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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

- 2023 (August) 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. (Conferred June 9)  
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
- 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:

- 2022-23 Flanders Research Foundation (FWO) Junior Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2020-22 SSHRC Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship

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

## PUBLICATIONS:

### Books

#### *Single-Author*

2022	<i>The Spiritual Turn: The Religion of the Heart and the Making of Romantic Liberal Modernity</i> . Oxford University Press. <a href="https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-spiritual-turn-9780192859839?q=galen%20watts&amp;lang=en&amp;cc=gb#">https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-spiritual-turn-9780192859839?q=galen%20watts&amp;lang=en&amp;cc=gb#</a>
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#### *Co-Author*

Under Contract	<i>Understanding Cultural Sociology</i> (with Dick Houtman). Edward Elgar. Expected completion date: December 2023.
Under Contract	<i>New Religious Movements and the Spirit of Modernity</i> (with Stef Aupers and Dick Houtman). Cambridge University Press. Expected completion date: September 2023.

#### *Editor*

Manuscript In Progress	<i>The Public Significance of the Spiritual Turn</i> (co-edited with Dick Houtman). Under review with Columbia University Press.
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### Refereed Journal Articles

2023	“Capital and Distinction or Goods and Traditions? Toward a Post-Bourdieuian Cultural Theory.” <i>American Journal of Cultural Sociology</i> . Advance Online. <a href="https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41290-023-00196-3">https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41290-023-00196-3</a>
2023	“The Spiritual Turn and the Disenchantment of the World: Max Weber, Peter Berger, and the Religion-Science Conflict.” ( <b>first author</b> , with Dick Houtman) <i>The Sociological Review</i> 71 (1): 261-279. <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00380261221096387">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00380261221096387</a>

- 2022 “Purification or Pollution? The Debate over ‘Workplace Spirituality’.” (first author, with Dick Houtman) *Cultural Sociology*. Advance Online. <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 “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 “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 Kucinskis, 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/KQXDT89VZBXRGO4VGCMM/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

- Completed “When the Spiritual is Political: Self-Realization and the Quest for Social Justice.” Chapter for *The Public Significance of Spirituality*, edited by Dick Houtman and Galen Watts.
- In Progress “Symbolic Pollution and Religious Change: A Cultural Sociological Account of Religious Decline in Canada, 1960-2022.” Under review at *American Sociological Review*.
- In Progress “The Specter of Authenticity: Romanticism in Sociology After Deconstruction.” Under review at *Theory and Society*.

### 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**

- 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**

- 2023 “Exploratory Session for the creation of a Robert Bellah Unit.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. Co-organizing with Philip Gorski (Yale University) and Anna Sun (Duke University) (to be held in San Antonio, TX, November 18-21).

- 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) (to be held in Melbourne, Australia, June 25-July 1).
- 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**

- 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,” Queen’s Cultural Studies Annual Graduate Conference, Queen’s University (March 31).
- 2017 “Spirituality, Identity, and Modernity,” University of Ottawa Department of Modern Languages and Literatures Annual Graduate Conference, University of Ottawa (February 10).
- 2016 “Addiction, Spirituality and the Search for Meaning,” The British Association for the Study of Spirituality (BASS) 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, University of Manchester (May 25).
- 2016 “On the Politics of Spirituality: Moving Beyond Consumptive Capitalism,” Queen’s School of Religion Annual Graduate Conference, Queen’s University (May 14).
- 2016 “Addiction, Spirituality and the Search for Meaning,” Université De Sherbrooke Annual Conference on the Study of Religion, Université De Sherbrooke, QC (April 29).
- 2016 “Addiction, Spirituality and the Search for Meaning,” Queen’s Cultural Studies Annual Graduate Conference, Queen’s University (April 1).
- 2015 “On the Lived Nature of Contemporary Spirituality,” Queen’s School of Religion Annual Graduate Conference, Queen’s University (March 7, 2015).
- 2015 “On the Lived Nature of Contemporary Spirituality,” Queen’s Cultural Studies Annual Graduate Conference, Queen’s University (March 28).

### **Discussant**

- 2022 Respondent on the “Politics and Social Change in Catholic Contexts.” 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, KU Leuven

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

**Course description:** How do we come to know *who* and *what* we are? What are the social preconditions—cognitive, linguistic, institutional, and ethical—for identity? What are the implications of living in a world where plural, overlapping, and conflicting identities co-exist in close proximity (real or virtual) to one another? And what do we make of the fact that those identities exist not in perfect equality, but rather within and across hierarchical and stratified social orders? In this course, we will examine classical and contemporary sociological responses to these questions. More specifically, this course will cover how sociologists have theorized the social and cultural construction of identity, thereby introducing students to sociological perspectives on individuality, community, solidarity, authority, alterity, exclusion, and stigma.

### Instructor, Department of Sociology, KU Leuven

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

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)

**Course description:** Max Weber famously diagnosed the modernity world as disenchanted; for him, modernity as an epoch was defined by the rise of rationality and scientific expertise. Yet, in the last decade we have seen the spread of conspiracy theories on social media, widespread skepticism scientific authority and institutions, and the flowering of “fake news.” What explains these developments? In this course, we will use the tools of cultural sociology—which foregrounds the role of *meaning* and *morality* in the constitution of modern social life—in order to make sense of our present “post-truth” moment. We will think of science, less as a method by which to attain practical knowledge about the empirical world, and more as a meaning-system that requires moral norms, compelling narratives, social institutions, and carrier groups for its survival and reproduction. And in the process, we will critically interrogate how sociologists have theorized “modernity,” beginning with Weber’s disenchantment thesis.

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

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

**Course description:** Many people wish to live a meaningful life. But what exactly does this mean? Is it even coherent to speak of a life as being full (or void) of meaning? And if it is, does meaning rest in the eye of the beholder or is it open to objective evaluation? Furthermore, are there necessary conditions (e.g. social, cultural or economic) to give a life meaning? And how might the fact of human mortality shape our thinking on the subject? In this course we will consider a variety of philosophical texts, ancient and contemporary, to help us think through these and other relevant questions. We will also borrow insights

offered by the social sciences. Our aim will be to grapple with the question of meaning in life, both in the abstract and as it relates to our everyday experience.

### **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-summer-school.org>

## **SERVICE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:**

### **Service to Profession**

Referee for: *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Religion*, *Social Compass*, *Studies in Religion*, Israel Science Foundation.

### Member of Doctoral Committee

I sit on the doctoral committee of Dominik Balazka, who is currently a Joint PhD Candidate in Sociology based at KU Leuven, the University of Milan, and the University of Turin, studying nonreligion in the U.S. and the U.K.

### Editorial

2017-19 Associate Editor for the Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network (NSRN) Blog

### Departmental Service

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:**

Cultural Sociology  
 Social and Cultural Theory  
 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)