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FIELD

History of Religions: Religions of India, World Religions  
Women and Religion  
New Religious Movements, Millennialism  
History of Christianity  
Comparative Study of Religions

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1985 University of Iowa (School of Religion)  
Dissertation: "Millenarianism in the Thought of Annie Besant"

B.F.A. 1974 University of South Carolina

EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING

present - Fall 1986	Loyola University New Orleans, LA	<u>Undergraduate courses</u> Introduction to World Religions Women in World Religions World Religions - Honors Women in the Christianity Hindu Paths to God Women's Studies Seminar Readings Seminar for R.S. Majors (1 hr.) Celtic Spirituality (in Ireland) Religion & Media (interactive video seminar) Religious Responses to Disaster Buddhism Tibetan and Indian Religions (in Summer Study in Dharamsala, India Program) Contemporary Issues & Conflicts in World Religions (Honors)
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Graduate courses

Women in Religions & Cultures  
Millennium Seminar  
Religions of Asia

Loyola University New Orleans Professional Chronology

Rev. H. James Yamauchi, S. J., Professor of the History of Religions, Sept. 2006-present.  
sabbatical 2004-05  
Dept. Chair 1998-2000  
Professor 1998  
sabbatical 1997-98  
tenure 1995  
Associate Professor 1992-98  
ordinary (tenure track) 1990-92  
extraordinary (adjunct) 1987-90  
part-time 1986-87  
Assistant Professor 1986-92

Courses

Summer 1988	Adjunct Assist. Prof.	Society, Women and Religion
Spring 1987	University College	
Spring 1986	Tulane University	
	New Orleans, LA	

ADVISING - Loyola University, New Orleans

General Studies students, 1993-1997  
Religious Studies students, as department chair 1998-2000  
World Religions majors, 2009-

PUBLICATIONS - BOOKS

*Annie Besant and Progressive Messianism*. Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1988.

Editor, *Women's Leadership in Marginal Religions: Explorations Outside the Mainstream*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993.

Editor, *Religious Institutions and Women's Leadership: New Roles Inside the Mainstream*. Studies in Comparative Religion Series. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1996.

Editor, *Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence: Historical Cases*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000.

*How the Millennium Comes Violently: From Jonestown to Heaven's Gate*. New York: Seven Bridges Press, 2000. Available in pdf format at <<http://www.loyno.edu/~wessing>>.

Editor, *Memories of the Branch Davidians: Autobiography of David Koresh's Mother*, by Bonnie Haldeman. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2007.

Editor, *When They Were Mine: Memoirs of a Branch Davidian Wife and Mother*, by Sheila Martin. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2009.

## JOURNAL EDITOR

Co-general editor of *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, University of California Press. January 2000 to present.

## PUBLICATIONS - CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Democracy vs. Hierarchy: The Evolution of Authority in the Theosophical Society.” In *When Prophets Die: The Post-Charismatic Fate of New Religious Movements*, ed. Timothy Miller. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991, 93-106, notes on 218-22.

“Going Beyond and Retaining Charisma: Women’s Leadership in Marginal Religions.” Introduction to *Women’s Leadership in Marginal Religions: Explorations Outside the Mainstream*, ed. Catherine Wessinger. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993, 1-19.

“Woman Guru, Woman Roshi: The Legitimation of Female Religious Leadership in Hindu and Buddhist Groups in America.” In *Women’s Leadership in Marginal Religions: Explorations Outside the Mainstream*, ed. Catherine Wessinger. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993, 125-46.

“The Feminism of ‘Universal Brotherhood’: Women in the Theosophical Movement,” coauthored with Robert Ellwood. In *Women’s Leadership in Marginal Religions: Explorations Outside the Mainstream*, ed. Catherine Wessinger. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993, 68-87.

“Varieties of Millennialism and the Issue of Authority.” In *From the Ashes: Making Sense of Waco*, ed. James R. Lewis. Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 1994, 55-62.

“Eastern Religions.” In *The Best in Philosophy and Religion*, ed. Robert S. Ellwood. Vol. 4 of *The Readers’ Advisor*, 14th ed. New Providence, N.J.: R. R. Bauker, 1994, 495-563. The Eastern Religions section includes introductory essays, biographical profiles of significant writers, and annotated bibliographies for the South Asian Traditions, Southeast Asian Traditions, East Asian Traditions, Central Asian Traditions, and Non-Islamic and Non-Jewish Traditions of the Middle East and Northern Africa.

“Women’s Religious Leadership in America.” In *The 1993 Parliament of the World’s Religions: Selected Speeches*, ed. Daniel Ross Chandler. Fort Worth, Tex.: CyberSpace Publishing, 1994.

“Hinduism Arrives in America: The Vedanta Societies and the Self-Realization Fellowship.” In *America’s Alternative Religions*, ed. Timothy Miller. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1995, 173-90.

“Women’s Religious Leadership in the United States.” Introduction to *Religious Institutions and Women’s Leadership: New Roles Inside the Mainstream*, ed. Catherine Wessinger. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1996, 3-36.

“Key Events for Women’s Religious Leadership in the United States - Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.” Chronology in *Religious Institutions and Women’s Leadership: New Roles Inside the Mainstream*, ed. Catherine Wessinger. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1996, 347-401.

“Millennialism With and Without the Mayhem.” In *Millennium, Messiahs, and Mayhem*, ed. by Thomas Robbins and Susan J. Palmer. New York: Routledge, 1997, 47-59.

“Foreword” to *Hearing the Voices of Jonestown: Putting a Human Face on an American Tragedy*, by Mary McCormick Maaga. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1998, ix-xii.

“The Interacting Dynamics of Millennial Beliefs, Persecution, and Violence.” Introduction to *Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence: Historical Cases*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000, 43-61.

“New Religious Movements and Conflicts with Law Enforcement.” In *New Religious Movements and Religious Liberty in America*, ed. Derek H. Davis and Barry Hankins. Waco: J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies and Baylor University Press, 2002, 115-39.

“Understanding Contemporary Millennial Movements, Peaceful and Violent.” In *Millennialism from the Hebrew Bible to the Present*, ed. Leonard J. Greenspoon and Ronald A. Simkins. Vol. 12. *Studies in Jewish Civilization*. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2002.

“Mount Carmel’s Lessons on Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence.” In *Waco: Ten Years After: 2003 Fleming Lectures in Religion*, ed. David Tabb Stewart. Georgetown, Tex.: Southwestern University, 2003, 1-20. This volume is available at <<http://www.southwestern.edu/academic/bwp/>>.

“The Branch Davidians and Religion Reporting: A Ten-Year Retrospective.” In *Expecting the End: Millennialism in Social and Historical Context*, ed. Kenneth G. C. Newport and Crawford Gribben, 147-72. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2006.

“New Religious Movements and Violence.” In *New and Alternative Religious Movements in the United States*, ed. Eugene V. Gallagher and W. Michael Ashcraft. Vol. 1: *History and Controversies*, 165-205. Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2006.

“Millennial Visions and Conflict with Society: The Twelve Tribes, The Family International, and the Branch Davidians,” with David G. Bromley, in *The Oxford Handbook on Millennialism*, ed. Catherine Wessinger (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

#### PUBLICATIONS - JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Annie Besant and the World-Teacher: Progressive Messianism for the New Age,” *The Quest* 2 (Spring 1989): 60-69.

“Service to India as Service to the World: Annie Besant’s Work in India for Human Rights,” Part I in *Theosophical History* 3 (January 1990): 19-32; Part II in 3 (April 1990): 51-60.

“Woman Guru, Woman Roshi: The Legitimation of Female Religious Leadership in Hindu and Buddhist Groups in America,” *Gender in World Religions* 2 (1991): 37-68; and reprinted in *Women’s Leadership in Marginal Religions: Explorations Outside the Mainstream*, 125-46, referenced above.

“Annie Besant’s Millennial Movement: Its History, Impact, and Implications Concerning Authority,” with an “Epilogue on David Koresh and the Branch Davidians,” *Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture* 2, no. 1-2 (Winter/Spring 1993): 55-70.

“Annie Besant and Issues in Contemporary Feminist Spirituality: Part One,” *The Quest*, Special Issue 10, no. 1 (March 1997): 26-33, 51; “Part Two,” *The Quest*, Special Issue 10, no. 2 (June 1997): 42-49.

Review Essay: “Understanding the Branch Davidian Tragedy,” *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 1, no. 1 (October 1997): 122-38.

“How the Millennium Comes Violently,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 36, no. 4 (Fall 1997): 277-88.

“Religious Studies Scholars, FBI Agents, and the Montana Freemen,” *Nova Religio: The Journal of*

*Alternative and Emergent Religions* 3, no. 1 (October 1999): 36-44.

“Teaching about Millennialism, Peace, and Violence,” *Spotlight on Teaching* (American Academy of Religion) 18, no. 4 (October 2003): viii-xii.

“Autobiographies of Three Surviving Branch Davidians: An Initial Report,” *Fieldwork in Religion* 1, no. 2 (September 2005): 165-97.

“Deaths in the Fire at the Branch Davidians’ Mount Carmel: Who Bears Responsibility?” *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 13, no. 2 (November 2009): 25-60.

“Lee Hancock Collection: Federal and State Materials on the Branch Davidian Case,” *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 13, no. 2 (November 2009): 114-25.

#### PUBLICATIONS - ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“Annie Besant,” in *The 1890s: An Encyclopedia of British Literature, Art, and Culture*, ed. G. A. Cevalco. New York: Garland 1993.

“Charisma” (657 words), “Leadership” (1,393 words), “Ordination in Christianity” (1,051 words), “Theosophy” (750 words) in *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*, ed. Serinity Young. Macmillan, 1998.

Articles in the *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movements*, ed. Richard Landes. Routledge, 2000, on “catastrophic millennialism” (1,115 words), “progressive millennialism” (490 words), “assaulted millennial groups” (261 words), “fragile millennial groups” (517 words), “revolutionary millennial movements” (278 words), “nativist millennial movements” (656 words), and “persecution” (3,938 words).

“Annie Besant” (1150 words), “Paramahansa Yogananda” (603 words), “Maitreya” (713 words), “Colonel Henry Steel Olcott” (554 words) forthcoming in *The Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, ed. K. L. Seshagiri Rao.

“Annie Besant” (7,656 words), in the *Theosophical Encyclopedia*.

“Sects and cults” (500 words) in *Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women’s Issues and Knowledge*, ed. Cheris Kramarae and Dale Spender. New York: Routledge, 2000.

“Self-Realization Fellowship” and “Vedanta Societies” (500 words each) for *21st Century Encyclopedia of the World Religions*, ed. J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO, 2002.

“Millennialism” (1,641 words) for *The Encyclopedia of War*. Routledge.

“New Religious Movements: An Overview,” *Encyclopedia of Religion*, gen. ed. Lindsay Jones, 2d ed. (Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2005), 10: 6512-20. (8,329 words)

“New Religious Movements and Millennialism,” *Encyclopedia of Religion*, gen. ed. Lindsay Jones, 2d ed. (Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2005), 10: 6544-51. (6,552 words)

“Annie Besant,” *Encyclopedia of Religion*, gen. ed. Lindsay Jones, 2d ed. (Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2005), 2: 844-46. (1,852 words)

“Yogananda,” *Encyclopedia of Religion*, gen. ed. Lindsay Jones, 2d ed. (Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2005), 14: 9902-03. (1,152 words)

“Theosophy, New Thought, and New Age Movements,” co-authored with Dell deChant and William Michael Ashcraft (11,583 words). In *The Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, ed.

Rosemary Radford Ruether and Rosemary Skinner Keller (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2006), 2: 753-68.

“Millenarian Movements,” *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, ed. Mark Juergensmeyer and Wade Clark Roof (Sage Publications, 2008). (2,984 words).

#### PUBLICATIONS - OP-ED ARTICLES

“Discerning Religious Prejudice,” *The Phoenix* 15, no. 1 (January 1995): 7, 17.

“Religious Intolerance—Not ‘Cults’—Is the Problem,” *Communities: Journal of Cooperative Living* 88 (Fall 1995): 32-33.

“An Outsider’s View.” In *Re-Membering and Re-Imagining*, ed. Nancy J. Berneking and Pamela Carter Joern. Pilgrim Press, 1995, 211-13, on the 1993 Re-Imagining Conference.

“FBI adviser on successful end of Freeman standoff,” *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, July 16, 1996: B-5.

“An avoidable tragedy: the Branch Davidians,” *Loyola Maroon* (Loyola University) 75, no. 17 (February 28, 1997): 9.

“When ‘cult’ is pejorative,” letter to the editor, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, April 22, 1997, B-4.

“Religious fervor erupts in violence,” *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, October 22, 2001.

“Thoughts on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jonestown,” *Jonestown Report* (August 2003), <<http://jonestown.sdsu.edu>>.

“Imagination and History: Tape Q875 and the Day after the Jonestown Mass Murders/Suicides,” *Jonestown Report* 6 (October 2004), <<http://jonestown.sdsu.edu/AboutJonestown/JonestownReport/Volume6/875wessinger.htm>>.

“‘Culting’: From Waco to Fundamentalist Mormons,” *Religion Dispatches: Critical Analysis for the Common Good*, May 6, 2008, <<http://www.religiondispatches.org/art219.php>>.

“The Problem Is Totalism, Not ‘Cults’: Reflections on the Thirtieth Anniversary of Jonestown,” *Jonestown Report* 10 (October 2008), <<http://jonestown.sdsu.edu/AboutJonestown/JonestownReport/Volume10/Wessinger.htm>>.

#### PUBLICATIONS - BOOK REVIEWS

*Perfecting Women: Maulana Ashraf ‘Ali Thanawi’s Bihishti Zewar. A Partial Translation with Commentary.* By Barbara Daly Metcalf. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1990. In *South Asia in Review* 15, nos. 2-3 (March 1991): 59-60.

*Gender and Salvation: Jaina Debates on the Spiritual Liberation of Women.* By Padmanabh S. Jaini. Foreword by Robert P. Goldman. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1991. In *South Asia in Review* 15, no. 4 (August 1991): 90.

*New Religions and the Theological Imagination in America.* By Mary Farrell Bednarowski. Religion in America Series. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1989. In *Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture* 1, no. 2 (Spring 1992): 185-86.

*Rites and Beliefs in Modern India*. Edited by Gabriella Eichinger Ferro-Luzzi. New Delhi: Manohar, 1990. In *South Asia in Review* 16/combined issue (August 1992): 43-44.

*The Spiritual Churches of New Orleans: Origins, Beliefs, and Rituals of an African-American Religion*. By Claude F. Jacobs and Andrew J. Kaslow. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1991. *Louisiana Literature* 9, no. 2 (Fall 1992): 80-83.

*Women of the Renaissance*. By Margaret L. King. Women in Culture and Society Series. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1991. In *Religious Studies Review* 18, no. 4 (October 1992): 336.

*From Sin to Salvation: Stories of Women's Conversions, 1800 to the Present*. By Virginia Lieson Brereton. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1991. In *American Studies* 34, no. 1 (Spring 1993): 173-74.

*Lives in the Shadow with J Krishnamurti*. By Radha Rajagopal Sloss. London: Bloomsbury Publishing Ltd, 1991. In *Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture* 2, nos. 1-2 (Winter/Spring 1993): 159-62.

*The American Encounter with Buddhism 1844-1912: Victorian Culture and the Limits of Dissent*. By Thomas A. Tweed. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1992. In *Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture* 2, nos. 1-2 (Winter/Spring 1993): 145-47.

*Myths and Symbols in Indian Art and Civilization*. By Heinrich Zimmer. Edited by Joseph Campbell. Bollingen Series VI. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1992. In *Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture* 2, nos. 1-2 (Winter/Spring 1993): 155-56.

*In Her Words: Women's Writings in the History of Christian Thought*. Edited by Amy Oden. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994. In *Religious Studies Review* 22, no. 4 (October 1996): 347.

*Writing Out My Heart: Selections from the Journal of Frances E. Willard, 1855-96*. Edited by Carolyn De Swarte Gifford. University of Illinois Press, 1995. In *Cross Currents* 47, no. 1 (Spring 1997): 135-36.

*Perspectives on New Religious Movements*. By John A. Saliba. London: Geoffrey Chapman, 1995. In *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 12, no. 3 (October 1997): 422-23.

*The Odyssey of a New Religion: The Holy Order of MANS from New Age to Orthodoxy*. By Phillip Charles Lucas. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 65, no. 4 (Fall 1997): 907-9.

*Radical Religion in America: Millenarian Movements from the Far Right to the Children of Noah*. By Jeffrey Kaplan. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1997. In *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 1, no. 2 (April 1998): 307-8.

*In Our Own Voices: Four Centuries of American Women's Religious Writing*. Edited by Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radford Ruether. HarperSanFrancisco, 1995. In *Cross Currents* 48, no. 3 (Fall 1998): 428.

*Betrayal of the Spirit: My Life behind the Headlines of the Hare Krishna Movement*. By Nori J. Muster. Foreword by Larry D. Shinn. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1997. In *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 2, no. 2 (April 1999): 320-21.

*Sahaja Yoga*. By Judith Coney. Surrey, England: Curzon Press, 1999. In *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 15, no. 1 (January 2000): 144-46.

*Like Bread on the Seder Plate: Jewish Lesbians and the Transformation of Tradition*. By Rebecca Alpert. Columbia University, 1997. In *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 3, no. 2

(April 2000): 396-97.

*In God's Country: The Patriot Movement and the Pacific Northwest.* By David A. Neiwert. Pullman, Wash.: Washington State University Press, 1999. In *Terrorism and Political Violence* 12, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 128-30.

*Aum Shinrikyo and Japanese Youth.* By Daniel A. Metraux. Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 1999. In *Utopian Studies* 13, no. 1 (2002): 229-30.

*Holy Boldness: Women Preachers' Autobiographies and the Sanctified Self.* By Susie C. Stanley. University of Tennessee Press, 2002. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 73, no. 1 (Spring 2005): 281-84.

*Fighting Words: The Origins of Religious Violence.* By Hector Avalos. Prometheus Books, 2005. In *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 12, no. 1 (August 2008): 131-35.

## PUBLIC LECTURES

“Women and Religious Marginality: Lessons from the New Religions on the Routinization of Female Religious Leadership,” Loyola Lecture in Religion, sponsored by the Loyola Department of Religious Studies, October 1990.

“When the Millennium Comes Violently: A Comparison of Jonestown, Aum Shinrikyo, the Branch Davidians, and the Montana Freeman,” Yamauchi Lecture in Religion sponsored by the Religious Studies Department, Loyola University, New Orleans, March 2, 1997.

“How the Millennium Comes Violently,” plenary lecture of Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, May 2, 1997. It was also presented to the School of Religion, University of Iowa, May 12, 1997.

“How the Millennium Comes Violently” (revised) on October 5, 1997, at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, as well as a seminar to campus ministers, “‘Cults’ and Issues of Freedom of Religion” on October 6, 1997, sponsored by Campus Ministers Association, St. Thomas Aquinas Student Center, University Lutheran Church, United Christian Campus Ministry, Women’s Center, Committee for Lectures.

“How the Millennium Comes Violently” at University of Southern California on November 12, 1997; at UCLA Center for the Study of Religion on November 13, 1997; and at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, on November 14, 1997.

“Heaven’s Gate and Millennial Fever,” University of Alabama, Huntsville, Honors Forum, March 24, 1998.

“Millennialism and Law Enforcement at Y2K,” University of Kansas, Lawrence, on April 17, 2000.

“Charisma and Credentials: Women’s Religious Leadership in America,” at the University of New Hampshire in the Saul O. Sidore Memorial Lecture Series on April 20, 2000.

“Understanding Religious Fanaticism,” at Augustana College, January 10, 2002.

“Mount Carmel’s Lessons on Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence,” in a daylong seminar on “Waco: Ten Years After” at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, February 27, 2003.

“Charisma and Credentials: Women’s Religious Leadership in America” (revised and updated, Power Point slide show added) presented at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, March 13, 2007.

“Annie Besant and David Koresh: Varieties of Millennial Hope in Response to Cultural Discouragement

and Pessimism” (with Power Point slide show) in Rockwell Lecture series at Rice University, April 17, 2007.

“Charisma and Credentials: Women’s Religious Leadership in America” (with Power Point slide show) presented in the Yamauchi Lecture in Religion series at Loyola University New Orleans on October 28, 2007.

#### PAPERS AND PANELS

“The Role of India in the Millenarianism of Annie Besant,” at the Southwestern Commission on Religious Studies in Dallas, Texas, March 1988.

“A Response to the American Bishops’ Pastoral Letter (first draft) on Women, ‘Partners in the Mystery of Redemption,’” at the College Theology Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 1988.

“Annie Besant and the World-Teacher: Progressive Messianism for the New Age,” presented before the New Religious Movements Group, theme “Millenarianism in the New Religions,” at the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Illinois, November 1988.

Respondent to a panel considering issues of “objectivity and commitment in the study of new religions” at the American Association for the Advancement of Science, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 1990.

“The Legitimation of Feminine Religious Leadership: The Siddha Yoga Case,” at the Midwestern Section of the American Academy of Religion, Kalamazoo, Michigan, March 1990. Also presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 1990.

“Woman Guru, Woman Roshi: The Legitimation of Feminine Religious Leadership in Hindu and Buddhist Sects in America,” at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies in Dallas, Texas, March 1990.

“Democracy vs. Hierarchy: The Evolution of Authority in the Theosophical Society” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, November 1991.

“Women’s Leadership in Marginal Religions: Implications for the Mainstream” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, November 1991.

“Issues Concerning Women’s Religious Power and Authority.” Response to Panel: “Perspectives on Power in Women’s Ministry,” Society for Scientific Study of Religion, in Washington, D.C., November 1992. Conference theme: Religion and Power.

“Ideological Authority and Progressive Messianism: Annie Besant’s Millennial Movement,” Society for Scientific Study of Religion, in Washington, D.C., November 1992. Conference theme: Religion and Power.

“Cross-Cultural Encounters and Cultural Imperialism,” Loyola Religious Studies Faculty Seminar, March 19, 1993.

“The Ambiguity of Gender in the Theosophical Movement,” a response to a panel on “Women, Gender and Theosophy in the British Empire” for the Ninth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Vassar College, June 1993.

“Women’s Religious Leadership in America,” Parliament of the World’s Religions, September 1, 1993, in Chicago.

“A Report on the Parliament of the World’s Religions,” Faculty Seminar sponsored by the Loyola Religious Studies Department, February 18, 1994.

“Women at Loyola,” response to paper by Judith Wilt, “Feminism on Catholic Campuses,” March 24, 1994, at Loyola University, New Orleans.

Panelist, Special Topics Forum on the Public Understanding of Religion, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 1994.

“Women’s Religious Leadership in the United States,” at the XVII International Congress of History of Religions in Mexico City, Mexico, August 1995.

“Categories of Millennialism and Religious Authority: Can We Distinguish Potentially Volatile Groups Before Violence Occurs?” American Folklore Society meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana, October 1995.

Review *Moon Sisters, Krishna Mothers, Rajneesh Lovers: Women’s Roles in New Religions* by Susan Jean Palmer (Syracuse University Press, 1994) in an “Author Meets Critics” session at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in St. Louis, Missouri, November 1995.

“When the Millennium Comes Violently: A Comparison of Jonestown, Aum Shinrikyo, Branch Davidians, and the Montana Freemen” at the November 1996 meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Nashville.

“Millennialism With and Without the Mayhem: Catastrophic and Progressive Expectations” presented at the November 1996 meetings of the American Academy of Religion (New Orleans) and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Nashville).

Respondent to papers on panel entitled “Veering off to the ‘Far Right’” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Diego, November 9, 1997.

“The Montana Freemen: Part of a Euro-American Nativist Movement,” Tulane University Anthropology Department Colloquium, February 6, 1998.

“Religious Studies Scholars, FBI Agents, and the Montana Freemen” in a Special Topics Forum on “Believers, Law Enforcement Agents, and Religion Scholars: Communicating across Religious and Professional Worldviews,” American Academy of Religion, Orlando, November 22, 1998.

Participation in a meeting in Jerusalem on April 25, 1999, of scholars affiliated the Center for Millennial Studies, Boston University, and scholars affiliated with the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies concerning millennialism and violence and the Israeli context in the year 2000.

“Millennialism and Violence” presented in a seminar on “Law Enforcement and Religious Violence” cosponsored by Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR) and the Critical Incident Response Group of the FBI, Fredericksburg, Virginia, June 7, 1999.

“Understanding Contemporary Millennial Movements, Peaceful and Violent” at the Twelfth Annual Klutznick Symposium, October 10-11, 1999, theme “The End of Days? Millennialism from the Hebrew Bible to the Present” at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

Respondent to panel entitled “The Sacred in the Secular: The Millennium” to a panel at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, November 5, 1999.

Respondent to a panel entitled “How to Understand and Deal with Religious Violence” at the American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 20, 1999.

Presentation on a panel entitled “The Origins and Persistence of Biblical Apocalypticism,” Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, November 22, 1999.

“The Interacting Dynamics of Millennial Beliefs, Persecution, and Violence” presented at the American Academy of Religion, Boston, November 23, 1999. This paper was on one of two panels based upon the chapters of *Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence: Historical Cases*.

“Violent Moments on a Continuum of Millennial Behaviors,” at the International Association for the History of Religions meeting in Durban, South Africa, August 7, 2000.

Respondent to author meets critics session at American Academy of Religion, Nashville, on my book, *How the Millennium Comes Violently: From Jonestown to Heaven's Gate*, Nov. 21, 2000.

“New Religious Movements and Conflicts with Law Enforcement” presented February 23, 2001, at a symposium on “New Religious Movements and Religious Liberty in America” sponsored by the J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, Baylor University.

Respondent to author meets critics session at Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Columbus, Ohio, October 21, 2001, discussing my book, *How the Millennium Comes Violently: From Jonestown to Heaven's Gate*.

Respondent to Special Topics Forum, “Religion and Society after the Aum Affair,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 18, 2001.

Presented lecture entitled “Teaching about New Religious Movements and Conflict” at the Emory University Religious Studies faculty symposium on April 5, 2002.

Made a presentation in an authors-meets-critics session devoted to David G. Bromley and J. Gordon Melton, eds., *Cults, Religion and Violence* (Cambridge University Press, 2002) at the CESNUR conference on New Religious Movements meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 22, 2002.

Respondent to six papers on “Millennialism and Violence: Lessons from the Year 2000 for a Post-September 11 World” at the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 25, 2002.

Respondent to four papers in a session entitled “Twenty-Five Years after Jonestown” at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 23, 2003, in Norfolk, Virginia.

Paper entitled “The Branch Davidians and the Waco Media, 1993-2003,” presented June 19, 2004, at the CESNUR 2004 International Conference, “Religious Movements, Conflict, and Democracy: International Perspectives,” hosted by the Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR), Institute for the Study of American Religion, and the J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. This session was held at the Branch Davidians’ Mount Carmel property in the new chapel.

“Autobiographies of Three Surviving Branch Davidians: An Initial Report,” presented at the 109<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas, March 3-5, 2005.

“Assessing New Religious Movements for the Potential for Volatility,” presented at the International Association for the History of Religions meeting, Tokyo, March 24-30, 2005.

“Teaching about Religion Using Interactive Video,” presented at the International Association for the History of Religions meeting, Tokyo, March 24-30, 2005.

Interviewed Paul Fatta, surviving Branch Davidian recently released from prison, in a session at the

CESNUR International Conference on new religious movements, San Diego State University, July 13-16, 2006.

Assessment of Kenneth G. C. Newport's *The Branch Davidians of Waco: The History and Beliefs of an Apocalyptic Sect* (Oxford University Press, 2006) in an author-meets-critics session at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon, October 20, 2006.

Chaired session with Paul Fatta, surviving Branch Davidian, in a New Religious Movements Group session at the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 27-20, 2007.

Introduced Livingstone Fagan, surviving Branch Davidian recently released from prison, in a session at the INFORM/CESNUR International Conference on new religious movements, London, April 19, 2008.

### WORK IN PROGRESS

Conducting correspondence, planning with co-general editors and editorial advisory committee, soliciting paper submissions, reviewing paper submissions, copyediting and formatting articles for *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*.

Final editing of articles and writing introduction to *The Oxford Handbook on Millennialism*. The aim is to complete the manuscript by January 2010.

Serving as director of the Loyola Himalaya Adventure: Summer Study in Dharamsala, India program. Preparing itinerary, website, brochure, other advertising materials, holding information sessions, and making logistical arrangements for the 2010 program.

Working with a film editor to prepare two short films (2 minutes each) to advertise the India Program; and a long film (20-30 minutes) about the 2009 India Program.

Developing new course, Fundamentals of Conflict and Peace, to be team-taught with Dr. Behrooz Moazami in Spring 2010.

Developing a First Year Experience course, Religions in New Orleans: Before and After Katrina.

Writing essay, "Religious and Cultural Conflict in America" (8,000 words) for *Cambridge History of Religions in America*, ed. Stephen J. Stein.

Writing essay, "Charismatic Leaders" (7,000 words) for *Cambridge Companion to New Religious Movements*, ed. Olav Hammer and Mikael Rothstein.

Editing the transcripts of 34 audiotapes recorded with Clive Doyle, a Branch Davidian who survived the fire, to produce an autobiographical history of the Branch Davidians.

Soliciting authors and preparing a prospectus for a book series on *Women in Religions and Cultures* to submit to Oxford University Press, as well as revising the essays to appear in the introductory theoretical volume.

### COMMITTEES, OFFICES, EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Member of Steering Committee, New Religious Movements Group, American Academy of Religion, 1990 to 2002.

Chair, New Religious Movements Group at the American Academy of Religion, 1991-96.

Member of Editorial Board of the journal, *Gender in World Religions*, ed., Arvind Sharma and Katherine Young, 1991.

Member of the International Board of Advisors for *The Encyclopedia of Hinduism*, Gen. Ed. Seshagiri Rao, 1993.

Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion, American Academy of Religion, 1994-95.

Member of the Executive Council of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1996-1999.

Member of the Executive Advisory Committee of *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, 1996 to present.

Member of the Steering Committee of the Millennialism Studies Group of the American Academy of Religion, 1997 to 2003.

Associate Editor of the *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movements*, Richard Landes, general editor (Routledge, 2000), 1999.

Member of the Advisory Board of *The Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, chief editors Rosemary Radford Ruether and Rosemary Skinner Keller, 1999-2002.

Editor on new religious movements for the second edition of the *Encyclopedia of Religion* working with general editor Lindsay Jones, 2002-2005. In 2002 evaluated old articles, determined topics, scope, length, and authors for new articles. In 2003-04, edited and approved article submissions. In 2005 did the final editing of over 80 articles. *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2d ed., general editor Lindsay Jones (Detroit: Thomson Gale, 2005).

Vice-President of the Association for the Academic Study of New Religious Movements, 2005-present.

#### COMMITTEES AND OFFICES – LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS

Member of Women's Studies Committee, Loyola University, New Orleans, 1988 to 2002. Associate Member of Women's Studies Committee, Loyola University, New Orleans, 2002-03. Member of the Women's Studies Committee, 2005-present.

Chair of Women's Studies Committee, Loyola University, New Orleans, 1993-94. Co-chair of Women's Studies Committee, Loyola University New Orleans, 2001-02. Member of the steering committee of the Women's Studies Committee, Loyola University New Orleans, 2005-2009.

Faculty Senate, Loyola University, New Orleans, 1989-91.

Co-coordinator of the Women's Studies Essay Contest and the Women's Studies Creative Writing Contest, Loyola University, New Orleans, Spring 1991.

A&S Faculty Representative to the Guest Lectures Committee, Loyola University, New Orleans, 1992-94.

Coordinator of the Yamauchi Lectures in Religion, sponsored each semester by the Loyola University Department of Religious Studies, 1992-94.

Member of University Board of Review, Loyola University, New Orleans, 1993-94.

Member of the University Space Committee, Loyola University, New Orleans, 1993-97.

Member of Committee for the In-Depth Evaluation of the Common Curriculum, Loyola University, New Orleans, Fall 1995-Spring 1996.

Member, University Rank and Tenure Committee, Loyola University, 1996-1997.

Honors Faculty, Loyola University, Spring 1996 to present.

Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, Loyola University, New Orleans, 1998-2001.

Membership Coordinator of the Loyola University chapter of the American Association of University Professors, March 2000 to October 2002, May 2004 to present.

President of the Loyola University chapter of the American Association of University Professors, October 2002 to May 2004.

Vice-President of the Loyola University chapter of the American Association of University Professors, 2007-present.

Member of Faculty Center Planning Team, Loyola University, November 2002 to May 2003.

Member of University Conciliation Committee, Loyola University, 2007-2008.

#### SERVICE - Loyola University, New Orleans, campus

A talk, "Are There Prerequisites for the Routinization of Feminine Religious Leadership?" to a peer ministry group at Loyola University, New Orleans, February 22, 1989.

Assisted Sr. Fara Impastato, OP, in making the logistical arrangements for Rosemary Radford Ruether's speech at Loyola University, New Orleans, October 30, 1991 on "Women and Social Justice in the Light of *Rerum Novarum*."

Advised the "Women's Studies Seminar," the experimental capstone course in the Women's Studies Minor, in addition to usual teaching load, Spring 1992. "Women's Studies Seminar" was a student-generated and student-directed course. Students examined the methodologies and the relevance of a variety of feminist works. The adviser's role was to make sure that the course requirements and the system of evaluation were clearly delineated, and that the selected readings were challenging. The adviser attended all classes, read each assignment, contributed judiciously to discussion, and averaged the grades assigned by the students to each other's work.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made all logistical arrangements for public lecture by Dr. Rita Gross on "Buddhism after Patriarchy: Feminist Reconstructions of Buddhism," March 18, 1992, Loyola University, New Orleans.

Member, Delegation of A&S Faculty to Loyola University Board of Trustees, May 21, 1992.

Interviewed by a student reporter on the Anglican decision to ordain women as priests and its implications for the Roman Catholic Church for a series entitled "On the Record," *Loyola Maroon* 71, no. 12 (November 20, 1992): 9.

Addressed the Loyola Women's Issues Organization on "Future of Women in the Roman Catholic Church?" on March 3, 1993.

Interviewed by a student reporter on the Women's Studies Committee's proposal for a Women's Resource Center at Loyola University New Orleans. Katie Zodrow, "Center for women sought by proposal," *Loyola Maroon* (Friday, April 29, 1994): 4.

During 1993-94, coordinated the design and production of the Religious Studies undergraduate program brochure, Loyola University New Orleans, which won a 1994 Helicon Award of Merit from Women in Communications, Inc.

Led discussion on "A Democratic Initiative in a Non-Democratic Church: A Catholic Referendum," the Women's Issues Organization meeting in the Women's Center, Loyola University, New Orleans, October 22, 1996.

Guest speaker on the 1993 Parliament of the World Religions in Dr. Kathleen O'Gorman's course on world religions, October 23, 1997.

Guest speaker on the New Age Movement to Dr. Michael Cowan's course on world religions, April 29, 1998.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made all logistical arrangements for a public lecture by Dr. Robert Ellwood, "Joseph Campbell and the Politics of Myth," February 1999.

Guest speaker on women and religion to Dr. Laurie Joyner's Sociology of Gender course, April 14, 1999.

Interviewed by Michael Giusti for an article entitled "Religions predict apocalypse--again" that appeared in *Loyola Maroon*, November 12, 1999.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made all logistical arrangements for a public lecture by Dr. James T. Richardson entitled "Waco, the Media, the Government, and Religious Freedom" on February 28, 2000.

Made all the logistical arrangements for two lectures by Dr. James T. Richardson, president of the American Association of University Professors, on February 29, 2000, "Creative Approaches to Faculty Salaries," "Post-Tenure Review and Other Faculty Issues."

Called a meeting of Loyola faculty on March 28, 2000, to organize an active chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Interviewed by Fatima Harris for an article on Religious Studies at Loyola University in *Loyola Maroon*, March 2000.

Interviewed March 22, 2000, by March McCall for an article on Buddhism in *Loyola Maroon*.

Interviewed March 29, 2000, by Faye Felterman for an article on my work on millennialism for the Faculty Focus section of *Loyola Today*.

Spoke to Dr. Earl Richard's class on Apocalypticism on the contemporary apocalyptic scene, May 3, 2000.

Served on the search committee for the director of the Women's Studies Center during Summer 2000.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made all logistical arrangements for a public lecture by Dr. Jean-François Mayer on “Religions, Strategies, and Transnationalism: Globalization and Tensions in the Religious Landscape of the World” on October 23, 2000.

Attended the Louisiana Spring Conference of the American Association of University Professors meeting March 24, 2001 at Tulane University as a representative of the Loyola AAUP chapter.

Spoke on a Soup and Substance panel dedicated to considering the September 11, 2001, events, September 18, 2001.

During Fall 2001 developed Media and Religion course to be team-taught via interactive video classroom with faculty at Marquette and Santa Clara in Spring 2002.

Gave public lecture at Loyola University New Orleans, entitled “Understanding Religious Fanaticism,” on October 29, 2001, in a series entitled “Tragedy at the World Trade Center: Reflections on the Crisis in the United States and the World.”

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made all logistical arrangements for a public lecture by Dr. Phillip Lucas on “Reclaiming ‘That Good Old Time Religion’: Neolithic Monuments in Western Europe as Sites for Contemporary Nature Spiritualities,” on February 4, 2002.

Served on ad hoc merit evaluation committee of Religious Studies Department, Loyola University, New Orleans, January 2002.

Gave lecture on “Feminist Spirituality” to Psychology and Religion course taught by Dr. James O’Neill on March 5, 2002.

Developed and taught “Media and Religion” with Dr. Claire Badaracco at Marquette University and Dr. Paul Soukup, S.J., at Santa Clara University using interactive video classrooms and JNet (Jesuit-net) in Spring 2002. This course led to the eventual purchase of interactive video equipment for Loyola University New Orleans.

Taught “Media and Religion” for a second time as an experimental course using interactive video with Dr. Claire Badaracco, Marquette University, and Dr. Rick Malloy, S.J., St. Joseph’s University, Spring 2003.

Made logistical arrangements for the American Association of University Professors Louisiana State Conference on March 14-15, 2003, sponsored by the Loyola University AAUP chapter.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made all logistical arrangements for a public lecture by Dr. Rebecca Moore on “Fundamentalism, Modernism, and a Postmodern Future,” on February 24, 2003.

Submitted to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee proposal and made all logistical arrangements for a lecture by Dr. Stuart Wright in Spring 2004 on Timothy McVeigh, the Extreme Right, and Waco.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee for a lecture by Jason Berry in Spring 2004 on the pedophilia scandal in the Roman Catholic Church. Berry subsequently declined to speak at Loyola on this topic.

Speaker at “Peaceful Heroes” symposium, sponsored by Atlas Interfaith Foundation and Loyola University Community Action Program, April 3, 2003.

Presentation with Susan Brower, Director, Media Services, of “Teaching Using Interactive Video,” April 28, 2003.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee for Dr. Timothy Miller to lecture in Spring 2006 on

intentional communities in the United States. This lecture was cancelled due to budget constraints caused by the Hurricane Katrina disaster in New Orleans.

Moderated a public panel discussion at Loyola University on March 28, 2006, on "Women's Lives in Post-Katrina New Orleans" sponsored by the Women's Resource Center.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made logistical arrangements for Dr. Timothy Miller to lecture in Spring 2007 on intentional communities in the United States.

Submitted proposal to Bieber Guest Lecture Committee and made logistical arrangements for Dr. J. Gordon Melton to lecture on "Antebellum African American Religion: The Case of the Methodists," November 7, 2007.

Facilitated discussion of women's roles in traditional Hindu society after a showing of the movie, *Water* (2006), directed by Deepa Mehta on November 12, 2007, in conjunction with International Education Week.

Served on the Women's Studies search committee to hire a new director of the Women's Resource Center, 2007-08.

Arranged a guest lecture by Dr. Ira R. Chernus, "Apocalypse in the White House: From FDR to Obama," October 14, 2009, co-sponsored by the Religious Studies Department, the Middle East Peace Studies Minor, and the Bieber Guest Lecture Committee.

#### SERVICE - New Orleans community

Participated 1988-89 with the Committee on Women in the Church, a New Orleans group dedicated to the promotion of equality of women in the Roman Catholic Church.

Interviewed by WDSU, Channel 6, in New Orleans, as part of a three-part news series on "Women in the Pulpit," which aired November 2, 3, 4, 1988.

Worked with the faculty of Seton Academy, New Orleans, to help them integrate Women's Studies into their high school curriculum, 1991-92. Conducted a seminar October 24, 1991, for the Seton Academy faculty on "Issues Relating to Women in the Judaeo-Christian Tradition."

Lecture, "The 'Cult of True Womanhood' and Changing Roles of Women" to Alumnae of Sacred Heart Academy, New Orleans, December 16, 1991.

Interviewed for two articles by Katy Read, "Wicca's Followers Come Out of the Broom Closet" *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, Sunday, May 17, 1992: D-1, 5, and "Witch Hunt: Whose Lives Were at Stake in the Trials?" *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, Sunday, May 17, 1992: D-1, 4.

Interviewed by reporter Lynne Jensen for article, "U. S. pastoral letter on women had opponents on left, right," *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, Thursday, November 19, 1992: A-10. Statements made during this interview were also quoted in an Editorial, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, Saturday, November 21, 1992: B-6.

Interviewed about the Branch Davidians and David Koresh by Leslie Hill for report that aired on WDSU channel 6 in New Orleans on March 1, 1993.

Address, "From Subordination to Partnership," delivered to a conference sponsored by the Theresians of New Orleans, October 23, 1993. Conference theme, "Women: Sharing and Shaping the Future."

Guest speaker to theology class at the Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, December 1, 1993, on Asian theology and feminist theology.

Speaker on the David Tyree Talk Show on September 6, 1994, WWL radio in New Orleans on the subject of the Roman Catholic Church and the United Nations' Conference on Population and Development meeting in Cairo.

Interviewed by Bruce Nolan on the 4th World Conference on Women in Beijing in September 1995 resulting in article, "Women of the World: Dual Meetings Convene in China," *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, September 30, 1995, A-1, 8.

Interviewed by Bruce Nolan on Neopaganism for an article that appeared in the October 31, 1995 *New Orleans Times Picayune*.

Facilitated discussion of a video entitled "The Burning Times," the second in the trilogy by Donna Read, at a program sponsored by CUUPS and First Unitarian Universalist Church Adult Education at the First Unitarian Universalist Church in New Orleans on March 14, 1996.

Interviewed by Bruce Nolan of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, November 18, 1996, about the American Academy of Religion meeting in New Orleans. The article was published as "Religion scholars mass in N.O. for convention," *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, November 23, 1996, A-1, 10.

Talk entitled "The Millennium and Millennialism" to an ecumenical luncheon of women's groups (Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal) at the Woodland Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, January 14, 1997.

Interviewed by Bruce Nolan about fasting in world religions. The article was published as "Fasting hailed as food for soul," *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, February 12, 1997: A-1, 10.

Guest speaker on "Buddhism" at the February 16, 1997, service at Community Unitarian-Universalist Church, New Orleans, LA.

Spoke to Aurora Methodist youth group on April 13, 1997, on Heaven's Gate and unconventional religions.

Lectured on "The Empowerment of Women in Religion" at the Community Unitarian-Universalist Church on October 12, 1997.

Presentation to Aurora Methodist Sunday School class for high school and junior high schools students on uses of the book of Revelation in contemporary millennial religions; and to the Aurora Methodist youth group on "The Millennium and Prophecy" on January 11, 1998.

Speaker on a panel at Xavier University, New Orleans, "Y2K Religions and the Millennium," April 15, 1999.

Interviewed by Ken Jones of Channel 6 in New Orleans on changing religious demographics in New Orleans, May 3, 1999.

Spoke to the Aurora Methodist Church youth group and adults on September 11, 2001, terrorist events, al Qaida, and Islam, on November 4, 2001.

Gave lecture to Aurora United Methodist Church, New Orleans, on "Islam and Current Events," February 6, 2002.

Gave lecture to the Parkway Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, on "Understanding Religious Fanaticism," on July 7, 2002.

## SERVICE - general public

A public lecture, "Millennialism Past and Present," in Mobile, Alabama, sponsored by Reflections Foundation, May 25, 1990.

A one-day seminar, "Exploring the Roles of Women in the Religions," May 11, 1991, at the Krotona Institute, Ojai, California.

Public lecture, "The Perennial Hope for the New Age," May 14, 1991, at the Krotona Institute, Ojai, California.

Dialogue with Dr. Ravi Ravindra, Dalhousie University, on women and religion, May 15, 1991, at Krotona Institute, Ojai, California.

Interviewed February 1993 by R. Gustav Niebuhr for an article on millennialism in the *Washington Post*.

Interviewed April 1993 by Kathy Rogers, reporter for the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, for an article on new religious movements in the wake of the Branch Davidian holocaust.

Gave public lecture on "Women's Leadership in Alternative Religions" at the Theosophical Society in America headquarters, Wheaton, Illinois, on August 30, 1993.

Interviewed September 1993 by Murray Steinman about Summer 1993 field trip to the Church Universal and Triumphant headquarters in Montana for *Royal Teton Ranch News*.

Provided information and interviewed in September 1993 by Adelle Banks of the *Orlando Sentinel* for an article on women's religious leadership in America. Adelle Banks, "Women preach but seldom lead," *Orlando Sentinel*, January 2, 1994, A-1, 10.

Drafted resolution September 1993 for Rev. Addie Wyatt, Trustee of the Parliament of the World's Religions, that the Parliament of the World's Religions use its data base to assist in creating an international network of women who are religious, so that women can better address global problems.

Interviewed by David Royal of the BBC and NBC about contemporary varieties of millennialism on February 23, 1994.

Interviewed by Gus Spohn of the Religious News Service on the Solar Temple deaths, October 5, 1994.

Interviewed by Gustav Niebuhr of the *New York Times* on the Solar Temple, October 6, 1994. Quoted in article entitled "Leader of the Sect: 'New Age' Warped by Apocalyptic Vision," *New York Times*, October 7, 1994, A-4.

Videotaped interview with Maria Lane for a Travel channel program on religion in New Orleans, February 16, 1995.

Interviewed by Dan Freedman, Hearst Newspaper, on the unwillingness of persons in the Justice Department and the FBI to attend a Special Topics Forum on the Branch Davidians at the 1993 American Academy of Religion, April 3, 1995.

Advisor to the FBI and the Justice Department during the Freemen standoff, March 25, 1996, to June 13, 1996.

Talk given on “Annie Besant and Progressive Messianism” to a class at the Theosophical Society in America, Wheaton, Illinois, May 29, 1996.

Gave public lecture on May 30, 1996, at the Theosophical Society in America, Wheaton, IL, on “Annie Besant and Issues in Contemporary Feminist Spirituality.”

Interviewed by Michael Berryhill with the *Houston Press* on July 5, 1996, about Dr. Phillip Arnold and the Religion-Crisis Task force resulting in article entitled “Troubleshooter for the Millennium,” *Houston Press* 8, no. 29 (July 18-24, 1996): 13-14, 16-18.

Interviewed by Gus Niebuhr, reporter for the *New York Times*, on July 12, 1996, about the millennialism of Benjamin Creme and its roots in the thought of Annie Besant resulting in article entitled “Religion Journal: Another Messianic Figure Is Predicted,” *New York Times*, July 20, 1996, 1-3.

Interviewed August 2, 1996, by Steve Kiesling for an article on the Religion-Crisis Task Force and the Freemen standoff in *Spirituality and Health* (October 1996).

Interviewed September 24, 1996, by reporter Yonat Shimron on “cults.” The article entitled “What we call a ‘cult’ really isn’t” appeared in the *Raleigh News & Observer* on September 27, 1996.

Interviewed on September 27, 1996, by Adelle Banks of the Religious News Service on New Thought denominations. Banks’ article was about actress Della Reese Lett, who is a New Thought minister. The article was published as “Actress is angel on TV, preacher in real life,” *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, October 12, 1996, A-18.

Interviewed by Martha Allen of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, December 12, 1996, on millennialism.

Interviewed by Gordon Legge, Religion Editor of *Calgary Herald*, on February 6, 1997, about the Church Universal and Triumphant.

Interviewed by Eric Slavin, *Gainesville Sun*, on February 6, 1997, about the Church Universal and Triumphant.

Consultant to news media during April 1997 concerning Heaven’s Gate: Interviewed by Jane Gross, *New York Times*; interviewed by John Boudreau, a San Francisco Knight-Ridder newswriter; gave a group interview with Robert Ellwood and Carl Raschke to Victor Morales, Voice of America; interviewed by Terri Forza, reporter for *Orange County Register*; interviewed by John Burnett, National Public Radio; interviewed by reporter for *Houston Chronicle*; gave videotaped interview to Swanna McNair for Loyola student television; interviewed by W. C. Johnson, “Our Story” program, WBOK radio, New Orleans, April 14, 1997; interviewed by Mary Piroosko, WFPR/WHMD radio, Hammond, Louisiana, April 16, 1997.

Compiled for FBI a list of “Scholars of Religion: (Ph.Ds and Ph.D. Candidates) in History of Religions, Sociology, Communications, Political Science,” to serve as consultants, delivered May 11, 1997.

Interviewed by Susan Hogan/Albach, reporter for *Minneapolis Star*, on June 10, 1997, about issues of religious syncretism and Messianic Jews.

Interviewed by Michelle Kay, reporter for *Austin American-Statesman*, on June 26, 1997, about millennial groups.

Interviewed by Ed Sealover, Anderson, S.C. *Independent Mail*, on July 9, 1997, about new religious movements moving into the new millennium.

Interviewed by Pete Scott, reporter for *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, about an African American new

religion in Georgia called the Ancient Mystic Order of the Melchizedek (also known as the Nuwaubians), July 16, 1997.

Interviewed by Doug Frantz of the *New York Times* on February 3, 1998, about Scientology and celebrities.

Gave two interviews in March 1998, "Millennialism as Collective Salvation," and "The Freemasons of Montana" published on <<http://www.globalterrorism.com>>.

Attended meeting with FBI agents of the Critical Incident Response Group in Washington, D.C., on June 5, 1998, and along with Dr. Barbara DeConcini and Dr. Eugene Gallagher represented the American Academy of Religion.

Gave live television interview on July 16, 1998, on a program entitled "Talk TV" on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network discussing "cult" as a pejorative word.

Interviewed by Brigitte Dusseau, World Service AFP Press, November 16, 1998, on the effects of the Jonestown mass suicide/murder on November 18, 1978.

Participated in two private meetings with FBI agents attending the American Academy of Religion in Orlando, November 1998.

Interviewed by Kathleen Phelan about an Arts & Entertainment documentary on millennialism entitled "Praying for the End" on December 19, 1998.

Interviewed by Johanna Schindler of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* about Islam and Ramadan on January 4, 1999.

Interviewed by Allison Orr of Dateline about millennialism and preparations in Israel to deal with millennialists on January 13, 1999.

Interviewed by Stephanie Lambidakis of CBS about millennialism and law enforcement on January 19, 1999.

Interviewed by Bruce Nolan, *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, about Carol Christ for an article that appeared March 6, 1999, entitled "Goddess movement taking root."

Interviewed by Theresa Watanabe of the *Los Angeles Times* on March 16, 1999, for a series of articles on millennialism.

Gave telephone interview to Ben Loeterman, writer and producer, for a PBS documentary on the book of Revelation and its historical influence, April 16, 1999. Gave second telephone interview to Ben Loeterman on May 8, 1999. This show entitled "Apocalypse!" aired November 22, 1999, on Frontline.

Interviewed by Helen Gray of the *Kansas City Star* on the Church of Scientology, May 19, 1999.

Consulted by Melanie Kent with the Margaret Mead Film Festival, American Museum of Natural History, on documentaries on new religious movements, May 20, 1999.

Consulted by Shawn O'Neil of the Discovery channel about a documentary he was making on Voodoo in New Orleans on May 18, 1999, and also May 20, 1999.

Videotaped interview on July 1, 1999, with Vanessa Bertrand of WABG-TV, Greenville, Mississippi, on prophecy.

Gave telephone interview on July 19, 1999, to Alice Dunscomb of the McLaughlin Group on PBS/NBC on Y2K issues and millennialism.

Interviewed on July 29, 1999, by Amy Lee Siew Hua, reporter for *Straight's Times* of Singapore about persecution of Falun Gong in the People's Republic of China.

Interviewed on August 2, 1999, by Jeffrey Weiss of the *Dallas Morning News* on the beliefs and practices of Falun Gong.

In September-October 1999 participated in an email roundtable discussion with other Religious Studies scholars on millennialism that was posted on the Frontline webpage in conjunction with the airing of a program entitled "Apocalypse!" on November 22, 1999. <<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/>>.

Interviewed on September 22, 1999, by Trevor Barnes of BBC radio on breaking news about Waco and the investigation by John Danforth.

Consultant on a survey prepared by the FBI and administered by email to Religious Studies scholars on September 28, 1999, on millennial religious groups and the potential for volatility. This international email list of Religious Studies scholars became the NRMListserve for on-going discussion. The results of the survey and a report on a separate FBI report entitled "Project Megiddo" were presented in private sessions at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Boston, November 20-23, 1999.

Interviewed on October 4, 1999, by Jill Sieder for an article on millennialism in *Newsweek*.

Interviewed on October 4, 1999, by Linda Gied of the *Christian Science Monitor* on women and religion.

Consulted on October 12, 1999, by Ginger Guicet, attorney at law, on Rastafarianism.

Interviewed on October 12, 1999, by Marian Rizzo of the *Ocala Star Banner* on religious preparations for the next millennium. The article entitled "Spiritual leaders, scholars address the religious significance of Y2K" appeared October 16, 1999.

Interviewed March 22, 2000, on fastband.com about new religious movements, millennialism and violence, and the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments mass deaths in Uganda.

Guest on talk show on public radio station KERA in Dallas, Texas, May 5, 2000, speaking about millennialism and violence and some predictions of catastrophe on 5-5-00.

Guest on "Talk to America" on Voice of America radio, June 9, 2000, speaking about the deaths related to the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God in Uganda, and millennial religions and violence.

Interviewed on October 16, 2000, by Jody Hassett, ABC News, on lawsuit in New Orleans against fortunetelling.

Attended a negotiation simulation enacted by FBI agents attending the American Academy of Religion in Nashville on November 17, 2000, and participated in subsequent discussions between scholars and agents.

Attended demonstration of CASPER, Computer Aided Scenario and Problem Evaluation Routine, as applicable to new religious movements by Dr. Tom Ritchey, researcher for Swedish Defense Research Establishment, to religion scholars and FBI agents attending the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, November 18, 2000.

Participated in a private discussion on religion and violence with FBI agents and Dr. Mark Juergensmeyer at the American Academy of Religion in Nashville on November 19, 2000.

Guest speaker on February 6, 2001, via interactive video to Media and Religion courses meeting at Marquette, Loyola Chicago, and Santa Clara on the topic of new religious movements, "cults," Waco, and the news media.

Interviewed by Dan Friedman, Hearst Newspapers, May 9, 2001, on the impending execution of Timothy McVeigh.

Interviewed by Joanna Poncavage on Falun Gong for an article entitled "Free Falun Gong in America, Practitioners Nurture What Is Banned in China," *Morning Call* (Bethlehem, Pennsylvania), August 19, 2001.

Gave telephone interview to Jennifer Johnson of New Orleans Channel 4 on religious terrorism, September 19, 2001.

Interviewed in October 2001 by AP reporter, Paul Singer, on terrorism, "cults," and new religious movements.

Interviewed May 14, 2002, by Karen Owen of the Owensboro, KY, *Messenger Inquirer* on an anti-government fundamentalist Christian church.

Interviewed February 3, 2003, by Carter Phipps of *What Is Enlightenment?* magazine for an article on apocalyptic ideas and the future.

Interviewed February 12, 2003, by Bill Whittaker, editor, *Waco Tribune-Herald* for a series devoted to examining the Branch Davidian tragedy ten years later.

Interviewed February 17, 2003, by Deb Richardson with the *Greenville (S.C.) News* for an article on the increase of apocalyptic expectations as preparations were being made for the American invasion of Iraq.

Speaker at Mount Carmel Center, the Branch Davidian chapel outside Waco, Texas, on April 19, 2003, at the service marking the tenth anniversary of the fire. Other speakers included Dr. J. Phillip Arnold, Dr. Kenneth Newport (Britain), and Ramsey Clark, the Branch Davidians' attorney.

Interviewed on July 25, 2003, by Diane Hague of the *Shreveport Times* on the women's ordination issue.

Interviewed by Kimberly Winston of ReligionLink (<<http://www.religionwriters.com>>), a free electronic resource for journalists who cover religion in the secular press provided by the Religion Newswriters Association, about the upcoming 25th anniversary of the mass suicide at Jonestown (November 18, 2003). I was listed as one of the scholarly news sources on Jonestown and millennial groups and violence in the October 27, 2003, posting on Jonestown.

Interviewed on November 1, 2003, by Jennifer Garza of the *Sacramento Bee* on Jonestown and the 25th anniversary of the mass murders and suicides (November 18, 2003).

Interviewed on November 5 and 6, 2003, by Katherine Lee of the *Tuscaloosa News* on Jonestown and the 25th anniversary of the mass murders and suicides.

Speaker on November 18, 2003, on Jonestown and other violent millennial groups on "Morning Air with Jeff Cavins" on Starboard Network, a Catholic radio network.

Gave extensive interview to Barbara Bradley Hagerty of National Public Radio (NPR) to provide background on a series of reports on new religious movements. This story aired on NPR on May 10, 2004, as an overview story on new religious trends in America.

Videotaped interview in March 2004 with Adam Sternberg, JAK Films, Inc. (George Lucas) on Annie Besant, J. Krishnamurti, and the Theosophical movement. The interview was for a historical documentary series the "Young Indiana Jones" series on CD-ROM to be used in high school courses.

Interviewed April 10, 2004, by Paula Gonzalez, reporter for *New Orleans La Prensa*, on Mel Gibson's *The Passion* and religion and violence.

Interviewed by Megin McKenna, *Monroe News Star*, on Christian apocalyptic interpretations of current events, on July 12, 2005.

Interviewed February 15, 2006, by Amanda Green, reporter with the *Star News* (Wilmington, NC) on popular concepts of karma.

Telephone consultation on April 11, 2006, with Sandhya Vishwanathan on a documentary report she is making on the Branch Davidians for the History Channel.

Interview on June 8, 2006, with Robin Doolittle, *Toronto Star*, on the relevance of the study of new religions and violence to the Toronto radical Islamist terrorism plot.

Interviewed August 7, 2006, by Brian Saven, Medill News Service, of Northwestern University School of Journalism, on a controversial Catholic group, Love Holy Trinity Blessed Mission, and new religious movements.

Interviewed on October 6, 2006, by Cecile Holmes, University of South Carolina professor of journalism, for an article she was writing for *Pink*, a journal for women in business, on women in the ministry.

Interviewed by Todd Bensman, *San Antonio Express-News*, on April 25, 2008, on a Mexican new religious movement in the U.S., La Luz del Mundo.

Interviewed by Matt Saldana, *Indy Week*, on August 18, 2008, on Bo Lozoff and the Human Kindness Foundation. The article appeared August 27, 2008, <<http://www.indyweek.com/gyrobase/Content?oid=oid%3A263212>>.

Interviewed by Kimberly Winston, Religion News Service, for an article entitled “Why Does Sex Play Such a Large Role for Fringe Sects?” Reprinted in *Religious Studies News*, October 2008, of the American Academy of Religion, p. 35, with additional comments by the scholars interviewed for the story.

Gave a talk to Religious Studies Honors students at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, on April 20, 2009, about my current research on the Branch Davidian case.

### SERVICE - professional colleagues

Proposed and coordinated a panel presentation in the Comparative Studies in Religion Section of the American Academy of Religion meeting November 1993. The panel’s title: “The Significance of Immanence in Women’s Theologies.” Panelists: Mary Farrell Bednarowski, Cynthia Eller, Rosemary Radford Ruether, Linda E. Olds, Rita Gross, Catherine Wessinger, presiding.

Proposed and coordinated a Special Topics Forum on David Koresh and the Branch Davidians for the American Academy of Religion meeting November 1993. Panelists: J. Gordon Melton, James Tabor, Phil Arnold, Martha Bradley, Timothy Miller, presiding.

Organized a meeting prior to the November 1994 American Academy of Religion in Chicago to discuss “Methodological and Ethical Issues in the Study of Contemporary Religions.”

Panelist, Experimental Session on Millennialism, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 1994. My suggestion that a new program unit on millennialism be proposed to the American Academy of Religion was acted on by Phillip Lucas and other scholars.

Organized a Special Topics Forum for the Ad Hoc Committee for the Public Understanding of Religion for the 1995 meeting of the American Academy of Religion: “Communicating with the Public: Responsibilities, Possibilities, and Perils.”

Organized a meeting prior to the November 1995 American Academy of Religion in Philadelphia to discuss “Methodological and Ethical Issues in the Study of Contemporary Religions.”

Organized a meeting prior to the November 1996 American Academy of Religion in New Orleans to discuss "Methodological and Ethical Issues in the Study of Contemporary Religions." Focus: Doing scholarship in a context involving the anticult movement.

In January 1996 wrote a prospectus for a new journal on alternative religions. The prospectus was submitted to Syracuse University Press and was accepted. Subsequently, the editorial executive committee decided to publish *Nova Religio* with Seven Bridges Press. In 2002, as co-general editor of *Nova Religio* I was part of the negotiations that moved the journal to University of California Press.

Participated in a conference meeting in Chicago sponsored by Hartford Seminary February 9-10, 1996, to provide commentary on a drafted manuscript tentatively entitled *An Uphill Calling: Ordained Women in Contemporary Protestantism* by Barbara Brown Zikmund, Adair T. Lummis, Patricia M. Y. Chang, forthcoming from Westminster/John Knox Press.

Arranged a fieldtrip of about 20 American Academy of Religion scholars to attend a service at the Israelite Spiritual Church in New Orleans, Friday night, November 22, 1996.

Arranged a field trip for 20 Religious Studies scholars attending the American Academy of Religion in San Francisco to visit the Nyingma Institute in Berkeley on Friday evening, November 21, 1997.

Addressed Dr. Robert Ellwood's graduate class at University of Southern California on the Montana Freeman on November 10, 1997.

Addressed Dr. Stephen O'Leary's undergraduate class at University of Southern California on the Branch Davidians on November 11, 1997.

Addressed University of Southern California School of Religion graduate students on "Women's Leadership in Marginalized Religions," November 11, 1997.

Addressed Dr. Ted Peter's class at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley on how the millennium comes violently on November 18, 1997.

Proposed panel that was accepted for the 1998 American Academy of Religion, "Believers, Law Enforcement Agents, and Religion Scholars: Communicating Across Professional and Religious Worldviews." Convenor: James Tabor; Panelists: Eugene V. Gallagher, Catherine Wessinger, Lonnie Kliever, Jayne Seminare Docherty; Respondent: Stephen O'Leary.

Arranged a fieldtrip of scholars to a Spiritualist community at Cassadaga, Florida, in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion November 1998 meeting in Orlando.

Gave telephone consultation on February 17, 1999, to Tom Ritchey with National Defense Research Establishment in Stockholm, Sweden, on religious groups and violence.

Consulted by Tom Ritchey, researcher for Swedish Defence Research Establishment, at Loyola University New Orleans, on CASPER, Computer Aided Scenario and Problem Evaluation Routine, as being applicable to predicting the possibility of volatility in new religious movements, May 26, 1999.

Listowner of the NRMList based at Hartford Seminary 1999-2001. This listserv formed in response to an FBI survey of new religious movements scholars in October 1999. The NRMList is a closed, unmoderated, international, and multidisciplinary list of scholars in the United States, Canada, Japan, Great Britain, Switzerland, and Italy. No one is added to the list without the consensus of the listmembers. As the listowner I performed the function of adding and deleting members from the list, troubleshooting problems, facilitating the discussions of nominees to the list.

Helped arrange a field trip for 15 Religious Studies scholars attending the American Academy of Religion in Nashville to visit the Farm, a hippie commune in Tennessee on November 17, 2000.

Helped arrange an overnight fieldtrip for 12 Religious Studies scholars attending the American Academy of Religion in Denver to visit the Rocky Mountain Shambala Center near Fort Collins, Colorado, Sunrise Ranch, near Loveland, Colorado, Naropa University and the Shambala Center in Boulder, Colorado, November 15-16, 2001.

Arranged for the New Religious Movements Group reception honoring Dr. J. Gordon Melton at the American Academy of Religion, Denver, November 17, 2001.

Spoke to Emory University Religious Studies honors society students on April 5, 2002.

Arranged for New Religious Groups Methods Meeting on “Terrorism and New Religious Movements” at the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 23, 2002.

Arranged for the New Religious Movements Group reception honoring Dr. Jeffrey K. Hadden at the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 23, 2002.

Guest speaker via videoconferencing in Dr. Claire Badaracco’s Religion and Media course at Marquette University in March 2006 on the Branch Davidian case.

#### AWARDS

\$8,300	1993 Summer Stipend from the Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture. Project: <i>Religious Institutions and Women’s Leadership: New Roles Inside the Mainstream.</i>
release time	1998-99 Participation in NEH-funded faculty (Loyola) seminar on Photography in the Study of America organized by Dr. David Estes and Dr. Leslie Parr.
\$3,000	2002 participant in NOC-TIITE seminar at Loyola University, New Orleans, on integrating the use of technology into teaching.

#### REFERENCES

Professor Robert Gnuse, Religious Studies, Loyola University New Orleans  
Professor Lindsay Jones, Comparative Studies, Ohio State University  
Professor Scott Lowe, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire  
Professor Phillip Lucas, Religious Studies, Stetson University  
Professor Timothy Miller, Religious Studies, University of Kansas  
Professor Rebecca Moore, Religious Studies, San Diego State University