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Education

Ph.D.	University of Chicago	History of Christianity	1998
M.Div.	Vanderbilt University		1993
A.B.	Harvard College	Religion	1989

Academic Honors

Camphill Elizabeth Boggs Leadership Award, 2020
Distinguished Scholar Award of the Communal Studies Association, 2019
Best Article Award of the Communal Studies Association, 2017
Frederic G. Melcher Book Award of the Unitarian Universalist Association, 2011
Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology, 2004–2005
Dissertation Fellow, Pew Program in Religion and American History, 1997-98
Junior Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, 1996-97
Century Fellow, University of Chicago Divinity School, 1993-96
Dissertation approved with Distinction, 1998
Qualifying Exams passed with Distinction, 1996
Harold S. Vanderbilt Scholar, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1990-93
Elliot F. Shepard Prize in Church History, 1993
John H. Ness Prize of the UMC Commission on Archives and History, 1993
A.B. *summa cum laude*, Harvard College, 1989
Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard College, 1988

Teaching Experience

Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Senior Lecturer in Divinity,
Harvard Divinity School, 2008-
Chair, Committee on Higher Degrees in American Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences,
Harvard University, 2019-2021
Acting Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs, Harvard Divinity School,
2015-2016
Associate Professor and Department Chair, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's
University, 1998-2008
Adjunct Lecturer, Catholic Theological Union, 1997

Books

Eco-Alquimia: Antroposofía y la Historia y Futuro del Ambientalismo, trans. Veronica Lertora, Martin Bunge, Andrea Jarmoluk, Noelia Andrada, Facundo Soro, Cecilia de Huanaco, and Rudiger Heuer (Stay True Organics, 2022).

Eco-Alchemie & Camphill und die Zukunft: Auszüge, Inhaltsübersichten und ein Vortrag, trans. Regine Bruhn, Nina Binder, and Jan Goeschel (Berlin: Karl König Institut, 2021).

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Eco-Alchemy: Anthroposophy and the History and Future of Environmentalism. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2017.

A Documentary History of Unitarian Universalism, two volumes (editor). Boston: Skinner House Books, 2017.

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Prophetic Encounters: Religion and the American Radical Tradition. Boston: Beacon Press, 2011.

The Catholic Worker after Dorothy: Practicing the Works of Mercy in a New Generation. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2008.

Touching the World: Christian Communities Transforming Society. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2007.

Identifying the Image of God: Radical Christians and Nonviolent Power in the Antebellum United States. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

White Papers and Administrative Research Reports

“Panel on Theological Education Survey on Seminary Education 2015-2016.” Results of a comprehensive survey of Unitarian Universalist ministers and seminarians, conducted on behalf of the Unitarian Universalist Panel on Theological Education and prepared in consultation with Don Southworth, David Pettee, and David Roozen.

“Controversial Conversations at a Faith Based Liberal Arts College.” A Teagle Foundation White Paper. Written with the assistance of a collaborative team of faculty, staff, and students. Available at http://www.teaglefoundation.org/learning/pdf/csbsju_whitepaper.pdf.

Articles in Refereed Journals

“Claiming the Term ‘Liberal’ in Academic Religious Discourse,” with Sofia Betancourt, Tisa Wenger, and Sheri Prud’homme, *Religions* 11/6, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel11060311>

“Hearing the Baltimore Sermon in 1819 and Today,” *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 43 (2019-2020): 104-26.

“Salad, Lard, and Everything Between: Food and Freedom in the Anthroposophical Movement,” *Nova Religio* 23/1 (2019): 14-37.

“Camphill at Seventy-Five: Developmental Communalism in Process.” *Communal Societies* 36 (2016): 25-49.

“Universalism for the Damned: Introducing the Theology of George Lippard,” *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 38 (2014-2015): 56-77.

“Unitarianism, Universalism, and Unitarian Universalism,” *Religion Compass* 7/1 (January 2013): 15-24.

“The Implicit Religion of Radicalism: Socialist Party Theology, 1900-1934.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 78/3 (October 2010).

“Unless a Seed Falls: Cultivating Liberal Institutions.” *Harvard Theological Review* 10/3 (July 2010): 291-308.

“Making Sense of Failure: From Death to Resurrection in Nineteenth-Century American Communitarianism,” *Utopian Studies* 18/2 (September 2007).

“The Family, the Gospel, and the Catholic Worker,” *Journal of Religion* 87/2 (April 2007): 153-82.

“Inventing the Catholic Worker Family,” *Church History* 76/1 (March 2007): 84-113.

“Honoring the Journey: The Wayward Paths of Conversion in the Catholic Worker and Camphill Movements,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 74/4 (December 2006): 926-53.

“Self-Unfolding as Communitarian Vision: Brook Farm’s Challenge for Contemporary Communities,” *Communal Societies* 26/2 (2006): 1-17.

“Service and Social Change: Catholic Worker Perspectives on Bridging the Gap,” *Journal of Analytic Teaching*, spring 2004.

“Intentional Individuals: Growing Up in Radical Christian Communities,” *Communal Societies* 23 (2003): 129-44.

“Tares in the Wheat: Puritan Violence and Puritan Families in the Nineteenth-Century Liberal Imagination,” *Religion and American Culture* 8 (Summer 1998): 205-36.

“A Theological Analysis of Codependency Theories,” *Journal of Pastoral Care* 51 (Fall 1997): 303-14 (with Amy R. Carr).

Book Chapters

“1941-1959: The Quest for Unity,” in *The Through Line: 200 Years of Berry Street Essays*, ed. Kate R. Walker. Boston: Skinner House Books, 2021.

“Humanism and Environmentalism,” *The Oxford Handbook of Humanism*, ed. Anthony B. Pinn. Oxford University Press, forthcoming (currently available at *Oxford Handbooks Online*).

“Building Bridges: Sustainability Education from the University to the Farm and Community,” *Prioritizing Sustainability Education: A Comprehensive Approach*, ed. Joan Armon, Stephen Scoffham, and Chara Armon. Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2019.

“A Puritan Radical: Wendell Phillips’s New England Religion,” in *Wendell Phillips, Social Justice, and the Power of the Past*, ed. A. J. Aiséirithe and Donald Yacovone. Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2016.

“Citizenship and Community: The Challenge of Camphill,” in *Community Care, Inclusion, and Intellectual Disability*, ed. Robin Jackson. Edinburgh, Scotland: Floris Books, 2016.

“New Religions and New Politics in Nineteenth-Century America,” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Politics in the U.S.*, ed. Barbara A. McGraw. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.

“George Lippard, Ignatius Donnelly, and the Popular Theology of American Labor,” in *Between the Pew and the Picket Line: Christianity and the Working Class in Industrial America*, ed. Christopher D. Cantwell, Heath W. Carter, and Janine Giordano Drake. Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press, 2016.

- “Introduction.” In Rosalie Riegler, *Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community*. Nashville, Tenn.: Vanderbilt University Press, 2013.
- “Preface.” In Paul Razor, *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: Liberal Religion in the Public Square*. Boston: Skinner Books, 2013.
- “Introduction.” In *American Philosophy and Rudolf Steiner*, ed. Robert McDermott. New York: Steiner Books, 2012.
- “Faith in the Phalanx: Esotericism, Socialism, and the American Fourierist Movement.” In *Esotericism, Religion, and Politics*, ed. Arthur Versluis, Lee Irwin, and Melinda Phillips. Minneapolis: North American Academic Press, 2012.
- “Our Roots.” In *Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide*. Fifth ed. Ed. Peter Morales. Boston: Skinner Books, 2012.
- “Beyond Church and Sect: Christian Movements for Social Reform.” In *American Christianities*, ed. Catherine A. Brekus and W. Clark Gilpin. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011.
- “On Middle Ground: Camphill Practices that Touch the World.” In *Discovering Camphill: New Perspectives, Research, and Developments*, ed. Robin Jackson. Edinburgh, Scotland: Floris Books, 2011.
- “The Sacred Fire of Social Justice.” In *A People So Bold: Theology and Ministry for Unitarian Universalists*, ed. John Gibb Millspaugh. Boston: Skinner Books, 2009.
- “Is God Violent? Theological Options in the Antislavery Movement.” In *Must Christianity Be Violent? Reflections on History, Practice, and Theology*, ed. Kenneth R. Chase and Alan Jacobs. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Brazos Press, 2003.

Articles Written for General Audiences

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- “Unitarian Universalism, *World Religion and Spirituality Project*, January 2019.
- “Anthroposophy,” *World Religion and Spirituality Project*, May 2018.
- “Anthroposophy and Environmentalism: Four Gifts,” *Biodynamics*, Fall/Winter 2016.
- “The Spiritual Heritage of the Occupy Movement,” *Unitarian Universalist World* (online), November 14, 2011.
- “The Prophets Among Us,” *Huffington Post* (online), November 8, 2011.
- “The Dialogue of Socialism.” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 38/3-4 (Summer/Autumn 2010): 44-56.
- “The Religious Left: An Old Tradition for a New Day,” *UU World*, Winter 2009.
- “A Most Particular Vocation,” *America* 193/16 (November 21, 2005).
- “‘Doing the Work’: Can a Community Be Spiritually Diverse and Still Maintain Its Identity?” *Communities: Journal of Cooperative Living* #124 (Fall 2004): 50-54.

“Life as a Building: Camphill Association of North America Meets Camphill Minnesota’s New Village Center,” *Camphill Correspondence* (January/February 2003): 18–19.

“Called to the Everyday,” *Sojourners* 28 (July-August 1999): 38-40 (with Amy R. Carr).

Reviews

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Review of *Renewal: Liberal Protestants and the American City after World War II*, by Mark Wild, in *American Religion* 4/1 (Fall 2022): 137-39.

Review of *A Wider Horizon: The Primavera Journals of Ray Sabin*, ed. Edward Sabin and Amy Woods Butler (Story Scribe, 2021) in *Journal of Unitarian Universalist Studies*, spring 2022.

Review of *American Community: Radical Experiments in Intentional Living*, by Mark S. Ferrara. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 43 (2019-2020): 216-219.

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Review of *Jane Lead and her Transnational Legacy*, edited by Ariel Hessayon. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 41 (2017-2018): 175-78.

Review of *Paradise Now: The Story of American Utopianism*, by Chris Jennings. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 40 (2016-2017): 153-56.

Review of *The Religion of Democracy: Seven Liberals and the American Moral Tradition*, by Amy Kittelstrom. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 39 (2015-2016): 135-38.

Review of *After Cloven Tongues of Fire: Protestant Liberalism in Modern American History*, by David A. Hollinger. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History*, 39 (2015-2016): 125-28.

Review of *American Gandhi: A. J. Muste and the History of Radicalism in the Twentieth Century*, by Leilah Danielson. *The Journal of Religion* 95/4 (October 2015): 547-49.

Review of *Civil Disobedience: An American Tradition*, by Lewis Perry. *Church History* 83 (December 2014): 1087-89.

Review of *Truth’s Ragged Edge: The Rise of the American Novel*, by Philip Gura, and *Preaching and the Rise of the American Novel*, by Dawn Coleman. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 37 (2013-14): 176-81.

Review of *America's First Black Socialist: The Radical Life of Peter H. Clark*, by Nikki M. Taylor. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 37 (2013-14): 195-98.

Review of *The Rise of Liberal Religion: Book Culture and American Spirituality in the Twentieth Century*, by Matthew Hedstrom. *Journal of Religion* 94 (Jan 2014): 119-21.

Review of *The Life and Death of the Radical Historical Jesus*, by David Burns. *American Historical Review* 118 (October 2013): 1188-89.

Review of *Quaker Brotherhood: Interracial Activism and the American Friends Service Committee, 1917-1950*, by Allan W. Austin. *Church History* 82 (Dec 2013): 1005-7.

Review of *Dear Friend: Letters and Essays of Elias Hicks*, ed. by Paul Buckley. *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 137 (July 2013).

Review of *St. Mark's and the Social Gospel: Methodist Women and Civil Rights in New Orleans, 1895-1965*, by Ellen Blue. *Church History* 82 (March 2013): 240-42.

Review of *American Religious Liberalism*, ed. by Leigh E. Schmidt and Sally M. Promey. *The Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 36 (2012-2013): 133-37.

Review of *Rescue & Flight: American Relief Workers Who Defied the Nazis*, by Susan Elisabeth Subak. *The Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 36 (2012-2013): 138-41.

Review of *Fruitlands: The Alcott Family and their Search for Utopia*, by Richard Francis. *Novo Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 16 (November 2012): 120-22.

Review of *Heaven's Bride: The Unprintable Life of Ida C. Craddock, American Mystic, Scholar, Sexologist, Martyr and Madwoman*, by Leigh Eric Schmidt. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 35 (2011-2012): 209-11.

Review of *Stephen Fritchman: The American Unitarians and Communism*, by Charles W. Eddis. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 35 (2011-2012): 177-80.

Review of *All Is Grace: A Biography of Dorothy Day*, by Jim Forest. *Catholic Library World* 82/2 (December 2011): 134.

Review of *All the Way to Heaven: The Selected Letters of Dorothy Day*, ed. Robert Ellsberg. *Catholic Library World* 82/2 (December 2011): 134-35.

Review of *A Portrait of Camphill: From Founding Seed to Worldwide Movement*, ed. Jan Bang. *Communal Societies* 31/2 (2011): 85-86.

Review of *Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence*, by Jon Pahl. *Journal of Religion* 91/2 (April 2011): 289-91.

Review of *The Church & the Land: The National Catholic Rural Life Conference and American Society, 1923-2007*, by David S. Bovée. *Church History* 80/1 (March 2011): 220-22.

Review of *Religion and War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement*, by Sharon Nepstad. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 79/2 (January 2011): 544-47.

Review of *Kingdom to Commune: Protestant Pacifist Culture between World War I and the Vietnam Era*, by Patricia Appelbaum. *Church History* 78/4 (December 2009): 932-35.

- Review of *Acts of Conscience: Christian Nonviolence and Modern American Democracy*, by Joseph Kip Kosek. *Communal Societies* 29/2 (2009): 127-30.
- Review of *America, Amerikkka: Elect Nation and Imperial Violence*, by Rosemary Radford Ruether, *Journal of Religion* 89/1 (January 2009): 97-99.
- Review of *The Duty of Delight: The Diaries of Dorothy Day*, ed. by Robert Ellsberg, *Catholic Library World*.
- Review of *Breaking Bread: The Catholic Worker and the Origin of Catholic Radicalism in America*, 2d ed., by Mel Piehl, *Church History* 76/4 (December 2007): 867-69.
- Review of *The Future of Peace and Justice in the Global Village: the Role of the World's Religions in the Twenty-First Century*, by Thomas R. McFaul, *Catholic Library World* 78/2 (December 2007): 135.
- Review of *Danger on the Doorstep: Anti-Catholicism and American Print Culture in the Progressive Era*, by Justin Nordstrom, *Catholic Library World* 78/2 (Dec 2007): 154.
- Review of *Sister Societies: Women's Antislavery Organizations in Antebellum America*, by Beth A. Salerno, *Church History* 76/2 (June 2007): 443-44.
- Review of *Seeds of the Kingdom: Utopian Communities in the Americas*, by Anna L. Peterson, *Journal of Religion* 87/1 (April 2007): 295-97.
- Review of *The Catholic Worker Movement: Intellectual and Spiritual Origins*, by Mark and Louise Zwick, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 162.
- Review of *Christianity in the United States: A Historical Survey and Interpretation*, by David W. Wills, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 164.
- Review of *George G. Higgins and the Quest for Worker Justice: The Evolution of Catholic Social Thought in America*, by John J. O'Brien, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 175.
- Review of *A Harsh and Dreadful Love: Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement*, by William D. Miller, 2d ed., *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 174-75.
- Review of *The Gospel of Faith and Justice*, by Antonio González, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 140.
- Review of *Primary Source Readings in Catholic Church History*, ed. by Robert Feduccia, Jr., with Nick Wagner, *Catholic Library World* 77/2 (December 2006): 163.
- Review of *Living the Catholic Social Tradition: Cases and Commentary*, edited by Kathleen Maas Weigert and Alexia K. Kelley, *Catholic Library World*.
- Review of *Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them*, by Robert A. Orsi, *Catholic Library World* 76/2 (December 2005): 144.
- Review of *In the Trenches with Jesus and Marx: Harry F. Ward and the Struggle for Social Justice*, by David Nelson Duke, *Communal Societies*.
- Review of *A Priceless View: My Spiritual Homecoming*, by Deirdre Cornell, *Communal Societies* 25 (2005): 202-205.

Review of *Catholics in America: A History*, by Patrick W. Carey, *Catholic Library World* 75/4 (June 2005): 310-11.

Review of *American & Catholic: A Popular History of Catholicism in the United States*, by Clyde F. Crews, revised edition, *Catholic Library World* 75/4 (June 2005): 311.

Review of *Works of Mercy*, by Fritz Eichenberg, *Catholic Library World* 75 (March 2005): 227.

Review of *Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land: A History of Church and State in America*, by Edwin S. Gaustad, *Catholic Library World* 74 (December 2003): 146.

Review of *Political Visions & Illusions: A Survey & Christian Critique of Contemporary Ideologies*, by David T. Koyzis, *Catholic Library World* 74 (December 2003): 153.

Review of *Justice & Peace: A Christian Primer*, by J. Milburn Thompson, *Catholic Library World* 74 (December 2003): 140.

Review of “*Fire from the Midst of You*”: *A Religious Life of John Brown*, by Louis A. DeCaro, Jr., *Christian Century* (May 31, 2003): 29–31.

Review of *Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement: Centenary Essays*, edited by William Thorn, Phillip Runkel, and Susan Mountin, *Church History* 72 (March 2003): 226–27.

Review of *Down, Up, and Over: Slave Religion and Black Theology*, by Dwight N. Hopkins, *Church History* 71 (September 2002): 676.

Review of *While God is Marching On: The Religious World of Civil War Soldiers*, by Steven E. Woodworth, *Journal of Religion* (July 2002).

Review of *Peace is the Way: Writings on Nonviolence from the Fellowship of Reconciliation*, edited by Walter Wink, *Sojourners* 30 (January-February 2001).

Review of *Nonviolence for the Third Millennium*, edited by Simon Harak, S.J., *Sojourners* 29 (November-December 2000).

Review of *Religion and the American Civil War*, edited by Randall M. Miller, Harry S. Stout, and Charles Reagan Wilson, *Journal of Religion* 80 (April 2000): 331-32.

Review of *Taking Heaven By Storm: Methodism and the Rise of Popular Christianity in America*, by John H. Wigger, *Journal of Religion* 79 (July 1999): 477-78.

Review of *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*, edited by Dorothy C. Bass, *Sojourners* 27 (November-December 1998): 53-56.

Review of *Blood Rites: Origins and History of the Passions of War*, by Barbara Ehrenreich, *Sojourners* 27 (March-April 1998): 54-56.

Presentations

“Moral Injury, Backsliding, Reparations, and Inclusion: What’s Love Got to Do with It?” Universalist Convocation, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2023.

“History of Fells Forest Festivals,” Winchester Historical Society, April 2023.

“Harvard Divinity School and Slavery: Family Stories,” Unitarian Universalist Studies Network, March 2023.

“Harvard Divinity School and Slavery: Family Stories,” Religion and the Legacies of Slavery Series, Religion and Public Life Program, February 2023.

“Many Paths to the Future: A Community Response Panel,” Camphill Research Symposium, Camphill Soltane, Pennsylvania, November 2022.

“The Short-Term Coworker Experience: Conclusions and Community Response,” Camphill Research Symposium, Camphill Soltane, Pennsylvania, November 2022.

“Anthroposophy and the World: An Invitation to Deeper Partnership,” Anthroposophical Society of America Annual Conference, Washington, DC, October 2022.

Panelist, “The Work and Art of Living Together,” Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, Pennsylvania, October 2022.

“Transformed by Community: A Survey of Short-Term Camphill Coworkers,” Communal Studies Association, Canterbury Shaker Village, New Hampshire, October 2022.

“The COVID Crisis and Community Health,” Creative Health Summit (online), July 2022.

“Why a Non-Disabling Society Requires Multiple Models of Intentional Community,” International Communal Studies Association, Audonicon, Denmark, July 2022.

“Camphill and COVID,” International Communal Studies Association, Audonicon, Denmark, July 2022.

Reflections on Freedom of Conscience, Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, Portland, Oregon, June 2022.

“Lay Leaders at UU Wellesley Hills: Local Roots of Religious Change,” Wellesley, Massachusetts, November 2021.

“The Morgan Family, Camphill, and the Symbiosis of College and Community,” Communal Studies Association, October 2021.

Workshops on COVID and on Short-Term Coworkers, Camphill Research Symposium, Online, November 2021.

Workshop series on Unitarian Universalism and Racial Justice, First Church Boston, 2020-2021 (four sessions).

Panelist, Open Div Summit, online, February 2021.

Panelist, “Animals, Religion, and Public Health: An Interfaith Webinar,” online, January 2021.

Respondent, “New England, Thanksgiving, and the American Context,” American Academy of Religion, online, November 2020.

Forum on *Camphill and the Future*, Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford, online, November 2020.

Workshop on *Camphill and the Future*, Camphill Research Symposium, online, October 2020.

Forum on *Camphill and the Future*, Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association, online, October 2020.

“Biodynamics and its Partners: Building Bridges in Troubled Times,” plenary address for Agriculture Conference at the Goetheanum, February 2020.

“The Challenge of Intentional Communities from Ralph Waldo Emerson to Today,” Free University of Amsterdam, February 2020.

Book Event on *Eco-Alchemy*, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, November 2019.

Hearing the Baltimore Sermon in 1819 and Today,” Unitarian Universalist History Convocation, Baltimore, Maryland, October 2019.

“Eco-Alchemy,” keynote for “Agriculture as the Heart of Environmentalism: Belonging to the Earth, the Soil, Each Other,” Hawthorne Valley Association, Harlemlville, New York, February 2019.

“Eco-Alchemy: Transformative Environmentalism with Anthroposophy,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 2018.

“The Soil of Social Therapy,” keynote for the Anthroposophic Council for Inclusive Social Development, Dornach, Switzerland, October 2018.

“A Theology of Acting and Being Held,” Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, Kansas City, Missouri, June 2018.

“Camphill in Context,” keynote for Whitsun Festival of the Camphill Movement, Lautenbach, Germany, May 2018.

“James Luther Adams in Unitarian Universalist History,” James Luther Adams Forum, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 2017.

“Millennial Camphillers: The Challenge of New Leadership at Newton Dee and Heartbeet,” Communal Studies Association, Zoar, Ohio, October 2017.

Annual Speaker on Communal Studies, The Lavra, San Luis Obispo, California, May 2017.

“Universalist Survival: What’s Love Got to Do with It?” Unitarian Universalist History Convocation, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2016.

“A Communal Noah’s Ark: Camphill Visions of the Future from Founding to Fourth Generation,” Communal Studies Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2016.

“Earth: Food and Agriculture,” Religion, Ecology, and Our Planetary Future, Center for the Study of World Religions, October 2016.

“Alchemical Ecology: Rudolf Steiner and the Environmental Movement,” Mahindra Humanities Center, September 2016.

Panelist, Harvard Global Institute Environment Initiative Faculty Workshop, September 2016.

“Peace Between the Generations: The Second and Third Generational Transitions in the Camphill Movement,” International Communal Studies Association, Tamera Ecovillage, Portugal, July 2016.

Respondent, Stendahl Symposium, Harvard Divinity School, April 2016.

“Biodynamic Agriculture and the Esoteric Network: An Ecological Approach,” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2015.

Panelist, “Liberal Theological Perspectives on Climate Change,” American Academy of Religion, Atlanta Georgia, November 2015.

Panelist, forum on *Laudato Si*, Harvard Divinity School, October 2015.

“Three Generations of Unitarian Universalist Scholarship,” keynote address, Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association, September 2015.

“Spirituality, Science, and the Environment,” presentation to the Harvard University Center for the Environment Doctoral Fellows, January 2015.

“Ecological Alchemy: Rudolf Steiner’s Spiritual Science and the Environmental Movement,” Center for the Study of World Religions, November 2014.

Panelist, New Religions Group, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, November 2014.

“Ecology, Anthroposophy, and Unitarian Universalism: Opening a Dialogue,” Unitarian Universalist Collegium, November 2014.

“Camphill at Seventy-Five: Developmental Communalism in Process,” Communal Studies Association, Amana, Iowa, October 2014.

“Ecology, Anthroposophy, and Unitarian Universalism: Opening a Dialogue,” Mass Bay District of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers’ Association, 2014.

“Astrology, Ecology, and Rudolf Steiner’s Biodynamic Agriculture,” Association for the Study of Esotericism, Hamilton, New York, June 2014.

“Magic and Ecology,” keynote address for Seminary for a Day, First Unitarian Church of Portland, January 2014.

“Universalism for the Damned: Introducing the Theology of George Lippard,” Unitarian Universalist History Convocation, Washington, DC, October 2013.

“Magical Traditions and the Common Good,” Globalization for the Common Good, Paris, France, August 2013.

“Ethics and Magic: Two Liberal Modes of Social Change,” International Association for Religious Freedom, Horsham, England, August 2013.

Workshop Leader, “Religion and the American Radical Tradition,” UU CENTER Institute, January 2013.

“Prophetic Encounters: Religion and the American Radical Tradition,” Goethe University Frankfurt, October 2012.

“Religion and the American Left: A Tradition of Transformative Encounter,” University of Gottingen, October 2012.

“The Accidents of Unitarian History: From Puritans to Educated Activists,” University of Gottingen, October 2012.

Panelist, "Be Bold: Unitarian Universalist Theologies and Practices of Justice," Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, June 2012.

Panelist, "Sustainability & Religion: New Directions in Research and Practice," Harvard Divinity School, April 2012.

"The Spiritual Heritage of the Occupy Movement," Left Forum, March 2012.

"Howard Thurman: A Mentor of the New Left," American Academy of Religion, November 2011.

"George Lippard and Ignatius Donnelly: Two Novelists of Esoteric Socialism," American Academy of Religion, November 2011.

Prophetic Encounters Book Launch, Jack Mendelsohn Forum, Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, November 2011.

"A New Unitarian Universalist Primary Source Collection: Brainstorming Session," Collegium, November 2011.

"George Lippard and the Literature of Esoteric Socialism," American Studies Association, October 2011.

Keynote Presentation, "Before Clarence Skinner: Rediscovering Early Universalist Radicals," New York State Convention of Universalists and Pennsylvania Universalist Convention, October 2011.

Organizer and Panelist, Michael Servetus 500th Birthday Celebration, Harvard Divinity School, September 2011.

Principal Presenter, "Peacemaking as Heritage, Peacemaking as Transformation," Heritage Week, Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center, August 2011.

"A Puritan Radical: Wendell Phillips's New England Religion," Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium: Wendell Phillips and His Legacy, June 2011.

Workshop Leader, "Community Churches and Consolidation," Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, June 2011.

Respondent to Gary Dorrien, "The Spirit and Necessity of Liberal Theology," Unitarian Universalist General Assembly, June 2011.

Keynoter, "Being Human in the Twenty-First Century," Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, April 2011.

Panelist, "Religions and Violence: Global Perspectives," Center for the Study of World Religions, February 2011.

Respondent, "Religion and the Reforming Spirit in America," American Society of Church History, January 2011.

Panelist, "Authors Meet Critics: Christian Nonviolence in the Twentieth Century," American Society of Church History, January 2011.

"Margaret Fuller and 1848: Forging a United Radical Tradition," Margaret Fuller Bicentennial Conversations Series, Arlington Street Church, Boston, November 2010.

“Teaching Unitarian Universalist History to Seminarians: An Interactive Workshop,” Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Convocation, October 2010.

“The Three Faces of Charles H. Vail,” Collegium/Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Convocation, October 2010.

“Unitarian Universalists, Religion, and the Left,” three-day workshop for the Southwest Unitarian Universalist Conference, January 2010.

“Socialist Party Theology,” Collegium, November 2009.

“Unless a Seed Falls: Cultivating Liberal Institutions,” Inaugural Lecture for Ralph Waldo Emerson Unitarian Universalist Association Chair, Harvard Divinity School, May 2009.

“Unitarian and Universalist History in the United States: A Syllabus Presentation,” Theological Education for Life Abundant Conference, Vanderbilt Divinity School, February 2009.

“The Sacred Fire of Social Justice,” Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Convocation, January 2009.

“Sacred Struggle: The Living Legacy of Unitarian and Universalist Social Justice,” Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, November 2008.

Panelist and Organizer, “Religious Liberalism, Politics, and Empire: Resistance and Complicity,” Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion, American Academy of Religion, November 2008.

“Unitarians, Universalists, and the Social Gospel,” Collegium, October 2008.

“Transforming Christianity: Ecumenism and Supersessionism in the Fourierist Movement,” Communal Studies Association, October 2008.

Panelist, “Panel on Catholic Worker History,” Catholic Worker National Gathering, July 2008.

“Esoteric Christian Impulses in Community Building,” Steiner Books Spiritual Research Seminar,” March 2008.

“Faith in the Phalanx: Esotericism, Socialism, and the American Fourierist Movement,” American Academy of Religion, November 2007.

“Prophetic Religion in America: Tracing the Liberal Contribution,” Collegium, November 2007.

“Should Religious Liberals Talk About God?” Saint Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, April 2007.

“Controversial Conversations: Should Men Try to Win the Debate?” with Matthew Byrne, American Men’s Studies Association, April 2007.

“Talking About Sex at a Catholic College,” with Patricia Cespedes-Schueller, Lewis and Clark Gender Studies Symposium, March 2007.

“Roman Catholics and Unitarian Universalists: Looking for Common Ground,” Willmar Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, January 2007.

“Controversial Conversations on a Catholic Campus: A Report on Research,” with Kari-Shane Davis, American Academy of Religion, November 2006.

“What’s Controversial on Your Campus,” Roundtable Discussion with Dani Delwiche, Rachel Enge, Madeline Neenan, and Jenny Miller, National Association of Women in Catholic Higher Education, June 2006.

Panelist, “Lessons Learned from the U.S./Iraq Conflicts, 1989 to the Present,” American Academy of Religion, November 2005.

“Can There Be a Radical Liberalism? Nineteenth-Century Resources for Contemporary Theological Liberalism,” American Academy of Religion, November 2005.

“Roman Catholics and Unitarian Universalists: Looking for Common Ground,” Saint Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, October 2005.

“Festivals of the Year and Liturgical Civil Disobedience: Contrasting Celebrations at Camphill and the Catholic Worker,” Communal Studies Association, September 2005.

“Inventing the Catholic Worker Family,” Upper Midwest Regional American Academy of Religion, April 2005.

“A Primer on Protestantism,” Immaculate Conception Church, Rice, Minnesota, January 2005.

“Being Spiritual But Not Religious in Community: A Camphill Case Study,” American Academy of Religion, November 2004.

“Journeys Along the Communal Network,” Communal Studies Association, October 2004.

“Self-Unfolding as Communitarian Vision: Brook Farm’s Challenge for Contemporary Communities,” International Communal Studies Association, June 2004.

“Household Spirituality,” Saint Paul Benedictine Center Series on “Spirituality in a Marketplace Culture,” March 2004.

Master of Ceremonies, “Interfaith Sacred Texts and Communities Series: Jews—Dialogues—Beliefs,” sponsored by Understanding the Need for Interfaith/Intercultural Togetherness and Education, Saint Cloud, Minnesota, February-March 2004.

Panelist, “The Evangelical Awakening,” Twin Cities Public Television, November 2003.

“Theology and Practice of Nonviolence: Nurture, Identification, and Dialogue,” Ministry Roundtable, Saint John’s School of Theology Lifelong Learning Program, June 2003.

“Service and Social Change: Catholic Worker Perspectives on Bridging the Gap,” Viterbo College Ethics Across the Disciplines Conference, April 2003.

“Christian Nonviolence,” panel on “The Ethics of War in the Christian and Muslim Traditions,” College of Saint Benedict, April 2003.

Panelist in “Enhancing Diversity,” Learning Enhancement Service Teaching Seminar Series, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University, April 2003.

Master of Ceremonies, “Interfaith Sacred Texts and Communities Series: Muslims—Dialogues—Beliefs,” sponsored by Understanding the Need for Interfaith/Intercultural Togetherness and Education, Saint Cloud, Minnesota, March-April 2003.

“Unitarian and Universalist Peacemakers: Past and Future,” Saint Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, March 2003.

Panelist in Peace Studies Forum on the War in Iraq, College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University, March 2003.

“Spirituality of Peacemaking: Nurture, Identification, Dialogue,” Presentation Sisters Peace Studies Series, Fargo, North Dakota, January 2003.

“Can a Community be Christian if Not All of Its Members Are?” Viterbo College Ethics Across the Disciplines Conference, April 2002.

“Bridges or Fences: At the Boundaries of Radical Christian Communities,” Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 2002.

“A Whirlwind Tour of Christian Community Movements,” Community of Saint Martin, February 2002.

“Spiritual Disciplines in American Culture,” Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 2001.

“Intentional Individuals: Children in Radical Christian Communities,” American Academy of Religion, November 2000.

“Families and the Resurrection of Radical Christian Communities,” Communal Studies Association, September 2000.

“The Life Cycle of Intentional Communities,” Reimagining Community Retreat, September 2000.

“Unless a Seed Falls: The Fruits of Short-Lived Christian Communities,” Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 2000.

“Is God Violent? A Dilemma for the Nineteenth-Century Antislavery Movement,” Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton College, conference on “Christianity and Violence: Beyond Complicity,” March 2000.

“The Birth of Language and the Language of Birth: Frederick Douglass’s Struggle Against Violence,” American Academy of Religion, November 1999.

“Christ’s Second Coming to American Culture: The Invention of Liberal Christology in Popular Novels,” Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion, April 1999.

“Related to the Enemy: Enemy Images in Fugitive Slave Narratives,” American Academy of Religion, November 1997.

“Tares in the Wheat: Violent Puritans in the Nineteenth-Century Liberal Imagination,” American Society of Church History, April 1997.

“‘A Sleeping Volcano’: Violent Retribution in Antebellum Fiction,” Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery, March 1995.

Memberships

American Academy of Religion, American Society of Church History, Communal Studies Association, International Communal Studies Association, Unitarian Universalist

Studies Network, International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture,
Massachusetts Historical Society, Camphill Research Council

Co-Chair, Liberal Theologies Group, American Academy of Religion, 2009-2015

Secretary, Unitarian Universalist Studies Network (formerly UU History and Heritage
Society *and* UU Collegium), 2021-

Secretary, Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society, 2015-2021

Board Member, Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society, 2009-2021

Editorial Board, *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History*

Member, Unitarian Universalist Panel on Theological Education, 2010-

Board Chair, International Communal Studies Association, 2016-

Board Member, International Communal Studies Association, 2013-

President, Collegium, 2010-2012

Vice President, Collegium, 2008-2010

Program Chair, Collegium, 2007-2008

President, Upper Midwest Region of the American Academy of Religion, 2005-2007