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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

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Canadian citizen

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

1999–          Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Humanities, Mount Royal  
University, Calgary, AB, Canada (Tenured 2002, Full Professor 2012)  
2008–          Affiliate Professor, Department of Religion, Concordia University, Montréal  
2014–          Professor Colaborador, Programa de Estudos Pós-Graduados em Ciências da  
Religião, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil  
2005–2007    Visiting Research Professor, Programa de Estudos Pós-Graduados em Ciências da  
Religião, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil

## PUBLICATIONS

### 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)

### Co-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).

**Refereed 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*.
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- 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
- 2016 “Why Be Critical?: Introducing a Symposium on *Capitalizing Religion*.” *Religion* 46/3: 412–419. doi: 10.1080/0048721X.2016.1192831
- 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 Target article with “Response to Commentaries.” *JCSR* 3/1: 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 With “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 & 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. <https://is.gd/mmywox>
- 2009 “Ritual Theory and Attitudes to Agency in Brazilian Spirit Possession.” *Method & 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. <https://is.gd/bFMe2D>
- 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. <https://is.gd/Xk7U7d>
- 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. <https://is.gd/7eWbIY>
- 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

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- Forthcoming* (with Mark Q. Gardiner) “Combining and Constituting: A Response to Kevin Schilbrack’s ‘Interpretation in the Academic Study of Religion’.” In Brad Stoddard, Ed. *Method Today: Redescribing Approaches to the Study of Religion*. London: Equinox.
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- 2017 “A Critical Response to Cognitivist Theories of Religion” (with Mark Q. Gardiner). In Richard King, Ed. *Theory/Religion/Critique: Classic and Contemporary Approaches*. New York: Columbia University Press.

- 2016 (with Michael Stausberg) “Introduction.” In Michael Stausberg and Steven Engler, Eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1–5.
- 2016 (with Michael Stausberg) “Theories of Religion.” In Michael Stausberg and Steven Engler, Eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 52–72.
- 2016 (with Mark Q. Gardiner) “Semantics.” In Michael Stausberg and Steven Engler, Eds. *The Oxford Handbook of the Study of Religion*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 195–207.
- 2016 “Introduction” (with Bettina E. Schmidt). In Bettina E. Schmidt and Steven Engler, Eds. *Handbook of Contemporary Religions in Brazil*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 1–29.
- 2016 “Umbanda.” In Bettina E. Schmidt and Steven Engler, Eds. *Handbook of Contemporary Religions in Brazil*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 204–224.
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- 2016 “Kardecism” (with Artur Cesar Isaia). In Bettina E. Schmidt and Steven Engler, Eds. *Handbook of Contemporary Religions in Brazil*. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 186–203.
- 2014 “Criacionismo: um fundamentalismo anti-darwiniano?” [Creationism: Fundamentalist Anti-Darwinianism?]. In Clarissa de Franco and Rodrigo Petrônio, Eds. *Crença e evidencia: Aproximações e controvérsias entre religião e teoria evolucionária no pensamento contemporâneo*. São Paulo: Paulinas. 31–41.
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- 2011 (with Michael Stausberg) “Introduction.” In Michael Stausberg and Steven Engler, Eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion*. London and New York: Routledge, 3–20.
- 2011 (with Michael Stausberg) “Preface: Why This Book?.” In Michael Stausberg and Steven Engler, Eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion*. London and New York: Routledge, xx–xxi.

- 2011 “A distinção relativa entre a teologia e as ciências da religião “ [The Relative Distinction between Theology and the Study of Religion]. In Pedro A. Ribeiro de Oliveira and Geraldo de Mori, Eds. *Religião e Educação para a cidadania*. Belo Horizonte/São Paulo: SOTER/Paulinas, 229–241.
- 2011 “O criacionismo” [Creationism]. In Eduardo R. Cruz, Ed. *Teologia e ciências naturais: teologia da criação, ciências e tecnologia em diálogo*. São Paulo: Paulinas, 231–255.
- 2009 “Religion as Superhuman Agency: On E. Thomas Lawson and Robert N. McCauley (1990), *Rethinking Religion: Connecting Cognition and Culture*” (with Mark Q. Gardiner). In Michael Stausberg, Ed. *Contemporary Theories of Religion: A Critical Companion*. London and New York: Routledge, 22–38.
- 2009 “Translation, Tradition and the Eternal Present of the Sacred Text.” In Carlos Gohn and Lyslei Nascimento, Eds. *A Bíblia e suas traduções*. São Paulo: Humanitas/USP, 225–241.
- 2008 “Latin America.” (Chapter editor; author of introduction and section on Brazil; with co-authors Anatilde Idoyaga Molina, Renée de la Torre, Pablo Barrera Rivera and Sylvia Marcos) In Gregory D. Alles, Ed. *Religious Studies: A Global View*. London and New York: Routledge, 269–300.
- 2008 “Science Fiction, Religion and Social Change.” In Lee Easton and Randy Schroeder, Eds. *The Influence of Imagination: Essays on Science Fiction and Fantasy as Agents of Change*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, 108–117.
- 2007 “A Estética da Religião” [Aesthetics and Religion]. In Frank Usarski, Ed. *O espectro disciplinar da(s) Ciência(s) da Religião*. São Paulo: Paulinas, 199–231.
- 2005 “Tradition’s Legacy.” In Steven Engler and Gregory P. Grieve, Eds. *Historicizing “Tradition” in the Study of Religion*. Berlin and New York: DeGruyter, 357–378.
- 2003 “Social Aspects of Religion in Canada.” In Lucia Macháčková, Ed. *Sociálny aspekt náboženstva – Social Aspects of Religion*. Bratislava: Ústav pre vzťahy štátu a cirkvi (ÚVŠC) – Institute for State-Church Relations, 37–57 [Slovak translation, 139–159].

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- 2015 “Umbanda.” *Spirit Possession around the World*, 357–359.
- 2005 “Discourse.” In Kocku von Stuckrad, Ed. (with C. Auffarth, J. Bernard and H. Mohr). *The Brill Dictionary of Religion*. Leiden: Brill. 1: 516–519.
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- 2014 “Bibliometrics and the Study of Religion’s.” *Religion* 44/2: 193–219.
- 2014 “Signs in Their Times: Introducing a Review Symposium on Robert Yelle’s *Semiotics of Religion*.” *Religion* 44/1: 84–91.
- 2013 “‘God(s)’ as a Comparative Category” (with Mark Q. Gardiner). *DIN – Tidsskrift for religion og kultur* 2013/1: 120–132.
- 2012 “The Benefits and Risks of Strategic Genealogy and Dichotomy” (part of a symposium on Manuel Vásquez’ *More than Belief*) *Religion* 42/4: 609–616.
- 2011 “Crisis and Creativity: Opportunities and Threats in the Global Study of Religion’s” (with Michael Stausberg) *Religion* 41/2: 127–143.
- 2009 “Brazilian Spirit Possession and Theory of Ritual.” *ARC: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* 37: 1–28. (published keynote)
- 2008 “Field Guides to the Study of Religion.” *Religious Studies Review* 34/1: 17–29.
- 2008 Review Essay of Nancy K. Frankenberry (Ed.) *Radical Interpretation in Religion* (2002) (with Mark Q. Gardiner). *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 20/2: 185–190.
- 2007 “Theory of Religion: Resources for Libraries.” *Behavioral and Social Science Librarian* 26/2: 29–45.
- 2004 “Consider Translation: A Roundtable Discussion” (editor and co-author, with Susan Bassnett, Robert Bringhurst and Susan M. DiGiacomo). *Religious Studies Review* 30/2&3: 107–120. (Reprinted in 33/4 [2007]: 299–316)
- 2003 “Michel Despland: Philosophy of Religion in History.” *Religious Studies Review* 29/4: 339–346.
- 2002 “Using Images in the Religious Studies Classroom” (with Irene Naested). *Teaching Theology & Religion* 5/3: 161–168.
- 2000 “Reading in Colors: Highlighting for Active Reading in Religious Studies” (with Benjamin Berger). *Teaching Theology & Religion* 4/1: 27–31.
- 1997 “Buddhism and the West in *Song of Ceylon*.” *The Cresset* 60/6: 8–14.
- 1994 “Against Representation: The Rhetorical Use of Dürer’s *Reclining Woman*.” *Undisciplined: an Interdisciplinary Journal* 1: 74–112.
- 1994 “The Puritans and the Civilizing Process.” *Journal of Religion and Culture* 8: 49–72.

### Academic Blog Posts

- 2016 “‘Revolutionary Love’ as Interdisciplinary Therapeutic.” *Religion Bulletin* <https://is.gd/fiQO1c>
- 2016 “If I Only Knew Then ... Tenured Scholars on Professionalization: Steven Engler.” *Religion Bulletin* <https://is.gd/BpT8do>
- 2013 “Eight Tips on Writing Efficiently while Overloaded with Teaching, Service and Kids.” *The Professor Is In*. <https://is.gd/y2dhXf>

## Book Reviews

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- 2017 Corinne G. Dempsey. *Bridges between Worlds: Spirits and Spirit Work in Northern Iceland* (2016). *Reading Religion*. <https://is.gd/CdBixx>
- 2017 Michael Jimenez, *Remembering Lived Lives: A Historiography from the Underside of Modernity* (2017). *Reading Religion*. <https://is.gd/erccal>
- 2016 Marc Gidal. *Spirit Song: Afro-Brazilian Religious Music and Boundaries* (2016). *Reading Religion*. <https://is.gd/O1tOVX>
- 2014 Christina Rocha and Manuel A. Vásquez, eds. *The Diaspora of Brazilian Religions* (2013). *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 14/1: 324–326. <https://is.gd/855xv7>
- 2013 Aaron W. Hughes. *Abrahamic Religions: On the Uses and Abuses of History* (2012). *Estudos de Religião* 27/2: 306–311. <https://is.gd/xIrU2A>
- 2013 Yvonne C. Zimmerman. *Other Dreams of Freedom: Religion, Sex, and Human Trafficking* (2013). *Estudos de Religião* 27/1: 259–265. <https://is.gd/ICQUE3>
- 2012 Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams, Eds. *Encyclopedia of Religion in America* (2010). *Journal of Religious and Theological Information* 11/1–2: 93–97.
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- 2007 Francisco Diez de Velasco. *Breve historia de las religiones* (2006). *Religious Studies Review* 33/3: 210.
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- 2006 Antônio Flávio Pierucci. *O desencantamento do mundo: Todos os passos do conceito em Max Weber* (2003). *Religious Studies Review* 32/1: 25–26.
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- 2004 Giulia Sfameni, Ed. *Themes and Problems of the History of Religions in Contemporary Europe* (2002). *Religious Studies Review* 30/2&3: 148.
- 2004 Mary N. MacDonald, Ed. *Experiences of Place* (2003). *Religious Studies Review* 30/2&3: 148.
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- 1999 Darren Oldridge. *Religion and Society in Early Stuart England* (1998). *Religious Studies and Theology* 18/2: 138–40.
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- 1997 Mark Richardson and Wesley J. Wildman, Eds. *Religion and Science: History, Method, Dialogue* (1996). *Religious Studies and Theology* 16/2: 92–94.
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- 2013 (with Michael Stausberg) “Textbooks in the Study of Religion\s: Introducing a New Feature Series.” *Religion* 43/2: 131–134. doi: 10.1080/0048721X.2013.781882
- 2011 (with Michael Stausberg) “Editorial: *Religion* Resituated.” *Religion* 41/1: 3–9 doi: 10.1080/0048721X.2011.553144
- 2010 (with Michael Stausberg) “Acknowledging Peer Review.” *Religion* 40/3: 147–doi: 151. 10.1016/j.religion.2010.04.001
- 2008 (with Michael Stausberg) “Editorial.” *Religion* 38/1: 1–7.
- 2007 “Religião e Ciência – Tendências atuais [Religion and Science: Current Tendencies]” (with Eduardo R. Cruz). *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 5/4. <http://www.pucsp.br/rever/rv12007/editorialen.htm>
- 2005 “Theory in Its Place / A teoria no seu lugar.” *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 5/4. <http://www.pucsp.br/rever/rv42005/editoriali.htm>

### Academic Translations

- 2015 Passages from Allan Kardec, *Le livre des esprits*, 2nd ed., 1860. (French) In Joseph P. Laycock, Ed. *Spirit Possession around the World: Possession, Communion, and Demon Expulsion across Cultures*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 200–202.
- 2008 “Dwelling on the Hill: Impressions of Residents of Two *Favelas* in Rio de Janeiro regarding Religion and Public Space,” by Clara Mafra. (Portuguese) *Religion* 38/1: 68–76.
- 2008 “Argentina,” by Anitilde Idoyaga Molina. (Spanish) In Gregory D. Alles, Ed. *Religious Studies: A Global View*. London and New York: Routledge. 271–273.
- 2008 “Mexico,” by Renée de la Torre. (Spanish) In Gregory D. Alles, Ed. *Religious Studies: A Global View*. London and New York: Routledge. 277–281.
- 2008 “Peru,” by Paulo Barrera Rivera. (Spanish) In Gregory D. Alles, Ed. *Religious Studies: A Global View*. London and New York: Routledge. 281–285.
- 2007 “O Quanto Somos Modernos? As contradições culturais da modernidade da Índia,” by Meera Nanda. (English to Portuguese, with Eduardo R. Cruz) *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* 7/1: 164–182.
- 2006 “Response,” by Daniel Dubuisson. (French) In Steven Engler and Dean Miller, Eds. Critical symposium on *The Western Construction of Religion*, *Religion* 36/3: 166–175.

### INVITED TALKS

## Keynote Addresses

- 2014 “Esporte e religião: entre a religião secular e a religião explícita [Sport & religion: between secular and implicit religion]. *Simpósio Internacional: Entre o Lúdico e o Religioso: a religião nas interfaces do esporte e da festa popular* [International symposium on the ludic and the religious...] Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, SP, Brazil.
- 2014 “The Rationality of Spirit Possession and the Madness of Methods and Theories.” *The Methods to Our Madness? An Inquiry into Methodology in the Study of Religion*. Annual Graduate Symposium, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, Canada.
- 2013 “Panorama Internacional das Religiões” [An International Panorama of Religions] *Associação Nacional de Pós-graduação e Pesquisa em Teologia e Ciências da Religião* (ANPTECRE), Universidade Católica de Pernambuco, Recife, PB, Brazil.
- 2011 “A variação internacional nas relações entre a teologia e as ciências da religião” [International Variation in Relations between Theology and Religious Studies]. *Sociedade de Teologia e Ciências da Religião do Brasil* (SOTER), Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil.
- 2011 “‘Experiência’ e ‘religião’: interfaces entre dois conceitos problemáticos” [‘Experience’ and ‘Religion’: Relations between Two Problematic Concepts]. *Associação Brasileira de História das Religiões* (ABHR), Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Juiz de Fora, MG, Brazil.
- 2009 “Brazilian Spirit Possession in Light of Recent Theory of Ritual.” Performing Self and Community: New Perspectives on Ritual Practice.” Graduate student conference, The Centre for Research on Religion / Centre de Recherche sur la Religion (CREOR), McGill University, Montréal, QC, Canada.
- 2007 “Ciências da religião e a tradução do sagrado” [Religious Studies and the Translation of the Sacred]. *1º Colóquio Internacional: a Bíblia e suas traduções*. Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil.

## Invited Lectures

- 2017 “O jogo ideológico da tradição” [The Ideological Play of ‘Tradition’]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2017 “O carisma velada: autoridade e história no Estado islâmico” [Veiled Charisma: Authority and History in the Islamic State]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2015 “O estado do campo internacional 1: grandes pesquisadores atuais” [The international state of the field 1: key current researchers]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Campinas, Brazil.
- 2015 “O estado do campo internacional 2: ameaças institucionais e oportunidades disciplinares” [Institutional threats and disciplinary opportunities]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Campinas, Brazil.
- 2015 “Repensando o nosso objeto de estudo” [Rethinking our object of study]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Campinas, Brazil.

- 2015 “O círculo bondoso: meta-teoria, teoria, métodos, e dados” [The virtuous circle: meta-theory, theory, methods, and data]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Campinas, Brazil.
- 2014 “Multiple Religious Adherence and Boundary Crossing in Brazil.” *Bentall Lectures in Christian Theology* 1. University of Calgary, Canada.
- 2014 “Opportunities and Threats in the Global Study of Religions.” *Bentall Lectures in Christian Theology* 2. University of Calgary, Canada.
- 2014 “A Ciência da Religião: panorama da pesquisa internacional” [International Overview of Religious Studies Research]. Inaugural lecture, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP), São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2012 “Beyond ‘Folk’ vs. ‘Vernacular’ Religion.” Department of Archaeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion, University of Bergen, Norway.
- 2010 “A teoria semântica e o problema insider/outsider” [Semantic theory and the Insider-Outsider Problem]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP), São Paulo, Brazil. (Co-authored with Mark Q. Gardiner.)
- 2009 “Religious Boundary Crossing in Brazil.” Latin American Research Centre, University of Calgary.
- 2009 “Relações entre a ciência e a religião no Islamismo e no Hinduísmo” [Relations between Science and Religion in Islam and Hinduism]. *XIV Semana da Iniciação científica*, Universidade Estadual do Norte Fluminense em Campos dos Goytacazes, Campos dos Goytacazes, Brazil.
- 2007 “O Status Atual da(s) Ciência(s) da Religião no Canadá e nos EUA” [The Current Status of Religious Studies in Canada and the USA]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2006 “Religião, bioética, e a natureza humana” [Religion, bioethics and human nature]. *Simpósio Internacional do Direito Animal*, Universidade Estadual Paulista Júlio De Mesquita Filho, Rio Claro, Brazil.
- 2005 “A morte e a pós-morte nas religiões do mundo: Uma leitura sociológica” [Death and the Afterlife in World Religion: A Sociological Reading], Universidade de São Paulo, SP, Brazil.
- 2005 “Religion, Agency and Order.” Keio University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 2005 “Religion and Religious Studies in Canada.” Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan.
- 2005 “Critical Theory in Religious Studies.” Tenri University, Tenri, Japan.
- 2002 “Pragmatism, ‘Religion,’ and Religious Studies.” Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary.

### Invited Symposia/Seminars

- 2017 “Formação e dinâmica da Umbanda” [Formation and dynamics of Umbanda]. Graduate seminar in Social Anthropology, Universidade de São Paulo.
- 2016 Seminar on *Handbook of Contemporary Religions in Brazil*. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP), São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2014 Panel on methodology. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo (PUC-SP), São Paulo, Brazil.

- 2013 “Grounded Theory.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), “Study of Religion as an Academic Discipline” workshop, Baltimore.
- 2012 “Critical Pedagogy and the Study of Religion: A Comparison of Brazilian and Canadian Master’s Programs.” Roundtable on Graduate Programs in Religious Studies, *European Association for the Study of Religion* (EASR), Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2011 “Ciência(s) da Religião no Canadá e nos EUA” [Religious Studies in Canada and the USA] (with William Paden, University of Vermont). Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ciência da Religião, Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Brazil.
- 2009 Research report and discussion. *Alberta Religious Studies Symposium*. University of Calgary.
- 2007 “Criacionismo e fundamentalismo” [Creationism and Fundamentalism]. Round table on “A epistemologia do fundamentalismo e as ciências da religião.” *XI Semana de Estudos de Religião - Fundamentalismo: Discursos e Práticas*. Universidade Metodista de São Paulo.
- 2006 “Azusa Street - os primeiros ecos nos EUA e Canadá.” [Canadian Pentecostal roots and trends in relation to the U.S.A.]. *Seminário Azusa Street (1906): ecos 100 anos depois*. Universidade Metodista de São Paulo.
- 2006 Response to Laurence Iannaccone, “Current Directions in the Economic Study of Religion.” NAASR Working Group. *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR). Washington, D.C.
- 2006 Round-table participant, *Religião e cognição: múltiplas perspectivas* [Religion and Cognition: Multiple Perspectives]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, SP, Brazil.
- 2006 “Estética e religião” [Aesthetics and Religion]. Faculty Seminar. Programa de Estudos Pós-Graduados em Ciências da Religião, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, SP, Brazil.
- 2006 “Fieldwork and the Translation of ‘Experience.’” *III Seminário Internacional do Núcleo Interdisciplinar do Imaginário e Memória da Universidade de São Paulo*. Bonito, MS, Brazil.
- 2005 “‘Religião’ na historia e nas ciências da religião” [‘Religion’ in History and Religious Studies]. Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2005 “Religious Studies in Canada and Brazil: Beyond Normative Pluralism.” *Religious Studies in Canada: Past, Present & Future/Les sciences religieuses au Canada: Passé, présent et avenir*. Ottawa.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Panels Organized

- 2015 “The Work of Data: Methods in the Study of Religions” (with Michael Stausberg) (two sessions). *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR). Erfurt, Germany.
- 2011 “Curses and Blasphemy” (with Gustavo Benavides). *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), San Francisco

- 2010 “Crisis and Creativity: The Changing Faces of Religious Studies Programs.” (two sessions), *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR). Toronto.
- 2010 “Philosophy of Language and Theories of Religion.” *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR). Toronto.
- 2006 “Critical Perspectives on Hybridity.” *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR). Washington, D.C.
- 2006 “Metodos e teorias no estudo da religião” [Method and Theory in the Study of Religion]. *Associação Latino-Americana para o Estudo das Religiões* (ALER), São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil.
- 2005 “Papal Ritual, Death and Politics in Brazil.” *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), Philadelphia.
- 2005 “Religion, Agency and Order: Theoretical Issues and Historical Cases.” *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR). Tokyo, Japan.
- 2004 Critical symposium on Daniel Dubuisson’s *The Western Construction of Religion* (with Gustavo Benavides). *American Academy of Religion*, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, San Antonio.
- 2004 “Religion and Agency.” *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), San Antonio, Texas.

### Papers Presented

- 2016 “Heaven above the Cristo Redentor: Kardecist Spiritual Colonies as a Reflection of Brazilian Social Relations.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Western Esotericism Group, San Antonio, USA.
- 2016 (with Mark Q. Gardiner) “Response to Kevin Schilbrack on ‘Interpretation’” *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), San Antonio, USA. Nov. 18.
- 2016 “A Spatial Model of Religious Authority.” *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion* (CSSR). Calgary, Canada.
- 2016 “Religious Meta-hybridity in Umbanda.” *Canadian Association for Latin-American and Caribbean Studies* (CALACS). Calgary, Canada.
- 2016 “Charismatic Authority, Jihadi-Salafism, and the Paradoxes of ‘Religion’ in Canada.” *Canada, the United States, and Islamic Extremism: Domestic and International Dimensions*. Honolulu, USA.
- 2015 “‘There Is No Greater Plague’: A Brazilian Neo-Pentecostal Theory of Religion.” *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR), Erfurt, Germany.
- 2015 “Philosophy and the Study of Religion: Intersection, Reciprocity, Collaboration” (co-authored and co-presented with Mark Q. Gardiner). *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR), Erfurt, Germany.
- 2014 “Plural Knowledges in their Social Context: ‘Religion’ in Brazilian Religions.” *European Association for the Study of Religions* (EASR), Groningen, Netherlands.
- 2014 “Environment and Class in Brazilian Popular Music.” *Under Western Skies 3*, Calgary, Canada.

- 2013 “MTSR by the Numbers.” *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 25th Anniversary Roundtable. *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), Baltimore.
- 2012 “The Beginning and End of Brazilian Religion.” *European Association for the Study of Religion* (EASR), Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2011 “Curses, Cures and Agency in Three Brazilian New Religions.” *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), San Francisco.
- 2010 “Umbanda e glocalização [Umbanda and glocalization].” Associação Nacional de Pós-Graduação e Pesquisa em Ciências Sociais (ANPOCS), Caxambú, Brazil.
- 2010 “Semantic Holism and the Insider-Outsider Problem.” *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR), Toronto. (Co-authored and co-presented with Mark Q. Gardiner.)
- 2009 “Re-mapping Bateson’s Frame.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Ritual Studies Group, Montréal.
- 2009 “Davidsonian Semantic Theory and Cognitive Science of Religion.” *Meaning in Religion, Cognition and Culture*, University of Aarhus, Denmark. (Co-authored with and presented by Mark Q. Gardiner.)
- 2008 “Reflexivity, Virtuality and Social Relations in Brazilian Umbanda.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Anthropology of Religion Group, Chicago.
- 2008 “The Work of Play in a Brazilian Syncretistic Catholic Ritual,” Wenner-Gren Workshop “Ritual and reflection: tropes in transformation and transgression.” *European Association of Social Anthropologists* (EASA), Ljubljana, Slovenia. (Session report by Jens Kreinath in *Journal of Ritual Studies* 23/1 [2009]: 73–75.)
- 2007 “Ritual Theory and Attitudes to Agency in Brazilian Spirit-possession.” *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), San Diego. Panel report (by Jens Kreinath) in *Anthropology News* 49/5 (2008): 63–64.
- 2007 “The Selective Elitism of Brazilian Kardecist Spiritism.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), New Religious Movements Group, San Diego.
- 2006 “Hybridity, Essentialism, Temporality: The Case of Umbanda.” *North American Association for the Study of Religion* (NAASR), Washington, D.C.
- 2006 “Playing at Syncretism: New Rituals in a Brazilian Catholic Women’s Group.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Anthropology of Religion and Ritual Studies Groups, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 “*Mestiçagem, Brasilidade and Feijoada*: Extending Brazilian Writings on Hybridity.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 “Resumo crítico da teoria cognitiva da religião [Critical Overview of Cognitive Theory of Religion].” Associação Latino-Americana para o Estudo das Religiões (ALER), São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil.
- 2006 “Repensando ‘hybridismo: Puridades anteriores e ‘a invenção de tradição [Rethinking Hybridity: Anterior Purities and the Invention of Tradition].” Associação Latino-Americana para o Estudo das Religiões (ALER), São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil.
- 2006 “Estética e religião [Aesthetics and Religion].” *II Simpósio Internacional sobre Religiões, Religiosidades e Culturas*, Dourados, Brazil.

- 2005 “Constitutional Secularization: Religious Pluralism and the Canadian Courts.” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Law, Religion, and Culture Group, Philadelphia.
- 2005 “Papal Ritual, Death and Politics in Brazil.” Session organizer and presenter. *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)*, Philadelphia.
- 2005 “Ethical Reasoning across Cultures.” *Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR)*. Vancouver.
- 2005 “Charting the Map Metaphor in Theory of Religion.” *International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)*. Tokyo, Japan.
- 2005 “Religion, Agency and Transactional Orders.” *International Association for the History of Religions*. Tokyo, Japan.
- 2004 “Religion, Agency and Order.” *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)*, San Antonio.
- 2004 “Agency, Order and Time in the Human Science of Religion.” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, San Antonio.
- 2004 “Questioning ‘Science’ and ‘Religion’ as Comparative Categories.” *American Academy of Religion (AAR regional)*, Vancouver.
- 2004 “Science Fiction, Religion, and Social Change.” *FutureVisions 6.0 Science Fiction and Social Change Symposium*, Mount Royal University, Calgary.
- 2003 “Time, Habit, and Embodied Memory in English Puritanism.” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, History of Christianity Section, Atlanta.
- 2003 “The Legal Context of Religious Pluralism in Canada.” *International Society for the Sociology of Religion (SISR/ISSR)*, Turin, Italy.
- 2002 “Michel Despland on Modernity and (Material) Economies of Religion.” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, Toronto.
- 2002 “Pragmatism, ‘Religion,’ and Religious Studies.” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group and History, Method, and Theory in the Study of Religion Consultation, Toronto.
- 2001 “Constructionism vs. What?” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, Denver.
- 2000 “Bourdieu on Habitus, Consecration and Religion in Late-Modernity” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, Nashville.
- 1998 “Gift, Time and the Differentiation of Capital: Late-Medieval Charity and Pierre Bourdieu” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, History of Christianity Section, Orlando.
- 1996 “‘All Men’s Money’: Almsgiving and Social Boundaries in Early Modern England” *American Academy of Religion (AAR)*, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, New Orleans.
- 1996 “Foucault on Idleness, Religion and Time” *Chorus of Voices* conference on Religion and Culture, Montréal.
- 1995 “Puritan Anxiety and the Civilizing Process” *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion*, Montréal.



- 1995 “The Devil’s Poor and the Idle Rich” *International Society for the Sociology of Religion*, Québec City.
- 1995 “‘God Payeth Interest’: Exchange Theory and Early Modern Almsgiving” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR tri-regional), Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1994 “The Senses in Augustine’s *Confessions*” *American Academy of Religion* (regional), Montréal.
- 1991 “Epistemology and Tuning Theory: Historical Parallels” *Resonant Intervals: Interdisciplinary Perspectives of Music*, Calgary.

## **Respondent**

- 2010 “Body, Mind and Religion” (two-sessions). *International Association for the History of Religions* (IAHR). Toronto.
- 2005 *In Search of Dialogue among Religions in the Middle East*, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture. Nagoya, Japan.
- 2003 “Historicizing Tradition.” *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, Denver.

## **CAMPUS/DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

- 2017 “Sacred Terror? Radical Islam and Religious Authority.” Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2016 Research Lightning talk during, “Religious Authority and Islamic Terrorism” Mount Royal University Research and Scholarship Week.
- 2014 “Religious Hybridity in Brazil.” Latin American Studies Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2014 “Opportunities and Threats in the Global Study of Religions.” Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2011 “Speaking of God: What Philosophy Can Tell Us about Religion (and vice versa...)” (with Mark Gardiner). Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2010 “To Believe or Not to Believe: Atheism and Agnosticism Examined.” Public lecture sponsored by the Multi-faith Chaplaincy, Mount Royal University.
- 2009 “Global Creationism, Fundamentalism and Science.” Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2008 “Tolerance and Liberty: Faith in an Age of Religious Pluralism.” Public lecture sponsored by the Multi-faith Chaplaincy, Mount Royal University.
- 2005 “Speaking of God: What Philosophy Can Tell Us about Religion” (with Mark Gardiner). Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2004 “Spirituality in the Workplace: A Critical Look” (with Debra Jensen). Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2004 Religion in the Media workshop for journalism, public relations, and religious studies students, Mount Royal University.
- 2002 “Searching for God in a California Costco.” Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.

- 2002 “The Aftermath of September 11, 2001,” public panel with members of the MRU Policy Studies department.
- 2001 “Houses of Worship in the Lower East Side, Manhattan.” Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 2001 “Learning Outcomes and Internationalization at MRC.” Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.
- 1999 “‘God Payeth Interest’: Charity, Order and the Self in Early Modern England.” Humanities Department Colloquium, Mount Royal University.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Graduate

- 2005–2007 Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil (4 sections): Brazilian and Global Creationism; Cognitive Science of Religion; Textuality, Visuality, and the Sensorium in the Study of Religion; Reading English Language Texts in the Study of Religion

### Undergraduate

- 1999– Mount Royal University, Calgary (over 60 sections): Religion in the Americas; Nature/Theory of Religion; World Religions (Western & Eastern); Esotericism, Magic and the Occult; World Christianity; Topics in Christianity; Early Christianity; Hebrew Bible; Religion and Film; Good and Evil; Death and Afterlife; Religious Experience; Science and Religion
- 2008 University of Calgary, Calgary (1 section): Theories of Religion
- 1997–99 University of Alberta, Edmonton. Courses taught (7 sections): World Religions (Western & Eastern); Death and Dying in World Religions; Religion in Literature
- 1997 St. Mary’s College, Calgary. Courses taught (1.5 sections): Ethics; Medieval Christian Thought
- 1996–97 Augustana University College, Camrose (5 sections): Christian Ethics; Christian Understanding of Human Nature; The Reformation Period; Religious Meaning, Asian Religions
- 1994–96 Concordia University, Montréal (3 sections): Contemporary Ethical Issues; Introduction to Christianity
- 1988–92 Capilano College, North Vancouver (24 sections): Ethics; Epistemology and Metaphysics; Political Philosophy; Critical Thinking; Philosophy in Literature; Existentialism in Literature
- 1989 University of British Columbia, Vancouver (1 section): Philosophy in Literature

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

### Professional Organizations

- 2004– *North American Association for the Study of Religion (NAASR)*, Executive Council, (*ex officio* since 2007)

- 2011–14 *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Excellence in the Study of Religion Descriptive/Analytic book award jury
- 2009–12 *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Anthropology of Religion Group, Co-chair
- 2007–09 *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Anthropology of Religion Group, Steering Committee
- 2009 *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), External Reviewer, Western Esotericism Group renewal request
- 2007–09 *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group, Steering Committee
- 2001–07 *American Academy of Religion* (AAR), Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group: Co-chair

### **Editorships**

- 2008– Co-editor of peer-reviewed journal, *Religion* (Routledge)
- 2006– Book Series co-editor: *Studies in the History of Religions* and sub-series *Texts and Sources in the History of Religions* (Brill)
- 2007– Founding book series editor, *Key Thinkers in the Study of Religion* (Routledge / NAASR)
- 2013– Book Series co-editor: *Religion in the Americas* (Brill)

### **Journal Editorial Boards**

- 2016– *International Journal of Latin American Religions* (Springer)
- 2011– *Horizonte: Revista de Estudos em Teologia e Ciências da Religião* (Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas)
- 2008– *Revista de Estudos da Religião (Rever)* (Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo)
- 2007– *Imaginário* (Universidade de São Paulo)
- 2012–2016 *Studies in Religion / Sciences religieuses* (SAGE)
- 2009–2016 *Journal of Religious and Theological Information* (Hawarth, then Routledge)
- 2004–2007 *Religion* (Elsevier, now Routledge)

### **Open Access Advisory Boards**

- 2013– Academic Steering & Advocacy Committee, Open Library of Humanities (OLH)
- 2015– Routledge OA Advisory Board

### **Ad hoc Manuscript Review**

- 70+ journal articles
- Five new journal proposals.
- Seven book manuscripts (Oxford UP, Cambridge UP, Routledge, Continuum, Brill)

### **DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

## **Graduate Defences**

- 2015 Håkon Tandberg, “The Fire In Relationships: A Relational Approach To Contemporary Parsi Zoroastrianism.” Supervisor: Michael Stausberg. Ph.D. Religious Studies. Bergen University, Norway. [external re theory]
- 2014 Clarissa de Franco, “O ateísmo de Richard Dawkins nas fronteiras da ciência evolucionista e do senso comum.” Supervisor: Edênio Valle. Ph.D. Ciências da Religião, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil.
- 2011 Kyle Nunweiler, “Making Sense of the Sacred: Testing Justin Barrett’s Counterintuitiveness Coding and Quantifying System on the Classical Evidence from the Hebrew Bible.” Supervisor: Lyle Eslinger. M.A. Religious Studies, University of Calgary, Canada.
- 2006 Kleber Maia Marinho, “In The President We Trust: uma análise da concepção religiosa na esfera política dos EUA presente nos discursos de George W. Bush.” Supervisor: Frank Usarski. M.A. Ciências da Religião, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil.

## **Departmental and Faculty Committees**

Tenure (2003–05, 2008–17)  
Chair Selection (2003–04)  
Search/Hiring (2008–09; 2010–11; 2011–12)  
Faculty of Arts Promotion (2014–17)

## **University Committees**

Academic Council [quasi-Senate] (2000–02)  
Program [curriculum approval] and Policy (2000–01)  
Leave Granting (2003–05)  
Copyright (2003–04)  
General Faculties Council [Senate] (2008–10, 2011–13)  
GFC By-laws and Striking Subcommittee (2008–10)  
Internal Research Grants (2008–12)  
Responsible Conduct of Research (2010–12)  
Promotion Appeals (2011–12)

I have served on a further 15 departmental/university committees while at MRU.

## **Multi-university Committees**

Alberta Religious Studies and Theology Articulation [Transfer] Committee (2016–)

## **International Service**

- 2015 Invited visit to Brazilian partner institution (Pontificia Universidade Católica de Campinas) (lectures, orientation meetings with graduate students, meetings with administrators and faculty members).
- 2009 Invited campus visit (UNICEUB, Brasília) to lay groundwork for an International Partnership Agreement with MRU (lecture, meetings with administrators).

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Confirmed* “Books That Changed the World: Norman Vincent Peale’s *The Power of Positive Thinking*.” Nichols Public Library, Calgary (Feb. 8, 2018)
- 2017 “A Maçonaria e as Religiões” [Freemasonry and Religions]. A . . . R . . . L . . . S . . . “Templários da Justiça” N° 482 (Masonic Lodge), São João da Boa Vista, Brazil.
- 2016 “Quão Islâmico é o Estado Islâmico?” [How Islamic is the Islamic State?]. A . . . R . . . L . . . S . . . “Templários da Justiça” N° 482 (Masonic Lodge), São João da Boa Vista, Brazil.
- 2015 “Science and Religion in Islam and Hinduism.” *Apeiron Society for the Practice of Philosophy*, Calgary.
- 2015 “Relações entre a religião e o estado: quatro modelos e um paradox” (Religion/State Relations: Four Models and a Paradox). A . . . R . . . L . . . S . . . “Templários da Justiça” N° 482 (Masonic Lodge), São João da Boa Vista, Brazil.
- 2015 “Religion by the Numbers: Trends in the World Today.” Crowfoot Public Library, Calgary.
- 2014 “Religion by the Numbers: Trends in the World Today.” Nose Hill Public Library.
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- 2011 “Speaking of God: What Philosophy Can Tell Us about Religion (and vice versa...)” (with Mark Gardiner). Annual retreat of the *Apeiron Society for the Practice of Philosophy*, Kannanaskis.
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- 1994– American Academy of Religion (AAR)
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