

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**William D. Dinges**

**Addresses:**           Program in Religion and Culture  
School of Theology and Religious Studies  
The Catholic University of America  
Washington, DC 20064  
[Dinges@cua.edu](mailto:Dinges@cua.edu)

(202) 219-6890 (Office)  
(202) 319-6524 (School)

The Life Cycle Institute  
The Catholic University of America  
Washington, DC 20064  
(202) 319-5942 (Office)  
(202) 319-6267 (Fax)

**Education:**

Ph.D., American Studies, University of Kansas, 1983

M.A., History, Emporia State University, 1974

B.A., History, Fort Hays State University, 1969

**Subject Areas:**

Religion and Culture; Religion in America; Religious Movements; Roman Catholic Studies; Fundamentalism; Roman Catholic Traditionalism; Religion and Social Change; Religion and Ecology; Religion and Ethnicity; Theory and Method in Religious Studies.

**Professional Experience:**

Ordinary Professor (2006), School of Theology and Religious Studies, the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., 1983-present.

Fellow, Life Cycle Institute, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., 1993-present.

Smithsonian Institute, Smithsonian Associates Program, Campus on the Mall, Washington, D.C., 1999.

Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland, University College, 1984-1985.

Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies Department, Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York, 1982-1983.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1981-1982.

Adjunct Faculty, Sociology Department, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, 1977-1981.

Instructor, St. Mary's College, Leavenworth, Kansas, 1977.

Instructor, Extended Studies Division, Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri, 1976; 1979.

Teaching Assistant, Western Civilization Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, 1976-1981.

### **Grant-Funded Research:**

Seed Grant: \$2,500 from the Life Cycle Institute, The Catholic University of America, for a study of the return trajectories of lay missionaries/volunteers (2006).

Library Travel/Research Grant: \$750.00 from the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame (2003).

Co-PI with Prof. Paul Sullins: \$76,000 grant from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for an ethnographic study of ten select Home Missions Dioceses (2002).

Co-PI with Prof. Dean Hoge: \$496,000 grant from Lilly Endowment for a national study of young adult Catholics in the United States (1996).

Co-PI with Prof. Dean Hoge: \$50,000 planning grant from Lilly Endowment for a national study of adult Catholic parish alumni (1994-1995).

Participant/Contributor, Lilly Endowment Grant to study Conservative Catholics in the United States. Project directed by Prof. Mary Jo Weaver and R. Scott Appleby (1993-1994).

Participant/Contributor Lilly Endowment project to study the relationship between religion and the Independent Sector in American society. Administered through the American Studies and Religious Studies Departments at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, Indiana

(1987-1990).

**Courses Taught:**

*Catholic University of America, Washington, DC*

TRS 880: Catholic Identity  
TRS 784: Religion in Modern American Society  
TRS 784A: Fundamentalism and Strong Religion  
TRS 780A: Theory and Method in Religious Studies  
REL 759: Religious Movements: Sociology and Religion in Dialogue  
REL 732: Catholicism: The American Experience  
TRS 680: Contemporary American Spirituality  
REL 611: Catholicism in America  
REL 451: Issues in Religious Studies  
TRS 386: Apocalypticism: Religion and Cultural Meaning  
TRS 384: Sects, Cults, and New Religious Movements  
TRS 380: Religion in American Culture  
TRS 325: Catholicism in America Since 1945  
TRS 280: The Religious Quest  
REL 201: Introduction to the Study of Religion  
HSEV 102: Religion and Ecology

*University of Maryland, University College*

BEHS 381: Religion in America

*Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York*

Introduction to the Study of Religion  
Religion in America  
Religion in Society  
Sects and Cults

*University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas*

The American People  
Sociology of Religion  
Western Civilization Program

*Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas*

The Sociology of Religion  
Race and Ethnic Inter-group Relations  
Social Problems

*St. Mary's College, Leavenworth, Kansas*

The Life and Thought of Thomas Merton

*Columbia College, Columbia, Missouri*

## Sociology of Religion

I have also conducted a variety of graduate seminars over the years on topics such as Fundamentalism, “Strong Religion,” Religion and Social Change, Catholic Identity, and Spiritual Questing in American Society.

### **Professional Membership:**

Religious Research Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Associate Editor, American Catholic Historical Society

### **Academic Awards:**

Dissertation Fellowship, University of Kansas, 1979-1980.  
Teaching Assistantship, Western Civilization Program, University of Kansas, 1976-1981.

### **Publications:**

#### **Books:**

Hoge, Dean R., William D. Dinges, Mary Johnson, S.N.D., De N., and Juan Gonzales, Jr., *Young Adult Catholics: Religion in the Culture of Choice*. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2001.

*Catholics at Prayer: The ‘Holy Sacrifice’: Ritual, Culture and Social Change in the American Catholic Experience* (in process).

#### **Special Report Monographs:**

“An Ethnographic Report on Select Home Missions Dioceses.” Prepared for the Committee on the Home Missions, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003, 180 pp.

“The Rise of New Religious Movements: Conversion, Proselytizing, and the Growth of Pentecostalism in Latin America.” Prepared for the XVI International American Bishops’ Meeting in Bogota, Columbia, November 16-19, 1984.

#### **Articles:**

- “Soul Power Politics,” Symposium Review Essay of E.J. Dionne, Jr., *Souled Out: Reclaiming Faith & Politics after the Religious Right* (Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2008). In *U.S. Catholic Historian* 26, 4 (Fall 2008): 107-109.
- “Forward” to Mike Hayes, *Googling God: The Religious Landscape of People in their 20s and 30s*. New York: Paulist Press, 2007, vii-ix.
- “Paper City and Southern Parish: American Catholics in Postwar Social Science Research.” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 25, 4 (Fall 2007): 45-62.
- “The American Cultural Context for Adolescent Catechesis.” *Momentum* (February/March 2007): 52-55.
- “Faith, Hope and (Excessive) Individualism.” In Robert P. Umbelli, ed. *Handing on the Faith: The Church’s Mission and Challenge*. New York: The Crossroads Publishing Co., 2006, pp. 30-43.
- “On Naming Religious Extremists: The ‘Fundamentalist’ Factor.” In David Odell-Scott, ed. *Democracy and Religion: Free Exercise and Diverse Visions*. Kent, Ohio: Kent State University, 2004, pp. 243-266.
- “The New (Old) Age Movement: Assessing the Vatican Assessment.” *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 19, 3 (2004): 273-288.
- “Gibson and Traditionalists.” *Religion in the News* 6, 5 (Fall 2003): 16-17, 22.
- “Home Missions—Future Church.” *America* 169, 14 (November 3, 2003): 10-13.
- “On Teaching the Introductory Course.” *Religion and American Culture: A Journal of Interpretation* 12, 1 (Winter 2002): 25-31.
- “An ‘Army of Youth’: The Sodality Movement and the Practice of Apostolic Mission.” *U.S. Catholic Historian* 19, 3 (Summer 2001): 35-49.
- “Baby Boomers in the Spiritual Marketplace.” *The Living Light* 37, 1 (Fall 2000): 75-80.
- “Social and Behavioral Science Perspectives on Conversion/Recruitment to New Religious Movements: Theories and Assessments.” In Michael Fuss, ed. *Re-Inventing New Religious Movements*. Roma, Italia: Pontificia Universita Gregoriana, 1999 [1990], pp. 45-64.
- Mary Johnson, Dean Hoge, William Dinges, Juan Gonzales, “Young Adult Catholics: Conservative? Alienated? Suspicious?” *America* 180, 10 (March 27, 1999): 9-13.
- Dinges, et al., “A Faith Loosely Held: The Institutional Allegiance of Young Catholics.” *Commonweal* CXXV, 13 (July 17, 1998): 13-18.

- “The Next Generation of Catholics: Needs, Opportunities, and Risks.” *The Living Light* 33, 3 (Spring 1997): 6-12.
- “Postmodernism and Religious Institutions.” *The Way: A Review of Christian Spirituality* 36, 3 (July 1996): 215-224.
- “The Traditionalist Movement.” In Michael Glazier and Thomas Shelley, eds. *The Encyclopedia of American Catholic History*. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 1997, pp. 1394-1396.
- “‘We Are What You Were’: Catholic Traditionalism in the Wake of Schism.” In Mary Jo Weaver and R. Scott Appleby, eds. *Being Right: Conservative Catholics in America*. Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 1996, pp. 241-269.
- Commentary in Review Symposium on Patrick Allitt’s *Catholic Intellectuals and Conservative Politics in America, 1950- 1985*. In *U.S. Catholic Historian* 13, 2 (Winter, 1995): 106-109.
- “Roman Catholic Traditionalists.” In Tim Miller, ed. *America’s Alternative Religions*. Albany, New York: SUNY Press, 1995, pp. 101-107.
- “Marcel Lefebvre” and “The New Age Movement.” In Berard Mathaler, ed. *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (Supplement) Palatine, Illinois: Jack Heraty and Associates, 1995: 239-242; 281-283.
- “Catholic Fundamentalism.” In William M. Shea, ed. *The Struggle Over the Past: Fundamentalism in the Modern World*. Vol. 35, College Theology Society, Latham, Maryland: University Press of America, 1989, pp. 255-280.
- “American Catholics and the Joseph Campbell Phenomenon.” *America* (February 20, 1993): 12-14, 19.
- “Joseph Campbell and the Contemporary American Spiritual Milieu.” In Lawrence Madden, ed. *The Joseph Campbell Phenomenon: Implications for the Contemporary Church*. Washington, D.C.: Pastoral Press, 1992, pp. 9-41.
- “Religious Volunteerism and Care for the Homeless: A Case Study of the Shepherd’s Table.” In Conrad Cherry and Rowland A. Sherrill, eds. *Religion, The Independent Sector, and American Culture*. American Academy of Religion. *Studies in Religion* 63. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1991, pp. 43-79.
- “Roman Catholic Traditionalism.” In Martin E. Marty and R. Scott Appleby, eds. *Fundamentalism Observed*, Vol. I. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991, pp. 66-101.
- “The Quandary of Dissent on the Catholic Right.” In Roger O’Toole, ed. *Sociological Studies in*

***Roman Catholicism: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.*** Queenston, Ontario: Edwin Mellen, 1990, pp. 107-127.

“New Religious Movements,” “Catholic Traditionalism,” “Cult,” and “Sect.” In Berard Marthaler, ed. *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (Supplement). Jack Heraty and Associates. Palatine, Illinois, 1989: 172-176; 463-464; 110-111.

“Aquarian Spirituality: The New Age Movement in America.” *New Catholic World* (May/June, 1989): 137-142.

“The Econe Affair.” *Commonweal* (August 12, 1988): 420-421.

“Quo Vadis, Lefebvre?” *America* (June 11-18, 1988): 602-606.

“Cults” and “Fundamentalism.” In Joseph A. Komonchak, Mary Collins, and Dermont A. Lane. eds. *The New Dictionary of Theology*. Wilmington, Delaware: Michael Glazier, Inc., 1987: 264-267; 411-414.

“Ritual Conflict as Social Conflict: Liturgical Reform in the Roman Catholic Church.” *Sociological Analysis* 48, 2 (Summer 1987): 138-158.

“Resistance to Liturgical Change.” *Liturgy* 6, 2 (1987): 67-75.

“The Vatican Report on Sects, Cults, and New Religious Movements.” *America* (September 27, 1986): 145-147, 154.

“Response to the Vatican Questionnaire on Ideologies, Mentalities, and the Christian Faith.” *Atheism and Dialogue. Segretariato Per Non Credenti* XXI-3 (1986): 284-292.

“In Defense of Truth and Tradition: Catholic Traditionalism in America, 1964-1974.” Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism: *Working Paper Series* 17, 2 (Spring, 1986): 1-52.

***Religion in America: Supplemental Text.*** College Park, Maryland: Center for Instructional Development and Evaluation, 1985.

“The Newman Apostolate: A Critical Appraisal.” *The Living Light* 20, 3 (March, 1984): 201-212.

“Catholic Traditionalist Movement.” In Joseph H. Fichter, ed. *Alternatives to American Mainline Churches*. Berrytown, New York: Rose of Sharon Press, 1983, pp. 137-158.

“Catholic Traditionalism in America: An Overview.” *American Catholic Studies Newsletter* 7, 2 (Fall, 1981): 4-5.

“The World’s Parliament of Religion: Forerunner of the Present East-West Dialogue.” *Aide Inter-Monastique: North American Board for East- West Dialogue* 1 (January 9, 1978), 11 (May, 1978).

“Authur Schopenhauer, Friedrich Nietzsche, and William James.” *Student Manual: Western Civilization Program*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (1977): 74-77.

### Select Book Reviews:

Gregory Allen Smith, *Politics in the Parish: The Political Influence of Catholic Priests*. In *Journal of Church and State* (forthcoming).

David R. Maines and Michael J. McCallion, *Transforming Catholicism: Liturgical Change in the Vatican II Church*. Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2007. In *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47, 3 (September 2008): 526-527.

Raymond Arroyo, *Mother Angelica: The Remarkable Story of A Nun, Her Nerve, and a Network of Miracles*. New York: Doubleday, 2005, 384 pp. In *American Catholic Studies: Journal of the American Catholic Historical Society* 118, 1 (Spring, 2007): 80-83.

D’Agnostino, Peter R. Rome in America: *Transnational Catholic Ideology from the Risorgimento to Fascism*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004. *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 20, 3 (October, 2005): 401-403.

Dryness, William A. *The Earth Is God’s: A Theology of American Culture*. New York: Orbis Books, 1997. *Worship* 73, 1 (January, 1999): 83-84.

Cuneo, Michael. *The Smoke of Satan: Conservative and Traditionalist Dissent in Contemporary American Catholicism*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1997. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 36, 4 (December 1997): 630-633.

Kosmin, Barry A. and Seymour P. Lachman. *One Nation Under God: Religion in Contemporary American Society*. New York: Harmony Books, 1993. *The Living Light* 31, 2 (Winter, 1994): 77-78.

Paden, William F. *Interpreting the Sacred: Ways of Viewing Religion*. Boston: Beacon Press, 1992. *Review of Religious Research* 34, 3(March, 1993): 282-283.

Demerath, N. J. *A Bridging of Faiths: Religion and Politics in a New England Town*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1992. Catholic News Service

O’Meara, Thomas F. *Fundamentalism: A Catholic Perspective*. New York: Paulist Press, 1990. *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia* 101, 3-4 (Fall, 1990): 64-65.

- Byrnes, Timothy A. *Catholic Bishops in American Politics*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1991. *Critical Review of Books in Religion*. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1996: 468-470.
- Palmer, Randall. *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: A Journey into the Evangelical Subculture in America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1989. *Worship* 64, 4 (July, 1990): 374-375.
- Nolan, Mary Lee and Sidney Nolan. *Christian Pilgrimage in Modern Western Europe*. Chapel Hill, The University of North Carolina Press, 1989. *Review of Religious Research* 31, 3 (March, 1990): 332-333.
- Lernoux, Penny. *People of God*. New York: Viking, 1989. NC News Service.
- Aman, Kenneth. ed. *Border Regions of Faith: An Anthology of Religion and Social Change*. *Worship* 63, 1 (January, 1989): 92-93.
- Elvy, Peter. *Buying Time: The Foundations of the Electronic Church*. New York: Twenty-third Publications, 1987, and William F. Fore. *Television and Religion: The Shaping of Faith, Values, and Culture*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Publishing House, 1987. *The LivingLight* 24,2 (January, 1988): 175-176.
- Fitzpatrick, Joseph P. *One Church, Many Cultures: The Challenge of Diversity*. Kansas City, Missouri: Sheed and Ward, 1987. NC News Service.
- Fenn, Richard. *The Dream of the Perfect Act: Inquiry into the Fate of Religion in a Secular World*. New York: Tavistock, 1987. *Review of Religious Research* 30, 3 (March, 1989): 297-298.
- Greeley, Andrew and William McManus. *Catholic Contributions: Sociology and Policy*. Chicago: Thomas More Press, 1987. NC News Service.
- Lee Bernard J. and Michael A. Cowan. *Dangerous Memories (1986) Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* 98, 1-4, (March-December, 1987): 123-124.
- Taves, Anne. *The Household of Faith: Roman Catholic Devotions in Mid-Nineteenth Century America*. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1986. *Worship* 61, 4 (July 1987): 382-384.
- Gallup, George Jr., and Jim Castelli. *The American Catholic People: Their Beliefs, Practices, and Values*. Garden City, New York: Doubleday, 1987. NC News Service.
- Stark, Rodney and William Sims Bainbridge. *The Future of Religion: Secularization, Revival, and Cult Formation*. NC News Service.

Bauman, Richard. *Let Your Words Be Few: Symbolism of Speaking Among Seventeenth-Century Quakers* (1985). *Worship* 60, 3 (May, 1986): 282-284.

Sharpe, Eric. *Understanding Religion*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1983. *Review of Religious Research* 26, 3 (March, 1985): 303.

Martin, Ralph. *A Crisis of Truth: The Attack on Faith Morality, and Mission in the Catholic Church* (1983). *America*, October 1, 1983, 176-177.

Watts, Alan. *Tao: The Watercourse Way* (1976), *National Catholic Reporter*, March 26, 1976, 12.

### **Select Lectures/Papers/Seminars Presented:**

I have given numerous lectures over the last thirteen years on religious pluralism and diversity and other aspects of religion in American culture. These lectures are addressed to various foreign delegations participating in the U.S. State Department International Visitors Program administered through the agencies such as the Meridian International Center and the World Learning Delphi International Program in Washington, D.C.

Graduate Seminar with Prof. Kurt Remele (University of Graz) on "Understanding Fundamentalism: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of 'Strong Religion,'" at the *Europaisches Forum Alpbach: Wahrnehmung and Entscheidung*, Alpbach, Austria, August 15-21, 2008.

Presentation on "Early Social Science Research on American Catholics: Setting Benchmarks and Prefiguring Contemporary Social Science Themes and Theories," Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, July 31-August 2, Boston, Massachusetts.

Lecture on "Movements in the Church as Catechetical Audiences: Mapping the Sources," 2008 NCEA Catechetical Scholars Program, Theological College, Washington, D.C., June 23, 2008.

Lecture on "Ecology as a Religious Issue in the Catholic Tradition," Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., Department of Social Concerns Social Ministry Conference, St. Mark's Church, Hyattsville, Maryland, June 21, 2008.

Lecture on "Catholics and Ecology," Baltimore City League of Conservation Voters Public Forum on Faith and Ecology, Baltimore, Maryland, April 30, 2008.

Lecture on "Movements in the Church," Washington Archdiocesan Catechetical Leadership Conference, Bethesda, Maryland, April 12, 2008.

Lecture on "Social and Cultural Trends Among Young Adults" to international representatives of the Ecumenical Diaconal Year Network," in conjunction with the Council of Religious Volunteer Agencies. Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C., October 23, 2008.

Lecture on “Dynamics of American Catholic Identity,” American Studies Seminar, *Institut für Politik und Verwaltungswissenschaften*, University of Rostock, Rostock, Germany, April 17, 2007.

Lecture on “America’s Religious Marketplace: Explorations in Diversity and Pluralism,” U.S. Consulate General Seminar on Immigration and Religious Pluralism, U.S. Consulate, Hamburg, Germany, April 16, 2007.

“Mass Attendance among American Catholics in Cultural and Historical Perspective,” Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., April 28, 2006.

Keynote presentations on “Religious Trends in American Culture” and “Research Data on YAC” at the Theology on Tap, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, October 13-14, 2005.

Keynote presentation: “Polarizing Movements within the Church,” National Association of Diocesan Directors of Social Action, 2005 Roundtable Symposium, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., February 19-20, 2005.

“Research on Young Adult Catholics,” American Catholic Studies Symposium on Young Adult Catholics, Life Cycle Institute, Catholic University of America, February 18, 2005.

Presentation of “Catholic Fundamentalism,” Brueggerman Center for Dialogue, Symposium on Religious Fundamentalism: The Changing Face of Religion, Politics, and Power in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 2004.

Presentation on “Face, Hope and (Excessive) Individualism,” Boston College’s Handing on the Faith Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, September 18, 2004.

Presentation on “The Abuse Crisis in Cultural Context,” Conference on Church Governance in a Time of Crisis. Workshop for Canon Lawyers and Church Leaders sponsored by the School of Canon Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., March 19, 2004.

Keynote Address/Workshop Presentations on “Aspects of Catholic Belief and Behavior in Contemporary American Culture,” Glenmary Home Missionary Society National Congress, Louisville, Kentucky, August 19-21, 2004.

Workshop presentations on “Young Adult Catholics” at the Clergy Formation Programs in the dioceses of Memphis, Tennessee, and Wichita, Kansas, October 23; November 13, 2003.

“A Glue That Holds(?): Catholic Identity in the Postmodern Context,” paper presented at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Virginia, October 25, 2003.

Respondent to two Keynote Presentations at the Annual Meeting of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Louisville, Kentucky, August 7-8, 2003.

“The New Faithful: Facts and Fiction,” Religion in America Seminar. Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, April 12, 2003.

“Institutionalized Religion as a Conduit for Community Service, Social Capital, and Civic Engagement among Young Adults,” MacArthur Foundation Research Network on the Transitions to Adulthood, Melrose Hotel, Washington, D.C., December 5, 2002.

“Young Adults: A Catholic and Evangelical Comparison,” Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth Workshop, National Meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., November 10, 2002,

““Can They Hear Us?": The Church's Language of Mission,” Conference of Major Superiors of Men, 2002 Assembly. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 7-10, 2002.

“On Religious Inter marriage,” FADICA Midwinter Meeting, Registry Hotel, Naples, Florida, January 25, 2002.

Keynote addresses on “Young Adult Catholics” at the 41<sup>st</sup> Chapter of the Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph, St. John's Center, Plymouth, Michigan, June 3, 2002 and at the Marist Provincial Meeting, Mundelein Retreat Center, Chicago, 111, June 28, 2002.

“On Naming Religious Extremists: The ‘Fundamentalist’ Factor,” presentation at The Third Annual Kent State University Symposium on Democracy: Democracy and Religion, Free Exercise and Diverse Visions, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, April 30, 2002.

“Young Adult Catholic Research,” Cardinal Bernardin Catholic Common Ground Initiative on Young Adult Catholics. Mundelein, Chicago, March 9-11, 2001.

“Virtual Catholics: Young Adults in Contemporary American Culture,” New England Convocation for Catechetical Leadership. Springfield, Massachusetts, August 22, 2001.

“Cults: Encounters and Discernment,” Washington Archdiocese Catechetical Leadership Association General Meeting, St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C., September 6, 2000

“Vocations and Young Adult Catholics,” Conference of Major Superiors of Men National Gathering, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 15, 2000.

“Spirituality among Young Adult Catholics,” Emmanuel College, Boston, Massachusetts, November 9, 1999.

Authors Meet Critics Session: Commentator on Anthony M. Stevens-Arroyo and Ana Maria Diaz-Stevens, *Recognizing the Latino Resurgence in US. Religion*. Society for the

Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, November 7, 1999.

“Sociology of Spirituality,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association Annual Meetings, Boston, Massachusetts, November 5-7, 1999.

“Catholics, Protestants, and the Environmental Movement,” United States Catholic Conference/University of Portland Conference on Religion, Science and Environmentalism, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon, May 14-16, 1999.

“Typologies of YACs,” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, California, August 21-24, 1998.

Respondent to Dr. George Winter, The Ecumenical/Interfaith Consultation on Sustainable Community Ethics, Environmental Values, and Public Policy. Washington, D.C., June 16-19, 1997.

“The Social Construction of the ‘Sacred’: The Phenomenology of the Latin Tridentine Liturgy,” paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association Annual Meeting. Nashville, Tennessee, November 9-11, 1996.

“Cultural and Social Parameters of Catholicism in Contemporary American Society,” Knight-Rider School of Specialized Journalism, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, April 16, 1996.

“On Religion in Contemporary American Society,” Meridian International Center (Near East/South Asian Regional Project), March, June, July 1995, Washington, D.C.

Respondent to R. Scott Appleby, *Church and Age Unite! The Modernist Impulse in American Catholicism*. College Theological Society Annual meeting, Saint Mary’s College, Moraga, California, 1993.

“On the Shepherd’s Table Project,” Council for Research in Values and Philosophy at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., February 26, 1993.

“Diversity and Change: Ethnic and Cultural Pluralism in American Religious Traditions,” Theological College, Washington, D.C., to Seminarians Interacting Conference, October 22, 1991.

“Social and Behavioral Science Perspectives on NRMS,” paper presented at the Conference on Sects and New Religious Movements sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Universities, Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, May 10-11, 1991.

“Joseph Campbell and the Contemporary American Spiritual Milieu,” Joseph Campbell Phenomenon Conference, Georgetown University Conference Center, Washington, D.C.,

April 5-9, 1991.

“Catholic Fundamentalism,” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History. New York, New York, December 11-13, 1990.

“A Case Study of Religion and Volunteerism in the Culture of Modernity,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 9-11, 1990.

Discussant. Authors Meet Critics. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Washington, D.C., August 9-10, 1990.

“Religious Volunteerism and Care for the Homeless: A Case Study of the Shepherd’s Table,” Conference on Religion, Health, and the Independent Sector in American Culture, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture. Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. April 5-6, 1990.

“On Catholic Fundamentalism,” Bishops and Scholars Conference. Gulf Shores, Alabama, October 1-3, 1989.

“Quandary of Dissent on the Catholic Right,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 22-24, 1989.

“Elements of Catholic Fundamentalism,” Annual Meeting of the College Theological Society Meeting, Rochester, New York, June 1-3, 1989.

Respondent to James Hitchcock, “Fundamentalism Observed,” Public Conference of the Fundamentalist Project of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, University of Chicago, November 15-17, 1988.

“Sects, Cults and NRMs,” Chicago Archdiocese Jesus Day VII: On the Eve of a New Century, October 10, 1987.

“A Commentary on *Gaudium et Spes*, Chapter II: On the Proper Development of Culture,” Symposium commemorating the promulgation of the Second Vatican Council’s Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., April 28-29, 1987.

“Catholic Traditionalism in America,” paper presented at the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, March 14, 1986.

“Sects and Cults: Implications for Catholic Educators,” National Catholic Educational Association Meeting, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., June 24-26, 1986.

Session Chair on “Religion and Acculturation” for The Culture of American Catholicism, a

Conference on Religion in American Culture, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 3-5, 1985.

“New Religious Movements: North American Theories and South American Realities,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Washington, D.C., August 23-26, 1985.

Respondent to J. Gordon Melton’s, “View from the Outside” (June 15, 1985) and to “The Transformation of American Women Religious,” Indiana University/Purdue University Center for American Studies Conference on Re-visioning America: Religion and the Life of the Nation, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 30, June 15, 1985.

“Catholic Traditionalism in America: Sociological Aspects of a Value-Oriented Religious Movement,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, October 31-November 1, 1981.

“The Shakers in Monastic Perspective,” Ohio-Indiana Mid-Continent American Studies Association Convention in New Harmony, Indiana, April 5-7, 1979.

“American Culture and Asian Spirituality,” Conference on Contemplation and Modern Society at Columbia University, New York, New York, December 5-7, 1978.

### **Select Media Presentations:**

Television interview with Terry Moran for *Nightline* segment on the popularity of the *Left Behind* series, aired October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

Television Interview on “Young Adults,” *Religion and Public Ethics Newsweekly*, Channel 26 (Maryland Public Television), August 25, 2002.

Radio interview with Anai Zalewski, *Voice of America*, on church attendance increases in the wake of the September 11 attack, October 2001.

Radio interview, Paulist Fathers *Overheard Program*, on young adult Catholics, September/October 1998.

Guest appearance on *Focus Television Program* on the reception among young adults of Vatican II. New Orleans, Louisiana, May 16, 2000.

Interviewed, ABC Channel 7, on the Third Secret of Fatima, June 26, 2000.

Guest appearance on National Public Radio *All Things Considered*. Discussed failed 19<sup>th</sup> century apocalyptic prophecies, May 2000.

Interviewed on Channel 5 on Heaven’s Gate suicides, March 1997.

Guest Appearance on Channel 20 (WDCB) program *Making a Difference* to discuss the role of religion in American culture, March 6, 1997.

Interviewed on the Television program *Worldnet Dialogue*, on the role of religion in American society. Washington, D.C., August 20, 1990.

Guest appearance on The Christopher's *Close Up Show*. Discussed sects and cults in America, New York, New York, October 30, 1986.

Radio Interview, Station KCUR, Kansas City, Missouri, on Roman Catholic Traditionalist Movement, August 29, 1985.

**Administrative Experience/Committee Assignments/University Service:**

Academic Senate, Committee on Appointments and Promotions (2008-present).

STRS M.A. Committee Chair (2008-present).

Church History Search Committee (2008).

Steering Committee, American Catholic Studies Program (2000-present).

School of Theology and Religious Studies Dissertation Committee, Chair (2003-present).

School of Theology and Religious Studies Committee on Appointments and Promotions (2003-present).

Discussant, University Reader's Program for Incoming Freshman (1999-present).

Academic Senate, Committee on Committees and Rules (1996-1999; [chair] 1999-2002).

School of Religious Studies Representative to the Academic Senate (1999-2001).

Member, University Middle States Evaluation Committee on Undergraduate Education (1998).

Advisory Committee, Life Cycle Institute (1994, 1998; 2002-2003).

Member of *ad hoc* university and departmental committees on: Academic Needs, Computer Information and Technology (1995); Environmental Studies (1998); the Relationship Between Theology and Religious Studies (2000); Reorganization of the Life Cycle Institute (2003).

Assistant Chair, Department of Religion and Religious Education (1993-1994). School of

Religious Studies Academic Freedom Committee (1991-1993).

Faculty Seminar Coordinator, Department of Religion and Religious Education (1985-1987).

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Religion and Religious Education (1983-1993).

School of Religious Studies Library Committee (1985-1989).

Faculty Recording Secretary, Department of Religion and Religious Education (1984-1985).

Graduate Assistant, Allied Health and Gerontology Center, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, June, 1981-August, 1981. Responsibilities included preparing abstracts for the Governor's White House Conference on Aging and analysis of a Human Resources Assessment Survey conducted by the Center.

Director, Columbia College Extended Studies Division Branch Location, Topeka, Kansas, August, 1978-January, 1980. Responsibilities include faculty recruitment, faculty evaluation, student advising, coordinating Veteran's Administration affairs.

### **Professional Service:**

Associate Editor, *American Catholic Historical Review* (2001- present)

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Committee on Best Essay (2001- 2005)

Article referee for *Social Thought*; *Studies in Religion (Sciences Religieuses)*; *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*; *Review of Religious Research*

### **References:**

Prof. Steven Schneck, Director, Life Cycle Institute, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064

Prof. James Youniss: Department of Psychology, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064

Prof. Charles Jones, Religion and Culture Area Director, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064