Penny Edgell

Professional Positions

| 2015 | Associate Dean for the Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota |
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| 2007 2002 | Professor, Sociology Department, University of Minnesota Associate Professor, Sociology Department, University of Minnesota Affiliated Programs: Religious Studies, American Studies |
| 1995 | Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, Cornell University Affiliated programs: Women's Studies, Religious Studies, American Studies |
| Education | |
| 1995 | Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago Dissertation: "'How We Do Things Here': Culture and Conflict in Local Congregations" Nominated for Social Science Division Galler Prize as best dissertation in sociology, 1995 |

Fields of Interest

1989

1986

Culture; Religion in the United States; Sociology of Religion; Gender, Family, and Work

A.B. Sociology, magna cum laude, Princeton University

M.A. Sociology, University of Chicago

Grants, Honors

| 2016 | Faculty Mentoring Award, Sociology Department, University of Minnesota. |
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| 2013 | Imagine Fund Award, \$5000 award from the University of Minnesota College of Liberal Arts, "Ritual and |
| | Renewal in a Local Religious Ecology." |
| 2013 | Principle Investigator, \$265,199 grant from the National Science Foundation, Sociology Program. Doug Hartmann, Eric Tranby, Paul Croll, co-PIs. "Boundaries in the American Mosaic: Inclusion and Exclusion |
| | In the Contemporary United States." |
| 2012 | Sabbatical Grant, \$40,000, Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism in American Culture, Louisville Seminary. |
| 2012 | Jack Shand Research Award, \$3000, from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. |
| 2011 | Principal Investigator, \$283,443 grant from the National Science Foundation, Sociology Program. |
| | Kathy Hull, co-PI. "The Role of Cognition in the Development of Social Fragmentation, |
| | Commonalities, and Consensus." |
| 2010 | Residential Fellowship, Spring Semester. Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Minnesota. |
| 2008 | Life Course Center Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota |
| 2006-2002 | Principal Investigator, \$700,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment for a national survey of religion, |
| 2006 2002 | work, and family; Christopher Ellison and Brad Wilcox, co-PIs |
| 2006-2002 | Principal Investigator, American Mosaic Project, \$340,000 grant from Edelstein Family Foundation |
| 2005-2004 | to study race, religion, and tolerance in U.S.; Douglass Hartmann and Joseph Gerteis, co-PIs Sabbatical Supplement Grant, University of Minnesota |
| 2005-2004 | Sabbatical Grant, \$45,000, Religious Institutions Grant Program, Louisville Institute for the Study of |
| 2003-2004 | Protestantism in American Culture, Louisville Seminary |
| 2005-2003 | Life Course Center Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota |
| 2003-2003 | Summer Stipend, \$8000, Louisville Institute, Louisville Seminary |
| 2001-2000 | Visiting Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University |
| 2001-2000 | Visiting Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Human Values, Harvard University (declined) |
| 2001-1998 | Cornell Careers Institute, Cornell University, Summer Research Fellowship, \$5000 to \$10,000 |
| 2000-1997 | Principal Investigator, \$280,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment for a comparative study of |
| 2000 1777 | institutional links between religion and family in four communities in upstate New York |
| 1996-1995 | Ford Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Program, Summer Stipend, Cornell University |
| 1993 | Robert Park Prize Lecturer in Sociology, University of Chicago |
| 1993-1992 | Institute for the Study of Protestantism in American Culture Dissertation Fellowship |
| 1990-1987 | National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship |
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Publications Books: 2005 Religion and Family in a Changing Society. Penny Edgell. Princeton University Press Series in Cultural Sociology. Distinguished Book Award 2006, ASA Religion Section. 1999 Congregations in Conflict: Cultural Models of Local Religious Life. Penny Edgell Becker. Cambridge University Press. Best Book Award 2000, ASA Religion Section. 1997 Contemporary American Religion: An Ethnographic Reader. Penny Edgell Becker and Nancy Eiesland, editors. Alta Mira Press/Sage. Articles and Book Chapters: Forthcoming "Cultural Schemas of Religion, Science, and Law in Talk about Social Controversies." Penny Edgell, Kathleen Hull. Sociological Forum (accepted, in press). "From Existential to Social Understandings of Risk: Examining Gender Differences in Non-religion." Forthcoming Penny Edgell, Jacqueline Frost, Evan Stewart. Social Currents (accepted, in press). "Distinctiveness Reconsidered: Religiosity, Structural Location, and Understandings of Racial Forthcoming Inequality." Jacqueline Frost, Penny Edgell. Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (accepted, in press). 2016 "Atheists and Other Cultural Outsiders: Moral Boundaries and the Non-Religious in the United States." Penny Edgell, Douglas Hartmann, Evan Stewart, Joseph Gerteis. Social Forces. Published online 08/18/18, DOI: 10.1093/sf/sow063. 2016 "Work-Family Conflict among Black, White and Hispanic Men and Women." Samantha Ammons, Eric Dahlin, Penny Edgell, Jonathan Santo. Community, Work and Family. Published online 04/06/16, DOI:10.1080/13668803.2016.1146231. 2016 "Reasoning Together through Telling Stories: How People Talk About Social Controversies." Penny Edgell, Kathleen Hull, Kyle Green, Daniel Winchester. Qualitative Sociology 39(1):1-26. 2015 "Loose Connections and Liberal Theology." Penny Edgell and Derek Robey. Journal for the Scientific *Study of Religion*. 54(4): 649-67. 2015 "The Relevance of Place and Family Stage for Styles of Community Involvement." Heather Hofmeister, Penny Edgell. Community, Work, and Family 1(18):58-78. "Profiles of Anticipated Support: Religion's Place in the Composition of Americans' Emotional 2013 Support Networks." Penny Edgell, Darin Mather, Eric Tranby. Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 52(2):293-309. 2012 "A Cultural Sociology of Religion – New Directions." Annual Review of Sociology, Vol. 38:247-65. 2012 "Making Ends Meet: Insufficiency and Work-Family Coordination in the New Economy." Penny Edgell, Samantha Ammons, and Eric Dahlin. Journal of Family Issues 33(8):999-1026. 2011 "How Americans Understand Racial and Religious Difference: A Test of Parallel Items from a Recent National Survey." Doug Hartmann, Daniel Winchester, Penny Edgell, and Joe Gerteis. The Sociological Quarterly, 52(3):323-45. 2010 "Shared Visions? Diversity and Cultural Membership in American Life." Penny Edgell and Eric Tranby. Social Problems, 57(2):175-204. 2008 "Religion and Family: Contemporary Problems, Emerging Issues." Pp. 1038-64 in the Oxford Handbook

for the Sociology of Religion, ed. Peter Clarke. New York & London: Oxford University Press.

| 2007 | "Religious Influences on Understandings of Racial Inequality in the United States." Penny Edgell and Eric Tranby. <i>Social Problems</i> , 54(2):263-288. |
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| 2007 | "Religion and Work-Family Tradeoffs." Samantha Ammons and Penny Edgell. <i>Journal of Family Issues</i> , 28(6):794-826. |
| 2007 | "Beyond the Nuclear Family? Familism and Gender Ideology in Diverse Religious Communities." Penny Edgell and Danielle Docka. <i>Sociological Forum</i> 22(1):25-50. |
| 2006 | "Atheists as 'Other': Moral Boundaries and Cultural Membership in American Society." Penny Edgell, Joseph Gerteis and Douglas Hartmann. <i>American Sociological Review</i> , 72(2):211-234. Reprinted in <i>Secularization</i> , ed. Bryan Turner, Sage Publications, 2010. |
| 2003 | "In Rhetoric and Practice: Defining 'The Good Family' in Local Congregations." Pp. 164-178 in <i>Handbook of the Sociology of Religion</i> , Dillon, editor. Cambridge University Press. |
| 2003 | "Sunday Morning Rush Hour." Heather Hofmeister and Penny Edgell. Pp. 203-219 in <i>It's About Time: Couples and Careers</i> , edited by Phyllis Moen. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press. |
| 2001 | "Work, Family, and Religious Involvement for Men and Women." Penny Edgell and Heather Hofmeister. <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> , 40(4):707-722. |
| 2001 | "Religious Involvement and Volunteering." Penny Edgell Becker and Pawan Dhingra. <i>Sociology of Religion</i> , 62(3): 315-335. |
| 2000 | "Boundaries and Silences in a Post-Feminist Sociology." Penny Edgell Becker <i>Sociology of Religion</i> , 61(4):399-408. |
| 1999 | "Scaling Back: Dual-Earner Couples' Work-Family Strategies." Penny Edgell Becker and Phyllis Moen. <i>Journal of Marriage and the Family</i> , 61:995-1007. |
| 1998 | "Making Inclusive Communities: Congregations and the 'Problem' of Race." Penny Edgell Becker, <i>Social Problems</i> , 45(4):451-472. |
| 1998 | "'Rational Amusement and Sound Instruction': Constructing the True Catholic Woman in the <i>Ave Maria</i> ." Penny Edgell Becker. <i>Religion and American Culture</i> , 8(1):55-90, Winter. |
| 1998 | "Congregational Models and Conflict: A Study of How Institutions Shape Organizational Process." Penny Edgell Becker. Pp. 231-255 in <i>Sacred Companies: Organized Aspects of Religion and Religious Aspects of Organization</i> , Demerath, Dobkin Hall, Schmitt, and Williams, editors. Oxford University Press. |
| 1997 | "'What is Right' and 'What is Caring': Identifying a Religious Logic in Local Congregations." Penny Edgell Becker. Pp. 121-145 in <i>Contemporary American Religion: An Ethnographic Reader</i> . Becker and Eiesland, editors. Alta Mira. |
| 1997 | "Understanding Local Mission." Penny Edgell Becker. Pp. 267-285 in <i>Connectionalism: Ecclesiology, Mission, and Identity</i> . Report on the United Methodism and American Culture Project. Campbell, Lawrence, Richey, editors. Abingdon Press. |
| 1997 | Contributor to Congregation and Community: Stability and Change in American Religion, by Nancy Ammerman. Rutgers University Press. |
| 1993 | "Straining at the Tie that Binds: Congregational Conflict in the 1980s," with Stephen J. Ellingson, Richard W. Flory, Wendy Griswold, Fred Kniss and Tim Nelson. <i>Review of Religious Research</i> , 34(3):193-209. |

| Forthcoming | Review of Losing Our Religion: How Unaffiliated Parents are Raising their Children, by Christel Manning. Contemporary Sociology, in press. |
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| 2011 | "The Sum of the Parts: Religion in American Public Life." Invited review essay on <i>American Grace</i> by Robert Putnam. <i>Journal of Religion and Politics</i> , 4(2):366-68. |
| 2010 | Review of Souls in Transition, by Christian Smith. Sociological Forum, 25(3):630-634. |
| 2008 | "We Still Don't Know if Christianity 'Works,' Much Less Why: Reply to Smith." <i>Sociology of Religion</i> , 69(4):445-52. |
| 2008 | "Trust Me." Blog entry on The Immanent Frame, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council. Available at: http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2008/04/18/trust-me/. |
| 2008 | "Be Still and Know that I am Bright." Review of <i>Breaking the Spell</i> , by Daniel C. Dennet. <i>Contexts</i> , 7(1):64-65. |
| 2005 | Review of Heaven's Kitchen, by Courtney Bender. Social Forces, 84(2): 1318-1319. |
| 2003 | Review of Evangelical Identity and Gendered Family Life, by Sally K. Gallagher. Journal of Marriage and the Family, 65(4):1089-1090. |
| 2002 | Review of Choice and Religion, by Steve Bruce. Journal of Religion, 82(1):141-2. |
| 2001 | "It's Not Just a Matter of Time: How the Time Squeeze Affects Congregational Participation." <i>Journal of Family Ministry</i> , 15(2):11-26. |
| 2001 | Review of <i>The Gold Coast Church and the Ghetto</i> , by James A. Wellman. <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> , 40(2):350. |
| 2000 | Review of <i>Beyond the Cultural Turn</i> , edited by Victoria Bonnell and Lynn Hunt. <i>Social Forces</i> , 79(1):349-51. |
| 1999 | Review of <i>The Battered Wife: How Christians Confront Family Violence</i> by Nancy Nason-Clark. <i>Sociology of Religion,</i> 60(3):335-6. |
| 1999 | Review of <i>Being There: Culture and Formation in two Theological Schools</i> , by Jackson Carroll, Barbara Wheeler, Daniel Aleshire and Penny Long Marler. <i>Contemporary Sociology</i> , 28(2):199. |
| 1998 | Review of Presbyterian Pluralism, by William J. Weston. Sociology of Religion, 59(4):418-19. |
| 1998 | Review of Feminization of the American Clergy, by Paula Nesbitt. American Journal of Sociology, 103(6):1751-2. |
| 1996 | Review of <i>Mennonite Peacemaking</i> , by Leo Driedger and Donald Kraybill. <i>Sociology of Religion</i> , 57(3):327-328. |
| 1996 | Review of Full Pews, Empty Altars: The Demographics of the Priest Shortage in United States Catholic Dioceses, by Richard A. Schoenherr and Lawrence A. Young. Administrative Science Quarterly, 41(3):534-7. |
| 1996 | Review of <i>Material Christianity</i> , by Colleen McDannell. <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , 102(2):644-5. |
| 1995 | Review of Jesus Christ, Sun of God: Ancient Cosmology and Early Christian Symbolism, by David Fideler. Review of Religious Research, 36(3):328-329. |
| 1994 | Review of Slim's Table, by Mitchell Duneier. American Journal of Sociology, 99(5):1391-1392. |

| Invited Lectures | |
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| 2015 | "Godless in America: Being Atheist in a Nation of Believers," presented at a public panel on religion and tolerance at the Boniuk Institute, Rice University, January 29 th . |
| 2013 | "Boundaries in the American Mosaic: Religion and Race as Sources of Solidarity and Exclusion in American Life. Sociology Department, Harvard University. |
| 2012 | "Culture Wars and Common Ground: Re-imagining Religion in the Public Sphere." Torstenson Lecture, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, April 4. |
| 2011 | "The Pig is not the Problem: New Approaches in the Study of Religion In Society." Keynote lecture, Sociologists of Minnesota, Maple Grove, Minnesota, Oct. 13. |
| 2011 | "Are we Secular Yet? Cultural Sociology and New Approaches to the Study of Religion." Presented at the University of Georgia Sociology Department Colloquium, March 25. |
| 2009 | "Religion as Cultural Repertoire, or, the Post-Secular as Scholarly Turning Point." Presented at Yale University at Exploring the Post-Secular, a conference co-sponsored by the SSRC, April 3-4. |
| 2009 | Keynote speaker, conference at Columbia University, Belief Matters: Reconceptualizing Belief and Its Use. April 2. Conference organized by and for graduate students in the study of religion. |
| 2009 | "Cultural Approaches to the Study of Religion." Presented at the First Biennial Conference on Religion and American Culture, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion at IUPUI. Indianapolis, June 4-7. |
| 2009 | "Work & Family: How Race and Religion Shape Experiences of Sufficiency and Stability." Presented at the Gender and Inequality Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, UC-San Diego. June 2. |
| 2008 | "Spillover and Instability: Understanding Short-Term and Long-Term Work-Family Conflict in a Diverse Population." Presented at the colloquium series, Dept. of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill. |
| 2007 | "Race, Class, and Gender: Religion's Role in Existing Institutional Arrangements." Invited panelist, American Sociological Association/Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, New York |
| 2006 | "Religion and Myths: Ozzie and Harriet and Mainstream Religious Familism." Invited panelist, Conference on Religion and Myths, MARIAL Center, Emory University |
| 2003 | "Religion and Family in a Changing Society." Culture Workshop, Northwestern University, September |
| 2001 | "Work, Faith, and Family." The Ties that Bind: Religion and Family in Contemporary America Conference, Princeton University, May 16-17 |
| 2001 | "Religion, Family, and Gender Today." Cultural Dynamics Conference, Princeton Univ., March 30-31 |
| 2001 | "Longing for Ozzie and Harriet: The 'Time Bind' and Religious Institutions." Duke University Sociology Colloquium, January; Columbia University Sociology Colloquium, March |
| 2001 | "In Rhetoric and in Practice: Defining 'The Good Family." Sociology Department colloquia Series at Princeton University, Swarthmore College, Rutgers University |
| 2000 | "Religion and Family." Politics, Culture, and Society Workshop, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison. |
| 2000 | "Religious Involvement and Volunteering." School of Social Work and the Center for Community Partnerships, University of Pennsylvania, November |

Courses Taught

Students Advised

Dissertation Advisor, Cornell University: Elaine Howard Ecklund (Ph.D. 2004), Pawan Dhingra (Ph.D. 2002)

Committee Member, Cornell University: Amy Foerster, Evelyn Bush, Heidi Swarts, Kirsten Grace, Ester Prins, Geoffrey Ream, Jessie Saul, Heather Hofmeister, Stacy Merola

Dissertation Advisor, University of Minnesota: Evan Stewart, Jacqui Frost, Jack Delehanty, Catherine Taborda (co-advisor), Daniel Winchester (Ph.D. 2013), Darin Mather (Ph.D. 2012), Danielle Docka (co-advisor, Ph.D 2013), Xuefeng Zhang, Maureen Clark (Ph. D. 2012), Andrew Johnson (Ph. D. 2012), Deborah Smith (co-advisor, Ph.D. 2010)

Committee Member, University of Minnesota: Yagmur Karakaya, Sam Boerboom, Kelly Chermack, Aysegul Kozak, Julie Zaloudek, Samantha Ammons, Amy Ronnkvist, Andria Strano, Joseph Haker, Matt Jacobs, Laura Thaut, Shannon Golden

Committee Member, Other Schools: Matthew May, UGA; Jenna Griebel, Baylor; Kevin Taylor, Boston University; Amanda Schutz, University of Arizona.

Research Positions, Consulting

| 2014 | Advisory Board, Religious Leadership and Diversity Project. Director: Korie Edwards. |
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| 2006 | Consultant, National Congregations Study, II. Director: Mark Chaves. |
| 2002-1996 | Hartford Seminary Advisory Board. Review Committee for Hartford Institute for Religion Research. |
| 1998-1997 | Consultant, National Congregations Study. Director: Mark Chaves. |
| 1997 | Consultant on methodology, Congregations, Communities, and Leadership Development |
| | Project, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Director: Ronald Sider. |
| 1996-1995 | Consultant on methodology, Congregations and Generational Cultures Project, directed by |
| | Jackson Carroll, Duke University, and Wade Clark Roof, University of California at Santa Barbara. |

Academic Service

Editorial and Review:

| 2018-2016 | Editorial Board, American Sociological Review |
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| 2015-2014 | Associate Editor, Sociology of Religion |
| 2015-2009 | Advisory Editor, Social Problems |
| 2015-2013 | Expert/Panel Reviewer, Advanced Grant Competition, European Research Council |
| 2013-2010 | Panel Reviewer, Dissertation Award, National Science Foundation, Sociology Program |
| 2006-2000 | Co-Editor, with Mary-Jo Neitz, Qualitative Studies of American Religion Series, NYU Press |
| 2006-1992 | Manuscript and Book Reviewer: American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, |
| | Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Religion, Review of Religious Research, Social |
| | Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Religion, Journal of Marriage and the |
| | Family, Journal of Family Issues, Non-Profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly |
| 2005-2003 | Consulting Editor, American Journal of Sociology |
| 1993-1992 | Student Book Review Editor, American Journal of Sociology |
| 1991-1992 | Associate Book Review Editor, American Journal of Sociology |
| 1991-1990 | Editorial Intern, Center for the Study of Politics, History and Culture, University of Chicago |

[&]quot;Religion in America," freshman seminar

[&]quot;Atheists and Others in the United States," upper-level undergraduate class

[&]quot;Social Theory," upper-level undergraduate course required for sociology majors

[&]quot;Senior Projects Seminar," upper-level undergraduate workshop for majors to help complete required senior thesis

[&]quot;Culture and Conflict in Organizations," sophomore seminar, part of undergraduate writing program

[&]quot;Religion and Family in the U.S.," intro-level survey course

[&]quot;Culture and Agency," graduate seminar

[&]quot;Religion and Society, graduate seminar

Department, College, University Service:

| 2018-2015 | Associate Dean for Social Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota |
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| 2015-14, 11-08 | Religious Studies Steering Committee, University of Minnesota |
| 2015-2014 | Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology Department |
| 2015-2014 | CLA Assembly Representative, University of Minnesota |
| 2015-2014 | CLA Assembly Sub-Committee on Constitutional Revisions |
| 2015-2014 | Dean's Road Map Team #4 (Diversity) |
| 2014-2013 | Chair, College of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly |
| 2014-2013 | Executive Committee, College of Liberal Arts |
| 2014-2013 | Co-Chair, Community Fund Drive, College of Liberal Arts |
| 2010-2008 | Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota |
| 2010-2005 | Social Sciences Policy and Review Council, University of Minnesota |
| 2010-2005 | Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota |
| 2010-2008 | Winton Chair Committee, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota |
| 2008-2005 | Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota |
| 2008-2003 | Life Course Center Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota |
| 2007-2006 | Religious Studies Working Group, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota |
| 2007-2005 | Social Sciences Course Proposals Review Committee, University of Minnesota |
| 2006-2005 | CLA Humanities Cluster Hire Search Committee, University of Minnesota |
| 2006-2005 | Research Committee of the Faculty Senate, University of Minnesota |
| 2006-2005 | Steering Committee on the Future of Religious Studies, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota |
| 2005-2003 | CLA Assembly Representative, University of Minnesota |
| 2005-2003 | Committee for Curriculum, Instruction, and Advising, College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota |
| 2004-2003 | Personnel Committee, University of Minnesota Sociology Department |
| 2003-2002 | Chair of Awards Committee, SRI, University of Minnesota Sociology Department |
| 2003-2002 | Personnel Committee, University of Minnesota Sociology Department |
| 2003-2002 | Undergraduate Affairs Committee, University of Minnesota Sociology Department |
| 2001-1996 | Executive Board, Women's Studies, Cornell University |
| 2000 | Genomics Project, Ethics, Social, and Legal Implications Thrust Committee, Cornell University |
| 1999-1998 | Junior Hiring Committee, Sociology Department, Cornell University |
| 1999-1998 | Faculty Senate, Cornell University |
| 1998 | Admission Selection Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University |
| 1999-1997 | University Committee on Educational Policy, Cornell University |
| 1999-1997 | Women's Studies Steering Committee, Cornell University |
| 1998-1996 | Departmental Colloquium Committee Chair, Sociology Department, Cornell University |
| 1997-1996 | Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Cornell University. |
| 1989-1988 | Society for Social Research (SSR), Sociology Department, University of Chicago. |
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Professional Associations and Related:

| 2016-2015 | American Sociological Association Altruism and Morality Section, Program Committee |
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| 2016-2015 | American Sociological Association Dissertation Award Selection Committee |
| 2016-2015 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Panel Member |
| 2016 | Regular Session Organizer, Annual Meeting, Culture Section, American Sociological Association |
| 2014-2013 | Past Chair and Nominating Committee Chair, ASA Religion Section |
| 2013-2012 | Chair, ASA Religion Section |
| 2012-2011 | Chair-Elect, ASA Religion Section |
| 2011-2010 | ASA Culture Section Book Award Committee |
| 2007 | ASA Religion Section Distinguished Book Award Committee |
| 2005-2004 | ASA Religion Section Program Committee for Annual Meeting |
| 2005-2003 | Council Member, Culture Section, American Sociological Association |
| 2003-2002 | Nominating Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion |
| 2002-2001 | Nominating Committee, Religion Section, American Sociological Association |
| 2002-2000 | Council Member, Religion Section, American Sociological Association |
| 2002-2000 | Executive Council, Association for the Sociology of Religion |
| 2001-1999 | Executive Council, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion |
| 2001-1997 | Director at Large, Religious Research Association |
| 1997-1995 | Nominating Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association (Chairperson 1995-6) |
| 1996-1995 | Student Paper Award Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association |

Memberships American Sociological Association Sections: Culture; Religion; Family; Organizations, Occupations, and Work; Sex & Gender American Academy of Religion Society for the Scientific Study of Religion