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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Religious Studies, Concordia University 1992
M.A. Religion and Comparative Ethics, Concordia University 1976
B.A. Honours English, McGill University 1968

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of History and Religious Studies, Dawson College 1974-2013
Part-time Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Concordia University, 1992-2014
Adjunct Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Concordia University, 1996-2006
Research Associate, Concordia University, 2008-2010.
Affiliate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Concordia University, 2011-2013,
2014-2016.
Affiliate member of the Religious Studies Faculty. McGill University. 2013-2016.

BOOKS

Storming Zion: Exploring State Raids on New and Non-Traditional Religious Communities, by Stuart A. Wright and Susan J. Palmer. 2015. N.Y.: Oxford University Press.

The New Heretics of France: Minority Religions, la Republique, and the Government-Sponsored 'War on Sects', 2011. N.Y.: Oxford University Press.

The Nuwaubian Nation: Black Spirituality and State Control. 2010. Farnham: Ashgate Publishing.

Aliens Adored: Rael's UFO Religion. 2004. N.J. Rutgers University Press.

Qiannian wangguo yu baiyang shijie [The Coming of the Millennium and the Turning of the Kalpa]. David Ownby, Susan J. Palmer and Qin Bao. Beijing: The People's Press, 2000 (available only in Chinese).

I Raeliani. 2000. Torino, Italy: Editrice ELLDICI (available only in Italian).

Children in New Religions. 1999. Susan Palmer and Charlotte Hardman (eds.). 1999. New Brunswick, N.J., Rutgers University Press.

Millennium, Messiahs and Mayhem. 1997. Thomas Robbins and Susan Palmer (eds.) New York, Routledge.

AIDS as an Apocalyptic Metaphor. 1997. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

Moon Sisters, Krishna Mothers, Rajneesh Lovers: Women's Roles in New Religions. 1994. New York: Syracuse University Press.

Moon Sisters, Krishna Mothers, Rajneesh Lovers: Women's Roles in New Religious Movements. 1994. Syracuse University Press.

The Rajneesh Papers. 1993. Susan Palmer and Arvind Sharma (eds.) New Delhi, India: Motilal Banarsidass.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Religion or Sedition? The Domestic Terrorism Trial of a Michigan-based Christian Militia”, in *Legal Cases involving New Religious Movements and other Minority Faiths*, edited by James T. Richardson (INFORM/Ashgate Series). London, U.K.: Ashgate Publishing, January 2015.

“La Mission de l’Esprit-Saint: One Hundred Years of Prophecies and Schisms in a Quebecois NRM”, in *Revisionism and Diversification*, edited by Eileen V. Barker (INFORM/Ashgate Series). London, U.K.: Ashgate Publishing, 2014.

“Rael’s Angels: The First Five Years of a Secret Order”, in *Sexuality and New Religions*, edited by Henrik Bogdan and James R. Lewis. Palgrave MacMillan, 2014.

“Cult Wars on the Internet: Virtual Battles and the Challenges of Cyberspace” in *Cultural Dialogues, Religion and Communication*, edited by Isaac Nahon-Serfaty. Ottawa: University of Ottawa, 2013.

“Mandarom: The Limitations of Liberté in the Laicité”, in *Spiritual and Visionary Communities: Out t Save the World*, edited by Timothy Miller. Ashgate INFORM Series: London, U.K.: Ashgate Publishing, 2012.

Susan Palmer and Bryan Sentes, “The Raelian Movement International,” in *The Cambridge Companion to New Religious Movements*, edited by Olav Hammer and Mikael Rothstein. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

“Rescuing Children: Raids on Religious Communities”, in *Saints Under Siege The Texas State Raid on the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints*, edited by Stuart A. Wright and James T. Richardson. N.Y. New York University Press, 2011.

« Quebec, a New Plymouth Rock for France’s Sectes? » in *Prophéties et utopies religieuses au Canada*, edited by Bernadette Rigal-Cellard : Presses Universitaire de

Bordeaux, 2011.

“The Church of Scientology in France: Legal and Activist Counterattacks to the War on Sectes,” in *Scientology*, edited by James R. Lewis. Oxford University Press, 2009.

“The Church Universal and Triumphant: Shelter, Succession and Schism.” Susan Palmer and Michael Abravanel, in *Sacred Schisms*, edited by James R. Lewis. Cambridge University Press, 2009.

“Deliberate Heresies: Myth and Ritual in NRMs,” by Susan Palmer and David Bromley, in *Teaching New Religious Movements*, edited by David G. Bromley, Oxford University Press, 2007.

“Purity and Danger in the Solar Temple,” in *The Order of the Solar Temple*, edited by James R. Lewis, Ashgate Publishing, 2006. (Reprinted article from *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 11/3, 1996.)

Other Publications

Endorsement for the cover of *The Bloomsbury Companion to New Religious Movements*, edited by George D. Chrystides and Benjamin E. Zeller, 2013.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“The Twelve Tribes: Preparing the Bride for Yahshua’s Return” *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (February 2010), pp. 5980.

“Cult Fighting in Middle Georgia” in *Religion in the News*, edited by Mark Silk, Trinity College, Massachusetts), Summer 2006.

“Faith Healing and Protest: Conversion patterns Among the Practitioners of Falun Gong,” *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, 6, No. 2 (April 2003) 348-64.

"Unrael!: A UFO religion discovers that the media plays ball", *Religion in the News*, Spring 2003.

“Field Notes: France’s Anti-Sect Wars,” *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, 6, No.1 (October 2002)174-181.

"The Rael Deal: A UFO-based religion goes for human cloning." *Religion in the News*, Summer 2001.

Susan Palmer and David Ownby, “Falun Dafa Practitioners: A Preliminary Research Report” *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, 4, no. 1, (October 2000):133-137.

John Bozeman and Susan Palmer, “The Northeast Kingdom Community Church of Island Pond: Raising Up a People for Yahshua’s Return,” *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 12, no.2 (May 1997): 181-190.

"Purity and Danger in the Rajneesh Foundation," *Journal of Contemporary Religion* 11/3, 1996.303-318. Reprinted in *The Order of the Solar Temple*, edited by James R. Lewis, Ashgate Publishing, 2006.

"New Eves New Adams: Improvisations on Gender and Genesis in New Religious Movements" (1994) *Religion and Gender* (IV), edited by Arvind Sharma. Montreal Canada: McGill University Press.1994.

"Women's Cocoon Work: New Religious Movements and Feminine Rites of Passage" in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Vol. 32, No.3 (December, 1993) 343-355.
 "Therapy, Charisma and Social Control in the Rajneesh Movement," Susan J. Palmer and Frederick Bird, in *Sociological Analysis* 53 (S), 1992, 71-86..

"Coping with Apocalypse in Canada: Endtime Experiences in the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and la Mission de l'Esprit Saint" *Sociological Analysis* 53, No.2 (December 1992) 397-416.

"Woman as Playmate in the Raelian Movement" (1992) *SYGYGY*, (Vol.2).

"Moon Sisters, Krishna Mothers, Rajneesh Lovers: Women's Roles in New Religious Movements" (1990) in *Religion and Gender* (1). Montreal: McGill University.

"AIDS as Metaphor" (1989) in *Society* magazine (ed.) Irving Horowitz. New Jersey.

"Charisma and Abdication: A Study of the Leadership of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh,"in *Sociological Analysis* 49 (2), 1988.

"Community and Commitment in the Rajneesh Foundation" (September, 1986) *Update*. Aarhus, Denmark

"Purity and Danger in the Rajneesh Foundation" (August, 1986) *Update*. Aarhus, Denmark. ,”

"Performance Practices in Meditation Rituals among the New Religions" (1980) in *SR/Sciences Religieuses* 9/4 Canada.

RESEARCH AWARDS AND GRANTS

Social Sciences and the Humanities Research Council of Canada

2016-2019 – Co-researcher on SSHRC/CRSH project (*Fonds d'innovation sociale communautés et collèges*) *Les intégrismes religieux au Canada : vulgarisation et éducation populaire*. (Main Researcher: Martin Geoffroy, Cégep Édouard-Montpetit, Montreal, QC.)

2011- 2015 - “Exploring Government Raids on Unconventional Religious Communities” (a Standard Research Grant, awarded by the Social Sciences and the Humanities of the Federal Government of Canada), administered by McGill University.

2010-2016 – Team member on the “Major Collaborative Research Initiatives” grant, awarded by the Social Sciences and the Humanities of Canada’s Team member on “The Religion and Diversity Project/Religion et diversité” (a seven- year project, hosted at the University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario). This project brings together 36 team members from 24 universities, directed by Professor Lori G. Beaman, University of Ottawa, as the Project Director. (See www.religionanddiversity.ca)

2005-2008: “French *Sectes* in Social Context: A Study of France’s Management of New Religious Movements” (Standard Research Grant).

2000-2003: “Quebec’s Apocalyptic Movements in Political Perspective” (Standard Research Grant).

1994: “Millennialism and Sexuality” (recommended but not supported – NSF) Standard Research Grant.

1990-1993: “Spiritual Procreation: Alternative Patterns of Parenting in New Religions”. (Standard Research Grant).

1988-91: “Women’s Roles in New Religious Communes”. (Standard Research Grant).

Other Research Awards

Three PSCC grants for travel to a conference, for SSHRC recipients, awarded by *Fonds de Recherche du Québec (société et culture)*.

Joseph H. Fichter Award, awarded by the *American Association for the Sociology of Religion*, 1998: “Millennial Girls: the Socialization of Female Children in New Religious Movements”.

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Grant, “Spiritual Procreation: Children in New Religions”, 1994.

Shastri Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1994 (Shastri Indio-Canadian Institute for Travel in India): “The Post-Charismatic Phase of the Rajneesh Movement”.

Finalist in 1993 competition for Prix d'Excellence de l'Academie des Grands Montrealais.

Canada Council Explorations Grant, 1987, for book project: “AIDS and the Apocalyptic Vision in Cult, Church and Sect”.

Work with Law Enforcement and International Courts

2014 – Testified as an expert witness on behalf of the Twelve Tribes at the Family Court in Ansbach, Bavaria, Germany on September 20, 2014. The case was a custody dispute after the Jugendamt instigated a raid in September 2013 on the Klosterzimmern community, and 40 children were seized and placed in temporary state custody.

2001 – Testified at the *Teamsters versus UPS* trial of Leslie Huggins (a Rastafarian working in UPS' packing and shipping office who applied for a promotion, and was denied because he refused to cut off his dreadlocks) and assisted his lawyer, Me PierreAndré Blanchard, *Procureur de l'Union des employés du transport local et industries diverses* in preparing documents for a case.

1999 - Invited speaker at the FBI (United States' Federal Bureau of Investigation) at the October 20-21, 1999 workshop on the "Project Megiddo" under Director Louis Freeh at the FBI headquarters in Quantico, VA as part of CESNUR's team of 12 international scholars.

1998 – Testified in the trial of the Ginhoux parents of the Twelve Tribes in Sus, France on the 20th March, 1998 in the courthouse in Pau, Navarrenx..

1998 – Testified in the trial of Stephen Wooten in Woodstock of the Twelve Tribes, who was accused of abducting his sons, in Woodstock, Vermont in December 1998.

1994 – Testified in a custody battle (*Turle versus Turle*) that focused on a child born in the Children of God/ The Family, held at the Family Court, Lincoln's Inn, London, England, in April 1994, with the Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Alan Ward presiding.

1986 – Testified in the June 12, 1986 trial of Edward Dawson, member of the Twelve Tribes, in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, who was accused of kidnapping his son and of contempt of court.

Reprinted Articles and Chapters

"Caught Up in the Cult Wars: Confessions of a Canadian Researcher," in *Misunderstanding Cults*, edited by Benjamin Zablocki and Thomas Robbins, University of Toronto Press, 2004.

Reprinted in *Deviance Across Cultures*, edited by Robert Heiner. Oxford University Press, 2007.

Reprinted in *Religion and Canadian Society: Traditions, Transitions and Innovations*, edited by Lori G. Beaman. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press Inc., 2006

"Purity and Danger in the Solar Temple" (*Journal of Contemporary Religion* 11/3, 1996. Reprinted in *The Order of the Solar Temple*, edited by James R. Lewis, Ashgate Publishing, 2006.

"Charisma and Abdication: A Study of the Leadership of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh," in *Sociological Analysis* 49 (2), 1988.

Reprinted in *Osho Rajneesh and His Disciples: Some Western Perceptions* edited by Harry Aveling. Publisher: New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1999.

"Therapy, Charisma and Social Control in the Rajneesh Movement," Susan J. Palmer and Frederick Bird, in *Sociological Analysis* 53 (S), 1992.

Reprinted in *Osho Rajneesh and His Disciples: Some Western Perceptions* edited by Harry Aveling. Publisher: New Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1999.

"Coping with Apocalypse in Canada: Endtime Experiences in the Institute of Applied Metaphysics and *la Mission de l'Esprit Saint*" (1992) *Sociological Analysis* 53, December issue.

Reprinted in Stone, Jon R. 2000. *Expecting Armageddon: Essential Readings in Failed Prophecy*. New York: Routledge.

"All That Glitters: Charisma and Entrepreneurialism in the Spiritual Schools of E.J. Gold" (1993) *SYZGY* (Vol.5).

Reprinted in *Telos* magazine, newsletter for the Gurdjieff Foundation, 2004.

"Women's Cocoon Work: New Religious Movements and Feminine Rites of Passage" in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Vol. 32, No.3 December, 1993.

Reprinted in *Cults in Context: Readings in the Study of New Religious Movements*, edited by Lorne Dawson. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, 1996.

Invited Speaker/Visiting Lecturer

2016 – Invited Speaker at INFORM seminar on *New Religious Radicalisms*, Saturday, 21 May 2016; 9.30am - 5.00pm at Wolfson Theatre, New Academic Building, London School of Economics, London, U.K.

2016 – Invited Speaker at Karoli University, Prague for the class of Professor Zdenek Vojtišek and at a press conference on the Twelve Tribes, May 16-17, 2016.

2016 – “Media Treatment of NRMs in Quebec” by Susan J. Palmer. Invited Speaker at *New Religious Movements, Minorities and Media Conference*, University of Montreal, March 17th and Friday March 18th 2016.

2012 – Invited Speaker at the conference, *Barn und Sekts* (Children and New Religions), October 8-14 2012, held at Dalarna University College, Falun, Sweden, organized by Professor Liselotte Frisk, History of Religions, Dalarna University.

2012 – Invited Speaker and workshop participant in the INFORM seminar, *Revisionism and Diversification*, organized by Professor Emeritus Eileen Barker at London School of Economics (London U.K.), December 1-2, 2012.

Presiding over the afternoon session at “Reflecting on an American Tragedy: The Branch Davidians 20 Years After,” held at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, organized by J. Gordon Melton, April 18, 2013.

2012 – Invited chair of session and participant with MCRI team at “New Forms of Public Religion”, AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme, 5-7- September, at the Divinity School, St. John’s College, Cambridge, U.K. (Could not attend due to conflict with first weeks of classes at Concordia)

2012 – Invited by Professor Liselotte Frisk to give a lecture, “Children in New Religions: Captive, Coddled, Abused or Free?” as a visiting scholar for the conference, *Children in New Religions*, October 8-14 to be held at Dalarna University College, Falun, 2011-Stockholm.

2011 - Invited by Professor Pete Äckerback and Professor Liselotte Frisk to give a series of lectures on New Religious Movements in Sweden, between May 18 and 28, 2011, at the University of Stockholm; and at Dalarna University College at Falun, Sweden.

2009 – Invited lecturer at Carleton University, Ottawa, for Professor Lori Beaman’s class, 23 November 2009.

2008 – Invited Speaker at the Colloque International de l’AFEC : *Le Québec, « laboratoire » culturel et politique: Quel renouvellement depuis la Révolution tranquille?* Held at the Université Michel de Montaigne Bordeaux 3, 18- 21 June 2008, organized by Professor Bernadette Rigal Cellard, with the Master Religions et Sociétés and CLIMAS.

2006 – Invited participant in workshop on *Political and Religious Extremism* at Assumption University, University of Windsor, May 28-30, 2006, invited by Professor Martha Lee., University of Windsor, November 14, 2008, organized by Professor Martha Lee, the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Religion and Conflict).

1997 – Visiting Lecturer to speak on “New Religious Movements and Globalization” at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, and the Universities of Stockholm and Umeå in Sweden, in May 1997, invited by Professor Mikhail Rothstein and Professor Liselotte Frisk.

1996 – Visiting Author in lecture series, *Religion and Life*, at the University of Winnipeg, March 1-5, 1996.

1994 – Visiting Author (*Moon Sisters, Krishna Mothers, Rajneesh Lovers*. Syracuse University Press, 1994) at St. John Fisher University, Rochester, N.Y. on November 10, 1994.

Research Methods Workshops

I was invited to offer lectures and conduct workshops on Methods in Qualitative Research at the following universities:

2013 – un séminaire informel le 10 mai prochain au Centre canadien d'études allemandes et européennes sur les texts: Palmer, Susan, "Caught up in the cult wars: confessions of a Canadian researcher" in Lori Beaman (dir.); et "Religion and Canadian Society. Traditions, Transitions, and Innovations", Canadian Scholars' Press, 2006, organisé par Barbara Thériault, Département de sociologie, Centre canadien d'études allemandes et européennes, Université de Montréal.

2011 - University of Stockholm. Invited by Professor Liselotte Frisk to give a talk, "Spying on Cults: "Ethics and Etiquette in Research", May 20, 2011.

2008 – University of Windsor. Invited by Professor Martha Lee to conduct a workshop on "Researching New Religious Movements: Qualitative Methods in Practice" at the University of Windsor, November 14, 2008.

2008 - Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario. Invited by Professor Lori Beaman to conduct a workshop, "Researching New Religious Movements: Qualitative Methods in Practice" for her class, October 20, 2008.

2007 - *l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)* in Paris, France. Invited to speak on the topic of "Research and New Religions" for the class of Nathalie Luca, chargée de recherche au CNRS, on July 14, 2007,

2006 - University of Lausanne (*UNIL*) in Switzerland. Invited by Professor Jorg Stolz to offer a workshop on "*Méthodes qualitatives en sociologie et sciences des religions*" for *l'Observatoire des religions en Suisse* (ORS), la Société suisse de sociologie (SSS) et de la Schweizerische Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft (SGR), in 7-9 December, 2006.

Professional Association Offices

2009-2013 - General and Acquisitions Editor with New York University Press, for the *New and Alternative Religions* Series, with Timothy Miller and Jennifer Hammer.

2010-2013 - Member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal for the Study of New Religions*, Equinox Publishing (Sweden).

2004-2008 - International Member of the Editorial Board for the *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, (King's College, University of London), U.K.

1996 - Member of the Editorial Board for Syracuse University Press *Religion and Politics Series*, edited by Michael Barkun.

Recent Conference Activities

Conference: *Les Nouvelles Religions au Québec: Spiritualités Alternatives après Vatican II et la Révolution tranquille*
Religion and Diversity Project (www.religionanddiversty.ca)

Organizers: Susan J. Palmer and Solange Lefebvre, Chair of Religion and Culture, University of Montreal. , on Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Birks Building, the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University.

Presented paper: “The German raid on the Twelve Tribes and its Aftermath” at CESNUR Conference, held at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, June 4-6, 2014.

Presented paper, “Religion, and Sedition – or Free Speech and the Right to Bear Arms? The Domestic Terrorism Trial of the Hutaree, a Michigan-Based Christian Millenarian Militia”, at the International CESNUR Conference, held at Chouaïb Doukkali University in El Jadida, Morocco, 20-22 September 2012.

Co-chair and presenter at the session “New Religious Movements, Secularism and the State” with Martin Geoffroy (*Université de Moncton*) at ISA: World Congress on Religion in Gothenburg, Sweden in July 2010.

Organizer and presenter of session, “New Religious Movements in Quebec” for the NRM Group at the *American Academy of Religion*, Montreal, November 8, 2009.

Participant at the International Workshop, “Cultural Dialogues, Religion and Communication” at the University of Ottawa on October 22, 2009, organized by Isaac Nahon-Serfaty, Assistant Professor at the Department of Communication, University of Ottawa.

“The French *Secte* Wars: A Retrospective,” Paper presented at the meeting of *International Society for the Sociology of Religion* in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, July 27-30, 2009.

“Rescuing Children? Government Raids on Communal New Religions in the U.S. and Canada, 1950 to 2008.” Paper presented in session on the FLDS Raid at the meeting for the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Louisville Kentucky, November 3, 2008.

“Scientology in France: Legal and Activist Responses to Social Control,” Paper presented at the *International Society for the Sociology of Religion* meeting in Leipzig, Germany, July 23-27, 2007.

“Black Messiahs and RICO” Paper presented at *CESNUR* conference in Bordeaux, France, June 7, 2007.

“Scientology in France: Legal and Activist Responses to Social Control,” Paper presented at the *International Society for the Sociology of Religion* in Leipzig, Germany, July 23-27, 2007.

“The About Picard Law and Néo-Phare: The First Application of “*Abus de Faiblesse*”.” Paper presented at the *CESNUR* meeting in San Diego State University in San Diego, July 14, 2006.

“The Nuwaubian Controversy” Paper presented at the *Political and Religious Extremism* conference at University of Windsor, May 28-30, 2006, to be published in a volume edited by Martha Lee

Book Reviews

Perfect Children: Growing Up on the Religious Fringe. By Amanda van Eck Duymaer van Twist. Oxford University Press, 2015. Forthcoming in *JAAR (The Journal of the American Academy of Religion)*.

When Rituals Go Wrong: Mistakes, Failure, and the Dynamics of Ritual, (Amsterdam: Brill) in *Journal of Religion in Europe*, July 2008.

Sati: Historical and Phenomenological Essays, Arvind Sharma (ed.), Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, in *SR/ Sciences Religieuses*, Vol.19.3/1990.

Charisma & Control in Rajneeshpuram, by Lewis F. Carter, in *Sociological Analysis* Vol.52.3, Fall,1991.

The Postcharismatic Fate of New Religious Movements, Timothy Miller (ed.) in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* December 1992 issue.

Media Interviews, Articles and Documentary Films

1995-96 Associate Producer, Writer and Researcher for *The Love Prophet*, A television documentary on the Children of God/The Family, directed by Abbey Neidik, produced by DLI Productions in Montreal, funded by Telefilm.

Interviewed in *The Mystery of the Solar Temple*, a BBC (Channel 4) & Radio Canada coproduction, directed by David Cohen, 1994.

Interviewed on the CBC 5th Estate documentary, *The Secrets of the Solar Temple*, 1994.
Interviewed on Le Verseau's *Au Nom des Toutes les Dieux*.

1994-1996 interviews on the Solar Temple for *Radio France*, Rachel Kuhns *Beyond Belief* in Sydney Australia, *Skyline* in U.K., and *Daybreak*, CJAD, CBC in Canada.

BBC interview on "Women in Communes" for the Open University, U.K., in January 1997.

Interviewed by Danial Richler on *Big Life*, 1996.

Interviewed on *Tapestry*, CBC Radio, in Toronto, 2000.

Articles in Academic Journals

"The Twelve Tribes: Preparing the Bride for Yahshua's Return," in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. Vol. 13, No. 3 (February 2010), pp. 5980.

"Frances' War on Sects: A Post 9-11 Update," *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. Vol. 11, No. 3 (February 2008), pp. 104-120.

"Cult Fighting in Middle Georgia" in *Religion in the News*, edited by Mark Silk, Trinity College, Massachusetts), Summer, 2006.

Susan Palmer and David Ownby, "Field Notes: Falun Dafa Practitioners: A Preliminary Research Report," *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. 2000 (IV:1):133-135.

"From Healing to Protest: Conversion Patterns Among the Practitioners of Falun Gong," *Nova Religio: Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*. Vol. 6, No. 2, April, 2003. 223-43.

"Cult Fighting in Middle Georgia" in *Religion in the News*, edited by Mark Silk, Trinity College, Massachusetts), Summer 2006.

"Women's Cocoon Work: New Religious Movements and Feminine Rites of Passage" in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. Vol. 32, No.3 December, 1993.

"Performance Practices in Meditation Rituals among the New Religions" (1980) in *SR/Sciences Religieuses* 9/4 Canada.

"Community and Commitment in the Rajneesh Foundation" (September, 1986) *Update*. Aarhus, Denmark.

"Purity and Danger in the Rajneesh Foundation" (August, 1986) *Update*. Aarhus, Denmark. ,” Reprinted in *The Order of the Solar Temple*, edited by James R. Lewis, Ashgate Publishing, 2006.

"Charisma and Abdication: A Study of the Leadership of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh," in *Sociological Analysis* 49 (2), 1988.

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"New Eves New Adams: Improvisations on Gender and Genesis in New Religious Movements" (1994) in *Religion and Gender* (IV), edited by Arvind Sharma. Montreal Canada: McGill University Press.1994.