

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

- 2000 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, University of Chicago, (Fall).
- 1994 Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Chicago, (Summer).
- 1989 Bachelor of Arts, Majors in Sociology and Philosophy, Minor in Spanish,
Calvin College, (May).

PUBLICATIONS (*indicates peer review):

Books

- 2009 *Smilde, David and Daniel Hellinger (eds). *Participation, Politics and Culture in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy*. Durham NC: Duke University Press (in press).
- 2007 *Smilde, David. *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
[2008 Distinguished Book Award, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association.]
- 2002 *López Maya, Margarita, David Smilde, and Keta Stephany. *Protesta y Cultura en Venezuela: Los Marcos de Acción Colectiva en 1999*. Caracas: FACES-UCV / CENDES / FONACIT.

Articles and Chapters

- 2009 *Smilde, David. "Participation, Politics and Culture: Emerging Fragments of Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy." In David Smilde and Daniel Hellinger (eds). *Participation, Politics and Culture in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy*. Durham: Duke University Press (in press).
- 2009 *Smilde, David, and Coraly Pagan. "Christianity and Politics in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy: Catholics, Evangelicals and Political Polarization." In David Smilde and Daniel Hellinger (eds). *Participation, Politics and Culture in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy*. Durham: Duke University Press (in press).
- 2009 Smilde, David. "Notas sobre el estudio de la conversión Evangélica en Caracas: historia de vida, historia de evento y muestreo" *Ensayos en Homenaje a Alberto Gruson*. Caracas: Ediciones UCAB (in press).
- 2008 *Smilde, David. "The Social Structure of Hugo Chávez," *Contexts* Contexts, Vol. 7, No. 1, pp. 38–43.

- 2007 Smilde, David. "Public Christianity in the Venezuelan Revolution," Newsletter of the Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association. Vol. XIII, No. 3, Summer. www2.asanet.org/section34
- 2007 Smilde, David. "Networks and Publics in Latin American Evangelicalism: The Social Structure of Religious Conversion and Change" in *Conversion of a Continent: Religious Identity and Change*. Edited by Timothy Steigenga and Edward Cleary. Piscataway NJ: Rutgers University Press.
- 2006 Levine, Daniel H., and David Smilde. The Church and the Chávez Government in Venezuela. *The Catholic Herald*. London, September.
- 2005 *Smilde, David. "A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: How Networks Matter." *American Journal of Sociology* v111n3 (November).
[2006 Honorable Mention, Distinguished Article Award, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association]
- 2004 *Smilde, David. "Popular Publics: Street Protest and Plaza Preachers in Caracas." *International Review of Social History* vol.49, Supplement pp.179-195.
[Simultaneously published in: Michiel Baud and Rosanne Rutten (eds.). 2004. *Popular Intellectuals and Social Movements: Framing Protest in Asia, Africa and Latin America*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.]
- 2004 *Smilde, David. "Los Evangélicos y La Polarización: La Moralización de la Política y la Politización de la Religión" *Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales*, 2004, vol. 10, n° 2, (May-August) pp.163-179.
- 2004 *Smilde, David. "Contradiction without Paradox: Evangelical Political Culture in the 1998 Venezuelan Elections," *Latin American Politics and Society* Vol.46, No.1 (Spring).
[Previous version published as *Kellogg Institute Working Paper #300 (September 2002).]
- 2003 *Smilde, David. "Skirting the Instrumental Paradox: Intentional Belief Through Narrative in Latin American Pentecostalism." *Qualitative Sociology* Vol 26, No.3 (Fall) pp.313-29.
[2004 Distinguished Article Award, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association.]
- 2001 *Smilde, David. "Protagonismo Cultural desde la Pobreza: Respuesta a Mikel de Viana." *Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales*, 7:1 (January-April) pp.45-64.
- 2001 *López Maya, David Smilde, and Keta Stephany. "Identidades en Movimiento: Aspectos del marco de acción colectiva de la protesta popular venezolana en 1999." *Espacio Abierto: Cuaderno Venezolano de Sociología*. Vol.10 No. 1 (March) pp.9-34.

- 2000 [Smilde, David] *Oxford Analytica* (January 28). "Evangelicals Bring Chavez's Message to the People."
- 1999 Smilde, David A. "El Clamor Por Venezuela: Latin American Evangelicalism as a Collective Action Frame," in *Latin American Religion in Motion*. Christian Smith and Joshua Prokopy (eds.). New York: Routledge.
- 1999 Steigenga, Timothy J., and David Smilde. "Wrapped in the Holy Shawl: The Strange Case of Conservative Christians and Gender Equality in Latin America." In: *Latin American Religion in Motion*. Christian Smith and Joshua Prokopy (eds.). New York: Routledge.
- 1999 Smilde, David A. "Venezuela--Nationhood, Patronage and the Conflict Over New Religious Movements," *Religious Freedom and Evangelization in Latin America: The Challenge of Religious Pluralism*. Paul Sigmund (ed.). Maryknoll: Orbis Books.
- 1998 *Smilde, David A. "Letting God Govern: Supernatural Agency in the Venezuelan Pentecostal Approach to Social Change," *Sociology of Religion* 59(3) Fall.
- Reprinted as: "'Beating Back the Enemy': How Venezuelan Pentecostals Think about Social Change," in *Religion in a Changing World: Comparative Studies in Sociology*. Madeleine Cousineau (ed.) Westport CT: Praeger. 1998.
- 1998 *López Maya, Margarita, and David Smilde. "Venezuela: La Dimensión Cultural de la Protesta Popular en el Neoliberalismo--Notas Teórico-Methodológicas para su Investigación." *Revista Venezolana de Economía y Ciencias Sociales*. Vol.4 No.4 (October-December).
- 1997 *Smilde, David A. "The Fundamental Unity of the Conservative and Revolutionary Tendencies in Venezuelan Evangelicalism: The Case of Conjugal Relations." *Religion* Vol. 27 No. 4 (October).

In Process

Smilde, David. "Public Rituals and Political Position among Venezuelan Evangelicals" Chapter for edited volume on charismatic Christianity and ritual, edited by Martin Lindhardt.

Book Reviews and Review Essays

- 2006 *Protestant Political Parties: a Global Survey*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate. By Paul Freston, *Sociology of Religion* Vol.68 No.3, Fall.
- 2005 *Convictions of the Soul: Religion, Culture, and Agency in the Central American Solidarity Movement*. New York: Oxford University Press, by Sharon Erickson Nepstad *American Journal of Sociology* vol. 111: 665-667.
- 2003 *From Peasant Struggles to Indian Resistance: The Ecuadorian Andes in the Late Twentieth Century* Norman OK: University of Oklahoma Press. By Amalia Pallares *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.109 No.3.
- 2003 “Evangelicalism and Politics in Latin America: Moving Beyond Monolithic Portraits” *History of Religions* Vol.42 No.3 (February). [Essay with reviews of *Religious Politics in Latin America: Pentecostal vs. Catholic* by Brian H. Smith; *Evangelicals and Politics in Asia, Africa and Latin America* by Paul Freston; *The Politics of the Spirit: The Political Implications of Pentecostalized Religion in Costa Rica and Guatemala* by Timothy J. Steigenga.]
- 2000 *Pentecostalism in Brazil: Emotion of the Poor and Theological Romanticism*. Andre Corten. *Review of Religious Research* Vol.29 No.3 (June).
- 2000 *Prophetic Pentecostalism in Chile: A Case Study on Religion and Development Policy*. Frans Kamsteeg. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. (June).
- 1999 *Resisting Reagan: The U.S. Central American Peace Movement*. Christian Smith. *Social Forces* Vol.77 No.3 (March).
- 1998 *The Soul of Development: Biblical Christianity and Economic Transformation in Guatemala*. Amy L. Sherman. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.104 No.1 (July).
- 1998 *Transnational Religion and Fading States*. Susanne Hoelber Rudolph and James Piscatori (eds). *American Journal of Sociology* Vol.103 No.4 (January).
- 1996 *Virtuosity, Charisma, and Social Order: A Comparative Sociological Study of Monasticism in Theravada Buddhism and Medieval Catholicism*. Ilana Silber. *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol.101 No.6 (May).
- 1995 *Looking for God in Brazil: The Progressive Catholic Church in the Religious Arena*. John Burdick. *American Journal of Sociology*. Vol.100 No.4 (January).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2008 Jack Shand Research Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (\$4,000).
- 2006-07 Fulbright Scholar Program, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Lecturing/Research Award, Universidad Central de Venezuela (\$52,000).
- 2003-07 Faculty Seminar Program grant from the University of Georgia Center for Humanities and Arts. Grant to bring in outside presenters to the Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History, academic years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 (\$2000).
- 2004 Faculty Research Grant from the University of Georgia Center for Humanities and Arts. Grant for two course buy-out to write book.
- 2004 Office of the Vice Provost for Research, international travel grant for follow-up research in Venezuela, summer 2004 (\$1500).
- 2003 President's Venture Fund for Faculty Travel. For follow-up research in Venezuela, summer 2003 (\$2000)
- 2001 Residential Fellowship, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Spring Semester (\$18,600).
- 1999-2000 National Council on Science and Technology (CONICIT--Venezuela). "The Cultural Frame of Popular Protest in Venezuela." (with Margarita López Maya, \$32,384).
- 1999 Latin American Social Science Council (CLACSO), *Second Research Project Competition: Democracy at Century's End: Promises, Results, and Challenges* "The Cultural Frame of Popular Protest in Venezuela" (with Margarita López Maya, \$20,000).
- 1995-96 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program (\$30,890).
- 1993-94 International Predissertation Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council, (\$17,600).

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2006-09 Editorial Board, *Sociology of Religion*.
- 2003-present Book Review Editor, *Social Movement Studies: Journal of Social, Cultural and Political Protest*.
- 2002-04 Newsletter Editor, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association.
- 1994-95 Book Review Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sociology*.

TEACHING:

- 2006-07 Visiting Professor of Sociology, Facultad de Ciencias Economicas y Sociales, Universidad Central de Venezuela (Fulbright Scholars Program).
- 2002-08 Writing Intensive Program of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences (Fall and Spring Semester: Development of Social Theory)
- 2001-present Assistant Professor (Social Theory, Sociology of Culture, Sociology of Religion) University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- 2001 Title VI (Department of Education program in area studies) Visiting Assistant Professor, *Problems in Latin American Society*, Spring Semester, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN.
- 1997 Assistant Professor, *Seminar: Methodology of the Sociology of Culture*, Fall Semester, Universidad Católica Andres Bello, Caracas, Venezuela.

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2008 Chair, Culture and Religion Network
- 2008 Chair, Student Article Award, Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociological Association.
- 2007-10 Executive Council, Culture, Power and Politics Section, Latin American Studies Association.
- 2005-08 Executive Council of the Sociology of Religion Section, American Sociological Association.

- 2005-06 Curriculum Coordinator, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Major,
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, University of Georgia.
- 2004-07 Executive Committee, Venezuela Studies Section, Latin American Studies
Association.
- 2003-06 Screening Committee, International Dissertation Research Fellowship,
Social Science Research Council.
- 2005 Selection Committee, Student Article Award, Section on the Sociology of
Religion.
- 2002 Selection Committee, Distinguished Article Award, Section on the Sociology of
&03 Religion, American Sociological Association.
- 2002- Co-founder and organizer, *Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power and History*.
Present
- 1997 Selection Committee, Fulbright Foreign Student Program, US Information
Service, US Embassy, Caracas Venezuela.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

Spanish (fluent in both written and oral)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Sections: Culture, Religion, Social Movements and Collective Behavior,
Comparative and Historical Sociology.

Eastern Sociological Society

Association for the Sociology of Religion

Latin American Studies Association
Sections: Culture, Power & Politics, Venezuelan Studies

CONSULTING

2008-09 Open Society Institute (socio-political analysis of Venezuela).

CONFERENCES AND SESSIONS ORGANIZED

- 2008 Co-organizer, *Religion on the Edge: Expanding the Boundaries of the Sociology of Religion*. Princeton University, October 3-4 (with Courtney Bender, Wendy Cadge, Peggy Levitt).
- 2008 Organizer, Protestant Discourses (participants: Brian Steensland and Zach Schrank, Samuel Nelson, Lydia Bean, Gerardo Martí). Regular Session on Religion, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2.
- 2008 Organizer, Pluralism, Conflict and Change (participants: Nathan Wright, C. Lynn Carr, Genevieve Zubrzycki, Theodore Sasson, Ephraim Tabory, Dana Selinger-Abutbul, Gary Horlacher). Regular Session on Religion, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 3.
- 2006 Organizer, *Publics in the Venezuelan Transition*, 2006 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 15.
- 2004 Organizer, *Religious Conversion in the Americas*, 2004 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 7.
- 1999 Organizer. *Special Session: Religion and "Development": Theoretical Advances Since Modernization Theory*. Cosponsors: Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association and the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Chicago IL, August 7.
- 1999 Organizer. *Open Informal Roundtable: The Sociological Significance of Free Market Protest in the Developing World*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago IL, August 8.
- 1997 Organizer, "Open Informal Roundtable: Feminism and the Study of Masculinities in the 'First' World and the 'Third' World," (with Sarah Eichberg), Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 11 Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 1995 Organizer. *Open Informal Roundtable: Reestablishments of Community in the Urban Developing World*," (with Bryan Froehle), Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC August 21.

INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism, Author-Meets-Critic*. Association of the Sociology of Religion, Boston, August 2.
- 2008 *Religion and Labor: Special Invited Session*. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Boston, August 2.
- 2008 *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism*. Discussion of book at the Culture and Society Workshop, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, April 17.
- 2008 “Four Stages in the Chavez Governments Approach to Participation.” *Understanding Populism and Political Participation: A New Look at the “New Left” in Latin America*. Washington DC: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. March 10
- 2007 Invited participant, “Religious Counterpublics” roundtable discussion. Social Science Research Council, New York, NY. December 17.
- 2007 *Reason to Believe: Cultural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism*. Book presentation at New Directions in the Sociology of Culture miniconference. Sophia University, Tokyo Japan. December 1.
- 2007 “How New is the New Latin American Left?” Invited Panel, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 13.
- 2007 Discussant, “Analyzing Religious Practices,” Section Session in the Sociology of Religion. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association., New York, NY.
- 2007 Critic, Author-meets-critic session, Race and Religion among the Chosen Peoples of Crown Heights by Henry Goldschmidt. Annual meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY.
- 2007 “La Religión y Conflicto durante el Periodo Chávez: una Propuesta Metodológica.” School of Education, Universidad Central de Venezuela. Caracas, Venezuela. May 29.
- 2007 “Metodología de la Sociología de la Cultura,” day long seminar, Universidad Simón Bolívar, Caracas, Venezuela, June 28.
- 2007 “Venezuelan Evangelicals and the Chávez Government: Political Ritual and Conflict,” *Ritual Practice in Charismatic Christianity Conference*, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, February 4.

- 2006 “Razon para Creer: Empoderamiento Cultural en el Movimiento Evangélico Latinoamericano,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of Sociology, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Caracas, Venezuela, November 24.
- 2006 “Razon para Creer: Empoderamiento Cultural en el Movimiento Evangélico Latinoamericano,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Universidad de Valencia, Valencia, Spain, November 15.
- 2006 “Bottom Up or Top Down?: Participation and Clientism in Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy” *Populism against Liberalism? Populism and Political Cleavages in Peripheral States*. Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2-5.
- 2005 “‘Works of the Flesh, Fruit of the Spirit:’ Men and Religious Empowerment in Venezuelan Evangelicalism.” Faculty colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, November 17.
- 2005 “A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: How Networks Matter,” Faculty colloquium, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, November 2.
- 2005 *Author-meets-Critic session on Paul Freston’s Protestant Political Parties: A Global Survey*. Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, August 11.
- 2004 *Author-meets-Critic session on Kathleen Blee’s Inside Organized Racism: Women in the Hate Movement*. Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, April 15.
- 2004 “Religion and Social Networks,” presentation given to members of the Ford Foundation’s *Latino Immigrants in Florida: Lived Religion, Space and Power* project at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, March 26.
- 2004 “Workshop on Software for Computer Aided Qualitative Data Analysis: Introduction to Atlas/ti (4.2),” Department of Sociology, Emory University, February 27.
- 2003 “Polarization, Violence and Referendum: Roundtable on the Venezuelan Crisis” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Georgia, September 10.
- 2003 “Polarization and Deadlock: Roundtable on the Venezuelan Crisis” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Georgia, January 29.
- 2003 “The Future of Democracy in South America” sponsored by the Ditchley Foundation, Ditchley Park, Oxford, England, January 24-26.

- 2002 “Skirting the Instrumental Paradox: Intentional Belief Through Narrative in Latin American Pentecostalism.” Presentation and participation in *Contentious Stories: Towards a Sociology of Narrative*, mini-conference organized by Francesca Polletta and Marshall Ganz and sponsored by the American Sociological Association-National Science Foundation Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, Ashland MA, Oct.4-6.
- 2002 “Meaning Networks in Recruitment to Latin American Pentecostalism: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis” Faculty Colloquium sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Center for Latin American Studies, Duke University, Durham NC. March 29.
- 2002 Invited participant at *Narrative Pow Wow*, roundtable on narrative and contentious politics organized by Francesca Polletta and Marshall Ganz, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, March 9.
- 2001 *Islam and Globalization* (discussant). Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Anaheim CA, August 19.
- 2001 “Using Software for Qualitative Data Analysis” *Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo* (CENDES-UCV) Área Regional Urbano. June 8, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 2001 “Rupture, Continuity, or Paradox? The Political Culture of Latin American Evangelicals.” Sponsored by the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies with funding from the Title VI Department of Education Regional Colleges Speaking Series. Calvin College, May 7, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2001 “Overcoming the Instrumental Paradox: Supernatural Agency and Intended Consequences in Venezuelan Pentecostalism.” Culture and Society Workshop, Northwestern University, April 5, Evanston, IL.
- 2001 “Who Commits? A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Pentecostal Conversion in Caracas.” The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, February 8, Notre Dame, IN.
- 2000 “Is There an Instrumental Paradox in Popular Religion? Meaning and Networks in Venezuelan Evangelicalism.” Department of Sociology Colloquium, University of Georgia, December 4, Athens, Georgia.
- 2000 “Rupture or Continuity? Evangelical Political Culture in the Election of Hugo Chávez.” *Religion, Politics, and Society Series*. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, February 23, Notre Dame, IN.

- 1997 "The Discourse of Evangelism and Religious Freedom in Venezuela." Paper presented at the *Evangelization and Religious Freedom* Conference, October 24-25, 1997. Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, Princeton NJ.
- 1997 "The Political Culture of Venezuelan Evangelicals." Universidad Católica Andres Bello. Undergraduate Sociology Day. July, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1997 "The Political Culture of Venezuelan Evangelicals." Centro de Estudios de Desarrollo (CENDES-UCV) Colloquium, Area Sociopolítica. June, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1997 "Conversion to Evangelicalism as a Survival Strategy." Centro de Estudios del Desarrollo (CENDES-UCV) Colloquium, Area Regional Urbano. March, Caracas, Venezuela.
- 1994 "Research Design for the Study of Evangelical Conversion in Venezuela." Conducting Social Science Research in Latin America, joint sponsors: Social Science Research Council, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia, August 22-27.

CONGRESS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATIONS:

- 2007 "Seeing and Not Seeing Venezuela's Bolivarian Democracy." Prospects for Democracy in Venezuela. 2007 Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Canada. September 6.
- 2007 "Religion and Political Conflict in Venezuela." Religion and Civic Engagement. Annual meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. New York, NY, August 11.
- 2006 "Provincializing Europe: Towards a Relational, Pragmatic Theory of Religious Meaning," *Regular Session: Theoretical Innovations and Corrections in the Sociology of Religion*. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 "Structure and Agency in Religious Empowerment: A Pragmatic Alternative" *Economic Forces and Religious Behavior*, Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 12.
- 2006 "What's New in the Cultural Autonomy Versus Cultural Agency Debate?" *Miniconference: What's New In...* Annual meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, February 25.

- 2006 “Understanding Religious Movements in the Global South: Imaginative Rationality and Relational Imagination.” *Religion Then, Now and in the Future*. Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, February 26.
- 2005 “Religion and Political Conflict in Venezuela: Catholics and Evangelicals during the Chavez Years,” *Roundtable: Religion and the State around the World*, Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, August 11.
- 2004 “Popular Publics: Street Protest and Plaza Preachers in Caracas” *Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Paper Session: Popular Movements in the Global South*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association San Francisco, CA, August.
- 2004 “Popular Publics: Street Protest and Plaza Preachers in Caracas” *Varieties of Grassroots Politics*, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, February 22.
- 2003 “Worthless Enemies and Exasperating Victims: Confronting Violence through Pentecostalism in Caracas” *Section on the Sociology of Religion Paper Session: Religious Cultures and the Propensity toward Violence*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 “Meaning Networks in Conversion to Venezuelan Evangelicalism: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis.” *Regular Session. Meaning Networks: Culture as Relations*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago IL, August 16.
- 2002 “Overcoming the Instrumental Paradox: Intended Consequences and the Pragmatics of Meaning in Venezuelan Pentecostalism” *Section on the Sociology of Religion Paper Session: Achieved and Ascribed Identities*. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago IL, August 16.
- 2002 “Meaning Networks in Recruitment to Latin American Pentecostalism: a Qualitative Comparative Analysis” *Religious Networks*. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston MA, March 9.
- 2001 “Rupture, Continuity or Paradox? Venezuelan Evangelical Participation in the 1998 Elections.” *Religion and Politics: Comparative Treatments*. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Anaheim CA, August 19.
- 2001 “Who Commits: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Pentecostal Conversion in Caracas.” *Section on the Sociology of Religion Roundtables*. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Anaheim CA, August 21.

- 2000 “Popular Rejections of the World and their Directions: Venezuelan Evangelical Support for Hugo Chávez.” Latin American Studies Association, XXII International Congress, March 16-18, Miami, Florida.
- 1999 “Pentecostalism as a Challenge to Rational Choice Theory.” *Constructing Alternative Rationalities*. Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Chicago IL, August 6.
- 1997 “Letting God Govern: Empowerment Through Supernatural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism.” *Regular Session: Cultural and Ethnographic Approaches to the Study of Religion*, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association August 13, 1997, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 1997 “*El Clamor Por Venezuela: Caracas Evangelicals in the Public Sphere*,” *Religion and the Public Sphere: Comparative Studies*, Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, August 10, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 1997 “Headship Versus Machismo: Religious Conservatives and Gender in Latin America,” with Timothy Steigenga, *Religion and Politics in Latin America in the 1990s and Beyond: Mexico and Central America*, Latin American Studies Association, XX International Congress, Guadalajara, Mexico, April 19.
- 1995 “Understanding the Conservative and Revolutionary Elements of Latin American Evangelicalism.” *Regular Session: The Women, the Men, and the Transformation of Religion*, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC August 23.
- 1995 “‘Faith Moves Mountains’: Social Problems and Supernatural Agency in Latin American Evangelicalism.” *Religion in Latin America*. Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Washington DC, August 20.
- 1995 “Weberian Treatments of Religion,” (discussant). Annual Meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Washington DC, August 20.
- 1994 “Religion and Justice: Latin American Evangelicals.” *Religion and Justice in Latin America*, Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 4.