

## Mark S. Cladis

- Education:** Ph.D., Princeton University, 1988 (Religion)  
M.A., Princeton University, 1985 (Religion)  
M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983 (Religion in Society)  
B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara, 1980  
Summa cum Laude (Religious Studies)
- Academic Employment:** The Brooke Russell Astor Professor of Humanities  
Brown University, 2011-present
- Chair, Department of Religious Studies  
Brown University, 2015-2022; 2012-2013; 2005-2008
- Professor, Department of Religious Studies  
Brown University, 2004-present
- Professor, Department of Religion  
Vassar College, 2002-2004
- Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Religion  
Vassar College, 1995-2002
- Associate Professor, Department of Religion  
Vassar College, 1990-1995
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Departments of Religious Studies and  
Philosophy Stanford University (*Ethics in Society Program*), 1988-1990
- Visiting Instructor, Department of Religious Studies  
University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1986-1988
- Additional Brown University  
Appointments:** Faculty, *Native American and Indigenous Studies*  
Faculty, *Environmental Humanities at Brown*  
Faculty Associate, *Institute at Brown for Environment & Society*  
Affiliated Faculty, *Department of Philosophy*
- Research Appointments:** Fellow of Wolfson College  
Oxford University, January-July, 1995
- Visiting Scholar, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology  
Oxford University, January-July, 1995.
- Visiting Researcher, Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée  
Ecole Polytechnique (CNRS lab), 1993-1993; September-December,  
1994
- Scholar in Residence, Maison Suger Maison des Science de l'Homme, 1993-  
1993; September-December, 1994

**Fields of Research and Teaching Competence:**

religion and the environmental humanities; the interrelation between religion, ethics, and politics in the modern West; Christian ethics; Indigenous studies; theories of race, gender, and settler colonialism; philosophy of religion; religion and literature; political and social theory

**Publications**

**Books:**

*In Search of a Course* (Raleigh, NC: Pact Press: A Regal House Imprint, 2021)

*Public Vision, Private Lives: Rousseau, Religion, and Twenty-First Century Democracy* (New York, Columbia University Press, paperback edition, 2007)

*Public Vision, Private Lives: Rousseau, Religion, and Twenty-First Century Democracy* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003)

*A Communitarian Defense of Liberalism: Durkheim and Contemporary Social Theory* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, paperback edition, 1994)

*A Communitarian Defense of Liberalism: Durkheim and Contemporary Social Theory* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1992)

**In Progress:**

*Radical Romanticism, Democracy, and the Environmental Imagination* (Columbia University Press, 2024)

**Books, Edited:**

*The Elementary Forms of Religious Life*, Emile Durkheim (Oxford: Oxford University Press, World's Classic Series, 2001)

*Durkheim and Foucault: Perspectives on Education and Punishment* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2001)

**Articles and Chapters in Edited Books:**

"Dancing on a Flaming World: Du Bois' Religiously Inflected Poetry and Creative Fiction," *Journal of the Academy of Religion* (forthcoming)

"Preface: The Work of Partnership and the Art of the Moral Imagination," *Ecosustainable Narratives*, ed. Antonella Riem Natale and Tony Hughes-d'Aeth (London: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2022)

"Durkheim's Signature Project: The Science of Morality as Rational Moral Art," *The Oxford Handbook of Emile Durkheim*, ed. Hans Joas and Andreas Pettenkofer (Oxford University Press, online: published in May 2020; print: forthcoming)

"Romantic Nature," *Cambridge Critical Concepts: Nature and Literary Studies*, eds. Peter Remien and Scott Slovic (Cambridge University Press, 2022), pp. 141-160.

- “Wordsworth’s Radical Aesthetics,” *Philosophical Readings* 12:3 (2020) 358-363.
- “Du Bois and a Dark, Wild Hope for an Age of Environmental and Political Catastrophes,” *European Journal of Literature, Culture and Environment* 11:2 (2020): 216-224.  
<https://doi.org/10.37536/ECOZONA.2020.11.2.3500>
- “Love, Risk, and the Journey Home,” *Practical Matters* (November 15, 2020): <http://practicalmattersjournal.org/2020/11/15/love-risk-and-the-journeyhome/>
- “Wordsworth: Second Nature and Democracy,” *Philosophy and Literature* 43:1 (2019): 89-106.
- "Sacred Sites as a Threat to Environmental Justice? Environmental Spirituality and Justice Meet Among the Diné (Navajo) and Other Indigenous Groups," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 23 (2019): 132–153.
- "Radical Romanticism and its Alternative Account of the Wild and Wilderness," *ISLE: Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and Environment* 25.4 (2018): 835–857 <https://doi.org/10.1093/isle/isy073>
- “Solidarity, Religion, and the Environment: Challenges and Promises in the 21st Century,” Special Issue: *Freedom of Conscience in Post-Secular World*, in *Changing Societies and Personalities* 1:4 (2017): 353-372
- "British Romanticism, Secularization, and the Political and Environmental Implications," *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* (DOI:10.1080/21692327.2015.1123114) 76.4 (2015): 284-304
- “Looking Back to See Forward: Romanticism, Religion, and the Secular in Modernity,” in *Nations under God: The Geopolitics of Faith in the Twenty First Century*, eds. Luke M. Herrington Alasdair McKay, and Jeffrey Haynes (Bristol, UK: E-International Relations, 2015), pp. 56-63.
- “Radical Romanticism: Democracy, Religion, and the Environmental Imagination,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 97:1 (2014): 21-49
- “The Culture of Sustainability,” *Sustainability: Perspectives from the Humanities and Social Sciences*, eds. Wendy Petersen Boring and William Forbes (Texas A&M Press, 2014), pp. 41-60.
- “Twin Gods, Twin Fears: Religion And Politics,” *e-International Relations*, August 24, 2012 <<http://www.e-ir.info/2012/08/24/twin-gods-twin-fears-religion-and-politics/>
- “Learning to Speak Your Name,” *In Search of Fatherhood* (published quarterly by BSI International), December, 2011
- "Secularism and the Liberal Arts: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly," *The Immanent Frame* (The Social Science Research Council): 5 Jan. 2011 <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2011/01/05/the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly/>

- “Religion, Secularism, and Democratic Culture,” *The Good Society: The Journal of Political Economy of the Good Society* 19:2 (2010): 22-39
- “Rousseau and Durkheim,” in *Emile Durkheim*, ed. Ivan Strenski (London: Ashgate, 2010), pp. 273-97
- “Individualism as a Modern Value System: Durkheim’s Individual in Society,” *Emile Durkheim: Justice, Morality and Politics*, ed. Roger Cotterrell (London: The International Library of Essays in Classical Sociology, 2010), pp. 275-94.
- “Religion, Democracy, and Virtue: Emerson and the Journey's End,” *Religion and Literature* 41:1 (2009): 49-82
- “The Discovery and Recovery of Time in History and Religion,” in *History and Theory* 48:3 (2009): 283-294
- “The Role and Place of Religion in Democratic Society,” *Horizon* 10:2 (2009): 59-64
- “The Place of Religion in the University and in American Public Life,” *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 91:3/4 (2008): 389-416
- “Painting Landscapes of Religion in America: Four Models of Religion in Democracy,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 76:4 (2008): 874-904
- “Stone-Throwers with Excellent Aim: Waking-up to an Environmental Democratic Vision,” *Journal of Religion and Literature*: 40.1 (2008): 81- 107
- “Religion in the Public Sphere: Nothing Special About Religion,” *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere* (2008) (sponsored by The Social Science Research Council)  
[http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent\\_frame/2008/06/25/nothing\\_about-religion/](http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2008/06/25/nothing_about-religion/).
- “Suffering to Become Human: A Durkheimian Perspective,” in *Suffering and Evil*, edited by W.S.F. Pickering and Massimo Rosati (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2008), pp. 81-100
- “Minds on Fire: The University Teacher-Scholar,” *Brown University Bulletin* (2007): 2-4.
- "Solidarity, Religion, and the Global Environment," *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* (EOLSS) (UNESCO publication), 2007.
- "Modernity in Religion," *History and Theory* 45: (2006): 93-104
- "In Search of Religious Studies," *Ziggurat* 1 (2006): 5-13
- “In the Name of the Father, Son, and All Their Ghosts,” in *Letters to Les*, eds. Donata Carrazza and Paul Kane (Sunnyland Press, 2005), pp. 50-61.
- “Beyond Solidarity? Durkheim and Twenty-First Century Democracy in a Global Age,” in *Cambridge Companion to Durkheim*, eds. Jeffrey

- Alexander and Philip Smith (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), pp. 383-409.
- "To Lukachukai and Back: The Journey Home" in *Vintage*, eds. Paul Kane and Donata Carrazza (Victoria: Hardie Grant, 2004), pp. 91-104.
- "Critica sociale come arte e come scienza," in *Durkheim Contribute per una Rilettura Critica*, ed. Massimo Rosati and Ambrogio Santambrogio (Meltemi, 2002)
- "Rousseau and The Redemptive Mountain Village: The Way of Family, Work, Community, and Love," *Interpretation* 29:(2001): 35-54
- "The End of the Private Life: Rousseau, Redemption, and Tragedy," *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 84 (2001): 301-32
- "The Threat of Globalization to Democracy and the Environment," in *Progressive Politics in the Global Age*, ed. Henry Tam (Polity Press, 2001), pp. 203-21.
- "Introduction" in Emile Durkheim's *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, World's Classics Series, 2001), pp. vii-xxxix.
- "Individualism in Society" in *Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists*, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. III, pp. 99-123 [reprint].
- "Rousseau and Durkheim on Human Nature," in *Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists*, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. III, pp. 124-46 [reprint].
- "Emile Durkheim and Moral Education," in *Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists*, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. IV, pp. 445-70 [reprint].
- "Education, Virtue, and Democracy," in *Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists*, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. IV, pp. 525-42 [reprint].
- "On the Importance of Owning Chickens: Lessons in Nature, Community, and Transformation," *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment* 7 (2000): 199-211
- "Redeeming Love: Rousseau and Eighteenth Century Moral Philosophy," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 28 (2000): 221-51
- "Critica sociale mortale" ["Mortal Social Criticism"], *Fenomenologia e Societa* 22 (1999): 65-85
- "Durkheim and Foucault on Education and Punishment," in *Durkheim and Foucault: Perspectives on Education and Punishment* (Oxford: Durkheim Press, 1999)
- "Moral Education in a Pluralistic Society," in *Durkheim and Modern Education*, ed. Geoffrey Walford (London: Routledge, 1998)

"Il Liberalismo Come Fede Comune" ["Liberalism as a Common Faith" *Studi Perugini* 3 (1997):177-200

"Lessons from the Garden: Rousseau's Solitaires and the Limits of Liberalism," *Interpretation* 24 (1997): 183-200

"What Can We Hope for? Rousseau and Durkheim on Human Nature," *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 32 (1996): 456-472

"Rousseau's Soteriology: Deliverance at the Crossroads," *Religious Studies* (Cambridge University Press) 32 (1996): 79-91

"Special Report: The French Connection: CREA, MAUSS, and the Academic Study of Religion in the U. S. A.," *Religion* 25 (1995): 179-84

"Tragedy and Theodicy: A Meditation on Rousseau and Moral Evil," *Journal of Religion* 75 (1995): 181-99

"Education, Virtue, and Democracy," *Journal of Moral Education* 24 (1995): 37-52

"Wittgenstein, Rawls, and Conservatism," *Philosophy and Social Criticism* 20 (1994): 13-37

"Entre Libéralisme et Communautarisme," *Revue du MAUSS* 2 (1993): 89-97

"Rousseau and Durkheim: The Relation between the Public and the Private," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 21 (1993): 1-25

"Durkheim's Individual in Society: A Sacred Marriage?" in *Figures on the Horizon*, ed. Jerrold Seigel (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 1993)

"Mild-Mannered Pragmatism and Religious Truth," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 60 (1992): 19-33

"Durkheim's Individual in Society: A Sacred Marriage?" *Journal of the History of Ideas* 53 (1992): 71-90

"Pragmatism: French and American Style," *Stanford French Review* 15 (1991): 139-163

"Provinces of Ethics," *Interpretation* 17 (1989-90): 255-273

"Durkheim's Communitarian Defense of Liberalism," *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 72 (1989): 275-95

#### Reviews:

Pickering, W. S. F. and Martins, H., *Debating Durkheim*, in *British Journal of Sociology* 47 (1996): 372-73.

Thiel, John E., *Nonfoundationalism*, in *Religious Studies Review* 21 (1995): 209

Lehmann, Jennifer M., *Durkheim and Women*, in *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 25 (1995): 535-40.

Galipeau, Claude J., *Isaiah Berlin's Liberalism*, in *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 25 (1995): 258-261

Muñoz, Braulio, *Tensions in Social Theory: Groundwork for a Future Moral Sociology*, in *Contemporary Sociology* 23 (1994): 461-62

Jeanron, Werner, and Rike, Jennifer, eds., *Radical Pluralism and Truth: David Tracy and the Hermeneutics of Religion*, in *Religious Studies Review* 19 (1993): 149

Jeanron, Werner, *Theological Hermeneutics: Development and Significance*, in *Religious Studies Review* 19 (1993): 147

Inchausti, Robert, *The Ignorant Perfection of Ordinary People*, in *Theology Today* 49 (1992): 286-288

#### **Papers and Invited Lectures:**

“American Religions and the Environment,” University of Kansas,  
3 October 2023

“Indigenous Storytelling and Environmental Justice,” Haskell  
Indian Nations University, 2 October 2023

“The Song of Songs: An Erotic Love of God, the Beloved, and the Natural  
World,” Interfaith Community Public Lecture, hosted by Theologian in  
Residence Program: Lawrence, Kansas, 1 October 2023

“Renovating Ruined Worlds: Wordsworth, Du Bois, and Silko,” *Association  
for the Study of Literature and the Environment*, Annual Meeting, Portland,  
OR., 12 July 2023

“Ruins and their Sociopolitical and Environmental Implications,” *Western  
Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Environmental Political  
Theory section, San Francisco, 7 April 2023

“Leslie Silko and the Power of Indigenous Storytelling: Healing and Resistance  
in Defiance of Settler Colonialism,” Native American and Indigenous  
Studies, Brown University, 22 March 2023

“The World in Ruins: Wordsworth, Du Bois, and Silko,” Vassar College,  
7 December 2022

“Ruins, Religion, Literature,” *American Academy of Religion Annual  
Meeting*, Denver: 19 November 2022

“Landscapes and Ruins in Du Bois and Silko: Sites of Pain and Injustice,  
Hope and Transformation,” *(Re)thinking Landscape: Ways of Knowing /  
Ways of Being*, Yale University, 30 September 2022

“Du Bois' *Darkwater* for Dark Times: Environmental Despair and Hope,”

*European Association for the Study of Literature, Culture and the Environment*, Granada, Spain, 12 September 2022

“Revisiting Race and the Environment” (recorded interview), *Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Brown University, 10 June 2022

“Race and the Environment,” *Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America*, Brown University, 15 March 2022

“Du Bois’ Speculative Fiction: Political and Environmental Hope,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Environmental Political Theory section, Portland, OR, 10 March 2022

“A Roundtable on Thoreau, Melville, and Transcendentalist Environmental Politics,” panelist and moderator, Arts, Literature, and Religion Section: *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, 19 November 2021

“Du Bois’ ‘The Comet’ and Cataclysmic Hope,” Religion and Science Fiction Section: *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, 22 November 2021

“Wordsworth: Democracy, Nature, and Second Nature,” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Environmental Political Theory section (22 May 2020)

“Rousseau’s Julie: The Precarious Political Work of Women, Alpine Geography, and Mountain Manners,” *Northeast Modern Language Association Annual Meeting*, Boston (6 March 2020)

“Du Bois: The Poet-Sociologist,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting* San Diego (23 November 2019)

“Du Bois, Radical Romanticism, and the Search for Light and Hope in Darkness and Despair,” *Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment*, Annual Meeting Davis (26 June 2019)

“Rousseau’s Ecological Vision as a Resource for Combating Climate Change,” *Western Political Science Association*, Environmental Political Theory section, San Diego (20 April 2019)

“Du Bois as ‘Nature Writer’ and Environmental Justice Author,” invited keynote, *Race and Environment in the United States: African American and Native American Perspectives*, Rhode Island School of Design (19 October 2019)

“W.E.B. Du Bois: Racial and Environmental Justice in the Wild,” *North-Eastern Modern Language Association*, Washington D.C. (22 March 2019)

“Love, Commitment, and Scholarship,” *Salon*, Brown University (14 March 2019)

“Rousseau and la Terre,” *Paysagisme: Art & Ecological Responsibility*, Brown University, Fall 2018

“Rousseau’s Ecological Garden as a World in which to Live,” *Biennial*



*Conference of the European Association for the Study of Literature, Culture and Environment, Würzburg, Germany, Fall 2018*

“Emile Durkheim in the Age of Diversity, Inclusion, and Nationalism,”  
*International Sociological Association’s World Congress of Sociology,*  
Toronto, Summer 2018

“Aesthetics, Race, and Romanticism” *North American Society for the Study of Romanticism Annual Meeting,* Spring 2018

“Radical Aesthetics: Romanticism, Religion, and Politics,” *Religion in Society Annual Conference,* Berkeley, Spring 2018

“Racial and Environmental Justice,” *Cogut Symposium: Earth(ly) Matters: New Directions in Environmental Humanities,* Brown University, Spring 2018

“Sacred Sites as a Threat to Environmental Justice?” *Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting,* Environmental Political Theory section, San Diego, Spring 2018

“Religion and Difference,” *Religious Studies Graduate Student Conference 2018: Negotiating Otherness from Ancient to Contemporary Worlds,* Brown University, Spring 2018

“Terry Tempest Williams in Conversation with Mark Cladis,” *The Greg and Julie Flynn Cogut Institute Speaker Series,* Brown University, Spring 2018

“Emile Durkheim in the Age of Trump, Nationalism, and Climate Change,” invited lecturer, *Diversity: Mediating Difference in Transcultural Spaces,* Montreal, Fall 2017

Respondent to Paul Carls, “Durkheim on Religious Pluralism: Religious Conflict in the Cult of the Individual,” *Diversity: Mediating Difference in Transcultural Spaces,* Montreal, Fall 2017

Guest lecturer, “Revisited: A Durkheimian Communitarian Defense of Liberalism,” Department of Sociology, University of Montreal, Fall 2017

“Racial and Environmental Justice in the Wild,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston,* Fall 2017

Respondent to four pre-circulated papers, “American Transcendentalism as Theological Resource for the Anthropocene,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston,* Fall 2017

“Racial and Environmental Justice,” *Annual Meeting of the Western Political Society Association,* Environmental Political Theory section, Vancouver BC, Spring 2017

“Shiprock, the Sacred, and Environmental Justice: The Ancient Echo between People and Place,” *Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture,* New York City, Spring 2017

“W.E.B. Dubois: Racial and Environmental Justice in the Wild,” *Annual*

*Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Eastern*, Baltimore, Spring 2017

“Religion, Politics, and the Elections” (one of three presenters), Brown University, Fall 2016

“Radical Aesthetics and Poetics of Religion,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Fall 2016

“Rousseau in the Long Century: Julie and the Precarious Work of Alpine Geography & Mountain Manners,” Annual Nineteenth-Century French Studies Colloquium, Providence (Biltmore Hotel), Fall 2016

“Radical Romanticism and its Alternative Account of Wilderness,” Annual Meeting of the American Literature Association, San Francisco, Spring 2016

“The Politics of Peril and Opportunity: Romanticism, Politics, and Religion in the Age of Revolution,” Western Political Society Association, Annual Meeting, San Diego, Spring 2016

“The Celebration and Critique of Science and Technology in British Romanticism,” the *International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* Annual Meeting, Gainesville, Florida, Spring 2016

“Political Taste, Practice, and Romanticism,” The Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Spring 2015

“The Political and Environmental Dimensions of British Romanticism,” the *American Philosophical Association* Annual Central Division meeting (in conjunction with the *International Society for Environmental Ethics*) Chicago, Spring 2014

“The Future of Religious Studies: Religion, Democracy, and the Environment A Case Study,” keynote address, *Ways of Knowing: Graduate Conference on Religion* at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, Fall 2014

“Theories of Secularization and Romanticism: A Reassessment,” the *American Academy of Religion* Annual meeting, San Diego, Fall 2014

“Environmental Humanities,” *Under Western Skies: Intersections of Environments, Technologies, and Communities*, Mount Royal University Calgary, Alberta, Fall 2014

“The Place of Religion in the University,” Providence Roundtable, Fall 2014

“A Democratic, Moral Psychology,” Environmental Studies Program, University of San Francisco, Fall 2013

“Learning to Speak Your Name: An Environmentally Responsive, Spiritual Democracy,” Drew University Spring 2013

“Radical Romanticism,” Theological Reading Group, Yale University, Spring 2013

- “Wordsworth and Coleridge: Religion, Ecology and Politics,” Conference on Ecopoetics, University of California, Berkeley, Spring 2013
- “Emerson and the Elections,” Carleton College, Fall 2012
- “Thinking and Teaching about Religion in the US Public Life,” Carleton College, Fall 2012
- “Secularity and the Liberal Arts,” Carleton College, Fall 2012
- “Qazim Zaman’s *Modern Islamic Thought in a Radical Age*: a Toast,” Princeton University, Fall 2012
- “Religion and the Elections,” Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, Fall 2012
- “Religion, Secularism, and Democracy,” Religion and Internationalism Project and the Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University, Fall 2011
- “Religion and Public Life: In the University, in the Nation,” Stanford University, Spring 2011
- “Political Visions in Romantic Religion,” Western Political Society Association, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Spring 2010
- “What to do about Religion in Emerson’s Ethical Vision?” Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion, Spring 2010
- “Self-Reliance, Work, and Acceptance: Emerson’s Three Cardinal Virtues,” Midwest Political Society Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, Spring 2010
- “A Short History of Religion and Environmentalism in America,” The Brown Education Link Lecture Series, Rhode Island State Prison, Spring 2010
- “Religion, Secularity, and the Democratic Vision of Emerson,” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Fall 2009
- “The Place of Religion in the University,” lecture for the Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life, Fall 2009
- “Religion, Nature, and Democratic Practice,” Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, University of Victoria, Summer 2009
- “Theory of Religion in Democratic Theory,” Midwest Political Society Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago, Spring 2009
- “Waking-up to an Environmental Democratic Vision,” Villanova University Sustainability Conference, Spring 2009
- “Emerson and Levinson: Religion and Democratic Virtues,” Conference in Honor of Henry Levinson, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Spring 2009

- “Caring Makes Us Human: Deep Democratic Traditions in America,” The Brown Education Link Lecture Series, Rhode Island State Prison, Fall 2008
- “The Place of Religion in the University and in American Public Life,” Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion, Bates College, Spring 2008
- “Political and Environmental Virtues at the Crossroads,” Fifth Environmental Writers' Conference, sponsored by Nature and Environmental Writers – College and University Educators, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Spring 2008
- “Religion and Liberal, Democratic Political Life,” International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, University of Helsinki (paper read in absentia), Spring 200
- “King Corn: Fishes and Loafs: Food, Ethics, and Politics,” The *Fishes and Loaves Conference* on the Science and Politics of Food Production, Brown University, Spring 2008
- “Religion and Ecology,” Ivy League Chaplains’ Annual Meeting, Brown, Spring 2008
- “The Public and Private Faces of Religion and Rationality,” Plenary address for the “Pluralism, Politics, and God” conference, McGill University, fall 2007
- "Rawls, Rorty, and Religion in Public Deliberation," Yale University, Spring, 2006
- "Women Identified with Nature: A Mixed Blessing," Sarah Doyle Women’s Center, (series on Gender & the Environment), Brown University, Spring 2006
- "Reflections on Constantin Fasolt's "History and Religion in the Modern Age," *History and Theory* Religion and Modernity Conference, Wesleyan University, November 2005
- "Religion, Democracy, and Modernity," Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Ecole Polytechnique, Paris, Fall, 2005.
- "Rousseau and Modernity: Learning in Retrospect," Political Theory Project, Brown University, Spring 2005
- "Individual Rights and Solidarity in the Age of Globalization," for the conference, “Religion and Politics in the Age of Globalization,” sponsored by The International Sociological Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Religion, at El Colegio Mexiquense, Mexico, March, 2005.
- “I Drink the Stars: A Comprehensive History of Wine and Religion,” Mildura’s Writers’ Weekend,” Mildura, Australia, July, 2004.
- “Weaving a Vision: On the Relation Between Place, Identity, and Work”

(with Benjamin Barney [Navajo educator], Tony Birch [Australian indigenous writer], and Yvonne Koolmatric [Australian indigenous artist]) "Mildura's Writers' Weekend," Mildura, Australia, July, 2004.

"Religion Gone Wild: Environmentalism, Religion, and Democratic Renewal," the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Environment & Community Conference, Empire State University, Saratoga Springs, February, 2004

"The Problem with Talking about Ethics: The Challenges of Globalization, Democracy, and the Environment," Marist College, October, 2003

"Standing Still, Still Standing: Life after September 11," Sprout Creek Lecture Series, New York, January, 2002

"In the Wake of September 11," *Center for Life Time Learning*, sponsored by Marist College, May, 2002

"Emile Durkheim as a Political Theorist of Solidarity: A Challenge for the European Union," University of Gottingen, October, 2002.

"A Sense of Place and the Place of the Wild: Terry Tempest Williams and the Erotics of Place," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, November, 2001

"Teaching Out of Particulars: Contemplation in the American Landscape," the Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, Flagstaff, Arizona, Summer 2001 (co-presented with Paul Kane)

"Implicit Religion: Nature Writers and Religion," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, August, 2000

"On the Importance of Owning Chickens: Lessons in Nature, Community, and Transformation," Food, Farming, and Liberal Arts Symposium, sponsored by *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment*, Unity, Maine, June 2000

"Nature Writers: Public Voice, Private Spirituality" *Center for Life Time Learning* sponsored by Marist College, Spring 2000

"History of Angels" and "Angels from around the World: A Multicultural Journey," Mohonk Mountain House, New York Spring, 2000

"The Sense of the Sacred in Nature," for The Natural World Observed American Academy of Arts, Boston, Fall 1999

"Philosophical Underpinnings of Ethical Decision Making," Center for Life Time Learning, sponsored by Marist College, Fall 1999

"Irreducible Conflict? Public Religion and Private Spirituality," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, August, 1999

"Environment Studies: A Common Endeavor for Religion and Science," St Anne's College, Oxford, 1999

- "Community, Individual rights, and Emile Durkheim," The Annual Communitarian Summit, Washington, D. C., Spring 1999
- "Kolberg, Moral Character, and Virtue Theory," Alternatives to Violence, Green Haven Correctional Facility, New York, Spring 1999
- "Spirituality in a Diverse World," Adult Education Series, Christ (Episcopal) Church, Poughkeepsie, Spring 1999
- "Rousseau, Religion, and the Relation between the Public and Private Life" the Rockefeller Bellagio Conference and Study Center, Lake Como, Italy, Fall 1998
- "Studying Religion in Public Schools," The New School for Social Research, Fall 1998
- "Public Discourse and Religious Communitarianism in Liberal Democracies," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, Summer 1998
- "Religion and Science Gone Wild: Religion and the Natural Sciences in Environmental Studies," Oxford University, Summer 1998
- Participant in "Spotlight on Teaching," taped sessions on teaching about religion in the liberal arts, Union Theological Seminar, Spring 1998
- "The Many Faces of Postmodernism," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Toronto, Summer 1997
- "The Epistemological Status of Discovery in Science and Religion," Oxford University, Summer 1997
- Moral Education in Pluralistic Societies," Oxford University, Summer 1996
- "Theodicy and Chaos Theory," Oxford University, Summer 1996
- "Augustinian Pessimism and Enlightenment Optimism in French Moral Philosophy," Colloque International de Philosophie Politique, CREA, Paris, 1995
- "A New Edition of Durkheim's The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life," Oxford University, Summer 1995
- "Public and Private Religion in Harmony and Conflict," Oxford University, Spring, 1995
- "Durkheim, Religion, and Knowledge," Oxford University, Spring, 1995
- "The Blessed Fall: A Reappraisal of Rousseau's Account of the Human Social Condition," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Fall 1994
- "Civil Religion and Public Civility: Tolerance as a Civic Virtue," international lecture hosted by Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, Fall 1994

"Rousseau, Evil, and our Natural Social Condition," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Fall 1994

"Redeeming Politics: Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the Public Transformation of Amour-Propre", lecture hosted by École de Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales", Fall 1994

"Rousseau, Religion, and Public Philosophy," the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D. C., Fall 1993

"What Economists Can Learn from the Study of Religion," guest speaker for economics seminar, Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Ecole Polytechnique, Paris, Spring 1993

"Individualism and Human Rights in the Durkheimian Tradition," round table participant and invited guest of La Maison Française, Oxford University, Spring 1993

"From the Garden to the City: Rousseau's Tragic Passage," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Spring 1993

Invited guest speaker for the Religion and Ethics Lecture Series, University of Strasbourg, Spring 1993:

- (1) "Pragmatism, Theology, and Truth"
- (2) "Richard Rorty and the Ethics of Solidarity"
- (3) "Contemporary Antifoundational Religious Ethics"

"Rousseau's Philosophical Anthropology," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Spring 1993

"Politics of the Heart: Religion and the Citizen's Private Ownership of Self," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée, Paris, Fall 1992

"Durkheim, Rousseau, and Liberalism," the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Kansas City, MO., Fall 1991

"A Step Beyond Realism and Relativism in Religious Epistemology," the Eastern International Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Spring 1991

"Mild-Mannered Pragmatism and Religious Truth," the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA, Fall 1990

"Internal Social Criticism," Stanford Philosophy Colloquium, Stanford University, CA., Spring 1990

"Democratic Education, Religion, and Social Criticism," the Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Oakland, CA., Spring 1990

"Conventions and Conservatism: A look at Wittgenstein and Rawls," the Franco-American Conference, Conventions, hosted by CREA, Paris,

Spring 1990

"Durkheim as Moral Theorist," the Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA., Spring 1989

"Moral Pluralism and a Plurality of Morals," the Stanford-Paris symposium, *Individualism and Social Justice*, Stanford University, CA., Spring 1989

"A Communitarian Defense of Liberalism," the Stanford Religious Studies Colloquium, Stanford University, CA., Fall 1988

"Life and Death among the Tlingit and Kwakiutl Indians," Public Lecture, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Spring, 1987

"The Possibility of Making Moral Judgments in a Cross-Cultural Setting," Public Lecture, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Fall 1986

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*Vulnerability and its Power: Recognition, Response, and the Problem of Valorization*

Paul Firenze, Ph. D., 2013

*Value and Economics of Religious Capital*

Miguel Segovia, Ph. D., 2013

*Reading through Race, Class, and Gender Lines: Towards a Recuperative Ethics of Reading*

Joshua Vaillancourt, Ph. D., 2013

*Darwin's Doubted Idea: The Cognitive Contours of Evolutionary and Religious Thought*

Terrence Johnson, Ph. D., 2007

*Tragic Soul-Life: W.E.B. DuBois and the Redemption of American Democracy*

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Alissa A. MacMillan, Ph. D., 2013

*"There Goes Hobbs, the Atheist!": On Hobbes on Religion*

Jim Swan-Tuite, Ph. D., 2010

*Nietzsche's Critique of Christian Neighbor-Love*

Judson Murray, Ph. D., 2008

*The Consummate Dao: The Way (Dao) and Human Affairs (Shi) in the Huainanzi*

Curtis Hutt, Ph. D., 2007

*The Ethics of the Representation of the Religious Past*

**Other Professional  
Activities (a selection):**

Co-founder, Steering Committee, and Coordinator, *Environmental Humanities at Brown*, 2018—

Affiliated Faculty, *Department of Philosophy*

Faculty Associate, *Native American and Indigenous Studies at Brown*

Faculty Associate, *Institute at Brown for Environment & Society*, 2010-present

Faculty Associate, *Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University*, 2006-present

Member of the *Western Political Science Association*, 2007--

Member of the *American Society for the Study of Religion (ASSR)*, 2004-present

Member of the Association for the *Study of Literature and Environment*, 2000-present

Member of the Environmental Studies Colloquium, Vassar College, 1996-2004

Member of the New Haven Theological Reading Group, 1995-present

Member of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1994-2002

Member of the British Centre for Durkheimian Studies, 1994-present

Faculty Supervisor for the Vassar Field Work Program at Green Haven Correctional Facility, 1991-2004

Member of the American Academy of Religion, 1986-present (and have served on various AAR committees, including "Religion and Ethics Steering Committee" and the Advisory Board for "Religion and Ecology")

Member of the Editorial Board, *Stanford French Review*, 1991-1996

Visiting Scholar at the British Centre for Durkheimian Studies, 1994-95

Co-director of the Stanford-Paris symposium, "Individualism and Social Justice," Stanford University, CA., Spring 1989

Faculty Advisor to The Carolinian (the University of North Carolina student weekly publication), 1987-88

Faculty Advisor to the Alpha Lambda Delta Scholastic Honor Society, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1987-88

Co-director of the North Carolina public symposium, "Liberalism and its Discontents," University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Spring 1987

#### **Grants, Awards Honors:**

*Mark Cladis Religious Studies Ambassador Award* (2023-) (an annual award given in my honor)

Participant, *Institute for the Environmental Humanities*, Colby College, summer 2022

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Dean of the College Office Course Development Grant, Brown University, summer 2022

Faculty Fellow, *Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women*, 2019-2020

*John Rowe Workman Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Humanities,*  
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Faculty Fellowship, *The Cogut Center for the Humanities*  
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Summer Stipend  
*National Endowment for the Humanities, 2011*

First-Year Seminar Development Grant  
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Wayland Collegium Course Development Grant  
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Institutional Nomination for Summer Fellowship  
*National Endowment for the Humanities, Fall 2003*

Bellagio Study Center  
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*Fulbright Senior Research Award*  
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Summer Stipend  
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Interfoundational Grant  
*Franco-American Commission for Educational Exchange,*  
Religion and Ethics Lecture Series, University of Strasbourg, Spring  
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Principle Investigator  
North Carolina public symposium, "Liberalism and its Discontents"  
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Thesis Fellowship Award in Religion, Ethics, and Politics  
Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983