CURRICULUM VITAE
VIRGINIA GARRARD BURNETT

Education	School	Date Received
Ph.D. History	Tulane University New Orleans, Louisiana	August 1986
M.A. Latin American Studies	Tulane University New Orleans, Louisiana	August 1980
B.A. History	Centenary College Shreveport, Louisiana	May 1979 Summa Cum Laude

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, University of Texas, 2006-present
Department of History, with 0-time appointments in Religious Studies and Latin American Studies

Interim Director, Religious Studies Program, 2006-2007.
University of Texas

Senior Lecturer: University of Texas, Austin, December 1997-2006.
Institute of Latin American Studies and Department of History
Undergraduate advisor, honors advisor, study abroad advisor
Undergraduate courses:
lower division courses: interdisciplinary Latin America Studies survey, conquest of the New World.
Upper-division undergraduate courses: two-semester Latin American history survey; religion in Latin America, history of modern Central America lecture course, history of modern Central American research seminar, religion and society in Latin America course, honors methodology seminar
Graduate courses: Central American social and political history, research and writing seminars; history of religion in

Latin America, research and writing seminars; history of Guatemala research seminar, history of El Salvador research seminar.

Full-time Lecturer: University of Texas, Austin, Texas, August 1990 to 1997. Institute of Latin American Studies and Department of History

Undergraduate advisor, honors advisor. *Undergraduate lower division courses*: interdisciplinary Latin America Studies survey, conquest of the New World. *Upper-division undergraduate courses*: two-semester Latin American history survey; religion in Latin America, history of modern Central America lecture course, history of modern Central American research seminar, honors methodology seminar. *Graduate courses:* Central American social and political history, research and writing; history of religion in Latin America, research and writing.

Research Fellow University of Texas, Austin, Institute of Latin American Studies,

Austin, Texas, 1987-1990.

Visiting Assist. Professor University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas, 1989-1990.

Visiting Assist. Professor Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, 1988.

Adjunct Professor St. Edward's University and Austin Community College, Austin, Texas, 1986-1989.

Instructor Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1985-1986.

Teaching assistant Department of History, Tulane University, 1983-1984

Publications

Projects under Contract

Cambridge History of Religion in Latin America (Cambridge University Press), co-edited with Paul Freston

Proposals under Consideration

Manuscript in progress: Faces of God in Latin America: Rethinking Christianity in the Global South

Books

Terror in the Land of the Holy Spirit: Guatemala Under General Efraín Ríos Montt, 1982-1983, New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2009.

Vivir en la Nueva Jerusalén: el protestantismo en Guatemala, translated by Ronald Flores, Guatemala: Editorial Piedra Santa, forthcoming 2009.

On Earth as it is in Heaven: Religion in Latin America. (edited volume), Wilmington Delaware: Scholarly Resources, 2000.

A History of Protestants in Guatemala: Living in the New Jerusalem:. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1998.

Virginia Garrard-Burnett and David Stoll, eds. Rethinking Protestantism in Latin America, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993.

James Olson and Virginia Garrard Burnett, et al eds., An Historical Dictionary of the Spanish Empire, Westport CT: Greenwood Press,1992.

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Casting Out Demons in Almolonga: Spiritual Warfare and Economic Development in a Maya Town," in David Westerlund, ed. Global Pentecostalism: Encounters with Other Religious Traditions (London: I. Tauras, forthcoming 2009).

"Stop Suffering? The Ireja Universal do Reino de Deus in the United States," in Timothy Steigenga and Edward Cleary eds., Conversion of a Continent: Contemporary Religious Change in Latin America, Rutgers University Press, 2007.

"God Was Already Here: Mayan Inculturated Theology," in Timothy Steigenga and Edward Cleary, ed., Resurgent Voices in Latin America: Indigenous Peoples , Political Moblization and Religious Change, Rutgers University Press, 2004. (2005)

"Mayan Theologies and De-Westernized Christianity," in Kavita A. Pullapilly, Christianity and Native Cultures, forthcoming, Cross Cultural Publications, 2004.

"Inculturated Protestant Theology in Guatemala," in Viggo Mortensen, ed. Christianity and Other Religions: A Dialogue (Aarhus: University of Aarhus, Denmark, 2003) and (Grand Rapids: William Eerdmans Publishing, , 2003).

"Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus: do Rios para o mundo," in André Corten, Jean-Peirre Dozon and Ari Pedro Oro, ed. Les nouveaux conquérants de la foi: L'Église universelle du royanume de Dieu (Brésil). (Paris, Karthala, 2003).

"A igreja universal nos Estados Unidos," in Ari Pedro Oro, André Corten, and Jean-Pierre Dozon, editors. Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus: os novos conquistadors da fé (São Paulo: Paulinas, 2003).

"Mayan Christianity," in Jeffrey Kaplan and Bron Taylor, eds. Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature (London: The Con tinuum International Publishing Group, 2003).

"The Impact of Violence on Gender" in Krishna Kumar, ed. Women and Civil War: Impact, Organizations, and Actors (Boulder: Lynn Reiner,2001).

"Religion in Practice: Testimonies of Maya and Ladino Protestants in Contemporary Guatemala," in Gustavo Benevides,ed, Religion in Practice in Latin America (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2001).

"Looking for Holiness in Brazil," in The Religious Marketplace in Brazil, Andrew Chesnut, ed. Forthcoming.

"God and Revolution: Protestant Missions in Revolutionary Guatemala," in John A. Britton, ed., Molding the Hearts and Minds: Education, Communications, and Social Change in Latin America. Wilmington, Delaware: Scholarly Resources, 1994.

"The Resacramentalization of the Profane: Government, Religion and Ethnicity in Modern Guatemala," in David Westerlund, ed. Questioning the Secular State: The Worldwide Resurgence of Religion in Politics. London: Hurst and Co., 1996.

"El protestantismo en Guatemala," in La historia general de Guatemala, Fundación para la Cultura y Desarrollo (Guatemala), 1995.

Articles and Review Essays

"Pare de sufrir? A igreja universal do reino de dues en os Estados Unidos," Aulas Review, Universidade de Campinas, São Paulo, Brazil, forthcoming.

"Protestantism(s) and Mayan Worldviews in Chiapas and Guatemalan in the Context of Civil Violence," with Carlos Garma Navarro, Social Sciences and Missions 20 (2007): 99-116.

"The Impact of Protestantism on Fertility Behaviors of Adolescents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil," with Joseph Potter and Sarah McKinnon, for the Journal of the Population Association of America, forthcoming.

"The Third Church in Latin America: Religion and Globalization in Contemporary Latin America," Latin American Research Review, Vol. 39, No. 3, October 2004.

"Charismatic Catholicism Meets Liberation Theology in El Salvador," Journal of Hispanic and Latino Theology, 2004.

Popular Religion in Latin America: A Review of Recent Literature," Latin American Research Review, forthcoming 2004.

"Indians are Drunks and Drunks are Indians: Alcohol and Indigenismo in Guatemala, 1890-1940. Bulletin of Latin American Research, 19 (2000): 341-356.

" Rigoberta Menchú, David Stoll, and Voices from Exile by Victor Montejo: A Review Essay, (London) Times Higher Education Supplement, September 1999.

"Transnational Protestantism, a Review Essay, " Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs, 40 (1998) : 117-125.

"'Greek to the Greeks and Maya to the Maya': Protestantism and Ethnic Identity Among the Maya in Guatemala and Chiapas." Ibero-Amerikanisches Archiv: Zeitschrift für Sozialwissenschaften und Geschichte, (1-2) (1999): 99-114.

"'Like a Mighty Rushing Wind', The Growth of Protestantism in Contemporary Latin America," Religion and Latin America in the Twenty First Century: Libraries Reacting to Social Change, vol XLII. (Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials), 1997.

"Order, Progress and Missions in Liberal Guatemala," Latin American Perspectives, 93 (24) (2) (1997): 35-55.

"Protestantism in Latin America: A Review of Recent Literature," Latin American Research Review, 12 (1) (1992): 218-230.

"El protestantismo, liberalismo, e impulso misionero: misiones evangélicas en Guatemala, 1880-1920." Mesoamerica 19(1990):13-31. Reprinted in Reflexiones del Comité Evangélica Pastoral de América Latina (Guatemala), 1992. Reprinted in Centroamerica anuario 1992 de El Centro Español de Estudios de América Latina (Spain) in 1992 and in Refexión (Guatemala) in 2000.

"Dios y revolución: el protestantismo en la época revolucionaria" Anales de la Academia de Historia e Geografia de Guatemala, 1990.

"Jerusalem Under Siege: Religion and Ethnic Change in Guatemala, 1954-1984," Texas Papers on Latin America series, Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, 1989.

"Protestantism in Revolutionary Guatemala, 1944-1954," The Americas, 46(1989):205-224.

"Protestantism in Rural Guatemala, 1872-1954," Latin American Research Review 24(1989):127-142.

"Onward Christian Soldiers: Protestant Nationalism in Guatemala. SECOLAS Annals, 19(1988):85-105.

Professional Reports

"How Powerful is the Catholic Church in Latin America Today?" Inter-American Dialogue: Latin American Advisor, March 27, 2007.

"Aftermath: Women and Gender Issues in Postconflict Guatemala." USAID Evaluation Highlights #70, December 2000.

"Gender and Violence in Guatemala," for Center for Development Information and Evaluation, USAID, April 2000.

"Women's Organizations in Post-Conflict Guatemala," with Alice Morton and Irma Otzoy, for Center for Development Informaiton and Evaluation, USAID, July 2000.

Book Reviews and Reference Books

Review of Greg Grandin, Empire's Workshop: Latin American, the United States, and the New Imperialism (Holt and Company, 2006), American Historical Review, forthcoming.

Review of Paul Hart, Bitter Harvest: The Social Transformation of Morelos, Mexico and the Origins of the Zapatista Revolution, 1849-1910. (University of New Mexico Press, 2005), American Historical Review, forthcoming.

Review of Nora E. Jaffary, False Mystics: Deviant Orthodoxy in Colonial Mexico (University of Nebraska), Journal of Latin American Studies, January 2008.

Various entries on Central America and religion for the Oxford Encyclopedia of Christianity and the Oxford Encyclopedia of Modern History.(2005)

Book review of Juan Fonsecas, Misioneros y civilizadores: Protestantismo y modernizacíon en el Perú (1915-1930), Hispanic American Historical Review, August 2005.

Review of Lisa Baldez, Why Women Protest: Womens' Movements in Chile (Cambridge, 2002), for Extremism (UK), October 2003.

Review of John Yamoko, Protestantism in Cuba (Johns Hopkins, 2002), for Journal of Church and State, forthcoming, 2004.

Review of Piety, Power and Politics: Religion and Nation Formation in Guatemala 1821-1871 by Douglass Sullivan González in the Journal of Church and State, 41(1999) (2), 388.

Review of Jean-Pierre Bastian, "Protestantismo y modernidad latinoamericana: historia de unas minorias religiosas activas en America Latina, Journal of Latin American Studies, (1997).

Multiple entries for Encyclopedia of Latin American History, 5 vols. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1996.

Book review of Jean-Pierre Bastian, Le protestantisme en Amerique Latine: une approche socio-historique in the Journal of Latin American Studies (27)(1995):264.

Book review of Edward Cleary and Hannah Steward-Gambino, Conflict and Competition: The Latin American Church in a Changing Environment in the Journal of Development Studies (30) (2)(1994):520.

Book review of Carol Smith, Guatemalan Indians and the State. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1991 in The Americas.

Book review of James A. Goldston, Shattered Hope: Guatemalan Workers and the Promise of Democracy. Boulder: Westview Press, 1989 in The Americas, July 1990.

Book review of Hector Pérez Brignoli, A Brief History of Central America. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1989 in Social Science Research Quarterly 71(1990): 883.

Book review of Robert M. Carmack, ed. Harvest of Violence: The Maya Indians and the Guatemalan Crisis (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1988) in The Americas 46(1989).

Conferences and Invited Lectureships

"Prosperity Theology in Neo-Liberal Latin America," Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec, September, 20007.

"Casting out Demons in Almolonga Warfare and Economic Development in a Maya Town," invited speaker, Religion on the Borders conference, Sördertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden, April 2007.

"Gracias, Mamí, ahora estoy libre: Death, Exhumation and Reburial Among the Maya in Contemporary Guatemala," Society for Latin American Studies UK, Newcastle, England, April 2007.

"The Poetics of Death in Latin America: A Workshop," Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin America. Santa Fe, New Mexico, January 2007.

"The Mayan Apocalypse, 1982-2012," Society for Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, Washington DC. November 2006.

"The Guatemala Peace Accords: 10 Years Later: A Presidential Conference Hosted by Ex-president Alvaro Arzú," University of Texas, November 2006.

"Hidden in Plain Sight: The House Church Movement in Cuba,"Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Portland, Oregon, October 2006.

"Guatemala's General Efrain Rios Montt: Religious Discourse Against Charges of Genocide," Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Charlotte, North Carolina, April 2006.

"Religious Fundamentalism in Latin America," Pew Forum on Religion and the Public Life, Washington DC, April 2006.

"The Impact of Protestantism on Fertility Behaviors of Adolescents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil," with Joseph Potter and Sarah McKinnon , Population Association of America, Los Angeles, California, March 2006.

"Religion and Violence in Latin America," invited lecturer, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, Washington DC., April 2006.

Religion in Latin America, invited lecturer, Foreign Service Institute, Washington DC, October 2005 and March 2006.

"CAFTA, Globalization, and its effects in El Salvador," commentator, workshop, November 2005, University of Texas.

Fools and their Money? Prosperity Gospel and the Brazilian Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Rochester, New York, November 2006.

"The Igreja Universal do Reino de Deus in the United States," session on Religious Conversion in Latin America, Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Vancouver, Canada, April 2005.

"Casting Out Demons in Almolonga: Theology and Identity in a Ki'che' Town," at session on Religion and Identity, Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 2004.

"Religion in Latin America: A Historical Review and Some Theoretical Considerations of Current Trends," day-long workshop, Katholieke Hogeschool, Interncultureel management en internationale communicatie, Mechelen, Belgium, January 17, 2004.

Paper, "Efrain Ríos Montt and the 'Conquest of Love', 1982-1983," Conference in Honor of Professor Ralph Lee Woodward, Tulane Univesity, September, 2003.

Paper, "The Religious Marketplace in Latin America." Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, Texas, March, 2003.

Commentator, Latin American Studies Association, "Catholic Nuns in the Latin American Context," Dallas, Texas, March 2003.

Invited Lecture, "Is this Latin America's Reformation?" Texas Christian University, October, 2002.

Paper, panelist. "Protestantism en el mundo Maya contemporaneo." Centro de Estudios Mayas, Universidad National Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, July, 2002.

Paper, "Inculturated Mayan Theology in Guatemala." "Theology Meets Multireligiosity," Faculty of Theology, University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark, May, 2002.

Paper, "Tongues People and Convolutionists: Early Pentecostalism in Guatemala." Latin American Studies Association, Washington DC, September 2001.

Commentator, "The New Religious History in Colonial Latin America." Latin American Studies Association, Washington DC, September 2001.

Paper, "Protestantism(s) and Mayan Worldviews in Chiapas and Guatemala in the Context of Civil Violence," International Society for the Sociology of Religion. Iztapán de la Sal, Mexico, August, 2001.

Paper, "Salvation or Liberation? Charismatic Catholicism in El Salvador." Conference on New Religious Movements, London School of Economics, April 2001.

Speaker, "Women in Academia," at the Fifth Annual Barbara Jordan Memorial Forum on Diversity in Public Policy, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas, Austin. February, 2001.

Moderator, panel on popular religion in Latin America, Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association, Austin, Texas.February, 2001.

Paper, "Women and Violence in Post-Conflict Guatemala." Conference on Gender and Violence in Post-Conflict Societies, sponsored by USAID and Center for Development Information and Education, Washington DC. December, 2000.

Participant, Central America 20/20, San Salvador. Sponsored by the Inter-American Dialogue. November, 2000.

Paper: "Los Discursos del Domingo de Efraín Ríos Montt: Un discurso evangélico?", Congreso de Historia de Centroamerica, Universidad Nacional de El Salvador, San Salvador, July 2000.

Presenter: "Teaching About Religion in Latin America," conference on Faith, Culture and Identity: Teaching About Religion Today, University of Texas, Austin, June 2000.

Moderator, panel on Iconographic and Literary Representations of Religious Practicies, 20th Annual ILASSA Conference, University of Texas, February, 2000.

Presenter: "Religious Affiliation and Historical Patterns in Contemporary Mexico and "Alcoholism and Indigenimso in Guatemala, 1890-1940," both at Society for Latin American Studies, Selwyn College, Cambridge University, April 1999.

Opening Address, 19th Annual ILASSA Conference, University of Texas, February 1999.

Commentator and panel organizer, session on North American missionary movement in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, September, 1998.

Paper, "Ríos Montt y la memoria colectiva en Guatemala," Congreso de la Historia de Centroamerica, Managua, Nicaragua, July 1998

Commentator and panel organizer, session on Protestantism in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association, Guadalajara, Mexico, April 1997.

Paper, "Protestantism and Maya Resistance in Guatemala, 1944-1960," panel on religious activism , Latin American Studies Association, Guadalajara, Mexico, April, 1997.

Paper, "Alcohol Use and Religious Identity Among the Maya in Guatemala, 1900-1930," session on cultural identity, Society for Latin American Studies, UK, St. Andrews, Scotland, March, 1997.

Paper, "A Diet of Worms con Salsa Picante: Religious Diversity in Mexico," session on religious pluralism in Latin America, Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Austin, Texas, February, 1997.

Invited speaker, "Ríos Montt and the Project for the Recovery of Historic Memory," Yale Center for Latin American Studies, New Haven, September, 1996.

Paper, "Guatemala's Ríos Montt, 1982-1983," session on caudillismo in Latin America, American Historical Association, Pacific Branch, San Francisco, California, August, 1996.

Invited speaker, "Religious Diversity Among the Maya in Guatemala and Chiapas," Comissão de Estudios de Historia da Igreja na América Latina, Guatemala City, July, 1996.

Paper, “Alcohol and Indigenismo in Guatemala, 1890-1930,” session on history of ethnic identity, Congreso de Historia de Centroamerica, San José, Costa Rica, July 1996.

Discussant, session on colonial Central America, Southwestern Historical Association, Houston, Texas, April 1996.

Paper, “Alcohol and Religious Identity in Guatemala, 1900-1920,” session on popular movements in Guatemala and southern Mexico, Southwestern Council on Latin American Studies, Oaxaca, Mexico, March, 1996.

Organizer and paper, "Indigenismo and Popular Religion in Guatemala, 1900-1930," session on Religion and Ethnic Identity in Guatemala, Latin American Studies Association, Washington D.C., September 1995.

Commentator, “Sociedad y Cultura en la Vida de Quintana Roo-Estudio Histórico, siglos XIX y XX,” The Mexican Center, University of Texas, Austin, September 1995.

Paper,, "Ethnicity and Religiosity Among the Maya in Chiapas and Guatemala," Oxford-Texas Colloquium, St. Antony's College, Oxford, England, May 1995.

Speaker, “Pentecostalism and Gender in Latin America,” Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, May, 1995.

Speaker, "The Historical Background of the Chiapas Uprising," Central American Justice Week, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, February, 1995.

Commentator, "Regionalism and Regional Politics after the Independence," Culture, Power and Politics in Nineteenth Century Mexico: A Conference in Memory of Dr. Nettie Lee Benson, Austin, Texas, April 1994.

Paper, session on religion and politics in Latin America, "Protestantism as a Popular Movement Among Indigenous Peoples in the Trans-Maya Region of Mexico and Guatemala," Latin American Studies Association, March 1994.

Organizer, host and presenter, conference on "Invasion of the Sects or Refuge of the Masses: Protestantism in Mesoamerica and Greater Mexico," University of Texas, March 1994.

Paper, session on new social movements in Mexico, paper on "Ethnic Resistance and Religious Ideology in Southern Mexico and Guatemala," Oxford-Texas Colloquium, September 1993.

Chair, Executive Committee on Latin American and African History, Southwestern Social Science Association, 1993.

Panelist, session on religion and ethnic cosmovision in Latin America, "Liberalism, Religion, and Indian Resistance in Guatemala, 1870-1920," Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Antigua, Guatemala, February, 1993.

Speaker, Curriculum development in Latin American topics for secondary teachers, "El Dia de los Muertos: A Case Study in Cultural Congruence." University of Texas and University of New Mexico, Austin Texas, January, 1993.

Speaker, "Fusion of Two Worlds," Columbian Quincentenary Series, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, October, 1992.

Speaker, "Transforming Learning: New Dimensions of Challenge and Opportunity. Integrating Latin American Studies into the Secondary Curriculum," McAllen (Texas) Independent School District, June 1992.

Discussant, session on intellectual currents in Latin America during the nineteenth century, Southwestern Social Science Association, Austin, Texas, April 1992.

Paper and discussant, "Politics and Society in Nineteenth Century Guatemala," conference on Guatemala and Chiapas: A Comparative View, University of Texas, March 1992.

Speaker, "Religion and Politics in Contemporary El Salvador," Tulane University, December, 1991.

Panelist, "Integrating Women into the College History Survey," Conference of Women Historians in Texas, University of Texas at San Antonio, May, 1991

Organizer and discussant, session on Protestantism in Latin America, Latin American Studies Association, Washington D.C., April 1991

Panelist, session on U.S. foreign policy and Central American refugees, Mexican American Student Association conference, March 1990, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Paper, and participant, conference on the Christian Right in the Third World, paper on "Protestantism in Central America," panel on "The Media and the Religious Right in Central America, South Africa, and the Philippines," Catholic Institute on International Relations, Regents' College, London, October, 1989

Paper, session on Church and State, paper on "Protestantism and Change in Guatemala, 1978-1984" at Southwestern Conference on Latin American Studies, Kingsville, Texas, April 1989

Paper, session on Central America in the nineteenth century, paper on "Protestant Missions in Guatemala, 1880-1920", Southwestern Social Science Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, March, 1989. This paper was awarded the prize for the best paper in Latin American history

Paper, session on Church and State, paper on "Protestant Churches in Revolutionary Guatemala, 1944-1954," Southwestern Conference on Latin American Studies, San Antonio, Texas, April 1988

Paper, session on peasantry and social change, paper on "Protestantism in Rural Guatemala, 1872-1954," Social Science History Association, November, 1987

Commentator, session on American entrepreneurs and warriors in Middle America, Southern Historical Association, October, 1987

Paper, session on religion and Latin American nationalism, paper on "Onward Christian Soldiers: Protestantism in Guatemala, 1944-1954," Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Mérida, Mexico, April 1987

Invited guest, conference on reinforcing democracy in the Americas, sponsored by the Carter Center of Emory University and the Institute of the Americas, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 1986

Invited guest, conference on the Latin American debt crisis, sponsored by the Carter Center of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1986

Commentator, session on colonial urban development, Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, Clemson South Carolina, April 1986

Non-Teaching Professional Activities

Executive Committee and Panel Track chair, Latin American Studies Association, 2007-2009.

University Faculty Council, 2006-08.

Consultant to the Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, 2002-2006..

Academic oversight and evaluation for Cooperating Programs in the Americas (COPA), evaluation of undergraduate programs in Chile, June, 2002.

Consultant for project on the impact of political violence on gender, Center for Development Information and Evaluation of USAID and DAI, Washington D.C., 1999-2000.

Advisor for Latin America, Evangelicals and Politics in the Third World project, Oxford Centre for Mission, Oxford University and the Pew Foundation, 1999-2003.

Executive Committee, Latin American Studies Association; co-organizer of Religion and Family panel tracks, 1998.

Program evaluator for Brazil, Center for International Educational Exchange, New York, 1997.

Program evaluator for Argentina and Chile, Northern Illinois Programs Abroad, Champagne, Illinois, 1996.

Executive and Nominating Committee, Southwestern Social Science Association, 1994.

Latin American and African History executive committee, Southwestern Social Science Association, 1991-1993.

Consultant on Latin America to Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 1985-86.

Conferences Hosted

"Image, Memory, and the Paradox of Peace: Fifteen Years after the El Salvador Peace Accords," co-sponsored by the Department of History, LLILAS, College of Communications, the Rapoport Human Rights Center and the Harry Ransom Center, forthcoming, April 2008,

Transnational Religion in Latin America and the United States, January 2006, funded by Title XI, LLILAS, the Mexican Center and Religious Studies of the University of Texas.

Is God Brazilian? New Religious Movements in Brazil, February 2005, funded by Title XI, LLILAS, the Brazil Center and Religious Studies at the University of Texas.

Internet Activities

Oversaw transfer and renovation of Religion in Latin America website to the University of Texas, 2005-2006.

Founded Central American Research Group for LLILAS website, September 2004.

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

Templeton Foundation Metanxus Research Grant, 2006-2008.

Dean's Fellowship, 2007

Mellon Summer Research, 2006

Title XI Conference award, 2005, 2006

Houston Endowment Faculty Research Leave, Spring 2003.

Mellon Foundation Faculty Grant, 1993, 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 20005

James W. Vick Texas Excellence Award, Ex-Students Association and the Cabinet of College Councils of the University of Texas, 1994

Undergraduate Advising Award, The College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, 1993

Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor in College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas, 1992-1993

Southwestern Social Science Research Association, Best paper on Latin American or African history, 1989

Shell Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Grant, 1984-1985

Tulane University Teaching Assistantship, 1983-1984

Matilda Geddings Grey Foundation Fellowship, 1983

Tinker Foundation Grant, 1983, 1984

National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship, 1980

Tulane University Graduate Fellowship, 1979

Charles M. Ross Graduate Fellowship, 1979

Media, Events, and Popular Publications

"Priests, Pentecostals, and Politics," Current History, February 2008: 84-90.

Interview on the reign of John Paul II and the effects of papal succession in Latin America, National Public Radio, Chicago Tribune, Reuters, Radio Havana, Austin American Statesman, March and April 2005.

Interview on "The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God," National Public Radio, November, 2003.

Consultant and appearance, "The Missionaries," Programme 4, America. BBC Radio 4, four-part series broadcast June 2003.

Consultant and appearance, "Perilous Peace: Guatemala and the Making of Civil Society," Quest Production, Oakland, California, 2003.

Organizer, "El Salvador Week", University of Texas, October, 2002

The Incredible Incas, co-authored with Terry Deary (London: Scholastic Books, forthcoming 2000). (children's book).

Contributing Editor Cobblestone Magazine, El Salvador issue (September 1998) and Dominican Republic issue (December, 1998). (Children's social studies magazine.)

"U.S. Blockade of Cuba Also Penalizes America," The Houston Chronicle, September 7, 1993.

Interview, "Guatemala's Coup," Public Broadcast News, Melbourne, Australia, June 1993.

Interview, "Fundamentalism and Government in Central America," Dispatches, Public Broadcast News, Melbourne, Australia, June 1993

"Despite Woes, Guatemala is not 'Ungovernable," The Miami Herald, May 30, 1993.

"Canudos, Mount Carmel: Tragic Similarities", The Miami Herald, April 25, 1993.

Roundtable discussant, “The Future of Peace in Central America,” The Next 200 Years, KUT Radio, University of Texas, broadcast September 1992.

Consultant and interview, “The Fundamentalism Project,” The Benton Foundation of the University of Chicago and Public Broadcasting System, broadcast June, 1992.

Consultant, "Town Meeting on Foreign Policy with Jimmy Carter," for South Carolina Public Broadcasting System, sponsored by the Carter Center of Emory University and the Foreign Policy Association, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1988