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Education

PhD Urban Studies and Planning, 1996
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

MA Public Health, 1985
Columbia University, New York, NY

MS Urban Planning, 1985
Columbia University, New York, NY

BA Sociology, Cum Laude, 1980
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

University of Seville, Spain, 1978

Areas of Research

International Migration, Transnational Studies, Development, Religion,
Race and Ethnicity, Cultural Sociology, Organizations

Academic Appointments

1998– DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY—CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR
Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA

1998– WEATHERHEAD CENTER FOR INT’L AFFAIRS—RESEARCH
ASSOCIATE AND CO-DIRECTOR OF THE TRANSNATIONAL
STUDIES INITIATIVE
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2001– HAUSER CENTER FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS—
RESEARCH FELLOW
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1995–1998 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY—ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1993–1995 CENTER FOR POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES—
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

- 1990–1995 MAURICIO GASTON INSTITUTE FOR LATINO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY—RESEARCHER
University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA
- 1990–1992 INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ECONOMIC CULTURE—RESEARCH FELLOW
Boston University, Boston, MA
- 1986–1988 POPULATION SERVICE FELLOW
Population Council/University of Michigan, Lima, Peru

Awards, Fellowships and Honorary Positions

- Sabbatical Writing Grant—**Ford Foundation**, 2004–2005
- Senior Fellowship—Center for the Study of World Religions, Divinity School,
Harvard University, 2001–2002
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship—Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion,
Yale University, 2001–2002
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship—**Social Science Research Council**, 1997
- Landes Fellowship—**Research Institute for the Study of Man**, 1997
- International Pre-dissertation Fellow—**Social Science Research Council**, 1992–1993,
- MacArthur Fellow—**Harvard Center for Population and Development**, 1991–1993
- Graduate Scholar—**World Bank**, 1989–1991

Research Grants

- Harvard University** Weatherhead Center Research Grant, 2007-2008, \$20,000
- Metanexus Foundation** Research Program on Spiritual Capital, 2006-2009, \$150,000
- National Science Foundation** Law and Society Program, 2004-2009, \$450,000
- Rockefeller Foundation** Transnational Communities Program Research Grant,
2003–2006, \$210,000
- Ford Foundation** Research Grant, Governance and Civil Society Program,
2003–2004, \$110,000
- Mellon Foundation** Grant for Research on Forced Migration, 2002, \$30,000
- Ford Foundation** Research Grant, Education, Sexuality and Religion Program,
1998–2005, \$520,000
- Spencer Foundation** Research Grant, 1997, \$20,000
- American Institute for Indian Studies** Research Grant, 1997, \$15,000

American Sociological Association Fund for Advancement of the Discipline,
1997, \$7,000

Harvard University Milton Research Grant, 1996, \$5,000

Harvard Center for International Affairs Faculty Research Grant, 1996, \$25,000

Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Faculty Grant, 1996, \$10,000

Tinker Field Research Grant, 1996, \$7,000

Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund, 1994–1996, \$25,000

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for International Studies–MacArthur
Summer Research Grant, 1993, \$ 15,000

University of Massachusetts Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community
Development and Public Policy Research Grant, 1992–1993, \$10,000

Publications

Books

2007 *God Needs No Passport: How Immigrants are Changing the American Religious Landscape*. New York: The New Press.

2001 *The Transnational Villagers*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press. Awarded Honorable Mention from the International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association and Honorable Mention for the Best Book Award, New England Council on Latin American Studies.

Edited Collections

2007 *The Transnational Studies Reader* (with Sanjeev Khagram). London and New York: Routledge.

2003 Special Volume on Transnational Migration, *International Migration Review*. Co-editor with Josh De Wind and Steven Vertovec. Vol.37, No. 3, Fall 2003.

2002 *The Changing Face of Home: The Transnational Lives of the Second Generation*. Co-editor with Mary Waters. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Articles

Under review “Routes and Roots: Understanding the Lives of the Second Generation Transnationally” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*

2008 “Religion as a Path to Civic Engagement and Civically-Infused Religion” *Racial and Ethnic Studies* (Special Volume to be edited by Marco

Martinelli and Jean-Michel LeFleur, forthcoming

- 2007 “Transnational Migration Studies: Past Developments and Future Trends.” *Annual Review of Sociology*, Vol. 33, August 2007, pp. 129-156.
- 2007 “The Diffusion of Culture or the Culture of Diffusion.” (with B. Nadya Jaworsky) *Theory and Society*, revise and resubmit.
- 2006 “God Needs No Passport: How Immigrants are Changing American Religious Life” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*. Fall 2006: 45-57.
- 2005 “Building Bridges: What Migration Scholarship and Cultural Sociology Have to Say to Each other.” *Poetics*. Special Volume edited by Lyn Spillman and Marc Jacobs, 33(1): 49–62.
- 2004 “Transnational Perspectives on Migration: Conceptualizing Simultaneity” (with Nina Glick Schiller) *International Migration Review* Vol. 38(145): 595–629.
- 2004 “The Transnational Turn in Migration Studies” (with Ninna Nyberg Sorenson) *Global Migration Perspectives* No. 6, October 2004. Global Commission on Migration.
- 2004 “Transnational Migrants: When Home Means More Than One Country.” *Migration Fundamentals*. Migration Policy Group, Sept. 2004.
- 2004 “Salsa and Ketchup: Transnational Migrants Straddle Two Worlds” *Contexts* 3(2): 20–27.
- 2004 “Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: The Institutional Character of Transnational Religious Life.” *Sociology of Religion*, 65(1):1–18.
- 2003 “International Perspectives on Transnational Migration: an introduction.” (with Josh DeWind and Steven Vertovec) *International Migration Review*, Special Volume on Transnational Migration. 37(3): 565–575.
- 2003 “‘You Know Abraham Really was the First Migrant’: Transnational Migration and Religion,” *International Migration Review*, Special Volume on Transnational Migration. 37(3): 847–73.
- 2003 “Transnational Migration and the Redefinition of the State: Variations and Explanations.” (with Rafael de la Dehesa) *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 26(4) 587–611.

- 2001 “Transnational Migration: Taking Stock and Future Directions.” *Global Networks* 1(3):195–216.
- 1999 “It’s Not Just About Dual Citizenship.” *Research Perspectives on Migration* 2(2). May 1999. Washington: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
- 1999 “Social Remittances: A Local-Level, Migration-Driven Form of Cultural Diffusion.” *International Migration Review*, Vol. 32(124): 926–949.
- 1998 “Transnational Politics: The Dominican Case.” *Latin American Studies Association Forum*, Volume 24(2): 4–6.
- 1998 “Local-Level Global Religion: The Case of US-Dominican Migration.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 3:74–89.
- 1997 “Transnationalizing Community Development: The Case of Migration between Boston and the Dominican Republic.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 26: 509–526.
- 1991 S.M. Miller, M. Rein, and P. Levitt. “Community Action in the United States” *Community Development Journal*, 19: 45–67.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “I Feel I am a Citizen of the World and of a Church Without Borders: The Latino Religious Experience” In eds. Rodolfo de la Garza, Louis DeSipio, and Harry Pachon, *Becoming Latinos, Latinos Becoming*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Forthcoming “Constructing Transnational Studies” (with Sanjeev Khagram) in ed. Ludger Pries *Surveying the Transnational Approach and Looking for Transnational Organizations*. New York and London: Routledge Press
- 2007 “The Changing Contours of Immigrant Religious Life” in eds. Gokce Yurdakul and Michael Bodemann. *Citizenship and Immigrant Incorporation: Comparative Perspectives on North America and Western Europe*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp 124-156.
- 2007 “Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Transnational Social Field Perspective on Society” (with Nina Glick Schiller) in eds. Ajaya Kumar Sahoo and Brij Maharaj *Sociology of Diaspora: A Reader*. New Delhi: Rawat Publications, pp. 174-215
- 2006 “Perspectivas Internacionales Sobre Migración” (con Nina Glick

- Schiller) in eds. Portes, Alejandro and Josh DeWind. *Repensando las Migraciones: Nuevas perspectivas teóricas y empíricas*. Zacatecas, Mexico: Universidad Autonomo de Zacatecas, p. 191-219.
- 2006 "Dominicans: The Prototypical Transnational Migrants" In eds. Mary Waters and Reed Ueda. *The New Americans: A Guide to Immigration since 1965*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press. Pp. 399-412.
- 2006 "Following the Migrants: Religious Pluralism in Transnational Perspective." In ed. Nancy Tatom Ammerman. *Religion in Modern Lives*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 103-121.
- 2006 "Transnational Migration: Conceptual and Policy Challenges." In eds. Joakim Palme and Kristof Tamas and *Globalizing Migration Regimes*. Avebury: Ashgate Publishing, pp. 23-36.
- 2005 "Does God Fit Within the Normal Curve?: Conceptual and Methodological Challenges in the Study of Immigrant Religion. In ed. Helen Rose Ebaugh. *Handbook of Religion and Social Institutions*. New York: Plenum Press.
- 2005 "Dominicans in Massachusetts: The Boston-Miraflores Connection." In eds. Anne Gallin, Ruth Glasser, and Jocelyn Santana with Patricia R. Pessar *Caribbean Connections: The Dominican Republic*. Washington DC: Teaching for Change.
- 2002 "Keeping Feet in Both Worlds: Transnational Practices and Immigrant Incorporation." In eds. Christian Joppke and Ewa Morawska. *Integrating Immigrants in Liberal Nation-States: From Post-national to Transnational*. London: Palgrave/Macmillan.
- 2002 "Variations in Transnational Belonging: Lessons from Brazil and the Dominican Republic." In eds. Patrick Weil and Randall Hansen. *Reinventing Citizenship: Dual Citizenship, Social Rights, and Federal Citizenship in Europe and the U.S.* England: Berghann Press.
- 2002 Two Nations under God?: Latino Religious Life in the U.S." In eds. Marcelo Suarez-Orozco and Mariela Paez. *Latinos! Remaking America*. Berkeley, CA and Cambridge, MA: University of California Press and David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University.
- 2000 "Migrants Participate Across Borders: Towards an Understanding of Its Forms and Consequences." In eds. Nancy Foner, Rubén G. Rumbaut and Steven J. Gold. *Immigration Research for a New Century*:

Multidisciplinary Perspectives. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

- 2000 “Local-Level Global Religion: The Case of U.S.–Dominican Migration.” In ed. Peter Beyer. *Religion und Globalisierung*. Würzburg: Ergon Verlag.
- 1999 Crawford, Susan and Peggy Levitt. “Social Change and Civic Engagement: The Case of the PTA.” In eds. Theda Skocpol and Morris Fiorina. *Civic Engagement in American Democracy*. Washington: The Brookings Institute.
- 1999 “Variations in Transnational Organization: Lessons from the Dominican Republic.” In eds. Ramonina Brea, Rosario Espinal, Fernando Valerio Honguin. *La República Dominicana en el Umbral del Siglo XXI: Cultura, Política y Cambio Social*. Santo Domingo: Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra.
- 1995 “A Todos Les Llamo Primo: The Social Basis for Latino Small Businesses.” in M. Halter, ed. *New Migrants in the Marketplace*. Boston, MA: University of Massachusetts Press, 1995.
- 1994 “The Social Basis for Latino Small Businesses: The Case of Dominican and Puerto Rican Entrepreneurs.” In E. Melendez and M. Uriarte, eds. *Latino Poverty and Economic Development in Massachusetts*. Boston, MA: University of Massachusetts Press.

Reviews and other Essays

- Forthcoming “Review of *Religions in Global Society* by Peter Beyer. (New York:Routledge, 2006). *Sociology of Religion*.
- Forthcoming “Review of *Mexican New York: Transnational Lives of New Immigrants*.” by Robert C. Smith. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006). *Social Forces*.
- 1998(a) “Transnational Communities: Some Preliminary Thoughts and Further Questions.” *World on the Move*, International Migration Section Newsletter, Vol. 5, No. 1. Spring, 1998.
- 1998(b) “Commentary on Ricardo Ainslee’s, “Cultural Mourning, Immigration, and Engagement.” In ed. Marcelo Suarez-Orozco. *Crossings*. David Rockefeller Center Series on Latin American Studies. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.
- 1997 “How One Community Bridges Borders.” David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Fall 1997 Newsletter.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND MEDIA

Published articles in The Boston Globe, The New York Times, The India Post, The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, The Huffington Post.

Interviewed by The Boston Globe, NPR's On Point, The Wall Street Journal, the Chicago Tribune, the Joe Teehan Show, MetroWest Daily News, The Wellesley Townsman, The Concord Journal, Weekly Signals, State of Belief, Interfaith Voices, Religion News Service, Dialogue.

Speaking Engagements: Massachusetts League of Women Voters, The New Hampshire Humanities Council, Congregation Kerem Shalom, Concord Public Library

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses taught at **Wellesley College**

Sociology of Religion, Globalization Research Seminar, Globalization, Immigration, Latin American Studies, Comparative Religion and Politics, Doing Sociology, Qualitative Research

Courses taught at **Harvard University**

Undergraduate: Sociology of Gender, Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Development, Research Methods Seminar

Graduate: Qualitative Research Methods

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board—*International Migration Review, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Revista Migración y Desarrollo*

Manuscript Reviewer—*American Anthropologist, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Blackwell Publishers, Contemporary Sociology, Diaspora, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Global Networks, Human Rights Review, Identities, Latino Studies, Political Power and Social Theory, Review of Religious Research, Social Forces, Sociological Methods and Research*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NETWORKS

Chair, International Migration Section Council of the American Sociological Association, 2006–2007.

Member, Sociology of Religion Section Council of the American Sociological Association, 2006–2008.

Associate, International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion in Europe Network (IMISCOE), 2005-present

Advisory Board Member, Red Internacional de Migracion y Desarrollo, 2006-present.

Editorial Oversight Committee—*City & Community* (Journal of the Community and Urban Sociology Section—ASA), 2005-2007.

Member, International Migration Section Council of the American Sociological Association 1999–2002, 1994–1995.

DOCTORAL STUDENT SUPERVISION

Paromita Sanyal, Sociology, Harvard University

Espen Gran, Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, 2008

Nauja Kliet, Sociology, University of Copenhagen, 2007

Ryan Allen, Urban Studies and Planning, MIT, 2007

Wendy Roth, Sociology, Harvard University, 2006,

Katja Rusinov, Sociology, University of Amsterdam, 2006

Leah Schmalzbauer, Sociology, Boston College, 2005

Hannah Gill, Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University, 2004

CONSULTANCIES

Rockefeller Foundation, New York, 2002–2006.

Inter-American Foundation, Washington, D.C. 2005

SERVICES ON FELLOWSHIPS AND ACADEMIC PRIZE PANELS

Member, Best Paper Award Committee, Community and Urban Section, ASA, 2008.
Lifetime Achievement Award, International Migration Section, ASA, 2008.

Chair, Student Paper Awards Committee, International Migration Section of the American Sociological Association 2000, 1996.

Chair, Student Paper Awards Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1999.

MEMBERSHIP IN RESEARCH GROUPS AND NETWORKS

Co-Director, The Transnational Studies Initiative,
Harvard University and University of Washington.

Co-Convener, Working Group on Globalization and Religion,
Social Science Research Council.

Member, Advisory Committee, Zeit-Stiftung Fellowship, Hamburg Germany.

Member, Advisory Committee, Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Fellowship, 2008.

Co-Chair, Working Group on Transnational Migration,
Social Science Research Council.

Member, Planning Group on Immigrants and Religion,
Social Science Research Council.

Member, Working Group on Migration and Development
Social Science Research Council

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, Eastern Sociological Association

Member, Latin American Studies Association

Member, New England Council on Latin American Studies

Member, International Society for the Study of Religion

Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

Member, Association for the Sociology of Religion

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

“God Needs No Passport” Human Rights Workshop, Boston College, February 2008.

“God Needs No Passport” Social Theory and Evidence and Immigration Workshops,
University of Chicago, February, 2008.

“God Needs No Passport” Tufts University, January 2008.

“God Needs No Passport” Rappaport Institute and Hauser Center, Harvard University,
Harvard University, November, 2007

“ God Needs No Passport” InterUniversity Seminar on Migration, MIT, November 2007

“God Needs No Passport” Weatherhead Center Fellows Program, Harvard University,
November 2007

“Ethnography Across Borders” Ethnography Workshop, Northwestern University,
November 2007

- “Rethinking Religion Across Borders” Department of Women’s Studies, University of Tampere, Finland, August, 2007
- “God Needs No Passport: The Religious Lives of the Second Generation.” Anthropology Department, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, April 2007
- “God Need No Passport: Immigration, Religion, and Civic Engagement.” Sociology Department Colloquium, University of North Carolina, March 2007
- “Not Just Made in the USA: Rethinking Latino Politics” Meeting of the Board of Governors, American Jewish Committee, February 2007
- “Rethinking the Social Sciences,” Lecture to the Space and Place Working Group, Demography Center, Brown University, December 2006.
- “Usando Una Perspectiva Transnacional para Entender La Segunda Generacïon” Academic Conference Organized by the Jaume Bofill Foundation, Barcelona, Spain, October, 2006.
- “La Educaciïon de la Segunda Generacïon desde una Perspectiva Transnacional” Lecture organized by the Generalitat de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, October 2006.
- “God Needs No Passport: Transnational Migration, Religion, and Civic Engagement.” Civic Engagement Research Group, Tufts University, May 2006.
- “God Needs No Passport: Rethinking the Migration, Culture, and Development Nexus.” Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University, March 2006.
- “Dïos No Se Necesita Pasaporte” Permanent Seminar on International Migration, Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Tijuana Mexico, March 2006.
- “God Needs No Passport: How Migration is Changing the Religious Landscape.” Northwestern University Sociology Department Seminar, February 2006.
- “God Needs No Passport: Policy Responses to Transnational Migration and Religion.” Edward Walsh School of Foreign Affairs, Georgetown University, January 2006.
- "Not Just Made in the U.S.A: Migration and Religion" International Organization for Migration Conference on Migration and Religion in a Globalized World, Rabat, Morocco, December 2005.
- "Migration and Development: Socio-cultural Factors" Paper Presented at "Diaspora, Development, and Conflict Series at the Danish Institute for International Development, Copenhagen, Denmark, November 2005.
- "Global Religious Citizenship" Paper Presented to the Migration and Law Group, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, November 2005.

- "Remittances and Development" United Nations Development Program Roundtable on the Potential Role of Remittances in Achieving the Millennium Development Goals, New York, October 2005.
- "Social Remittances." International Forum on Remittances, Inter-American Development Bank Headquarters, Washington DC, June 2005.
- "Not Just Made in the U.S.A: Transnational Religious Life," CEDUM, University of Liege, Belgium, May 2005.
- "The Transnational Turn in Migration Studies," Address to meeting of Fulbright Scholars, New York, March 2005.
- "Gender, Migration, and Religion." Paper presented at the Rockefeller Seminar, Dartmouth College, November 2004.
- "Transnational Migration and Beyond" Paper presented at Anthropology Department, Oxford University, November 2004.
- "Toward a Sociology of Transnationalism" Paper presented at the Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University, May 2004.
- "Conceptualizing Simultaneity: A Social Field Approach to Migration" Brown University Seminar on Anthropology and Demography, April 2004.
- "Ethnic and Religious Boundaries: How Do They Work?" Paper presented at the Cultural Sociology Brown Bag, Harvard University, February 2004.
- "Transnational Religion: A Conceptual Framework" University Seminar on Religion, Columbia University, February 2004.
- "A Transnational Social Field Approach to the Migration Experience." Sociology Department, University of Toronto, October 2003.
- "Transnational Migration: An Overview" Paper presented to Pacific Council on International Affairs meeting on Transnational Opportunities, Los Angeles, April 2003.
- "Refugee Rights and Wrongs: The Congolese Experience in South Africa." Paper presented at MIT/Mellon Foundation Workshop on Forced Migration, March 2003.
- "The Intersection of Religious and Political Life Across Borders" Paper presented at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University, March 2003."

“Researching Religion: Substantive and Methodological Challenges” Paper presented to University of Southern California Faculty Working Groups on Religion and Public Life, November 2002.

“You Know that Abraham Really Was the First Immigrant: Approaches to the Study of Transnational Migration.” Paper presented at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, November 2002.

“The Changing Face of Religion in the U.S.” Paper presented to State Department-sponsored course for visiting Muslim Scholars, Boisi Center, Boston College, September 2002.

“Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: Religion and Transnational Migration” Paper presented at the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego, March 2002.

“Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: Religion and Transnational Migration” Paper presented at the Sociology Department, UCLA, March 2002.

“Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: Religion and Transnational Migration” Paper presented at the Sociology Department, University of Southern California, March 2002.

“Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: Religion and Transnational Migration” Paper presented at The Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations (Harvard University), March 2002.

“Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: Religion and Transnational Migration” Paper presented at the Sociology Department, Harvard University, March 2002.

“Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: Religion and Transnational Migration” Paper presented at The Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, March 2002.

“Migración Transnacional: La Experiencia Dominicana” Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, January 2002.

“Thoughts on Transnational Religion and Migration” Boisi Center, Boston College, October 2001.

“The Transnational Villagers” Malcolm Weiner Seminar on Inequality, Kennedy School of Government, October 2001.

“Beyond Boston: The Transnational Dominican Experience” Rappaport Institute, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, September 2001.

- “Studying Transnational Religion” Paper presented to the Faculty Seminar on Immigration, Religion, and Civic Engagement, Harvard University, May 2001.
- “Refugees and Voluntary Migrants: What Do They Have in Common?” Paper presented to the InterUniversity Seminar on Migration at MIT, April 2001.
- “The Intersection between Transnational Religion and Politics” Paper presented to The Institute for the Study of Economic Culture, Boston University, April 2001
- “Transnational Religion and Politics.” Paper presented to the Department of Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, February 2001.
- “They Prayed in Boston and It Rained in Brazil.” Paper presented at The New School for Social Research, New York, New York, February 2001.
- “The Irish as Transnational Actors?: Lessons from Old and New Irish Migration.” Paper presented to the Boston College Irish Women’s History Seminar, Boston, MA. March 2000.
- “Mapping the Transnational Religious Terrain.” Paper presented at Andrew W. Mellon Sawyer Seminar on “Reading Religions Globally.” University Center for International Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. January 2000.
- “The Many Levels of Transnational Politics: Lessons from the Dominican Republic” Workshop on International Migration and the Globalization of Domestic Politics. Center for Global Change and Governance, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ. May 1999.
- “Comparative and Historical Perspectives on Transnational Migration.” Paper presented at the Inter-University Seminar on Migration, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. April 1999.
- “Analysis of the Political Participation of Dominicans in the U.S.: A Comparative View.” Paper presented at “The Vote of Mexicans in the United States Territory: National and Bilateral Impacts.” Sponsored by El Centro de Investigaciones Sobre America del Norte and El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico City, Mexico. March 1999.
- “Participation of U.S.-Based Migrants in Sending Country Politics” University of California Comparative Immigration and Integration Program, Winter 1999 Workshop, San Diego, California. February 1999.
- “Contradictions and Continuities in Transnational Community Forms.” Paper presented at the Boston University Graduate Student Colloquium. November 1998.

“Transnational Social Change: The Case of Dominican Migration to the U.S.” Paper presented at Radcliffe College, Murray Center. Cambridge, Mass. March 1997.

"Compartmentalized Transnationalism: Migration-Driven Civil and Political Change." Paper presented at Brown University Sociology Department/Population Studies Center Colloquium. Providence, RI, February 1997.

"Transnational Politics: Local-level lessons from Boston and Bani." Paper Presented at Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Seminar. February 1997.

“Localized Transnationalism: Lessons from Dominican Migration.” Paper presented at the Harvard/MIT Joint Seminar on Political Development. December 1996.

“Race and Gender in the Dominican Immigrant Experience.” Paper presented at the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy Series. University of Massachusetts, Boston, December 1996.

“Local-Level Transnational Politics: The Case of Dominicans at Home and Abroad.” New School for Social Research Migration Workshop. November 1996.

Invited Conference Papers

“Global Cultural Diffusion in Peru, India, China, and the U.S.A” Paper presented at Canadian Institute for Advanced Research Successful Societies Conference, Vancouver, January 2008.

“Constructing Pluralism Transnationally.” Beyond Pluralism Conference, Columbia University, October 2007.

“Understanding Religious Pluralism in the United States: A Transnational Perspective.” Accomodating Religious Diversity Conference, University of Saint Petersburg, St. Petersburg, Russia, October 2007.

“Achieving Pluralism Transnationally” Beyond Pluralism Conference, Columbia University, October 2007.

Keynote Speaker “Migration and Development: Rethinking the Connection. DEVUSTU Development Studies Summer School, University of Helsinki, Finland, August 2007.

“Achieving Simulteneity: Discontinuities and Renegotiation in Transnational Social Fields.” Gender, Generations, and Family in International Migration, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, June 2007

“Immigrants and the Changing Religious Landscape” Religion, Ethnicity and Nation-States in a Globalizing World Conference, University of Amsterdam, June 2007.

Plenary Speaker “At Mass, They Use Marimbas: How Immigrants are Changing the American Religious Landscape.” The Third Cumbre of the Great Plains, Understanding Immigration and the Changing Communities of America” University of Nebraska, April 2007.

“God Needs No Passport: The Religious Lives of the Second Generation Immigrants and the Changing American Religious Landscape” Symposium on Transnational Processes Amongst First and Second Generation Immigrants, University of Amsterdam, November 2006.

“New Approaches to the Migration and Development Policy” Embracing Ethnic Diversity Graduate Student Conference, featured faculty speaker, Harvard University, November 2006.

Keynote Speaker “Nuevos Avances Teóricos y Metodológicos en los Estudios de Migración Transnacional” Segundo Coloquio Internacional Sobre Migración y Desarrollo, Cocoyoc, Mexico, October 2006.

“Roots and Routes: Religion, Incorporation, and Homeland Involvements Among the Second Generation” Local Contexts and Prospects for the Second Generation Conference, The West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington, October 2006.

“God Needs No Passport: Faith, Politics, and Immigration – What are the Challenges?” Duquesne University Symposium on Faith and Politics, September 2006.

“Protestant, Catholic, Jew Revisited: The Religious Lives of Contemporary Immigrants.” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Boston, March 2006.

Keynote Speaker, “God Needs No Passport: Gender, Religion and Transnational Migration.” 2005. Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Women’s Studies and Religion Program at Harvard Divinity School, January 2006.

Keynote Speaker, “Díos No Necesita Pasaporte: Methodological and Conceptual Approaches to the Study of Transnational Religion.” Ford Foundation Conference on the Religious Lives of Latinos, Antigua, Guatemala, December 2005.

"New Forms of Citizenship and Belonging" Paper presented at Citizenship-Ethnos-Multiculturalism Conference, Heinrich Boll Foundation, Berlin, November 2005.

"Transnational Migration and Beyond" Paper Presented at "Emerging Patterns of Transnational Migration Conference" University of Bochum, Germany, October 2005.

“Transnational Migration: An Overview” Paper presented at the New Issues in Migration Conference, Global Commission on Migration, Stockholm, Sweden, June 2004.

“I Feel I am a Citizen of the World and of a Church without Borders’: The Latino Religious Experience.” Paper presented at the Scholars Forum: "Latinos: Past Influence, Future Power," Newport Beach, California, February 2004.

“Global Religions and Local Contexts” Paper presented at Social Science Research Council Conference on Religion, Immigration, and the Diversity, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2004.

“New Directions in the Study of Immigrant Religion.” Paper presented at Religious Studies: New Questions, New Answers Conference, Boston University, December 2003.

“Religious and Ethnic Boundary Making: A Comparison” Paper Presented at American Immigration History Conference, New York University, October 2003.

“Transnational Perspective on Migration: Theorizing Simultaneity.” Paper presented at Conference on Conceptual and Methodological Developments in the Study of International Migration.” Princeton University, May 2003.

“Social and Religious Philanthropy” Paper presented at Global Equity Initiative Conference on Diasporic Philanthropy, Harvard University, May 2003.

Keynote Speaker, “Overview of Asian and Latin American Transnational Migration Practices” Paper presented at Conference on Comparative Transnationalisms, York University, Toronto, Canada, March 2003.

“Defining and Explaining Variations in Transnational Migration.” Paper presented at Emerging Architectures of Transnational Governance Conference, Harvard University, December 2002.

Keynote Speaker, “The U.S. Paradigm of Migration Studies” Paper presented at Conference on National Paradigms of Migration Research, University of Osnabruck, Germany, December 2002.

“Why Should I Go to Florida When I Can Retire to Lahore?” Paper presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Conference, St. Louis, October 2002.

“Global Religions and Immigrant Transnational Religious Practices” Paper presented at Globalization and Religion SSRC Working Group Meetings, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2002.

- “Comparing Contemporary and Earlier Transnational Migration” Paper presented at Immigrant Religion in New York Conference, New School for Social Research, New York, June 2002.
- “The Other Latinos: The Dominican Experience” Paper presented at The Other Latinos Conference, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, May 2002.
- “Transnational Options: How Pakistani Immigrants Create Selves” Paper presented at Culture, Identity, and Inequality Conference, Princeton University, April 2002.
- “Transnational vs. Diasporic Selves and Their Political Implications” Paper presented at Globalization and Diaspora Conference, Harvard Academy Fellows Conference, March 2002.
- “Between God, Ethnicity, and Country: An Approach to the Study of Transnational Religion” Paper presented at Transnational Migration Conference: Comparative Research and Theoretical Perspectives, Part II. Princeton University, June 2001.
- “Redefining the Boundaries of Politics: The U.S.–Latin American Experience.” Paper Presented at Transborder Peoples and the Intersection between Latino Studies and Latin American Studies Conference, University of Indiana, June 2001.
- “Using God or Country: The Relationship between Political and Religious Transnational Memberships.” Paper presented at Living on the Edge: Migration, Conflict and State in the Backyards of Globalization Conference. Magleas, Denmark, January 2001.
- “Transnational Migration– Comparative Research and Theoretical Perspectives.” Paper presented at a conference co-sponsored by the U.S. Social Science Research Council and U.K. Economic and Social Research Council. Oxford, England, July 2000.
- “Transnational Migration and Development – A Case of Two for the Price of One?” Paper presented at “New Trends in Migration Conference.” Princeton University, May 2000.
- “Two Nations Under God?: Latino Religious Life in the United States.” Paper presented at “Latinos in the 21st Century Conference: Toward a Research Agenda” David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, April 2000.
- “Religious Transnational Practices: Lessons from Brazil and the Dominican Republic.” German American Frontiers of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Conference Sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, Atlanta, Georgia. March 2000.
- “They Prayed in Boston and It Rained in Brazil.” Paper presented at Identity, Locality, and Diaspora Conference University of Hamburg, Germany. February 2000.

Papers presented at Professional Meetings

- “Bringing Culture Back In: Applying Cultural Insights to Migration Studies” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Boston, March 2006.
- “Not Just Made in the U.S.A.: The Nexus between U.S. Religious Pluralism and Global Religion.” Religion, Immigration, and Globalization Special Session (co-sponsored by the Association for the Sociology of Religion), Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.
- “Abraham was the First Immigrant: Transnational Migration and Religion” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, August 2002.
- “Belonging Transnationally: Towards an Understanding of Religious Dimensions.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, Texas, October 2000.
- “Comparative and Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Transnational Practices” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association, Miami, FL. March 2000.
- “Why the Irish Led and the Portuguese Followed: Immigrant Political Participation in Massachusetts.” Co-authored with Irene Bloomraed. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Social Science and History Association, Dallas, TX. November 1999.
- “Engendering Social and Political Participation Across Borders.” Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Ass’n, Chicago, IL. August 1999.
- “Latin Americans in the U.S. and the Rise of Transnational Communities.” Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL. September 1998.
- “The Role of the State in Shaping Transnational Political Participation.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL. September 1998.
- “Comparative and Historical Perspectives on Transnational Migration.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA. March 1998.
- “From Gujarat to Lowell: Localized Hindu Transnationalism.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Montreal, Canada, November 1997.
- “Transnational Community Development—Can It Work?” Association for Research on the Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. November 1996.

- “Does Race Matter?: The Experience of Dominican Immigrants in Massachusetts.” Paper presented with Christina Gomez, New England Council on Latin American Studies. October 1996.
- “Global Religion?: Transnational Religious Ties between Boston and the Dominican Republic.” American Sociological Association. August 1996.
- “Transnationalizing Civil and Political Life: The Case of Migration Between Boston and the Dominican Republic.” Eastern Sociological Society. March 1996.
- “Social Remittances: The Missing Link Between Migration and Development” Harvard Center for International Affairs Immigration Studies Workshop. March 1996.
- “Diasporas in the U.S,” panel organized by the Harvard University Committee on Ethnic Studies. March 1996.
- “Transnational Migrant Organizations.” Boston College Sixth Annual Conference on Blacks in Boston. February 1996.

OTHER SERVICES IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Convener and President**, “Assimilation and Transnationalism” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 2007
- Critic**, “Author Meets Critics Session: Religion in a Global Society” Association for the For the Sociology of Religion, New York, New York, August 2007
- Convener and President**, “Two panels on Cross National Sociology: Ideas and Identities/Regimes and Institutions.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2006
- Discussant**, “Recent Research on Migration and Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 2006.
- Critic**, “Author Meets Critics Session: From Ellis Island to JFK by Nancy Foner, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, March 2006.
- Co-convener**, (with José Casanova and Manuel Vásquez) Research Team on Religion, Migration, and Context, Berlin, June 2006.
- Conference Organizer**, “The Transnational Bases of Idea Formation and Diffusion.” Radcliffe Institute, February 2006.
- President**, Transnational Lives of Latin American Migrants, Section on International Migration Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.

Presider, Towards a Sociology of Transnationalism and a Transnational Sociology, Thematic Session, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.

Discussant, Comparative Immigration, Thematic Session, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August, 2005.

Co-convener (with José Casanova and Manuel Vasquez) Globalization and Religion Social Science Research Council Working Group Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, December 2004.

Conference Organizer. “Beyond the Global and the Local.” Hauser Center, Harvard University, November 2004.

Conference Organizer. “Redefining the Boundaries of Belonging: An Encounter Between Practitioners and Academics.” Hauser Center, Harvard University, March 2004.

Co-convener (with José Casanova and Manuel Vasquez) “Global Religions and Local Contexts” Social Science Research Council Conference on Religion, Immigration, and the Diversity, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2004.

Panel Organizer. “Comparative Transnationalisms.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2003.

Co-convener (with José Casanova and Manuel Vasquez), Globalization and Religion SSRC Working Group Meetings, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2002.

Conference Organizer (with Alejandro Portes and Steve Vertovec). “Transnational Migration—Comparative Research and Theoretical Perspectives.” Co-sponsored by the U.S. Social Science Research Council and U.K. Economic and Social Research Council. Oxford, England, July 2000.