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**EDUCATION**

1980 Ph.D. in sociology, University of Chicago

1974 M. A. R. in religion, Yale University,

B. A. in sociology and religion, Westmar College, Magna Cum Laude

Language study abroad:  
1976 French: University of Paris (Sorbonne), Summer

1974 German: University of Vienna, Summer

**EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2008-present Professor, Sociology and Anthropology Department, George Mason University

2009-present Visiting Professor, European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria

1996-2008 Professor of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

1980-1996 Assistant and Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin

2001 Visiting, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Summer, 2001

1998 Visiting Professor, European Peace University, Summer

1996 Visiting Associate Professor, University of Chicago

1995-1996 Visiting Scholar, Northwestern University

1992-1993 Visiting Associate Research Professor, Graduate Institute of Sociology Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan, Republic of China

1990 Visiting Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi, India,  
1990

**AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2005 Robin Williams Distinguished Career Award, Peace, War and Social  
Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association.

Sept. 2000 National Institutes of Health, co-principal investigator with Alfred  
McAlister,  
– May 2003 University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, “Moral  
Disengagement: Measurement and Modification” (NIH GRANT 1 R21  
HD40067: \$869,000)

1998 Ford Foundation, “Gandhian Models of Economic Development: Trade  
versus the Environment” [with Rennison Lalgee and S. Jeyapragasam].

1995 Academic Press grant for preparation of *The Encyclopedia of Violence,  
Peace and Conflict*.

1992- National Science Council (Republic of China), Visiting Research  
1993 Professorship.

1990 Indo-U.S. Fellowship, Indo-U.S. Sub-Commission on Education and Culture,  
1990 American Institute of Indian Studies Fellowship.

1989 National Science Foundation (U.S.A.) Grant for research in India  
-1990

1988 Fulbright Research Fellowship Award for research in India

1987 Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, for  
*The Politics of Heresy: The Modernist Crisis in Roman Catholicism*

1980, 1982, 1986, 1988, 1990 University Research Institute Grants, University of  
Texas at Austin

1995-1996 Faculty Research Assignment,

1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 United Methodist Peace Fund

1972-1979 Danforth Fellow

1979 Stouffer-Starr Dissertation Grant Award, University of Chicago

**AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST**

Peace and Conflict Studies	Sociological Theory (Western & Nonwestern)
Sociology of Comparative Religions	History of Sociology
Social Change and Social Movements	Religion and Violence
Sociology of Culture	Gandhi
Gods and Bombs	Nonviolent Social Movements
Blues, Rock and Race	Social Movements and Political Protest

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS AND JOURNAL ISSUES**

*Forth-coming* ***Nonviolent Civil Resistance***, edited by Sharon Erickson Nepstad and Lester R. Kurtz. *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change* Volume 34. Emerald Group Publishing, Fall, 2012.

2012 ***Gods in the Global Village: The World's Religions in Sociological Perspective*** by Lester R. Kurtz. Revised Third Edition Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Pine Forge Press/Sage, 2006. Sociology for the Next Century Series. First edition, 1995. Second edition, 2008. Chinese translation: Beijing: Beijing University Press, 2010.

2008 ***The Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict***, Lester R. Kurtz Editor-in-Chief. 3 volumes. Revised Second Edition. Amsterdam: Elsevier-Academic Press. Includes an online version in Science Direct. First edition: San Diego: Academic Press, 1999.

1999 ***Nonviolent Social Movements: A Geographical Approach***, edited by Stephen Zunes, Lester R. Kurtz, and Sarah Beth Asher. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell Publishers.

1998 ***Third World Peace Perspectives***, Lester R. Kurtz and Shu-Ju Ada Cheng, Guest Editors. *Peace Review: A Transnational Quarterly* 10:1 (1998)

1997 ***The Web of Violence: From Interpersonal to Global***, edited by Jennifer Turpin and Lester R. Kurtz. Champaign-Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1997.

1988 ***The Nuclear Cage: A Sociology of the Arms Race*** by Lester R. Kurtz. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1988.

1986 ***The Politics of Heresy: The Modernist Crisis in Roman Catholicism*** by Lester R. Kurtz. Berkeley, Los Angeles, and London: University of California Press, 1986.

1986 ***Evaluating Chicago Sociology: A Guide to the Literature with an Annotated Bibliography***, by Lester R. Kurtz. Foreword by Morris Janowitz. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Heritage of Sociology Series, 1984. Paperback edition, 1986.

## BOOKS IN PROGRESS

***The Paradox of Repression***, edited by Lee Smithey and Lester R. Kurtz.

Neither empirical studies nor theories of the impact of repression on social movements are conclusive. This edited volume, part of a series developed by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, explores how the use of coercive force often backfires, especially when used against nonviolent movements. Rather than stopping dissidents, repression often ironically fuels resistance and undercuts the legitimacy of a regime. This presentation of theory and case studies sketches out the contours of the paradox of repression as a “sensitizing concept” (à la Herbert Blumer) and explores empirical cases in which the paradox of repression seems to be a function of challengers taking advantage of the relational nature of conflict and multiple sources of power posited by Georg Simmel, Gene Sharp, and Mahatma Gandhi. We also look at the agency of movement activists who may amplify the paradox of repression and thus empower their movements.

***Women, War, and Violence***, edited by Mariam Mniga Kurtz and Lester R. Kurtz. 2 Volumes.

*Women, War and Violence* explores the breadth of vital issues surrounding the impact of violence on women and what is being done to mitigate its effects. The story of men’s role in war and violence makes news headlines and history books, but the women’s narrative is too often silenced. This work brings that voice to the fore, highlighting the excellent scholarship that has been on this vital area of research and bringing it to the attention of a broader audience. The coverage will be broad and include historical context, contemporary issues, types of violence affecting women as victims and perpetrators, its effects on girls and elderly women, and an in-depth look at resistance movements and healing--a realistic look at the topic.

***Gods and Bombs: Understanding Religion, Violence, and Nonviolence***, by Lester R. Kurtz.

Analyzes the conundrum of religion and violence by exploring three motifs: the warrior, the pacifist, and the nonviolent activist. Moving from the Bhagavad Gita, the Hebrew, Christian and Islamic scriptures, the history of the crusades, and the teachings of the Buddha to Mohandas K. Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. it concludes by examining the role of religious beliefs, rituals, and institutions in diffusing Gandhian nonviolent civil resistance in the past century. The ethical dilemmas of the warrior and the pacifist, which provide competing moral concepts of fighting against injustice and evil, etc., as a sacred duty, versus injunctions against harming others. Gandhi’s nonviolent civil resister fights like the warrior but avoids harming like the pacifist.

**BOOKS IN PROGRESS, CONT'D.**

***Fighting Violence***, by Lester R. Kurtz.

Max Weber claims that we must wrestle with the demon of our time. For him, in Germany at the dawn of the twentieth century, it was rationality. For us, at the beginning of the twenty-first, it is violence.

***Nonwestern Social Theory: An Introduction and Anthology***, edited by Lester R. Kurtz  
***Nonwestern Social Theory*** is a preliminary investigation into alternatives to classical Western social theory, an exploratory examination of "The Great Books of the Nonwestern World." One major assumption underlies the organization of this course: our knowledge is so profoundly influenced by the social context in which it is constructed that our theories should not be based exclusively on Euro-American experience. The purpose of this anthology is to initiate a dialogue between Western and Nonwestern theory and to provide source materials for preliminary study.

**ARTICLES IN JOURNALS**

- 2012 "Abdul Ghaffar Khan's Nonviolent Jihad" *Peace Review* 23.2 (2011): 245-251. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/lester\\_kurtz/32](http://works.bepress.com/lester_kurtz/32)
- 2008 "Barack Obama and the Movement for Change." *Ahimsa Nonviolence* IV (Oct.-Dec., 2008): 249-251
- 2007 Lester R. Kurtz and S. Jeyapragasam. "Thinking Together in South India: Confronting Violence with Religious Resources – II." *Ahimsa Nonviolence* III (Mar.-April).
- 2007 Lester R. Kurtz and S. Jeyapragasam. "Thinking Together in South India: Confronting Violence with Religious Resources – I." *Ahimsa Nonviolence* III (Jan.-Feb.): 51-58.
- 2006 "Gandhi's Paradox" *Manushi: An International Journal of Women and Society* 152 (2006): 19-26.  
Reprinted in *Ahimsa Nonviolence* 2 (April-May)
- 2006 "The Truth about Truth Force." *Ahimsa Nonviolence* II (Nov.-Dec., 2006): 529.
- 2005 "Dalai Lama Darshan" *Ahimsa Nonviolence* 1 (September-October 2005):
- 2005 "Gülen's Paradox: Combining Commitment and Tolerance." *Muslim World* 95 (July, 2005): 373-384.

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS, CONT'D.

- 2005 Lester R. Kurtz and Mariam Ramadhani Kurtz, "Solving the Qur'anic Paradox." *Ahimsa Nonviolence* 1 (July-August 2005): 350-358. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/lester\\_kurtz/10](http://works.bepress.com/lester_kurtz/10).
- 2005 "From Heresies to Holy Wars: Toward a Theory of Religious Conflict" *Ahimsa Nonviolence* 1 (March-April 2005): 143-157. Available at: [http://works.bepress.com/lester\\_kurtz/31](http://works.bepress.com/lester_kurtz/31).
- 2005 "Rethinking Power: Its Sources and Our Options." *Ahimsa Nonviolence* 1 (January-February 2005): 9-15
- 2005 "Karma as Social Theory." *Ahimsa Nonviolence* I (Nov.-Dec., 2005): 547-551).
- 2003 Lee Smithey and Lester R. Kurtz, "Parading Persuasion: Transforming Conflict in Northern Ireland." *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change* 24: 319-359. Amsterdam: JAI Elsevier Science, 2003.
- 2001 "Natural-born Activist: Hildegard Goss-Mayr." *Peace Review* 13 (3) 2001: 457-461.
- 1998 Shu-Ju Ada Cheng and Lester Kurtz, "Third World Voices Redefining Peace." *Peace Review: A Transnational Quarterly* 10:1 (1998): 5-11.
- 1997 "Gandhi's Legacies." *Journal of Peace and Gandhian Studies* 2 (Summer, 1997).
- 1994 "The Geometry of Deterrence." *Peace Review: A Transnational Quarterly* 6 (Summer, 1994): 187-214.
- 1992 "Nonviolent War: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?" *Gandhi Marg* 14 (October-December, 1992): 450-462.
- 1984 Robert Benford and Lester Kurtz, "Performing the Nuclear Ceremony: The Arms Race as a Ritual." *Journal for the Applied Behavioral Sciences* (December, 1987): 463-482. (An earlier version was delivered at the American Sociological Association, San Antonio, 1984.)
- 1985 Stephen Lyng and Lester Kurtz, "Bureaucratic Insurgency: The Vatican and the Crisis of Modernism." *Social Forces* 63 (June, 1985): 901-922. (Lead article.)
- 1982 "Robert E. Park's 'Notes on the Origins of the Society for Social Research,' with an Introduction by Lester R. Kurtz." *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 18 (October, 1982: 332-340).

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- 1983 "The Politics of Heresy." *The American Journal of Sociology* 88 (May, 1983): 1085-1115. (Lead article. An earlier version was delivered at the American Sociological Association, Toronto, 1981.)
- 1979 "Freedom and Domination: The Garden of Eden and the Social Order." *Social Forces* 58 (December, 1979): 443-464. (An earlier version was delivered at the American Sociological Association, Chicago, 1977).

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- 2012 Ritzer, George, and Lester R. Kurtz. "Religion and Education." *Introduction to Sociology*. Los Angeles: Sage.
- 2003 Goran, Kelly, and Lester R. Kurtz. "Love Your Enemies? Mainline Protestantism and U.S. Foreign Policy." In *The Quiet Hand of God*, Robert Wuthnow and John Evan, eds. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003.
- 1999 Stephen Zunes, Lester R. Kurtz, and Sarah Beth Asher, "Introduction." Pp. 1-5 in *Nonviolent Social Movements*, edited by Stephen Zunes, Lester R. Kurtz, and Sarah Beth Asher. Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, 1999.
- 1999 Stephen Zunes, and Lester R. Kurtz. "Conclusion." Pp. 302-322 in *Nonviolent Social Movements*, edited by Stephen Zunes, Lester R. Kurtz, and Sarah Beth Asher. Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, 1999.
- 1999 Turpin, Jennifer, and Lester R. Kurtz. "Violence: The Micro-Macro Link." in *Violence and Its Alternatives: An Interdisciplinary Reader*, edited by Nancy S Lind, Manfred B Steger. St. Martin's Palgrave, 1999. Reprinted from Chapter 1 in *The Web of Violence*,
- 1999 Lee Smithey and Lester R. Kurtz, "We Have Bare Hands: Nonviolent Social Movements in the Soviet Bloc." Pp. 96-124 in *Nonviolent Social Movements*, edited by Stephen Zunes, Lester R. Kurtz, and Sarah Beth Asher. Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers, 1999.
- 1997 Turpin, Jennifer, and Lester R. Kurtz. "Violence: The Micro-Macro Link." Chapter 1 in *The Web of Violence*, J. Turpin and Kurtz, eds. Champaign-Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1997.
- 1997 Kurtz, Lester R., and Jennifer Turpin. "Untangling the Web of Violence." Chapter 11 in *The Web of Violence*, J. Turpin and Kurtz, eds. Champaign-Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1997.

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- 1993 "Religion and Violence: Escaping the Cage." In *Communalism: The Crisis in India and The Way Out*, edited by S. Jeyapragasm. Madurai, India: The Valliamal Institute, 1993.
- 1993 "War and Peace on the Sociological Agenda." Pp. 61-98 in *Sociology and Its Publics: The Forms and Fates of Disciplinary Organization*, edited by Terence C. Halliday and Morris Janowitz. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1993.
- 1989 With Robert Benford, "Performing the Nuclear Ceremony: The Arms Race as a Ritual." Pp. 69-88 in *The Shuddering Dawn*, edited by Edward Linenthal and Ira Chernus, State University of New York Press, 1989. (Revised version of the article in *Journal for the Applied Behavioral and Social Sciences*.)
- 1988 With John Dillard, and Robert D. Benford. 1988. "Reciprocity, Bureaucracy, and Ritual." Pp. 55-76 in *The Nuclear Cage*, by Lester R. Kurtz. Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Prentice-Hall.
- 1988 With Jennifer E. Turpin. 1988. "The Social Psychology of Warfare." Pp. 77-89 in *The Nuclear Cage*, by Lester R. Kurtz. Englewood Cliffs, N. J.: Prentice-Hall.
- 1986 With Joe R. Feagin, "Problems of the Nuclear Age: Nuclear Power and Nuclear War." Chapter 11 in *Social Problems*, by Joe R. Feagin. (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, Second Edition, 1986).

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- 2012 Lester R. Kurtz, "Bhutan calling for a mindful revolution at the United Nations. *Waging Nonviolence*, 12 May 2012. Available at <http://wagingnonviolence.org/2012/05/bhutan-calls-for-a-mindful-revolution-at-the-united-nations/>.
- 2012 Lester R. Kurtz, "Mobilizing Nonviolent Resistance, Shifting Economic Paradigms" prepared for the High Level Meeting on Happiness and Well-being, United Nations, New York, April, 2012. Available online at
- 2011 Maciej Bartkowski and Lester R. Kurtz. "Egypt: how to negotiate the transition. Lessons from Poland and China" *OpenDemocracy* (2011). Available at [http://www.opendemocracy.net/maciej-bartkowski-lester-r-kurtz/egypt-how-to-negotiate-transition-lessons-from-poland-and-china?referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.bepress.com%2Flester\\_kurtz%2F34%2F](http://www.opendemocracy.net/maciej-bartkowski-lester-r-kurtz/egypt-how-to-negotiate-transition-lessons-from-poland-and-china?referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.bepress.com%2Flester_kurtz%2F34%2F)



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- 2011 Lester R. Kurtz, "A Glimpse of Goffman." The Goffman Archives, Remembering Goffman. Posted 9 February 2012 at [http://cdclv.unlv.edu/archives/interactionism/goffman/kurtz\\_11.html](http://cdclv.unlv.edu/archives/interactionism/goffman/kurtz_11.html).
- 2010 "The Mothers of the Disappeared: Challenging the Junta in Argentina (1977-1983)" *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict* (2010). Available at [http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=28&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester\\_kurtz%2F22%2F](http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=28&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester_kurtz%2F22%2F)
- 2010 "The Anti-Apartheid Struggle in South Africa (1912-1992)" *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict Website* (2010). Available at [http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=29&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester\\_kurtz%2F21%2F](http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=29&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester_kurtz%2F21%2F)
- 2010 "Otpor and the struggle for democracy in Serbia (1998-2000)" *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict* (2010). [http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=16&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester\\_kurtz%2F23%2F](http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=16&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester_kurtz%2F23%2F)
- 2009 Lester R. Kurtz. "The Khudai Khidmatgar (Servants of God) Movement: Badshah Khan and the Northwest Frontier in British India (1933-1937)" *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict* (2009). Available at [http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=15&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester\\_kurtz%2F27%2F](http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=15&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester_kurtz%2F27%2F).
- 2009 "The Indian Independence Struggle (1930-1931)" *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict* (2009). Available at [http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=17&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester\\_kurtz%2F26%2F](http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=17&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester_kurtz%2F26%2F).
- 2009 "Chile: Struggle against a military dictator (1985-1988)" *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict* (2009). [http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=25&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester\\_kurtz%2F24%2F](http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=25&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fworks.be.press.com%2Flester_kurtz%2F24%2F).
- 2008 "Czechoslovakia's Velvet Revolution (1989)" *International Center on Nonviolent Conflict* (2009). Available at <http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/movements-and-campaigns/movements-and-campaigns-summaries?sobi2Task=sobi2Details&sobi2Id=18>

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- Forthcoming "Mahatma Gandhi." *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Movements*, edited by David Snow. Oxford: Blackwell.
- 2010 "Peaceful Relationships." Pp. 378-382 in *The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Nigel Young, Editor. Oxford University Press. Available at [http://works.bepress.com/lester\\_kurtz/28/](http://works.bepress.com/lester_kurtz/28/)
- 2008 "Preface to the Second Edition." In *The Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict*, Lester R. Kurtz Editor-in-Chief. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. 3 volumes. Amsterdam: Elsevier. Available at [http://works.bepress.com/lester\\_kurtz/4/](http://works.bepress.com/lester_kurtz/4/).
- 2008 "Gandhi's Legacies" In *The Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict*, Lester R. Kurtz Editor-in-Chief. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. 3 volumes. Amsterdam: Elsevier.
- 2008 Henderson, Erol, and Lester R. Kurtz. "Civil Wars" In *The Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict*, Lester R. Kurtz Editor-in-Chief. 3 volumes. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Amsterdam: Elsevier.. Based on Erol Henderson, "Civil Wars" in *The Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict*, 1st edition. San Diego: Academic Press, 1999.
- 2008 Anita Komanduri and Lester R. Kurtz, "Sustainable Development," Pp. 2019-2017 in *The Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace, and Conflict*, Lester R. Kurtz Editor-in-Chief. 3 volumes. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Amsterdam: Elsevier.
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- 1997 ***A Second Chicago School? The Development of a Postwar American Sociology***, edited by Gary Alan Fine. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 26 (October, 1997): 387-382
- 1996 ***The Rise and Decline of Catholic Religious Orders: A Social Movement Perspective***, by Patricia Wittberg. Albany: The State University of New York Press, 1994. *The American Journal of Sociology* 101 (January, 1996): 416-417.

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- 1993      ***Ending the Cold War at Home: From Militarism to a More Peaceful World Order***, by Sam Marullo. New York: Lexington Books, 1993. *Armed Forces and Society* 22 (Fall, 1995): 144-146.
- 1993      ***The Cruel Peace: Everyday Life and the Cold War***, by Fred Inglis. New York: Basic Books. *Contemporary Sociology* 22 (May, 1993): 439-440.
- 1990      ***The Global Congress of the World's Religions in South Asia***, edited by Henry O. Thompson, with M. S. Nagaraja Rao, K. L. Seshagiri Rao, M. W. Padmasiri de Silva, and L. N. Sharma. Barrytown, N. Y.: Unification Theological Seminary, 1988. *Gandhi Marg* 1990.
- 1991      ***The Chicago School: A Liberal Critique of Capitalism***, by Dennis Smith. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1988. *Ethics* 101 (January, 1991): 416-417.
- 1989      ***Syllabi and Instructional Materials for the Sociology of Religion***, by M. Adriance and D. Blanchard. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association. *Teaching Sociology* 17 (Oct., 1989): 509-510.
- 1985      ***The Polish Peasant in Europe and America***, by W. I. Thomas and Florian Znaniecki. Revised, edited edition. One Volume. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1984. *American Journal of Sociology* 91 (September, 1985): 476-479.
- 1985      ***50 Years in the Sociological Enterprise: A Lucky Journey***, by Charles H. Page. Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1982. *Social Forces* 63 (March, 1985): 882-884.
- 1984      ***Equals before God: Seminarians as Humanistic Professionals***, by Sherryl Kleinman. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1984. *Qualitative Sociology*.
- 1983      ***The Poverty of Progress: Changing Ways of Life in Industrial Societies***, edited by Ian Miles and John Irving. Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1982. *Contemporary Sociology* 12 (November, 1983): 724-725.
- 1980      ***The Origins of English Individualism: The Family, Property, and Social Transition***, by Alan Macfarlane. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1979. *American Journal of Sociology* 86 (September, 1980): 403-407.

**BOOK REVIEWS, CONT'D.**

- 1978      *The Puritan Way of Death: A Study of Religion, Culture, and Social Change*, by David E. Stannard. New York: Oxford University Press, 1977. *Contemporary Sociology* 7 (July, 1978): 419-421.
- 1977      *American Dimension: Cultural Myths and Social Realities* by W. Arens and W. P. Montague. *Contemporary Sociology* 6(5 1977): 552-554.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Peace and Conflict	Culture and Institutions
Sociological Theory	Global Social Theory
Religion, Violence, and Nonviolence	Introduction to the Study of Religion
Introduction to Sociology	Technology and Culture
Personality, Society, and Culture	The Nuclear Threat
Nonviolent Social Movements	Occupations & Professions
Nonviolence in India	Religion and Society
Sociology of South Asia	Religion, War, & Peace
Gandhi	Sociology of Comparative Religions
Globalization	Conflict Theory
Conflict Forms, Analysis, and Management	Nonviolent Civil Resistance
Violence Theory	Peace through Social Justice
Social Movements and Political Protest	Blues, Rock and Race
Nonviolent Civil Resistance	Strategic Nonviolent Conflict
Honors seminars: (1) The Social Bases of Individualism; (2) The Social Construction of Evil; (3) Models of Nonviolence; (4) Nonwestern Social Theory; (5) Gods and Bombs	

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Chair, Peace Studies Association, 1997-1998, 1995-1996; Board of Directors, 1994-1999; Annual Meeting host, 2000 (Now the Peace and Justice Studies Association)

Chair, Peace and War Section, American Sociological Association, 1995-1996 (Now the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section)

Editorial Board, *Peace Review*, 1992-present.

Academic Advisory Board, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, 2007-present.

Editorial Consultant, *Journal of Peace and Gandhian Studies* (New Delhi), 1995-present

Editorial Board, *Peace and Change*, 1990-1996

Book Review Editor, with Paul Hirsch, *American Journal of Sociology*, 1978-1980

Associate Book Review Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 1977-1978

Editorial Consultant, *American Journal of Sociology*, 1987-1989

Editorial Associate, *History of Sociology: An International Review*, 1984-1986

Paper referee for various journals, including: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Applied Behavioral Sciences*, *Peace and Change*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociological Focus*, *Social Science Quarterly*

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS, CONT'D.**

- Consultant, Canadian Broadcasting Network, on Branch Davidian conflicts in Waco, Texas, May, 1993
- Consultant, Harvard University Project on Nonviolent Sanctions in Conflict and Defense, May, 1993
- Member: American Sociological Association, Association for the Sociology of Religion, International Peace Research Association, Peace Studies Association, Society for Values in Higher Education, Buddhist-Christian Studies Association
- Council member and co-editor of the newsletter for the Peace and War Section, American Sociological Association, 1989-1992
- Nominations Committee, Sociological Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 1995-1996
- Nominations Committee, Sociology of Culture Section, American Sociological Association, 1992-1993
- Advisory Board, Institute for Peace and Development, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, India, 1993-present
- International Co-Chair, United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War (UCAM), 1986-1988; Member, National Committee (U.S.), Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, 1986-1987
- Fellow, Center for Social Organization Studies, 1978-1980
- Editor, *Society for Social Research Bulletin*, 1976-1977; Editorial Board, 1976-1978
- Civil Society Working Group, United Nations High Level Meeting on Happiness and Well-being: Defining a New Economic Paradigm, April, 2012.
- Nominations Committee, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association, 2011-2012.
- Organizer, Session on "Nonviolent Strategies and Tactics," American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August, 2011.
- Organizer, Session on "Nonviolent Social Movements" Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop, August, 2011.
- Organizer, Session on "Protesting Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power," American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August, 2000
- Organizer, Session on "World Peace Movements," Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, August, 1998
- Organizer, Session on "Third World Peace Perspectives," Peace Studies Association, April, 1998
- Organizer, "Gandhian Perspectives," Peace Studies Association, April, 1997
- Organizer (with Thomas Cushman), Special Session on "The War in Bosnia-Herzegovina," American Sociological Association, New York, August, 1996
- Organizer, Session on "New Structures, Conflicts, and Opportunities," American Sociological Association, New York, August, 1996
- Organizer, Thematic Session on "Nonviolence and Democracy," American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August, 1994
- Organizer, Peace and War Section of the American Sociological Association Workshop on "Many Paths to Peace," Los Angeles, August, 1994
- Organizer, Peace and War Section papers sessions for the American Sociological Association Meetings, Los Angeles, August, 1994
- Organizer, Theory Session, Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, 1988

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS, CONT'D.**

- Organizer, Roundtable on "Sociological Research and Arms Control," American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., 1985
- Presider, Plenary Session on "War and Its Alternatives," Society for the Scientific Study of Social Problems, San Antonio, August, 1984
- Chair, "Texas Popular Culture" session, American Sociological Association, San Antonio, August, 1984
- Organizer, Sociology of Knowledge Session, Southwestern Social Science Association, Houston, 1983

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- "Author meets the critics" roundtable on the Handbook on the Sociology of Human Rights, with Mark Jacobs, American Sociological Association meetings, Denver, August, 2012.
- "Smart Repression," presentation with Lee Smithey, American Sociological Association meetings, Denver, August, 2012.
- Panel presentation, "Revolutionary Echoes and New Directions," at the Dean's seminar on "Revolutions: Past, Present, and Future," George Mason University, 26-27 October 2012.
- Series of five lectures on "Theories of Violence" European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria, October, 2011.
- Series of five lectures on "Conflict Theory" European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria, October, 2009.
- Series of five lectures on "Peace through Social Justice," European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria, March, 2012.
- Series of five lectures on "Nonviolent civil resistance," European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria, June, 2012.
- "Repression Management: A Goffmanesque Frame for Movement Strategies" Fletcher Summer Institute on Advanced Nonviolence Studies, Tufts University, June, 2012. Video available online at
- "Conflict Resolution, Provocation or Transformation? Ask Gandhi," American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August, 2011 (co-authored with Daniel Ritter European University Institute).
- "Gods, Guns, and Gandhi," lecture at Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri, April, 2011.
- "Mobilizing a Movement: Gandhi's Genius," Workshop in Washington, DC, sponsored by the George W. Bush Institute, May, 2011.
- "Teaching civil resistance in college-level courses," Workshop sponsored by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict on civil resistance for college professors, Emory University Conference Center, May, 2010.
- "When Repression Backfires," Webinar 18 February 2010. Available online at <http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/index.php/learning-and-resources/resources-on-nonviolent-conflict?bTask=bDetails&bId=253>.
- "Civil Resistance: United States and Beyond." Humanity in Action Winter Program "Understanding America," I Street Synagogue, Washington, DC, January 2010.
- Series of five lectures on "Conflict Forms, Analysis, and Management" European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria, November, 2009.
- Series of five lectures on "Conflict theory" European Peace University, Stadtschlaining, Austria, October, 2009.



**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- “Gandhi as Conflict Theorist: Dramatizing the Art of Repression Management,” (with Lee Smithey), American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August, 2009.
- “Backfire and Repression’s Paradoxes,” United States Peace Institute, Washington, DC., September, 2009.
- “The Social History of Civil Resistance,” United States Peace Institute, Washington, DC., September, 2009.
- “Gandhi as Conflict Theorist: Dramatizing the Art of Repression Management,” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August, 2009.
- “Gandhian Dialectics and the Paradox of Cultural Innovation,” American Sociological Association, Boston, August, 2008.
- “Gandhian Dialectics: Constructing a Nonviolent World.” American Sociological Association, New York, August, 2007.
- “Flourishing Under the Gun: Movement Agency and Repression’s Paradoxes.” Lee Smithey and Lester R. Kurtz, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Workshop, American Sociological Association, Hofstra University, August, 2007.
- “Gandhi’s Paradox: The Warrior and the Pacifist,” International Consultation on Religion and Violence, Madurai, India, October, 2006. Related lectures delivered at the Madurai Gandhi Museum and Lady Doak College, Madurai, October, 2006.
- “Nonviolent Social Movements: Theory and Practice.” Seminar for the National Intelligence Council, Langley, Virginia, September, 2006.
- “Globalizing Gandhi: Implications for War and Violence” University of Arkansas Difficult Dialogue Series, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, September, 2006.
- “Exploring Muslim Stereotypes,” University of Arkansas, September, 2006.
- “Gandhi: A Century of Nonviolence,” 3-part Workshop, University United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, September-October, 2006.
- “War and Peace: Theory and Practice: Intellectual Foundations and Directions.” *Polemos*, Stasis: An International Symposium on War, Civil War, 24-27 June, 2005, Taiwan.
- “Gods and Social Movements: Religion and the Mobilization of Social Action.” Workshop on Religion and Violence, RAND and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, March, 2005.
- “The Paradox of Repression,” Lester R. Kurtz and Lee Smithey, Peace and Justice Studies Association, San Francisco, October, 2004. (Presented by Lee Smithey)
- “Globalizing Gandhi: Searching for Alternatives to War and Violence,” University of Arkansas, April, 2004
- “Unraveling the Web of Violence,” Walking in the Way of Peace Forum, Swarthmore College and Pendle Hill, November, 2004
- “Islam and Nonviolence,” Conference on “Preventing Another September 11<sup>th</sup>,” University of Texas at Austin, September, 2002.
- “Peace Studies: An Evaluation of the Field,” American Sociological Association, Anaheim, August, 2001
- “Confronting Muslim Stereotypes,” American Sociological Association, Chicago, August, 1999.
- “Religion, Violence, and the Stories We Tell.” Pax Romana Conference, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, October, 1998



**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, CONT'D.**

- "Violence and Inequality," American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August, 1998
- "Studying Violence," American Criminological Society, Chicago, November, 1997
- "The Feminization and Colorization of Peace Studies," American Sociological Association, New York, August, 1996.
- "Globalizing Social Theory," Theory Section Session at the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August, 1995
- Respondent in an "Author Meets the Critics" session on my book, *Gods in the Global Village*, Association for the Sociology of Religion Meetings, Los Angeles, August, 1994
- (with Jennifer Turpin) "Disciplinary Boundaries and the Framing of Violence Research," Society for the Studies of Social Problems, Los Angeles, August, 1994
- "Transnational Social Movements and Global Change: A Research Agenda." Peace and War Section of the American Sociological Association Workshop on "Many Paths to Peace," Los Angeles, August, 1994
- (with Jennifer Turpin) "Framing the Problem of Violence," Peace Studies Association, San Francisco, April, 1994
- (With Sarah Beth Asher) "The Geography of Nonviolence" American Sociological Association, Miami, August, 1993
- "Gods, Bombs, and Gandhi: New Paradigms of Conflict" at the University of Chicago, Loyola University, and Syracuse University, Spring, 1993
- (With Nancy Bell) "Domination and Rebellion: Rethinking Social Theory," Peace Studies Association, Boulder, Colorado, February, 1992
- "Heresies and Holy Wars: Toward a Sociological Theory of Religious Conflict," American Sociological Association, Cincinnati, Ohio, August, 1991
- "Mahatma Gandhi and the Nuclear Cage," Tunghai University, Taichung, Republic of China, December, 1990
- "Religion and Violence: A Way Out?" Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, October, 1990
- "Conflict without Violence," Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India, September, 1990
- Lectures on the arms race and U.S.-Soviet relations at several universities in Moscow (Russia), Kiev (Ukraine), and Dushanbe (Tajikistan). Sponsored by the Student Council of the U.S.S.R., January, 1989
- "War and Peace on the Sociological Agenda," Conference on Sociology and Institution Building, Phoenix, November, 1988
- "Gods and Bombs: Religion and the Rhetoric of Violence," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, August, 1988
- "The Summit Ritual: Movement, Antimovement, or Countermovement? Western Sociological Association, Denver, April, 1988
- "Symbolic Interaction through the Looking Glass," American Sociological Association, Chicago, 1987
- "The Chicago Crowd as a Social Movement," American Sociological Association meetings, New York, 1986
- Respondent in a special session on my book, *The Politics of Heresy*, American Academy of Religion meetings, Atlanta, November, 1986

**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, CONT'D.**

- "Author Meets the Critics" Panel on Albert Bergesen's *The Sacred and the Subversive: Political Witch-Hunts as National Rituals* (Storrs, Conn.: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Monograph Series, 1984) at the Society for Scientific Study of Religion meetings, Chicago, October, 1984
- "Status Sabotage: Subtle Tactics of Worker Revolt," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, March, 1984
- "Orthodoxies and Heresies in the Quest for a Meadian Sociology," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Carbondale, IL, April, 1983

**SELECTED UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- University Promotion and Tenure Committee for the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, 2012.
- Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, George Mason University, 2012-2013.
- Advisory Board, The Valliammal Institution, Gandhi Museum, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India
- Faculty Matters Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University, 2009-2010.
- Assessment Committee (Sociology Program) chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University, 2009-2011.
- Steering Committee, Interdisciplinary Graduate Portfolio on Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2000-2008, University of Texas at Austin.
- Director of Religious Studies, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, 1986-1989; Religious Studies Committee, College of Liberal Arts, 1985-present.
- Writing Across the College Committee, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, 2006-2008
- Ethics and Leadership Faculty Committee, Bridging Disciplines Program, Connexus, University of Texas, 2004-2008.
- Amos Commission, University United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas, 2006 – 2008.
- Undergraduate Advisor, Sociology Department, 1991-1992, 1993 - 1994.
- Hamilton Book Awards Committee, 2001-2002.
- University of Texas Faculty Council, 2000
- Promotions Committee, Sociology Department, 1997-2008, Asian Studies, 1998-2001.
- Tenure reviews for candidates at Princeton University, Rutgers University, Kent State University, Ohio State University
- Ad Hoc Committee on Peace and Conflict Studies, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, 1991-2004.
- Sociology Department Committees: Undergraduate, Graduate Steering and Admissions, Social Theory Forum, Executive.
- School Board Member, Harmony Science Academy (Charter School), Austin and Houston, Texas, 1999-2000
- Dissertation committees in the departments of Sociology; History; Psychology; Radio, Television Film; Speech Communication; the Institute of Latin American Studies; and the School of Social Work.
- Guest on several KUT radio programs, including "Next 200 Years," "Forum," "KUT Week in Review."
- Organizer, Annual Conferences on "Nonviolence: Global to Local Choices for Peace," University of Texas at Austin, 1992-1994.

Organizer and founder, International Day without Violence, sponsored by the Peace Studies Association, on about 150 campuses in eight countries in 1997.  
Program Committee, Friends Meeting of Austin, 1994-1999.  
Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Friends Meeting of Austin, 2000-present.  
Volunteer, CEDEN Family Resource Center, Austin, Texas, 1994-1995.  
Community Advisory Board, Austin Tibetan Resettlement Project, 1995-2000.

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**