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Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Position

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Academic Background

- 1989 University of Wisconsin–Madison, Ph.D. in Political Science
Attended: Aug. 1984–Nov. 1989
Areas: Comparative Politics (Western Europe); International Relations; American Politics
Minor: International Economics
Thesis: “The State Offshore: Petroleum, Politics, and State Intervention on the British and Norwegian Continental Shelves”
Advisor: Barbara Stallings
- 1984 University of Wisconsin–Madison, M.A. in Political Science
Attended: Sept. 1982–May 1984
- 1981 Wheaton College (Illinois), B.A. in Political Science
Attended: Sept. 1977–May 1981
Honors: Graduated with High Honors

Professional Experience

- 2023- Jane Fishburne Hipp Professor of Politics and International Affairs
Interim Director, The Tocqueville Center for the Study of Democracy and Society
- 2002-23 Professor, Furman University
- 2003-09 Chair, Department of Political Science, Furman University
- 1996-02 Associate Professor, Furman University
- 1990-96 Assistant Professor, Furman University
- 1984 Instructor, University of Wisconsin–Madison

1982-84 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Political Positions

2013-16 Board of Directors, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Republican Seat
 2011-19 Chair, South Carolina Educational Television Commission
 (Appointed by Governor Nikki Haley)
 2009-10 Candidate for Republican Nominee, State Superintendent of Education

Books

The North Sea System for Petroleum Production: State Intervention on the British and Norwegian Continental Shelves, co-authored with Tina Soliman Hunter (UK: Edward Elgar Publishers, 2024).

Religion and the Struggle for European Union: Confessional Culture and the Limits of Integration, co-authored with James L. Guth (Georgetown University Press, 2015).

The European Union: Readings on the Theory and Practice of European Integration, eds. Brent F. Nelsen and Alexander C-G. Stubb (Boulder, Col.: Lynne Rienner Publishers). First Edition, 1994; Second Edition, 1998; Third Edition, 2003; Fourth Edition, 2014.

Norway and the European Community: The Political Economy of Integration, ed. Brent F. Nelsen (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1993).

The State Offshore: Petroleum, Politics, and State Intervention on the British and Norwegian Continental Shelves (New York: Praeger Publishers, 1991).

Series General Editor

Studies on the European Polity Series, Lynne Rienner Publishers

Edited Journal

Furman Studies, Special Issue, Furman University's Religious Identity, ed. Brent F. Nelsen, 39(1)(1997).

Refereed Articles

"Religious Influences on American Public Attitudes Toward Military Action, 2008–2022." *Religions* 16: 398. (with James L. Guth) <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/16/4/398>

"Confessional Culture, Religiosity, and Traditionalism: Tracing the Influence of Religion on Public Attitudes toward European Integration," (with James L. Guth) in *Religion in the European Parliament: Between Nation and Europe*, ed. François Foret (Routledge 2025), pp. 8-24.

"Christianity and Culture in Europe," (with James L. Guth) in Yaakov Ariel, Gregor Thuswaldner, and Jens Zimmermann, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Christianity and Culture* (London: Routledge, 2024).

- “Religion and the Contours of European Identity,” (with François Foret and James L. Guth), in Marko Veković and Miroljub Jevtić, eds., *Religion and Politics in Europe, the USA and Asia: New Trends and Challenges* (London: Routledge, 2024): 40-59.
- “Religion and Support for the ‘Trump Doctrine’,” (with James L. Guth), in Paulina Napierala, ed. *Religion and American Politics: Domestic and International Contexts* (Berlin: Peter Lang Verlag, 2024):303-325.
- “Confessional Culture, Religiosity, and Traditionalism: Tracing the Influence of Religion on Public Attitudes towards European Integration,” (with James L. Guth), *Religion, State & Society*, 51(4-5)(2023): 314-330.
- “Confessional Cultures and European Identity: Religion, Ideology, and Economics,” (with James L. Guth), *Religions* 14(2)(2023): <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel14020271>
- “Explaining Green Party Support in the 2019 European Parliamentary Elections: A Test of Four Hypotheses,” (with Samantha Whitely and James L. Guth), *Society* 60(3):1-13.
- “Protestantism and Europe,” (with James L. Guth), in Lucian Leustean and Grace Davie, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2021), 458-479.
- “Losing Faith: Religion and Attitudes toward the European Union in Uncertain Times,” (with James L. Guth), *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies* 58(4)(2020): 909-924 (published online 31 October 2019).
- “Party Choice in Europe: Social Cleavages and the Rise of Populist Parties,” (with James L. Guth), *Party Politics* 27(3)(Spring 2021): 453-464, published online 10 June 2019: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1354068819853965>.
- “Explaining Policy Convergence in Europe: A Research Note,” (with Amanda Michalski and James L. Guth), *Journal of Political Science*, 45 (2017): 75-92.
- “European Union or Kingdom of the Antichrist? Protestant Apocalyptic Narratives and European Unity,” (with James L. Guth), *National Identities* 19(2)(2017): 251-267.
- “Religion and the Creation of European Identity: The Message of the Flags” (with James L. Guth), *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, 14(1)(March 2016): 80-88.
- “Does Religion Still Matter? Religion and Public Attitudes toward Integration in Europe” (with James L. Guth and Brian Highsmith), *Politics and Religion*, 4(1)(April 2011): 1-26 (published online 1 November 2010).
- “The Political Activity of Evangelical Clergy in the Election of 2000: A Case Study of Five Denominations,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 42(4)(December 2003): 501-514. (Co-authors: James L. Guth, Linda Beail, Greg Crow, Beverly Gaddy, Steve Montreal, James Penning and Jeff Walz).
- “Religion and Youth Support for the European Union,” with James L. Guth, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 41(1)(March 2003): 89-112.
- “Does Religion Matter? Christianity and Public Support for the European Union,” with James L. Guth and Cleveland R. Fraser, *European Union Politics*, 2(2)(Spring 2001): 191-217.
- “Exploring the Gender Gap: Women, Men, and Public Attitudes toward European Integration,” with James L. Guth, *European Union Politics*, 1(3)(Fall 2000): 267-91.
- “Explaining Petroleum Policy in Britain and Norway, 1962-1990,” *Scandinavian Political Studies*, 15(4)(1992): 307-28.

Non-Refereed Articles

- “Calls,” in David Bost, ed., *Callings*, (Greenville, SC: The Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection, 2017), pp. 29-41.

- “Religion in the European Union: The Forgotten Factor,” (with James L. Guth) in Luke M. Harrington, Alasdair McKay, and Jeffrey Haynes, eds. *Nations Under God: The Geopolitics of Faith in the Twenty-First Century* (Bristol, England: E-International Relations Publishing, 2015), 203-210.
- “Is the European Union a Christian Club?,” *An Uncertain Road: Muslims and the Future of Europe*, Report for the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, December 2004, <http://pewforum.org/publications/reports/MuslimsinEurope2004.pdf>.
- “Presbyterian Church in America,” with Beverly A. Gaddy, in *Pulpit and Politics: Clergy in American Politics at the Advent of the Millennium* (Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press, 2004), pp. 141-152.
- “The Nordic Countries,” in *Research Guide to U.S. and International Interest Groups*, ed. Clive S. Thomas (Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2004), pp. 311-314.
- “The European Economic Area,” in *Encyclopedia of the European Union*, ed. Desmond Dinan (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1998).
- “An Evangelical Perspective,” *Furman Studies, Special Issue, Furman University’s Religious Identity*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen, 39(1)(1997): 127-159.
- “Introduction,” *Furman Studies, Special Issue, Furman University’s Religious Identity*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen, 39(1)(1997): 1-7.
- “The European Community Debate in Norway: The Periphery Revolts, Again,” in *Norway and the European Community: The Political Economy of Integration*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1993).
- “Norway, the European Community, and the Integration Process,” in *Norway and the European Community: The Political Economy of Integration*, ed. Brent F. Nelsen (Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 1993).
- “Norway and the European Community: The Membership Debate Resurrected,” *Current Politics and Economics of Europe*, 2(½)(1992).
- “Den amerikanske presidentvalgkampen,” *Hvor Hender Det?*, Nr. 21, 8 Feb. 1988.

Book Reviews

- Christian Joppke, *The Secular State Under Siege: Religion and Politics in Europe and America* in *Politics and Religion*, 10(4)(December 2017), pp. 925-927.
- Jonathan Fox, *Political Secularism, Religion, and the State: A Time Series Analysis of Worldwide Data* in *Perspectives on Politics*, 14(4)(December 2016): 1244-1246.
- Paul Christopher Manuel, Lawrence C. Reardon and Clyde Wilcox (eds.), *The Catholic Church and the Nation-State: Comparative Perspectives*, in *Politics and Religion*, 1 (2008), pp. 320-323.
- “In Defense of Holy Unsameness,” a review of George Weigel, *The Cube and the Cathedral: Europe, America, and Politics Without God* in *The Review of Faith and International Affairs*, 4(3)(Winter 2006), pp. 63-64.
- Tom Inglis, Zdzislaw Mach, Rafa Mazanek (eds.), *Religion and Politics: East-West Contrasts from Contemporary Europe*, in *Review of Religious Research*, 43(2)(December 2001): 187-189.
- Janerik Gidlund and Magnus Jerneck, *Local and Regional Governance in Europe: Evidence from Nordic Regions*, in *ECSA Review*, 14(3)(Summer 2001).
- Clive Archer and Ingrid Sogner, *Norway, European Integration and Atlantic Security*, in *ECSA Review*, 13(1)(Winter 2000): 12.

Review essay of Christine Ingebritsen, *The Nordic States and European Unity*; Lee Miles, *Sweden and European Integration*; and Robert Geyer, *The Uncertain Union: British and Norwegian Social Democrats in an Integrating Europe*, in *ECSA Review*, 11(3)(Fall 1998): 18-20.

Opinion

- “The Shifting Impact of Religion on Attitudes Toward the European Union,” with James L. Guth, *The JCMS Blog*, <https://jcms.ideasoneurope.eu/2020/05/01/the-shifting-impact-of-religion-on-attitudes-toward-the-european-union/>.
- “Why we resigned from the SC ETV Commission,” (with Karen Martin and Jill Holt), *The Post and Courier*, 24 September 2019.
- “Why Europe Needs Alex Stubb,” *Euractiv*, 5 November 2018 (<https://www.euractiv.com/section/eu-elections-2019/opinion/why-europe-needs-alex-stubb/>).
- “Commentary: Election reform could restore trust in SC government,” *The Post and Courier*, 5 October 2018.
- “Tariffs Undermine European Union Contributions to the Upstate’s Economic Success” (with Thomas Smythe), *The Greenville News*, 17 August 2018.
- “Catholics like the European Union more than Protestants do. This is why” (with James L. Guth). Interview by Nikita Lalwani and Sam Winter-Levy, “Monkey Cage,” *The Washington Post*, (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/01/12/protestants-dont-like-the-european-union-compared-to-catholics-this-is-why/?utm_term=.fe4cf342a639), 12 January 2017.
- “Brexit and Everything After,” *Furman*, 59(2)(Fall 2016): 44-45.
- “Why International Trade is Good for US Economy and the Upstate” (with Thomas Smythe), *The Greenville News*, 30 October 2016.
- “What SC, nation can learn from ‘180 Days: Hartsville’” (with Linda O’Byron), *The State*, 15 March 2015.
- “Conservatives should support public school reform,” *The Greenville News*, 6 March 2015.
- “Europe’s Protestant Problem,” (with James L. Guth), *EUSpeak.eu*, (http://www.euspeak.eu/europes-protestant-problem/?utm_content=buffer13823&u), 3 October 2014.
- “A plan to preserve ETV” (with Susie VanHuss), *Anderson Independent Mail*, 20 June 2011.
- “Poor Students Can Succeed,” *The Greenville News*, 13 August 2010
- “The lessons of Alvin Greene’s victory,” *The State*, 20 June 2010.
- “It’s Time to Walk the Walk: Solving the Dropout Problem,” *The Greenville News*, 18 May 2010.
- “S.C. GOP must reform itself,” *The State*, 17 January 2009.
- “Economic Recovery Requires New Leadership,” *Fitsnews.com*, 23 June 2009.
- “Republicans must create New Republican Party,” *The Greenville News*, 12 November 2008.
- “Furman controversy has deep roots” (with James L. Guth), *The Greenville News*, 4 June 2008.
- “Religion in Europe: An Interview with Brent Nelson (*sic*),” (edited by Norbert Gasaj), Institute for Global Engagement, <http://www.globalengage.org/issues.asp?id=35>, 23 September 2005.
- “God and the European Constitution,” *Collegenews.org* (<http://www.collegenews.org/x2387.xml>), 28 February 2003.
- “Defeating terror requires victory over Islamic ideas,” *The Greenville News*, 5 November 2001.

“Old GOP ‘tribe’ can take step toward renewal by retiring flag,” *The Greenville News* (and other papers), 3 February 2000, with James L. Guth.

“An EU That Has Lost Its Way,” *Christians in Political Science Newsletter*, 8(2)(Spring 1999): 3.

“Negotiating Religion at Furman,” *The Dialectic*, 1(1)(1997): 4.

Forthcoming

“Confessional Culture, Religiosity, and Traditionalism: Tracing the Influence of Religion on Public Attitudes toward European Integration,” with James L. Guth, *Religion, State and Society* 51(4), (Fall 2023), in press.

“Christianity and Culture in Europe,” with James L. Guth, in Gregor A. Thuswaldner, Yaakov Ariel, and Jens Zimmerman (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Christianity and Culture* (Routledge, forthcoming).

Under Review

Invited Lectures

“Politics of the Energy Transition: State, Markets and Intervention,” Visiting Professor Seminar, Centre for Energy Resources Innovation and Transformation (CENRIT), Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, 15 July 2024.

“The US Presidential Race: Global and Domestic Impacts on the Energy Transition,” Visiting Professor Seminar, Centre for Energy Resources Innovation and Transformation (CENRIT), Macquarie Law School, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, 8 July 2024.

“Calls,” Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection Alumni Retreat, 26 July 2014.

“What Really Matters?” L.D. Johnson Lecture Series, Charles Ezra Daniel Memorial Chapel, Furman University, 26 March 2009. Also published as a pamphlet.

“American Evangelical Christianity and the Foreign Policy of President George W. Bush,” Humbolt University, Berlin, Germany, 8 April 2005.

“The European Union: Vision Theory and Practice,” a series of three lectures given at The University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, 7-9 September 1994.

“Assessing Nordic Membership in the European Union,” Finnish Ministry of Defense, 7 September 1994.

Professional Conference Participation

Discussant, Religion and Politics Poster Session, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 31 August-3 September 2023, Los Angeles, California.

- “Religion and the Contours of European Identity,” with James L. Guth, and François Foret, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 31 August-3 September 2023, Los Angeles, California.
- “Religion and the Contours of European Identity,” with James L. Guth and François Foret, presented at the Fourth Bi-annual Conference on the Politics of Religion, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Political Science and Politics and Religion Journal, May 19, 2023.
- “Religious Influences on American Public Attitudes toward Military Action, 2020,” with James L. Guth, presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, March 15-18, 2023.
- “From Confessional Culture to Religiosity? Tracing the Influence of Religion on Public Attitudes toward European Integration,” with James L. Guth, presented at the Conference on Religion in the European Parliament and in European Multi-level Governance, Free University of Brussels (ULB), March 30-31, 2022.
- “Religion and Support for the ‘Trump Doctrine,’” with James L. Guth, presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, January 12-15, 2022, San Antonio, Texas.
- “Religious Influences on American Public Attitudes toward Military Action, 2020,” with James L. Guth, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 15-18 March 2023.
- “Brussels Internship Program: Opportunities and Challenges,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2 October 2021, virtual panel.
- “Explaining Green Party Support in the 2019 European Parliamentary Elections: Secularization and Social Cleavage,” with Samantha Whitley and James L. Guth, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 7-10 March 2021.
- “Is it the Culture, Stupid? Tracking the Cultural Divide in European Party Choice,” with James L. Guth, International Studies Association-Midwest Annual Meeting, 20-22 November 2020.
- “Christendom and the European Union: An Exploratory Essay,” with James L. Guth, presented at the European Union Studies Association Biennial Conference, Denver, Colorado, 9-11 May 2019.
- “Religious Influences on American Foreign Policy Attitudes: The Case of the ‘Trump Doctrine,’” with James L. Guth, presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 27-30, 2019, and the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 4-7, 2019.
- “Party Choice in Europe: Social Cleavages and the Rise of Populist Parties (Revised),” with James L. Guth, South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Furman University, Greenville, SC, 23 February 2019.
- “Religious Influences on American Public Attitudes toward Military Action,” with James L. Guth, 59th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California, 4-7 April 2018.
- “Party Choice in Europe: Social Cleavages and the Rise of Populist Parties,” with James L. Guth, South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC, 24 March 2018.
- Chair and Discussant, “Religion and Politics,” South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC, 24 March 2018.

- “Religion and Party Choice in Europe: Social Cleavages and the Rise of Populist Parties,” with James L. Guth, presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. October 13-15, 2017.
- “On the Eve of Brexit: Euroscepticism in Great Britain, 2016,” with James L. Guth, 24th International Conference of Europeanists, 12-14 July 2017, Glasgow, UK.
- Chair and Discussant, “Religion and Identity in Contemporary Europe,” 24th International Conference of Europeanists, 12-14 July 2017, Glasgow, UK.
- “The Changing Religious Foundations of European Integration,” with James L. Guth, delivered at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 28-30 Oct. 2016.
- “Re-Imagining Europe: European Unity in a Post-Federalist Era,” iPoster, delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1-4 Sept. 2016, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Losing Faith: Religion and Attitudes toward the European Union in Uncertain Times, 2009-2014,” with James L. Guth, delivered at the CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference, 22-25 June 2016, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Invited Panelist, “Tolerance, the Constitution, and the Limits of an Open Society” Ninth Annual Carl B. Menges Colloquium, April 14-16, 2016, Turning Stone Resort, NY.
- “Religion and the Struggle for European Union: Confessional Culture and the Limits of Integration,” with James L. Guth, delivered at 22nd International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies, 8-10 July 2015, Sciences Po, Paris, France.
- “Protestant Narratives of European Integration,” with James L. Guth, Narrating European Integration: Actors and Stories in Politics, Academia and Cultural Institutions, 15-16 April 2015, Portsmouth, England.
- “Protestant Apocalyptic Narratives and the European Union,” with James L. Guth, European Union Studies Association Fourteenth Biennial Conference, 5-7 March 2015, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Discussant, “EU Studies Development in Political Science,” European Union Studies Association Fourteenth Biennial Conference, 5-7 March 2015, Boston, Massachusetts.
- “Explaining Education Policy Convergence in Europe: A Research Note,” with Amanda Michalski and James L. Guth, South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Conference, 28 February 2015, Francis Marion University, Florence, South Carolina.
- “Confessional Cultures and European Identity: Religion, Ideology and Economics,” with James L. Guth, International Studies Association, 18-21 February 2015, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- “Explaining Education Policy Convergence in Europe: A Research Note,” with Amanda Michalski and James L. Guth, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 26-29 March 2014.
- “Confessional Culture, National Identity and Political Pressure: A Cultural Theory of European Integration,” European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, 9-11 May 2013.
- “European Integration and the Catholic and Protestant Churches,” South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina, 1-2 March 2013.
- “The Origins of European Dis-Union: Protestantism and the Postwar European Communities,” Sixth Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, University of Tampere, Finland, 13-15 September 2012.
- Panel Chair, “Theories of European Integration,” Sixth Pan-European Conference on EU Politics, University of Tampere, Finland, 13-15 September 2012.

- “The Sacred Foundations of European Identity: Religious Symbolism and the Founding of the European Union,” Christians in Political Science Biennial Conference, Gordon College, Boston Massachusetts, 31 May-3 June 2012.
- Discussant, “Justice,” Christians in Political Science Biennial Conference, Gordon College, Boston Massachusetts, 31 May-3 June 2012.
- Discussant, “Support and Opposition towards European Integration in East, West and Accession States,” European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 3-5 March 2011.
- Discussant, “Religion and Politics in the European Union: Taming a Secular Power?” European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 3-5 March 2011.
- Panel Chair, “Collective Action in the European Union: Interest Groups and Social Movements,” European Union Studies Association Biennial International Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 3-5 March 2011.
- Panel Chair, “Undergraduate Symposium on European Politics,” South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, 28 February 2009.
- Panel Chair, “Election 2008—Revisiting the Obama Phenomenon,” South Carolina Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, 28 February 2009.
- “Does Religion Still Matter?: Religious Cleavages and the Politics of Integration in Europe,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28-31 August 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.
- “Religion and European Unity: Toward a Cultural Theory of Integration,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 30 August-2 September 2007, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Explaining Europe’s Missing *Demos*: A Cultural Theory of Integration,” Biennial Meeting of Christians in Political Science, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, 7-10 June 2007.
- Panel Chair, “Designing Institutions: Practical and Normative Approaches,” Biennial International Conference of the European Union Studies Association, 17-19 May 2007, Montreal, Canada.
- Panel Chair, “Religion, Humanitarianism and the State,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 31 August-3 September 2006, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Europe as a Christian Club: Religion and the Founding of the European Community, 1950-1975, The Ideological Dimension,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1-4 September 2005, Washington, D.C.
- Panel Chair, “Catholic and Orthodox Political Thought,” Fifth Biennial National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 16-19 June 2005, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- “Religion and Attitudes toward the European Union: The New Member States, A Research Note,” Fifth Biennial National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 16-19 June 2005, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
- “Religion and Attitudes toward the European Union: The New Member States, A Research Note,” European Union Studies Association Ninth Biennial International Conference, 31 March-2 April 2005, Austin, Texas.
- Panel Chair and Discussant, “Multilateral Leadership and Global Governance: Constraining the State?” Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Southern Region, 22-23 October 2004, Columbia, South Carolina.

- Panel Chair, "Christian Perspectives on Comparative Politics and International Relations," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2-5 September 2004, Chicago, Illinois.
- "The Reluctant Europeans: Protestantism, Nationalism and European Integration," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2-5 September 2004, Chicago, Illinois.
- "Christianity and Comparative Politics," Christian Faith and the Soul of the University, 25-27 March 2004, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
- "Roman Catholicism and the Founding of Europe: How Catholics Shaped the European Communities," with James L. Guth, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28-31 August 2003, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- "Religious Culture and European Integration: Theory and Hypotheses," with James L. Guth, Christians in Political Science Fourth National Conference, June 5-7, 2003, Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- "Religious Culture and European Integration: Theory and Hypotheses," Biennial Conference of the European Union Studies Association, 27-29 March 2002, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Panel Chair, "The Religious Authority of the State: International Perspectives," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 29 August-1 September 2002, Boston, Massachusetts.
- "The Political Attitudes and Activities of Presbyterian Church in America Clergy in the Election of 2000," with Beverly G. Busch, Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, 3-4 May 2002, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- "The Political Activity of Evangelical Clergy in the Election of 2000: A Case Study of Five Denominations," with James L. Guth, Linda Beail, Greg Crow, Beverly Busch, Jeff Walz, Steve Montreal, James Penning, and Corwin Smidt, Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, 3-4 May 2002, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- "Religion and Youth Support for the European Union: A Country Analysis," with James L. Guth, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 29 August-2 September 2001, San Francisco, California.
- "Cooperative Clergy Project: The Presbyterian Church in America," with Beverly G. Busch, Biennial Conference of Christians in Political Science, 8-9 June 2001, Point Loma, California.
- "Christianity and Public Support for the European Union: A Multivariate Analysis," with James L. Guth and Cleveland Fraser, Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 31 May-2 June 2001, Madison, Wisconsin.
- Panel Chair, "Religion and Politics in Contemporary Europe," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 30 August-3 September 2000, Washington, D.C.
- Discussant, "Religion and Democratic Life in Cross-National Perspective," Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2-5 September 1999, Atlanta, Georgia.
- "The Great Divide: Catholics, Protestants and the Founding of the European Community," presented at the New Europe at the Crossroads III, Teikyo University, Berlin, Germany, 4-8 July 1999.
- Panel Chair, "Roundtable: Samuel Huntington's *The Clash of Civilizations*," Second National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 17-20 June 1999, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- "Explaining the Gender Gap: Women, Economic Vulnerability, and Public Attitudes toward the European Integration," with Cleveland R. Fraser, James L. Guth, and Jodie Tillman,

- presented at the European Community Studies Association Sixth Biennial International Conference, 2-5 June 1999, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- “The Great Divide: Catholics, Protestants and the Founding of the European Community,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 4-7 September 1998, Boston Marriot Copley Square, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Panel Chair, “New Horizons for Christian Political Science,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 4-7 September 1998, Boston Maraud Cooley Square, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Discussant, “Globalization, Europeanization, and Scandinavian Social Democracy,” Eighty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study, 30 April-2 May 1998, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona.
- “The Gender Gap in Public Attitudes Toward European Integration,” with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28-31 August 1997, Omni Shoreham/Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- “Does Religion Matter? Christianity and Public Attitudes Toward the European Union,” with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the First National Conference of Christians in Political Science, 20-22 June 1997, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.
- “Does Religion Matter? Christianity and Public Attitudes Toward the European Union,” with Cleveland R. Fraser and James L. Guth, presented at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 29 May-1 June 1997, Madison Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, Washington.
- Discussant, “Public Support for European Integration,” Fifth Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 29 May-1 June 1997, Madison Renaissance Hotel, Seattle, Washington.
- “Religion and Public Attitudes Toward European Integration,” with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 28 August-1 September 1996, San Francisco Hilton and Towers, San Francisco, California.
- “Explaining Opposition to Regional Integration in North America and Europe (Revised),” with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Fourth Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 11 May 1995, Hawthorne Suites Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina.
- “Explaining Opposition to Regional Integration in North America and Europe,” with Cleveland R. Fraser, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 1-4 September 1994, The New York Hilton, New York, New York.
- “The European Union Debate in Norway: A New Look at an Old Struggle,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies, 28 April-1 May 1994, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois.
- Discussant, “Contemporary Problems in Comparative Politics: Implications for the US,” South Carolina Political Science Association, Annual Meeting, 26 February 1994, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.
- “Domestic Responses to Integration: A Research Agenda,” presented at the Third Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, 28 May 1993, Washington, D.C.
- “The Norwegian Debate Over Europe: The Periphery Revolts . . . Again,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 9-11, 1992, Chicago.
- Conference Chair, Seminar on Norway and the European Community, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo, Norway, November 14, 1991.

“Norway and the European Community: On the Outside Moving In?” presented at the 1991 Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association, May 22-24, in Washington, D.C.

“The State Offshore: State Intervention in the British and Norwegian Petroleum Industries, 1962-1990,” presented at the 1990 Southern Political Science Association Meeting, November 8-10, in Atlanta.

Panel Chair and Discussant, “International and Domestic Constraints on Reagan Security Policy,” 1990 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, in San Francisco.

Academic Honors and Awards

- 2023 Awarded Jane Fishburne Hipp Professorship
- 1998 Awarded Summer Research Stipend, Furman University
- 1992 Awarded a Knight Mini-Sabbatical for Fall Term 1992 from Furman University
- 1987 Awarded a Fulbright Grant for study in Oslo, Norway
- 1986 Awarded a Travel Grant by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Information Service in the United States for travel to Norway

Courses Taught

Introduction to World Politics
 Politics of Europe
 Politics of the European Union
 The European Union in Theory
 The European Union in Practice
 International Political Economy
 Political Parties
 Public Policy in Industrialized Democracies
 Comparative Welfare States
 Democracy the Scandinavian Way
 Welfare States in America and Scandinavia
 Integration and Europeanization in the Baltic Region
 Senior Seminar: Capitalism and Democracy
 Senior Research Seminar (Senior Honors Essay)
 Study Abroad Program in Britain and the European Union
 Washington Internship Program
 Brussels Internship Program
 Survey of European Issues
 First Year Seminar: Learning Politics through “Battlestar Galactica”

Professional Offices Held

President, South Carolina Political Science Association 2009-2010

President, Public Opinion and Participation Special Interest Section, European Union Studies Association, 2007-2009

President Elect, Public Opinion and Participation Special Interest Section, European Union Studies Association, 2005-2007

President, Christians in Political Science, 2004-06

Vice-President (President Elect), Christians in Political Science, 2002-2004

Executive Committee Officer, American Political Science Association Section on Religion and Politics, 2001-2003

Newsletter Editor, Christians in Political Science, 1994-98

Professional Memberships

The American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

European Union Studies Association

Council for European Studies

South Carolina Political Science Association

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

The American-Scandinavian Foundation

Christians in Political Science (Charter Member)

Pi Sigma Alpha