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Research

Religion and politics; politics of secularism; law and religion; politics and religion of American borders; US foreign relations; politics of the Middle East; public understandings of religion and politics; critical theory.

Positions

Professor of Political Science, Northwestern 2016-present
Crown Chair in Middle East Studies, Northwestern, 2019-present
Professor of Religious Studies, Northwestern, 2020-present
Associate Professor of Political Science, Northwestern, 2011-2016
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2004-2011
Faculty Fellow, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern, 2016-2019
Visiting Faculty, Institut d'Études Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris, December 2013, June 2019
Luce Visiting Fellow, Princeton University (PIIRS), 2010-2011
Visiting Faculty, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, April 2009
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Virginia, Center for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2004-2005
Northwestern University, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2002-2004

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, 2002.
M.A., International Relations, Yale University, 1996.
B.A. with Honors, Government, Wesleyan University, 1992.

Books

[*Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion*](#). Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2015, 2017 (paper).

[Q&A with the author](#) (Princeton)

[Interview with the author](#) (New Books in Islamic Studies)

[Interview with the author](#) (E-IR)

["Why I wrote this book"](#)

Discussion series on [The Immanent Frame](#)

Discussion series in [Religion in American History](#)

Discussion series at [Syndicate Theology](#) (Fall 2016)

Symposium in *Religion, Politics & Ideology* (Vol. 18, Issue 1, January 2018),

"Politics of Religious Freedom in the Asia-Pacific." *Journal of Religions and Political Practice*, (4)1, eds. John Rees and Tim Smartt. [PDF](#)

Select Reviews:

[Boston Review](#)

[The Nation](#)

[TLS](#)

[Journal of Religious and Political Practice](#)

Political Theory: [PDF](#)

Temenos: [PDF](#)

Muslim World Book Review: [PDF](#)

Religious Studies Review: [PDF](#)

Review of Politics: [PDF](#)

[At Home and Abroad: The Politics of American Religion](#). Co-edited with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan. New York: Columbia University Press, 2021.

[Theologies of American Exceptionalism](#). Co-edited with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2019 online (2021 paper and hardcover).

[Politics of Religious Freedom](#). Co-edited with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Saba Mahmood and Peter G. Danchin. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015. (Arabic edition with Mominoun Without Borders via Dar Cherlin Agency.)
Reviewed in Times Literary Supplement, Choice, Reading Religion, Middle East Law & Governance, Religion.

[The Politics of Secularism in International Relations](#). Princeton Studies in International History and Politics. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008. Co-winner of the American Political Science Association's Hubert Morken Award for the Best Publication in Religion and Politics, 2008-2010. Semi-finalist, 2010 Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order.

[Comparative Secularisms in a Global Age](#), co-edited with Linell E. Cady. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010, 2013.

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

Weinberg College (Northwestern) Covid-19 Research Recovery Grant, "American Border Religion," Spring 2023.

International Relations/Buffett Institute International Classroom Partnering Grant, "Global Conversation on Religion, Race, & Politics," 2020-21; 2021-22.

2019 ACLS/Luce Fellow in Religion, Journalism and International Affairs. Project: "Religion on the Border."

"Law and the Politics of Religious Diversity." Daniel I. Linzer Grant for Innovation in Diversity and Equity, 2018.

"Talking Religion: Publics, Politics, and the Media" (co-PI with Brannon Ingram), 2018-2022. Luce/ACLS Grant in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs.

Buffett Faculty Fellowship, 2016-2019. Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern.

"Politics of Religion at Home and Abroad" (co-PI with Winnifred Sullivan of Indiana University), 2016-2019. Study of the politics of religion at home and abroad with a focus on the United States. Funded by Luce Initiative on Religion in International Affairs.

Buffett Institute for Global Studies "Big Ideas" Faculty Innovation Grant, 2015, to create and direct Faculty Research Group on Global Politics & Religion. Northwestern.

Faculty Fellow, Kaplan Institute for the Humanities. Northwestern, 2015-16. Project: Religion and Global Politics Beyond Freedom and Violence.

"Politics of Religious Freedom: Contested Norms and Local Practices" (co-PI with Saba Mahmood, (UC-Berkeley), Winnifred Fallers Sullivan (Indiana University), & Peter Danchin (Maryland Law), 2011-14. Global study of religious freedom funded by the Luce Foundation.

"Thinking about Religion, Law, and Politics." Workshop Grant, with Winnifred Sullivan and Robert Orsi. Luce Foundation Initiative on Religion & International Affairs, July 2014.

2014 Weber Award for the best paper in religion and politics presented at the 2013 APSA meeting

- for “The ‘Religious Offensive’: The Politics of Religious Engagement.”
 Equality, Development and Globalization Studies (EDGS) Speaker Series Grant for series on
 “Religion, Law, and Politics,” 2014-15.
 Hewlett Faculty Fellowship, Northwestern course development grant, “Politics of Religious
 Diversity,” 2014-15.
 Content Consultant, Radio series God and Government: How Fourteen Nations Mix Religion and
 Government. Nationally syndicated public radio show hosted by Maureen Fiedler and
 Amber Khan. Funded by the Luce Foundation Initiative on Religion & International Affairs,
 2013-2015; renewed 2016-2018. <http://interfaithradio.org/godandgov>
 Winner: 2016 Religion News Association (RNA) Award for Excellence in
 radio or podcast religion reporting for “God and Government: China: An Atheist
 Country, Embracing Buddhism.” <http://interfaithradio.org/godandgov?f=5>
 Winner: 2014 Religion Communicators Council (RCC) Wilbur Award for Interfaith
 Voices – “God and Government: Egypt in Crisis” in Category (7A): Single Program
 –part of series. <http://interfaithradio.org/godandgov?f=7>
 Fellow, Public Voices Thought Leadership Fellowship Program, Northwestern University and the
 OpEd Project, 2012-2013.
 Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences (Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen).
 Research project on Religion, Secularism and Globalization convened by Charles Taylor.
 Vienna, Summer 2010.
 Visiting Research Professor, Center for the Study of Religion & Conflict, Arizona State, Spring 2010.
 Visiting Professor, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, Spring 2009.
 Northwestern Gifts and Grants Committee, Alumnae of Northwestern University. Middle East
 Studies Association Annual Conference. Boston, November 2006.
 Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture (formerly
 Center on Religion and Democracy), 2004-05.
 European-American Young Scholars’ Institutes Program, 2003-04. Fellowship for Summer Institute
 on Secularization and Religion convened by José Casanova and Hans Joas. Funded by the
 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation and the Mellon Foundation, administered through the
 Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin and the National Humanities Center (Research Triangle Park)
 in cooperation with the SSRC and the Institutes for Advanced Studies in Princeton,
 Stanford, Uppsala and Wassenaar.
 Institute of Turkish Studies Dissertation Writing Grant, 2001.
 Bloomberg Fellowship in International Human Rights. Human Rights Watch/New York, 2001
 (declined).
 James Hart Fellowship. Johns Hopkins University, 2000-01.
 Johns Hopkins University Graduate Fellowship, 1996-2000.
 Yale University Fellowship, 1994-96.
 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Portuguese, 1995.

Journal Articles

- “[‘Where People Come to Press Close to the Other Side’: Religion, Politics, and the American
 Border.](#)” *American Religion* 3, no. 2 (Spring 2022): 108–116.
 “Freedom, salvation, redemption: Theologies of political asylum.” *Migration & Society: Advances in
 Research* 4 (Special issue on religion and refugees) 2021: 110-123.
 “[Politics of Religious Freedom in the Asia-Pacific: An Introduction.](#)” *Journal of Religious and Political
 Practice*, vol. 4, issue 1 (Special Issue on “The Politics of Religious Freedom in the Asia-
 Pacific”), eds. John Rees and Tim Smartt, 2018. [PDF](#)
 “Narratives of De-secularization in International Relations,” *Intellectual History
 Review*, 27:1, special issue on ‘Narratives of Secularization,’ edited by Peter Harrison (January
 2017): 97-113. Republished in *Narratives of Secularization*, edited by Peter Harrison.
 Routledge: 2018. [PDF](#)

- “Politics of Sectarianism: Rethinking Religion and Politics in the Middle East.” Special Issue on Research and Methodology in a Post-Arab Spring Environment: Challenges for the Field. *Middle East Law and Governance* 7, no.1 (Spring 2015): 61-75. [PDF](#)
- “Introduction to Politics of Religious Freedom: Case Studies,” *Maryland Journal of International Law*, vol. 29 (2015): 288-99, co-authored with Peter G. Danchin, Saba Mahmood & Winnifred Fallers Sullivan. <http://digitalcommons.law.umaryland.edu/mjil/vol29/iss1/>
- “Thinking about Religion, Law, and Politics in Latin America,” Special Issue on Religiones, Post-secularidad y Democracia en América Latina: Reconfiguraciones del Discurso y la Acción Política, *Revista de Estudios Sociales-RES*, no. 51 (2015): 25-35. [PDF](#)
- “Editor’s Introduction.” Symposium: Re-thinking Religious Freedom, *Journal of Law and Religion*, co-edited with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, vol. 29, no. 3 (Sept./Oct. 2014): 358-62.
- “Alevis under Law: The Politics of Religious Freedom in Turkey.” *Journal of Law and Religion* 29, no. 3 (September/October 2014): 416-35. [PDF](#)
- “Religious Freedom, American-style.” *Quaderni di Diritto e Politica Ecclesiastica*, no. 1 (April 2014): 231-242. Reprinted in Lorenzo Zucca, ed., *Religious Rights* (Ashgate International Library of Essays on Rights). Surrey: Ashgate: June 2015. [PDF](#)
- “International Politics after Secularism.” Special Issue on The Postsecular in International Relations,” *Review of International Studies* 38, Issue 5 (December 2012): 943-961. [PDF](#)
- “Debates within a Single Church: Secularism and IR Theory.” Special Issue on “Religion and IR Theory,” *Zeitschrift für Internationale Beziehungen* (German Journal of International Relations), (June 2010): 135-48.
- “Iran, in Search of a Nonsecular and Nontheocratic Politics.” *Public Culture* 22, no.1 (Winter 2010): 25-32. [PDF](#)
- “What is Driving the European Debate about Turkey?” Special Issue on “European Encounters with Turkish Islam,” ed. Talip Küçükcan, *Insight Turkey* 12, no.1 (2010): 185-203.
- “Political Islam and Foreign Policy in Europe and the United States.” *Foreign Policy Analysis* 3, no. 4 (October 2007): 345-367.
- “Theorizing Religious Resurgence.” *International Politics* 44, no. 6 (November 2007): 647-665.
- “Negotiating Europe: The Politics of Religion and the Prospects for Turkish Accession to the EU.” *Review of International Studies* 32, no. 3 (July 2006): 401-418.
- “The Political Authority of Secularism in International Relations.” *European Journal of International Relations* 10, no. 2 (June 2004): 235-262. Reprinted in *International Relations and Religion*, eds. Ron E. Hassner and Isak Svensson, London: SAGE Publications, 2016.
- “The International Politics of Secularism: U.S. Foreign Policy and the Islamic Republic of Iran.” *Alternatives* 29, no. 2 (March-May 2004): 115-138.
- “Appropriating Islam: The Islamic Other in the Consolidation of Western Modernity.” *Critique: Critical Middle Eastern Studies* 12, no.1 (Spring 2003): 25-41.

Book Chapters

- “A Critical Approach to Religion in International Relations,” (IR textbook chapter) *Teorías Críticas de Relaciones Internacionales*, eds. Marta Íñiguez de Heredia, Ángela Iranzo e Itziar Ruiz-Giménez. UAM, in progress.
- “The International Politics of Religious Freedom.” *Routledge Handbook of Religion & Politics* (3rd ed.), Jeffrey Haynes, ed. London & New York: Routledge (forthcoming 2023).
- “America Transcendent.” In [The Spirit of Populism: Political Theologies in Polarized Times](#). Joshua Ralston & Ulrich Schmiedel, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2022, pp. 70-81.
- “Border Religion.” In *At Home and Abroad: The Politics of American Religion*, eds. Elizabeth Shakman Hurd and Winnifred Fallers Sullivan. New York: Columbia University Press, 2021, pp. 228-245.
- “[Introduction: Religion, Law, and Politics, American-style](#).” In *At Home and Abroad: The Politics of American Religion*, eds. Elizabeth Shakman Hurd and Winnifred Fallers Sullivan. New York: Columbia University Press, 2021.

- “[The America-Game](#).” In *Theologies of American Exceptionalism*, eds. Winnifred Fallers Sullivan and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2019 (Manifold), 2021 ([paper](#)).
- “[Preface: “Thinking Theologically.”](#)” In *Theologies of American Exceptionalism*, eds. Winnifred Fallers Sullivan and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2019.
- “Narratives of De-secularization in International Relations.” In *Narratives of Secularization*, ed. Peter Harrison. New York: Routledge: 2018. Appeared as a special issue of *Intellectual History Review*, 27:1 (Jan. 2017).
- “Governing Religion as Right.” In *Human Rights Futures*, eds. Jack Snyder, Stephen Hopgood, and Leslie Vinjamuri. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017, 189-212. [PDF](#)
- “Muslims and Others: The Politics of Religion in the Refugee Crisis.” In *The Refugee Crisis and Religion: Secularism, Security and Hospitality in Question*, eds. Erin Wilson and Luca Mavelli. London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2016, 97-108.
- “[Expert Religion: The Politics of Religious Difference in an Age of Freedom and Terror](#).” Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies Research Paper No. RSCAS 2015/97 (December 2015).
- “Believing in Religious Freedom.” In *Politics of Religious Freedom*, eds. Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Saba Mahmood, and Peter Danchin. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015, 45-56.
- “Introduction,” with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Saba Mahmood, and Peter Danchin. In *Politics of Religious Freedom*, eds. Sullivan, Hurd, Mahmood, and Danchin. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015, 1-9.
- “The International Politics of Religious Freedom.” In *Living with Religious Diversity*, eds. Sonia Sikka and Lori G. Beaman. New Delhi: Routledge India, 2015.
- “The Religion Agenda: The Sahrawi Refugees and the Politics of Tolerance.” In *Nations under God: The Geopolitics of Faith in the 21st Century*, eds. Luke M. Herrington, Alasdair McKay, & Jeffrey Haynes. E-International Relations, 2015, 255-265.
- “Comparative Secularisms and the Politics of Modernity” with Linell E. Cady. In *Religion and Politics: European and Global Perspectives*, Yearbook of Global and European Studies, eds. Johann P. Arnason and Irenuesz Pawel Karolewski. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2014.
- “Religious Freedom and the Crisis in Syria.” In “On the Ground: New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies,” ed. Brian T. Edwards. Doha: Northwestern University in Qatar Symposium, 2014.
- “Rescued by Law?: Gender and the Global Politics of Secularism.” In *Religion, the Secular, and the Politics of Sexual Difference*, eds. Linell E. Cady and Tracy Fessenden. New York: Columbia University Press, 2013, 211-228.
- “Contested Secularisms in Turkey and Iran.” In *Contesting Secularism: Comparative Perspectives*, ed. Anders Berg-Sørensen. London: Ashgate, 2013.
- “Secularismos Comparados y Globalización.” In *El Fin de un Sueño Secular: Religión y Relaciones Internacionales en el Cambio de Siglo*, eds. Mario Arriagada Cuadriello and Marta Tawil Kuri. Mexico City: El Colegio de México, 2013.
- “The Politics of Secularism and Religion.” In *An Introduction to International Relations*, 2nd ed., eds. Richard Devetak, Anthony Burke, and Jim George. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012 (3rd updated ed. 2017).
- “Comparative Secularisms and the Politics of Modernity: An Introduction” with Linell E. Cady. In *Comparative Secularisms in a Global Age*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, May 2010.
- “A Suspension of (Dis)belief: The Secular-Religious Binary and the Study of International Relations.” In *Rethinking Secularism*, eds. Craig Calhoun, Mark Juergensmeyer and Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011, 166-184.
- “Secularism and International Relations Theory.” In *Religion and International Relations Theory*, ed. Jack Snyder. New York: Columbia University Press, 2011, 60-90.

- “The Politics of Secularism.” In *Rethinking Religion and World Affairs*, eds. Alfred Stepan, Monica Toft, and Timothy Shah, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012, 36-52.
- “Verso una Politica Postsecolare: Secolarismo e Islamismo” (Toward a Postsecular Politics: Secularism and Political Islam.) In *Teologie politiche islamiche. Casi e frammenti contemporanei*, ed. Stefano Salzani. Genoa, Milan: Casa Editrice Marietti, 2005.
- “Secularism and Democracy in the Middle East.” Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, May 2003.

Reviews, Public Writing, Podcasts, Interviews

- [Sacred States: Beyond the Secular-Religious Dialectic](#) (review of *When Politics are Sacralized: Comparative Perspectives on Religious Claims and Nationalism*, eds Nadim N. Rouhana and Nadera Shalhoub-Kervorkian, Cambridge University Press, 2021), *Contending Modernities* (Sept. 28, 2022).
- [Muchas mujeres iraníes están cansadas de que su apariencia esté regulada por el Estado](#). La Tercera (Chile) Sept. 2022). [pdf](#)
- [The Wall Between Church and State is Blocking our View on Abortion Rights](#). Chicago Tribune (July 2022).
- [Global Challenges of Secularism and Religious Freedom](#) (with Ely Orrego Torres). In [Spanish. Religion and the Politics of Asylum](#). Podcast: Religion in Praxis (March 2022).
- “[It’s Time to De-emphasize Religion in US Foreign Policy](#).” The Hill (July 2021).
- “[Is There a Right to Heresy?](#)” (with Nadia Marzouki) Boston Review (March 2021). In [Chinese. Religious Freedom and the Politics of Islamic Reform](#).” (Podcast) “Reading Muslims” project, February 2021.
- “[The Paradox of Free Religion](#).” Berkley Forum (January 2021).
- “[Religious Freedom, Public Health, and the Limits of Law](#).” Canopy Forum (December 2020).
- “[Defund the Border Police: Racial Justice and the American Border](#).” Canopy Forum (July 2020). Podcast [here](#).
- “[Islam in America: Review of America & Islam: Soundbites, Suicide Bombs and the Road to Donald Trump](#).” *Cairo Review of Global Affairs* 36 (Winter 2020): 120-124.
- “[Why Did a Muslim Civil Rights Group Oppose Democrats’ Plans to Confront White Nationalism?](#)” (with Brannon Ingram). Rewire. November 15, 2019.
- “[Three Myths About Religion and Politics](#).” Canopy Forum: On the Interactions of Law & Religion (in 3 parts). Oct. 2-4, 2019.
- “[Religion and Politics in the United States](#).” Interview with NRK (Norwegian Public Radio). September 26, 2019. In Norwegian and English.
- “[The Religion Trap](#).” Review of Tamir Moustafa, *Constituting Religion* (Cambridge University Press, 2018). The Immanent Frame. August 1, 2019.
- “[Dangerous Logic at the Border: Religion and the Travel Ban](#).” Religion & Politics. July 2, 2019. Interview: “[The Dialectic of Secularism and Religionism](#).” Tehran Times. April 24, 2019.
- “[The Conflation of Antisemitism and Israel Criticism Isn’t Unique, But it is a Problem](#).” Rewire. March 19, 2019.
- “[The Border President](#).” Boston Review. June 28, 2018.
- Introduction to “[Controversy over French Proposal to Edit the Koran: A Transatlantic Perspective](#)” (with Nadia Marzouki) The Immanent Frame. June 25, 2018.
- “[Does Religious Freedom Favor Some Religions Over Others?](#)” U.S. Catholic. January 31, 2018.
- “[Religious Rights Won’t Save the Rohingya—But What Will?](#)” OpenGlobalRights. December 7, 2017.
- “The Dialectic of Secularism and Religionism: The Presence of Religion in the Public Sphere and its Implications for Secularism.” Interview. *The Age of Reflection: Journal of Culture and Humanities* (Iran), vol. 3, issue 15. November 2017: 9-12.
- “[Many Parties Complicit in Rohingya Ethnic Cleansing](#).” Interview, Real News Network. October 16, 2017.
- “[The Idea of the Muslim World and the Global Politics of Religion](#).” The Immanent Frame. October

- 12, 2017.
- [“Rohingya Crisis: Focus on ‘Intolerant Religion’ Disregards Complex Moral and Policy Challenges.”](#) Economic and Political Weekly. September 23, 2017.
- [“Beyond Religious Freedom: The Rohingya and the Politics of Religious Rights in Myanmar.”](#) The Religion Factor. August 24, 2017.
- [“After Religious Freedom?”](#) (Response to a forum on *Beyond Religious Freedom*). *Journal of Politics, Religion & Ideology*, Vol. 18, Issue 1 (April 2017): 112-116.
- [“The America-Game.”](#) The Immanent Frame. February 22, 2017.
- [“Trump’s Immigration Order Means Bureaucrats Have to Decide Who’s a ‘Real’ Christian.”](#) The Monkey Cage (Washington Post). February 8, 2017.
- [“The Myth of the Muslim Country.”](#) Boston Review. January 31, 2017.
- [“Religion and Politics Beyond Religious Freedom.”](#) The Immanent Frame. August 3, 2016.
- “Beyond Religious Freedom.” [Interview](#) on *Beyond Religious Freedom* with SherAli Tareen, New Books in Islamic Studies. June 27, 2016.
- [“Making Up People.”](#) Review of Benjamin L. Berger, *Law’s Religion: Religious Difference and the Claims of Constitutionalism*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2015. The Immanent Frame, July 14, 2016.
- [Review](#) of Matthew Scherer, *Beyond Church and State: Democracy, Secularism and Conversion*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013. *Augustinian Studies* Vol. 47, Issue 1 (2016): 114-118.
- [“In Syria, Keeping the Faith.”](#) Review of *Burning Country: Syrians in Revolution and War*, by Robin Yassin-Kassab and Leila Al-Shami. Boston Review. May 23, 2016.
- [“Countering the ‘Countering Violent Extremism’ Program.”](#) Religion Dispatches. April 27, 2016.
- [“Will Hillary Clinton Lead Us Into Another War in the Middle East?”](#) HuffPost Politics. March 4, 2016.
- [“Don’t Subject Refugees to a Religious Test.”](#) Al Jazeera America. November 17, 2015.
- [“How IR Got Religion, and Got it Wrong.”](#) The Monkey Cage (Washington Post). July 9, 2015. Also appears in [“Islam and International Order”](#) (POMEPS Studies 15, July 22, 2015).
- [“Transcending the nationalism of the Armenian genocide debate.”](#) Al Jazeera America. April 24, 2015.
- [“Il religioso: un fattore, ma no l’unico fattore.”](#) Interview, Oasis Foundation, Milan. April 3, 2015.
- [“International ‘religious freedom’ agenda will only embolden ISIS.”](#) Religion Dispatches. November 10, 2014. Reprinted on the [PluRel](#) blog with responses.
- [“Directions in the study of religion: Elizabeth Shakman Hurd.”](#) Interview on the “Politics of Religious Freedom” project with Kristian Petersen of Marginalia, Los Angeles Review of Books (September 16, 2014).
- [“The specific order of difficulty of religion.”](#) The Immanent Frame (May 30, 2014),
- [“The bogus gospel of free trade and free religion.”](#) Al Jazeera America (May 20, 2014),
- [“Promoting religious freedom does more harm than good.”](#) The Conversation (March 28, 2014),
- “Rethinking religious freedom.” [Freedom of Religion or Belief in Foreign Policy: Which One?](#) Pasquale Annicchino, ed. (Florence: European University Institute, 2014), pp. 26-31.
- “Religious difference and religious freedom.” [PluRel](#) blog series, “The (Im)possibility of Religious Freedom?” November 24, 2013.
- [“Should Western countries make religious freedom promotion a foreign policy priority?”](#) Featured in *Congressional Quarterly* publication on “Religious Repression.” November 1, 2013.
- [“Religious freedom: Universal right or political pawn?”](#) Interview with Brian Pellot, Religion News Service (October 10, 2013).
- [“Politics of Religious Freedom,”](#) online discussion series guest co-edited with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, *The Immanent Frame*, Spring 2012-Summer 2013.
- [“Losing faith in faith-based outreach.”](#) Al Jazeera America (September 24, 2013).
- [“Engaging religion at the Department of State.”](#) *The Immanent Frame* (July 30, 2013).
- [“What’s wrong with promoting religious freedom?”](#) Middle East Channel, Foreign Policy

- (June 12, 2013). Reposted at OpenCanada: Religion and Foreign Policy: The Global Challenges of Religious Pluralism.
- “The dangerous illusion of an Alawite regime.” Boston Review (June 11, 2013).
- “[Stop trying to make Syria’s war into a sectarian conflict.](#)” The Atlantic (March 15, 2013).
- “[Muslims need not apply.](#)” Boston Review (January 23, 2013).
- “The hegemony of religious freedom.” *The Globe and Mail* (October, 17, 2012)
- “[Should Canada promote religious freedom?](#)” *Centre for International Policy Studies* blog (University of Ottawa). Reprinted in *Embassy*, 10/10/12).
- “[Tunisia: democracy after secularism.](#)” Al Jazeera English, April 11, 2012.
- “[The tragedy of religious freedom in Syria.](#)” The Chicago Tribune, March 29, 2012.
- “[Believing in religious freedom.](#)” The Immanent Frame. March 1, 2012.
- “Emergent Patterns in Global Religious Governance.” Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Florence: EUI, 2011.
- “Time to Stand Up, Turkey.” Today’s Zaman, April 26, 2011. Reprinted in *Al Arabiya News*, May 1, 2011 and Al Jazeera English May 10, 2011.
- “Why the United States Didn’t See Egypt Coming.” Muftah.org, February 29, 2011.
- “[Myths of Mubarak.](#)” The Huffington Post, February 8, 2011.
- Extended version, *The Immanent Frame*. February 2, 2011.
<http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2011/02/02/myths-of-mubarak/>
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- “The global securitization of religion.” Social Science Research Council blog, “The Immanent Frame.” March 23, 2010. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/03/23/global-securitization/>
- “Iran: one revolution at a time.” The Huffington Post, June 29, 2009.
<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/elizabeth-shakman-hurd/iran-one-revolution-at-a-b-222651.html>
- “All states are religious states.” Religion Dispatches, March 24, 2009. Available at:
www.religiondispatches.org/archive/churchstate/1198/jewish_state%2C_islamic_state%3A_all_states_are_religious
- “Obama would bridge religious-secular divide.” Chicago Sun-Times. July 14, 2008. Also appears as “Faith, Politics, and Fruitcakes.” Religion Dispatches (RDBlog), July 21, 2008. Available at:
<http://religiondispatches.org/Gui/Content.aspx?Page=BI&Id=364#>
- “Book review: *A Secular Age* by Charles Taylor.” *Political Theory* 36, no. 3 (June 2008): 486-491.
- “The other shore.” Comments on Mark Lilla’s *The Stillborn God: Religion, Politics and the Modern West*. The Immanent Frame. www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2007/12/18/the-other-shore/
- “The slipstream of disenchantment and the place of fullness.” Comments on Charles Taylor’s *A Secular Age*. Social Science Research Council blog, “The Immanent Frame.” www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2007/10/29/the-slipstream-of-disenchantment-the-place-of-fullness/
- “A tribute to Charles Taylor,” Social Science Research Council, 2007.
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- “The twin towers and the twin tolerations: reflections on American democracy after 9/11.” *Zaman* September 27, 2006.
- “A political sociology of the Middle East.” Review of *The Middle East in International Relations: Power, Politics and Ideology* by Fred Halliday. *The International Studies Review* 7, no. 3 (October 2005): 445-448.
- “Political Islam disarmed: religion and public life in modern Turkey.” Review of *Islamic Political Identity in Turkey*. By M. Hakan Yavuz. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003). *Critique*:

- Critical Middle Eastern Studies* 14, no. 2 (Summer 2005): 237-243.
- “Chain reactions: U.S. and Britain got what they wanted in Iran in 1953, but where did it lead?” *The Chicago Tribune*, March 9, 2003.
- “The perils of a secular foreign policy: the case of Turkey.” *Middle East Policy*, Vol. IX, No. 4 (December, 2002): 84-86.
- “The West should welcome Turkey’s non-fundamentalist Islamists.” *The Financial Times*, September 30, 2002.
- More Than Just a Numbers Game? U.S. Policy on Global Population*, with Nancy W. Gallagher. Pew Case Studies in International Affairs, #215. Washington, D.C.: Center for the Study of Diplomacy (April 1997).

Lectures and Workshops (previous 10 years)

2022

- Panelist, Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable, Méadhbh McIvor’s Representing God: Christian Legal Activism in Contemporary England. Annual Meetings of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, November.
- Panelist, “[Religious Nationalism](#).” Institute of Politics, University of Chicago, November.
- Participant, Book Workshop for Matthew Scherer, George Mason. Washington, D.C., November.
- Keynote, “National Security as Political Theology: A View from the US.” Lund University (Sweden), Conference on Christianity and Crisis in European Contexts.” October. Roundtable discussion [here](#).
- Lecture, “A Critical Approach to Religion in International Relations.” Lund University (Sweden), October.
- Participant, “The Small Space of Religion’s Remainder: The Precarities of the Secular.” Workshop on Joseph Blankholm’s *The Secular Paradox: On the Religiosity of the Non-Religious*. UC-Santa Barbara, October.
- Lecture, *U.S. Foreign Policy, Global Politics, Law, and Religion*. U.S. Department of State, Study of the U.S. Institute for Scholars and Secondary Educators on U.S. Foreign Policymaking, Department of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware, June.
- Speaker, “Decolonizing Religion.” Oxford Political Thought Seminar Series – Religion. St. Antony’s College Middle East Centre. Oxford, June.
- Keynote, “Mysteries of State: National Security as Political Theology.” Conference on “Insubordinate religiosities, social protests and uneasy democracies in the Americas.” Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, June.
- Co-organizer (with Brannon Ingram), Symposium on “Global ‘Religion’: Invention, Translation, Critique.” Northwestern University, June.
- Keynote, “Rethinking a Concept: The Promise and Perils of International Religious Freedom.” Biennial Finnish Research Conference in Theology and Religion. Helsinki, May.
- Panelist, “Thinking Religion Otherwise.” Conference, “A Quarter Century of Public Religions,” in honor of José Casanova’s *Public Religions in the Modern World*, Georgetown, Washington, D.C., April.
- Instructor, “Dissent on the American Border.” Newberry Teachers’ Consortium: Professional Development Seminar. Chicago, April.
- Panelist, Sacred Writes Virtual Roundtable on Public Scholarship, with Megan Goodwin. April.
- Roundtable, “What’s Next? Religion and Politics after the Critique of Secularism.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, March.
- Panelist, “Religion as Resistance: Santa Muerte on the Border.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, March.
- Speaker, “In the Shadow of the Category of Religion.” Global Epistemologies of Religion reading group. Cambridge University, March.

2021

- Participant, consultative workshop to inform UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief Ahmed Shaheed's report to the UN Human Rights Council on the topic of "persons belonging to religious or belief minorities in situations of conflict and insecurity." Office of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Ralph Bunche Institute, City University of New York, Graduate Center. December.
- Keynote, "At the Limit of 'Civil Religion': The Antinomian Sacred and US Support for Israel." Workshop on Constitutionalism and Civil Religion. Deakin University (Australia). December.
- Panelist, "'Threatening the Homeland': Religious expertise and national security." Panel on "The Problem of Expert Evidence in Religion and Law." Annual Meetings of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November.
- Keynote, "[Real' religion versus 'political' religion: The politics of countering violent extremism.](#)" Ronning Centre International Fellows Conference: Islamophobia and/in Post-Secular States Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus in Camrose, November.
- Speaker, "The Politics of Religion in US Foreign Policy." [Senior Journalists Seminar](#), East-West Center. Honolulu, November.
- Speaker, "The Limits of Christian Zionism: Political Theologies of US Support for Israel." George Washington University. Washington, D.C., October.
- Panelist, "The Conceptual Limits of 'Christian Zionism': Understanding US Support for Israel." Workshop on "The Expansion of Christian Zionism in the Global South," sponsored by the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (SISR) and "The Growth of Christian Zionism in Latin America" project. Rio de Janeiro, October.
- Keynote, "Rethinking the War on Terror's 'Religion-Heavy' Policy." Series: "The Twentieth Anniversary of September 11: Pax Americana?" Keough School of Global Affairs, Notre Dame. October.
- Witness, Hearing on "[The State of Religious Freedom Around the Globe.](#)" Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, U.S. House of Representatives. Washington, D.C.: July 13, 2021.
- Roundtable, "Miguel Vatter, Divine Democracy: Political Theology after Carl Schmitt." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting. April.
- Panelist, "Challenges to Citizenship in the Middle East." Moynihan Institute, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. April.
- Panelist, "[How to make sense of religion in foreign policy – secular orders and religious states.](#)" Webinar hosted by the Swedish Institute of International Affairs. March.
- Book Launch, *At Home and Abroad: The Politics of American Religion*. Hosted by the Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University. March.

2020

- "Beyond Secularism's Religion." Panel on Religion in Politics, Politics in Religion. AAR Annual Meeting (virtual). December.
- "Religious Freedom, Public Health, and the Limits of Law." Panel on Religion and COVID-19, AAR Annual Meeting (virtual). December.
- "Race, Religion, and American Exceptionalism: The Politics of Countering Violent Extremism." Symposium on "The Racialisation of Violent Extremism." International research project 'Contextualising Radicalisation: The Politics of Violent Extremism.' Graduate Institute, Geneva, May (Postponed due to Covid-19; will be held in webinar format in 2021).
- "Dangerous Logic at the Border: The Travel Ban and the Political Theology of National Security." Peace Research Education Seminar, Kroc Institute, Notre Dame, South Bend, February.

2019

- "Beyond Religious Freedom: The Politics of 'Countering Violent Extremism.'" Lake Forest College,

- Lake Forest, IL, November.
- “Three Myths about Religion and Politics.” Northwestern Alumnae Association trip, “Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia” trip, Spain, October.
- “Theologies of American Exceptionalism.” Keynote. Conference on “The Spirit of Populism: Political Theologies in Polarized Times.” University of Edinburgh, September.
- “Religion on the Border: The Politics of the ‘Muslim Ban’ and the Limits of Law.” Keynote. Launch of the MF Centre for the Advanced Study of Religion. Oslo, September.
- Co-organizer (with Nadia Marzouki), “Beyond ‘Radicalization:’ Notes from the Field and New Vocabularies” symposium. Sciences Po, Paris, June.
- “The border president and the US Muslim ban.” CERI, Sciences Po. Paris, June.
- “True conversion: The politics of religion on the border.” Panel: “Multiple facets of religion in the global politics of migration, diaspora and refugees.” 2019 British International Studies Association. London, June.
- “The ‘Muslim Ban,’ National Security and the Politics of Religion.” Program in Middle East and North African Studies, Northwestern. Evanston, June.
- Co-organizer (with Winnifred Sullivan), “Politics of Religion at Home and Abroad.” Capstone workshop. Indiana University, Bloomington, May.
- “Three myths about religion and politics.” Carleton College, Northfield, MN, May.
- “Thinking about religion on the border: Law, politics, practice.” Carleton College, May.
- Co-organizer (with Brannon Ingram), “Reporting Islam: Media, Policy, Politics.” Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs. Evanston, April.
- “Reporting Religion: Media, Policy, Politics” (with Brannon Ingram). Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs Annual Symposium, Arizona State University, Tempe, April 8-10.
- “The religion box: Studying religion and politics after the critique of secularism.” Finding Religion Project. CURA, Boston University, April.
- “The religion trap.” Symposium on “Dialogues on the theopolitics of the nation-state: Israel in a wider context.” University of Oxford. Oxford, March.
- “Three myths about religion and politics.” Janus Forum Lecture. Political Theory Project, Brown University. Providence, March.

2018

- “Religion and politics after religious freedom.” University of Vermont. Burlington, November.
- “True conversion: The politics of religion on the border.” Conference: “Welcoming Refugees: The Role of Religion.” Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Department of Ethics, Law, and Politics. October.
- “Religion and politics after religious freedom.” Wold Lecture on Religion & Conflict, Union College. Schenectady, NY. September.
- “The religion box.” Panel: Religion as an Analytical Category. APSA, Boston, September.
- Roundtable. “How to Promote Your Book Inside and Outside the Discipline.” APSA, Boston, September.
- Co-organizer (with Brannon Ingram), “Rethinking the ‘Muslim World’: Concepts, History, Law, Politics.” Symposium featuring Iza Hussin and Cemil Aydin. Northwestern. Evanston, June.
- Co-organizer (with Winnifred Sullivan), “Politics of Religion at Home and Abroad” project workshop. Geneva, Illinois, May.
- “The impossibility of international religious freedom: reimagining religion and politics.” Hajja Razia Sharif Sheikh Lecture, Center for Religious Understanding, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Michigan, April.
- “Beyond freedom and violence: Reimagining religion and politics in the Middle East.” Northwestern University-Qatar. Doha. February.

2017

- “Beyond belief: the politics of religion.” Chicago Humanities Festival, Evanston, October.
- “Thinking differently about religion, politics and power.” Keynote. Conference on “Reimagining Difference: Being, Thinking and Practicing beyond Essentialism.” Centre for Religion, Conflict and the Public Domain, University of Groningen, September.
- “The impossibility of international religious freedom.” [Spui25](#) (University of Amsterdam academic and cultural center), Amsterdam, September.
- Roundtable, “Reflections on the Refugee Crisis and Religion.” APSA, San Francisco, September.
- “Religion as a category of international legal protection: Syria, the Genocide Convention and the politics of religious difference.” Panel: “New Directions in the Study of Religion and Politics.” APSA, San Francisco, September.
- Discussant, “Re-visiting the Religio-Political Subject: The New Political Theory of Religion.” APSA, San Francisco, September.
- Co-organizer (with Winnifred Sullivan), “Politics of Religion at Home and Abroad” project workshop. Geneva, Illinois, May.
- “Religion and Politics beyond Freedom and Violence.” Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, February.

2016

- “Governing Religion as Right: The Politics of Religious Freedom.” Yale Initiative on Religion, Politics and Society. New Haven, December.
- “The New Global Politics of Religion.” Department of Political Science Colloquium, University of Hawaii. Honolulu, December.
- “Governing Religion as Right: The Politics of Religious Freedom.” University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, November.
- “Theologies of American Exceptionalism.” Luce “At Home and Abroad” project workshop co-organized with Winnifred Sullivan. Indiana University, Bloomington. October.
- “The New Global Politics of Religion.” Keynote. Symposium on the “Politics of Religious Freedom in the Asia Pacific.” University of Notre Dame, Sydney. Sydney, Australia, September.
- “Thinking about Religion and International Order.” Panel discussion. University of Queensland. Brisbane, Australia, September.
- “The Politics of Religion at Home and Abroad.” Luce project workshop co-organized with Winnifred Sullivan. Northwestern University. Evanston, June.
- “Religion and Global Politics Beyond Freedom and Violence.” Yale-NUS, Singapore, May.
- “The Global Politics of Religion in an Age of Freedom and Terror.” Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago, April.
- “Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion.” Critical Research in International Politics series. Ohio State University. Columbus, March.
- “Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion.” Book panel, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto. Toronto, February.
- “The Politics of Religion in an Age of Freedom and Terror.” Buffett Faculty & Fellows series. Northwestern University. Evanston, February.
- “Good Religion and Bad Religion: The New Global Politics of Religion.” Keynote. Series on “Global Intersections of Religion, Race and Culture.” Respondents: Edward Curtis and Frank Thomas. Center for Faith and Vocation and the Desmond Tutu Center, Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary, January.

2015

- “The New Global Politics of Religion.” Keynote. Conference on “Good Protestant, Bad Religion? Formatting Religion in Modern Societies.” Norwegian Research Council, SAMKUL program. Oslo, 3-4 December.
- “Beyond Religious Freedom: The Limits of Law and the Politics of Global Religious Difference.”

- Religion and Media Workshop, AAR Annual Meetings. Atlanta, November.
- “Politics of Religious Freedom” (with co-editors of *Politics of Religious Freedom*). Editors-meet-critics panel. American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. Atlanta, November.
- “Beyond Freedom and Violence: Normalizing Religion in the Study of World Politics.” Indiana University Bloomington. Bloomington, November.
- “Beyond Religious Freedom: The New Global Politics of Religion.” Author-meets-critics panel. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meetings. Newport Beach, CA, October.
- “Religious Freedoms and Legal Institutions.” International Studies Public Forum, UC-Irvine. Irvine, October.
- “Beyond Religious Freedom: Lived Religion and Global Politics.” Invited speaker, Conference on “Religion and International Relations: Old Questions, New Reflections,” Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais (Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais). Belo Horizonte, Brazil. October.
- “Beyond Freedom and Violence: Religion, Politics, and Interpretive Methods.” Roundtable chair and organizer. American Political Science Association annual meetings. San Francisco, August.
- “Normalizing Religion in Sociological Scholarship.” Plenary panel, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, May.
- “How IR Got Religion, and Got it Wrong.” Workshop on Religion and International Relations: Theoretical Challenges and Policy Dilemmas, Project on Middle East Political Science and the Transatlantic Academy of the German Marshall Fund. Washington, D.C., 29-30 April.
- “The New Global Politics of Religion.” Transatlantic Academy. Washington, D.C., 15 April.
- “Religious Freedom and US Foreign Policy: A Conversation on History, Theory, and Practice.” Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, Washington University. St. Louis, 30 March.
- “Expert Religion, Lived Religion, Governed Religion: Rethinking the New Global Politics of Religion.” European University Institute. Florence, 19 March.
- “Religious Freedom and US Foreign Policy.” Oasis Foundation. Milan, March.
- “Religious Freedom and US Foreign Policy.” Holstein Lecture, University of California-Riverside, February.

2014

- “Religion as Right: U.S.-Japanese Constructions of ‘Religion’ and ‘Secular’ in International Law.” Discussant, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November.
- “Beyond Religious Freedom: Religion, Rights, and the Politics of Religious Difference.” Religion, Secularity & Toleration, McGill Centre for Research on Religion. Montreal, November.
- “Beyond the First Amendment: Religious Engagement and the Politics of Establishment.” Conference on Varieties of Secularism, Religion, and Law, Brigham Young University. Provo, 6 October.
- “Saving the Rohingya? On the Dangers of Privileging Religion in Foreign Policy.” Seminar on Religious Freedom and Vulnerable Communities, Policy Research Division, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade & Development. Ottawa, 12 August.
- Speaker, Northwestern/Garrett Interfaith Luncheon, “The Politics of Advocating Religious Freedom.” Evanston, 12 May.
- “After Religious Freedom?: Religion, Rights, and Global Politics.” Department of Political Science, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, 24 April.
- “Religious Rights and the ‘Sectarianization’ of Being and Belonging.” Workshop, “On Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East,” organized by Ussama Makdisi. Rice University, Houston, April.
- “International Religious Freedom and the Politics of Religious Difference.” Seminar on “Religion and Power in Transition,” Institute on Culture, Religion & World Affairs, Boston University, Boston, April.
- “Alevis under Law: The Politics of Religious Freedom in Turkey.” Conference on “Religious Heterodoxy and Modern States,” Yale, New Haven, 28-29 March.
- “Religious Freedom and Religious Interventionism.” Roundtable, Annual Conference of the

- International Studies Association, Toronto, March.
- “International Religious Freedom and the Politics of Religious Difference.” London School of Economics, March.
- Westminster Faith Debates. Speaker. “Are attempts to promote global religious freedom naïve or necessary?” London, March.
- “Alevis under Law: The Politics of Religious Freedom in Turkey.” Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto. Toronto, February.
- “Power, Politics, and the Promotion of Religious Freedom.” Osgoode Colloquium on Law, Religion & Social Thought. Toronto, February.
- “Believing in Religious Freedom,” Luce workshop on the “Politics of Religious Freedom: Contested Norms and Local Practices.” University of Cape Town, February.

2013

- “Advocating International Religious Freedom: Power, Politics, and Religion after Secularism.” Department of Political Science, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, 19 December.
- “Operationalizing Religion: Foreign Policy and the New Establishment.” Comparative Secularisms Roundtable. Institut d’Études Politiques (Sciences Po), Paris, December.
- “International Politics After Secularism.” Plenary panelist, “Global Secularisms” conference, New York University, New York, November.
- “Governing Difference Through Rights: The Politics of Religious Freedom.” London School of Economics, Forum on Religion, London, November.
- Organizer, (with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Saba Mahmood, and Peter Danchin), “Politics of Religious Freedom: Contested Norms and Local Practices” capstone conference. Evanston, October.
- Co-convenor (with Winnifred Fallers Sullivan), Workshop, “Policy-Relevant Public Knowledge about Religion: Promises and Perils.” Luce Foundation, New York, September.
- “The Politics of Religious Freedom.” Columbia University, Project on Human Rights Futures. New York, September.
- “The ‘Religious Offensive’: The Politics of Religious Engagement.” Annual Conference of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August.
- “The International Politics of Religious Freedom.” Guest lecturer. Religion 550: Religion and International Relations, McGill University. June.
- “Saving the World: Does Faith-Based Humanitarian Intervention Deliver Relief or Redemption?” Panel moderator. Fordham University Center on Religion and Culture and Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs, New York, May.
- “How We Talk About Religion Today.” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April.
- “Is Religion Back? Did It Ever Leave?” Conference on “Crepuscular Secularism: The Post-secular Intellectual in Europe and the Middle East.” University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, March.
- “The Saved and the Damned: The International Politics of Religious Freedom.” Northwestern Political Theory Workshop, Evanston, March.
- “Religious Freedom and Religious Diversity.” Workshop on “Living with Religious Diversity” organized by Lori Beaman and Sonia Sikka. India International Centre, Delhi, February.
- Organizer, “The Politics of Religious Freedom in the Middle East” workshop, with Winnifred Sullivan, Saba Mahmood, and Peter Danchin, Cairo, January.

Teaching Awards and Contributions

Co-Curator, Teaching Law and Religion Case Archive, launched October 2017.

<https://sites.northwestern.edu/lawreligion/>

R. Barry Farrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Northwestern, 2006-07.

Northwestern University Faculty Honor Roll, 2006-07, voted by the undergraduate college through the Associated Student Government.

Northwestern University Faculty Honor Roll, 2002-03.

Dissertations Advised

Matt deTar, Rhetoric & Public Culture, Northwestern. "Figures of Nationalist Discourse: Atatürk, the Military, Religion and the Minority in Modern Turkey." Defended July 2012.

Maria Birnbaum, Political Science, European University Institute. "Becoming Recognizable: Postcolonial Independence and the Reification of Religion." Defended March 2015.

Ariel Schwartz, Religious Studies, Northwestern. "In the Wake of Hate: Rebuilding Religion, Place, and Community in Sacramento and Joplin." Defended April 2016.

(Chair) Mona Oraby, Political Science, Northwestern. "The Difference that Affiliation Makes: Religious Conversion, Minorities, and the Rule of Law." Defended January 2017.

Joshua M. Friedman, Political Science, Northwestern. "The Recognition Dilemma." Defended May 2019.

Jeffrey Wheatley, Religious Studies, Northwestern. "Policing Fanaticism, Religion, and Race in the American Empire, 1830–1930." Defended June 2020.

Matthew J. Smith, Religious Studies, Northwestern. "Plastic Subjects: US Empire, Secularism, and the Racial Grammar of Protestant Missions Science; Or, Theorizing Race and Religion in the Age of Plastic(s)." Defended June 2021.

Julia Brown, Political Science, Northwestern. "The Scriptural Politics of John Locke." Defended September 2021.

(Chair) Gina Giliberti, Political Science, Northwestern. "Impassioned Religion in International Politics." Defended September 2022.

(Chair) Owen Brown, Political Science, Northwestern. "Ordering/Racialising the World: Race and the Production of International Order." In progress.

(Chair) Nathalia Justo, Political Science, Northwestern. "The Global Politics of Citizenship: Producing and Protecting the "Deserving" Subject." In progress.

Shane Strachan, Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa. "The Global Politics of Managing Religious Affairs in China." In progress.

Hafsa Oubou, Anthropology, Northwestern. "Schooling the Nation: Moroccan Educators, Muslim Youth, and Civics Instruction in Belgium." In progress.

Ceyda Erten, Political Science, Northwestern, "Visualizing Possibility: Global Politics of Film Making in the 21st Century." In progress.

Audrey Nicolaides, Political Science. "Progressive Internationalism and the Philosophy of History." In progress.

Seyma Kabaoglu, Anthropology, Northwestern, "Banking on Doubt: Law and Ambiguity in the Everyday Life of Islamic Participation Finance in Istanbul, Turkey." In progress.

Lauren Baker, Political Science, Northwestern, "Trash Talk: Sanitizing the politics of garbage at sites of global environmental governance in the MENA." In progress.

(Chair) Elizabeth Orrego Torres, Political Science, Northwestern, "Freeing Religion: Decolonizing/Deconstructing Religious Freedom and Secularism in the Americas." In progress.

Shah Zeb Chaudhary, Political Science, Northwestern. "Melodramatic Nations and Serious States: Political Affect in Pakistan-U.S. Relations." In progress.

Dhondup Tashi Rekjong, Religious Studies, Northwestern. In progress.

Service to Northwestern

Sciences Po Partnership Advisory Committee, 2021-23
Review, Reappointment, Promotion, and Retention Committee, Northwestern-Qatar, 2022-2025.
Faculty Host, "Moroccan Discovery: from the Imperial Cities to the Sahara." Northwestern Alumni Association. Sept. 2022.
Organizational Strategy & Change Advisory Group, 2019-2022.
Faculty Host, "Holiday Markets" cruise in Europe. Northwestern Alumni Association. Dec. 2021.
Faculty Host, "The Great Migration" trip to Tanzania. Northwestern Alumni Association. Feb. 2020.
Faculty Host, "Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia" trip. Northwestern Alumni Association, Oct. 2019.
Faculty Host, "Egypt & the Eternal Nile" trip. Northwestern Alumni Association, Jan. 2019.
International Studies Program Committee, 2018-19
IR Workshop Coordinator, 2018-19
International Relations Field Chair, Political Science Department, 2017-18
Member, Global Strategy Task Force, 2015-16.
Director of Graduate Studies and Chair of the Graduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2012-2015.
Equality, Development & Globalization Studies (EDGS) Faculty Associate, 2014-present.
Program in Middle East and North African Studies Steering Committee, 2011-present
Faculty Affiliate, Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program, 2015-present
French Interdisciplinary Group (FIG) Advisory Committee, 2009-present
Teagle Faculty and Student Advisory Group, 2014-15. The Graduate School, Northwestern.
Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Planning Group, 2013-14.
Director of Honors and member of Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2009-2010
Co-convenor, Faculty Working Group on Middle East and North African Studies, 2007-2012
Faculty Affiliate, French Interdisciplinary Group and Center for Comparative and International Studies, 2004-
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow Search Committee, 2006-2007
Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2005-2006
Middle East Studies Committee, 2005-2006
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2005-2006
Undergraduate Advisory Board, 2005-2006
Committee for the Program in Asian Studies, 2003-2004

Professional Service Beyond Northwestern

Scientific Board, Middle East Research Center, Hakkari University (Turkey), 2021-
Scientific Board, Book series on Religions, Law, and Economies in the Mediterranean Space." Routledge. 2021-
Participant, American Academy of Religion workshop "Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts." San Diego, Nov. 2019.
Founding Board Member, [Sacred Writes: Public Scholarship on Religion](#) (Northeastern University), 2018-2022
Member, Advisory Board of the MF Center for the Advanced Study of Religion (Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society), 2018-
International Editorial Board, *Journal of Religion, State, and Society*, 2016-
Chair, Religion and Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2014-16
Editorial Board, *The Immanent Frame*. Social Science Research Council, 2016-2019
Advisory Board, Cambridge Studies in International Relations series, Cambridge University Press, 2015-
Editorial Board, *Critical Perspectives on Religion in International Politics* series, Rowman & Littlefield International, 2015-

Advisory Board, Centre for Religion, Conflict and Globalization, University of Groningen, 2015-

Scientific Board, "Religion, Law and Economy in the Mediterranean Area" (Religioni, Diritti ed Economie nello Spazio Mediterraneo). University of Insubria, Como, 2014-

Editorial Board, *International Studies Quarterly*, 2014-

Advisory Board, *Middle East Law and Governance: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 2013-

Participant, Program Planning Meeting, Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion and International Affairs and the American Council of Learned Societies, New York, May 2015.

Discussant, Project on Middle East Political Science Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop. New Haven, October 2012.

Executive Committee Member, APSA Religion & Politics Section, 2012-2014.

Chair, APSA Wildavsky Dissertation Award Committee for the Best Dissertation in Religion and Politics, 2011-12.

Project Consultant, Luce Project on "Religion and Global Civil Society," Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies, University of California-Santa Barbara, 2012.

Content Consultant, Dale Evva Gelfand, *Syria* (Middle School textbook). Minneapolis: ABDO Publishing Co., 2013.

Instructor, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation, Venice School of Human Rights, "Religious Freedom and the Rights of Religious Minorities," co-taught with Peter Danchin, Winnifred Sullivan and Saba Mahmood, Venice, July 2011.

Term Member. US Council on Foreign Relations, New York (2006-2011).

Member, Working Group on Religion, Secularism and International Affairs, Social Science Research Council, New York, 2006-2009.

Project team member, Public Religions, the Secular, and Democracy: An International Cross-disciplinary Project, Arizona State, 2007-2012.

Project Consultant, Task Force on American Primacy, Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. Advisor to the Task Force, principal author of Task Force's report on the future of U.S. foreign policy. Chicago, 2003-2004.

Public Lectures and Community Service

Public Lecture, "Update on the U.S.-Mexican Border." Monday Class. November 2021.

Public Lecture, "Anti-Muslim Politics in the US: 2020 and Beyond." Glenview Community Church Speakers' Forum, March 2020.

Public Lecture, "How Can This Be Legal?" Religion and the 'Muslim Ban'" Evanston Public Library, June 2019.

"Muslims and Others: The Politics of Religion in the Refugee Crisis." Forced Migration Studies Group, Buffett Institute at Northwestern. Evanston, January 2017.

"Religious Violence and Global Politics." Evanston Rotary Club, February 2016.

"Beyond Religious Freedom?" Public Lecture, Evanston Public Library, February 2016.

Panelist, "Transcending Nationalism in the Armenian Genocide Debate." Evanston Public Library, September 2015.

Panelist, "Charlie Hebdo and Beyond: Language, Power, Perspective." Northwestern, May 2015.

Organizer, marathon public reading of Mohamedou Ould Slahi's *Guantánamo Diary*. Northwestern, May 2015.

Panelist, Launch of the Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern, January 2015.

"From Tunisia to Tehran: Understanding the Middle East in Transition," Northwestern Alumnae Continuing Education course The Middle East: Update on Turmoil. April 2015.

"Politics of Advocating Religious Freedom." Interfaith Luncheon, Northwestern-Garrett Evangelical Seminary, May 2014.

Newberry Library Teachers' Consortium, Seminar Leader, "Sectarianism and its Others: The Politics of Religious Diversity after the Arab Spring." Chicago, March 2014.

Newberry Library Teachers' Consortium, Seminar Leader, "The 'Arab Spring:' Beyond the Secularist-

Islamist Divide. Chicago, February 2013.
Lecturer, "Sectarianism and the Arab Spring." Northwestern Alumnae Continuing Education Committee course "The Arab Spring Revisited." February 2013.
Lecturer, "Monday class." Chicago, 1-2 times per year, 2008-2015.
Lecturer, "Why the US Didn't See the Egypt Revolt Coming" and "Uprising in Syria: Regional and International Implications." Northwestern Alumnae Continuing Education course 'The Arab Spring' Revolutions: Causes and Consequences. February 2012.
Lecturer, Shirley Ryan Lifelong Learners Course, The Arab Spring: Views You Won't See in the Media. November 9, 2011.
"The Politics of Relations Between the West and the Middle East and the Legacy of Said's *Orientalism*." Newberry Library Teachers' Consortium: Politics, Economics and Government Group. Chicago, January 2006.

Courses Taught

Graduate:

Religion, Race and Politics: Global and Imperial Perspectives
Religion and Modernity
Law, Religion and Globalization
Secularism, Religion, and Politics
International Relations Theory

Undergraduate:

The American Border
Religion and Politics
The Middle East in International Politics
The United States and the World
Politics of Religious Diversity: Minorities, Law, Rights

Languages

Fluent in French and Spanish.
Coursework in Arabic, Portuguese, and Turkish.

Professional memberships

American Political Science Association
American Academy of Religion
International Studies Association

References upon request