

- 2000 Louisville Institute (Lilly Endowment) Summer Stipend Award
- 2000 Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Sociology,
University of Wisconsin—Madison
- 1997 Honorable Mention, Best Book competition, American
Sociological Association, Section on Sociology of Culture
- 1996 Honorable Mention, Best Article competition, American
Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Culture
- 1994-95 Annenberg Scholarship, Annenberg School for Communication,
University of Pennsylvania
- 1991 Herbert Blumer Memorial Essay Prize, University of California, Berkeley
- 1990 Dissertation Scholarship, Phi Beta Kappa, Northern California Chapter
- 1981-82 Regents' Fellowship, University of California
- 1981 Phi Beta Kappa
- 1981 Baccalaureate with Highest Honors

POSITIONS HELD

- 2008- Professor, Departments of Sociology and Religion, University of Southern California.
- 2004- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and School of Religion,
2008 University of Southern California, Los Angeles.
- 2004- Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Sociology, University of
2006 Wisconsin—Madison. On leave.
- 1992- Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Sociology, University of
2004 Wisconsin—Madison. *Half-time* appointment; tenure clock adjusted accordingly.

VISITING POSITIONS

- 2023 Fellow, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
- 2019 Fellow, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main
- 2010 Visiting Professor, Université de Paris VIII, France
- 2009 Visiting Professor, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Universität Erfurt, Germany
- 2001- Visiting Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University
2002

1994- Annenberg Scholar, Annenberg School for Communication, University
1995 of Pennsylvania

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

books

•Lichterman, Paul. 2021. How Civic Action Works: Fighting for Housing in Los Angeles. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

•Lichterman, Paul, and C. Brady Potts, eds. 2009. The Civic Life of American Religion. Stanford: Stanford University Press.

•Lichterman, Paul. 2005. Elusive Togetherness: Church Groups Trying to Bridge America's Divisions. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
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Lichterman, Paul. 2012. "Religion in Public Action: From Actors to Settings." Sociological Theory 30(1): 15-36 (March).

Lichterman, Paul, Prudence Carter, and Michèle Lamont. 2009. "Race-Bridging for Christ? Conservative Christians and Black-White Relations in community life." In S. Brint and J. Schroedel, eds., Conservative Christians and American Democracy. New York: Russell Sage.

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Lichterman, Paul. 2006. "Circulation de la religion sur la place publique locale aux États-Unis." Sociologie et Sociétés 38(1): 31-54.

Eliasoph, Nina, and Paul Lichterman (equal co-authors). 2003. "Culture in Interaction." American Journal of Sociology 108(4): 735-794.

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2011. « Culture en interaction. Une ethnographie des styles de groupe de deux organisations civiques en Californie. » Pp. 357-401 in D. Cefai, C. Gayet-Viaud, and M. Berger, Du Civil au Politique.

Lichterman, Paul. 2002. "Seeing Structure Happen: Theory-Driven Participant Observation." Pp. 118-145 in S. Staggenborg and B. Klandermans, eds., Methods of Social Movement Research. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Lichterman, Paul. 2000. "Integrating Diversity: Boundaries, Bonds and the Greater Community in *The New Golden Rule*." Pp. 125-141 in E. Lehman, ed., Autonomy and Order: A Communitarian Anthology. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

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Lichterman, Paul. 1995. "Beyond the Seesaw Model: Public Commitment in a Culture of Self-Fulfillment." Sociological Theory 13(3):275-300.

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Lichterman, Paul, and Isaac Reed. 2019. "A pragmatist approach to comparison and causality in historical sociology." Trajectories: Newsletter of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, March.

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Lichterman, Paul. 2017. "Communicating Theory Now." In Perspectives: Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section, Vol. 39(2), Fall, pp. 4+.

Lichterman, Paul, and Rhys Williams. 2017. "Cultural Challenges for Mainline Protestant Political Progressives." Pp. 117-137 in R. Braunstein, T. Fuist and R. Williams, eds., Progressive Religion and Social Activism. New York: NYU Press.

Lichterman, Paul, Rubina Raja, Anna-Katharina Rieger and Jörg Rupke. 2017. "Grouping together in lived ancient religion: interacting individuals and formation of groups." Religion in the Roman Empire 3(1): 3-10.

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Lichterman, Paul, and Nina Eliasoph. 2013. "Can we still study the civic?" Invited essay in Culture, ASA Sociology of Culture Section Newsletter, Vol. 26, no. 3, Fall.

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Lichterman, Paul. 2007. "A place on the map: communicating religious presence in civic life." Pp. 137-151 in N. Ammerman, ed., Everyday Religion. New York: Oxford University Press.

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Lichterman, Paul. 2004. "Civic Culture at the Grassroots," in Nancy Hanrahan and Mark Jacobs, eds., The Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Culture. Oxford and Cambridge, MA: Blackwell.

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Lichterman, Paul. 1998. "What Do Movements Mean?" Qualitative Sociology 21(4):401-418.

Lichterman, Paul. 1989. "Making a Politics of Masculinity." Pp. 185-208 in C. Calhoun, ed.: Comparative Social Research, Vol. 11: Culture. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.

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Lichterman, Paul. 2023. "Yearning for Usable Memories." In symposium on *Resurrecting the Jew*, by Genevieve Zubrzycki. Sociology of Religion 84(2).

Lichterman, Paul. 2022. Review of *Inventing the Ties that Bind: Imagined Relationships in Moral and Political Life*, by Francesca Polletta. American Journal of Sociology 128(1): 307-309.

Lichterman, Paul. 2018. "Religion Beyond Religion." In symposium on *Beheading the Saint*, by Genevieve Zubrzycki. Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 56(4):900-903.

Lichterman, Paul. 2015. Review of *Free Trade and Faithful Globalization: Saving the Market*, by Amy Reynolds. American Journal of Sociology 121(5):1601-1603.

Lichterman, Paul. 2014. Review essay—"Plutocracy in America." Review of *The Unheavenly Chorus: Unequal Political Voice and the Broken Promise of American Democracy*, by Kay Schlozman, Sidney Verba and Henry E. Brady. Contemporary Sociology 43(3): 323-327.

Wherry, Frederick, Mabel Berezin and Paul Lichterman. 2013. "Dramatic performance in the play of politics: Egypt, Obama and the works of Jeffrey Alexander." British Journal of Sociology 64(1).

Lichterman, Paul. 2007. Review Essay—"Beyond Dogmas: Religion, Social Service, and Social Life in the United States." American Journal of Sociology 113(1):243-257 (July).

Lichterman, Paul. 2006. "The Limits (and Virtues) of Superiority." Critical essay on *Why?*, by Charles Tilly, for symposium in Qualitative Sociology 29(4):545-549.

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SCHOLARLY WORK IN PROGRESS

Lichterman, Paul. "Comment les individus s'engagent dans l'action civique: esquisse d'une perspective pragmatiste, » forthcoming in *L'engagement comme expérience*. Paris, Éditions de l'EHESS, 2023.

Lichterman, Paul. « Individual engagement in social activism : an interactionist account, » forthcoming in *Understanding individual commitment to collective action: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches*. New York: Routledge.

Lichterman, Paul, Chris Manning and Karrie Kingsley. "Civic Action in the Workplace: Disseminating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Trainings." Paper in process for journal submission.

Lichterman, Paul. "US White Antiracism as a Moral Project." Paper in process for journal submission.

Lichterman, Paul. *The Moral Project of White Antiracism*. Book prospectus in preparation.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2015- "The Culture of Public Problems: Who Can Say What about Housing?"
- 2016 Paul Lichterman, P.I. Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences research grant, Provost, USC. Direct support: \$21,180. Role: Senior ethnographer, supervisor of research assistant.

- 2014-2015 “Making Issues into *Health* Issues: Evidence from Housing Advocacy in Los Angeles.” Paul Lichterman, P.I. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Direct support: \$20,000. Role: Senior archival researcher, supervisor of research assistant.
- 2010-2011 “Strengthening Qualitative Research through Methodological Innovation and Integration: Applying Social Network Analysis and Ethnography to Housing Issues,” Paul Lichterman, co-PI. National Science Foundation, Sociology program. Total amount: \$104,997. Role: Senior ethnographer.
- 2010 “Paid civic engagement: Young interns in the age of the nonprofit.” Paul Lichterman, P.I., Nina Eliasoph, Co-P.I. Spencer Foundation. Direct support: \$39,525. Duration: January-June 2010. Role: Ethnographer.
- 2008-2009 “Comparing the dynamics of civic life: Addressing homelessness in Los Angeles and Paris.” Paul Lichterman, P.I. Advancing Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences research grant, Provost, USC. Direct support: \$15,875. Duration: July 2008- May 2009. Role: Senior ethnographer.
- 2007-2008 “The Dynamics of Civic Relationships: A Proposal for Strengthening Qualitative Research Through Methodological Innovation and Integration,” Paul Lichterman, co-PI. National Science Foundation, Sociology program. Total amount: \$125,000. Role: Senior ethnographer, survey co-writer.
- 2005-2007 “Charting civic Los Angeles: Religious groups in the local social contract.” Paul Lichterman, P.I. Pew Charitable Trusts, through Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC. Direct support: \$35,000. Duration: September 2005- May 2007. Role: Co-designer of multi-method project, and exploratory ethnography.
- 2005 “Assessing Networks of Support for Civic Engagement in Los Angeles.” Seed grant awarded to Civic Engagement Initiative team, from the University of Southern California Urban Initiative. Direct support: \$20,000 to team of ten researchers. Duration: Summer 2005. Preliminary discussion of research design for project on civic engagement in Los Angeles.
- 2000 “Social Stewardship: A Protestant Volunteer Response to Welfare Reform.” Paul Lichterman, P.I. The Louisville Institute, Lilly Endowment. Direct support: \$10,000. Duration: Summer 2000.
- 1995 “Conceptions of Group Solidarity.” Jodi O'Brien and Peter Kollack, co-applicants. ASA/NSF Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline. Amount: \$3000 to support convening a conference, held October 1996, Seattle.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS (since 2008 only)

- 2019 Minwoo Jung. Literature review for book project, *How Civic Action Works*.
- 2018 Kushan Dasgupta. Literature review and bibliographic research for book project, *How Civic Action Works*.
- 2015 Kyunghwan Lee. Archival research on city government hearings; literature review, in conjunction with ASHSS funded project.
- 2014-2015 Kushan Dasgupta. Archival research on housing organizations and city government hearings; coding documents; literature review, in conjunction with Robert Wood Johnson funded project.

- 2009 C. Brady Potts. Ethnographic research on housing and homeless organizations; archival research on city government, in conjunction with NSF funded project.
- 2008 Bradley Nabors. Ethnographic research and literature search on homeless and housing organizations in conjunction with ASHSS funded project.

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEECHES, LECTURES AND TALKS (selected)

- 2023 “White American Anti-Racism as a Moral Project.” Invited talk at Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt am Main, July 14.
- 2023 Presentation for qualitative social research workshop, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, July 11.
- 2023 Invited discussant for Research Workshop: Biographical data as a tool for exploring the Yellow Vests movement.” Crapul (Research Centre for Political Action), Université de Lausanne, June 15-16.
- 2023 “How Civic Action Works: A Book Presentation.” Invited talk in the series “Penser l’action civique en relation avec les politiques urbaines et la planification.” Centre d’étude des mouvements sociaux/École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 12.
- 2022 Panelist, invited panel on The Moral Imaginary in American Public Life. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 6.
- 2022 “Making the Unhoused into a Social Problem.” Invited talk for special thematic panel Unhoused in Los Angeles: Politics and Policy. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August 6.
- 2022 “Civil Society in Interaction: Discovering Capacities and Constraints.” Invited talk for Workshop on Frontiers of Civil Society Research, Center for Civil Society Research, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin Social Science Center, Germany, July 7-8.
- 2022 “A Bigger Box: The Benefits of Studying Civic Action.” Invited talk, UCLA Department-wide colloquium series. April 13.
- 2022 Invited book talk about *How Civic Action Works*, Research Centre for Political Action, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, March 30.
- 2022 “Individuals and Social Settings in Research on Social Activism.” Invited paper Presented at workshop on Methodological Practice in Social and Political Activism Research. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Columbia, January 27-28.
- 2021 “How Civic Action Works,” Book Chat, Levan Institute for the Humanities, USC, November 9.
- 2021 “Discovering the meanings that matter for causal analysis.” Invited lecture to Qualifie—Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group, European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy, October 6.

- 2021 “Can Alternative Futures Be Common Futures?” Invited semi-plenary presentation, European Sociological Association, Barcelona, September 2.
- 2021 “Qualitative research as a moving target.” Invited talk for panel, The State and Future of Qualitative Methods, European Sociological Association, Barcelona, August 31.
- 2021 “A bigger box: Studying social movements as civic action.” Cosmos Talks, Centre on Social Movement Studies, Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze, Italy, March 12.
- 2021 *How Civic Action Works*, CoMMonS Book Talk panel, sponsored by Copenhagen Centre for Political Mobilisation and Social Movement Studies and the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna, February 24.
- 2019 “Follow the action: how social advocates turn conditions into problems.” Invited talk at Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento, July 9.
- 2019 “How Civic Action Works: A Book Workshop.” Invited talk at Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Milano-Bicocca, July 4.
- 2019 “The quiet power of conservative Protestantism in U.S. political life.” Public lecture given at Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bad Homburg, Germany, July 2.
- 2019 “Follow the Interaction: Studying Discursive Fields Ethnographically.” Invited talk at Institute for Social Research, Frankfurt, June 25.
- 2018 “What makes social movements strategic?” Keynote talk at Culture in Political Context: Theorizing Engagements in Contemporary Societies, University of Tampere, Finland, June 1.
- 2018 “How Civic Action Works.” Comparative Social Analysis seminar, Department of Sociology, UCLA, May 10.
- 2018 “How Civic Action Works.” Tulane Culture Workshop invited paper presentation, Department of Sociology, Tulane University March 11.
- 2017 “How Social Activists Act.” Colloquium presentation at Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, February 15.
- 2016 “Repositioned religious ritual in contemporary U.S. civic settings.” Invited talk at Lived Religion in Metropoleis: A Comparative View, conference sponsored by Max Weber Centre of the Universität Erfurt, at Augustinerkloster Erfurt, June 21-23.
- 2015 “Beyond Beliefs and Believers: The Civic Life of Religion.” Presentation at John Danforth Center for Religion and Politics, Washington University, December 2.
- 2014 “Understanding styles of collective religious practice: A sociologist’s invitation to dialogue.” Keynote address at Grouping Together in Lived Ancient Religion, conference sponsored by Max Weber Centre of the Universität Erfurt, at the Royal Academy of Sciences and Letters, Copenhagen, June 2.
- 2014 “Public culture and mobilization for health.” Paper presented at Robert Wood Johnson Foundation workshop on a culture of health. Princeton, May 28.

- 2014 “What is cultural interactionism and what can it do?” Invited colloquium talk at Department of Sociology, University of California—Irvine, May 15.
- 2014 “A *Cultural* Interactionism.” Plenary keynote talk at Center for Cultural Sociology tenth anniversary conference, Yale University, April 25.
- 2014 “A Cultural Interactionist View of Contentious Claims-making: Secular and Religious U.S. Cases.” Featured talk at Workshop on Ethnocultural Diversity, Religious Freedom, and Forms of Claims-making,” sponsored by the Ambassador John Loeb, Jr., Initiative on the Implications of Religious Freedom, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, March 28.
- 2011 “Cultural and institutional conditions of volunteering: a view from the U.S.” Keynote address at Religion, Volunteering and Social Capital, conference, University of Antwerp, December 7.
- 2011 “Where is Religion in Collective Action? Examples from US Housing Activism,” Keynote talk at Conference on Religion, Social Movements and Progressive Reform in Latin America, Boston University May 5.
- 2011 “From field notes to paper: Studying housing as a social problem.” Master’s class workshop at Thirteenth Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Notre Dame, IN, April 9.
- 2010 “Comment saisir la culture? Culture in sociology since 1980: American reinventions” and “Les usages de l’ethnographie dans l’étude de la politique.” Lectures presented at Université de Paris VIII, May.
- 2009 “Religion, Self and Public Action.” Lecture at Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Universität Erfurt, Germany, June 16.
- 2007 Invited discussion of papers at “Muslim Mobilization and Claims-making in Secular Europe: An Inter-disciplinary Challenge?” Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Firenze, May 25-27.
- 2006 “Creating community: the challenge of coordinating action in civic groups.” Lecture to Laurent Thévenot seminar, Groupe de la Sociologie Politique et Morale, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, December.
- 2006 “Social capital or group style? Rescuing Tocqueville’s insights on civic engagement.” Paper presented to the Comparative Social Analysis seminar, UCLA, November.
- 2005 “Cultural Sociology and the Conditions of Possibility: Lessons from Civic Responses to Welfare Reform.” Keynote address delivered at the first annual UCSD Culture Conference, University of California, San Diego, May 13.
- 2005 “Religious Associations in American Civic Life: Was Tocqueville Right?” Lecture presented in the seventh annual Hendrik Muller Seminar of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, held in Brussels, Belgium, April 2.

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

(full list available on request)

- 2023 “DEI training as a hybrid civic project: the politics of inclusion meets the workplace.” Paper presented at the Future of Activism Research workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, April 21.
- 2022 Author meets critics panel on *Resurrecting the Jew: Nationalism, Philosemitism and Poland’s Jewish Revival*, by Genevieve Zubrzycki. Association for the Sociology of Religion annual meeting, August 8.
- 2021 Author meets critics workshop on *Populism in the Civic Sphere*, by Jeffrey Alexander, Peter Kivisto and Giuseppe Sciortino. Social Science History Association annual conference, November 12.
- 2021 Author meets critics workshop on *Moral Minefields: How Sociologists Debate Good Science* by Shai Dromi and Sam Stabler. Center for Cultural Sociology, Yale University, October 8.
- 2021 Author meets critics workshop on *Religion and Its History: A Critical Inquiry*, by Jörg Rüpke. Max-Weber-Kolleg, Universität Erfurt, Germany, June 10.
- 2020 “Left Populism? Identity Politics? Local Housing Advocates Create a Community of Identity.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, August.
- 2019 “Creating a conservative religio-political community as an anti-reform block: proposal for ethnographic and historical research.” Presented at Social Science History Association annual meeting, Chicago, November 21.
- 2018 “A Pragmatist Approach to Comparison and Causality in Historical Sociology.” Paper co-presented with Isaac Reed at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, August 11.
- 2017 “Where is Social Theory Now and Where is it Going?” Authors meet critics panel on Benzecry, Krause and Reed, eds., *Social Theory Now*. Social Science History Association annual meeting, Montreal, November 2.
- 2017 “Religion beyond religion.” Author meets critics panel on Zubrzycki’s *Beheading the Saint*. Association for Sociology of Religion annual meeting, Montreal, August.
- 2017 “Towards a Pragmatist Sociological History,” Paper co-presented with Isaac Reed at Sociology and Pragmatism: Renewing the Conversation, conference held at Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, June 11-12.
- 2016 “How discursive fields work: community advocates fight for housing and health.” Paper co-presented with Kushan Dasgupta at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Seattle, August 22.
- 2015 “Difference on the Ground,” presentation at author-meets-critics panel on Roger Brubaker’s *Grounds for Difference*. UCLA Center for the Study of Religion, Nov. 3.

- 2015 “A more dialogical community of inquiry, or, dredging the collective collegial subconscious.” Paper presented at Pragmatism and Sociology conference, University of Chicago, August.
- 2014 “Culture and networks in everyday interaction: ambivalent ties in a housing coalition. Paper co-presented with Nicole Esparza and Chris Weare at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, August.
- 2013 “Toward a new sociology of civic action,” with Nina Eliasoph. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August.
- 2013 “A comparative sociology of politicization: claims-making about housing in Paris and Los Angeles,” with Eric Doidy. Comparative Cultural Analysis Workshop, Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, March.
- 2012 “Interpretation and Explanation in Ethnography: A Pragmatist Approach,” co-authored with Isaac Reed. AJS Causal Thinking and Ethnographic Research Conference, University of Chicago, March.
- 2011 “Collaboration and Culture: Organizational Style as a Cause and Consequence of Collaborative Networks,” with Chris Weare and Nicole Esparza. Fourth Annual Political Networks Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, June.
- 2011 “Combining SNA and Ethnography for Identifying Subgroups and Understanding Subgroup Dynamics,” with Chris Weare. INSNA conference, St. Petersburg, FL, February.
- 2010 “Contextualizing social movements: the promise of a new civic culture concept.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, August.
- 2010 “The street is for giant tamales and big beds: a pragmatic comparison of cultural organizations in Milan and Los Angeles,” co-authored with Sebastiano Citroni. Paper presented at the International Sociological Association, Goteborg, July.
- 2007 “Thick Description as Cosmopolitan Citizenship.” Paper presented at the conference Clifford Geertz and the Human Sciences, Yale University, October 21.
- 2007 “Dilemmas of prophecy: Liberal Christians speaking out.” Paper presented at joint thematic session of American Sociological Association and Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, August 13.
- 2005 “The Unhappy Marriage of Tocqueville and Social Capital: Scenes from Local Volunteering.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, August 15.
- 2004 “Beyond Beliefs: Religious Identity in American Civic Life.” Paper presented at a thematic session, American Sociological Association (ASA) and the Association for the Sociology of Religion, at the ASA meetings, San Francisco, August 14-17.
- 2003 “How Religion Goes Public: The Case of Mainline Protestantism’s Quiet Influence.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 16-19.

- 2002 "Religious Culture as Civic Culture." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, August 16-20.
- 2002 "Autonomy and Order: New Perspectives on Communitarianism." Special session panel, discussion responding to Amitai Etzioni, at the American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago August 16-20.
- 2001 "Can Faith-Based Groups Renew Civil Society?" Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Anaheim, August 18-21.
- 1999 "Civic Culture Meets Welfare Reform: Religious Volunteers Reaching Out." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago.
- 1998 "Studying Identity Talk: Gays and Queers in the Public Sphere," Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco.
- 1996 "Civic Practices: Making Meaning in Civil Society," co-author Nina Eliasoph. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, New York City, August.
- 1995 "Social Movements and Public Space." Paper presented at the Conference on Public Space, Annenberg School for Communication, Univ. of Pennsylvania.
- 1994 Discussion of "Political Culture: Theory and Method," panel of papers presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Los Angeles.
- 1993 "Lost Between Ideology and Practice: Multiculturalism and Community-Building in U.S. Grassroots Environmentalism." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Miami, August.
- 1993 "The Sociology of Cultural Reception: Notes toward an Emerging Paradigm." (co-authored with Andrea Press) Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Miami, August.
- 1992 "From Social Problems to Social Action: Practicing Environmental Ideology." Paper presented at the Speech Communication Association meetings, Chicago.
- 1992 "When is the Personal Political? Class, Culture and Political Style in U.S. Grassroots Environmentalism." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Pittsburgh.
- 1991 "Beyond the Seesaw Model: Expressive Individualism and Commitment in Post-1960's Social Movements." Poster-session paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, Cincinnati.
- 1989 "Revisiting a Gramscian Dilemma: Problems and Possibilities in Bourdieu's Analysis of Culture and Politics." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

•Courses taught in the Departments of Sociology and Religion, University of Southern California, Fall 2004-Spring 2021:

Graduate

Sociology of Culture, seminar
 Qualitative Research Methods, seminar
 Advanced Qualitative Research Methods, seminar
 Sociology of Religion, seminar

Independent study graduate seminar equivalents:

Political Sociology
 Sociology of Culture
 Sociology of Religion

Undergraduate

Religion in Society, lecture/discussion
 Sociology of Religion, lecture/discussion
 Grassroots Participation in Global Perspective, General Education program lecture
 Solving Social Problems, freshman seminar, General Education program

•Courses taught in the Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin--Madison, Fall 1992-Spring 2004 (mostly on half-time appointment):

Graduate

Qualitative Methodology, seminar
 Cultural Theory and Cultural Analysis, seminar
 Participant-Observation, seminar

Undergraduate

Introduction to Sociology, lecture
 Sociology of Culture, lecture/discussion
 Sociology of Social Movements, lecture/discussion
 Introduction to Sociology, honors seminar

•Courses taught in the Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1988-1990:

Sociology of Culture, lecture/discussion
 Participant-Observation, senior seminar

- Course taught in the Social Sciences Division, Chabot College, Hayward, California, 1985-1986:

Introduction to Sociology, lecture/discussion

- Advising, graduate and undergraduate, 1992-2022, available on request
- Mentoring- beyond USC graduate programs, since 2004 only

Kalyani Jayasankar, post-doc
mentee in USC Society of Fellows postdoctoral program, 2022-2024

Meredith Hall, post-doc
mentee in USC Society of Fellows postdoctoral program, 2021-2023
(co-mentored with Rhacel Parreñas)

Christian Sperneac-Wolfer, grad student
mentee in Fulbright Scholars program, Spring 2021
current affiliation: Institut für Sozialforschung, (Institute for Social Research),
Frankfurt, Germany

Benjamin Hollenbach, Ph.D student
mentee in the national Holstein dissertation fellowship program, 2020-2021
current affiliation: University of Michigan

Julien Charles, grad student to researcher
informal mentee, 2009-2017
current affiliation: CESEP, Nivelles, Belgium

Mathieu Berger, grad student to associate professor-equivalent
informal mentee, 2009-2019
current affiliation: Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Sebastiano Citroni, grad student to assistant professor
informal mentee, 2010-2019
current affiliation: Università dell'Insubria, Italy

SERVICE

Professional committees, councils and editorial boards

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| 2022 | Society of Fellows selection committee, Department of Sociology, USC |
| 2021 | Member, Nominations Committee, Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity, ASA. |
| 2021 | Member, Nominations Committee, Section on Political Sociology, ASA |
| 2021 | Society of Fellows selection committee, Department of Sociology, USC |

- 2020 Research re-start (pandemic) compliance committee, Department of Sociology, USC.
- 2020-2021 Chair, Website committee, Department of Sociology, USC.
- 2019 Member, Graduate School Task Force for Advanced PhD Fellowships, Office of Vice Provost, University of Southern California.
- 2018 Co-organizer, Campus Conversation on Base Politics, collaboration with Civic Action and Social Media research group, University of Southern California. An interdisciplinary research discussion on political insularity and polarization, May 15.
- 2017 to date Director, Workshop on Ethnography of Public Life, University of Southern California.
- 2017 Chair, Clifford Geertz Award Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Culture.
- 2015 Chair, Departmental chair consultation committee, College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, USC.
- 2015-2019 Co-Chair, Los Angeles area chapter of Scholars Strategy Network.
- 2014 to date Editorial Board, *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*.
- 2014 Selection committee, Zumberge interdisciplinary research grant (campuswide USC).
- 2013-2016 Council member, Section on Sociology of Religion, ASA.
- 2013 Co-organizer, Memorial session for Robert Bellah, ASA annual conference.
- 2012-2013 Chair, Graduate admissions committee, Department of Sociology, USC.
- 2013 Best book award committee, Section on Sociology of Religion, ASA.
- 2010 to date Editorial board, *Qualitative Sociology*.
- 2008-2009 Co-Director, Religion and Public Life. Monthly campus-wide interdisciplinary seminar, sponsored by Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC.
- 2008-2009 Recruitment committee member for Ziegler Chair search, LAS College, USC.
- 2008- to date Graduate committee member, Department of Sociology, USC.
- 2008 Session co-organizer, panel on cultural sociology in global perspective, (co-sponsored by Sociology of Culture and Theory Sections), ASA.

- 2007- Committee member, Best Article Award, ASA Section on Sociology of
2008 Culture.
- 2007- Consulting editor, *Tracés: Revue de Sciences Humaines*,
to date
- 2006- Committee member, Distinguished scholarship award, Pacific Sociological
2007 Association.
- 2005- Director, research cluster on religion, community life and institutional change.
2007 Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC.
- 2005- Editorial board member, Rose book series, American Sociological Association.
2008
- 2005- Jack Shand Award committee member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
2007
- 2005- Chair, senior theory recruitment committee, Department of Sociology, USC.
2006
- 2005- Graduate admissions committee member, Department of Sociology, USC.
2007
- 2005- Faculty environment committee member, university-wide, USC.
2006
- 2004- Consulting editor, *American Journal of Sociology*.
2006
- 2004- Alternate member, Institutional Review Board (human research subjects
2005 committee), USC.
- 2004- Executive Board member, Center for Religion and Civic Culture, USC.
2007
- 2003 Committee member, Best Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 2003 Session organizer, special ASA thematic session on civic culture,
American Sociological Association annual meetings, Atlanta, August 16-19.
- 2002 Committee Chair, Best Student Paper Award, Section on Sociology of Culture,
American Sociological Association
- 2001 Session organizer, paper panels, Section on Political Sociology, American
Sociological Association annual meetings, Anaheim.
- 1998- Council member, Section on Sociology of Culture, American Sociological
2001 Association.
- 1998 Workshop organizer, Collective Behavior/Social Movements Section conference at
University of California, Davis.

- 1997- Consulting reader for Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Univ. of
2001 Wisconsin.
- 1996- Chair of Publicity Committee and Editor-in-Chief of Wisconsin Update.
1997
- 1992- Publicity Committee member, Department of Sociology, Univ. of Wisconsin.
1997
- 1995- Program Committee member, Section on Sociology of Culture, American
1996 Sociological Association. Co-organized all roundtable presentations of the
Section at ASA annual meeting, New York, 1996.
- 1994 Co-organizer, Political Culture Research Network, Sociology of Culture Section,
to date American Sociological Association
- 1994- Workshop Organizing Committee member, Collective Behavior and
1998 Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association
- 1994 Session organizer, paper panels on Political Culture, meetings of
the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles.
- 1993- Nominating Committee member, Section on Sociology of Culture,
1994 American Sociological Association
- 1992 Journal article, book manuscript, and proposal referee: *American Sociological*
to date *Review, American Journal of Sociology, Sociological Theory, Sociological Forum,*
Theory and Society, Social Problems, Sociological Perspectives, American
Sociologist, Communication Theory, Research in Political Sociology,
Journal of Civil Society; Blackwell Publishers, Princeton University Press,
Cambridge University Press, University of Minnesota Press, Duke University Press,
Polity Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge Press; National Science Foundation.

Current professional memberships

American Sociological Association: Sections on Sociology of Culture, Sociology
of Religion, Political Sociology, Collective Behavior/Social Movements,
Theory, Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity, Community and Urban
Sociology

Social Science History Association: Section on Culture

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Media and Public Service

- 2021 The Page 99 Test blogpost, at Campaign for the American Reader,
<https://page99test.blogspot.com/2021/03/paul-lichtermans-how-civic-action-works.html>
- 2021 Book Talk on Crowdcast, sponsored by Skylight Books, Los Angeles, 27 January.

- 2021 “The Styles and Dilemmas of Advocacy: A Conversation with Paul Lichterman.” Los Angeles Review of Books interview, 9 January. <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/the-styles-and-dilemmas-of-advocacy-a-conversation-with-paul-lichterman/>
- 2020 Annenberg TV News interview for story on the first Presidential debate, 30 Sept. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7l-hGQK2uoY&t=336s>
- 2017 Christian Science Monitor interview for the story, “At marches, protestors confront burning question: What is the next step?” 3 February. <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2017/0203/At-marches-protesters-confront-burning-question-What-is-the-next-step?cmpid=gigya-mail>
- 2016 “Bernie or Bust?” Podcast Episode 55 of *No Jargon*. Scholars Strategy Network, October 25, 2016. Access at: <http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/podcast/bernie-or-bust>
- 2016 “Why voting for Clinton may trouble some Sanders Supporters.” Contributor opinion essay for The Hill, October 6, 2016. Access at: <http://thehill.com/blogs/pundits-blog/campaign/299635-why-voting-for-clinton-may-trouble-some-sanders-supporters>
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- 2015 “Varieties of Civic Engagement in America.” Policy Brief for Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings, April 2015. Access at <http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/brief/varieties-civic-engagement-contemporary-america>
- Reposted to The Society Pages; access at <http://thesocietypages.org/ssn/2015/05/05/civic-engagement-in-america/>
- Selected as featured piece for June 2015. <http://thesocietypages.org/ssn/2015/06/22/varieties-of-civic-engagement-in-contemporary-america/>
- 2013 “Faith Meets Eight,” panel on involvement of religious organizations in LGBT movement and California’s Proposition 8, moderated by *LA Times*. Autry Museum of the American West, Los Angeles, October 20.
- 2012 “Liberal Protestants and the Occupy movement’s critique of inequality: a cultural gap?” Mobilizing Ideas. <http://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2012/11/15/liberal-protestants-and-the-occupy-movements-critique-of-inequality-a-cultural-gap/> (November).
- 2012 Boston Globe interview on presidential candidate Mitt Romney’s charitable giving, February.
- 2011 “Why Study Civic Action?” Invited column in *States, Power and Societies*: ASA Political Sociology Section newsletter, Vol. 16, no. 2., Winter.
- 2010 “Sybil and the strong, silent type.” The Immanent Frame. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/03/31/sybil-and-the-strong-silent-type/> (March).
- 2010 “Religion’s reputation.” The Immanent Frame. <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2010/02/10/religions-reputation/> (February).

- 2010 Presentation to Los Angeles Community Action Network (low-income tenant advocacy organization), April.
- 2009 Swedish National Public Radio interview on religion and race in Los Angeles, July.
- 2008 Chronicle of Philanthropy live, on-line discussion of “The Future for Religious Charities, April.
- 2008 La Opinion (Spanish-language newspaper) interview on internet religion, April.
- 2008 Washington Times interview on religion and the McCain presidential candidacy, April.
- 2007 ABC.com interview on recent anti-Iraq war protests, October.
- 2006 Swedish National Public Radio interview on portrayals of religion in U.S. newspapers, February.
- 2005- Secretary, Friends of Franklin—parent organization raising funds for staff and
2008 enrichment programs at Franklin Avenue School, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2005 Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ interview for the show “Odyssey,” program on self-help culture in America, April.
- 2001 Written report, Allied Partners (a church-based service organization that works with leaders of a low-income neighborhood), Madison, WI, November.
- 2001 Presentation, Allied Partners, Madison, WI, July.
- 2000 Capital Times newspaper interview, Madison, WI, June.
- 1999- Member and nominating committee chair, Allied Partners, Madison, WI.
2001
- 1998 Radio interviews, WERN--Madison, WI, June; KPFA--Berkeley, CA, August.
- 1998 Presentation/facilitated discussion, Board of Directors, Madison Urban Ministry, Madison, WI, July.
- 1998 Consultation, Program Board, St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, WI, May.
- 1998 Educational presentation, Dane County Library, Deerfield, WI branch, adult education series on individualism, May.
- 1997 Presentation/assessment, Economic Justice Task Force, Madison Urban Ministry, Madison, WI, December.