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Education

1999 Ph.D., Religion, Concordia University, Montréal
1989 M.A., Philosophy, University of Toronto
1986 B.A., Philosophy, University of British Columbia

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Accepted *Theorizing 'Religious': Agency, Order and Time in Early Modern Charity.*
Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

Edited Books

In press *The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion.* Oxford UP (co-edited with Michael Stausberg, University of Bergen, Norway).
In press *Handbook of Contemporary Religions in Brazil.* Brill (co-edited with Bettina E. Schmidt, University of Wales Trinity Saint David, UK).
2011 *The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion.* Routledge (co-edited with Michael Stausberg). *Translations*: Turkish, Polish, Portuguese (partial).
2005 *Historicizing "Tradition" in the Study of Religion.* Walter de Gruyter (co-edited with Gregory P. Grieve, University of North Carolina).

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles (co-author listed before title where they are lead author)

2016 "Dona Benta's Rosary: Managing Ambiguity in a Brazilian Women's Prayer Group." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 84/3: 776–805.
doi:10.1093/jaarel/lfv092
2015 (with Mark Q. Gardiner) "The Philosophy and Semantics of the Cognitive Science of Religion." *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* 3/1: 7–35.
doi:10.1558/jcsr.v3i1.21033 Also "Response to Commentaries." 75–83. doi:10.1558/jcsr.v3i1.29556
2012 "Re-mapping Bateson's Frame" (with Mark Q. Gardiner). *Journal of Ritual*

- Studies* 26/2: 7–20.
- 2012 “Umbanda and Africa.” *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 15/4: 13–35. doi: 10.1525/nr.2012.15.4.13
- 2012 (with Mark Q. Gardiner) “Semantic Holism and the Insider-Outsider Problem.” *Religious Studies* 48/2: 239–255. doi:10.1017/S0034412511000205
- 2011 “A Umbanda e a glocalização.” *Debates do NER* 12/20: 11–44.
- 2011 “‘Religion,’ ‘the Secular’ and the Critical Study of Religion.” *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 40/4: 419–442. doi:10.1177/0008429811420406
Also “Response to Timothy Fitzgerald.” 456–460.
doi:10.1177/0008429811420407
- 2011 “Constitutional Secularization: Religious Pluralism and the Canadian Courts.” *Horizonte: Revista de Estudos de Teologia e Ciências da Religião* 9/21: 220–241.
- 2010 “Ten Implications of Semantic Holism for Theories of Religion” (with Mark Q. Gardiner). *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 22/4: 283–292.
doi:10.1163/157006810X531067
- 2010 (with Mark Q. Gardiner) “Charting the Map Metaphor in Theories of Religion.” *Religion* 40/1: 1–13. doi:10.1016/j.religion.2009.08.010
- 2010 “A filosofia semântica e o problema *insider-outsider*” [Philosophical Semantics and the Insider-Outsider Problem] (with Mark Q. Gardiner). *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 10/3: 89–105.
- 2009 “Ritual Theory and Attitudes to Agency in Brazilian Spirit Possession.” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 21/4: 460–492.
doi:10.1163/094330509X12568874557298
- 2009 “Umbanda and Hybridity.” *Numen: International Review for the History of Religions* 56/5: 545–577. doi:10.1163/002959709X12469430260084
- 2007 “Time, Habit, and Agency in English Puritanism.” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 19/3–4: 301–322. doi:10.1163/157006807794757520
- 2007 “Tipos de Criacionismos Cristãos” [Types of Christian Creationisms]. *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 7/2: 83–107.
- 2006 “Agency, Order, and Time in the Human Science of Religion.” *Religion* 36/3: 120–126. doi:10.1016/j.religion.2006.08.001
- 2006 “Religious Studies in Canada and Brazil: Pro-pluralism and Anti-theology in Context.” *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 35/3&4: 445–471.
doi:10.1177/000842980603500306
- 2006 “Rethinking ‘Hybridity’: Anterior Purities and the Invention of Tradition.” *Religião e Cultura* 10: 9–20.
- 2006 “*Dāna* (Dádiva) em religiões do Sul da Ásia: Pressuposições e o lugar de teorias” [*Dāna* (Gifting) in South Asian Religions: Presuppositions and the Place of Theory]. *Estudos de Religião* 31: 88–116.
- 2005 “Two Problems with Constructionism in the Study of Religion.” *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 5/4: 28–34.
http://www.pucsp.br/rever/rv4_2005/p_engler.pdf
- 2004 “Constructionism vs. What?” *Religion* 34/4: 291–313.
doi:10.1016/j.religion.2004.09.001
- 2004 “Teoria da religião norte-americana: alguns debates recentes [Theory of Religion in North America: Recent Debates].” *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 4/4:

- 27–42. http://www.pucsp.br/rever/rv4_2004/p_engler.pdf
- 2003 “‘Science’ vs. ‘Religion’ in Classical Ayurveda.” *Numen: International Review for the History of Religions* 50/4: 416–463. doi:10.1163/156852703322446679
- 2003 “Modern Times: Religion, Consecration, and the State in Bourdieu.” *Cultural Studies* 17/3&4: 445–467. doi:10.1080/0950238032000083890

- 26 book chapters
- 17 non-peer-reviewed articles
- 7 reference articles
- 7 editorials
- 7 translations of academic articles
- 46 book reviews
- 8 edited journal issues
- 7 keynote addresses (Brazil, Canada)
- 49 international conference presentations (Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, USA)
- 18 invited lectures & 14 symposia/seminars (Brazil, Canada, Japan, Norway, Sweden, USA)
- 10 conference sessions organized

Professional Service

Professional Organizations

- American Academy of Religion (AAR)
 - Co-chair: Anthropology of Religion Group (2009–2012)
 - Co-chair: Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group (2001–2007)
 - Excellence in the Study of Religion Descriptive/Analytic book award jury (2011–2014)
- Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS)
- Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR/SCÉR)
- International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)
- North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)
 - Executive Council (elected 2004–2006; ex officio 2007–)

Editorial Positions

- Co-editor of peer-reviewed journal: *Religion* (Routledge)
- Founding book Series editor: *Key Thinkers in the Study of Religion* (Equinox / NAASR)
- Book Series co-editor: *Studies in the History of Religions* (Brill); *Texts and Sources in the History of Religions* (Brill); *Religion in the Americas* (Brill);
- Book Series and journal editorial boards: *Studies in Religion/Sciences religieuses* (Sage), *Journal of Religious and Theological Information* (Haworth), *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* (Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo), *Imaginário* (Universidade de São Paulo); Book review editorial board in method and theory in the study of religion for *Religious Studies Review*
- Academic Steering & Advocacy Committee, Open Library of Humanities (OLH)
- Routledge Open Access Advisory Board

Teaching (over 120 sections)

Religious Studies: Mount Royal University, Calgary; University of Calgary, Calgary; PUC-SP, São Paulo, Brazil; University of Alberta, Edmonton; St. Mary's College, Calgary; Augustana University College, Camrose; Concordia University, Montréal.

Philosophy: St. Mary's College, Calgary; Capilano College, North Vancouver; University of British Columbia, Vancouver

Grants and Fellowships

- 2008-10 MRU Internal Research Grant. *Research project*: "Religious Boundary Crossing in Brazil." *Role*: Principle Investigator
- 2007 Research Fellowship, Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES). *Research project*: Creationism in Brazil: Historical Roots and Contemporary Status. *Role*: Principle Investigator
- 2005-6 Research Fellowship, Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP). *Research project*: Theory of Religion in Comparative International Context. *Role*: Associate Investigator (lead researcher, Frank Usarski [PUC-SP]).
- 2005 Invitation Fellowship for Research in Japan, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (Two weeks as visiting scholar, March 2005, hosted by the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nanzan University, Nagoya.)
- 2003 Partial funding from the U.S. Department of State for presenting at the annual meeting of the *International Society for the Sociology of Religion*, Turin (Italy).
- 2002 Fulbright Summer Institute: "Religion in the United States: Pluralism and Public Presence" (University of California, Santa Barbara)

Academic Distinctions

- 2005-7 Visiting Professor, Programa de Estudos Pós-Graduados em Ciências da Religião, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP), Brazil.
- 2005-7 Adjunct Researcher in Religion and Science, Centro "Cardeal Arns" de Estudos Interdisciplinares (CECREI), Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo.
- 2002 NAWeb2002 (North American Web Conference) Educational Internet Site of the Year (with a Mount Royal College media production team): "Sacred Spaces in Calgary: Religious Dimensions in Context"
- 2001 Templeton/Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) Course Award (HUMN 2205 Issues in Science and Religion).