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### EDUCATION

Clare College, University of Cambridge, England (1970-78)

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| 1978 | Ph.D. History, University of Cambridge.  |
| 1978 | M.A. University of Cambridge.  |
| 1974 | B.A. (Hons.), University of Cambridge.<br>Double First-Class Honors (Part 1, History;<br>Part 2, Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic Studies). |

### EMPLOYMENT

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| 2012-present | <u>Distinguished Professor of History</u> , Baylor University; and Director of the Program on Historical Studies of Religion, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University. |
| 2012-present | Emeritus Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities, Pennsylvania State University.  |
| 2009-2011    | Distinguished Senior Fellow, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University.  |
| 2007-2011    | Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Humanities, Pennsylvania State University.   |
| 1997-2007    | Distinguished Professor of History and Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University.  |
| 1993-97      | Professor of History and Religious Studies, Pennsylvania State University.  |
| 1992-98      | Director, Religious Studies Program, Pennsylvania State University.   |
| 1989-93      | Professor of Criminal Justice and American Studies, Pennsylvania State University.  |
| 1984-89      | Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Pennsylvania State University.   |
| 1980-84      | Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Pennsylvania State University.   |

1977-80            Research Officer on an Oxford and Cambridge project on the history of the English criminal law 1790-1914.

## PUBLICATIONS

I have published 34 sole-authored books, and about 120 book chapters and refereed articles. A full listing of reviews of my books can be found at [“Reviews of books by Philip Jenkins.”](#) To date, my books have been translated into sixteen languages: Chinese, Dutch, Estonian, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian and Spanish. My citations can be found at [Google Scholar](#)

### Books

*Kingdoms of this World: How Empires Have Made and Remade Religions*  
Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, in production for publication in 2024

*A Storm of Images: Iconoclasm and Religious Reformation in the Byzantine World*  
Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2023: 275 pages

*He Will Save You from the Deadly Pestilence: The Many Lives of Psalm 91*  
New York: Oxford University Press, 2023: 243 pages

*A Global History of the Cold War 1945-1991*  
London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021: 260 pages.

*Climate, Catastrophe, and Faith: How Changes in Climate Drive Religious Upheaval*  
New York: Oxford University Press, 2021: 257 pages.

*Fertility and Faith: The Demographic Revolution That Is Transforming All The World's Religions.*  
Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2020: 262 pages.

*Rethinking a Nation: The United States in the 21st Century.*  
London: Macmillan/Red Globe, 2019: 276 pages.

*Crucible of Faith: The Ancient Revolution That Made Our Modern Religious World*  
New York: Basic Books, 2017: 303 pages.

*The Many Faces of Christ: The Thousand-Year Story of the Survival and Influence of the Lost Gospels*  
New York: Basic Books, 2015: 326 pages.

This is currently being translated into Russian.

*The Great and Holy War: How World War I Became a Religious Crusade*  
San Francisco: HarperOne, 2014: 448 pages.

*Chiesa Globale: La Nuova Mappa*  
Bologna, Italy: EMI/Editrice Missionaria Italiana, 2014: 64 pages.

This appeared in English as *The New Map of the Global Church* (Crossroad 2017)

*Laying Down the Sword: Why We Can't Ignore the Bible's Violent Verses*

San Francisco: HarperOne, 2011. 310 pages.

The Russian edition appeared as *Voyni Za Boga* (Moscow: Eksmo, 2013): 446 pages.

*Jesus Wars: How Four Patriarchs, Three Queens, And Two Emperors Decided What Christians Would Believe For The Next 1,500 Years*

San Francisco: HarperOne, 2010. 328 pages.

A Polish edition appeared as *Wojny w Imieniu Jezusa* (Warsaw: Bellona, 2011).

The Portuguese edition appeared as *Guerras Santas* (São Paulo, Brazil: Leya, 2013): 351 pages.

This book is being translated into Romanian and Russian.

*The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia--and How It Died*

San Francisco: HarperOne, 2008. 315 pages.

A German version of this book appeared as *Das goldene Zeitalter des Christentums: Die vergessene Geschichte der größten Weltreligion* (Freiburg: Herder, 2010).

The Dutch version is *Het vergeten Christendom: De duizendjarige bloeitijd van de kerk in het Midden-Oosten, Afrika en Azië* (Amsterdam: Nieuw Amsterdam, 2011).

The Italian edition appeared as *La Storia Perduta del Cristianesimo* (Rome: EMI, 2016): 352 pages

The Spanish edition is *La Historia Olvidada del Cristianismo* (Salamanca, Spain: Ediciones Sígueme, 2020)

This book is also being translated into Japanese and Korean.

*God's Continent: Christianity, Islam and Europe's Religious Crisis*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. 340 pages.

This book also appeared in German, as *Gottes Kontinent? Über die religiöse Krise Europas und die Zukunft von Islam und Christentum* (Freiburg: Herder, 2008).

The Italian edition appeared as *Il Dio dell'Europa: Il cristianesimo e l'islam in un continente che cambia* (Editrice Missionaria Italian, 2009)

The Dutch edition is *Gods Wereld Deel* (Amsterdam: Nieuw Amsterdam, 2010)

*The New Faces of Christianity: Believing the Bible in the Global South*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. 252 pages.

The Italian edition appeared as *I Nuovi Volti del Cristianesimo* (Milan: Vita e Pensiero, 2006).

*Decade of Nightmares: The End of the 1960s and the Making of Eighties America*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2006. 344 pages.

*Dream Catchers: How Mainstream America Discovered Native Spirituality*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2004. 306 pages.

*The New Anti-Catholicism: The Last Acceptable Prejudice*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. 258 pages

This book is being translated into Polish.

*Images of Terror: What We Can And Can't Know About Terrorism*

Hawthorne, NY: Aldine De Gruyter, 2003. 227 pages

*The Next Christendom: The Rise of Global Christianity*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. 270 pages.

A second expanded edition was published by Oxford in 2007 (316 pages).

The third edition appeared from Oxford in 2011 (346 pages)

This book is also being translated into several other languages, including Portuguese, Romanian, and Slovenian.

The Chinese edition appeared from New Century Publishing (Taiwan) in 2003: 319 pages

The Italian edition appeared as *La Terza Chiesa* (Rome: Fazi Editore, 2004): 377 pages

The German edition appeared as *Die Zukunft des Christentums* (Giessen: Brunnen-Verlag, 2006): 384 pages

The Polish edition appeared as *Chrześcijaństwo Przyszłości* (Warsaw: Verbinium, 2009)

The Korean edition appeared in 2009

*Hidden Gospels: How the Search for Jesus Lost Its Way*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2001. 260 pages.

*Beyond Tolerance: Child Pornography on the Internet*

New York University Press, 2001. 259 pages.

*Mystics and Messiahs: Cults and New Religions in American History*

New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. 294 pages.

*Synthetic Panics: The Politics of Designer Drugs*

New York University Press, 1999. 247 pages.

*The Cold War at Home: The Red Scare in Pennsylvania 1945-1960*

Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1999. 271 pages.

*Moral Panic: Changing Concepts of the Child Molester in Modern America*

New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1998. 302 pages.

*Hoods and Shirts: The Extreme Right in Pennsylvania 1925-1950.*

Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 1997. 343 pages.

*A History of the United States*

London: Macmillan / New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997. 317 pages.

Second edition, London: Palgrave Press, 2002: 330 pages.

Third edition, London: Palgrave, 2007: 338 pages.

Fourth edition, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012: 336 pages.

Fifth edition, London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017: 299 pages.

- This book is being translated into several other languages, including Latvian, Macedonian, Serbian and Portuguese.
- The Spanish edition appeared from Madrid's Alianza Editorial in 2002: 409 pages.  
A second Spanish edition appeared in 2005: 431 pages.  
Third Spanish edition 2009: 452 pages.  
Fourth Spanish edition, 2012: 510 pages.
- The Romanian edition, *O Istorie A Statelor Unite*, appeared from Bucharest's Editura Artemis in 2002: 286 pages.
- The Estonian edition was published as *Ameerika Ühendriikide Ajalugu* (Tallinn, Estonia: Kirjastus Valgus, 2005): 308 pages.
- The Polish translation appeared under the title *Historia Stanów Zjednoczonych* (Krakow: Jagiellonian University Press, 2009): 302 pages.

*Pedophiles and Priests: Anatomy of a Social Crisis.*  
New York: Oxford University Press, 1996. 214 pages.

*Using Murder: The Social Construction of Serial Homicide*  
Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1994. 262 pages

*Intimate Enemies: Moral Panics in Contemporary Great Britain*  
Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter, 1992. 262 pages.

*A History of Modern Wales 1536-1990*  
London: Longmans, 1992. 451 pages.

*Crime and Justice: Issues and Ideas*  
Monterey, CA: Brooks-Cole, 1984. 211 pages.

*The Making of a Ruling Class: The Glamorgan Gentry 1640-1790*  
Cambridge University Press, 1983. 353 pages.

Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville and Philip Jenkins, *Catholic Cambridge*  
London: Catholic Truth Society, 1983. 149 pages.

### **Edited Books**

Philip Jenkins ed., *Remembering Armageddon: Religion and the First World War*  
Waco TX: ISR Books, 2015. 116 pages.

Ernst Schürer, Manfred Keune and Philip Jenkins, eds., *The Berlin Wall: Representations and Perspectives*  
New York: Peter Lang, 1996. 388 pages.

Ernst Schürer and Philip Jenkins, eds., *B. Traven: Life and Work*  
University Park, PA: Penn State Press, 1987. 368 pages.

### **Book Chapters and Refereed Articles**

*Selected recent examples:*

[For a full listing, see “Articles by Philip Jenkins”](#)

Fertility and Faith: Latin America and the Limits of Evangelical Growth, in David W. Bebbington, ed., *The Gospel in Latin America: Historical Studies in Evangelicalism and the Global South* (Baylor University Press, 2022): 83-101

[Slavery](#), *Centre County Encyclopedia of History and Culture* (2022)

Gospel of Barnabas, in J. Christopher Edwards, ed., *Early New Testament Apocrypha* (Ancient Literature for New Testament Studies, volume 9) (Zondervan Academic 2022): 38-57

Foreword, in Jehu Hanciles, *Migration and the Making of Global Christianity* (Eerdmans 2021): xi-xiii

Foreword, in Mitri Raheb and Mark Lamport, eds., *Handbook of Christianity in the Middle East* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2021: xxxv-xxxvii

Pineapple and Herring: How the Roman Catholic Church Adapted Protestant Reform Principles to Create a Global Missionary Presence, *Ching Feng* (Hong Kong), n.s., 19.1–2 (2020) 5–20

The Great War and the Holy War, in Frieder Ludwig, ed., *The First World War As a Turning Point* (Münster, Germany: Lit Verlag, 2020): 37-49

Trading in Faith: Christianity and Globalization, Review essay of several books on Global Christianity, *Journal of World History* 31(1)(2020): 253-262

The Politics of Persecuted Religious Minorities, in James P. MacGuire, ed., *International Religious Freedom* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2019): 99-110 (*reprinted*)

Evangelicals and Globalization, in Andrew Atherstone and David Ceri Jones, eds., *The Routledge Research Companion to the History of Evangelicalism* (New York: Routledge, 2019): 267-280

Up on the Downs, *Journal of the John Masefield Society*, 27 (2018): 29-32

Introduction, to Mark A. Lamport, ed., *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South* (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), vol I, xli-xlii

Infidels, Demons, Witches and Quakers: The Affair of Colonel Bowen, *Fides et Historia* 49(2)(2017): 1-15

The Western Frontier: Euro-Islam and the Remaking of Global Faith, in Evelyne A. Reisacher, ed., *Dynamics of Muslim Worlds* (Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2017): 37-56

- Mark Noll and Global Faith, *Fides et Historia*, 48(2016): 29-35
- Ein globaler religiöser Klimawandel: Wie die demografische Entwicklung die christliche Mission verändert, *Interrkulturelle Theologie* 1(2016): 55-70
- What hath Wittenberg to do with Lagos? Sixteenth-Century Protestantism and Global South Christianity Today, in Thomas Albert Howard and Mark A. Noll, eds., *Protestantism after 500 Years* (New York: Oxford University Press 2016), 208-27
- The Legacy of Christendom, in Lamin Sanneh and Michael McClymond, eds., *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to World Christianity* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016), 131-41
- The Storm of Images, in Beth Felker Jones and Jeffrey W Barbeau, eds., *The Image of God in an Image Driven Age* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2016), 242-59
- Evangelicals – Pentecostals – Charismatics: New Religious Movements as Challenges for the Catholic Church, in Johannes Müller and Karl Gabriel, eds., *Evangelicals, Pentecostal Churches, Charismatics* (Quezon City, Philippines: Claretian, 2015), 285-314
- The Present and Future of World Christianity, *Norsk Tidsskrift for Misjonsvitenskap* 2(2015), 67-83.
- Letting Go: Understanding Mormon Growth in Africa, in Matthew J. Grow and Reid L. Neilson, eds., *From the Outside Looking In: Essays on Mormon History, Theology, and Culture* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), 330-52.
- Angels and Horsemen: The Great War as an Apocalyptic Struggle, in Philip Jenkins ed., *Remembering Armageddon* (Waco TX: ISR Books, 2015), 71-92.
- The World's Fastest Growing Religion: Comparing Christian and Muslim Expansion in the Modern Era, in Stanley D. Brunn, ed., *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices and Politics* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2015), 1767-79.

### **Journalism in Magazines and Newspapers**

[For a full listing, see “Journalism.”](#)

I have published extensively in magazines and newspapers, including both major articles as well as shorter opinion and op-ed pieces. Among many other publications, my work has appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New Republic*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Christian Century*, *USA Today*, *First Things*, *American Conservative*, and *Books and Culture*. I have also written for many European publications. Some examples of this writing from the past few years include:

Holy Terror, *Christian Century*, April 1 2015: 28-31

[The Worst Thing to Think About Jesus](#), *Lifeyette*, July 2015

[Cultural Genocide](#), *Lifezette*, July 2015

[The Forgotten History of Mary's Gospels](#), *Time.com* October 2015

[Dead Temples vs. Living Churches](#), *Salon.com*, November 2015

This article was reprinted as *Chiese d'Oriente, Crepuscolo inevitabile?* *Vita e Pensiero*, February 2016: 19-22

It was also reprinted as [Chiese d'Oriente in balia del Daesh](#), *Avvenire*, March 2016

[The Secret Gospels that Have Been Hiding in Plain Sight](#), *History News Network*, November 2015

Shadow of a Saint, *Christian Century*, May 25, 2016: 32-34

[African Faith is Going Global](#), *Trend*, Summer 2016: 26-33

[Catholicism's Incredible Growth Story](#), *Catholic Herald*, September 9, 2016

When God is Silent, *Christian Century*, March 1, 2017: 44-45

[200 Years That Shaped Judaism, Jesus, And All That Followed](#), *Christian Century*, October 11, 2017: 36-39.

[Revolutionary Biblical Discoveries and the Need for Historical Amnesia](#), *Ancient Near East Today*, October 2017

[The Catholic World Is About To Be Turned Upside Down](#), *Catholic Herald*, November 3, 2017

[The Next Battle Over Monuments? It Will Be Those for the Founding Fathers](#), HNN Network, November 2017

[Why What's Happening in the Middle East Today Seems So Familiar to This Historian](#), HNN Network, November 2017

[What Early Christians Learned From Jews About The Afterlife](#), *US Catholic*, online, January 2018. A hard copy version of this appeared as "The Afterlife Evolution," *US Catholic* June 2018: 25-27

La croce e il fiore di loto, *Osservatore Romano*, April 26, 2018: 5. Reprinted as 'The Cross and the Lotus, in *L'Osservatore Romano*, November 2, 2018: 6-7

[The Dangerous Politics Of Guilt By Association](#), *Spectator*, October 28, 2018

[Pennsylvania's Dark History of Hate](#), *Tablet Magazine*, October 29, 2018

[The Myth of the Transformative Election](#), *Spectator*, November 2018



[How High Is Your Constitutional IQ?](#) *Spectator*, January 2019

[Fertility, Faith, and a Secular America?](#) The Gospel Coalition, October 2019

[Food, Drink And Urban Revolutions](#), MIHE Blog, October 2019

[Witch Ways](#), *First Things*, December 2019

[How the Gender Wars of the Early 1990s Shaped the World We Know](#), History News Network, December 2019

10 Trends of the 2010s, *Christian Century*, January 29, 2020: 20-23

[The Future of World Christianity is African](#), The Gospel Coalition, August 2020

Più Gotham che Sin City: la religione a NewYork, *Vita e Pensiero* 2 (2021): 66-72

[Climate Catastrophe and Faith](#), *History News Network*, May 2021

[Climate Catastrophes Can Reshape Religion](#), Big Think, May 2021

[What the Plummeting Fertility Rate Means for Churches](#), The Gospel Coalition, June 2021

Climate, Catastrophe, and the Future of Faith, *The Tablet* (UK), September 25, 2021: 4-5

From Disaster to Belief, *Truth Seeker*, 148 Sept-Dec 2021: 20-23

God Who Can Heal The Sick, *Christian History* 142 (2022): 44-46

Quando il caldo provocò la rinascita del Medioevo, *Vita e Pensiero* (Milan), January-February 2022: 112-116

[Towards a Secular America](#), *Chronicles* September 2023

From 2008 through 2022, I published a monthly column in the *Christian Century* under the general title Notes from the Global Church: for a full list, see [“Christian Century columns.”](#)

I have through the years also written regular columns for a number of other outlets, including ABC Religion and Ethics, *Books and Culture*, *Chronicles* magazine, Aleteia.org, *American Conservative*, and RealClearReligion.

I blog at <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/>, and my postings are listed at [“Anxious Bench Posts.”](#) I also contributed to the [Texas Faith Blog](#).

## Book Reviews

Since 1985, I have published over a hundred book reviews. [See “Reviews by Philip Jenkins.”](#)

## PAPERS PRESENTED AND INVITED LECTURES

[See “Conference papers and presentations” and “Lectures.”](#)

Since 1980, I have delivered over a hundred papers to scholarly gatherings and professional associations, most regularly to groups like the American Society of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the Pennsylvania Historical Association. I have also presented papers to groups as diverse as the Organization of American Historians, American Society of Eighteenth Century Studies, the Group for Early Modern Cultural Studies, G. K. Chesterton Society, Popular Culture Association, American Correctional Association, American Association of Law Librarians, and the Pennsylvania Labor History Society.

In addition, I have given invited lectures to a wide variety of groups. Over the past fifteen years, I have spoken at more than 150 universities, colleges and seminaries in North America and Europe.

*Some examples of invited lectures or presentations include:*

Evangelicals, Pentecostals, and Charismatics, International Conference on New Religious Movements as a Challenge for the Catholic Church, organized by the German Bishops' Conference, Rome, Italy, April 2013.

Christianity and World History, Wilberforce Weekend (Colson Center), Arlington VA, April 2013.

Out of the Past: Child Abuse in Religious Settings, STAND conference for North American Mission Leaders, Dallas TX, September 2013.

From Wittenberg to Lagos: The Sixteenth Century Reformation and Modern-Day Global Christianity, at Protestantism? Reflections in Advance of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, 1517-2017, Gordon College, Mass., November 2013.

Faiths at War, Custodire l'umanità: verso le periferie esistenziali, Assisi, Italy, November 2013

Reshaping Faith: How The First World War Transformed Christianity, Judaism and Islam, Frederick C. Wood Lectures, Cornell University, Ithaca NY and Cornell Club, New York City, April 2014.

Where Have All The Cultists Gone? Debate with Gordon Melton, CESNUR conference on New Religious Movements, Waco TX, June 2014

Culture and Faith, Napa Institute, Napa CA, July 2014

The Middle East, Violence and Religion, St. Vincent's College, Latrobe PA, February 2015.

The Great and Holy War, Berry College, Rome GA, February 2015.

Houston's Nigerian Churches, (Read on my behalf), Texas State Historical Association, Corpus Christi, TX, March 2015

The Image of God in Global Faith, Wheaton Theology Conference, Wheaton IL, April 2015. This was also Wheaton College's McManis Lecture.

Demographics and Global Faith, Christian Scholars Conference, Abilene TX, June 2015. My work was also the subject of two panels at this event.

Religion, Violence and Scripture, Chautauqua, NY, July 2015.

The Demographic Dimension of Global Christianity, Commemorative Conference on the Basel Mission 1815-2015, Basel, Switzerland, September 2015.

Godless Europe? End of Religion symposium, National Press Club, Washington DC, November 2015.

Christianity, Islam and Holy Wars, at conference on Mere Anglicanism: The Cross and the Crescent, Charleston SC, January 2016

The Last Holy War? Teach-in on the First World War, University of Oklahoma, Norman OK, March 2016

It's Bigger on the Inside: Decline, Growth and Transformation in Contemporary Religion, Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Division, San Diego CA, March 2016

Faculty Mentor, Sixth Enoch Graduate Seminar, Austin, TX, May 2016

Conversation on Global Trends: New Demographics and their Implications, Pew Foundation, Washington DC, July 2016

Childhood's End, Inklings Society, Oxford England, July 2016

Fertility and Faith, Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, Waco, TX, October 2016

The Western Frontier: Euro-Islam and the Remaking of Global Faith, Missiology Lectures, Fuller Seminary, Pasadena CA, November 2016

Chair and Discussant, Panel on The Anglican Communion and the First World War, North American Conference on British Studies, Washington DC, November 2016

Secular Europe? Texas Baptists Annual Meeting, Waco TX, November 2016

- Invited Participant, Foresight Conference on Global Futures, Singapore, July 2017
- Pineapple and Herring: Protestant and Catholic Missionary Strategies in the Early Modern World, Conference on Celebrating 500 Years of the Reformation, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, September 2017
- Reformations: Past, Present And Future, Florida International University, Miami, FL, October 2017
- The Eastern Churches, Conference on Coming Home from Genocide, Anglosphere Society/Hudson Institute, New York City, December 2017
- The Church in an Era of Change, Meeting for the Friendship of Peoples, held at Rimini, Italy, August 2018, <https://www.meetingrimini.org/>
- 1918 and 1968: Crisis, Catastrophe and the Remaking of Religions, King University, Bristol TN, September 2018
- The Great War and the Holy War, Fahrhochschule für Interkulturelle Theologie, Hermannsburg, Germany, November 2018
- The Ghosts of Churches Past, Landregan lecture, University of Dallas, Dallas, TX, February 2019
- Crucible of Faith, Colorado Christian University, Denver CO, October 2019
- Keynote speaker on “Faith, Religion and World War One,” Lilly Endowment workshop, National WWI Museum and Memorial, Kansas City, MO, January 2020
- Climate, Catastrophe and Faith, Flagler College, St Augustine, FL, January 2020
- Africa and the Global Church, City to City Africa, October 2020
- Faith and Fertility, The Media Project, October 2020
- Christianity Today: Prospects and Trends, First Presbyterian Church, Augusta, GA, February 2021
- Fertility and Faith: How Demographic Change Shapes Religious Revolutions, seminar in Modern Religious History, Institute of Historical Research, University of London, February 2021
- Religion after the Pandemic: Forecasting the Global Future of Faith, Program for Research on Religion and Urban Civil Society (PRRUCS), University of Pennsylvania, March 2021
- Hate Groups in Pennsylvania History, Spalding Memorial Library, Athens PA, May 2021

- The Empires Strike Back: Migration and Global Religious Change. Concordia Seminary, St Louis, May 2021
- Climate, Catastrophe, and Faith, delivered remotely to Christianity and History Forum Conference, All Nations Christian College (England), September 2021
- Climate, Catastrophe, and Faith, delivered remotely to The Media Project, October 2021
- A Pilgrim From Xanadu: How a Christian Monk from Beijing Discovered Medieval Europe, Online event, Bridge Projects Gallery, Los Angeles, November, 2021
- Climate, Catastrophe, and Faith, Adventist Society for Religious Studies, San Antonio, TX, November 2021. Also, presentation on Faith, Fertility and Migration, delivered to ASRS Group on Missions and World Religions
- The Ku Klux Klan and the Far Right in the Anthracite Region, 1920-1945, Msgr. John J. Curran Lecture, King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, January 2022.
- Christianity in East Asia: Past, Present and Future, Yamauchi Lecture, Miami University, Miami OH, March 2022
- Climate, Catastrophe, and Faith, (two lectures), Irvine United Church of Christ, Irvine, CA, March 2022
- Fertility, Climate Change, and the Future of Faith, Baylor in Washington, Washington DC, April 2022
- The Future of Christianity, The Way International, New Knoxville OH, April 2022.
- Climate, Environment and Religion, Faith Angle West, Napa CA, June 2022
- Disruption, Crisis, and Faith: How Changes in Climate Drive Religious Upheaval, Sociology of Religion conference of British Sociology Association, July 2022
- My book *Climate, Catastrophe and Faith* was the subject of the Seminar on American Religion organized by the Cushwa Center, Notre Dame University, October 2022
- Climate, Catastrophe and Faith, (two lectures), Lansdowne lectures, University of Victoria, BC, Canada, October 2022
- Member of panel on Witch Hunts and Magic, Virtual coffee hour, Conference on Faith and History, October 2022
- Climate Crises and the Reshaping of the Islamic World, Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford, England, November 2022
- Secularization and the Nones, The Media Project, November 2022

Climate History and the History of Islam, Center for Muslim-Christian Studies, Houston TX, November 2023

*In addition to these lectures and seminars, I have also spoken frequently in different venues in the US and overseas, chiefly on aspects of global Christianity, and the expansion of Christianity in the global South. Since 2002 I have given about two hundred such lectures: [see "Lectures."](#)*

I have participated in (at least) several hundred interviews with the mass media (newspapers, radio and television), and have been frequently quoted in news reports in North America and Europe. My media appearances include newspapers and radio stations in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, and Brazil, as well as in many different regions of the United States.

I have appeared on a number of news specials and documentaries covering a variety of topics, including the sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church, as well as serial murder, terrorism, and aspects of violent crime. Many of my media appearances have concerned the topic of global Christianity.

I have often appeared on talk radio, including NPR's *All Things Considered* and *Fresh Air*, and on various BBC and RTE programs. I have been a guest on the syndicated radio programs of Diane Rehm, Michael Medved, Alan Colmes, and James Kennedy, as well as the nationally broadcast Canadian shows *Tapestry*, *Currents*, and *Ideas*. To give some examples, in 2010, I was interviewed on NPR's *All Things Considered* on the topic of [Is the Bible More Violent Than The Quran?](#) In 2014, *Interfaith Voices* interviewed me about [the First World War](#). So did [ABC RN \(Australia\)](#).

### EXPERT TESTIMONY

I have served as an expert witness in a number of trials and legal hearings, drawing on my knowledge of, variously, sexual abuse by clergy; contemporary US religion; cults and new religions, and designer drugs.

In 2000, I testified before the Crime Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee of the US House of Representatives, which was holding hearings into [Ecstasy and Other Club Drugs](#). This testimony was also reprinted as *Ecstasy and Synthetic Panics*, in the *Journal of Cognitive Liberties* 1(3)(2000): 7-28.

In 2006, I testified before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Energy and Commerce Committee of the US House of Representatives. The theme of the hearing was [Sexual Exploitation of Children Over the Internet](#).

### GRANTS AND HONORS

2015 - *The Great and Holy War* won an Award of Merit in the *Christianity Today* Book Award competition in the category of History/Biography.

2010 – *Booklist* included my *Jesus Wars* among the year's top ten titles in Religion and Spirituality.

2009 – *Booklist* included my *Lost History of Christianity* among the year's top ten religion titles.

2007 – *Booklist* rated my *God's Continent* one of the top ten religion titles of 2007.

-*The New Faces of Christianity* won *Christianity Today's* award for the best book in the category of Missions/Global Affairs.

2006 - *The New Faces of Christianity* won the Theologos award of the Association of Theological Booksellers, for the year's Best Academic Book.

-*Choice* listed *Decade of Nightmares* as an Outstanding Title for 2006.

2003 – My book *The Next Christendom* won the 2003 *Christianity Today* Book Award for the best book in the category of Christianity and Culture

-*The Next Christendom* won the Gold Medallion book award of the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association in the category of Christianity and Society.

-I received Penn State's Alumni Teaching Fellow Award.

2002 - *The Next Christendom* won the Theologos award of the Association of Theological Booksellers, for the year's Best Academic Book.

1998 - Travel Grant from the Harry S. Truman Library, in Independence, MO.

-Regional Fellow award from the North-Eastern division of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

1997-My article *Spy Mad: Investigating Subversion in Pennsylvania 1917-18* won the Philip Klein Prize of the Pennsylvania Historical Association for the best article published in 1995-96 in *Pennsylvania History*.

-Travel Grant from the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.

-Resident Research Fellow, Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies, Philadelphia, PA

1996 - My book *Using Murder* won the Outstanding Book Award of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (award presented at the ACJS national convention in Las Vegas, NV, March 1996).

-For *Using Murder*, I also won the Distinguished Scholar award of the Crime and Delinquency section of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (award presented in New York City, August 1996)

-I won the Class of 1933 Award for Distinguished Humanities Scholarship, Penn State University.

1995 - Scholar in Residence, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

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1988 - I participated in a USIA-funded faculty exchange between Penn State and the University of Melbourne, Australia.

1986 - My article on The Ku Klux Klan in Pennsylvania won the 1986 Solon J. Buck prize for articles on Western Pennsylvania history.

1979 – Champion of BBC television’s [\*Mastermind\*](#) quiz series.

### **TEACHING**

1980-2011: [Teaching at Pennsylvania State University](#) on a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses in the departments of History, Religious Studies, Criminal Justice, and American Studies.

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### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Member, Editorial Board, Oxford Studies in World Christianity.

Since 2009, I have been a contributing editor for the *American Conservative*.

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