

# *Curriculum Vitae*

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## EDUCATION:

- 2000            Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, University of Chicago.
- 1994            Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Chicago.
- 1989            Bachelor of Arts, Majors in Sociology and Philosophy, Minor in Spanish,  
Calvin College.

## PUBLICATIONS (\*indicates peer review):

### *Books and Special Issues*

- 2014    \*Rubin, Jeffrey, David Smilde, and Benjamin Junge (eds). Lived Citizenship and Lived Religion in Latin America's Zones of Crisis. *Latin American Research Review*. Special Issue.
- 2013    \*Bender, Courtney, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt and David Smilde (eds). *Religion on the Edge: Decentering and Recentering the Sociology of Religion*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2011    \*Smilde, David and Daniel Hellinger (eds). *Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy: Participation, Politics and Culture in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy*. Durham NC: Duke University Press.
- 2007    \*Smilde, David. *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- *Distinguished Book Award, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association. Finalist, Clifford Geertz Award in the Anthropology of Religion, American Anthropology Association (one of 3 finalists in a field of 33).*
  - Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology, Contemporary Sociology, Social Forces, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Sociology of Religion, Review of Religious Studies, Studies in Religion, Church History, Books & Culture, Pnuema, American Ethnologist, Reviews in Anthropology, Journal of Latin American Studies, Bulletin of Latin American Research, Latin American Politics and Society.*
  - Portuguese Translation: 2012. *Razão para crer. Agência cultural no movimento evangélico latino-americano*. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Editora da Universidade Estadual de Rio de Janeiro (in press).
- 2002    \*López Maya, Margarita, David Smilde, and Keta Stephany. *Protesta y Cultura en Venezuela: Los Marcos de Acción Colectiva en 1999*. Caracas: FACES-UCV / CENDES / FONACIT.

### *Articles and Chapters*

- 2020 \*Smilde, David and Geoff Ramsey. “[International Peacemaking in Venezuela’s Intractable Conflict: 2014-2019](#),” *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*. Issue 109. Jan-June.
- 2020 Smilde, David and Geoff Ramsey. “[Europa podría alterar el trágico equilibrio de Venezuela](#).” *El País* (Spain), May 18.
- 2020 Smilde, David and Hugo Pérez Hernáiz. “[Catholic Church Urges Venezuelans to Unite Against Coronavirus](#).” *The Conversation*, April 17.
- 2020 Smilde, David and Abraham Lowenthal. “[Despite Contradictions: State Department’s Venezuela Plan is a Step in the Right Direction](#).” Op ed in the *Washington Post*, April 14.
- 2020 Ramsey, Geoff and David Smilde. “[Beyond the Narcostate Narrative: What U.S. Drug Monitoring Data Says about Venezuela](#).” WOLA Research Report. Washington Office on Latin America. February.
- 2020 Smilde, David. “Trump’s Shout-out Masks a Bleak Outlook for Venezuela’s Guaidó.” Op ed in *The New York Times*, February 6.
- 2020 Smilde, David. “Trump and Venezuela: Reaffirming the Monroe Doctrine.” *The Future of U.S. Empire in the Americas: The Trump Administration and Beyond*. Timothy Gill (ed.). London: Routledge.
- 2019 Lowenthal, Abraham and David Smilde. “[Venezuela: Is There a Way Out of its Tragic Impasse?](#)” Woodrow Wilson Center, Latin America Program (published in English, Spanish and Portuguese.)
- 2019 Smilde, David and Abraham Lowenthal. 2019. “[Venezuela Negotiations Deserve Strong International Support](#).” Op ed in *The Hill*, July 3.
- 2019 Lowenthal, Abraham and David Smilde. 2019. “[Negotiating Venezuela’s Transition](#).” Op ed in *New York Times*, June 11.
- 2019 Smilde, David. “[Venezuela’s power struggle reaches a tense stalemate, as human suffering deepens](#).” *The Conversation*, April 4.
- 2019 Smilde, David and Geoff Ramsey. “[The Fraught Path Forward: Venezuela and the International Contact Group](#),” *Análisis Carolina*, No. 1. March 4.
- 2019 Smilde, David and Geoff Ramsey. “[El Grupo de Contacto Internacional: la mejor oportunidad de Venezuela](#),” Op ed in *New York Times Español*. February 12.

- 2019 Smilde, David. "[Venezuelans reject Maduro presidency—but most would oppose foreign military operation to oust him.](#)" *The Conversation*. January 10.
- 2019 Lowenthal, Abraham and David Smilde. "[Venezuela needs politics and diplomacy, not military intervention.](#)" *The Hill*. January 6. Translated and republished in *Clarín* (Argentina) and *Folha de São Paulo* (Brazil).
- 2018 Smilde, David and Rebecca Hanson. "Editors' Note: Studying Gender and Sexualities with Qualitative Methods." *Qualitative Sociology*. Vol.41 No. 3, September.
- 2018 Smilde, David. "[What a Drone Attack Says About Venezuela's Future,](#)" Op ed in *The New York Times*. August 10.
- 2018 \*May, Matthew and David Smilde. "Does Funding Impact our Research? Causality, Normativity and Diversity in 40 Years of US Sociology of Religion." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. (published online August 9)
- 2018 Grace Davie, Nancy Ammerman, Samia Huq, Lucian N. Leustean, Tarek Masoud, Suzanne Moon, Jacob K. Olupona, Vineeta Sinha, David Smilde, Linda Woodhead, Fengang Yang, Gina Zurlo. "Religions and Social Progress: Critical Assessments and Creative Partnerships" *Rethinking Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Report of the International Panel on Social Progress: Vol. 3 Transformations in Values, Norms, Cultures*. New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 2018 Smilde, David. Prólogo. *Situación de los Derechos Humanos en Venezuela 2017*. Annual human rights report from the Venezuelan Program for Action and Education in Human Rights (PROVEA).
- 2018 Smilde, David. "[The US Needs to Respect Latin American Leadership on Venezuela Crisis.](#)" *The Hill*. April 12, 2018.
- 2018 Smilde, David. "[Should the United States Attack Venezuela?](#)" Op-ed in the *The New York Times*. January 14.
- 2017 \*Smilde, David. "From Partial to Full Conflict Theory: A Neoweberian Portrait of the Venezuelan Conflict." Tullia Faletti and Emilio Parrado (eds.) *Latin America Since the Left Turn*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 2017 Smilde, David. "[How to Avoid Civil War in Venezuela.](#)" Op-ed in the *The New York Times*. July 26.
- 2017 Smilde, David. "Can a Revived Opposition Stop Venezuela's Authoritarian Slide?" *World Politics Review*. April 25.

- 2017 Smilde, David and Timothy Gill. “[‘Post-Western’ Diplomacy and the Venezuela Crisis.](#)” *London School of Economics Latin American and Caribbean Blog*. March 27.
- 2017 Smilde, David. “[Venezuelan Democracy Needs the Hemisphere’s Help,](#)” Op-ed in the *New York Times* (International and Spanish versions). March 14
- 2016 Smilde, David. “[Chavismo Full Circle,](#)” Op-ed in the *The New York Times* (US, International, and Spanish versions). October 31.
- 2016 Smilde, David and Genevieve Zubrzycki. “The Sources of Cultural Power: Beyond the Cultural Arbitrary” *Qualitative Sociology* Vol. 39 Issue 2, pp.195-98. Introduction to symposium including essays by Omar Lizardo, Virag Molnar, and Philip Gorski.
- 2016 Smilde, David and Dimitris Pantoulas. “The Venezuelan Crisis, Regional Dynamics and the Colombian Peace Process.” [www.peacebuilding.no](http://www.peacebuilding.no) Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre.
- 2016 Smilde, David and Dimitris Pantoulas. “Will Venezuela’s Ongoing Crisis Jeopardize Colombia’s Peace with the Farc?” *World Politics Review*, July 20.
- 2016 Smilde, David. “Facing a Shifting Latin America, Venezuela’s Maduro Doubles Down.” *World Politics Review*. April 29.
- 2016 Smilde, David “Ein Land vor der Pleite” *Welt-Sichten*. May 3 (German translation of “Venezuela’s Calm Before the Storm”)
- 2016 \*May, Matthew, and David Smilde. “Minority Participation and Well-being in Majority Catholic Nations: What Does It Mean to be a Religious Minority?” *Journal of Religion and Health*. Forthcoming (published online August 5, 2015)
- 2015 \*Smilde, David and Matthew May. “Causality, Normativity and Diversity in 40 years of Sociology of Religion in the United States: Contributions to Paradigmatic Reflection” *Sociology of Religion*, December.
- [Winner of 2016 Distinguished Article Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion]
- 2015 Smilde, David. “Back-and-Forth Thaw with Venezuela Signals U.S. Return to Diplomacy,” *World Politics Review*, August 19.
- 2015 Smilde, David. “Venezuela’s Other Crisis: A Justice System Dismantled from Within,” *World Politics Review*, February 10.

- 2015 Smilde, David. "The End of Chavismo?" *Current History: A Journal of Contemporary World Affairs*. Vol.114 No.769 (February).
- 2014 \*Smilde, David, Alejandro Velasco and Jeffrey Rubin. Activistas hablan de religión y movimientos sociales, Lima 2010. *Latin American Research Review*. Special Issue.
- 2014 \*Rubin, Jeffrey, David Smilde and Benjamin Junge. "Lived Citizenship and Lived Religion: Introduction" *Latin American Research Review*. Special issue.
- 2014 "[Sanctions on Venezuela Would Be Counterproductive](#)," *Washington Post*, May 19 (Op ed regarding US sanctions on Venezuela)
- 2014 "[Time for an Answer](#)" *US News & World Report* February 26. (Op ed on Venezuelan protest movement)
- 2013 Smilde, David and Timothy Gill. "Strategic Posture Review – Venezuela" *World Politics Review*. September 17.
- 2013 Smilde, David. "Confrontando la Inseguridad: Estrategias de los Evangélicos," *Espacio Abierto: Cuaderno Venezolano de Sociología*. Vol.22, No.2, pp. 245-63, (April-June).
- 2013 Smilde, David and Dimitris Pantoulas. "[Despite Political Uncertainty, Venezuela Stable—for Now.](#)" *World Politics Review*. March 5.
- 2013 \*Smilde, David. "[Religião e Conflitos Políticos na Venezuela: Católicos e Evangélicos frente ao Governo de Hugo Chávez.](#)" *Religião e Sociedade*. Vol.32 No.2, pp.13-28.
- 2013 \*Smilde, David. "Beyond the Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion," in *Religion on the Edge: Decentering and Recentering the Sociology of Religion*. Courtney Bender, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt, and David Smilde (eds.). New York: Oxford UP.
- 2013 \*Bender, Courtney, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt, and David Smilde. "Introduction: Religion on the Edge: Decentering and Recentering the Sociology of Religion," and "Conclusion: Working the Edges." in *Religion on the Edge: Decentering and Recentering the Sociology of Religion*. Courtney Bender, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt, and David Smilde (eds.). New York: Oxford UP.
- 2012 Rubin, Jeff, David Smilde and Benjamin Junge. 2012. "[Religion, Social Movements, and Zones of Crisis in Latin America.](#)" *Issues in Brief* No. 25, Pardee Center, Boston University.

- 2012 Velasco, Alejandro, Jeffrey Rubin, and David Smilde, "Religión, movimientos sociales, y reforma progresista en América Latina: Recuperando lo obviado," in Raphael Hoetmer et al, eds. *Crisis y Movimientos Sociales en Nuestra América: Cuerpos, Territorios, e Imaginarios en Disputa*. Lima: Programa Democracia y Transformación Global; Univ Nac Mayor de San Marcos.
- 2011 \*Cadge, Wendy, Peggy Levitt, and David Smilde. "De-Centering and Re-Centering: Rethinking Concepts and Methods in the Sociological Study of Religion" *Journal of the Scientific Study of Religion*.
- 2011 Smilde, David. "Alternativas a la Violencia: Lecciones de los Evangélicos." *5ta Lectura Sociologicas de la Realidad Venezolana*. Caracas: Universidad Católica Andres Bello.
- 2011 Smilde, David. "Public Rituals and Political Position among Venezuelan Evangelicals." *Practicing the Faith: Ritual in Charismatic Christianity*. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2011 \*Smilde, David. "Participation, Politics and Culture: Emerging Fragments of Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy." In David Smilde and Daniel Hellinger (eds). *Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy: Participation, Politics and Culture under Chávez*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2011 \*Smilde, David, and Coraly Pagan. "Christianity and Politics in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy: Catholics, Evangelicals and Political Polarization." In David Smilde and Daniel Hellinger (eds). *Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy: Participation, Politics and Culture in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- 2010 Smilde, David and Matthew May. "The Emerging Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion." *Social Science Research Council Working Papers*. Social Science Research Council, New York, NY.
- [Subject of a discussion on the SSRC's Immanent Frame blog: <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/sociology-of-religion/> and featured in *Inside Higher Ed*: <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2010/02/09/soc> . Blog posts included:
- David Smilde, "The Emerging Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion" Feb. 8, 2010.
  - Peggy Levitt, Courtney Bender, Wendy Cadge, and David Smilde, "Toward a New Sociology of Religion" Feb. 15, 2010.
  - David Smilde, "When Strong is Weak" July 9, 2010.]
- 2009 Smilde, David. "Three Stages in the Chavez Government's Approach to Participation," *Understanding Populism and Political Participation: The Case of*

- Venezuela*. Adam T. Stubitts (ed). Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Latin American Program. Washington D.C.
- 2008 \*Smilde, David. "The Social Structure of Hugo Chávez," *Contexts* Contexts, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 38–43.
- 2007 Smilde, David. "Networks and Publics in Latin American Evangelicalism: The Social Structure of Religious Conversion and Change" in *Conversion of a Continent: Religious Identity and Change*. Edited by Timothy Steigenga and Edward Cleary. Piscataway NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- 2007 Smilde, David. "Public Christianity in the Venezuelan Revolution," Newsletter of the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association. Vol. XIII, No. 3, Summer. [www2.asanet.org/section34](http://www2.asanet.org/section34)
- 2007 Smilde, David. ["La Libertad de Expresión Televisiva en Venezuela: Tres Temas,"](#) *Polémica* No. 20 (April-June).
- 2006 Levine, Daniel H., and David Smilde. "The Church and the Chávez Government in Venezuela." *The Catholic Herald*. London, September.
- 2005 \*Smilde, David. "A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: How Networks Matter." *American Journal of Sociology* v111n3 (November).
- [Reprinted in Doug McAdam and David A. Snow. 2009. *Readings on Social Movements Origins, Dynamics, and Outcomes Second Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2004 \*Smilde, David. "Popular Publics: Street Protest and Plaza Preachers in Caracas." *International Review of Social History* vol.49, Supplement pp.179-195.
- [Simultaneously published in: Michiel Baud and Rosanne Rutten (eds.). 2004. *Popular Intellectuals and Social Movements: Framing Protest in Asia, Africa and Latin America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Reprinted in: Cyrus Ernesto Zirakzadeh. 2010. *Social and Political Movements*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.]
- 2004 \*Smilde, David. "Los Evangélicos y La Polarización: La Moralización de la Política y la Politización de la Religión" *Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales*, 2004, vol. 10, n° 2, (May-August) pp.163-179.
- 2004 \*Smilde, David. "Contradiction without Paradox: Evangelical Political Culture in the 1998 Venezuelan Elections," *Latin American Politics and Society* Vol.46, No.1 (Spring).



[Previous version published as \*Kellogg Institute Working Paper #300 (September 2002).]

- 2003 \*Smilde, David. "Skirting the Instrumental Paradox: Intentional Belief Through Narrative in Latin American Pentecostalism." *Qualitative Sociology* Vol 26, No.3 (Fall) pp.313-29.

[2004 Distinguished Article Award, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association.]

- 2001 \*Smilde, David. "Protagonismo Cultural desde la Pobreza: Respuesta a Mikel de Viana." *Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales*, 7:1 (January-April) pp.45-64.

- 2001 \*López Maya, David Smilde, and Keta Stephany. "Identidades en Movimiento: Aspectos del *marco de acción colectiva* de la protesta popular venezolana en 1999." *Espacio Abierto: Cuaderno Venezolano de Sociología*. Vol.10 No. 1 (March) pp.9-34.

- 2000 [Smilde, David] *Oxford Analytica* (January 28). "Evangelicals Bring Chavez's Message to the People."

- 1999 Smilde, David A. "El Clamor Por Venezuela: Latin American Evangelicalism as a Collective Action Frame," in *Latin American Religion in Motion*. Christian Smith and Joshua Prokopy (eds.). New York: Routledge.

- 1999 Steigenga, Timothy J., and David Smilde. "Wrapped in the Holy Shawl: The Strange Case of Conservative Christians and Gender Equality in Latin America." In: *Latin American Religion in Motion*. Christian Smith and Joshua Prokopy (eds.). New York: Routledge.

- 1999 Smilde, David A. "Venezuela--Nationhood, Patronage and the Conflict Over New Religious Movements," *Religious Freedom and Evangelization in Latin America: The Challenge of Religious Pluralism*. Paul Sigmund (ed.). Maryknoll: Orbis Books.

- 1998 \*Smilde, David A. "Letting God Govern: Supernatural Agency in the Venezuelan Pentecostal Approach to Social Change," *Sociology of Religion* 59(3) Fall.

Excerpted as: "'Beating Back the Enemy': How Venezuelan Pentecostals Think about Social Change," in *Religion in a Changing World: Comparative Studies in Sociology*. Madeleine Cousineau (ed.) Westport CT: Praeger. 1998.

- 1998 \*López Maya, Margarita, and David Smilde. “Venezuela: La Dimensión Cultural de la Protesta Popular en el Neoliberalismo--Notas Teórico-Metodológicas para su Investigación.” *Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales*. Vol.4 No.4 (October-December).
- 1997 \*Smilde, David A. “The Fundamental Unity of the Conservative and Revolutionary Tendencies in Venezuelan Evangelicalism: The Case of Conjugal Relations.” *Religion* Vol. 27 No. 4 (October).

### **In Process**

*The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela*. Edited volume with Veronica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. (currently under review at University of Pittsburgh Press).

*Venezuela's Failed Transition to Socialism*. (Two volume, single authored book manuscript).

*Hello Lenin! Students and Socialism in Venezuela* book project with Hugo Pérez Hernaíz.

“Hegemony Versus Globalization: Protest, Human Rights and the Struggle for Power in Post-Chávez Venezuela.” David Smilde and Jennifer Triplett.

### **Book Reviews and Review Essays**

- 2019 Beyond Civil Society: Activism, Participation, and Protest in Latin America by Sonia E. Alvarez et al. *Contemporary Sociology* (March).
- 2018 *Alternative Sociologies of Religion: Through Non-Western Eyes* by James Spickard in *Sociology of Religion* (Featured review essay).
- 2018 *Religious Responses to Violence: Human Rights in Latin America Past and Present* by Alexander Wilde in *Latin American Politics and Society* (in press).
- 2015 *We Created Chávez: A People's History of the Venezuelan Revolution* by George Ciccariello-Maher, Duke University Press, *Contemporary Sociology*, September.
- 2013 *Religion in Human Evolution: From the Paleolithic to the Axial Age*. Robert Bellah. University of Chicago Press. *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2011 “Socialism and Neoliberalism in Chavez’s Venezuela.” Review essay of Sujatha Fernandes’, *Who Can Stop the Drums: Urban Social Movements in Chávez’s Venezuela*. Durham NC: Duke University Press. *Contexts*.

- 2011 *Religious Pluralism, Democracy, and the Catholic Church in Latin America*. Hagopian, Frances (ed.). 2009. Notre Dame University Press. *Latin American Politics and Society*.
- 2010 “Institutions, Discourses, Practices...and Life-in-the-World.” Review essay of Courtney Bender *The New Metaphysicals*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. *The Immanent Frame*. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/07/01/institutions-discourses-practices/>
- 2010 *Blood and Fire: Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church*. 2008. Poloma, Margaret and Ralph Hood Jr. New York University Press. *Journal of the Scientific Study of Religion*.
- 2006 *Protestant Political Parties: a Global Survey*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate. By Paul Freston, *Sociology of Religion* Vol.68 No.3, Fall.
- 2005 *Convictions of the Soul: Religion, Culture, and Agency in the Central American Solidarity Movement*. New York: Oxford University Press, by Sharon Erickson Nepstad *American Journal of Sociology* vol. 111: 665-667.
- 2003 *From Peasant Struggles to Indian Resistance: The Ecuadorian Andes in the Late Twentieth Century* Norman OK: University of Oklahoma Press. By Amalia Pallares *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.109 No.3.
- 2003 “Evangelicalism and Politics in Latin America: Moving Beyond Monolithic Portraits” *History of Religions* Vol.42 No.3 (February). [Review essay of: *Religious Politics in Latin America: Pentecostal vs. Catholic* by Brian H. Smith; *Evangelicals and Politics in Asia, Africa and Latin America* by Paul Freston; *The Politics of the Spirit: The Political Implications of Pentecostalized Religion in Costa Rica and Guatemala* by Timothy J. Steigenga,]
- 2000 *Pentecostalism in Brazil: Emotion of the Poor and Theological Romanticism*. Andre Corten. *Review of Religious Research* Vol.29 No.3 (June).
- 2000 *Prophetic Pentecostalism in Chile: A Case Study on Religion and Development Policy*. Frans Kamsteeg. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. (June).
- 1999 *Resisting Reagan: The U.S. Central American Peace Movement*. Christian Smith. *Social Forces* Vol.77 No.3 (March).
- 1998 *The Soul of Development: Biblical Christianity and Economic Transformation in Guatemala*. Amy L. Sherman. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.104 No.1 (July).

- 1998 *Transnational Religion and Fading States*. Susanne Hoelber Rudolph and James Piscatori (eds). *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.103 No.4 (January).
- 1996 *Virtuosity, Charisma, and Social Order: A Comparative Sociological Study of Monasticism in Theravada Buddhism and Medieval Catholicism*. Ilana Silber. *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol.101 No.6 (May).
- 1995 *Looking for God in Brazil: The Progressive Catholic Church in the Religious Arena*. John Burdick. *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol.100 No.4 (January).

### **Blog**

- 2012- [Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights](#). 600 posts curated over 5 years, average of 60,000 page views per year.

### **CONSULTING AND POLICY WORK:**

- 2012- Moderator of blog: *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*.
- 2011- Senior Fellow, Washington Office on Latin America
- 2009- Interviewed and quoted by: ABC, Al Jazeera English, Associated Press, *Atlantic Monthly*, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Background Briefing, BBC World Service, BBC Mundo, *Bild*, Bloomberg News, CCTV, CNN, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Fohla de S.Paulo*, *Foreign Policy*, *Financial Times*, *Latin America Advisor*, *Latin Pulse*, *Los Angeles Times*, National Public Radio, *New York Times*, *Politico*, Reuters, *The Scotsman*, *Times of London*, *Tokyo Shimbun*, *Toronto Star*, *Toronto Globe and Mail*, Univisión, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, WBEZ *Worldview*.

### **AWARDS:**

- 2016 Winner, Distinguished Article Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion, for David Smilde and Matthew May. 2015. "Causality, Normativity and Diversity in 40 years of Sociology of Religion in the United States: Contributions to Paradigmatic Reflection" *Sociology of Religion*, December.
- 2009 Finalist, Clifford Geertz Book Award, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, American Anthropological Association (one of three finalists in a field of thirty-three nominations) for *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American*

- Evangelicalism*. University of California Press, 2007.
- 2008 Winner, Distinguished Book Award, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association for *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism*. University of California Press, 2007.
- 2006 Honorable Mention, 2006 Distinguished Article Award, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association for “A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: How Network Matter.” *American Journal of Sociology* 2005.
- 2004 Winner, Distinguished Article Award, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association for “Skirting the Instrumental Paradox: Intentional Belief through Narrative in Latin American Pentecostalism.” *Qualitative Sociology* 2003.

#### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

- 2020-21 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Residential Fellowship (2 semesters).
- 2020-21 Award to Louisiana Artists and Scholars, Louisiana Board of Regents (\$23,595).
- 2018-19 Lavin-Bernick Faculty Development grant for *The Challenge of Chavismo* article project (\$7,800).
- 2018 Provost’s Office Faculty Networking Seminars (\$2000) & Center for Inter-American Policy Research (\$2000) for book conference for Amalia Leguizamón’s *Seeds of Power: Genetically Modified Crops and Environmental Injustice in Argentina*. March 2.
- 2017-18 Lavin-Bernick Faculty Development grant for *Venezuela’s Failed Transition to Socialism* book project (\$9,000).
- 2017 La Paradoja de la Violencia en Venezuela conference in Caracas, South American Development Bank (\$10,000), Center for Inter-American Policy Research (\$5,000), Fulbright Venezuela (\$2,000). March 30-31.
- 2016-17 Lavin-Bernick Faculty Development grant for Tulane Culture Workshop (\$5,000).
- 2015 The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela conference, Center for Inter-American Policy Research (\$40,000). October 29-31.
- 2012-13 UGA Research Foundation Faculty Research Grant in the Humanities and the Arts for “Hello Lenin: Students and Socialism in Venezuela.” (\$7,200).

- 2011-12 Mellon-LASA Seminar Grant (with Jeff Rubin and Benjamin Junge), "Religion, Social Movements and Progressive Reform in the Americas," (\$20,000).
- 2008 Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$4,000).
- 2006-07 Fulbright Scholar Program, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Lecturing/Research Award, Universidad Central de Venezuela (\$52,000)
- 2003-07 Faculty Seminar Program grant from the University of Georgia Center for Humanities and Arts. Grant to bring in outside presenters to the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History, academic years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 (\$2000).
- 2004 Faculty Research Grant from the University of Georgia Center for Humanities and Arts. Grant for two course buy-out to write book.
- 2004 Office of the Vice Provost for Research, international travel grant for follow-up research in Venezuela, summer 2004 (\$1500)
- 2003 President's Venture Fund for Faculty Travel. For follow-up research in Venezuela, summer 2003 (\$2000)
- 2001 Residential Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Spring Semester (\$18,600).
- 1999- National Council on Science and Technology (CONICIT--Venezuela).  
2000 "The Cultural Frame of Popular Protest in Venezuela." (with Margarita López Maya, \$32,384).
- 1999 Latin American Social Science Council (CLACSO), *Second Research Project Competition: Democracy at Century's End: Promises, Results, and Challenges*  
"The Cultural Frame of Popular Protest in Venezuela" (with Margarita López Maya, \$20,000).
- 1995-96 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program (\$30,890).
- 1993-94 International Predissertation Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council, (\$17,600).

**EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2011-18 Editor-in-Chief, *Qualitative Sociology*
- 2012- Editorial Board, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*
- 2006-09 Editorial Board, *Sociology of Religion*.
- 2003-08 Book Review Editor, *Social Movement Studies: Journal of Social, Cultural and Political Protest*.
- 2002-04 Newsletter Editor, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association.
- 1994-95 Book Review Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sociology*.

**TEACHING:**

- 2001-17 University of Georgia graduate program. 18 successful thesis committees served on, 7 Ph.D dissertations chaired, 6 MA theses chaired.
- 2002-13 Writing Intensive Program of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences (Fall and Spring Semester: Development of Social Theory)
- 2006-07 Visiting Professor of Sociology, Facultad de Ciencias Economicas y Sociales, Universidad Central de Venezuela (Fulbright Scholars Program).
- 2001 Title VI (Department of Education program in area studies) Visiting Assistant Professor, *Problems in Latin American Society*, Spring Semester, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.
- 1997 Visiting professor of sociology, School of Social Sciences, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Caracas, Venezuela.

**SERVICE:**

- 2017-20 Tenure and Promotion Committee, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University.
- 2018 Search Committee, Cowen Chair in the Social Sciences, Political Science Department and Stone Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Tulane University.
- 2017 Search Committee, Cowen Chair in the Social Sciences, Economics Department and Stone Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Tulane University.

- 2016-17 Organizer, Tulane Culture Workshop (7 sessions, 4 external visitors)
- 2010- Chair, Section on Venezuelan Studies, Latin American Studies Association
- 2012 (founder of the Venezuelan Scholars Travel Fund which funded 23 Venezuela-based scholars for LASA 2012).
- 2008- Executive Council, University of Georgia Latin American and Caribbean  
2012 Studies Institute.
- 2010 Chair, Book Award Committee, Section on the Sociology of Religion,  
American Sociological Association.
- 2009 Book Award Committee, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American  
Sociological Association.
- 2008- Present Chair, Culture and Religion Network, Culture Section, American  
American Sociological Association.
- 2008- Andean Selection Committee, Fulbright Scholar Award, Center for the  
2010 International Exchange of Scholars.
- 2008 Chair, Student Article Award, Section on the Sociology of Culture,  
American Sociological Association.
- 2007- Executive Council, Culture, Power and Politics Section, Latin American  
2010 Studies Association.
- 2005- Executive Council of the Sociology of Religion Section, American  
2008 Sociological Association.
- 2005- Curriculum Coordinator, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Major  
2006 Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, University of Georgia.
- 2004- Executive Committee, Venezuela Studies Section, Latin American Studies  
2007 Association.
- 2003- Screening Committee, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social  
2006 Science Research Council.
- 2005 Selection Committee, Student Article Award, Section on the Sociology of  
Religion.
- 2003 Selection Committee, Distinguished Article Award, Section on the Sociology of  
Religion, American Sociological Association.



- 2002- Co-founder and organizer, *Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History*
- 1997 Selection Committee, Fulbright Foreign Student Program, US Information Service, US Embassy, Caracas Venezuela.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:**

Spanish (fluent in both written and oral)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

American Sociological Association  
*Sections:* Culture, Religion, Social Movements and Collective Behavior, Comparative and Historical Sociology, Political Sociology, Theory.

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Latin American Studies Association  
*Sections:* Culture, Power & Politics, Venezuelan Studies

**CONFERENCES, PANELS AND EVENTS ORGANIZED:**

- 2019 Organizer and presider “Religious and Secular Identities,” Regular Session on Culture and Identity. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10.
- 2019 Organizer and presider “Young People Constructing Identities,” Regular Session on Culture and Identity. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10.
- 2018 Manuscript Workshop for *Seeds of Power: Genetically Modified Crops and Environmental Injustice in Argentina* by Amalia Leguizamon at CIPR Tulane University. March 2.
- 2017 *Assessing Venezuela’s New Political Context and International Responses.* Symposium with Jennifer McCoy, Margarita López Maya, and Mariano de Alba. Washington Office on Latin America—School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. September 28.
- 2017 *Latin American Advocacy with Joy Olson.* “Public Lecture: Drugs and Human Rights,” “Workshop: Careers in Latin American Advocacy,” and “Roundtable:

- The Challenges of Policy Advocacy in Post-liberal, Post-truth Contexts.” Supported by the Stone Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Center for Inter-American Policy Research. September 14-15.
- 2017 *Politics, Culture, and Inequality in Latin America*, Political Sociology Section Session, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 14.
- 2017 *Public Cultural Sociology* Special Session of the Sociology of Culture Section, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 14.
- 2017 *The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela* conference, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, March 30-31.
- 2016 *Venezuela—What Can Be Done?* Symposium with Margarita López Maya, Luis Vicente León, and Francisco Rodríguez. Washington Office on Latin America—School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University.
- 2016 Co-organized with Maria Pilar Garcia-Guadilla. *The Reach and Limits of Venezuela’s Bolivarian Project: Theoretical and Empirical Debate*. Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association. May 26
- 2015 *The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela* conference, Center for Inter-American Policy Research. October 29-31.
- 2015 *Invited Panel: Sources of Cultural Power*, Culture Section Session. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 25.
- 2015 *Culture and (In)security in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Culture Section Session, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 24.
- 2014 *Participation Ain’t What it Used to Be* (co-organized with Gianpaolo Baiocchi and Pablo Lapegna) Special Session of the Political Sociology Section for the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 19.
- 2013 *Participation Ain’t What It Used to Be* roundtable organized with Gianpaolo Baiocchi and Pablo Lapagna, Gallatin School, New York University, August 11.
- 2013 *Understanding Venezuelan Socialism*, Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, May 30.
- 2012 Co-organizer (with Jeffrey Rubin and Benjamin Junge). Featured Event: Religion, Social Movements, and Zones of Crisis. Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 25.

- 2012 Co-organizer (with Jeffrey Rubin and Benjamin Junge). *Religion, Social Movements, and Progressive Reform in Latin America III*. The Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston University. Funded by LASA Mellon April 13
- 2011 *The Social History of Socialism*, Georgia Workshop in Culture, Power and History (co-organizers Timothy Gill and Rebecca Hanson). Series of discussions with Susan Eckstein (October 7), Jeremy Straughn (November 4), and Andreas Glaeser (December 2). Sponsored by the Willson Center for Humanities and the Arts, the Sociology Department, and the German and Slavic Studies Department at the University of Georgia.
- 2011 Co-organizer (with Jeffrey Rubin and Benjamin Junge). *Religion, Social Movements, and Progressive Reform in Latin America II*. The Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston University. May 6.
- 2010-2011 *Series on Latin American Ethnography*, Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History (co-organizer, Rebecca Hanson). Discussions with Alejandro Velasco (October 1), Jon Shefner (November 12), and Javier Auyero (February 18). Sponsored by the Willson Center for Humanities and the Arts, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, and the Sociology Department at the University of Georgia.
- 2010 Co-organizer (with Jeffrey Rubin and Benjamin Junge). *Religion, Social Movements, and Progressive Reform in Latin America I*. The Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston University. April 22.
- 2008 Co-organizer, *Religion on the Edge: Expanding the Boundaries of the Sociology of Religion*, Princeton University, October 3-4 (with Courtney Bender, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt).
- 2008 Organizer, Protestant Discourses (participants: Brian Steensland and Zach Schrank, Samuel Nelson, Lydia Bean, Gerardo Martí). Regular Session on Religion, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2.
- 2008 Organizer, Pluralism, Conflict and Change (participants: Nathan Wright, C. Lynn Carr, Genevieve Zubrzycki, Theodore Sasson, Ephraim Tabory, Dana Selinger-Abutbul, Gary Horlacher). Regular Session on Religion, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 3.
- 2006 Organizer, *Publics in the Venezuelan Transition*, 2006 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15.
- 2004 Organizer, *Religious Conversion in the Americas*, 2004 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 7.

- 1999 Organizer. *Special Session: Religion and "Development": Theoretical Advances Since Modernization Theory*. Cosponsors: Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Chicago IL, August 7.
- 1999 Organizer. *Open Informal Roundtable: The Sociological Significance of Free Market Protest in the Developing World*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago IL, August 8.
- 1997 Organizer, "*Open Informal Roundtable: Feminism and the Study of Masculinities in the 'First' World and the 'Third' World*," (with Sarah Eichberg), Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 11 Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 1995 Organizer. *Open Informal Roundtable: Reestablishments of Community in the Urban Developing World*," (with Bryan Froehle), Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC August 21.

#### **INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2019 "Dialogue, Negotiation, Contact: International Peacemaking Efforts in Venezuela," presentation at School of International Relations, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- 2019 *State Responses to Venezuelan and Central American Refugees and Migrants*, Presidential Panel. Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 25.
- 2019 *Venezuela's Crisis: Democracy, Security and International Actors*, Symposium at the Center for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo, Norway, May 2.
- 2019 *Venezuela: Humanitarian Crisis and Perspectives for Change*, Symposium at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. April 26.
- 2019 *Venezuela in Turmoil: Stakes and Possible Outcomes*. Symposium at the Keough School of International Affairs, University of Notre Dame, Washington DC, April 25.
- 2019 *Lessons of the Left Turn in Latin America: Venezuela and Boliva*, symposium at the Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University, April 8.
- 2018 Discussion with Journalist Luz Mely Reyes, *Venezuela's Press Freedoms Under Threat*. Washington Office on Latin America. November 16.

- 2018 “From Partial to Full Conflict Theory: A Neo-Weberian Portrait of the Fight for Venezuela.” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. November 2.
- 2018 Presentation to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Constructing a Solution to the Venezuela Crisis*. The Hague, November 1.
- 2018 “Addressing the Venezuela Crisis: Pressure and Engagement.” Lecture at University of Leiden, The Hague, Netherlands. November 1.
- 2018 “The Venezuela Crisis and the Challenge of Human Rights Advocacy,” Lecture at Peace, Justice and Human Rights Initiative, Florida Atlantic University. October 19.
- 2018 “The Venezuela Crisis and the Challenge of Human Rights Advocacy.” Reiff Center for Human Rights at Christopher Newport University, Guest Lecture April 5.
- 2018 *Venezuela: The Survival Strategies of an Authoritarian Regime*. Symposium at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University., March 6.
- 2018 *Crisis in Venezuela: Historical Perspectives and Potential Solutions*. Symposium cosponsored by Northwestern University, University of Chicago and the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, March 1.
- 2018 *The Challenges for Venezuelan Society* symposium sponsored by Georgetown University, February 23.
- 2018 *Venezuela’s Economic and Political Outlook* Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. February 15.
- 2017 *Publishing 101: Editors’ Advice for Development Sociologists*. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 12.
- 2017 Author-Meets-Critics, *Sociology of Religion in America: A History of a Secular Fascination with Religion* by Anthony Blasi. Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, August 13.
- 2017 *Workshop: Confronting the Challenges of Inequality*, Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru. April 29
- 2017 *Venezuela at the Crossroads*, symposium sponsored by the Center for Inter-American Policy Research, Tulane University. April 27.

- 2017 *Venezuelan Democracy on Hold*, symposium at the Washington Office on Latin America, March 13.
- 2017 Expert witness. *Venezuela: Options for U.S. Policy*, U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee. March 2.
- 2017 *Venezuela's Political and Economic Collapse: Can it Get Worse?*, Symposium at Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University. March 2 (participation by video conference).
- 2017 International Panel on Social Progress: Rethinking Society for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Lisbon, Portugal, January 26-28.
- 2016 International Panel on Social Progress, meeting of authors of religion chapter, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala, Sweden. March 17-20.
- 2015 "Venezuela's Economy and Politics before and after the December elections," symposium at Amherst College, November 17.
- 2015 "Foro Urgente: Venezuela in Question: Political Polarization, Social Suffering, and Relations with the US," Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies. September 3.
- 2015 "Venezuela: Challenges, Crisis and Perspectives." Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University.
- 2015 "Una Teoría Neoweberiana del Conflicto Venezolano," Posgrado en Ciencias Políticas, Universidad Simón Bolívar. March.
- 2015 "Chavismo Under Pressure: Economic Crisis and Political Challenges in Venezuela" Washington Office on Latin America. February 25.
- 2014 "From Partial to Full Conflict Theory: A Neo-Weberian Perspective on Post-Neoliberal Venezuela" *Post-Neoliberal Latin America*. Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism, University of Pennsylvania, December 4.
- 2014 "Two Dilemmas in Human Rights Advocacy in Venezuela." Democracy in the Americas Symposium, Zambrano Foundation, November 7.
- 2014 "A Neoweberian Theory of the Venezuelan Conflict," Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration, October 13
- 2014 "The Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion" Presidential Panel. Annual meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion.

- 2014 "A Neoweberian Theory of the Venezuelan Conflict," *Venezuela After Chávez*. Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, April 30.
- 2013 "After Chávez: The Future of Democracy and Socialism in Venezuela," *Cross-disciplinary Conversations*, Latin America and Caribbean Studies Institute, University of Georgia, April 24.
- 2013 *Post-Chávez Venezuela: Aftermath and Implications of the April 14 Elections*, Washington Office on Latin America, April 23.
- 2013 "Hello Lenin: The Social Imaginary of Socialism among Student Activists in Venezuela" Faculty colloquium, Department of Sociology, Emory University, April 22.
- 2013 "Understanding Support for Chavismo: Rationality, Emotion and Inclusion." *Venezuela: Change or Continuity? The Legacy of Hugo Chávez and the Future of the Bolivarian Revolution*. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, April 19.
- 2013 *Political Transition in Venezuela: Future Scenarios and the Implications for U.S. Policy*, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars, Washington DC. February 25.
- 2013 "Hello Lenin! Students and Socialism in Revolutionary Venezuela" Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University. February 20.
- 2012 *Chavez Between Elections: Taking Stock of Venezuela's 2012 Presidential and Regional Elections*. Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies, Yale University. November 6.
- 2012 *Update Venezuela: The October 7, 2012, Presidential Elections*, Wilson Center for Scholars, Latin America Program, Washington DC, September 28.
- 2012 Author-meets-critic, *Razão para crer. Agência cultural no movimento evangélico latino-americano*. Cesar Pinheiro Teixeira, Christina Vital, Claudia Swatowiski, Diana Lima. Graduate School, Universidade Estatal de Rio de Janeiro, August 7.
- 2012 *Investigar en contextos en mutación*, Jornadas de Investigación: Reconfiguraciones del mundo popular: Conflictos, prácticas y subjetividades emergentes. Universidad Central de Venezuela.

- 2012 *Countdown to the October 7 Presidential Election*. Washington Office on Latin America. Washington DC. March 6.
- 2011 "Pragmatic Conversion in Latin America," *Converts as Commuters: Conversions in the Mediterranean World*. European University Institute, Florence Italy, March 17-19.
- 2011 "Venezuela's Actually Existing Socialism" *Venezuela from the Neutral Ground*. Center for Inter-American Policy & Research, Tulane University, New Orleans, January 28.
- 2010 "Enfoque Teórico: Pentecostales, Carismáticos y el Capital Social" *Proyecto: Impacto de los Movimientos Pentecostales y Carismáticos en la Organización Comunitaria Local y en la Participación Política en Centro América*, Universidad Centroamericana, San Salvador, El Salvador, August 20.
- 2010 "Religion and Political Conflict in Venezuela during the Chávez Presidency" Seminário Internacional Religião e Cultura na América Latina. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 17
- 2010 "State and Religion: The Case of Venezuela" *Establishing Order: Social, Political and Economic Equilibria* Boğaziçi University & Council on Middle East Studies at Yale University, Istanbul, Turkey, July 16-18.
- 2010 "La Religión, los Movimientos Sociales y la Reforma Progresista," *Encuentro de Saberes y Movimientos: Entre la Crisis y los Otros Mundos Posibles*, Programa Democracia y Transformación Global and the Inter-university Consortium on Social Movements and Political-Cultural Change. Lima, Peru, May 27.
- 2010 "Religion and Political Conflict in Venezuela during the Chávez Presidency" Religion and Progressive Reform Workshop Boston University, April 22.
- 2009 "Understanding the Popularity of Hugo Chavez" *Symposium: Prospects for Venezuelan Democracy*, Institute for Latin American Studies, University of Michigan, November 13, Ann Arbor.
- 2009 "What do Pentecostals and Neo-Pentecostals Really Think about Involvement in Politics and Civil Society" *Trends in Latin American Religions: New Analyses of Pentecostalism and Charismatics*. Center for the Study of Democracy, Toleration, and Religion, & Institute of Latin American Studies, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, November 6, New York.
- 2009 Author-Meets-Critic Session on John Hall *Apocalypse: From Antiquity to the Empire of Modernity*. Polity Press. Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO., October 23.



- 2009 Author-Meets-Critic Session on Margaret Poloma and Ralph Hood Blood and Fire: Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church. New York University Press. Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO., October 23.
- 2009 “Alternativas a la Violencia: Lecciones de los Evangélicos.” to appear in *Lectura Sociologica de la Realidad Venezolana* Universidad Católica Andres Bello, Ciudad Guayana campus, May 28; Caracas Campus June 1.
- 2008 *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism, Author-Meets-Critic*. Association of the Sociology of Religion, Boston, August 2.
- 2008 *Religion and Labor: Special Invited Session*. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Boston, August 2.
- 2008 *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism*. Discussion of book at the Culture and Society Workshop, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, April 17.
- 2008 “Four Stages in the Chavez Governments Approach to Participation.” *Understanding Populism and Political Participation: A New Look at the “New Left” in Latin America*. Washington DC: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. March 10
- 2007 Invited participant, “Religious Counterpublics” roundtable discussion. Social Science Research Council, New York, NY. December 17.
- 2007 *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism*. Book presentation at New Directions in the Sociology of Culture miniconference. Sophia University, Tokyo Japan. December 1.
- 2007 “How New is the New Latin American Left?” Invited Panel, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 13.
- 2007 Discussant, “Analyzing Religious Practices,” Section Session in the Sociology of Religion. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association., New York, NY.
- 2007 Critic, Author-meets-critic session, Race and Religion among the Chosen Peoples of Crown Heights by Henry Goldschmidt. Annual meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY.
- 2007 “La Religión y Conflicto durante el Periodo Chávez: una Propuesta Metodológica.” School of Education, Universidad Central de Venezuela. Caracas, Venezuela. May 29.

- 2007 “Metodología de la Sociología de la Cultura,” day long seminar, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Caracas, Venezuela, June 28.
- 2007 “Venezuelan Evangelicals and the Chávez Government: Political Ritual and Conflict,” *Ritual Practice in Charismatic Christianity Conference*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, February 4.
- 2006 “Razon para Creer: Empoderamiento Cultural en el Movimiento Evangélico Latinoamericano,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Caracas, Venezuela, November 24.
- 2006 “Razon para Creer: Empoderamiento Cultural en el Movimiento Evangélico Latinoamericano,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Universidad de Valencia, Valencia, Spain, November 15.
- 2006 “Bottom Up or Top Down?: Participation and Clientism in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy” *Populism against Liberalism? Populism and Political Cleavages in Peripheral States*. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2-5.
- 2005 “‘Works of the Flesh, Fruit of the Spirit:’ Men and Religious Empowerment in Venezuelan Evangelicalism.” Faculty colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, November 17.
- 2005 “A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: How Networks Matter,” Faculty colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, November 2.
- 2005 *Author-meets-Critic session on Paul Freston’s Protestant Political Parties: A Global Survey*. Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, August 11.
- 2004 *Author-meets-Critic session on Kathleen Blee’s Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement*. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, April 15.
- 2004 “Religion and Social Networks,” presentation given to members of the Ford Foundation’s *Latino Immigrants in Florida: Lived Religion, Space and Power* project at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March 26.
- 2004 “Workshop on Software for Computer Aided Qualitative Data Analysis: Introduction to Atlas/ti (4.2),” Department of Sociology, Emory University, February 27.

- 2003 “Polarization, Violence and Referendum: Roundtable on the Venezuelan Crisis” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Georgia, September 10.
- 2003 “Polarization and Deadlock: Roundtable on the Venezuelan Crisis” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Georgia, January 29.
- 2003 “The Future of Democracy in South America” sponsored by the Ditchley Foundation, Ditchley Park, Oxford, England, January 24-26.
- 2002 “Skirting the Instrumental Paradox: Intentional Belief Through Narrative in Latin American Pentecostalism.” Presentation and participation in *Contentious Stories: Towards a Sociology of Narrative*, mini-conference organized by Francesca Polletta and Marshall Ganz and sponsored by the American Sociological Association-National Science Foundation Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, Ashland MA, Oct.4-6.
- 2002 “Meaning Networks in Recruitment to Latin American Pentecostalism: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis” Faculty Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Center for Latin American Studies, Duke University, Durham NC. March 29.
- 2002 Invited participant at *Narrative Pow Wow*, roundtable on narrative and contentious politics organized by Francesca Polletta and Marshall Ganz, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, March 9.
- 2001 *Islam and Globalization* (discussant). Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Anaheim CA, August 19.
- 2001 “Using Software for Qualitative Data Analysis” *Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo* (CENDES-UCV) Área Regional Urbano. June 8, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 2001 “Rupture, Continuity, or Paradox? The Political Culture of Latin American Evangelicals.” Sponsored by the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies with funding from the Title VI Department of Education Regional Colleges Speaking Series. Calvin College, May 7, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2001 “Overcoming the Instrumental Paradox: Supernatural Agency and Intended Consequences in Venezuelan Pentecostalism.” Culture and Society Workshop, Northwestern University, April 5, Evanston, IL.
- 2001 “Who Commits? A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Pentecostal Conversion in Caracas.” The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, February 8, Notre Dame, IN.

- 2000 “Is There an Instrumental Paradox in Popular Religion? Meaning and Networks in Venezuelan Evangelicalism.” Department of Sociology Colloquium, University of Georgia, December 4, Athens, Georgia.
- 2000 “Rupture or Continuity? Evangelical Political Culture in the Election of Hugo Chávez.” *Religion, Politics, and Society Series*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, February 23, Notre Dame, IN.
- 1997 “The Discourse of Evangelism and Religious Freedom in Venezuela.” Paper presented at the *Evangelization and Religious Freedom* Conference, October 24-25, 1997. Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, Princeton NJ.
- 1997 “The Political Culture of Venezuelan Evangelicals.” Universidad Católica Andres Bello. Undergraduate Sociology Day. July, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1997 “The Political Culture of Venezuelan Evangelicals.” Centro de Estudios de Desarrollo (CENDES-UCV) Colloquium, Area Sociopolítica. June, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1997 “Conversion to Evangelicalism as a Survival Strategy.” Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo (CENDES-UCV) Colloquium, Area Regional Urbano. March, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1994 “Research Design for the Study of Evangelical Conversion in Venezuela.” Conducting Social Science Research in Latin America, joint sponsors: Social Science Research Council, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia, August 22-27.

#### **CONGRESS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS:**

- 2019 “The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela,” *La mutación criminal en la era post Chávez*. Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 24.
- 2018 “The Trump Administration and Socialist Venezuela” *Session 310. The Trump Administration and Global Politics II: The Western Hemisphere- Thematic Session*. Southern Sociological Society 81st Annual Meeting, April 7.
- 2018 “Crime and Revolution in Venezuela” *Latin American Studies in a Globalized World*. 36<sup>th</sup> International Congress for the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, May 23-26.
- 2017 “A Cultural Sociological Take on the Venezuela Conflict” *Public Cultural Sociology* Special Session of the Sociology of Culture Section, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 14.

- 2017 “Hegemony Versus Globalization: Protest, Human Rights and the Struggle for Power in Post-Chávez Venezuela.” David Smilde and Jennifer Triplett. *Venezuela post-chavista: crisis, conflictos y transformaciones* Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru. May 1
- 2016 “Hegemony Versus Globalization: Protest, Human Rights and the Struggle for Power in Post-Chávez Venezuela.” David Smilde and Jennifer Triplett. *Citizenship and Protest in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: #Blacklivesmatter and Other Recent Movements in Context*. Section Session in Political Sociology. August 21.
- 2016 “Las elecciones parlamentarias venezolanas de 2015.” Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association. May 27.
- 2016 “From Partial to Full Conflict Theory: a Neo-Weberian Portrait of Post-Neoliberal Venezuela.” *The Reach and Limits of Venezuela’s Bolivarian Project: Theoretical and Empirical Debate*. Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association. May 26
- 2015 “A Neoweberian Conflict Theory of Post-neoliberal Venezuela.” Section on Peace, War and Conflict Session. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. August 23.
- 2013 “Hello Lenin: Socialism, Capitalism and Liberalism among Venezuelan Student Activists,” *“Isms” as Culture: Ideologies as Collective Publics*. Section on Sociology of Culture paper session. Annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 12.
- 2013 “¡Hola Lenin! Estudiantes y Socialismo en Venezuela,” *Conflictividad, amor e ideología en la Venezuela actual, III Jornadas de la Sección de Estudios Venezolanos de LASA*. Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, June 18
- 2013 *The Latin American Spring: What Results Can We See from the Left Governments in Latin America?* Workshop, Latin American Studies Association, May 30.
- 2012 “Max Weber’s Contributions to Contemporary Cultural Sociology: Three Good, One Bad,” *The Protestant Ethic Visited*, Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association. Vancouver, November 4.
- 2012 “Venezuela’s Actually Existing Socialism,” *The (State-) Socialist Experience*. Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association. Vancouver, November 3.
- 2012 "From National to International to National Liberation: Lenin, Chávez and Twenty-First Century Socialism," *Regular Session on Nations and Nationalism*, American Sociological Association, August 18.

- 2012 “Is Leninism a Religion,” *Historical Research on Religion*. Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. August 17.
- 2012 “Venezuela’s Actually Existing Socialism,” *Popular Power, Communal State and Socialism in Venezuela: Challenges and Dilemmas*. Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Francisco, CA, May 24.
- 2010 “The Emerging Strong Program in the Sociology of Religion, 1978-2007,” *Regular Session. Religion, Politics, and Cognitive Change*, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta GA, August 15.
- 2010 “Religion and Political Conflict in Venezuela during the Chávez Presidency” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, GA. August 14.
- 2009 “Beyond Structure versus Culture in the Study of Religion” *Religion in Sociology & Cultural Approaches and Case Studies*. Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Denver, CO., October 24
- 2009 “Public Rituals and Political Positioning: Venezuelan Evangelicals and the Chávez Government” *Religion, Power and Politics*. Latin American Studies Association Congress. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 13
- 2007 “Seeing and Not Seeing Venezuela’s Bolivarian Democracy.” Prospects for Democracy in Venezuela. 2007 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Canada. September 6.
- 2007 “Religion and Political Conflict in Venezuela.” Religion and Civic Engagement. Annual meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY, August 11.
- 2006 “Provincializing Europe: Towards a Relational, Pragmatic Theory of Religious Meaning,” *Regular Session: Theoretical Innovations and Corrections in the Sociology of Religion*. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 “Structure and Agency in Religious Empowerment: A Pragmatic Alternative” *Economic Forces and Religious Behavior*, Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 12.
- 2006 “What’s New in the Cultural Autonomy Versus Cultural Agency Debate?” *Miniconference: What’s New In...* Annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, February 25.
- 2006 “Understanding Religious Movements in the Global South: Imaginative Rationality and Relational Imagination.” *Religion Then, Now and in the Future*. Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, February 26.

- 2005 “Religion and Political Conflict in Venezuela: Catholics and Evangelicals during the Chavez Years,” *Roundtable: Religion and the State around the World*, Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, August 11.
- 2004 “Popular Publics: Street Protest and Plaza Preachers in Caracas” *Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Paper Session: Popular Movements in the Global South*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association San Francisco, CA, August.
- 2004 “Popular Publics: Street Protest and Plaza Preachers in Caracas” *Varieties of Grassroots Politics*, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, February 22.
- 2003 “Worthless Enemies and Exasperating Victims: Confronting Violence through Pentecostalism in Caracas” *Section on the Sociology of Religion Paper Session: Religious Cultures and the Propensity toward Violence*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 “Meaning Networks in Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis.” *Regular Session. Meaning Networks: Culture as Relations*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago IL, August 16.
- 2002 “Overcoming the Instrumental Paradox: Intended Consequences and the Pragmatics of Meaning in Venezuelan Pentecostalism” *Section on the Sociology of Religion Paper Session: Achieved and Ascribed Identities*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago IL, August 16.
- 2002 “Meaning Networks in Recruitment to Latin American Pentecostalism: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis” *Religious Networks*. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston MA, March 9.
- 2001 “Rupture, Continuity or Paradox? Venezuelan Evangelical Participation in the 1998 Elections.” *Religion and Politics: Comparative Treatments*. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Anaheim CA, August 19.
- 2001 “Who Commits: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Pentecostal Conversion in Caracas.” *Section on the Sociology of Religion Roundtables*. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim CA, August 21.
- 2000 “Popular Rejections of the World and their Directions: Venezuelan Evangelical Support for Hugo Chávez.” Latin American Studies Association, XXII International Congress, March 16-18, Miami, Florida.

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