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Professor of Religious Studies, Dept. of Humanities, Mount Royal University  
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Canadian citizen – *Fluent*: English, Portuguese. *Working*: French. *Reading*: Spanish.

**Research focus** – I study religions in Brazil, along with theory and methodology.

### Education

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

### Books

*Accepted* *Theorizing ‘Religious’: Agency, Order and Time in Early Modern Charity.*  
(Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht—Critical Studies in Religion/Religionswissenschaft)  
*Contracted* *Tradition: A Critical Primer* (Equinox—Concepts in the Study of Religion:  
Critical Primers)  
*Contracted* *In the Beginning Was the Network: Holistic Semantics and the Study of Religion*  
(with Mark Q. Gardiner) (De Gruyter—Religion and Reason)

### Edited Books

*Contracted* *Phenomenologies of Religion: An Oral History in Interviews.* Equinox. (co-edited  
with Satoko Fujiwara, University of Tokyo and David Thurfjel, Södertörn  
University).  
2016 *The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion.* Oxford UP (co-edited with  
Michael Stausberg, University of Bergen, Norway).  
2016 *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). **Revised 2nd ed. contracted for 2019 delivery.**  
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)

- Under review “Umbanda: Afro or Esoteric?” *Aries: Journal for the Study of Western Esotericism*.
- Under review “Theoretical Appliqué and Comparative Spirit Work in Cristina Rocha’s *John of God*.” *Horizonte: Revista de Estudos de Teologia e Ciências da Religião*.
- 2017 “Semantics and the Sacred.” (with Mark Q. Gardiner). *Religion* 47/4: 616–640.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 2012 (with Mark Q. Gardiner) “Semantic Holism and the Insider-Outsider Problem.” *Religious Studies* 48/2: 239–255.
- 2011 “A Umbanda e a globalização.” *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.
- 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.
- 2010 (with Mark Q. Gardiner) “Charting the Map Metaphor in Theories of Religion.” *Religion* 40/1: 1–13.
- 2010 “A filosofia semântica e o problema *insider-outsider*” (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.
- 2009 “Umbanda and Hybridity.” *Numen: International Review for the History of Religions* 56/5: 545–577.
- 2007 “Time, Habit, and Agency in English Puritanism.” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 19/3–4: 301–322.
- 2007 “Tipos de Criacionismos Cristãos.” *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.
- 2006 “Religious Studies in Canada and Brazil: Pro-pluralism and Anti-theology in Context.” *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 35/3&4: 445–471.
- 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.” *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.
- 2004 “Constructionism vs. What?” *Religion* 34/4: 291–313.

- 2004 “Teoria da religião norte-americana: alguns debates recentes.” *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 4/4: 27–42.
- 2003 “‘Science’ vs. ‘Religion’ in Classical Ayurveda.” *Numen: International Review for the History of Religions* 50/4: 416–463.
- 2003 “Modern Times: Religion, Consecration, and the State in Bourdieu.” *Cultural Studies* 17/3&4: 445–467.

- 27 book chapters
- 17 non-peer-reviewed articles
- 13 reference articles
- 7 editorials
- 49 book reviews
- 8 edited journal issues
- 7 keynote addresses (Brazil, Canada)
- 49 international conference presentations (Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, USA)
- 20 invited lectures & 15 symposia/seminars (Brazil, Canada, Japan, Norway, Sweden, USA)

### **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)
- 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

### **Service**

Committees include Senate, Tenure, Promotion, Promotion Appeals, Hiring, Chair Selection, Leave Granting, Internal Research Grants, Responsible Conduct of Research plus 20 others.

### **Media**

Over 20 interviews for local/regional/national TV, radio, web and print (Canada, USA and Brazil). Topics include spirit possession, Catholic exorcism, secularism, atheism, the election of Pope Francis, Protestantisms in USA and Brazil, religion and science, religion and sexuality, religious and cultural aspects of holidays.