

# CURRICULUM VITA

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### **Education**

B.A. University of Denver, 1959, Journalism.

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 1965, Sociology.

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 1971, Sociology.

### **Employment**

Since 2004: Distinguished Professor of the Social Sciences and Co-Director, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University.

1971-2003: Professor of Sociology and of Comparative Religion, University of Washington.

1987-1999 Co-Founder and Director, MicroCase Corporation.

1968-1971 Research Sociologist, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley.

1961-1970 Research Assistant to Research Sociologist, Survey Research Center, University of California, Berkeley.

1959-1961 Reporter, *Oakland Tribune*, Oakland, California.

1957-1959 Private to Specialist 3rd Class, United States Army (promoted to Staff Sergeant in the active reserve, 1961).

1955-1956 Reporter, *Denver Post*, Denver, Colorado.

### **Honors**

Nominee, Pulitzer Prize, 1996 (*The Rise of Christianity*).

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Jamestown College, 1994.

Honorary Doctor of Theology, Lund University (Sweden), 2006.

Honorary Professor of Sociology, Peking University, Beijing, China, 2008

President, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1982-83.

Chair, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association, 1996-97.

President, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2003-04.

Board Member, John Templeton Foundation, 2004-2007.

Founding editor: *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*.

Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1986, for *The Future of Religion: Secularization, Revival, and Cult Formation*.

Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1993, for *The Churching of America — 1776-1990*.

Distinguished Book Award, Section on the Sociology of Religion, American Sociological Association, 2001, for *Acts of Faith: Explaining the Human Side of Religion*.

Award of Merit (history/biography) *Christianity Today Magazine* 2004: for *The Glory of God: How Monotheism Led to Reformations, Science, Witch-Hunts, and the End of Slavery*.

Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2004, for *The Glory of God*.

Award of Merit (history/biography) *Christianity Today Magazine* 2006: for *The Victory of Reason: How Christianity Led to Freedom, capitalism, and Western Success*.

Award of Merit (theology/ethics) *Christianity Today Magazine* 2008: for *Discovering God: The Origins of the Great Religions and the Evolution of Belief*.

Book of the Year Award, *World Magazine*, 2012: for *The Triumph of Christianity: How the Jesus Movement Became the World's Largest Religion*.

Award for Distinguished Scholarship, Pacific Sociological Association, 1993.

### **Endowed Lectureships**

Mead-Swing Lectures, Oberlin College, 1984

Snuggs' Distinguished Lectures, University of Tulsa, 1986

Distinguished Lecturer, Santa Clara University, 1988

Eli Lilly Foundation Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Purdue University, 1992.

Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1994.

Annual Plenary Lecture, North American Patristic Society, 1997.

O.C. Tanner Lecture, Mormon History Association, 1998.

Plenary Address, World Conference on New Religions, sponsored by the Center for Studies on New Religions (Torino, Italy). 2002.

Walter and Helen Hall Lecture, Rice University, 2004.

Templeton Research Lectures, Vanderbilt University, 2006

**Translations** of my books and articles have appeared in or are soon to appear in: Bahasa Indonesian, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovene, Spanish, Turkish and Ukrainian.

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Turkish edition: Ciğdem Özüer, translator: Istanbul: Literatür Yayıncılık,

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