

SCOTT L. THUMMA
Curriculum Vita

PRESENT POSITION

Hartford Seminary Faculty, Professor of Sociology of Religion, Director of Doctor of Ministry and coordinator of Distance Education and Church Inventory programs.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., August, 1996. Division of Religion, Ethics and Society Program, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

M. DIV., May 1987. Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. Graduated magna cum laude with Masters Honors Thesis.

B.A., May 1983. Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX. Major: Psychology. Undeclared minors: Religion, Sociology, and Philosophy. Graduated cum laude.

DISSERTATION

The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: Megachurches in Modern American Society.

Committee: Nancy T. Ammerman (director), Steven M. Tipton, Frank Lechner, R. Stephen Warner, Robert Franklin

MASTERS HONORS THESIS

Straightening Identities: Evangelical Approaches to Homosexuality.

Committee: Nancy T. Ammerman (director), Steven M. Tipton (reader).

PUBLICATIONS

In Process –

Manuscript of a book about Being the Church in the 21st Century.

Revision and updating of dissertation to be self-published as an e-book through Amazon.

Forthcoming:

“Megachurches: Raised on Charisma, Sustained on Shared Leadership” with Charles C. Manz and Karen P. Manz in *Share the Lead* Stanford University Press 2014.

“Megafaith for the Megacity: The global megachurch phenomenon” with Warren Bird. In *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics*, edited by Stanley D. Brunn, Dordrecht: Springer. 2014.

Published:

Books -

The Other Eighty Percent: Turning Your Church's Spectators into Active Disciples With Warren Bird, Jossey-Bass - Leadership Network Series. 2011.

Beyond Megachurch Myths: What We Can Learn from America's Largest Churches With Dave Travis, (J-B Leadership Network Series) Jossey-Bass. 2007.

Gay Religion: Innovation and Continuity in American Religion. Co-editor Edward Gray, Alta Mira Press. 2004.

World Methodism and World Issues: A Research Report. With Earl Brewer, World Methodist Council. 1989.

Chapters -

“Creating a new heaven and a new earth: Megachurches and the reengineering of America’s spiritual soil.” With Elizabeth Leppman in *Engineering Earth: The Impacts of Megaengineering Projects.* Editor Stan Brunn Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer Publishing, December 2010.

“Negotiating a Religious Identity: The Case of the Gay Evangelical,” reprinted in *Sexuality and Religion* edited by Stephen Hunt, Ashgate, November 2010.

“The Megachurch Phenomenon: Reshaping Church and Faith for the 21st Century” *The Cambridge History of Religions in America* editor Stephen J. Stein, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

“The Order of Christ Sophia and Traditional Protestant Churches” In *Children of Jesus and Mary: A Study of The Order of Christ Sophia*, editor James Lewis Oxford University Press. November 2009.

“The Shape of Things to Come: Megachurches, Emerging Churches and Other New Religious Structures Supporting an Individualized Spiritual Identity.” Chapter in *Faith in America: Changes, Challenges, New Directions.* Editor Charles Lippy, Praeger Press 2006.

“‘Open and Affirming’ of Growth? The Challenge of Liberal LGB-supportive Congregational Growth.” Chapter in *Why Liberal Churches Are Growing.* Editors Martyn Percy and Ian Markham. Oxford: Basil Blackwell 2006.

“Goliaths in the Midst: Lutheran Megachurches,” co-authored chapter in edited volume *Contemporary American Lutheranism*, Richard Cimino (ed.) Eerdmans Press 2003

“Methods in Studying a Congregation” chapter in *Studying Congregations* Ammerman, Carroll, Dudley, & McKinney (eds.), Abingdon Press, 1998.

“The Gospel Hour: Liminality, Identity, and Religion in a Gay Bar.” published in *Contemporary American Religion: An Ethnographic Reader*, Eiesland and Becker (eds.), Alta Mira Publishers, 1997.

“Amazing Grace: Gay Gospel in a Southern City” published in *A Rainbow of Religious Studies. Vol. 7 Gay Men's Issues in Religious Studies.* Clark and Goss (eds.), Monument Press, 1996.

“Megachurches of Atlanta” article in *Religions of Atlanta: Religious Diversity in the Centennial Olympic City.* Gary Laderman (ed.), Scholars Press. 1996.

“Rising out of the Ashes: An Exploration of One Congregation's Use of Southern Symbolism” article in *Religion in the Contemporary South: Diversity, Community, and Identity*, White and White (eds.), Southern Anthropology Proceedings, No. 28 University of Georgia Press, 1995.

“Negotiating a Religious Identity: The Case of the Gay Evangelical” article in *Symbolic Interaction: An Introduction to Social Psychology*. Herman and Reynolds (eds), General Hall Publ., 1994, p.224-38.

“Negotiating a Religious Identity” *Sociological Analysis*_Vol.52: 4 Winter 1991, p.333-347.

“Seeking to Be Converted: An Examination of Recent Conversion Theories” *Pastoral Psychology* Vol.39 January, 1991, p.185-194.

Encyclopedia Articles -

“Megachurches, their practices and theology” entry for *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, editor Daniel M. Patte, Cambridge University Press, September 2010.

“Internet technologies and congregational life” entry for *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, editor Daniel M. Patte, Cambridge University Press, September 2010.

“Megachurch” entry for *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, Volume 1 Religion, Editor Samuel Hill. University of North Carolina Press. June 2010.

“Homosexuality and Evangelical Christianity” entry for *Encyclopedia of Homosexuality and Religion*, Editor Jeffrey S. Siker. Greenwood Press 2006.

“Megachurches” entry for *Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism*, Brenda Brasher, ed. Routledge Press. 2001.

Popular Writings –

"Racial Diversity Increasing In U.S. Congregations" Huffington Post March 24, 2013

Participated in Biennial Conference on Religion & American Culture, written comments published in proceedings of conference, Philip Goff organizer, Indianapolis IN, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture. 2013

"Suggestions for Resurrecting Your Church at Easter" Huffington Post April 7, 2012

Participated in "Faith 2.0 - Religion and the Internet" Conference at the Tony Blair Faith Foundation, audio published in proceedings of conference, Drew Collins, London, Center for the Study of Religion. 2011

“Death of Denominations” article in *The Progressive Christian* Nov/Dec 2008 pp.22-24.

Book Review in “Family Ministry,” on *Give me that Online Religion*, Brenda Brasher. 2002

Participated in project on Globalization, Technology and Spirituality Project, written comments

published in proceedings of conference, Steve Jacobsen, University of California, Santa Barbara, Center for the Study of Religion. 2000

Web Publications:

Searchable Database of all Mosques and Islamic Centers in United States 2013
Research report for Faith Communities Today “Virtually Religious: Technology and Internet Use in American Congregations” 2012
Research report on Faith Communities Today Megachurch 2010 Study
Research report on Faith Communities Today Nondenominational Churches Study 2010
Research report on Nondenominational Churches Religious Congregations Membership Study 2010
Research report “Not Who You Think They Are: A Profile of the People Who Attend America's Megachurches” 2009
Research report on Megachurches Today 2008
Research report on Megachurches Today 2005
Research report on Faith Communities Today Megachurch 2000 Study
Research report on Faith Communities Today Nondenominational Churches Study 2000
Sociology of Religion Encyclopedia Project
Hartford Institute Email Newsletter “News and Notes”
Research report on Church Webmaster Study
“Walking the Cyber-Labyrinth,” article on the implications of the web on religious life.
“Exploring a Mega-trend,” article on the basic characteristics of megachurches.
“Connectionalism beyond the Denomination: Local Religious Ecologies and Beyond.”
“Non-denominational Identities and the Networks that support them.”

Produced the content for hundreds of webpages on the Hartford Institute, Faith Communities Today and Insights into Religion websites.

INTERNET WEBSITES

Sites created and currently maintained:

Hartford Institute for Religion Research www.hartfordinstitute.org

Faith Communities Today www.faithcommunitiestoday.org

Religious Research Association www.RRA.hartsem.edu

Lilly Endowment Portal Site www.religioninsights.org

Robert Bellah web site www.robertbellah.com

Many additional sites designed and previously maintained over the past 15 years.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic –

“The Twenty-First Century Scholar: Employing Multiple Media to Educate the World” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Boston, MA November, 2013.

“Are Multiracial Congregations Calmer?” Adair T. Lummis with David Roozen & Scott Thumma. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Boston, MA November, 2013.

“Mapping Organizational Individualism: Nondenominational Churches in the US” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Phoenix, AZ November, 2012.

“Examining the Global Megachurch Phenomenon” with Warren Bird. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Phoenix, AZ November, 2012.

“Virtually Religious: A Continued Look at the Use of Technology and the Internet by Churches” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Milwaukee, WI October, 2011.

“Fractured Commitment? An Exploration of Involvement in Single-site and Multi-site Churches” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Milwaukee, WI October, 2011.

“Nondenominational Churches: Alive and Growing, Vivality” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Milwaukee, WI October, 2011.

“The Many Paths to Involvement: Commitment Characteristics of Megachurch Members” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Baltimore, MA October, 2010.

“Research Agendas in Congregational/Pastoral Studies” panelist at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association in Baltimore, MA October, 2010.

“Megachurch Pandemic: Is the Megachurch Model Symptomatic of Broader Religious Organizational Changes?” Organized two sessions and presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Denver, CO. October, 2009.

“The View from the Comfy Padded Pew: New Data on Megachurch Attendees” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture in Washington D.C. April 2009.

“Where 2 or 3 Thousand are Gathered: Overview of Findings of a National Field Study of Megachurch Attendees” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Louisville, KY. October, 2008.

“Growing Up and Leaving Home: Megachurches That Depart Denominations” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in October, 2007.

“The Business of Megachurches” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture in October, 2007.

“Church Writ Large: A Profile of Megachurches in the United States” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in October, 2007.

“Regularly Attending to Internet Altars” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion October 2007.

"Outreach Lessons From the Fastest Growing Megachurches" A presentation given at the National Outreach Conference in San Diego, CA, November 2006

“New Religious Movement or Christian Niche Congregation: A comparison of the Order of Christ / Sophia and ‘traditional’ Protestant Churches.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Sociology of Religion 2006

“Do Online Surveys Work? It Depends on the Audience” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in October, 2005.

“Answering the Reporter’s Call” Panelist in a workshop at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Atlanta, GA. November, 2003.

“Are We Public Educators: A Discussion with Journalists of Religion” co-organizer, convener and presenter at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Norfolk, VA. October, 2003.

“The Mega-Church Engaged.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Norfolk, VA. October, 2003.

“When Theology is the Causal Variable.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Sociology of Religion in Atlanta, GA. August, 2003.

“Religion and the Internet” Invited presentation at Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant Consultation. Louisville, KY. April, 2003

“Of Mice and Members: Using the Web to Research Religious Phenomena” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Salt Lake City UT. October, 2002.

“A Sunday Drive on the Information Superhighway: The Use of Web-based Research by Religious Groups” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Salt Lake City UT. October, 2002.

“Being a Public Educator” Organizer, convener and one of the presenters in a panel session at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Salt Lake City UT. October, 2002.

“Religion and the Internet” Paper given at Communications Forum lecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on April 18, 2002.

“The Hartford Institute for Religion Research web site – A Resource for Research and Teaching.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Columbus, Ohio. October, 2001.

“Internet Strategy: Design and Technology for a Web-User World.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Columbus, Ohio. October, 2001.

“Christianity: Present and Future.” Presentation to the Religion Newswriters Association, Boston, MA, September, 2001.

“Assessment of the Life Work of Margaret Poloma.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Atlanta, GA. April, 2001.

“Show me the data: The web as a publishing medium for denominational research findings.” Organizer, convener and one of the presenters in a panel session at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Houston, TX, October, 2000.

“Exploring a Goldmine? ‘American Church Lists’ as a Research Source.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Houston, TX. October, 2000.

“Gender, Sexualities and Religious Research” Paper presenter in a Special Plenary Session at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Houston, TX. October, 2000.

“Ethics and Research Standards of On-line Self-publishing” One of the presenters in a panel session at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Houston, TX. October, 2000.

“Non-denominational Identities and the Networks that support them.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Boston, MA. November, 1999.

“Revisiting the Cross: Routinization and Revival within the Assemblies of God.” Co-authored with Margaret Poloma, A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Boston, MASS November, 1999.

“Describing and measuring Congregational Change in Independent Christian Churches.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in Boston, MA. November, 1999.

“Surfing for Saints: Tour of Religious and research sites.” Organizer, convener and one of the presenters in a panel session at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association in

Boston, MA. November, 1999.

“Connectionalism Beyond the Denomination: Local Religious Ecologies and Beyond.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Sociology of Religion in San Francisco, CA. August, 1998.

“The Gospel Hour: Liminality, Identity, and Religion in a Gay Bar.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Nashville, TN. November, 1996.

“Amazing Grace: Gay Gospel in a Southern City” A paper co-written with Edward Gray and presented at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pa. November, 1995.

“The Megachurch: A Sacred Power in a Secular Society.” Keynote lecture given at Catholic University of America, School of Architecture Summer series. June, 1995.

“And Like a Phoenix: The Influence of `New South in a Southern Congregation” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Raleigh NC, October 1993.

“Issues in Qualitative Research: The Interface between Qualitative and Quantitative Research in Fieldwork” Organized and convened a roundtable discussion at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Raleigh, NC, October 1993.

“Switching In: Mainline Charismatic Converts in One Nondenominational Congregation” A paper presented at The Institute for the Study of American Evangelicalism consultation held at Princeton, NJ, October 1993.

“Sketching a Megatrend: The Phenomenal Proliferation of Very Large Churches in the United States” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Sociology of Religion in Miami FL, August 1993.

“Rising from the Ashes: An Exploration of One Congregation's Use of Southern Symbolism” A requested Key Symposium paper for the annual conference of the Southern Anthropological Society, Savannah, GA, March 1993.

“Beyond the Objective Observer: Problems in Qualitative Research” Organized and convened a roundtable discussion session at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Washington, D.C. November 1992.

“Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Experiences in Group Interviewing” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Washington, D.C., November 1992.

“The Spy Among Us: Problems in Researching a Congregation” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Sociology of Religion in Pittsburgh, PA, August 1992.

“Quench Not the Spirit: The Effects of Bureaucracy on Charisma” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Pittsburgh, PA, November 1991.

“A Good Shepherd?: An Analysis of the Appeal of a White Minister for African American Christians” A paper presented at the Southeast regional meeting of American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, GA, March 1991.

“Seeking to Be Converted: An Examination of Recent Conversion Theories” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 1989.

“Preserving the Reverence for Life in the Whirlwind of AIDS,” Coauthored with Mark Sciegaj. A paper presented to the Director's Staff, Georgia Division of Public Health, Department of Human Resources, Atlanta, GA, November 1987.

“Conservative Christian and Homosexual: A Feat of Religious Accommodation” A paper

presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Louisville, KY, October 1987.

“Conflicts of Autonomy: AIDS and Preventive Health Care Policies” Coauthored with Mark Sciegaj. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 1986.

“Straightening Identities: A Look at Two Evangelical Approaches to Dealing with Christian Homosexuals” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York City, NY, August 1986.

Religious, Practical, Applied –

Presentation to Rabbis in the Tisch Fellows Program of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York City April, 2014.

Presentation for the leadership team at West Hartford Congregational Church, West Hartford CT March 2014.

Presentation for the leadership retreat Round Hill Community Church, Greenwich, CT March, 2014.

Consultation with Ihsan Bagby on Leadership and Masjid Development and future research, Hartford CT October, 2013.

Presentation at leadership retreat Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford CT August, 2013.

Workshop on member Engagement Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford CT April, 2013.

Multiple presentations during action research consulting project with MA Episcopal Diocese. Spring 2013-Spring 2014.

Presentation to planning team at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Hartford CT November, 2012.

Keynote speaker at Future of the Church Summit, Group Publishing, Loveland CO October, 2012.

Presentation at large church retreat Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia PA September, 2012.

Presentation at church gathering Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago IL August, 2012.

Presentation at UCC Interim Ministers conference, Newington CT May, 2012.

Keynote talk “For where your heart is, there your treasure is also” and workshop talk “And the survey says....what promotes robust giving.” for UCC CT Stewardship conference West Hartford CT. March 2012.

Consultation with ADAMS Mosque board members, Herndon VA January, 2012.

Consultation with Synagogue 3000 leadership, Indianapolis July, 2012.

Two Session Presentations at Celebrating Call/Celebrating Challenge Conference hosted by the MA United Church of Conference May, 2011.

Presentation for the leadership at the staff retreat of a very large Synagogue B'nai Jeshurun New York City May, 2010.

Workshop presentation with Deborah Bruce at Religion Communication Congress Chicago IL April, 2010.

Presentation for a gathering of Jewish leaders exploring innovative Synagogue business models, New York City March, 2010.

Presentation and consultation at Consultation on Lifelong Learning for Clergy in the Twenty-First Century. Alban Institute Washington DC January, 2009.

Twice presented at the annual Religion NewsWriters Association gathering. 2002, 2006

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Contract action research on 14 parishes for Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts 2013-2014

Consultant researcher assisting FaithStreet website company, NYC in creating an address database of all the congregations in the United States 2013-2014.

Researcher for Faith Communities Today, guiding numerous studies of megachurches and nondenominational Protestant churches while also serving on steering committee, as webmaster, and as publicist for the Faith Communities Today CCSP project. 1998-2014

Co-Director of multimillion dollar granted Lilly Website development project with 30 organizations (2002-2014)

Research on nondenominational churches for the Religious Congregations Membership Study \$32,000 funding to do the research 2010.

National field research study of 12 megachurches with Leadership Network granted \$150,000 2008.

Consultant to Web Re-design Project and Institute Networking Project with Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Resourcing American Religion Web Site. 2002-2006.

Consultant to web re-design of Practicing our Faith web site. 2002.

Contract Research Project for Hartford Seminary Ian Markham, Interfaith programs in ATS Seminaries. 2002.

Project manager for Organizing Religious Work Project, Hartford Seminary also assisted in study of Assemblies of God pastors and Study of Vineyard Fellowship pastors. 1997-2000.

Independent Consultant, Congregational Consultants, Specializing in congregational consulting, church research, and denominational consultation. 1994 to present.

Consultant to Candler School of Theology; St. Joseph Hospital; Atlanta Interfaith Health Project, Carter Center of Emory University; The United Methodist General Council on Ministries; and Charter Brook Hospital. 1990-1997

Project Researcher for Research Project on the Faith and Practice of the Congregation, Dr. James W. Fowler and Dr. Thomas Frank, co-directors 1988-1989.

Researcher for World Methodism and World Issues project, Dr. Earl Brewer and Dr. Mance C. Jackson, co-directors.

Assistant to the Director, Center for Religious Research, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Director Nancy T. Ammerman, Data collection for study of Southern Baptists. 1984-1986.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Grant from RCMS Nondenominational data collection \$32,000 2009-2011

Grant from Louisville Institute \$13,000 2008-09

Grant from Lilly Endowment \$25,000 redesign of HIRR website 2007

Post-doctorate, Hartford Seminary, Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Hartford, CT 1997-2000

Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture, 1992-93.

Religious Research Association, Research Grant, Summer 1991.

Emory Graduate Fellowship, 1988-1992.

Dean's Award, Candler School of Theology, 1983-1986.
Member, Psi Chi, Psychology Honors Society, 1983.
Member, Theta Chi, Theology Honors Society, 1985.
Awarded Outstanding Theology Student, Southwestern Univ., 1983.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Webmaster of Robert Bellah's web site 2003 to present.
Webmaster for Religious Research Association, 1999 to present.
Religious Research Exchange Listserv manager, 2000 to present.
Director-at-large, Religious Research Association, 2010-2012
Publicity Committee chair, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2000 to 2012
Publicity Committee chair, Religious Research Association, 2000 to 2012
Research Planning Committee chair, Religious Research Association, 2000 to 2012
Program Chair, Religious Research Association Annual meeting 2008
Webmaster for American Sociological Association, religion section, 2002 to 2006
Awards Committee, Religious Research Association, 3 years, chair 1 year 1998-2000
Student Paper Committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2000
Article reviewer for Sociology of Religion, Review of Religious Research, American Sociological Review, and several other journals.
Book reviewer for several Publishers.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Co-director of Lilly Endowment Web Consultation Project.
Taught many educational outreach events webinars and workshops for Hartford Seminary.
Consulted with over 50 congregations in New England on the use and interpretation of the Parish Profile Inventory in the past 15 years. Created over 450 reports for churches using the Inventories.
Consultant, guest speaker, Sunday School presenter for many area churches.
Consultant to several law firms across the United States.
Unpaid consultant and publicist to the U.S. Religion Census 2010 data release.
Unpaid consultant to Religion Newswriters Association on their program, planning and web site.
Unpaid consultant to American Academy of Religion on their redesign of the web site & director project.
Unpaid consultant to Religion Section, American Sociological Association Web Site.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Congregational Studies course taught at the Institute of Doctor of Ministry of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea Seoul, Korea Spring 2012
"Churches, Technology and Social Media" Summer 2014
"DMIN Colleague Group II" Spring 2014
"DMIN Colleague Group III" Spring 2013
"Building Congregational Participation" Summer 2013
"Understanding Muslim Congregations" co-taught with Timur Yuskaev Fall 2011, Jan 2012
"Changing Nature of Religious Organizations" Summer 2011

“DMIN Colleague Group I Fall 2011
 “Strength at Any Size: Exploring the Qualities of Large and Small Congregations” Spring 2010
 “Global Pentecostalism” Fall 2009
 “Global religious movements” Spring 2009
 “Growing Healthy Churches” Summer 2008
 “Studying Congregations” Summer 2005, 2007, 2010
 “Religious Megatrends” Spring 2005
 “Evangelicalism” Spring 2007
 “Megachurches: What Can My Church Learn from These Giants” Summer 2006, 2009, 2012
 “Contemporary American Religion” Fall 2005, Fall 2012
 “Varieties of Gay Religious Life” Fall 2004, Fall 2006, Fall 2008
 “American Religious History” Spring 2004
 “Sociology of Religion” Fall 1999, Fall 2003, 2005, 2010, 2013
 “Dmin Colleague Group” with Nancy Ammerman Hartford Seminary, Fall 2002, Spring 2003.
 “Pentecostalism” co-teaching with Efrain Agosto Hartford Seminary, Spring, 2002.
 “Congregational Studies Institute” Hartford Seminary, Summer 1998, 2001, 2003.
 “Religion and the Web” Fall 2000.
 “The Death of Denominations” Spring 1999.
 “Understanding Congregations” assisted Nancy Ammerman, Spring 1998.
 “Social Ethics” in the health arts program of the College of St. Francis, Spring 1997, Fall 1996,
 Spring 1996.
 “The Social Dynamics of Congregational Life” in Candler School of Theology, Emory
 University, Fall 1996, Spring 1994.
 “Religion in American Society” in Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Spring
 1996.
 “Introduction to Sociology” in the undergraduate Sociology Department at Oxford College of
 Emory University, Fall 1995.
 “Performing our Theological Task” Course of Study School, Emory University, July 1995.
 “World Religions” in the undergraduate health arts program of the College of St. Francis,
 Summer 1995.
 “Religion in America” in the undergraduate health arts program of The College of St. Francis,
 Fall 1994 and Fall 1995.
 “Fundamentalism” in Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Fall 1994.
 “The Individual and Society” in the undergraduate department of Sociology, Emory University,
 Spring 1993.
 “Sociology of Religion” in Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Spring 1993.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Megachurches, Nondenominationalism, Congregational Studies, Sociology of Religion,
 Religion and Sexuality, Qualitative Research Methods, Religion and the Internet,
 Pentecostalism, Religion in America.

References furnished upon request.