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POSITIONS

- 2015 — present Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies
(and History, by courtesy)
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2013 — 2015 Preceptor, Literature Humanities in the Core Curriculum
Columbia University

EDUCATION

- 2008 — 2015 Ph.D., Religion, *Columbia University*, May 2015

Dissertation: *Making the American Secular: An Ethnographic Study of Organized Nonbelievers and Secular Activists in the United States*
- 2010 — 2011 M.Phil., Religion, *Columbia University*
- 2008 — 2010 M.A., Religion, *Columbia University*
- 2006 — 2008 M.A., Cultural Anthropology, *University of California, Irvine*
- 2000 — 2005 B.A., summa cum laude, Comp. Literature, *University of Minnesota*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Blankholm, Joseph. *The Secular Paradox: On the Religiosity of the Not Religious*. Forthcoming. New York: New York University Press, 2022.
- . “Feeling Out Alternatives Within Secularity.” Forthcoming in *Religion* (2022).
- . “Remembering Marx’s Secularism.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 88:1 (March 2020): 35–57.
- . “Self-Critique and Moral Ground: Saba Mahmood’s Contribution to Remaking Secularism and the Study of Religion.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 87:4 (December 2019): 941–954.
- . “Secularism and Secular People.” *Public Culture* 30:2 (May 2018): 245–268.

- . “The Limits of Religious Indifference.” In *Religious Indifference: New Perspectives From Studies on Secularization and Nonreligion*, edited by Johannes Quack and Cora Schuh. (New York: Springer, 2017), 239-258.
- . “Secularism, Humanism, and Secular Humanism: Terms and Institutions.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Secularism*, edited by Phil Zuckerman and John Shook (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017), 689-705.
- . “The Social Context of Organized Nonbelief: County-Level Predictors of Nonbeliever Organizations in the United States.” Co-authored with Alfredo García, Princeton University. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 55:1 (March 2016): 70-90.
- . “The Political Advantages of a Polysemous Secular.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 53:4 (December 2014): 775-790.
- . “No Part of the World: How Jehovah's Witnesses Perform the Boundaries of Their Community.” *ARC* 37 (January 1, 2009): 197-211.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Blankholm, Joseph. Review of *The Scientific Spirit of American Humanism*, Stephen P. Weldon (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020). Forthcoming in *Isis*.
- . Co-authored with Merrill Silverstein, Syracuse University. Review of *Religious Parenting: Transmitting Faith and Values in Contemporary America*, Christian Smith, Bridget Ritz, and Michael Rotolo (Princeton University Press, 2019). Forthcoming in *Social Forces*.
- . Review of *Jewish Materialism: The Intellectual Revolution of the 1870s*, Eliyahu Stern (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018). *Reading Religion*. <http://readingreligion.org/books/jewish-materialism>.
- . 3,000-word review essay focused on *Village Atheists: How America's Unbelievers Made Their Way in a Godly Nation*, Leigh Eric Schmidt (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 2016). *Public Books*. <https://www.publicbooks.org/atheists-in-the-pantheon/>.
- . Review of *Inventing American Religion: Polls, Surveys, and the Tenuous Quest for a Nation's Faith*, Robert Wuthnow (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015) in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85:1 (March 2017): 280-282.
- . Review of *Secularization Without End: Beckett, Mann, Coetzee*, Vincent Pecora (Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press 2015) in *The Comparatist* 40 (October 2016), 359-361.

SELECTED ONLINE ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- Blankholm, Joseph. April 23, 2020. “Genealogy’s Bad Blood.” *Political Theology Network*, <https://politicaltheology.com/genealogs-bad-blood/> (accessed April 23, 2020).

- . January 31, 2020. “Belief.” *The Immanent Frame*. Part of “A Universe of Terms,” a series on keywords in the study of religion. <https://tif.ssrc.org/2020/01/31/belief-blankholm/> (accessed April 23, 2020).
- . November 14, 2017. “The ghost of immanentism.” *The Immanent Frame*, <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/11/14/the-ghost-of-immanentism/> (accessed November 17, 2017).
- . September 12, 2017. “Irreligion on its own terms.” Co-authored with Carlo Invernizzi Accetti, with whom I co-organized a forum for *The Immanent Frame* on the immanentist tradition. *The Immanent Frame*. <https://tif.ssrc.org/2017/09/12/irreligion-on-its-own-terms/> (accessed September 27, 2017).
- . December 18, 2014. “Secular, Spiritual, Religious: American Religion Beyond the Baby Boomers.” Religious Studies Project. <http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/2014/12/18/secular-spiritual-religious-american-religion-beyond-the-baby-boomers-by-joseph-blankholm/> (accessed January 15, 2015).
- . January 20, 2014. “Scholarly Production of the Religiously Unaffiliated.” *Religion Bulletin*. <http://www.equinoxpub.com/blog/2014/01/non-theism-and-the-nones-four-scholars-weigh-in-part-1/> (accessed January 20, 2014).
- . June 28, 2012. American Civil Religion in the Age of Obama: An interview with Philip S. Gorski. *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2012/06/28/american-civil-religion-in-the-age-of-obama-an-interview-with-philip-s-gorski/> (accessed August 2, 2012).
- . June 15, 2012. “Twin tolerations” today: An Interview with Alfred Stepan. *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2012/06/15/twin-tolerations-today-an-interview-with-alfred-stepan/> (accessed August 2, 2012).
- . November 21, 2011. An Idea Whose Time Has Come. *Possible Futures*. <http://www.possible-futures.org/2011/11/21/an-idea-whose-time-has-come/> (accessed December 15, 2011).
- . October 10, 2011. Faith-Friendly Secularism. *Rethinking Religion*. <http://ircpl.org/2011/rethinking-religion/events/responses/faith-friendly-secularism/> (accessed December 15, 2011).
- . November 12, 2010. Terry Eagleton, New Atheism, and the War on Terror. *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/11/12/terry-eagleton-new-atheism-and-the-war-on-terror/> (accessed September 22, 2011).
- . August 20, 2010. After atheism (Part II). *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/08/20/after-atheism-part-2/> (accessed September 22, 2011).
- . August 20, 2010. After atheism (Part I). *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/08/20/after-atheism-part-1/> (accessed September 22, 2011).

———. July 9, 2010. The quiet (ir)religion of the polite and apathetic. *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/07/09/the-quiet-irreligion-of-the-polite-and-apatetic/> (accessed September 22, 2011).

———. June 15, 2010. “I study religion,” or: How to start an awkward conversation. *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/06/15/i-study-religion-or-how-to-start-an-awkward-conversation/> (accessed September 22, 2011).

INTERVIEWS: PODCAST AND VIDEO

- June 2016 “Organized Nonbelievers in the United States,” The Robert Wright Show
<http://meaningoflife.tv/videos/35320>
- May 2016 “Permutations of Secularism,” Religious Studies Project
<http://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/permutations-of-secularism/>
- Aug 2021 “Religious exemption may be a loophole in vaccine mandates,” KCRW/NPR
<https://www.kcrw.com/news/shows/kcrw-features/religious-exemption-vaccine-mandate-joseph-blankholm>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

Instructor:

- Fall 2020: RGST 35 Introduction to Religion and Politics (lower division)
- Fall 2020: RGST 200A Proseminar in the History and Theory of Religion (graduate)
- Spring 2020: RGST 13: Religion and Popular Culture (lower division)
- Spring 2020: RGST 144A Atheism (upper division)
- Fall 2019: RGST 239: Secularism (graduate)
- Fall 2019: RGST 200A Proseminar in the History and Theory of Religion (graduate)
- Winter 2019: RGST 292RR Methods in the Study of Religion (graduate)
- Fall 2018: RGST 35 Introduction to Religion and Politics (lower division)
- Fall 2018: RGST 200A Proseminar in the History and Theory of Religion (graduate)
- Spring 2018: RGST 104: Problems in the Study of Religion (upper division)
- Spring 2018: RGST 243M: Materialism (graduate)
- Fall 2017: RGST 35 Introduction to Religion and Politics (lower division)
- Fall 2017: RGST 200A Proseminar in the History and Theory of Religion (graduate)
- Winter 2017: RGST 144A Atheism (upper division)
- Winter 2017: RGST 152 Religion in America Today (upper division)
- Fall 2016: RGST 35 Introduction to Religion and Politics (lower division)
- Fall 2016: RGST 200A Proseminar in the History and Theory of Religion (graduate)
- Spring 2016: RGST 292RR Social Scientific Methods in the Study of Religion (graduate)
- Winter 2016: RGST 152: Religion in America Today (upper division)

- Winter 2016: RGST 190JB Atheism (upper division)

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Instructor:

- Fall 2014 — Spring 2015: Literature Humanities Preceptor in Columbia’s Core Curriculum; competitively selected fellow chosen to teach a yearlong literature course that begins with Homer and ends with Virginia Woolf
- Fall 2013 — Spring 2014: Literature Humanities Preceptor
- Summer 2013: Atheism (offered through the Department of Religion)

Teaching Assistant:

- Spring 2012: Religion in American Culture II (Randall Balmer)
- Fall 2011: Evangelicalism (Randall Balmer)
- Spring 2011: Religions of Harlem (Josef Sorett, Obery Hendricks)
- Fall 2010: Religion and the Modern World (Mark Taylor)
- Spring 2010: Buddhism: East Asian (Michael Como)
- Fall 2009: Religion in American Culture I (Randall Balmer)

Guest Lecturer:

- Oct 2011: for Randall Balmer’s course, *Evangelicalism* (at Barnard College); lectured on Jehovah’s Witnesses
- Nov 2010: for Mark C. Taylor’s course, *Religion and the Modern World*; lectured on the philosophy of Karl Marx

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

Teaching Assistant:

- Winter 2007: Intro to Cultural Anthropology
- Spring 2007: Cross-cultural Pop Music
- Fall 2007: Intro to Globalization
- Winter 2008: Sociology of Deviance

Guest Lecturer:

- Feb 2007, for Michelle Molina’s course: *Thinking About Religion*; lectured on religion and pragmatism in the work of Richard Rorty, John Dewey, and William James

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2019 — 2022	John Templeton Foundation Grant, sub-award for “ Spirituality and Prosocial Values in the Absence of Religion Among Millennials and Their Families ” (\$980,344), the qualitative portion of a \$2,781,745 award, for which I am Co-Leader
2019	UCSB Academic Senate Faculty Travel Grant (\$400)
2018	Hellman Family Fellowship (\$21,024)

2018 — 2019	Regents Humanities Faculty Fellowship (one-course release)
2018 — 2019	Fellow of the Young Scholars in American Religion Program at the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture
2018	UCSB Academic Senate Faculty Travel Grant (\$900)
2017	UCSB Academic Senate Faculty Travel Grant (\$900)
2016	Research Grant from UCSB Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research for “Nonbeliever Communities in the United States” (\$7,920)
2016	Faculty Research Grant from UCSB Academic Senate for “Secular Tradition and the Purification of Religion” (\$9,051)
2016	UCSB Academic Senate Faculty International Travel Grant (\$1,350)
2016	UCSB Faculty Research Assistance Program Grant (\$321.51)
2015	UCSB Academic Senate Faculty Travel Grant (\$900)
2014	Fellow, Summer Institute on “Problems in the Study of Religion” <i>National Endowment for the Humanities</i>
2014	Student Travel Award <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>
2013 — 2015	Preceptorship in Literature Humanities in the Core Curriculum <i>Columbia University</i>
2012 — 2013	Paul H. Klingenstein Fellow <i>Columbia University</i>
Summer 2012	Ph.D. Seed Grant <i>Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion</i>
Sep 2011 — Sep 2012	Graduate Fellowship <i>Religions of Harlem Project, Columbia University</i>
Fall 2010	Graduate Research Fellowship <i>Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life</i>
Summer 2010	Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship <i>Social Science Research Council and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation</i>

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021	Section Organizer for the Religion section, Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association.
Jan 2021— present	Member, Faculty Advisory Board that oversees the UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching
Jan 2021— present	Chair, The American Academy of Religion's Committee on Professional Conduct
Feb 2020	Expert Witness, State of Florida Capital Collateral Regional Counsel—South: religion-related consulting on capital case
Jan 2020 — Jan 2021	Committee Member, The American Academy of Religion's Committee on Professional Conduct
Aug 2019 — present	National Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Jul 2019	Expert Witness, Office of the Federal Public Defender, Central District of California: religion-related consulting on capital case
Jan 2019 — present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Sociology of Religion</i>
Sep 2017 — 2019	UCSB First Gen Mentor: mentor to incoming undergraduates who are first-generation college students, like myself
Jun 2017 — Jun 2018	Co-researcher of ACLU report on the harsh conditions of Santa Barbara's County Jail
Sep 2016 — present	UCSB Dream Scholar Mentor: mentor to undocumented students majoring in Religious Studies
Sep 2016 — Jun 2017	NEH Next Gen Representative for the Department of Religious Studies
Nov 2015 — present	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i>
Jan 2014 — Dec 2019	Co-chair, <i>Secularism and Secularity, a Program Unit of the American Academy of Religion</i> : write CFP and annual review; organize paper selection for unit's panels.
Dec 2012 — Dec 2013	Co-founder and Steering Committee Member, <i>Secularism and Secularity, a Program Unit of the American Academy of Religion</i> : founding member, wrote proposal for new program unit and initial CFP; committee chose papers for unit's panels.

- Sep 2012 — May 2014 Rapporteur, *Religion in America Seminar, Columbia University*: organized and took notes for monthly meeting of scholars working on religion in the United States.
- Feb 2012 — Jun 2012 Consultant, *United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*: researched and wrote a global assessment of UNDP interaction with faith-based organizations and religious leaders.
- Nov 2011 — Feb 2012 Consultant, *Social Science Research Council (SSRC)*: wrote the summary report of consultations on the United Nations' engagement with faith-based organizations.
- Nov 2011 — Jul 2012 Co-founder and Editor, *Possible Futures* (<http://www.possible-futures.org>): a digital forum produced by the Social Science Research Council and founded as an academic venue for writing on the Occupy movement.
- Jan 2011 — May 2014 Contributing Editor, *Rethinking Religion*: a blog managed by the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life.
- Sep 2010 — Aug 2013 Designer, *Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life*: designed posters for campus events.
- Sep 2010 — Aug 2012 Co-founder and Adviser, *Religions of Harlem Project* (<http://religionsofharlem.org>): designed and implemented a project and course documenting the religious life of Harlem.
- Jun 2010 — Jun 2014 Contributing Editor, *The Immanent Frame* ('Notes from the Field' and 'here & there' sections): a blog managed by the Social Science Research Council that is the eminent website for the academic discussion of religion.

REFEREE (BOOKS AND ARTICLES)

Indiana University Press, Columbia University Press, Bloomsbury, Routledge, Oxford University Press, Yale University Press, W.W. Norton, Social Forces, American Sociological Review, Sociological Quarterly, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Sociology of Religion, Journal of Religious History, Secularism and Nonreligion, Critical Research on Religion, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Sociological Forum, UMBC Review, American Ethnologist, Qualitative Sociology, American Religion, Religion Compass

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

- June 2021 "The Secular Communities Survey: Comparing Secular Affiliates and the Religiously Unaffiliated." Panel at the annual conference of the Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network. Presenting research from a project for which I am Principal Investigator. The other two panelists are members of my research team.

- April 15, 2021 “Is There a Secular Tradition? How Religious Studies Can Help Us Understand Secular People.” Invited lecture at the University of Pennsylvania. Sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies. The presentation will be online because of COVID-19.
- December 2, 2020 “I Know the Feeling: Affect in the Academic Guild.” Co-organizer and participant in a roundtable at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. The roundtable was online because of COVID-19.
- November 4, 2020 “Retirement Without God: Activism and Community Among Secular People Over 60.” Panel presentation was delivered in an online format at the annual conference of the Gerontological Society of America.
- October 2020 “Secular Feelings: Anxiety about Religion as a Constitutive Emotion for Secular People.” Accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, though the meeting was canceled because of COVID-19.
- March 3, 2020 “Race, Spirituality, and Secularism,” a public dialogue with Juhem Navarro-Rivera, a demographer who worked on the Black Census. Sponsored by the Multicultural Center at the University of California, Santa Barbara, as part of the Center’s “Race and Religion” series.
- February 27, 2020 “Secular Misfits: What Humanistic Jews and Ex-Muslims Can Teach Us About Religion.” Invited lecture at the College of William & Mary. Sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies.
- January 7, 2020 “Archaeology and Borders in Di/ego and the K/id.” Presentation at a conference entitled “Imagined Borders, Epistemic Freedoms: The Challenge of Social Imaginaries in Media, Art, Religion and Decoloniality,” hosted by CU-Boulder and funded by SIMAGINE and CU-Boulder.
- October 25-26, 2019 “Historicizing Secular Studies Across the Disciplines.” Paper presentation for a workshop at Harvard University. Sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation.
- October 17, 2019 “Secular Rituals: How Nonreligious People Make Religion Less Religious.” Invited lecture at the Center for the Study of Religion at the University of California, Los Angeles.
- October 11, 2019 “What Is Secularism? Who Are Secular People?” Invited lecture, part of the California State University Bakersfield Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Colloquia Series.
- May 21, 2019 “Poverty Action Week: Class Inequality on College Campuses.” Invited panelist for an event sponsored by the Blum Center for Global Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development at the University of California,

Santa Barbara. Panel focused on the experience and needs of low-income and first-gen students.

- April 9, 2019 “Secular People’s Ambivalence Toward Ritual.” Invited lecture at Yale University. Sponsored by the Sensory Cultures of Religion Research Group at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.
- November 18, 2018 “Locating the Spiritual but Not Religious.” Invited panelist for an exploratory session at the 2018 annual conference of the American Academy of Religion in Denver, CO.
- September 24, 2018 “What is Secularism? Who Are Secular People?” Invited lecture at Middlebury College. Sponsored by the Charles P. Scott Endowment and the Religion Department.
- March 1, 2018 “Leaving Religion and Losing Culture: Secular Conversion among Hispanic Freethinkers, Black Atheists, and Ex-Muslims.” Invited lecture at the Townsend Center for the Humanities at the University of California, Berkeley. Co-sponsored by the Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion and the UC Humanities Research Institute.
- November 19, 2017 Respondent, author-meets-critics roundtable on Finbarr Curtis’ *The Production of American Religious Freedom* at the 2017 annual conference of the American Academy of Religion in Boston, MA.
- April 13, 2017 “Bridging the Gap in Secular Studies.” Invited paper given at “What Comes After the Critique of Secularism?”, a workshop at UC-Berkeley, hosted by the Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion and sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation.
- February 23, 2017 Organized and moderated a panel on atheism in African American life, entitled “Black Without God.” The event was hosted by UCSB’s Multicultural Center and co-sponsored by the Departments of Religion and Black Studies.
- August 21, 2016 “Arenas of Authority and Movement Mobilization Among the Nonreligious.” Paper given at a joint session of the Association for the Sociology of Religion and American Sociological Association in Seattle, WA.
- August 20, 2016 Invited participant on a roundtable entitled “Who cares about unbelief? Social, political and legal questions for the scientific study of nonreligious belief” at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in n Seattle, WA.
- July 29, 2016 “The Language Ideologies of Nonbelievers.” Paper given at “A Postsecular Age? New Narratives of Religion, Science, and Society,” a conference at the University of Oxford in Oxford, England.

- November 23, 2015 Introductory remarks for a panel I organized entitled, “Future Directions in the Study of the Secular” at the annual conference of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, GA.
- October 23, 2015 “The Private and Public Beliefs of Nonbelievers.” Paper given on a panel entitled, “Sincerely Held Belief as a Problem for the Law” at the annual conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Newport Beach, CA.
- April 18, 2015 “Sincerely Held Beliefs of Nonbelievers.” Paper given on a panel entitled “In Bad Faith” at the biennial conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion in San Diego, CA.
- January 5, 2015 “Sixty Years of Religious Decline? An Interdisciplinary Conversation.” Participant on a panel at the 2015 winter meeting of the American Society of Church History in New York City.
- November 25, 2014 “The Interwoven Genealogies of Secularism and Humanism.” Paper given at the 2014 annual conference of the American Academy of Religion in San Diego, CA. Panel sponsored by the Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion group.
- November 19, 2014 “Navigating the Nonbeliever Constellation: What's at Stake in Labeling Nonbelievers and Secular Activists?” Paper given at the 2014 annual conference of the Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network hosted by Pitzer College in Claremont, CA.
- November 14, 2014 “Religious Indifference Beyond the Religious Field.” Article presented at workshop on religious indifference hosted by the Department of Social/Cultural Anthropology at the Goethe-University in Frankfurt, Germany; funded by the Emmy Noether Programme of the German Research Foundation.
- October 31, 2014 “America’s Organized Nonbelievers: A Social Movement?” Paper given at the 2014 annual conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Indianapolis, IN.
- April 25, 2014 “Hearing the Secular Speak: A Perspectivist Approach to Religion.” Paper given at a University of Toronto religious studies graduate student conference entitled, “Methods of Madness: An Inquiry into Methodology in the Study of Religion.”
- March 6, 2014 “Beyond the Subtraction Story: Secular Religion and Other Hybrids.” Paper given at a conference entitled “Working with *A Secular Age*,” hosted by the University of Bern, Switzerland.

- February 26, 2014 “The Challenge of Being Secular: Nonbelievers as a Precarious Religious Minority.” Invited public lecture at Columbia University. Co-sponsored by the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life; the Departments of Political Science and Religion; and the Sociology Department of the CUNY Graduate Center.
- February 7, 2014 “Religion and Digital Technologies Workshop.” Invited panelist on a panel hosted by the Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion; presented on the Religions of Harlem project and using digital technology to teach about the ethnographic encounter.
- January 3, 2014 “The New Spiritual Technology and the Restructuring of American Religion.” Paper given at the 2014 winter meeting of the American Society for Church History in Washington, DC. The panel revisits Robert Wuthnow’s *The Restructuring of American Religion* 25 years after its publication, with Wuthnow responding.
- November 24, 2013 “After Secularization: Formations of a Secular Movement and a Secular Identity.” Paper given at the 2013 AAR annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. The panel is co-sponsored by four AAR groups.
- October 4, 2013 “The Challenge of Being Secular: Nonbelievers as an American Religious Minority.” Paper given at “The Spectacle of Toleration,” a conference in honor of the 350th anniversary of the Rhode Island Charter. Co-sponsored by Brown University, the Newport Historical Society, and the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy.
- August 12, 2013 “Functionalist Understandings of Religion as an Explanation of Organizational Variety in the Secular Movement.” Paper given at the 2013 annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion in New York, NY.
- April 11, 2013 “Secularism as Religious Ideology in the New American Pluralism.” Paper given at the biennial conference of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion in Pasadena, CA.
- March 2, 2013 “The Political Advantages of a Polysemous Secular.” Invited paper given at “After Secularization,” a conference co-sponsored by the Social Science Research Council and the UC Humanities Research Institute at the University of California, Irvine.
- December 1, 2012 “Out of the Tower: Academics Writing for Public Audiences.” Invited panelist on a panel discussion at the Princeton Center for the Study of Religion; alongside Wallace Best (Princeton), Kevin Eckstrom (Religion News Service) and Paul Raushenbush (Huffington Post).

- May 25, 2012 “Elmer Gantry was drunk’: Public Rhetoric and Private Vice in Sinclair Lewis’s America.” Given at Stanford University for a religious studies graduate student conference entitled, “Sanctified Indulgence.”
- April 2, 2009 “Branding Belief: Chabad Outreach in the 21st Century.” Given at Columbia University for a Religion department graduate student conference entitled, “Belief Matters.”
- March 14, 2009 “No Part of the World: How Jehovah’s Witnesses Perform the Boundaries of their Community.” Given at McGill University for a religious studies graduate student conference entitled, “Performing Self and Community: New Perspectives on Ritual Practice.”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
 American Sociological Association
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
 Association for the Sociology of Religion
 American Gerontological Association
 International Society for the Sociology of Religion

LANGUAGES

French	Advanced proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing.
Spanish	Intermediate proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing.
German	Reading with dictionary, basic proficiency in speaking.