

## **Penny Edgell**

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### Professional Positions

2022-23 Faculty Associate, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs, University of Minnesota  
2015-19 Associate Dean for the Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota  
2007 - present Professor, Sociology Department, University of Minnesota  
2002 Associate Professor, Sociology Department, University of Minnesota  
Affiliated Programs: Religious Studies, American Studies  
1995 Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, Cornell University  
Affiliated programs: Women's Studies, Religious Studies, American Studies

### Education

1995 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago  
Dissertation: "How We Do Things Here: Culture and Conflict in Local Congregations"  
*Nominated for Social Science Division Geller Prize as best dissertation in sociology, 1995*  
1989 M.A. Sociology, University of Chicago  
1986 A.B. Sociology, *magna cum laude*, Princeton University

### Fields of Interest

Culture; Religion in the United States; Sociology of Religion; Gender, Family, and Work

### Grants and Fellowships

2023-2025 Imagine Fund Award; \$14,132 from the University of Minnesota, "Religion, Spirituality, and Meaning in the Contemporary United States."  
2023-24 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, New York. Project: *The Reconfiguration of American Religion, Spirituality, and Nonreligion.*  
2021-25 Regional Coordinator for "Beyond the Pandemic: Tracking Change and Exploring Innovation in America's Congregational Landscape," funded through the Hartford Institute for Religion Research.  
2020 Imagine Fund Award; \$5000 from the University of Minnesota, "Beyond Christian Nationalism: Progressive Repertoires of Public Religious Expression in the Contemporary United States."  
2020 Seed Grant for Social Sciences Research, \$8000 from the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, "Engagement, Connection, and Well-being among the Non-religious in the United States"  
2013 Imagine Fund Award, \$5000 award from the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, "Ritual and Renewal in a Local Religious Ecology."  
2013 Principal Investigator, \$265,199 grant from the National Science Foundation, Sociology Program. Doug Hartmann, Eric Tranby, Paul Croll, co-PIs. "Boundaries in the American Mosaic: Inclusion and Exclusion In the Contemporary United States."  
2012 Sabbatical Grant, \$40,000, Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism in American Culture, Louisville Seminary.  
2012 Jack Shand Research Award, \$3000, from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.  
2011 Principal Investigator, \$283,443 grant from the National Science Foundation, Sociology Program. Kathy Hull, co-PI. "The Role of Cognition in the Development of Social Fragmentation, Commonalities, and Consensus."  
2010 Residential Fellowship, Spring Semester, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Minnesota.  
2008 Life Course Center Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota  
2004-05 Sabbatical Grant, \$45,000, Religious Institutions Grant Program, Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism in American Culture, Louisville Seminary  
2004-05 Sabbatical Supplement Grant, University of Minnesota  
2003-05 Life Course Center Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota  
2002-2006 Principal Investigator, \$700,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment for a national survey of religion, work, and family; Christopher Ellison and Brad Wilcox, co-PIs  
2002-2006 Principal Investigator, American Mosaic Project, \$340,000 grant from Edelstein Family Foundation to study race, religion, and tolerance in U.S.; Douglass Hartmann and Joseph Gerteis, co-PIs  
2002 Summer Stipend, \$8000, Louisville Institute, Louisville Seminary  
2000-01 Visiting Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University

## Grants and Fellowships, cont'd

- 2000-01 Visiting Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Human Values, Harvard University (declined)  
1998-2001 Cornell Careers Institute, Cornell University, Summer Research Fellowship, \$5000 to \$10,000  
1997-2000 Principal Investigator, \$280,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment for a comparative study of institutional links between religion and family in four communities in upstate New York  
1995-6 Ford Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Program, Summer Stipend, Cornell University  
1992-3 Institute for the Study of Protestantism in American Culture Dissertation Fellowship  
1987-90 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship

## Honors

- 2020-23 Faculty Mentor, Young Scholars in American Religion Program, IUPUI  
2020 Award for Outstanding Contributions to Graduate and Professional Education, University of Minnesota; title of "Distinguished University Teaching Professor"  
2019 (ongoing) National Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, IUPUI  
2016 Faculty Mentoring Award, Sociology Department, University of Minnesota  
1993 Robert Park Prize Lecturer in Sociology, University of Chicago

## Books

- 2020 *Religion is Raced*. Grace Yukich and Penny Edgell, editors. New York University Press.  
2005 *Religion and Family in a Changing Society*. Penny Edgell. Princeton University Press Series in Cultural Sociology. *Distinguished Book Award 2006*, ASA Religion Section.  
1999 *Congregations in Conflict: Cultural Models of Local Religious Life*. Penny Edgell Becker. Cambridge University Press. *Best Book Award 2000*, ASA Religion Section.  
1997 *Contemporary American Religion: An Ethnographic Reader*. Penny Edgell Becker and Nancy Eiesland, editors. Alta Mira Press/Sage.

## Articles and Book Chapters

- 2023 "What Makes Life Meaningful? Combinations Of Meaningful Commitments Among Nonreligious and Religious Americans." Penny Edgell, Mahala Miller, Jacqui Frost. *Sociology of Religion*. Accepted.  
2023 "Public Religion and Gendered Attitudes." Evan Stewart, Penny Edgell, Jack Delehanty. *Social Problems*, available online at <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spad012>  
2023 "Eternally Damned, yet Socially Conscious? The Volunteerism of Canadian Atheists." David Speed, Penny Edgell. *Sociology of Religion*, available online at: <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/srac035>  
2022 "Rapport: Affective Cultural Structures in Sociological Inquiry." Ethan Johnson, Penny Edgell, Kathleen Hull. *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, available online at <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41290-022-00168-z>  
2022 Can Talk Reveal Nondeclarative Culture? Deliberation Strategies in Talking about Social Controversies." Christine Delp, Penny Edgell. *Sociological Forum* 37(4):1018-39.  
2021 "From Politics as Vocation to Politics as Business: Populist Social Performance and Narrative Fusion in Trump Rallies." Yagmur Karakaya, Penny Edgell. *Social Forces*, online at <https://academic.oup.com/sf/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/sf/soab150/6462542>.  
2021 "I Believe in Taking Care of People': Pushing Back Against Rationalized Institutions with a Logic of Care." Jacqui Frost, Penny Edgell. *Poetics*, online at: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2021.101593>  
2021 "How Americans Talk about Separation of Church and State: Moral Frameworks of Justice and Care." Kathy Hull, Penny Edgell. *The Sociological Quarterly* 62(2):258-81.

Articles and Book Chapters, cont'd

- 2020 "Racial, Religious, and Civic Dimensions of Anti-Muslim Sentiment in America." Joseph Gerteis, Doug Hartmann, Penny Edgell. *Social Problems* 67(4):719-740.
- 2019 "The Stakes of Symbolic Boundaries." Penny Edgell, Evan Stewart, Sarah Catherine Billups, Ryan Larson. *The Sociological Quarterly* 61(2):309-33.
- 2019 "Christian America? Secularized Evangelical Discourse and the Boundaries of National Belonging." Jack Delehanty, Penny Edgell, Evan Stewart. *Social Forces* 97(3):1283-1306.
- 2018 "The Politics of Religious Prejudice and Tolerance for Cultural Others." Evan Stewart, Penny Edgell, Jack Delehanty. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 59(1):17-39.
- 2018 "Rescuing Nones from the Reference Category: Civic Engagement Among the Non-religious in America." Jacqueline Frost, Penny Edgell. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 47(2):417-38.
- 2017 "Distinctiveness Reconsidered: Religiosity, Structural Location, and Understandings of Racial Inequality." Jacqueline Frost, Penny Edgell. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 56(2):277-301.
- 2017 "Cultural Schemas of Religion, Science, and Law in Talk about Social Controversies." Penny Edgell, Kathleen Hull. *Sociological Forum*, 32(2):228-320.
- 2017 "From Existential to Social Understandings of Risk: Examining Gender Differences in Non-religion." Penny Edgell, Jacqueline Frost, Evan Stewart. *Social Currents* 4(6):556-574.
- 2016 "Atheists and Other Cultural Outsiders: Moral Boundaries and the Non-Religious in the United States." Penny Edgell, Douglas Hartmann, Evan Stewart, Joseph Gerteis. *Social Forces* 95(2):607-638.
- 2016 "Work-Family Conflict among Black, White and Hispanic Men and Women." Samantha Ammons, Eric Dahlin, Penny Edgell, Jonathan Santo. *Community, Work and Family*, 20(4):379-404.
- 2016 "Reasoning Together through Telling Stories: How People Talk About Social Controversies." Penny Edgell, Kathleen Hull, Kyle Green, Daniel Winchester. *Qualitative Sociology* 39(1):1-26.
- 2015 "Loose Connections and Liberal Theology." Penny Edgell and Derek Robey. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 54(4): 649-67.
- 2015 "The Relevance of Place and Family Stage for Styles of Community Involvement." Heather Hofmeister, Penny Edgell. *Community, Work, and Family* 1(18):58-78.
- 2013 "Profiles of Anticipated Support: Religion's Place in the Composition of Americans' Emotional Support Networks." Penny Edgell, Darin Mather, Eric Tranby. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 52(2):293-309.
- 2012 "A Cultural Sociology of Religion – New Directions." *Annual Review of Sociology*, Vol. 38:247-65.
- 2012 "Making Ends Meet: Insufficiency and Work-Family Coordination in the New Economy." Penny Edgell, Samantha Ammons, and Eric Dahlin. *Journal of Family Issues* 33(8):999-1026.
- 2011 "How Americans Understand Racial and Religious Difference: A Test of Parallel Items from a Recent National Survey." Doug Hartmann, Daniel Winchester, Penny Edgell, and Joe Gerteis. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 52(3):323-45.
- 2010 "Shared Visions? Diversity and Cultural Membership in American Life." Penny Edgell and Eric Tranby. *Social Problems*, 57(2):175-204.
- 2008 "Religion and Family: Contemporary Problems, Emerging Issues." Pp. 1038-64 in the *Oxford Handbook for the Sociology of Religion*, ed. Peter Clarke. New York & London: Oxford University Press.

Articles and Book Chapters, cont'd

- 2007 "Religious Influences on Understandings of Racial Inequality in the United States." Penny Edgell and Eric Tranby. *Social Problems*, 54(2):263-288.
- 2007 "Religion and Work-Family Tradeoffs." Samantha Ammons and Penny Edgell. *Journal of Family Issues*, 28(6):794-826.
- 2007 "Beyond the Nuclear Family? Familism and Gender Ideology in Diverse Religious Communities." Penny Edgell and Danielle Docka. *Sociological Forum* 22(1):25-50
- 2006 "Atheists as 'Other': Moral Boundaries and Cultural Membership in American Society." Penny Edgell, Joseph Gerteis and Douglas Hartmann. *American Sociological Review*, 72(2):211-234. Reprinted in *Secularization*, ed. Bryan Turner, Sage Publications, 2010.
- 2003 "In Rhetoric and Practice: Defining 'The Good Family' in Local Congregations." Pp. 164-178 in *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion*, Dillon, editor. Cambridge University Press.
- 2003 "Sunday Morning Rush Hour." Heather Hofmeister and Penny Edgell. Pp. 203-219 in *It's About Time: Couples and Careers*, edited by Phyllis Moen. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- 2001 "Work, Family, and Religious Involvement for Men and Women." Penny Edgell and Heather Hofmeister. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 40(4):707-722.
- 2001 "Religious Involvement and Volunteering." Penny Edgell Becker and Pawan Dhingra. *Sociology of Religion*, 62(3): 315-335.
- 2000 "Boundaries and Silences in a Post-Feminist Sociology." Penny Edgell Becker *Sociology of Religion*, 61(4):399-408.
- 1999 "Scaling Back: Dual-Earner Couples' Work-Family Strategies." Penny Edgell Becker and Phyllis Moen. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 61:995-1007.
- 1998 "Making Inclusive Communities: Congregations and the 'Problem' of Race." Penny Edgell Becker, *Social Problems*, 45(4):451-472.
- 1998 "'Rational Amusement and Sound Instruction': Constructing the True Catholic Woman in the *Ave Maria*." Penny Edgell Becker. *Religion and American Culture*, 8(1):55-90, Winter.
- 1998 "Congregational Models and Conflict: A Study of How Institutions Shape Organizational Process." Penny Edgell Becker. Pp. 231-255 in *Sacred Companies: Organized Aspects of Religion and Religious Aspects of Organization*, Demerath, Dobkin Hall, Schmitt, and Williams, editors. Oxford University Press.
- 1997 "'What is Right' and 'What is Caring': Identifying a Religious Logic in Local Congregations." Penny Edgell Becker. Pp. 121-145 in *Contemporary American Religion: An Ethnographic Reader*. Becker and Eiesland, editors. Alta Mira .
- 1997 "Understanding Local Mission." Penny Edgell Becker. Pp. 267-285 in *Connectionalism: Ecclesiology, Mission, and Identity*. Report on the United Methodism and American Culture Project. Campbell, Lawrence, Richey, editors. Abingdon Press.
- 1993 "Straining at the Tie that Binds: Congregational Conflict in the 1980s," with Stephen J. Ellingson, Richard W. Flory, Wendy Griswold, Fred Kniss and Tim Nelson. *Review of Religious Research*, 34(3):193-209.

Reviews, Comments, Essays

- 2018 "Announcing Your Place in the Family of Things." Blog entry for *The Immanent Frame*, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council. Available at: <https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/03/01/announcing-your-place-in-the-family-of-things/>

Reviews, Comments, Essays cont'd

- 2018 Review of *Seeking Good Debate: Religion, Science, and Conflict in American Public Life*, by Michael Se. Evans. *Contemporary Sociology*, 47(1):66-67.
- 2017 Review of *Losing Our Religion: How Unaffiliated Parents are Raising their Children*, by Christel Manning. *Contemporary Sociology*, 46(3):330-332.
- 2017 "Associate Editor's Note: An Agenda for Research on American Religion in Light of the 2016 Election." *Sociology of Religion*, 78:1(1-8).
- 2016 "Seeing the White in Christian America." *The Society Pages*, published 12/15/16. Available at: <https://thesocietypages.org/specials/seeing-the-white-in-christian-america/>
- 2011 "The Sum of the Parts: Religion in American Public Life." Invited review essay on *American Grace* by Robert Putnam. *Journal of Religion and Politics*, 4(2):366-68.
- 2010 Review of *Souls in Transition*, by Christian Smith. *Sociological Forum*, 25(3):630-634.
- 2008 "We Still Don't Know if Christianity 'Works,' Much Less Why: Reply to Smith." *Sociology of Religion*, 69(4):445-52.
- 2008 "Trust Me." Blog entry on The Immanent Frame, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council. Available at: [http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent\\_frame/2008/04/18/trust-me/](http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2008/04/18/trust-me/).
- 2008 "Be Still and Know that I am Bright." Review of *Breaking the Spell*, by Daniel C. Dennet. *Contexts*, 7(1):64-65.
- 2005 Review of *Heaven's Kitchen*, by Courtney Bender. *Social Forces*, 84(2): 1318-1319.
- 2003 Review of *Evangelical Identity and Gendered Family Life*, by Sally K. Gallagher. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 65(4):1089-1090.
- 2002 Review of *Choice and Religion*, by Steve Bruce. *Journal of Religion*, 82(1):141-2.
- 2001 "It's Not Just a Matter of Time." *Journal of Family Ministry*, 15(2):11-26.
- 2001 Review of *The Gold Coast Church and the Ghetto*, by James A. Wellman. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 40(2):350.
- 2000 Review of *Beyond the Cultural Turn*, edited by Victoria Bonnell and Lynn Hunt. *Social Forces*, 79(1):349-51.
- 1999 Review of *The Battered Wife: How Christians Confront Family Violence* by Nancy Nason-Clark. *Sociology of Religion*, 60(3):335-6.
- 1999 Review of *Being There: Culture and Formation in two Theological Schools*, by Jackson Carroll, Barbara Wheeler, Daniel Aleshire and Penny Long Marler. *Contemporary Sociology*, 28(2):199.
- 1998 Review of *Presbyterian Pluralism*, by William J. Weston. *Sociology of Religion*, 59(4):418-19.
- 1998 Review of *Feminization of the American Clergy*, by Paula Nesbitt. *American Journal of Sociology*, 103(6):1751-2.
- 1996 Review of *Mennonite Peacemaking*, by Leo Driedger and Donald Kraybill. *Sociology of Religion*, 57(3):327-328.
- 1996 Review of *Full Pews, Empty Altars: The Demographics of the Priest Shortage in United States Catholic Dioceses*, by Richard A. Schoenherr and Lawrence A. Young. *Administrative Science Quarterly*, 41(3):534-7.

Reviews, Comments, Essays cont'd

- 1996            Review of *Material Christianity*, by Colleen McDannell. *American Journal of Sociology*, 102(2):644-5.
- 1995            Review of *Jesus Christ, Sun of God: Ancient Cosmology and Early Christian Symbolism*, by David Fideler. *Review of Religious Research*, 36(3):328-329.
- 1994            Review of *Slim's Table*, by Mitchell Duneier. *American Journal of Sociology*, 99(5):1391-1392

Invited Lectures

- 2019            "Cultural Repertoires of Religion and Non-religion: Examples from the Study of the United States." Colorado Mesa University, April 12, 2019.
- 2019            "Cultural Repertoires of Religion and Non-religion: Examples from the Study of the United States." Invited panel talk, Nonreligion and Secularity Network conference, Rome, Italy, May 28-30, 2019.
- 2017            "Congregations in a Changing American Landscape." Thrivent Financial Corporation employee development conference, Denver, CO, July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015            "Godless in America: Being Atheist in a Nation of Believers," presented at a public panel on religion and tolerance at the Boniuk Institute, Rice University, January 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2013            "Boundaries in the American Mosaic: Religion and Race as Sources of Solidarity and Exclusion in American Life." Sociology Department, Harvard University.
- 2012            "Culture Wars and Common Ground: Re-imagining Religion in the Public Sphere." Torstenson Lecture, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, April 4.
- 2011            "The Pig is not the Problem: New Approaches in the Study of Religion In Society." Keynote lecture, Sociologists of Minnesota, Maple Grove, Minnesota, Oct. 13.
- 2011            "Are we Secular Yet? Cultural Sociology and New Approaches to the Study of Religion." Presented at the University of Georgia Sociology Department Colloquium, March 25.
- 2009            "Religion as Cultural Repertoire, or, the Post-Secular as Scholarly Turning Point." Presented at Yale University at Exploring the Post-Secular, a conference co-sponsored by the SSRC, April 3-4.
- 2009            Keynote speaker, conference at Columbia University, Belief Matters: Reconceptualizing Belief and Its Use. April 2. Conference organized by and for graduate students in the study of religion.
- 2009            "Cultural Approaches to the Study of Religion." Presented at the First Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion at IUPUI. Indianapolis, June 4-7.
- 2009            "Work & Family: How Race and Religion Shape Experiences of Sufficiency and Stability." Presented at the Gender and Inequality Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, UC-San Diego. June 2.
- 2008            "Spillover and Instability: Understanding Short-Term and Long-Term Work-Family Conflict in a Diverse Population." Presented at the colloquium series, Dept. of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2006            "Religion and Myths: Ozzie and Harriet and Mainstream Religious Familism." Invited panelist, Conference on Religion and Myths, MARIAL Center, Emory University.
- 2003            "Religion and Family in a Changing Society." Culture Workshop, Northwestern University, September.
- 2001            "Work, Faith, and Family." The Ties that Bind: Religion and Family in Contemporary America Conference, Princeton University, May 16-17.

## Invited Lectures, cont'd

- 2001 "Religion, Family, and Gender Today." Cultural Dynamics Conference, Princeton Univ., March 30-31.
- 2001 "Longing for Ozzie and Harriet: The 'Time Bind' and Religious Institutions." Duke University Sociology Colloquium, January; Columbia University Sociology Colloquium, March.
- 2001 "In Rhetoric and in Practice: Defining 'The Good Family.'" Sociology Department colloquia Series at Princeton University, Swarthmore College, Rutgers University.
- 2000 "Religion and Family." Politics, Culture, and Society Workshop, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2000 "Religious Involvement and Volunteering." School of Social Work and the Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania, November.

## Courses Taught

- "Religion in America," freshman seminar cross-listed with Religious Studies
- "Religion in Public Life in the United States," upper-level undergraduate class cross-listed with Religious Studies
- "Atheists and Others in the United States," upper-level undergraduate class cross-listed with Religious Studies
- "Social Theory," upper-level undergraduate course required for sociology majors
- "Culture and Conflict in Organizations," sophomore seminar, part of undergraduate writing program
- "Culture and Agency," graduate seminar
- "Religion and Society," graduate seminar
- "Sociology of Culture," graduate seminar
- "Graduate Methods," graduate seminar

## Students Advised

*Dissertation Advisor, Cornell University:* Elaine Howard Ecklund (Ph.D. 2004), Pawan Dhingra (Ph.D. 2002)

*Committee Member, Cornell University:* Amy Foerster, Evelyn Bush, Heidi Swarts, Kirsten Grace, Ester Prins, Geoffrey Ream, Jessie Saul, Heather Hofmeister, Stacy Merola

*Dissertation Advisor, University of Minnesota:* Laura Gilbertson, Ethan Johnson, Mahala Miller, Christine Delp, Daniel Queto-Villalobos, Caitlin Taborda-Whitt (co-advisor), Jacqui Frost (Ph.D. 2020), Evan Stewart (Ph.D. 2019), Jack Delehanty (Ph.D. 2017), Daniel Winchester (Ph.D. 2013), Danielle Docka (co-advisor, Ph.D. 2013), Darin Mather (Ph.D. 2012), Maureen Clark (Ph. D. 2012), Andrew Johnson (Ph. D. 2012), Deborah Smith (co-advisor, Ph.D. 2010).

*Committee Member, University of Minnesota:* Nick Dickens, Taylor Cavallo Siering (Family Social Science), Michael Soto, Jean-Marie DeOrnellas, Edgar Campos, Stacey Brumbaugh-Johnson, Yagmur Karakaya, Kelly Chermack, Aysegul Kozak, Samantha Ammons, Amy Ronnkvist, Andria Strano, Shannon Golden, Ryan Steel, Dawna Reandu, Emma DeVries (Geography, Environment, and Society), Erin Weber-Johnson (Geography, Environment and Society), Allison Steinke (Journalism), Grace Miller (English), Joseph Haker (History), Laura Thaut (Political Science), Matthew Jacobs (Political Science), Sam Boerboom (Communications Studies), Julie Zaloudek (Family Social Science)

*Committee Member, Other Schools, Sociology:* Matthew May, UGA; Jenna Griebel, Baylor; Kevin Taylor, Boston University; Amanda Schutz, University of Arizona; Jordan Reuter, University of Nevada at Reno.

## Research Positions, Consulting

- 2014 Advisory Board, *Religious Leadership and Diversity Project*. Director: Korie Edwards
- 2006 Consultant, *National Congregations Study, II*. Director: Mark Chaves
- 1997-8 Consultant, *National Congregations Study*. Director: Mark Chaves
- 1997 Consultant on methodology, *Congregations, Communities, and Leadership Development Project*, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Director: Ronald Sider
- 1996-2002 Hartford Seminary Advisory Board. Review Committee for Hartford Institute for Religion Research

## Academic Service

### *Editorial and Review:*

Present – 2025 Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sociology*  
Present – 2020 Editorial Board, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*  
Present – 2019 College of Expert Reviewers, European Science Foundation  
2022-2018 Editorial Board, *Social Forces*  
2019-2017 Advisory Editor, *The Sociological Quarterly*  
2018-2017 National Science Foundation Advisory Panel, Main Grants Competition  
2018-2016 Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*  
2018-2014 Associate Editor, *Sociology of Religion*  
2018-2009 Advisory Editor, *Social Problems*  
2018-2015 Advisory Editor, *Sociological Forum*  
2016-2015 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Panel Member  
2015-2013 Expert/Panel Reviewer, Advanced Grant Competition, European Research Council  
2013-2010 National Science Foundation Dissertation Award Panel, Sociology Program  
2006-2000 Co-Editor, with Mary-Jo Neitz, Qualitative Studies of American Religion Series, NYU Press  
2005-2003 Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*  
1993-1992 Student Book Review Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*  
1991-1992 Associate Book Review Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

### *Department, College, University Service (University of Minnesota Unless Otherwise Noted):*

2022-2023 Faculty Associate, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs  
2022-2023 University Public Engagement Council  
2021-2022 Faculty Senate Representative  
2019-2015 Associate Dean for Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts  
2019-2015 University Council For Academic Deans  
2019-2017 National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, Vice-Provost's Advisory Committee  
2020-2008 Religious Studies Steering Committee  
2015-2014 Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology Department  
2015-2014 College of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly Representative  
2015-2014 College of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly Sub-Committee on Constitutional Revisions  
2015-2014 Dean's Road Map Team #4 (Diversity), College of Liberal Arts  
2014-2013 Chair, College of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly  
2014-2013 Executive Committee, College of Liberal Arts  
2014-2013 Co-Chair, Community Fund Drive, College of Liberal Arts  
2010-2008 Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts  
2011-2005 Social Sciences Policy and Review Council, Graduate School  
2011-2005 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology  
2010-2008 Winton Chair Committee, College of Liberal Arts  
2008-2005 Executive Committee, Department of Sociology  
2008-2003 Life Course Center Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology  
2007-2006 Religious Studies Working Group, College of Liberal Arts  
2007-2005 Social Sciences Course Proposals Review Committee, Graduate School  
2006-2005 CLA Humanities Cluster Hire Search Committee  
2006-2005 Research Committee of the University Faculty Senate  
2006-2005 Steering Committee on the Future of Religious Studies, College of Liberal Arts  
2005-2003 College of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly Representative  
2005-2003 Committee for Curriculum, Instruction, and Advising, College of Liberal Arts  
2004-2002 Personnel Committee, Sociology Department  
2003-2002 Chair of Awards Committee, Sociology Department  
2003-2002 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Sociology Department  
2001-1996 Executive Board, Women's Studies, Cornell University  
2000 Genomics Project, Ethics, Social, and Legal Implications Committee, Cornell University  
1999-1998 Junior Hiring Committee, Sociology Department, Cornell University  
1999-1998 Faculty Senate, Cornell University  
1998 Undergraduate Admission Selection Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University  
1999-1997 University Committee on Educational Policy, Cornell University

Academic Service, cont'd

1999-1997 Women's Studies Steering Committee, Cornell University  
1998-1996 Departmental Colloquium Committee Chair, Sociology Department, Cornell University  
1997-1996 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Cornell University  
1989-1988 Society for Social Research (SSR), Sociology Department, University of Chicago

*Professional Associations and Related:*

2023-2022 Chairperson, ASA section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity  
2022-2021 Chairperson Elect, ASA section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity  
2022-2020 Mentor, Young Scholars in American Religion Program, IUPUI.  
2019-2020 Chair, Best Article Award Committee, ASA section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity  
2018-2017 Big Ten Academic Alliance Academic Leadership Program representative from University of Minnesota  
2018-2017 Religion Section Nominating Committee, American Sociological Association  
2016-2015 Altruism and Morality Section Program Committee, American Sociological Association  
2016-2015 Dissertation Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association  
2016 Regular Session Organizer, Annual Meeting, Culture Section, American Sociological Association  
2014-2013 Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair, ASA Religion Section  
2013-2012 Chair, American Sociological Association Religion Section  
2012-2011 Chair-Elect, American Sociological Association Religion Section  
2011-2010 Culture Section Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association  
2007 Religion Section Distinguished Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association  
2005-2004 Religion Section Program Committee, American Sociological Association  
2005-2003 Council Member, Culture Section, American Sociological Association  
2003-2002 Nominating Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion  
2002-2001 Nominating Committee, Religion Section, American Sociological Association  
2002-2000 Council Member, Religion Section, American Sociological Association  
2002-2000 Executive Council, Association for the Sociology of Religion  
2001-1999 Executive Council, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
2001-1997 Director at Large, Religious Research Association  
1997-1995 Nominating Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association (Chairperson 1995-6)  
1996-1995 Student Paper Award Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association

Memberships

American Sociological Association  
American Academy of Religion  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Academy of Distinguished Teachers, University of Minnesota

Community Service

Nichols Ridge Colonial Townhomes Association Board Member, 2013-present