning systems framework for studying nonreligious and religious worldviews in the context of everyday life." Invited contribution. Special Issue: Understanding Unbelief. *Secularism and Nonreligion* 7/1, 1-6. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/snr.104>
- Taves, Ann, Egil Asprem, and Elliott Ihm. 2018. "Psychology, Meaning Making and the Study of Worldviews: Beyond Religion and Non-Religion." Special Issue on Nonreligion. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality* 10/3: 207-217.
- Taves, Ann and Egil Asprem. 2018. "Scientific Worldview Studies: A Programmatic Proposal" with Egil Asprem, in Petersen, A. K., et al. (eds.) *A New Synthesis: Cognition, Evolution, and History in the Study of Religion*. Brill.
- Taves, Ann. 2017. "Finding and Articulating Meaning in Secular Experience," in Dan Fleming, Eva Leven, and Ulrich Riegel, eds. *Religious Experience*. Munich: Waxman Verlag.

Historical Studies

- Taves, Ann. Forthcoming. "Translating the Book of Mormon and Scribing *A Course in Miracles*: Comparing the Experiences of Joseph Smith and Helen Schucman" in *Creating Scripture: Joseph Smith's Translation Projects*, ed. M. MacKay, M. Ashurst-McGee, and B. Hauglid. University of Utah Press.
- Taves, Ann. 2018. "(Revelatory) Events: A Response to Commentators," in Book Symposium on Ann Taves, *Revelatory Events. Religion, Brain, and Behavior*, published online 16 Mar 2018. <https://doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2018.1429013>.
- Taves, Ann. 2018. "History and the Claims of Revelation: Joseph Smith and the Materialization of the Golden Plates" in Blair G. Van Dyke, Brian D. Birch, & Boyd J. Peterson (eds), *The Expanded Canon: Perspectives on Mormonism and Ancient Texts*. Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books. [Reprint].
- Taves, Ann and Steven C. Harper. 2016. "Joseph Smith's first vision: New methods for the analysis of experience-related texts." *Mormon Studies Review* 3: 53-84.
- Taves, Ann. 2017. *When Worlds Collide: Experiencing Sacrality in a Zone of Contact and Colonization. Noticias*.
- Taves, Ann. 2016. "Can people belong to more than one religion?" in Russell McCutcheon and Aaron Hughes, ed. *Religion in Five Minutes*. London: Equinox, 2016.

Earlier Articles and Chapters

"Portrait: Ann Taves – From Weird Experiences to Revelatory Events." *Religion and Society: Advances in Research* 6 (2015): 1–26, with commentaries by Richard Sosis, Thomas Coleman and Ralph Hood, and Gustavo Benevides.

"Magical thinking" and the emergence of new social movements: Cognitive aspects of Reformation era debates over ritual efficacy." *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 1 /2 (2015): 146-170.

"Reverse Engineering Complex Cultural Concepts: Identifying Building Blocks of Religion." *Journal of Cognition and Culture* 15 (2015): 191-216.

"A Tale of Two Congresses: The Psychological Study of Psychical, Occult, and Religious Phenomena, 1900-1909." *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 50/4 (2014): 376-399, published online: 2 SEP 2014 | DOI: 10.1002/jhbs.21691

"History and the Claims of Revelation: Joseph Smith and the Materialization of the Golden Plates." *Numen* 61/2-3 (2014): 182-207.

"Hiding in Plain Sight: The Organizational Forms of 'Unorganized Religion,'" with Michael Kinsella, in Steven J. Sutcliffe and Ingvild Saelid Gilhus, eds. *New Age Spirituality and Theories of Religion*. London: Acumen, 2013.

"Building Blocks of Sacralities: A New Basis for Comparison Across Cultures and Religions," in Raymond F. Paloutzian and Crystal Park, *Handbook of Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, 2nd ed., pp. 138-161. Guilford, 2013.

"Non Ordinary Powers: Charisma, Affordances, and the Study of Religion," in Dimitris Xygalatas and Lee McCorkle, eds., *Mental Culture: Towards a Cognitive Science of Religion*, pp. 80-97. London: Acumen, 2013.

"Special Things as Building Blocks of Religions," in Robert Orsi, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies*, pp. 58-83. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

"2010 Presidential Address: 'Religion' in the Humanities and the Humanities in the University," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 79/2 (2011): 287-314.

"Catholic Studies and Religious Studies: Reflections on the Concept of Tradition," in James T. Fisher and Margaret McGuinness, eds., *A Catholic Studies Reader*, pp. 113-128. New York: Fordham, 2011.

"Brain (Mind)," *Material Religion* 7/1 (2011): 26-33. Special issue on key terms.

"No Field is an Island: Fostering Collaboration Between the Academic Study of Religion and the Sciences," *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 22/2-3 (2010): 170-188.

"Channeled Apparitions: On Visions That Morph and Categories That Slip," *Visual Resources* 25/1 (2009): 141-156.

"William James Revisited: Rereading the *Varieties of Religious Experience* in Transatlantic Perspective," *Zygon* 44/2 (2009): 415-32.

"Ascription, attribution, and cognition in the study of experiences deemed religious," *Religion* 38/2 (2008): 125-40.

"'Religious Experience' and the Brain" in Joseph Bulbulia, et al, eds., *Evolution of Religion: Studies, Theories, and Critiques*, pp. 211-218. Santa Margarita, CA: Collins Foundation, 2008.

"The Camp-Meeting and the Paradoxes of Evangelical Protestant Ritual," in Catherine Bell, ed. Teaching Ritual, 119-32. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

"Where (Fragmented) Selves Meet Cultures: Theorizing Spirit Possession," Culture and Religion 7/2 (July 2006): 123-38.

"Michael Murphy and the Natural History of Supernormal Human Attributes," in Jeffrey Kripal, ed., On the Edge of the Future: Locating Esalen in the Histories of American Religion, Psychology, and Culture, pp. 224-229. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005.

"Experience," Revista de Estudos da Religião - REVER 5/4 (2005): 43-52. Special issue on "Theoretical Issues in the Study of Religion" ed. by Steven Engler and Frank Usarski.

"Religious Experience" [10,000 word entry], Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed. NY: Macmillan, 2004.

"William James," Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed. (Macmillan, 2004).

"The Fragmentation of Consciousness and *The Varieties of Religious Experience*: William James's Contribution to a Theory of Religion," in Wayne Proudfoot, ed., Re-experiencing Varieties: William James and a 'Science of Religions', pp. 48-72. New York: Columbia, 2004.

"Religious Experience and the Divisible Self: William James (and Frederic Myers) as Theorist(s) of Religion," JAAR 71/2 (June 2003): 303-326.

"Detachment and Engagement in the Study of 'Lived Experience,'" Spiritus: A Journal of Spirituality 3 (2003): 186-208.

"Feminization Revisited: Protestantism and Gender at the Turn-of-the-Century" in Margaret Lamberts Bendroth and Virginia Lieson Brereton, eds., Women and Twentieth-Century Protestantism, pp. 304-324. Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2002.

"Abigail Abbot Bailey," Women Prose Writers to 1820, ed. Carla Mulford, Angela Vietto, and Amy Winans in Dictionary of American Biography Series (Brucoli-Clark-Layman, 1998).

"Sexuality and American Religious History," in Thomas Tweed, ed., Retelling U.S. Religious History, pp. 27-56. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

"The Power to See and the Power to Name: American Church History and the Problem of Domestic Violence," in Violence Against Women and Children: A Religious Sourcebook, ed. Carol J. Adams and Marie Fortune. NY: Continuum, 1995.

"Knowing Through the Body: Dissociative Religious Experience in the African-American and British-American Methodist Traditions," Journal of Religion 73/2 (April 1993): 200-22.

"Self and God in the Early Published Memoirs of New England Women" in Margo Culley, ed., American Women's Autobiography: Fea(s)ts of Memory, pp. 57-74. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1992.

"Mothers and Children and the Legacy of Mid-Nineteenth Century American Christianity," Journal of Religion 67/2 (1987): 203-19.

"Spiritual Purity and Sexual Shame: Religious Themes in the Writings of Harriet Jacobs," Church History 56/1 (1987): 59-72. Reprinted in the Norton Critical Edition of Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, ed. Valerie Smith and Nellie McKay. NY: Norton, 2001.

"Context and Meaning: Roman Catholic Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament in Mid-Nineteenth Century America," Church History 54/4 (1985): 482-95.

REVIEW ESSAYS & COMMENTS

"Normativity in the Study of Religion: A Dialogue about Theology and Religious Studies" with Graham Ward. Introduction by Thomas Tweed. *Religious Studies News*, March 23, 2016.

"Perceiving the problem of disenchantment" [contribution to a review symposium on Egil Asprem's *The Problem of Disenchantment*], *Journal of Religion in Europe* 8 (2016), 298-303.

"Big gods and other watcher mechanisms in the formation of large groups" [contribution to review symposium on Ara Norenzayan's *Big Gods*], *Religion* (published online, 09 July 2014).

"Mormon Studies in the Academy: A Conversation with Ann Taves" [interview essay], Mormon Studies Review 1 (2014), 9-16.

"The Power of the Paranormal (and Extra-Ordinary)" [review essay], History of Religions 53/2 (2014), 205-211.

"Parsing Meaning and Value in Relation to Experience," Religion, Brain & Behavior, 35-41.

"Religions, Meaning Making, and Basic Needs," with Raymond F. Paloutzian, Religion, Brain, and Behavior.

"Response to Russell T. McCutcheon's Review Essay: 'Will Your Cognitive Anchor Hold in the Storms of Culture?'" 78/4: 1182-1193," Journal of the American Academy of Religion 2011; doi: 10.1093/jaarel/lfr076

"Introduction" and "McNamara's Cognitive Model of Transformation" ["Review Symposium: Patrick McNamara, The Neuroscience of Religious Experience"], Religion 41/1 (2011): 71-73, 85-89.

"Experience as Site of Contested Meaning and Value," Religion 40/4 (2010): 313-323 [author response to nine article special issue on Religious Experience Reconsidered].

"Bridging Science and Religion: The 'More' and the 'Less' in William James and Owen Flanagan" Zygon 44/1, 7-15.

"Interior Disciplines and a Revitalized Phenomenology of Religion" [review symposium on Between Heaven and Earth by Robert Orsi], Spiritus 6 (2006): 101-106.

"From Religious History to the Cultural History of Religion" [response to Hans Kippenberg's *Discovering Religious History in the Modern Age* (2002)], JAAR 71/4 (Dec. 2003): 1-9.

"Religion and Same-Sex Relations in the American Context," Religious Studies Review 24/2 (April 1998): 165-70.

"Women and Gender in American Religion(s)," Religious Studies Review 18/4 (October 1992): 263-70.

PAPERS & LECTURES

"Non-Ordinary Experiences and Appraisals in Five Countries: Patterns of Similarity and Difference Across Cultures," Presentation at Mind and Spirit Consultation, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, May 4, 2019.

"Guiding Presences and the Emergence of Analytical Psychology: Or, what exactly did Jung's soul call him to do?" Invited Lecture, Art and Psyche Conference IV: The Illuminated Imagination, UCSB, April 4-7, 2019.

“Guiding Presences and the Emergence of New Revelation.” Invited Plenary, Personification Across Disciplines, University of Durham, UK, September 2018. Available on-line at: <https://vimeo.com/296826197>

“Trauma, Transcendence, and Culture: The role of appraisal process in distinguishing spiritual, anomalous, and psychotic experiences.” Featured Presenter, Conference on Trauma and Transcendence: Depth Psychology, Spirituality, and the Sacred, Pacifica Graduate Institute, Ladera Lane Campus, Santa Barbara, CA, June 2018.

The evolution of what? Shifting the focus from religion\’s to worldviews and ways of life.” Invited Speaker, International Workshop on “Future Directions on the Evolution of Rituals, Beliefs and Religious Minds” Erice, Sicily, May 2018.

Three Lectures on “Religions as Worldviews and Ways of Life.” Lecture I: Studying Religions as Worldviews and Ways of Life. Lecture II: The Evolutionary Foundations of Worldviews. Lecture III: The Emergence of New Worldviews and Ways of Life. Gunning Lectures, University of Edinburgh, UK, March 2018.

“Communicating About Religion\’s and Other Worldviews in the Classroom.” Invited Plenary, European Association for the Study of Religion, University of Leuven, BELGIUM, September 2017.

“Using the Inventory of Non-Ordinary Experiences to operationalize and test the TID as *tertium comparationis* in the study of religion.” Invited Plenary, Conference on The Transcendence/Immanence-Distinction (TID) in the Study of Religious Contacts between Asia and Europe, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr Universität, Bochum, GER, September 2017.

“What Counts as Religious Experience? The Inventory of Non-Ordinary Experiences as a Tool for Analysis across Cultures and Traditions,” with Michael Barlev and Michael Kinsella. Paper presented at the International Association for the Psychology of Religion, Hamar, Norway, August 2017.

“Experience, Interaction, and Culture in the Emergence of New Spiritual Paths.” Invited Speaker, European Summer Research Institute, Fraueninsel, Prien am Chiemsee, GER, July 2017.

“Categories and Interpretation.” Invited Presenter, 5th Biennial Religion & American Culture Conference, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN, June 2017.

“Bill W.’s White Light Experience: Three Approaches.” Invited Speaker, Symposium on AA History, Sedona Mago Retreat Center, Sedona, AZ, April 2017.

“Religious Experience and Neuroscience.” Invited Speaker, Conference on Neuroscience and Religious Experience, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, March 2017.

“Explanation and the Study of Religion,” with Egil Asprem. Invited Paper with Four Commentaries, North American Society for the Study of Religion, November 20, 2016.

“Spirituality and Health for the Non-spiritual: Finding and Articulating Meaning in Secular Experience.” Invited Speaker, 25th Annual Psychotherapy and Faith Conference, Houston, TX, November 2016.

“Finding and Articulating Meaning in Secular Experience.” Invited Plenary, Sig 19 Conference, Religious and Spiritual Education, Universität Siegen, Germany, September 2016.

“Reinventing Mormonism: Looking Forward and Looking Back” [a response to papers by LDS scholars Green, Hickman, and Miller]. Invited Respondent, Mormonism in the Academy: A Scholars’ Colloquium in Honor of Richard Lyman Bushman, BYU, Provo, UT, June 2016.

“Biosemiotics and the Mediation of Seemingly Unmediated Experience.” Invited Keynote, International Conference on “Mediation and Immediacy: The Semiotic Turn in the Study of Religion,” University of Turin, June 2016.

“Voices and Other Guiding Presences in the Emergence of Four Social Movements.” Invited Lecture, NonReligion and Secularity Project, University College London, May 2016.

“Workshop on Religious Experience” (day long workshop). Invited Fellow, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt University, Erfurt Germany, May 2016.

“Mysticism and Neuroscience: The Explanatory Challenges” (workshop presentation) and “Two Christian Views of God, Mind, and Neuroscience: Catholic and New Age Christian Vedanta” (evening lecture). Invited participant, Symposium on Spirituality and Neuroscience, Sivananda Ashram, Bahamas, March 2016.

“Normativity in the Study of Religion: A Dialogue about Theology and Religious Studies” with Graham Ward. Presidential Plenary, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

“Ecstasy: Linking the Humanities and the Brain.” Inaugural Lecture, IHC Series on Humanities and the Brain, UC Santa Barbara, October 15, 2015. Available on-line at: <https://vimeo.com/143200292>

“Will a Building Block Approach Undermine the Academic Study of Religion?” International Association for the History of Religions, August 25, 2015.

“Ecstatic Dance,” Session on Integrating the Material, Bodily, and Sensual into the Study of Religion. International Association for the History of Religions, August 28, 2015.

“Experiences and appraisals in the study of [religious] experience.” Invited paper, 7th Annual Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology (theme = Religious Experience), University of Notre Dame, May 2015.

“Prophet, Visionary, or Fraud? Joseph Smith and the Materialization of the Golden Plates.” Strickland Visiting Scholar Lecture, Middle Tennessee State University, March 2015.

“Joseph Smith’s first vision: New methods for the analysis of experience-related texts” with Steve Harper, LDS church historian. 2.5 hour session sponsored by the Mormon Studies and Sociology of Religion units at the AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

Revitalizing the Comparative Enterprise: A Building Block Approach to the Study of Complex Cultural Concepts. Invited Lecture, NAASR pre-session, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2014.

“What just happened? [Sudden] alterations of consciousness and other experience events,” Invited Plenary, Thesis Workshop, European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism, Amsterdam, May 10, 2014.

“Angels, Aliens, and Apparitions of the Dead: Revelation, Science, and the Academic Study of Religion,” Invited Lecture, CSU Northridge, Northridge, CA, March 26, 2014.

“Extra-Ordinary Experiences and New Visionary Movements,” Thomas Lamb Eliot Lecture on Religion, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, December 5, 2013.

Two lectures on *Religious Experience Reconsidered* and one on *Revelatory Events*, Department of Religion, University of Bergen, Norway, September 2013.

“A Tale of Two Congresses: The Psychological Study of Occult, Mystical, and Religious Phenomena, 1900-1909,” invited paper, Workshop: ‘Sign’ or Symptom: Exceptional Corporeal Phenomena in Medicine and Religion [19th & 20th Century], Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, September 12-14, 2013.

“Unusually Salient Involuntary Experiences: Systematic Vocabulary and Causal Mechanisms,” invited presentation, Conference on “Visions and Apparitions from an Interdisciplinary Perspective,” Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, May 8-9, 2013.

“Extra-Ordinary Experiences and New Visionary Movements,” Donald Benson Memorial Lecture on Literature, Science, and the Arts, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, March 27, 2013.

“Mapping Significance: A Building Block Approach,” Annual Lecture, Geography of Belief and Belief Systems, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Los Angeles, CA, April 12, 2013.

“Reverse Engineering Complex Cultural Concepts: Identifying Building-Blocks of ‘Religion’,” Invited Lecture in the Evolution of Religion, Cooperation and Morality Series, Green College, University of British Columbia, February 4, 2013.

“Joseph Smith and the Discovery of the Golden Plates: The Role of Skilled Perception in the Emergence of a New Religious Movement,” Dickinson Distinguished Fellow Lecture, Dartmouth College, May 17, 2012.

“Angels, Aliens, and Apparitions of the Dead: Revelation, Science, and the Academic Study of Religion,” Homer J. Armstrong Lecture, Kalamazoo College, May 14, 2012.

“Joseph Smith and the Discovery of the Golden Plates: The Role of Skilled Perception in the Making of Special Things,” Alumnae of the Year Lecture, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, May 3, 2012.

“Embodied Mind: A Very Short Introduction to Perspectives from Cognitive Science,” invited address, American Society for the Study of Religion, Santa Barbara, CA, April 2012.

“Apparitions: Appearances of Jesus and Mary in the World,” invited lecture in 2012 Lecture Series on Science, Theology, and Religion, St. John’s Seminary, Camarillo, CA, March 29, 2012.

“Angels, Aliens, and Apparitions of the Dead: Revelation, Science, and the Academic Study of Religion,” invited lecture, Appalachian State University, February 29, 2012.

“The Historian and the Believer (Revisited): Science, History, and Claims of Revelation,” invited lecture, Conference on “Researching Religion: Methodological Debates in Anthropology and the Study of Religion,” Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark, October 17-19, 2011.

“Playing Fair with Other People’s Religions: Science, History, and Claims of Revelation,” 25th Annual Mary Olive Woods Lecture, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL, September 15, 2011.

“Fostering Collaboration Between the Academic Study of Religion and the Sciences,” invited lecture, Conference on “The Brain and the Subject of Culture,” University of Illinois, November 13, 2010.

“‘Religion’ in the Humanities and in the University,” Presidential Plenary Address, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 2010.

“A Tale of Two Congresses: The Psychological Study of Occult, Mystical, and Religious Phenomena, 1900-1909,” adapted for International Association for the History of Religions, Quinquennial Meeting, Toronto, August 2010.

“A Tale of Two Congresses: The Psychological Study of Occult, Mystical, and Religious Phenomena, 1900-1909,” invited address, Division 26 (History of Psychology), Annual Meeting of American Psychological Association, San Diego, August 2010.

“Fostering Collaboration Between the Academic Study of Religion and the Sciences,” Plenary Address, Annual Meeting of the Southwest Region of the AAR, March 2010.

"Fostering Collaboration Between the Academic Study of Religion and the Sciences," paper given as part of a NAASR-CTDR Roundtable on Future Directions in the Study of Religion, Annual Meeting of the AAR, October 2009.

"Beliefs and Special Things: Religions as Systems for Assessing, Ranking, and Manipulating Things of Value," Plenary Address, Conference on "Belief Matters: Religion and the Mind", Ohio State University, October 3, 2009

"Altering Reality: Suggestion Experimentally and in the Wild" Paper given at the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion meeting, Amsterdam, July 2009.

"Emotions and the Construction of Channeled Entities," Paper given at conference on "Feeling the Divine: Emotions in Religious Practice: Historical and Cross-Cultural Approaches," Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, July 2009.

"Channeled Entities and Revealed Texts: A Group Psychology of Revelation" Invited Lecture, University of Texas, Austin, April 2009.

"Channeled Entities, Indices of Agency, and Distributed Persons" Biennial Conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Asilomar, CA, March 2009.

"Channeling Entities as Hidden Observers" Biennial Conference of the Society for Psychological Anthropology, Asilomar, CA, March 2009.

"Explaining the Experiences of Religious Virtuosos: The Socio-Cultural Implications of Cognitive Theories of Hypnosis, Dissociation and Psychosomatic Illness," Plenary address, European Science Foundation Workshop on "Religion and Cognition in Context," University of Aarhus, Denmark, June 2008.

"Ritual Efficacy and 'Things Set Apart': Refining Sørensen's 'Sacred Domain'" Plenary address, Conference on Religious Ritual, Cognition and Culture, University of Aarhus, Denmark, June 2008.

"Rereading the *Varieties of Religious Experience* in Transatlantic Perspective" Invited Lecture, University of Toronto, March 2008.

"Ascription, attribution, and cognition in the study of experiences deemed religious," Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Tampa, FL, November 2007.

"Channeled Apparitions: On Visions that Morph and Categories that Slip," paper presented at a Conference on Visionaries and Vision-Hunters, University of Southern California, February 8-10, 2007.

"'Religious Experience' and the Brain," Evening Address, International Conference on the Evolution of Religion, Waianae, Oahu, January 3-9, 2007.

"Envisioning Catholic Studies," Inaugural Lecture, UCSB, February 6, 2006.

"William James's Contribution to Pascendi and the Oath Against Modernism," American Catholic Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 2006.

"Constructing an Object of Study," for session on "New Psychological Approaches to Comparative Religious Studies," American Academy of Religion, November 2005.

"Negotiating the Boundaries between Religious Studies and Theological Studies," Opening Convocation, Graduate Theological Union, September 22, 2005.

"Where (Fragmented) Selves Meet Cultures: Theorizing Spirit Possession," Anthropology of Religion Group, AAR, San Antonio, 2004.

"Religious Experience as the Embodiment of Practical Divinity: Narrative, Practice, and Experience in the Formation of Early 19th Century Methodists," Keynote address, Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY, March 4, 2004.

"The Modern Concept of Religious Experience; or, William James as 'Methodist Minus a Savour,'" Keynote address, Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY, March 4, 2004.

"Methodists and 'Enthusiasm': Guilty as Charged?" Plenary lecture, Conference on "The 'Art' of John Wesley: Teaching, Preaching, Serving," Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, October 3, 2003.

"Michael Murphy and the Natural History of Supernormal Human Attributes," *On the Edge of the Future: Locating Esalen in the Histories of American Religion, Psychology, and Culture*, Esalen Institute, March 30-April 4, 2003.

"Bodily Interpretations of Wesley's Theology in Early American Methodism," Stover-Ward Lecture, St. Paul's Theological Seminary, November, 7, 2002.

"New religions, new professions and the narration of experience in nineteenth century America," Alternatives to Secularization Conference, Amsterdam, April 24-28, 2002.

"William James as Theorist of Religion," William James Lecture, Harvard Divinity School, March 21, 2002 and Colloquium on the Centennial of William James's "Varieties of Religious Experience," Columbia University, March 24-25, 2002.

"Making Common Cause Between Believers: William James and Interreligious Dialogue," National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., March 19, 2002.

"From Intellectual History to Cultural History," Session on Hans Kippenberg's Die Entdeckung der Religionssgeschichte, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR, Denver, November 2001.

"The Psychology of the Devotional Life: A Review of Robert Orsi's Thank You, St. Jude," Northeast Regional Faculty Conference on Religion and American History, Dec. 4, 1998.

"Enthusiasm and True Religion in the Transatlantic Awakening," Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR, Orlando, November 1998.

"Catholic/Mainline Protestant Spirituality" for Consultation on Spirituality, UC Santa Barbara, March 6-8, 1998.

"Ecstasy, Trance, and Dissociation: Academic Disciplines, Religious Traditions, and the Contested Terrain of Experience," Conference, Claremont Graduate School, November 15, 1996.

"Visionaries and Somnambules: Debates over Experience in Mid-Nineteenth Century American Methodism," Conference, Claremont Graduate School, November 16, 1996.

"Organizing the Trance State in Early American Methodism," Methodist Studies Group, AAR, Philadelphia, November 1995.

"Sexuality and American Religious History," in panel on "Siting the Narratives of American Religious History," North American Religions Section, AAR, Chicago, November 1994.

"Embodying the Divine: Dissociative Ritual as Imaginative Performance," Ritual Studies Group, AAR, Washington, D.C., November 1993.

"Multiple Selves and Holy Others: Toward Post-Modern Theologies of Discernment," Inaugural Lecture, School of Theology at Claremont, October 5, 1993.

"Dissociative Phenomena and the Study of Religion," given at the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 1992.

"Mystics, Mediums, and Multiples: Christian Mysticism as Dissociative Religious Experience," 1992 Earle Morse Wilbur Lecture delivered at Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA, April 14, 1992.

"Perceptible Inspiration and Spirit Possession: Interpreting Dissociative Religious Experience in the African and British American Methodist Traditions," lecture given in honor of the retirement of Jerald C. Brauer, The University of Chicago Divinity School, November 14, 1991.

"Closeted Souls and Consumer Politics: Exploring the Deep Structures of Gendered Self in Community," lecture given at UU Advance Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, October 24-26, 1991.

"Suffering and Ecstasy: The Vocational Understanding of Northern Evangelical Women of African and European Descent," given at the American Academy of Religion, November 1989.

"The Role of the Past in Creating the Future," conference on Creating the Future sponsored by the Institute for Religion and Wholeness, Claremont, May 6, 1988.

"Gender Analysis and American Religious History," given at Temple University, February 24, 1988 and Whittier College, April 13, 1988.

"'The Darkness of Providence': Theodicy and Domestic Abuse -- An Eighteenth-Century Case Study," given at the American Academy of Religion, Boston, December 1987.

"A Congregationalist Defense of Divorce: The Memoirs of Abigail Abbot Bailey," given at the American Society of Church History, April 1987.

"Appropriating the Masters' Traditions: The Spirituality of the Female Slave Narratives," Hoover Lecture, Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago, March 5, 1986.

"Magic, Metaphor, and Transitional Objects: Psychoanalytic Reflections of Women's Religious Experience," given as one of several keynote addresses at a conference on Feminism and Spirituality, sponsored by the Institute for Religion and Wholeness, Claremont, April 1985.

"Publishing, Literacy, and the Romanization of Catholic Devotional Practice in the United States, 1840-1880," given at the American Society of Church History, Chicago, December 1984.

PODCASTS & VIDEOS (under development)

SELECTED PANELS & RESPONSES (not up to date)

Respondant, Gerardus van der Leeuw Dissertation Award of the NGG Plenary Session [recipient Egil Asprem], Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Religions, Groningen, Netherlands, May 14, 2014.

"How Religion Works: Disciplinary Perspectives and Bridges," Invited Panelist, SSSR Presidential Panel, SSSR Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 8, 2014.

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Panelist, "Beyond Freud and Jung: New Psychological Approaches to Comparative Religious Studies," Comparative Studies of Religion Section, AAR, Philadelphia, Nov. 2005.

Respondent, Panel on Daniel Dubuisson's The Western Construction of Religion, Critical Theory and Discourses in Religion Group, AAR, San Antonio, 2004.

Respondent, Conference on Positioning Mormonism in Religious Studies and American History, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, October 24-26, 2004.

Respondent, Conference on Religion and Race in the American West, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, February 27-28, 2004.

Participant, Mini-Conference on Visions, Center for the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, February 22, 2004.

Respondent, Session on "History of American Religious Practice," ASCH, Washington, D.C., January 10, 2004.

Respondent, "The Politics of Making 'Religion' in the U.S.," Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 24, 2003.

Panelist, Session on "Celebrating the Centennial of William James's Varieties of Religious Experience," AAR, Toronto, November 2002.

Panelist, Session on "Religious Experience After William James," ASCH, San Francisco, January 4, 2002.

Panelist, Author Meets Critics Session on Grant Wacker's Heaven Below, North American Religions Section, AAR, Denver, November 2001.

Respondent, Session on "Habitus as a Religious Category," Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR, Nashville, November 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances and Visions, sponsored by Person, Culture, and Society Group and the History of Christianity Section, AAR, November 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances and Visions, University of Rochester, November 15, 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances and Visions, CUSHWA Center, University of Notre Dame, November 3-4, 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances, and Visions, Chieron Conference on the History of Psychology, University of Southern Maine, June 24, 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances, and Visions, UC Santa Barbara, May 2, 2000

Member-at-Large Interview [about Fits, Trances, and Visions], Religious Studies News, May 2000.

PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES (Needs updating)

UC Santa Barbara: Member, Committee on Budget and Planning, 2015-2019; Chair, Cordono and Tipton Committees; Graduate Advisor and Chair, Graduate Committee, 2010-2013; Member, Graduate Committee, 2006-2010; Member, University Librarian Search Committee, 2010; Personnel Committee, 2007-08.

Claremont School of Theology: [most recently] Member, Curriculum Implementation Oversight Committee, 2004; Member, Curriculum Design Team, 2003-2004; Chair, Faculty Policy Committee, 2003-2004; Chair, MA Task Force, 2003-2004; Chair, Coursework Task Force, 2002-2003; Chair, Religious Education Search Committee, 2001-2002; Faculty Representative, Presidential Search Committee, 1999-2000; Chair, Faculty Policy Committee, 1999-2000; Chair, Dean's Search Committee, Fall 1998; Acting Dean, Fall 1996; Chair, Faculty Policy Committee, 1993-94 (responsible for complete revision of Faculty Policy Handbook); various committees, standing and search, 1983-present.

Claremont Graduate University: Design team, NEH-sponsored project on Comparing Religions in Theory and Practice; Acting Co-chair, School of Religion, Spring 2001; Chair, Cultural Studies Review Team, Spring 2000; Executive Committee, Department of Religion, 1998-99; Coordinator, History of Christianity Ph.D. Program, Department of Religion, 1992-present; Steering Committee, Cultural Studies Program, Humanities Center, 1994-96; Search Committee for positions in History and Cultural Studies, 1995-96; Co-Coordinator, Program in Women's Studies and Religion, Department of Religion, 1988-94.

International Association for Cognitive Science and Religion: President-elect, 2014. Member, Executive Committee, 2006-2010.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: Member, Executive Committee, 2010-2013.

American Catholic Historical Association: 2nd Vice-President, 2008-2009.

North American Society for the Study of Religion: Member, Executive Committee, 2006-2009.

American Academy of Religion: President, 2010; Vice-President (and President-Elect), 2007-2009; Editorial Board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2008-2010, 1985-89; Founder & Co-Chair, Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation, 2007-2009; Member, Steering Committee, Critical Theory and Religious Discourses Group, 2004-2007; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, North American Religion Section, 1996-99; Member, Steering Committee, North American Religion Section, 1994-96; Reviewer for Person, Culture and Religion Group, 1996; Committee on Research and Scholarship, 1994-97.

American Society of Church History: Membership Committee, 1994-00; Nominations Committee, 1992-93; Douglass Prize Committee, 1991-93; Council Member, Class of 1991.

California American Studies Association: President, 1989-90; Vice-President, 1988-89; Program Chair, Conference on "Religion and Belief in American Culture" held at Claremont Graduate School, April 29-30, 1988.

Misc.: Senior Mentor for Junior Scholars in American Religion Program, IUPUI, 2003-2004; Editorial Board, *Religion and American Culture*, 2001-04; Final Selection Committee, Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowships, 1998-2000; Juror, Pew Program in Religion and American History, 1997; Project evaluator for studies in the area of "Mainstream Protestantism" for the Lilly Foundation, 1988-89. Manuscript referee: Church History, Journal of American History, Journal of Women's Studies in Religion, Religion and American Culture, Princeton University Press, University of California Press, Indiana University Press, University of North Carolina Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press, University of Chicago Press.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
 North American Society for the Study of Religion
 International Association for Cognitive Science and Religion
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 American Historical Association (currently lapsed)
 American Catholic Historical Association (currently lapsed)

COURSES TAUGHT (UCSB)

RS 15 Psychology and Religion (2008)
 RS 18 Comparing Religions (2015)
 RS 25 Global Catholicism Today (2011-13, 2016)
 RS 70 Topics in Religious Experience (2007, 2010)
 RS 101A New Religious Movements (Winter & Fall 2012, 2015)
 RS 101B Religious Experience (2013)
 RS 172 Evolutionary and Cognitive Science of Religion (2010)
 RS 138A Church, State, and the Construction of Orthodoxy (2006, 2008, 2010)
 RS 138B Catholic Practices and Global Cultures (2006, 2008, 2010)
 RS 138C Catholicism and Modernity (2007)
 RS 138D Catholicism and U.S. History (2007)
 RS 238 Seminar in Catholic Studies (2006-2008)
 RS 237 Seminar in the Scientific Study of Religion (2010, 2016)
 RS 200A Proseminar in the History and Theory of Religion (2007, 2009-2016)
 RS 494AT Religion, Experience, and Mind Lab (continuous 2013-2014)

COURSES TAUGHT (Claremont)

Introductory courses

History of Christianity, II (annually, 1991-2004)
 Christian Missions and Emergent Christianities (1987, 1988, 1994)
 Religion and American Culture (annually, 1983-89)
 History of American Methodism (annually, 1983-89)
 Introduction to Women's Studies and Religion (1988, 1990)

Seminars in American Religion

Concepts and Methods in American Religious History (1992, 1994, 1996, 2000)
 Approaches to the Study of Religion in the U.S. (2002, 2004)
 Women and Religion in the U.S. (1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2001)
 Protestant Revivalism and New Religious Movements (1995, 1997, 1999)
 Protestant Revivalism and American Social History (2002)
 Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in U.S. History (2002)
 Prophets and Visionaries in 19th Century America (2003)

Theory and/or Method Courses

Major Interpreters in the Study of Religion (annually, 1995-1999)
 Practicing Religion / Religious Practices: Historical and Ethnographic Methods (1999, 2001, 2003)
 Inspiration and Possession from Puritanism to Pentecostalism (1991)
 Cultural Psychology of Religion (1993)
 Religion and Psychology from Mesmer to James (1997)
 William James and Religious Experience (2002)
 Explaining Religious Experience (2004)