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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2019- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
- 2013-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

## OTHER POSITIONS

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- 2021- Director, Meanings of Democracy Lab, University of Connecticut

## EDUCATION

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- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, New York University
- 2008 M.A., Sociology, New York University
- 2003 B.S., Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS:

Braunstein, Ruth. 2017. *Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy Across the Political Divide*. University of California Press.

Braunstein, Ruth, Todd Nicholas Fuist and Rhys H. Williams, Eds. 2017. *Religion and Progressive Activism: New Stories about Faith and Politics*. NYU Press.

### EDITED SPECIAL ISSUE:

Braunstein, Ruth, Ed. 2019. *Religion, Humility and Democracy in a Divided America (Political Power and Social Theory, Vol. 36)*. Emerald Publishing Limited.

### PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES:

**Braunstein, Ruth**, Andrew Whitehead, and Ryan Burge. 2021. "Religion, Politics, and Public Funding for Abortion." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12761>

Perry, Samuel L., **Ruth Braunstein**, Philip S. Gorski, Joshua B. Grubbs. 2021. "Historical Fundamentalism? Christian Nationalism and Ignorance about Religion in American Political History." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jssr.12760>

Braunstein, Ruth, 2021. "A Theory of Political Backlash: Assessing the Religious Right's Effects on the Religious Field." *Sociology of Religion*. OnlineFirst. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socrel/srab050>

Braunstein, Ruth. 2021. "The 'Right' History: Religion, Race, and Nostalgic Stories of Christian America." *Religions* 12(2): 95.

- Braunstein, Ruth**, Todd Fuist, and Rhys Williams. 2019. "Religion and Progressive Politics in the United States." *Sociology Compass* 13(2): e12656.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2018. "Boundary-Work and the Demarcation of Civil from Uncivil Protest in the United States: Control, Legitimacy, and Political Inequality." *Theory and Society* 47(5): 603-633.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2018. "A (More) Perfect Union? Religion, Politics and Competing Stories of America." *Sociology of Religion* 79(2): 172-195.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2017. "Muslims as Outsiders, Enemies and Others: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Politics of Religious Exclusion." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 5(3): 355-372.
- Braunstein, Ruth** and Malaena Taylor. 2017. "Is the Tea Party a "Religious" Movement? Religiosity in the Tea Party versus the Religious Right." *Sociology of Religion* 78(1): 33-59.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2015. "The Tea Party Goes to Washington: Mass Demonstrations as Performative and Interactional Processes." *Qualitative Sociology* 38(4): 353-374. (Lead article)
- *Original photograph by author featured on journal cover*
- Yukich, Grace and **Ruth Braunstein**. 2014. "Encounters at the Religious Edge: Variation in Religious Expression Across Interfaith Advocacy and Social Movement Spaces." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53(4): 791-807.
- Braunstein, Ruth**, Brad Fulton, and Richard L. Wood. 2014. "The Role of Bridging Cultural Practices in Racially and Socioeconomically Diverse Civic Organizations." *American Sociological Review* 79(4): 705-25.
- *Winner of the Clifford Geertz Best Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Culture*
  - *Winner of the Dennis Gouran Research Award from the Group Communication Division of the National Communication Association*
  - *Reviewed in The Society Pages and Work in Progress (blog of the American Sociological Association's Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section)*
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2012. "Storytelling in Liberal Religious Advocacy." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51(1): 110-127.
- *Winner of Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention from the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Religion*
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2011. "Who Are 'We the People'?" *Contexts* Spring 2011.
- *Includes original photographs by author*
- Manza, Jeff and **Ruth Braunstein**. 2008. "Beyond the Ballot Box: Social Groups and Voting in Democratic Elections." *Harvard International Review* 30(1): 40-43.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS:**

- Braunstein, Ruth and Amy Lawton. 2019. "Interfaith Political Activism in the United States," in *The Interfaith Movement*, John Fahy and Jan-Jonathan Bock, Eds. Routledge.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2019. "Beyond the Dogmatic Believer: Religious Conviction across the American Political Divide." Pp.1-22 in *Religion, Humility, and Democracy in a Divided America (Political Power and Social Theory, Vol. 36)*, Ruth Braunstein, Ed. Emerald Publishing Limited.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2018. "Muslims as Outsiders, Enemies and Others: The 2016 Presidential Campaign and the Politics of Religious Exclusion (with New Afterword)," Pp.185-206 in *Politics of Meaning/Meaning of Politics: Cultural Sociology of the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election*, Jason L. Mast and Jeffrey C. Alexander, Eds. Palgrave.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2017. "Strategic Storytelling by Nuns on the Bus." Pp.289-307 in *Religion and Progressive Activism: New Stories about Faith and Politics*, Ruth Braunstein, Todd Nicholas Fuist and Rhys H. Williams, Eds. New York: NYU Press.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2014. "Who Are 'We the People'? Multidimensional Identity Work in the Tea Party." Pp. 149-173 in *Understanding the Tea Party Movement*, Nella Van Dyke and David S. Meyer, Eds. Ashgate.

➤ *Reviewed in Contemporary Sociology (January 2016) and Party Politics (March 2017)*

Braunstein, Ruth. "From the Classroom to the Courtroom: The Intelligent Design Movement as a Challenge to Authority," in *Creating Authority*, Craig Calhoun and Richard Sennett, Eds. New York: NYU Press. (Accepted for publication)

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PRESS OR PREPARATION:**

Braunstein, Ruth. "The Moral Meanings of Fiscal Earmarking: War Taxes, Patriotism, and Resistance." (Draft in preparation)

Braunstein, Ruth. "Ethnography Across the Political Divide: Juxtaposition as a Technique of Theorizing and Critique" (Draft in preparation)

Braunstein, Ruth. *My Tax Dollars* (Book manuscript in preparation)

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Braunstein, Ruth. 2020. Review of "American Blindspot: Race, Class, Religion and the Trump Presidency" by Gerardo Marti. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 59(4): 685-6.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2020. Review of "The Politics of Petulance: America in an Age of Immaturity" by Alan Wolfe. *Contemporary Sociology* 49(3): 308-9.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2019. "Can the Center Hold? On Philip Gorski's *American Covenant*, the Study of Christian Nationalism, and Public Sociology." *European Journal of Sociology* 60 (3): 454-58.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2019. Review of "The Mindful Elite: Mobilizing from the Inside Out," by Jaime Kucinkas. *American Journal of Sociology* 125(3): 877-879.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2019. Review of "Gay on God's Campus: Mobilizing for LGBT Equality at Christian Colleges and Universities," by Jonathan S. Coley. *American Journal of Sociology* 124(6): 1858-1860.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2019. Review of "Growing God's Family: The Global Orphan Care Movement and the Limits of Evangelical Activism," by Samuel Perry. *Contemporary Sociology* 48(1): 84-86.

### **PUBLIC WRITING AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED):**

Braunstein, Ruth. 2021. "Georgia on My Mind." In Forum on "Faith and the American Insurrection." *Berkley Forum*.

Baker, Joseph O., Gerardo Martí, Ruth Braunstein, Andrew L. Whitehead, Grace Yukich. 2020. "Editor's Note: Religion in the Age of Social Distancing: How COVID-19 Presents New Directions for Research," *Sociology of Religion* 81(4): 357-370.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2019. "Making Budgets Moral Again." In "The Religious Left: Memory, Trajectory, Relevance" Essay Forum. *The Immanent Frame*.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2018. "Political Myopia and Prophetic Vision." In "Is This All There Is?" Essay Forum. *The Immanent Frame*.

Braunstein, Ruth. 2018. (Excerpt) *Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy Across the Political Divide: "A shared vision for a more just country that we all call home."* *The Revealer: A Review of Religion and Media*.

- Braunstein, Ruth. 2018. "Good Troublemakers." In "American Religion, Humility and Democracy" Essay Forum. *The Immanent Frame*.
- Braunstein, Ruth, Korie L. Edwards and Richard L. Wood, Co-Curators. 2018. "A Crisis of Political Arrogance." Introduction to Essay Forum on "American Religion, Humility and Democracy." *The Immanent Frame*.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2017. "Reflecting on Michael McQuarrie's 'Revolt of the Rust Belt.'" *LSE USAPP Blog*.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2017. "A Deepening Political Divide." University of California Press Blog.
- Braunstein, Ruth, Editor. 2016. Series on "The Politics of National Identity," with contributions from Mucahit Bilici, Rogers Brubaker, Philip Gorski, Peggy Levitt and Geneviève Zubrzycki. *The Immanent Frame*.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2016. "Mitt Romney & the Tea Party helped make Donald Trump... Can they unmake him?" *Political Power & Social Theory: The Blogpages*.
- Braunstein, Ruth (Contributor). 2015. "Roundtable: Is the (Tea) Party Over?" Edited by Erik Kojola and Jack Delehanty. *The Society Pages*.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2014. "The Good, the Bad, and the Uncivil." *Participation and its Discontents*. A Blog in Collaboration with the ASA Political Sociology Section.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2010. "Blogging and Academia," in the Social Science Research Council report, "The New Landscape of the Religion Blogosphere."
- Braunstein, Ruth and Grace Yukich. 2010. "Toward a Sociology of Social Religion." *The Immanent Frame*.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2008. "Obama's Faith in the Common Good." *The Immanent Frame*.
- Braunstein, Ruth. 2008. "Voting in a Year When 'Muslim' Was a Slur." *The Immanent Frame*.

## GRANTS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2022
- UConn SHARE Award (Mentor) (\$2000)
- 2021
- Distinguished Early Career Award, American Sociological Association Religion Section
  - Faculty Mentor Award (Graduate), UConn Sociology Department
  - UConn CLAS Summer Funding Initiative (\$20,000)
  - UConn Summer SHARE Award (\$1,500)
- 2019
- 2019-2020 Visiting Fellow, Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion
  - 2019-2020 Public Fellow, Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI)
  - Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers (\$40,000)
  - University of Connecticut Scholarship Facilitation Fund (\$2,000)
  - SSSR Jack Shand Research Grant (\$5,000)
- 2018
- 2018-2019 Public Fellow, Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI)
  - Margaret W. Moore and John M. Moore Research Fellowship, Swarthmore College Peace Collection (\$1,600)
- 2017
- Sociology SHARE Award, University of Connecticut (\$2,000)
- 2016
- Clifford Geertz Best Article Award from the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Culture
  - College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Book Support Grant, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut (\$1,200)

- Core Faculty Member, Humility and Conviction in Public Life Project, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut (supported by a \$5.75 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation)
  - Fellowship, Public Discourse Project, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut
  - Research Grant, Public Discourse Project, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut (\$1,630)
- 2015
- Dennis Gouran Research Award, Group Communication Division, National Communication Association
  - Publication Grant, University of Connecticut Scholarship Facilitation Fund (\$2,000)
- 2014
- Summer/Short-Term Research Publication Grant, AAUW American Fellowships (\$6,000)
- 2012
- Dissertation Grant Award, NYU Department of Sociology (\$1,000)
  - Delegate, Researching the Contemporary Moral Landscape (Centre for Religion and Contemporary Society, University of Kent)
  - Invited Participant, Young Scholars in Social Movements Conference, Center for the Study of Social Movements, Notre Dame University
- 2011
- Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Religion
  - Fellow, Berlin Summer School in the Social Sciences: Linking Theory & Empirical Research
- 2010
- Dissertation Grant Award, NYU Department of Sociology (\$1,000)
  - Student Travel Grant, NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$500)
  - Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, International Summer Program in Philosophy & Politics, Cortona, Italy
  - Collaborative Research Funding with Craig Calhoun, NYU Department of Sociology (\$3,000)
- 2009
- Student Travel Grant, NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (\$500)
  - Collaborative Research Funding with Jeff Manza, NYU Department of Sociology (\$3,000)
- 2006
- Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship (5-Year Award), New York University

### **INVITED LECTURES, PUBLIC TALKS AND PODCASTS**

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- “The Moral Meanings of Fiscal Earmarking: War Taxes, Patriotism, and Resistance.” Religion Between the Personal and the Public: Contemporary Approaches. Webinar Series Organized by The Centre for Religion, Conflict and Globalization (CRCG - University of Groningen) and Research in Sociology of Religion (ISOR - Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona). December 14, 2021
- “My Tax Dollars: The Moral Meaning of Taxpaying,” Stamford Interdisciplinary Research Workshop, October 28, 2021
- “The Nostalgic Myths that Drive MAGA Nation with Dr. Ruth Braunstein” Straight White American Jesus Podcast. February 22, 2021.
- “Religion and National Narratives on the Left and Right.” Raced Religion and Social Solidarity in the United States. American Mosaic Project Mini-Conference, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, October 22, 2020.

- “The Moral Meanings of Fiscal Earmarking: War Taxes, Patriotism, and Resistance.” Yale Center for Cultural Sociology Workshop, October 9, 2020.
- “Moral Meanings of Fiscal Earmarking: War Taxes, Patriotism and Resistance with Ruth Braunstein” Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, Crossroads of Religion and Politics Series, September 23, 2020.
- “Theorizing Political Backlash: The Effects of the Religious Right on the Religious Field.” “Does Religion Still Matter in the Age of Trump? A Mini-Conference on the Role of Religion in the Contemporary Social and Political Spheres.” The LeRoy Keller Center for the Study of the First Amendment, University of Colorado, Boulder, July 31, 2020.
- “Religious Freedom or Privilege? Taxpayer Conscience, Pacifists, and Pro-Lifers.” Princeton University Center for the Study of Religion, Religion and Public Life Workshop, April 1, 2020.
- “Connecting Religion and Money in History & Today,” Center for Theological Inquiry Podcast. March 26, 2020.
- “Religious Freedom or Privilege? Taxpayer Conscience, Pacifists, and Pro-Lifers.” Villanova Political Theology Project, Spring 2020 Workshop Series, March 9, 2020.
- “Prophets and Patriots,” Series on the Religious Left. Straight White American Jesus Podcast. January 2, 2020.
- “There Goes the Shirt Right Off My Back”: Taxes and the Meaning of Resentment,” The Culture and Politics of Resentment Workshop, Fung Global Fellows Program, Princeton University, October 18-19, 2019.
- “American Conservative Christians and Contested Political Community: From Religious Globalism to Christian Nationalism to Individualism,” Jim and Anna Davidson Symposium: American Christian Nationalism Through Both a Qualitative and Quantitative Lens, Purdue University Department of Sociology, September 6, 2019.
- “Ethnography across the Political Divide: Juxtaposition as a Technique of Theorizing and Critique,” Northwestern Ethnography Workshop, May 7, 2019.
- “Beyond the Dogmatic Believer: Religious Conviction Across the Political Divide” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Capstone Workshop. University of Connecticut Humanities Institute. April 5, 2019.
- “Episode 16: Faith & Activism on the Political Divide,” d'Archive on WHUS Radio, hosted by Graham Stinnett. September 20, 2018.
- “The Moral Meaning of Taxes,” Committee for the Study of Religion at the Graduate Center, CUNY, May 9, 2018.
- “The Moral Meaning of Taxes,” Cultural & Political Sociology Workshop, University of North Carolina, April 20, 2018.
- “Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy across the Political Divide,” Sociology Department Colloquium, University of North Carolina, April 18, 2018.
- “Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy across the Political Divide,” Sociology Colloquium Series, University of Notre Dame, March 26, 2018.
- “Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy across the Political Divide,” Outstanding Sociology Opportunity Speaker Series, Baylor University, March 1, 2018
- “Religion, Resistance, and Competing Stories of America in 2016 and Beyond,” Media Activism Research Collective (MARC), University of Pennsylvania, February 15, 2018.

- “Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy Across the Political Divide” at the Institute for the Study of Societal Issues (Sponsors: Center for Ethnographic Research, Center for Right-Wing Studies, Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion, Department of Sociology), University of California, Berkeley, November 16, 2017.
- “Author-Meets-Critics - *Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy across the Political Divide*,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 5, 2017, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- “Author-Meets-Critics - *Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy across the Political Divide*,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 14, 2017, Washington, DC.
- “Prophets and Patriots,” New Books in Political Science Podcast, hosted by Heath Brown. September 21, 2017.
- “Imagining the Nation: Stories of National Belonging Across the Political Divide,” Chair’s Session: Nations, Nationalism, and National Belonging at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 14, 2017, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- “Faith in American Democracy” at the Fetzer Institute, January 25, 2017, Kalamazoo, MI.
- “Putting Faith in Action in the Tea Party and Faith-Based Community Organizing” at the Religion and Politics in American Public Life Lecture Series, jointly sponsored by the Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life; the Department of Political Science; and the Department of Religion, Columbia University, April 28, 2016.
- “Religion, Nationalism and the Tea Party Movement,” at the UConn Center for Learning in Retirement (CLIR), April 21, 2016, Storrs, CT.
- “Prophets and Patriots: Faith in Democracy Across the Political Divide” at the Storrs/Willimantic Branch of the AAUW, April 6, 2016, Willimantic, CT.
- “Making Sense of the Topsy-Turvy 2016 Presidential Race” (Panelist). University of Connecticut Alumni Association. March 31, 2016, Boston, MA.
- “Putting Faith (in Democracy) in Action in Tea Party and Faith-Based Community Organizing” at the Penn Urban Ethnography Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, February 12, 2016.
- “Making Sense of the Topsy-Turvy 2016 Presidential Race” (Panelist). University of Connecticut Alumni Association. December 2, 2015, Hartford, CT.
- “Good Citizen / Bad Citizen: Civility Discourse as Boundary-Work” at the University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Public Discourse Project Seminar, November 16, 2015.
- “Religion, Nationalism, and the Tea Party Movement” at the Sociology Department Colloquium (Co-sponsored by the Government Department), Colby College, November 4, 2015.
- “Good Citizen / Bad Citizen: Civility Discourse as Boundary-Work” at the Center for Cultural Sociology Workshop, Yale University, October 9, 2015.
- “Prophets and Patriots: Practicing Citizenship Across the Political Divide” at the Joint Meeting of the Lower CT Valley and Shoreline Branches of the AAUW, April 15, 2015, Westbrook, CT.
- “ASR: The Role of Bridging Cultural Practices in Racially and Socioeconomically Diverse Civic Organizations,” SAGE Sociology Podcast, with Brad R. Fulton. June 12, 2014.
- “Citizens, Government, and God: The Democratic Imagination in Community Organizing and the Tea Party” at the Religion & Politics Colloquium, The MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics and Society, Yale University, March 24, 2014.

“Holding Government Accountable: How Cultural Logics Shape Democratic Practice in Community Organizing and the Tea Party” at Lehigh University’s Humanities Center Panel on Contemporary Political Movements: Decoding the Political Tides: The Tea Party & Occupy Wall Street, April 2, 2013.

“Accountability is in Relationships,” at the Craft of Ethnography Workshop, Dec. 7, 2011, New York, NY.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Tax Resistance in the Trump Era,” at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 13, 2019, New York, NY.

“Social Justice as a Site of Contestation Across the Political Divide,” Joint ASA & ASR Session on Religion and Contested Understandings of Social Justice. Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting / American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 13, 2019, New York, NY.

“‘I Would Be an Accomplice’: Tax Resistance and Moral Complicity in Sin.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 9, 2019, New York, NY.

Critic. “Author Meets Critics: American Covenant: A History of Civil Religion from the Puritans to the Present by Philip Gorski.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 10, 2018.

“A (More) Perfect Union? Religion, Politics and Competing Stories of America.” Session on Religion and Donald J. Trump. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 26, 2018.

Critic. “Author Meets Critics: Growing God's Family: The Global Orphan Care Movement and the Limits of Evangelical Activism.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 26, 2018.

Critic. “Author Meets Critics: The Mindful Elite: Mobilizing from the Inside Out.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 26, 2018.

“Render unto Caesar? Tax Resistance, Government Power, and Higher Powers” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 23-25, 2015, Newport Beach, CA.

“Religious Diversity and Heterogeneity in the Tea Party Movement” at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, August 21, 2015, Chicago, IL.

“Taxes as Democratic Infrastructure: Moral Discourses of Mutual Obligation in Community Organizing and the Tea Party” at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 6-9, 2014, Toronto.

“The Moral of the Story: Strategic Storytelling by Nuns on the Bus” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 31-November 2, 2014, Indianapolis, IN.

“The Participation Initiative,” Section on Political Sociology Invited Session at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 19, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

“The Moral of the Story: Strategic Storytelling by Nuns on the Bus” at the Thematic Session: Progressive Religious and Social Activism: New Stories of Faith and Politics in America (co-sponsored with the Association for the Sociology of Religion) at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 18, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

“Talking about Taxation: Moral Logics of Obligation in Community Organizing and the Tea Party” at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, August 17, 2014, San Francisco, CA.

“Talking about Taxation: Moral Logics of Obligation in Community Organizing and the Tea Party” at the Center for Cultural Sociology Anniversary Conference, Advancing Cultural Sociology, Yale University, April 25-27, 2014, New Haven, CT.



- “Citizens, Government, and God: The Democratic Imagination in Community Organizing and the Tea Party” at the Comparative-Historical Sociology/Political Sociology Miniconference on “Capitalism, the Politics of Inequality, and Historical Change,” August 14, 2013, New York, NY.
- “Bridging Diversity: Social Capital, Solidarity, And Prayer In Faith-Based Community Organizing” (with Richard L. Wood and Brad Fulton) at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, November 8-10, 2013, Boston, MA.
- “Religious Practices Bridge Class Inequalities: Ethnographic and Survey Data from a Social Movement Sector” (with Richard L. Wood and Brad Fulton) at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 10, 2013, New York, NY.
- “Holding Government Accountable: How Cultural Logics Shape Democratic Practice in Community Organizing and the Tea Party”
- at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 22-24, 2013, Boston, MA.
  - at the Yale University Center for Comparative Research Graduate Student Conference: The Location of Meaning, The Meaning of Location, January 26, 2013, New Haven, CT.
  - at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 19, 2012, Denver, CO.
- “Negotiating Position Asymmetries in Multisite Comparative Ethnographic Research” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, November 9-11, 2012, Phoenix, AZ.
- “Who are ‘We the People’? Negotiating Multidimensional Collective Identity in the Tea Party,” at the Third Annual Young Scholars in Social Movements Mini-Conference hosted by the Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, May 4, 2012, South Bend, IN.
- “Varieties of Populist Politics,” at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 23-26, 2012, New York, NY.
- “God-Given Rights or Faithful Covenant? Religiopolitical Discourses and Cultures of Accountability in Citizen Activism” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 28-30, 2011, Milwaukee, WI.
- “Emotional Dynamics of Collective Identity Formation in the Tea Party: Restoring Honor Rally as a Ritual of Recognition,” at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 22, 2011, Las Vegas.
- “The Movement for the Common Good: Bridging the Transcendent and the Transformative,” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 29-31, 2010, Baltimore, MD.
- “Representing ‘People of Faith’ in Washington: Religious Advocates as Moral Experts” at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, August 8-11, 2009, San Francisco, CA.
- “Promoting Professional Expertise for the Public ‘Good’? Unintended Consequences of Scientific-Judicial Alignment in Debates Over Evolution” at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 8-11, 2009, San Francisco, CA.
- “Challenging Religious-Secular Distinctions in the Study of Public Policy Advocacy” at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 19-22, 2009, Baltimore, MD.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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| 2020-2021                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Introduction to Sociology, University of Connecticut</i></li> <li>• <i>Social Movements and Social Change (W), University of Connecticut</i></li> <li>• <i>Political Sociology (Understanding the 2020 Election), University of Connecticut</i></li> </ul> |
| 2019-2020<br>(Sabbatical leave) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invited Guest Lecturer, <i>Religion, Values and the Future of Democracy</i>, (E. J. Dionne, Instructor), Harvard Kennedy School, September 17, 2019.</li> </ul>   |

- Fall 2018 • *Graduate Social Movements*, University of Connecticut
- (On leave Spring 2019) • *Social Movements and the Opioid Crisis* (Indep. Study, Undergrad), University of Connecticut
- Invited Guest Lecturer, *Religion in America's Conscience and at the Ballot Box*, (E. J. Dionne, Instructor), Harvard Divinity School, September 11, 2018.
- 2017-2018 • *Introduction to Sociology*, University of Connecticut
- *Social Movements and Social Change*, University of Connecticut
- *Religious Pluralism in America* (Indep. Study, Grad), University of Connecticut
- *Celebrities and Social Movements* (Indep. Study, Undergrad), University of Connecticut
- 2016-2017 • *Graduate Social Movements*, University of Connecticut
- *Introduction to Sociology*, University of Connecticut
- *Art and Social Movements* (Indep. Study, Undergrad), University of Connecticut
- 2015-2016 • *Introduction to Sociology*, University of Connecticut
- 2014-2015 • *Graduate Political Sociology*, University of Connecticut
- *Introduction to Sociology*, University of Connecticut
- *Social Movements and Social Change (W)*, University of Connecticut
- 2013-2014 • *Social Movements and Social Change (W)*, University of Connecticut
- *Political Sociology*, University of Connecticut
- Winter 2012 • *Wealth and Inequality*, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Jeff Manza, NYU
- Fall 2007 • *Sociology of Religion*, Teaching Assistant for Dr. Gerald Marwell, NYU

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association (ASA)

Section Memberships: Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity, Collective Behavior and Social Movements, History of Sociology, Political Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Culture, Theory

Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

Social Science History Association (SSHA)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

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*Discipline:*

Reviewer: *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Politics Research*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *Contexts*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Mobilization*, *Research in Social Movements Conflicts and Change*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology of Religion*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

Associate Editor, *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* (2020-)

Journal Editorial Boards: *American Sociological Review* (2022-2024), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* (JSSR) (2018-), *Sociological Forum* (2019-2022), *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review* (2017-2020), *Qualitative Sociology* (2019-)

Chair, Jack Shand International Travel Grants Committee, SSSR (2019)

Council Member, ASA Religion Section (2018-2021)

Chief Operating Officer, ASA Culture Section (2017-2020)

Council Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion (2016-2019)

Committee Member, Jack Shand International Travel Grants Committee, SSSR (2018)

Committee Chair, Shils-Coleman Award for Best Student Paper, ASA Theory Section (2017)

Nomination Committee Member, ASA Religion Section (2016-2017)

Faculty Fellow, Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University (2016-)

Committee Member, Richard A. Peterson Award for Best Student Paper, ASA Culture Section (2016)

Nomination Committee Member, ASA History of Sociology Section (2014-2015)

Graduate Student Representative, ASA Culture Section (2013-2014)

Graduate Student Prize Committee, ASA History of Sociology Section (2012-2013)

Editorial Collective Member, *In Critical Solidarity*. Newsletter of the American Sociological Association's Section on Labor and Labor Movements (2007-2010)

Conference session convener/organizer:

- "Invited Session: Religion and the Politics of National Identity," (Co-Sponsored by the Sociology of Religion and Culture Sections) at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 20-23, 2016, Seattle, WA.
- "Religion and the Tea Party" at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, August 21, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- "Progressive Religion in the United States: Remapping the Political Landscape" at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, November 8-10, 2013, Boston, MA. (*with Rhys H. Williams and Todd Nicholas Fuist*)
- "Inside, Outside and Between: Theory, Method and Ethics in Multi-Site Ethnography" at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, November 9-11, 2012, Phoenix, AZ. (*with Jeffrey Guhin*)
- "Populist Resurgence? Economic Crisis and Social Activism Across the Political Spectrum" at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 23-26, 2012, New York, NY.

*Interdisciplinary:*

Selection Committee Member, Religion, Spirituality, and Democratic Renewal Fellowship Program, Social Science Research Council (2020, 2021)

Editorial Board Member, *The Immanent Frame*, Social Science Research Council (2016-)

Consultant, Religion Program, Social Science Research Council (2012-)

Participant, Consultation, *Religion Dispatches* (September 2015)

Editor at Large (and former Managing Editor), *The Immanent Frame*, Social Science Research Council (2007-2015)

Coordinator, NYLON Research Network (2008-2011)

Organizer, Emerging Scholars of Religion and Public Life Network (co-sponsored by the Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University and the Social Science Research Council) (2009-2010)

*University of Connecticut:*

President's Committee on Civil Discourse and Dialogue (2018)

Core Faculty Member, Humility and Conviction in Public Life Project, UConn Humanities Institute (2015-2019)

Organizer, Interdisciplinary conference on Religious Conviction and Intellectual Humility in Public Life, UConn Humanities Institute, Humility and Conviction in Public Life Project, April 21-22, 2017, Storrs, CT.

Executive Committee, Department of Sociology (2015-)

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology (2015-2016)

Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology (2013-2015)

Colloquia & Rituals Committee, Department of Sociology (2013-2015)

*Public:*

Advisory Board Member, Fetzer Institute Study of American Spirituality (2018-2019)

Consultant/Program Evaluation, Faith in New York, PICO National Network (2015-2016)