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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

- 2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo
- 2022-2023 The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) Junior Postdoctoral Fellow  
The Centre for Sociological Research, KU Leuven
- 2020-2022 Banting Postdoctoral Fellow  
The Centre for Sociological Research, KU Leuven

### EDUCATION:

- 2020 Ph.D., Cultural Studies Graduate Program, Queen's University, Canada  
Dissertation: *The Religion of the Heart: Self, Solidarity, and the Sacred in Romantic Liberal Modernity*  
Supervisor: Will Kymlicka (Philosophy/Political Studies)
- 2016 M.A., Queen's University, Cultural Studies  
Supervisor: James Miller (Religious Studies)
- 2014 B.A. (Honours), Queen's University, Medial in Philosophy – Drama

### ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS:

- 2023-Present Research Affiliate, Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
- 2023-Present Affiliated Scholar, Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at University of Southern California (USC)
- 2020-22 Visiting Scholar, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto
- 2019 Visiting Graduate Student, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge University (Lent Term)
- 2019 Visiting Scholar, Woolf Institute, Cambridge University (Lent Term)
- 2017-18 Visiting Graduate Student, Sociology Department and Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto

### AWARDS, DISTINCTIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2023 Fellow, International Society for Science & Religion (ISSR)
- 2022-23 Flanders Research Foundation (FWO) Junior Postdoctoral Fellowship (€70,000)
- 2020-22 SSHRC Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$140,000)

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| 2017-20 | SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier (CGS) Doctoral Scholarship (\$105,000)                   |
| 2019    | SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Supplement (to cover term in Cambridge) (\$5,700)           |
| 2018-19 | OCUFA Henry Mandelbaum Graduate Fellowship - Doctoral (\$5,000)                         |
| 2018    | SSHRC Storytellers Competition – Top 5 Finalist (\$3,000)                               |
| 2018    | Queen’s University Andrina McCulloch Prize in Public Speaking – First Runner Up (\$850) |
| 2017    | Honorable Mention for a Teaching Assistant Award  |
| 2016-17 | Alfred Bader Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities (\$7,000)                            |
| 2016-17 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship-PhD (\$15,000)   |
| 2015-16 | SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (CGS-M) (\$17,500)                         |
| 2014    | Queen’s University Graduate Award (\$9,000)   |
| 2013    | The Pall Ardal Moral Philosophy Prize (\$300)   |

## GRANTS:

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| 2024 | SSHRC Insight Development Grant (Under review; submitted February 1, 2024) |
| 2023 | University of Waterloo SSHRC Explore Grant (\$7,000)                       |
| 2023 | University of Waterloo Faculty of Arts Start-up Grant (\$5,000)            |

## PUBLICATIONS:

### Books

#### *Single-Author*

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| 2022 | <i>The Spiritual Turn: The Religion of the Heart and the Making of Romantic Liberal Modernity</i> . Oxford University Press.<br><a href="https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-spiritual-turn-9780192859839?cc=us&amp;lang=en">https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-spiritual-turn-9780192859839?cc=us&amp;lang=en</a> |
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- Winner of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion’s 2023 Distinguished Book Award
- Awarded Honorary Mention for the 2023 Best Book Award from the American Sociological Association’s Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity
- Reviewed in: *Sociology of Religion*, *Studies in Religion*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
- Author-Meets-Critics Session at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference (held October 21, 2023)

#### *Co-Author*

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| Under Contract | <i>New Religious Movements and the Spirit of Modernity</i> (with Stef Aupers and Dick Houtman). Cambridge University Press. Expected completion date: February 2024. |
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#### *Editor*

In Press *The Shape of Spirituality: The Public Significance of a New Religious Formation* (co-edited with Dick Houtman). Columbia University Press.

### Refereed Journal Articles

- Accepted/  
In press “The Specter of Authenticity: Social Science After the Deconstruction of Romanticism.” (first author, with Dick Houtman). *History of the Human Sciences*.
- Accepted/  
In press “Symbolic Pollution and Religious Change: The Religious Imaginary of *Spiritual but not Religious* Anglo-Canadian Millennials” (first author, with Sam Reimer) *Sociology of Religion*.
- Accepted/  
In press “The Spiritual Turn and ‘Feminization’: Turning a Gender Lens on Spirituality” (first author, with Francesco Cerchiaro and Landon Schnabel) *Sociology of Religion*.
- 2023 “Debating Critical Religion: A Response to Timothy Fitzgerald.” (first author, with Sharday C. Mosurinjohn). *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*. Advance Online. <https://brill.com/view/journals/mtsr/aop/article-10.1163-15700682-bja10119/article-10.1163-15700682-bja10119.xml>
- 2023 “Capital and Distinction or Goods and Traditions? Toward a Post-Bourdiesian Cultural Theory.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. Advance Online. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41290-023-00196-3>
- 2023 “The Spiritual Turn and the Disenchantment of the World: Max Weber, Peter Berger, and the Religion-Science Conflict.” (first author, with Dick Houtman) *The Sociological Review* 71 (1): 261-279. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00380261221096387>
- 2022 “Purification or Pollution? The Debate over ‘Workplace Spirituality’.” (first author, with Dick Houtman) *Cultural Sociology* 17 (4): 429-456. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/17499755221108607>
- 2022 “Are You a Neoliberal Subject? On the Uses and Abuses of a Concept.” *European Journal of Social Theory* 25 (3): 458-76. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/13684310211037205>
- 2022 “Can critical religion play by its own rules? Why there must be more than one way to be ‘critical’ in the study of religion.” (first author, with Sharday C. Mosurinjohn). *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 90 (2): 317-334. <https://academic.oup.com/jaar/article-abstract/90/2/317/6634922?redirectedFrom=fulltext>
- 2022 “Social Science as Public Philosophy Revived.” *Civic Sociology* 3 (1): 1-13. <https://online.ucpress.edu/cs/article/3/1/35299/168049/Social-Science-as-Public-Philosophy-Revived>
- 2022 “The Religion of the Heart: ‘Spirituality’ in Late Modernity.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, 10: 1-33. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41290-020-00106-x>

- 2021 “Religious Studies and the Spiritual Turn.” (second author, with Sharday C. Mosurinjohn), *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*. 33: 482-504.  
<https://brill.com/view/journals/mtsr/aop/article-10.1163-15700682-12341513/article-10.1163-15700682-12341513.xml>
- 2020 “Making Sense of the Study of Spirituality: Late Modernity on Trial.” *Religion* 50(4): 590-614. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0048721X.2020.1758229>
- 2019 “Religion, Science and Disenchantment in Late Modernity.” *Zygon: Journal of Science and Religion* 54(4): 1022-1035.  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/zygo.12554>
- 2019 “Recovering Enchantment: Addiction, Spirituality, and Charles Taylor’s Malaise of Modernity.” *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 34(1): 39-56.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13537903.2019.1585102>
- 2018 “Missing the Forest for the Trees: ‘Spiritual’ Religion in a Secular Age.” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 24(2): 243-255.  
<https://www.utpjournals.press/doi/abs/10.3138/tjt.2018-0112>
- 2018 “On the Politics of Self-Spirituality: A Canadian Case Study.” *Studies in Religion* 47(3): 345-372.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0008429818764114?journalCode=sira>
- 2017 “‘Of’ or ‘For’: The Study of Spirituality and the Problems Therein.” *Journal for the Study of Spirituality* (7)1: 64-71.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/20440243.2017.1290138>

### Refereed Book Chapters

- In Press “When the Spiritual is Political: Self-Realization and the Quest for Social Justice.” Chapter for *The Shape of Spirituality*, edited by Dick Houtman and Galen Watts.
- In Press “Romantic Liberalism, Spirituality, and the Populist Threat.” *Religious Diversity in Post Secular Societies: Conceptual Foundations, Public Management and Upcoming Prospects*, eds. Rafael Ruiz Andres and Zakaria Sajir, Springer.
- In Press “Donald J. Trump and the Canadian Civil Sphere.” In *The Civil Sphere in Canada*, eds. Jeffrey Alexander and Mervyn Horgan (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press).
- 2022 “Spirituality, Self-Help, and Subjective Wellbeing Culture.” In *New Spiritualities and the Culture of Well-Being*, ed. Géraldine Mossière, (New York: Springer)  
[https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-06263-6\\_3](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-06263-6_3)
- 2022 “The Spiritual Turn in Canada: ‘Spiritual but not Religious’ Canadian Millennials.” In

*Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion, Vol. 2: Curations and Durations*, eds. Terry Shoemaker, Rachel Schneider, and Xochitl Alvizo, (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers).  
<https://wipfandstock.com/9781725277465/the-emerging-church-millennials-and-religion-volume-2/>

- 2020 “Self-Spirituality in the Twenty-First Century.” In *Mutual Enrichment Between Psychology and Theology*, ed. Russell Re Manning, (London: Routledge).  
<https://www.routledge.com/Mutual-Enrichment-between-Psychology-and-Theology/Manning/p/book/9781472415899>

### Refereed Review Essays / Book Reviews

- 2023 “In Praise of Value-Plural Sociology.” Review Essay of *Moral Minefields: How Sociologists Debate Good Science* by Shai M. Dromi and Samuel D. Stabler for *Perspectives: ASA Theory Section Newsletter*.
- 2023 Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme. *Religion, Spirituality, and Secularity among Millennials: The Generation Shaping American and Canadian Trends*. Review for *Sociology of Religion*. Advance Online.  
[https://academic.oup.com/socrel/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/socrel/srad016/7205675?utm\\_source=advanceaccess&utm\\_campaign=socrel&utm\\_medium=email](https://academic.oup.com/socrel/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/socrel/srad016/7205675?utm_source=advanceaccess&utm_campaign=socrel&utm_medium=email)
- 2023 “Interpreting Robert Bellah.” Review Essay of *A Joyfully Serious Man: The Life of Robert Bellah* by Matteo Bortolini for *Contemporary Sociology* 52 (2): 107-111.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00943061231155318b>
- 2022 Brian Steensland, Jaime Kucinkas, Anna Sun (eds.) *Situating Spirituality: Context, Practice, and Power*. Review for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Advance Online.  
<https://academic.oup.com/jaar/advance-article-abstract/doi/10.1093/jaarel/lfac066/6760216>
- 2021 Matthew McManus. *A Critical Legal Examination of Liberalism and Liberal Rights*. Review for *Law, Culture and the Humanities* 17 (3): 640-643.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1743872120970871?journalCode=lcha>
- 2021 Emma Bell, Sorin Gog, Anca Simionca, and Scott Taylor (eds.) *Spirituality, Organization and Neoliberalism: Understanding Lived Experiences*. Review for *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 36 (3): 567-568.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/epub/10.1080/13537903.2021.1873595?needAccess=true>
- 2021 Anna Fedele and Kim Knibbe (eds.) *Secular Societies, Spiritual Selves: The Gendered Triangle of Religion, Secularity and Spirituality*. Review for *Religion* 51(1): 153-157.  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/AZYJA39EMCTIHXMH2FMU/full?target=10.1080/0048721X.2020.1835414>
- 2021 Joel Thiessen and Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme. *None of the Above: Nonreligious Identity in the US*

and Canada. Review for *Religion* 51(1): 140-144.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/KQXDT89VZBXRQ4VGCMM/full?target=10.1080/0048721X.2020.1826865>

- 2019 Jason Ā. Josephson-Storm. *The Myth of Disenchantment: Magic, Modernity, and the Birth of the Human Sciences*. Review for *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 34(2).  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13537903.2019.1628358?tab=permissions&scroll=top>

### Selected Works-In-Progress

- Under Review “Compared to What? Repertoires of Comparison in the Cultural Construction of Reality.” (with Mischa Dekker and Thijs van Dooremalen) *Theory, Culture and Society*.
- Under Review “From Inner to Outer: Moral Selfhood, Therapeutic Discourse, and Conspicuous Reflexivity” *Journal of Cultural Economy*.
- In Progress “In Defence of Normative Sociology.” (with Tariq Modood).
- In Progress “Between Description and Evaluation: How Sociologists do Normativity.” (with Sebastian Raza)

### Selected Non-Academic Publications

- 2022 “Donald Trump was bad for America but good for Canada” *The Conversation*, October.
- 2022 “‘Do what you love’ could be contributing to the Great Resignation” *The Conversation*, January.
- 2020 “C3 Church Profile” *World Religions and Spirituality Project*, November.
- 2020 “A hipster evangelical church is taking Toronto by storm” *CBC*, July.
- 2019 “The Antinomies of the Liberal Self-Image” *Liberal Currents*, November.
- 2019 “Marianne Williamson and the religion of ‘spirituality’” *The Conversation*, September.
- 2019 “Are you Spiritual, Religious or Both?” *Woolf Institute Blog*, January.
- 2018 “Pioneering sociologist foresaw our current chaos 100 years ago” *The Conversation*, November.
- 2018 “Emile Durkheim, the Sacred, and the Nonreligious” *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network blog*, November.

- 2018 “Self-Help in the ‘age of responsibility’ denies unequal realities” *The Conversation*, September.
- 2018 “Being a Progressive Christian shouldn’t be an oxymoron” *The Conversation*, May.
- 2018 “Is Alcoholics Anonymous a Religion?” *Religion Dispatches*, May.
- 2018 “Spirituality: Secular or Religious?” *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network blog*, March.
- 2018 “Millennials abandon hope for religion but revere human rights” *The Conversation*, February.
- 2017 “What does it mean to be spiritual?” *The Conversation*, November.
- 2016 “‘Of’ or ‘For’: Studying Spirituality and the Problems Therein,” *Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network blog*, December.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY / PARTICIPATION:

### Invited Talks

- 2024 (Invited to be a Keynote Speaker). *Vectors*. The Moscow School of Social and Economics Sciences. (to be held April 18-19, 2024).
- 2023 “What Kind of Spirituality Do We Want? When Private Religion Goes Public.” *Spirituality, Wellbeing and Risks Symposium*, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia, June 23.
- 2023 “Success, Self-Worth, and Social Solidarity in Canada and the U.S.” *Leuven Interfaculty Center for Lived Religion and Meaning (LIRAM)*, April 27. KU Leuven.
- 2023 “The Rise of Romantic Liberalism and the Symbolic Pollution of Western Christianity,” *Has Western Christianity Become Obsolete? Shifts in Deep Culture and Young Adult Indifference*, University of Notre Dame Rome Global Gateway Symposium, Rome, Italy (April 13).
- 2020 “The Religion of the Heart: ‘Spirituality’ in Late Modernity,” *Worldviews 2020: Relations with Nature, Others, and the Spiritual World*, Third Age Learning Lakehead (TALL), Lakehead University (March 12).
- 2019 “The Religion of the Heart: The Spirit of Late Modernity,” Religion, Faith and Society Research Group Workshop hosted by the Center for the Study of Islam in the UK, Cardiff University (March 20).
- 2019 “The Rise of the ‘Spiritual but not Religious’ in a Secular Age,” The Woolf Institute Public Lecture Series, Cambridge (March 7).

### Conference Sessions/Symposia Organized

- 2024 Co-Organizer of the ASA Religion Section Roundtables. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. (Montreal, to be held in August)
- 2024 “The Cultural Sources of Contemporary Social Movements.” Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Co-organized with Milos Brocic (McGill University). (To be held in May).
- 2023 Organized Book Panel on *The Spiritual Turn: The Religion of the Heart and the Making of Romantic Liberal Modernity* held at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR). (Salt Lake City, UT. October 21).
- 2023 “Spirituality, Wellbeing and Risks,” International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology. Co-organized with Anna Halafoff (Deakin University) and Paul Bramadat (University of Victoria) (Melbourne Convention Center, Australia, June 30).
- 2022 Co-organized a book workshop in KU Leuven on the sociology of spirituality. Leading scholars in the field were invited to write and present a chapter. Contributions will become an edited volume (held at KU Leuven, April 28 – May 1, 2022).
- 2021 “Mapping the Spiritual Turn: Consolidating the Sociology of Spirituality,” Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (Chaired session virtually on July 14). Held Online.

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

- 2024 “From Outer to Inner: Emerging Cultural Capital, Therapeutic Culture, and Moral Selfhood.” *British Journal of Sociology Conference*, London School of Economics, London (April 15).
- 2023 “Social Science as Public Philosophy Revived.” *Normative Sociology Workshop*, Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship, University of Bristol, (Presented Online, November 15).
- 2023 Panelist for Book Panel on Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme’s *Religion, Spirituality and Secularity among Millennials: The Generation Shaping American and Canadian Trends*. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting. Salt Lake Marriott Downtown (October 20).
- 2023 “The weak(ening) link between religiosity and ethics: Evidence from four Western countries.” (with Sam Reimer). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), (Salt Lake Marriot Downtown, October 20).
- 2023 “From Outer to Inner: Emerging Cultural Capital, Therapeutic Discourse, and Moral Selfhood.” American Sociological Association (ASA), Philadelphia Convention Center, PA (August 18).
- 2023 “From Outer to Inner: Self-Awareness, Therapeutic Discourse, and Emerging Forms of Cultural Capital Among the Millennial Professional Class in Toronto, Canada.” International Sociological Association (ISA), Melbourne, Australia (June 27).



- 2022 “How ‘Religion’ Became Polluted in Canada, 1960-2020: A Cultural Sociological Account of Secularization,” American Academy of Religion (AAR) Denver, USA (November 21).
- 2022 “How ‘Religion’ Became Polluted in Canada, 1960-2020: A Cultural Sociological Account of Secularization.” Social Science History Association (SSHA) Chicago, USA (November 17).
- 2021 “The Gender Puzzle Revisited: The Subjectivization Thesis and the Spiritual Turn” (with Paul Tromp) Annual Meeting of the Sociology of Religion Study Group (Socrel) of the British Sociological Association, (presented virtually July 13)
- 2021 “Was Durkheim a Conservative? Reassessing the Critical Potential of the Durkheimian Tradition” Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) annual conference, hosted by the University of Alberta (presented virtually May 31).
- 2021 “Spirituality and Social Science in Neoliberal Societies: Friends or Foes?” International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum, held in Porto Algere, Brazil (presented virtually February 24).
- 2019 “The Commensurability of Anthropology and Theology After the Ontological Turn,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion (SAR), Victoria College, University of Toronto, (May 22).
- 2019 “Religion, Science, and Disenchantment in Late Modernity,” Annual Meeting of the Epiphany Philosophers, Magdalene College, Cambridge University (January 9).
- 2018 “A Global Ethic Without Guidance: ‘Spiritual but not Religious’ Millennials and the Search for Justice,” Parliament of the World’s Religions, Metro Toronto Convention Centre (November 6).
- 2018 “Spirituality and Discipline: (Re)producing and Challenging the (Neo)liberal Order,” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), Tropicana Hotel, Las Vegas (October 27).
- 2018 “The Gender Puzzle Revisited: Contemporary Spirituality and the Rise of the Feminine,” XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, Metropolitan Toronto Convention Center (July 16).
- 2018 “Millennials, Higher Education, and the ‘Spiritual but not Religious,’” Annual Meeting of the Sociology of Religion Study Group (Socrel) of the British Sociological Association, University of Strathclyde (July 11).
- 2018 “The ‘Religious’ and ‘Secular’ Nature of Self-Spirituality: Insights from the Field,” Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network (NSRN) Annual Conference, King’s College London (July 6, 2018).

- 2018 “The Gender Puzzle Revisited: Contemporary Spirituality and the Rise of the Feminine,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR), University of Regina (May 27).
- 2018 “‘Spiritual but not Religious’ Millennials in Canada: Liberal Cosmopolitanism and the Politics of Community,” 6<sup>th</sup> University of Toronto Centre for Ethics Annual Graduate Conference, University of Toronto, (May 11).
- 2018 “Disney and Self-Spirituality: A Match Made in Hollywood Heaven”, Annual International Conference on Religion & Film, University of Toronto, (May 4).
- 2018 “‘Spiritual but not Religious’ and the Antinomies of Contemporary Liberalism,” Annual Meeting of the British Sociological Association (BSA), Northumbria University, UK (April 11).
- 2017 “‘Spiritual but not Religious’ Millennials in Canada,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy for the Study of Religion (AAR), Boston (November 19)
- 2017 “A Quite New Predicament – The Rise of the ‘Spiritual but not Religious’ in a Secular Age,” *Problematizing Religious Diversity in a Secular Age*, McGill CREOR Annual Graduate Student Conference (September 16).
- 2017 “Rethinking the Social Study of Spirituality,” Annual Meeting of the Sociology of Religion Study Group (Socrel) of the British Sociological Association, University of Leeds (July 13).
- 2017 “Spirituality and Social Justice Among Canadian Millennials,” Annual Meeting of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR), University of Lausanne, Switzerland (July 7).
- 2017 “The Politics of Self-Spirituality: A Canadian Case Study,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR), Ryerson University (May 30).
- 2017 “A Spiritual Pedagogy for the Twenty-First Century,” Annual George Brown College Philosophy of Education Conference, George Brown College, ON (May 26).
- 2017 “Finding the Spiritual in Nature: So What?,” Queen’s School of Religion annual Graduate Conference, Queen’s University (May 13).
- 2017 “Social Inquiry on the Brink: Why the Ecological Crisis Requires Us to Rethink How and Why We Study Spirituality,” University of Toronto Department of Religion Annual Graduate Conference, University of Toronto (April 27).
- 2017 “The Politics of Self-Spirituality: A Canadian Case Study,” 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society, Imperial College London (April 17).

2017 “Spirituality, Identity, and Modernity,” University of Ottawa Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Annual Graduate Conference, University of Ottawa (February 10).

### **Discussant**

2022 Respondent on the “Politics and Social Change in Catholic Contexts” session. Social Science and History Association Annual Conference (November 19). Chicago, U.S.

2018 Respondent on the “Social Networks” Panel, Planetary Humanities, Cosmopolitan Philosophies, Social Networks: Perspectives from China and the West – Public Workshop, Duke University, (March 26).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Instructor, Department of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo**

SOC 260 / RS 262 “Spirituality, Secularity, and Religion in Sociological Perspective” (Winter 2024)

SOC 202 “Classical Sociological Theory” (Winter 2024)

SOC 497 “Sociology Honours Research Practicum” (Winter 2024)

SOC 202 “Classical Sociological Theory” (Fall 2023)

#### **Instructor, Department of Sociology, KU Leuven**

SOC 95a “Postmodernization: Science Under Siege” (Winter 2023)

S0J95A “Culture, Identity, and Alterity” (Fall 2022)

SOC 95a “Postmodernization: Science Under Siege” (Winter 2022) (co-instructor with Dick Houtman)

SOC 95a “Postmodernization: Science Under Siege” (Winter 2021) (co-instructor with Dick Houtman)

#### **Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Queen’s University**

PHIL 204 “Life, Death, and Meaning” (Fall 2019)

#### **Instructure, Department of Religion, Queen’s University**

RELS 401: Spiritual but not Religious – Honours Seminar (Winter 2017) (co-instructor with James Miller)

#### **Teaching Assistant, Department of Religion, Queen’s University**

RELS 161: Problems in Religion and Culture (Fall/Winter 2016-17)

RELS 401: Spiritual but not Religious – Honours Seminar (Winter 2015)

### **Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Queen's University**

PHIL 296: Animals and Society (Winter 2018)  
 PHIL 347: Moral Responsibility (Fall 2017)  
 PHIL 259: Critical Thinking (Fall 2017)  
 PHIL 275: Thinking Gender, Sex, and Love (Fall 2016)  
 PHIL 201: Philosophy and Medicine (Winter 2016)  
 PHIL 115: New Eyes on Ancient Problems (Fall/Winter 2014-2015)

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto**

Hired by Dr. Ann Mullen, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto, in order to provide support on her qualitative research project, examining the contemporary art worlds of New York and San Francisco. (Summer 2018)

#### **Summer School Participant, University of Antwerp**

Participated in the Annual Universitair Centrum Sint-Ignatius Antwerpen (UCSIA) Summer School on Religion, Culture and Society in Antwerp (August 27 – September 2, 2017)  
<https://ucsia-summerschool.org>

### **SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

#### **Service to Profession**

Reviewer for the following Academic Journals:

*American Journal of Cultural Sociology* (X2), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (X1), *Religion* (X2), *Social Compass* (X3), *Social Forces* (X1), *The American Sociologist* (X1), *Studies in Religion* (X2), *Sociology of Religion* (X2), *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (X3), *Cultural Sociology* (X3), *Politics, Religion and Ideology* (X2), *Trees, Forests & People* (XI), *Journal for the Study of Spirituality* (X1), *Numen* (X1)

Reviewer for the following Research Foundations:

Israel Science Foundation; Social Science Research Council (SSRC); Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

Reader for the following Book Presses:

Oxford University Press

### Award Committees

- 2023-24 Member of the Distinguished Book Award Committee for the Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section of the ASA.
- 2023-24 Member of the Best Student Article Committee for the Culture Section of the ASA.

### Committee Work

- 2023- Paul Tromp, PhD Candidate., Sociology, KU Leuven, studying the spiritual turn in the West.
- 2023- Dominik Balazka, PhD Candidate, Sociology, KU Leuven, the University of Milan, and the University of Turin (jointly), studying nonreligion in the U.S. and the U.K.

### Graduate Thesis Examiner

- 2023 Negar Mahmoudi (Masters in Sociology Defence, KU Leuven)
- 2023 Rand Iwidat (Masters in Sociology Defence, KU Leuven)

### Editorial

- 2023-2026 Editorial Board Member of *Cultural Sociology*
- 2017-19 Associate Editor for the Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network (NSRN) Blog

### Departmental Service

- 2023- Member of the Sociology Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of Waterloo
- 2017 Cultural Studies Student Representative on Queen's National Scholar "Philosophy and Prisons" Hiring Committee
- 2016-17 Cultural Studies General Research Ethics Board (GREB) Committee Member
- 2016-17 Cultural Studies Communications Committee Member

### Film/Television Appearances

- 2020 Featured in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Point Of View documentary *#Blessed* (Hot Docs Film Festival 2020 Selection), directed by Ali Weinstein. (available on iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/blessed/id1582371054>)

2018 Interviewed on the Global Kingston Morning Show by Bill Welychka about “Spirituality and the Holidays” (aired December 20 @ 10-10:10am EST)

### Radio Appearances

- 2022 Interviewed on 630 CHED Mornings with Daryl McIntyre about *The Conversation* article on the Great Resignation (aired January 12 @ 9:10am).
- 2022 Interviewed on “voiced Radio with Stephen Hurley” about “The Passion Paradigm and the Great Resignation” (aired January 12 @ 9am).
- 2021 Interviewed by CBC Radio-Canada reporter Étienne Lajoie about controversy surrounding C3 Toronto church purchasing Geary Ave. rehearsal space in Toronto (aired May 26 @ 8:15am) (interview conducted in French).
- 2020 Interviewed on “The Moment of Truth with David Moses” about the film *#Blessed* (with documentarian Ali Weinstein) (will air July 18)
- 2020 Interviewed on Conscious Living Radio by Tasha Simms about “*#Blessed*: Millennials and Spirituality” (aired July 8 @ 6 – 7pm PST)
- 2019 Interviewed on “Viewpoints with Todd van der Heyden” about the debates surrounding talk of “toxic masculinity” (aired May 5 @ 12-1pm EST)
- 2018 Was featured as a “Religion and Culture Expert” on Zoomer Radio’s “Good Friday Free For All” Show (aired March 30 @ 12-1pm EST)
- 2017 Interviewed on Global News Radio 770 CHQR by Andrea Montgomery about “Millennials, Religion and Spirituality” (aired December 24 @ 8-8:30am EST)

### Podcast Appearances

- 2022 Interviewed by Kerby Goff for the Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association Podcast

### Print Media Appearances

- 2021 Interviewed by Precious Adesina for *The Telegraph* article, “Can million-dollar spiritual guidance buy guilt-free living from billionaires?” (published May 30)
- 2020 Interviewed by Michelle McQuigge for *Globe and Mail* news article, “Young Canadians say current events, string of bad news adding to anxiety” (published January 13).

**TEACHING EXPERTISE:**

Social and Cultural Theory  
Cultural Sociology  
Sociology of Religion  
Theory and Method in Religious Studies  
Political Philosophy

**LANGUAGES:**

Strong speaking and listening knowledge in French (completed K-12 French Immersion program)

**PROFESSIONAL / ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:**

Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)  
American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
International Society for the Sociology of Religion (ISSR)  
Canadian Society for the Study of Religion (CSSR)  
Social Science History Association (SSHA)  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)  
American Sociological Association (ASA) – Culture Section  
Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)  
British Sociological Association (BSA)