

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## BOOKS

- 1988 *Four Theories of Myth in Twentieth-Century History* (Macmillan/Iowa)
- 1992 *Malinowski and the Work of Myth*, edited with introduction (Princeton)
- 1993 *Religion in Relation: Method, Application and Moral Location* (Macmillan/South Carolina)
- 1997 *Durkheim and the Jews of France* (University of Chicago)
- 2002 *Contesting Sacrifice: Religion, Nation and Social Thought in France* (University of Chicago)
- 2003 *Theology and the First Theory of Sacrifice* (E. J. Brill)
- 2006a Edition of Roger Caillois, *Pontius Pilate* (Charlottesville: University of Virginia). With Introduction, "At Play in the Mind of Pilate"
- 2006b *The New Durkheim: Essays on Philosophy, Religious Identity and the Politics of Knowledge* (Rutgers University Press).
- 2006c *Thinking about Religion: An Historical Introduction to Theories of Religion* (Oxford: Blackwell)
- 2006d *Companion to Thinking about Religion* (Oxford: Blackwell) – edited, selected readings with commentary and introduction
- 2008 *Louis Dumont and the Study of Religion: Difference, Comparison, Transgression* (Key Figures in the Study of Religion Series) Equinox Press.
- 2009a *Four Theories of Myth in 20th-Century History*, Korean Edition with Preface to Korean Edition, Yong Joo Lee, trans., (Seoul: I-Hak Press)
- 2009b *Why Politics Can't Be Freed from Religion: Radical Interrogations of Religion, Power and Politics* (Blackwell 'Manifesto' Series)
- 2009c *Émile Durkheim* (The International Library of Developments in Classical Sociology) edited, with introduction (Ashgate Publishers: Aldershot, UK).
- 2011 *Four Theories of Myth in 20th-Century History*, Chinese Edition with Preface, Lee Chuang, trans., (Beijing:???)
- 2011 "Eliade's Theory of Myth and the 'History of Religions'" (Ch 5 of *Four Theories of Myth in 20th-Century History* in *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion: Theoretical and Critical Readings*, 2nd edition, Carl Olson (Florence, KY: Cengage Learning)

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- 2008 "Civil Society and the Scientific Study of Religion: Ernest Gellner in Turkey," in *Sekülerleşme ve Dinî Canlanma*. Ali Isra Güngör, ed., (Ankara, Turkey: Turkish Association for the Study of Religion), pp. 51-76.
- 2007 "The Problems of Religion and the Ways Religion Explains Things," *Rethinking Religion 101*, Brad Verter, ed. (Cambridge University Press)
- 2006a "Hüseyin Nail Kubali and Durkheim's 'Professional Ethics and Civic Morals,'" *Exercising Power: The Role of Religions in Concord and Conflict*. Tore Ahlback & Born Dahla, eds. (Stockholm, Sweden/Abo, Finland: Donner Institute), pp. 358-72
- 2006b "The Only Kind of Comparison Worth Doing: For the 'Strong Program' in *Comparative Study of Religions*," *The Task of Comparison*, Thomas A. Idinopulos and Brian C. Wilson, eds., (Leiden: E. J. Brill), 8,600 words. Submitted April 2004
- 2006d "The Spiritual Dimension," *Blackwell's New History of Anthropology*, Henrika Kuklick, ed., (Oxford: Blackwell), (8,000 words)
- 2004a "Hubert and Mauss' *Sacrifice: Its Nature and Function*: Reading Its Plain Meaning and Reading between the Lines," in Brigitte Luchesi & Kocku von Stuckrad (eds.), *Religion im kulturellen Diskurs. Festschrift für Hans G. Kippenberg zu seinem 65. Geburtstag / Religion in Cultural Discourse. Essays in Honor of Hans G. Kippenberg on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday* (Religionsgeschichtliche Versuche und Vorarbeiten, vol. 52), (Berlin & New York: Walter de Gruyter), 495-510.
- 2004b "The Proper Object of the Study of Religion: Why It Is Better to Know Some of the Questions Than All of the Answers," *The Future of the Study of Religion: Proceedings of the Conference* (Leiden: E. J. Brill), pp. 145-72
- 2003a "Durkheim Sings: Teaching the 'New Durkheim' on Religion," Terry Godlove, ed. *Teaching Religious Studies* (New York City: Oxford University Press)
- 2002a "Durkheim, Disciplinarity and the 'Sciences Religieuses,'" *Disciplinarity at the Fin-de-Siècle*, Amanda Anderson and Joseph

- Valente, eds., (Princeton University Press), 153-76
- 2002b "Durkheim, Judaism and the Afterlife," *Reappraising Durkheim for the Study and Teaching of Religion Today* Thomas A. Idinopulos and Brian C. Wilson, eds., (Leiden: Brill), 111-42
- 2001 "Why 'Theology' Won't Work," *Religious Studies, Theology and the University: Conflicting Maps, Changing Terrain*, Linell E. Cady and Delwin Brown, eds., (SUNY Press, Albany), pp. 31-44.
- 2000a "France, Practice of Judaism in, from Napoleon to De Gaulle" *Encyclopedia of Judaism*, vol.1, J. Neusner, ed. (Leiden: Brill), 295-308.
- 2000b "Representation in Sacrificial Rites", *Art and Representation: Contribution to Contemporary Aesthetics*, Ananta. Ch. Sukla, ed., (London/Westport, CT: Praeger), 90-100.
- 1998a "Durkheim's Bourgeois Theory of Sacrifice," *Durkheim's Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*, N. J. Allen, W.S. F. Pickering, W. Watts Miller, eds. (London: Routledge), 116-26.
- 1998b "On "Religion" and Its Despisers," *What Is Religion?* T. Idinopulos and B. Wilson, eds., (Leiden: Brill), 113-32.
- 1998c "The Ironies of Fin-de-Siècle Rebellions against Historicism and Empiricism in the École Pratique des Hautes Études, Fifth Section," *Religion in the Making: The Emergence of the Sciences of Religion* (Studies in the History of Religions: Numen Book Series) Arie L. Molendijk & Peter Pels, eds. (Leiden: Brill), 159-80.
- 1998d "The Rest Is History", *Reflections and Conversations: Essays in the Academic Study of Religion*, Jon Stone, ed., (London/New York City: Macmillan/St. Martin's Press), pp. 300-24.
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- 1996b "Zionism, Brahminism and the Embodied Sacred", *The Sacred and Its Scholars*, T. Idinopulos and E. Yonan, eds., (Leiden: Brill)
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- 1994b "'We Have Met These Dead Men, and They Are Us': Theory of Myth, Theory of Religion and History", *Aspects of Religion: Essays in Honour of Ninian Smart* (NYC: Peter Lang)
- 1993 "Political Culture, Religious Culture and Sacrifice", *Religious Transformations and Socio-Political Change: Eastern Europe and Latin America*, L. Martin, ed., (Berlin: Mouton), 293-322.
- 1991a "L'apport des élèves de Durkheim", *La tradition française en sciences religieuses*, M. Despland, ed. (Québec: Université Laval), 109-27.

#### ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

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- 2010a "Talal Asad's 'Religion' Trouble and a Way Out," *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*
- 2010b "Saving the Sacred in a Secular Age," *Religion Dispatches*
- 2010b "From Amerussia to Russiamerica?" *Religo.ru* (March) online journal, Moscow
- 2010c "Meditations on the Politics and Religion of Cruelty: Part 1" *Religo.ru* (July) online journal, Moscow
- 2010d "Meditations on the Politics and Religion of Cruelty: Part 2" *Religo.ru* (July) online journal, Moscow

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- 2009c "Commentary of Ivan Strenski to the Timothy Fitzgerald's Interview (8 June 2009)" *Moscow e-Journal of Religion* 1/1 on-line publication of general intellectual interest (July, 20k characters) <http://journal.mro.su/2009/11/strenski-commentaries/> Solicited by editorial staff
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- 2009e "'Change Only for the Benefit of Society as a Whole': Pragmatism, Knowledge and Regimes of Violence," *International Social Science Journal: Durkheim and Violence*, Romi Mukerjee, ed., UNESCO: Paris), pp. 101-18.
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- 2003a "Economic Globalization and Natural Law Theology," *Australian Religious Studies Review*, 16/2 (Spring): 115-124.
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- 2000 "Durkheimians and Protestants in the École Pratique, Fifth Section: The Dark Side" *Durkheimian Studies/Etudes Durkheimiennes* 6: 105-14.
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- 1996b "Between Theory and Speciality: Sacrifice in the 90's" *Religious Studies Review* 22/1: 10-20.
- 1995a "Émile Durkheim, Henri Hubert et le discours des modernistes religieux sur le symbolisme", *L'ethnographie française* 91/1, no. 117 (1995): 33-52.
- 1995b "Morality and Myth", *International Journal of Comparative Religion and Philosophy* 1/1: 1-12.
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- 1993 "Lessons for Religious Studies in Waco?" *JAAR* 61/3: 567-74.
- 1989a "Durkheim, Hamelin and the French Hegel", *Réflexions historiques/Historical Reflections* 16: 135-70.
- 1989b "Theories and Social Facts: A Reply to My Critics", *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 1: 196-212.
- 1989d "Louis Dumont, Individualism and Religion", *Religious Studies Review* 15 (Jan): 22-9.
- 1987 "Henri Hubert, Racial Science and Political Myth", *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 23: 353-67.
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- 1985a "What Structural Mythology Owes to Henri Hubert", *Journal of the History of Behavioral Sciences* 21: 354-71.
- 1985b "Comparative Study of Religion: A Theological Necessity", *The Christian Century*, 13 February: 126-8.
- 1984 "Ernst Cassirer's Mythical Thought in Weimar Culture", *History of European Ideas* 5: 363-83.
- 1983a "Generalized Exchange and the Domestication of the Sangha", *Man* 18: 463-77.
- 1982a "Heidegger is No Hero", *The Christian Century*, 19 May: 598-601.
- 1982b "Malinowski: Second Positivism, Second Romanticism," *Man* 17: 766-71.
- 1982c "Love and Anarchy in Romania: A Critical Review of Mircea Eliade's Autobiography, Volume I: 1907-37", *Religion* 12: 391-403.
- 1980a "Gradual Enlightenment, Sudden Enlightenment and Empiricism", *Philosophy East and West* 30: 3-20.
- 1980b "Lévi-Strauss and the Buddhists", *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 22: 3-22.
- 1977 "Grammatical and Reductionist Explanations of Myth in Levi-Strauss", *Philosophy Today* 21: 74-83.
- 1976 "Reductionism and Structural Anthropology", *Inquiry* 19: 73-89.
- 1974 "Falsifying Deep Structures", *Man* 9: 571-84.

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- 2011 "Malinowski among the Kobiety," *Festschrift Carlos Marroquin* (Leipzig)

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- 2004b "Hans Penner, Horatio and the Terminator: A Review Essay of *Radical Interpretation in Religion*," *Religion* 33/3: 53-74.
- 2000 "Reply to Nielsen," *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* 13/3: 575-9.
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- "Witch," M. Pye, ed., *Macmillan Dictionary of Religion*, (London: Macmillan), 1994, 290-291.
- "French Judaism from Napoleon to De Gaulle: Franco-judaism, French Jewry and the Jews of France," *Encyclopedia of Judaism*, J. Neusner and J. Alan Peck, eds., (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2000) 295-308. (65% appeared as Ch 4, A4: Durkheim and the Jews of France (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1997)
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- "Eliade, Mircea," *Religion Past and Present*. volume IV (Brill: Leiden, 2008 ), 407.

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2010-current Monthly Columnist, “Letter from Los Angeles,” <http://religo.ru> online Russian website, religion in public sphere

2010a “From Amerussia to Russiamerica?”, “Letter from Los Angeles,” #1

2010b “Springtime in Siberia? Religious Studies and Civil Society in the New Russia,” *UCR Magazine*

2007a “Stubborn Scandal” (RC Priests & Sexual Harassment) Riverside Press-Enterprise, Saturday, 11 August, Section D1

2007b “Of Bumper Stickers and Benedict’s ‘Bubbles’” Riverside Press-Enterprise, 8 April: Section D5

2006 “Those Danish Cartoons: An Uncivilized (Inevitable and Irresolvable) Clash of Cultures?” Riverside Press-Enterprise. February

1993 “Recapturing the Values that Promote Civility on Campus”, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* 39/42 (23 June): A36

## INTERVIEW

2007 “Un penseur dans son contexte: Dies academicus 2007: Ivan Strenski honoré par la Faculté de théologie et de sciences des religions” University of Lausanne Website, June. <http://www.unil.ch/central/page46645.html>

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1974c Jane Bunnag, *Buddhist Monk, Buddhist Layman: A Study of Urban Monastic Organization in Central Thailand* (*Contemporary Sociology*, 1974): 538-539.

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1979 Louis Dumont, *From Mandeville to Marx: The Genesis and Triumph of Economic Ideology* 1 (*Structuralist Review*, 1979): 102-103.

1982 Wilfrid Cantwell Smith, *Towards a World Theology* (*The Commonweal*, 1982): 94-95.

1985a W. S. F. Pickering, *Durkheim's Sociology of Religion: Themes and Theories* (*Contemporary Sociology*, 1985).

1985b R. Forster and O. Ranum, *Ritual, Religion and the Sacred: Selections from the "Annales: Economies, Sociétés, Civilisations"*, Volume 76 (*History of European Ideas*, 1985): 362-363.

1985c Philippe Besnard, *The Sociological Domain: The Durkheimians and the Founding of French Sociology* 15 (*Religion*, 1985): 413-415.

1986a K. J. Weintraub, *The Value of the Individual: Self and Criticism in Autobiography* 7 (*History of European Ideas*, 1986): 213-215.

1986b James Clifford, *Person and Myth: Maurice Leenhardt in the Melanesian World* 16 (*Religion*, 1986): 85-88.

1987 V. Minor, *Competition: A Feminist Taboo?* and T. R. Madden, *Women vs. Women*, (*Los Angeles Times*, 1987): 8.

1988 Harvey Birenbaum, *Myth and Mind* 90 (*American Anthropologist*, 1988): 997-998.

1989 Mircea Eliade, *Autobiography*, Volume II (1937-1960): *Exile's Odyssey and Youth without Youth and Other Novellas* 22 (*Los Angeles Times*, 1989): 8.

1993 Robert S. Shepard *God's People in the Ivory Tower: Religion in the Early American University* 23 (*Religion*, 1993): 293-294.

- 1994a Nancy Jay, Throughout Your Generations Forever: Sacrifice, Religion and Paternity 24 (Religion, 1994): 281-284.
- 1994b Martin Marty and Scott Appleby, The Glory and the Power: The Fundamentalist Challenge to the Modern World 24 (Religion, 1994): 92-93.
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- 1996 Robert Ackerman, The Myth-Ritual School, Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences 32, 3, (July 1996), pp. 96-97.
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- 1997b David Chidester, Savage Systems (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1996), Journal of Religion (1997), 314-315.
- 1998 Gregory D. Alles, edited and translated, Rudolf Otto: Autobiographical and Social Essays (Berlin/New York: Mouton de Gruyter, 1996), History of Religions (1998), 88-89.
- 2001 Review of Willi Braun and Russell McCutcheon, eds., Guide to the Study of Religion Journal of Religion 81/3 (2001), 693-694
- 2002a Review of Pierre Birnbaum, Jewish Destinies, Shofar 20/3 (2002): 153-5.
- 2002b Review of McCutcheon, Critics, Not Caretakers: Redescribing the Public Study of Religion, Journal of the American Academy of Religion 70/2 (2002): 427-30

#### **RECENT MAJOR INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES (full list available on request)**

- 2010a "Concepts of Religion" in "Religion: Maximalism and Minimalist" The International Higher Education Support Program Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET). Four lectures and several workshops given between 15-25 January Ural State University (Ekatarinaburg, Russia) <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus/reset>
- 2010b "Lived Religion" in "Religion: Maximalism and Minimalist" The International Higher Education Support Program Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET). Four lectures and several workshops given between 26 July - 4 August, (St Petersburg, Russia) <http://www.soros.org/initiatives/hesp/focus/reset>
- 2010c "Eminent Scholar Day" Center for the Study of Religion, Ohio State University (day- long series of public lectures and faculty discussions) 14 May
- 2010d "Religion, Religious Studies and Civil Society," (Principal Speaker) "Saving the Sacred," 2-Day Conference, UCR, 26-7 February
- 2010e "The Philosophy of Lived Religion," 20th Quinquennial Meeting of the International Association of the History of Religion Toronto, Canada, 14-21 August.
- 2010f "Negotiating Generational Change," 20th Quinquennial Meeting of the International Association of the History of Religion Toronto, Canada, 14-21 August.
- 2009a "The Religious Origins of Globalization & the Religious Nature of Human Bombing" Seminar for Masters' Students, Mansfield College, Oxford University, UK (30 January)
- 2009b "The Modern State as Transformed Church," Public Lecture, Mansfield College, Oxford University, UK (30 January)
- 2009c "Why Our Politics Cannot Be Freed from Religion" UCR Faculty Research Lecture, (8 May)
- 2008 "Toward a Radical Interrogation of 'Power'," Keynote Speaker WASC (Western Association for the Study of Religion Council) Pasadena (March 30)
- 2008a Keynote Address: WESCOR: "Interrogating Power" Pasadena, 31 March
- 2008b "Thinking about Suicide Bombers," Plenary Session paper. Colloquium on Violence and Religion Conference, "Catastrophe and Conversion: Political Thinking for the New Millenium," 18 June, Riverside, CA.
- 2007a "Civil Society and the Scientific Study of Religion: Ernest Gellner in Turkey," Special Joint Invitational Conference of Turkish Association for the History of Religion and the International Association for the History of Religions, "Secularism and Religious Resurgence in Turkey," (Ankara) October 2007.

- 2007b Three Public lectures on religion and politics, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University, Tempe, 27 September
- 2007c Keynote Address: "Benedict XVI and the Muslims ," Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion March 2007 (Omaha, NB)
- 2007d "Benedict's 'Bubble,' Muslims, and the Irrationality of Religion" UCLA, Center for the Study of Religion (17 January)
- 2007e "Malinowski et les femmes," University of Lausanne (Switzerland), 11 June
- 2007f "Interroger Strenski": University of Lausanne (Switzerland), 12 June
- 2006a "Inside the Human Bomber: A Critique of Robert A. Pape's Dying to Win, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 20 April
- 2006b "Durkheim and the Turks" The Divinity School, University of Chicago (April 2006)
- 2006c "Those Danish Cartoons" LIFE Society, UCR Extension, 25 April
- 2005a "Turkey, Civil Society & Laïcité," Annual Meeting, European Association for the Study of Religion, August (Turku, Finland)
- 2005b "Suicide Bombers and Sacrifice," Christianshavn Gymnasium, Copenhagen, Denmark, 15 August. Invited public lecture with question and answer session at elite Copenhagen secondary school.
- 2005c "Why 'Human Bombers' Are 'Sacrificial Gifts,' Department of Religious Studies, University of Aberdeen (Scotland), October 2005.
- 2005d Critical Summary of Papers Given at Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA, April
- 2005e "How Not to Do History of the Study of Religion: Response to Tomoko Masuzawa, The Invention of World Religions," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, 20 November 2005 (with Robert Orsi (Harvard), Catherine Bell (Santa Clara), Richard King (Lancaster))
- 2004a "Explaining Tiele's (Apparent) Shift from "History" to Phenomenology of Religion," 19th Century Theology Group meeting, annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, 23 November 2004
- 2004b "Malinowski among the Kobiety," Keynote Speaker, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, Conference on "Myth and Gender," 14 December 2004
- 2004b Respondent to Presentations: "The Place of Mormon Studies in Religious Studies" Claremont Graduate School, 25 October 2004
- 2004c "On Robert Jackson's Rethinking Religious Education and Plurality: Issues in Diversity and Pedagogy," Religion in Schools Task Force Special Topics Forum, annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, 22 November 2004
- 2003a "Four Theories of Myth in 20th Century History: A Retrospective," Graduate Seminar, Department of Religious Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, February.
- 2003b "The Religion in Globalization," Faculty and Post-Graduate Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, April.
- 2003c "The Religion in Globalization" Department of Religious Studies, Departmental Colloquium, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 24 April
- 2003c "Writing Four Theories of Myth in Twentieth-Century History and its Aftermath" Graduate Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, 20 February
- 2003d "Suicide or Sacrifice Bombers?" Department of Religious Studies, Faculty Seminar, Emory University, Atlanta, 21 February
- 2002a "The Religion in Globalization," Plenary Session Presentation, International Conference on Globalization and Religion (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Australia, 11-15 September 2002.)
- 2002b "The Religion in Globalization," Faculty and Post-Graduate Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, 17 September.
- 2002c "Texts and Contexts in the Study of Religion," 14 October, CSU Long Beach, Department of Religious Studies
- 2001 "Durkheim, Liberal Protestants and the Rise of the Anthropology of Religion," (Dept. of Anthropology, UC San Diego)

- 2000a "The Proper Object of the Study of Religion" International Congress on the Future of the Study of Religion, Boston/Harvard University, 6 September
- 2000b "Problems of Religion," History of Religion Lecturer (University of Chicago)
- 1997 "Foucault, Power and the Future of the Study of Religion" (University of Chicago, Western Maryland College)
- 1996 "Sacrifice," History of Religions graduate seminar, University of Chicago
- 1995a "Discourses on Sacrifice: from Renan to the Révilles, from Positivism to Theology", Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZiF), University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 1995b "Sacrifice in Durkheim's *The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*", British Centre for Durkheimian **Studies**, Oxford, England
- 1995c "When Is a Conflict Ethnic and Why Does It Matter?" conference on Religion and Ethnic Conflict, UC Riverside
- 1993 Lectures on sacrifice at four universities in Denmark and Poland
- 1992a "Religion and Change", Latin-American Association of the Study of Religion, annual meeting, Mexico City.
- 1992b "Sacrifice", St. Anthony's College (Oxford University, England)
- 1992c "Mauss and Sylvain Lévi", History of Religions Circle, UCLA.
- 1991 Lectures on myth, sacrifice, death and dying at Wilfrid Laurier, Toronto and York Universities, Canada.
- 1990 "L'apport des élèves de Durkheim", L'Association Canadienne Française pour l'Avancement des Sciences
- 1989 Respondent to *Four Theories of Myth in Twentieth-Century History*, Annual Meeting AAR "Religion and Exchange; Religion as Exchange" U. of Manitoba