

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**Philip S. Gorski**

**Employment:**

Professor, Department of Sociology and Religious Studies

Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison (2003-4)

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison. (2001-2003), Director, Center for Comparative Social Analysis (2001-pres.)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison (1996-2001).

**Education:**

University of California, Berkeley (Aug., 1988-June 1996): Sociology, PhD.

Harvard College (Sept. 1983-June 1986): Social Studies, B.A.

Deep Springs College (June 1981-June 1983): General, A.A.

**Books:**

Ed., *Bourdieuian Theory and Historical Analysis* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2012).

Ed. (w. David Kim, John Torpey, & Jonathan VanAntwerpen), *The Post-Secular In Question* (New York: NYU Press, 2012).

*The Protestant Ethic Revisited* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2011).

Ed. (w. Charles Camic and David Trubek) *Max Weber's Economy and Society: A Critical Companion*. (Stanford University Press, 2005).

Chinese Translation: Shanghai: Shanghai Joint Publishing Company, 2010.

*The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism, Confessionalism and the Growth of State Power in Early Modern Europe*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003.

(w. Andrei S. Markovits), *The German Left: Red, Green and Beyond*, New York and Cambridge: Oxford University Press and Polity Press, 1993.

German Translation: *Grün schlägt Rot: Die deutsche Linke nach 1945*, Berlin: Rotbuch, 1997.

### **Books-in-Progress**

*Prophetic Republicanism: The Civil Religious Tradition from Winthrop to Obama* (under final review at Princeton University Press)

*Handbook of Critical Realism*.

### **Articles and Book Chapters:**

“Secularity 1: Varieties and Dilemmas” in Mirjam Künkler, John Madeley, Shylashri Shankar eds., *A ‘Secular Age’ Beyond the West*, New York: Cambridge University Press, (forthcoming, 2015).

“Causal Mechanisms: Lessons from the Life Sciences” in Margaret Archer ed., *Generative Mechanisms: Transforming the Social Order*, Springer (forthcoming, 2015).

“Religious Pluralism and Democratic Inclusion: The American Recipe for Peace”, *Society* 51, pp. 623-635.

w. Samuel Nelson, “Conditions of Religious Belonging: Confessionalization, Deparochialization and the Euro-American Divergence”, *International Sociology*, 29,1 (2013), pp. 1-19.

w. Gulay Türkmen-Derivoğlu, “Religion, Nationalism, and Violence: An Integrated Approach”, *Annual Review of Sociology*, 2013, pp.193-210

“What is Critical Realism? And Why Should You Care?”, *Contemporary Sociology* 2013, 45,2: 658-70.

“Beyond the Fact/Value Distinction: Ethical Naturalism and the Social Sciences”, *Society*, November, 2013. [Lead article in special symposium.]

“Reflections on Religious Violence and Peacemaking”, *Practical Matters*, Summer, 2012.

w. William McMillan, “Barack Obama and American Exceptionalism”, *Review of Faith and International Affairs* June, 2012.

“Was the Confessional Era a Secular Age?”, Karl Gabriel, Christel Gärtner and Detlef Pollack eds., *Umstrittene Säkularisierung: Soziologische und historische Analysen zur Differenzierung von Religion und Politik* (Berlin: Berlin University Press, 2012), pp. 189-224.

w. Gulay Turkmen, “Religious Nationalism and International Security”, *Oxford Handbook of Religion and International Security*, 2012.

“Barack Obama and Civil Religion”, *Political Power and Social Theory*, vol. 22(2012), pp.177-211.

“Recovered Goods: Durkheimian Sociology as Virtue Ethics” in Gorski et al, *The Post-Secular in Question*, 2012.

“Civil Religion Today” (ARDA Guiding Paper Series). State College, PA: The Association of Religion Data Archives at The Pennsylvania State University, from <http://www.thearda.com/rrh/papers/guidingpapers.asp>.

“The Cultural of the Political” (w. Xiahong Xu), pp. 535-547 in John Hall, Laura Grindstaff, Ming-cheng Lo eds., *Handbook of Cultural Sociology* (New York: Routledge, 2010).

“Conservative Protestantism in the United States? Towards a Comparative and Historical Perspective” in pp. 74-112 in Steve Brint and Jean Schroedel eds., *Conservative Christianity in the United States* vol. 1, NY: Russell Sage, 2009.

“The ECPRES Model: A Critical Realist Approach to Causal Mechanisms in the Social Sciences.” pp. 147-194 in Björn Wittrock and Peter Hedström eds., *The Frontiers of Sociology*, Leiden: Brill, 2008.

(w. Ates Altinordu), “After Secularization?”, *Annual Review of Sociology* (2008) 34, 1: 55-85.

“Premodern Nationalism: An Oxymoron? The Evidence from England” in Gerard Delanty and Krishan Kumar eds., *The Sage Handbook of Nations and Nationalism*. NY: Russel Sage, 2006, 143-155.

“Ideological Power and the Rise of the West: Reappraisal and Reconstruction” in John A. Hall and Ralph Schroeder eds., *An Anatomy of Power: The Social Theory of Michael Mann*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. pp. 101-133.

“The Little Divergence: The Protestant Ethic and Economic Hegemony in Early Modern Europe” in Lutz Kaelber and Richard Swatos, *The Protestant Ethic Turns 100: Essays on the Centenary of the Weber Thesis*. Boulder, CO, 2005, 165-189.

“Comment on Sigrun Kahl”, *European Journal of Sociology*, 2005, (46,2), pp. 371-377.

“The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Bureaucracy: the Role of Ascetic Protestantism in the Development of Political Rationalism” pp. 267-295 in Camic, Gorski and Trubek eds., *Max Weber at the Millenium*, 2005.

“A Brief Rejoinder to Goldstone: The Varieties of Deducivism”, *Sociological Methodology*, vol. 34, pp. 71-73, 2004.

“The Poverty of Deductivism: A Constructive Realist Model of Sociological Explanation” in *Sociological Methodology*, 2004 (34,1), pp. 1-33.

Reprinted in: W. Paul Vogt ed., *Selecting Research Methods* (NY: Russell Sage, 2008).

“The Return of the Repressed: Religion and the Political Unconscious of Historical Sociology”, in Julia Adams, Elisabeth Clemens and Ann Shola Orloff eds., *Remaking Modernity: Politics, History and Sociology*, Durham: Duke University Press 2005, pp. 161-188

“Historicizing the Secularization Debate: A Program for Research” in Michelle Dillon ed., *Handbook for the Sociology of Religion*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003, pp. 110-22.

Reprinted in: Bryan S. Turner ed., *Secularization* (New York: Sage, 2010).

“Beyond Marx and Hintze? Third Wave Theories of Early Modern State Formation”, *Contemporary Studies in Society and History* 43, 4 (December, 2001), pp. 851-861.

“Calvinism and Revolution: The Walzer Thesis Re-Considered” in Richard Madsen, Ann Swidler and Steven Tipton eds., *Meaning and Modernity. Religion, Polity and Self*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2001, pp. 78-104.

(w. Mark Chaves), “Religious Pluralism and Religious Participation”, *Annual Review of Sociology* 27 (2001), pp. 261-81.

Reprinted in: Bryan S. Turner ed., *Secularization* (New York: Sage, 2010).

“The Mosaic Moment: An Early Modernist Critique of the Modernist Theory of Nationalism”, *American Journal of Sociology* 105 (March, 2000): 1428-68.

“Historicizing the Secularization Debate: Church, State and Society in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe, ca. 1300-1700”, *American Sociological Review* 65 (Feb. 2000): 138-67.

“Calvinism, Confessionalism and State-Formation in Early Modern Europe”, pp. 147-81 in George Steinmetz ed., *State/Culture*, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999.

“Calvinism and Democracy: Populism, Pacification and Resistance in the Dutch Republic, 1555-1787” pp. 1-33 in Carl Lankowski ed., *Breakup, Breakdown, Breakthrough: Germany’s Tortuous Path to Modernity*, New York: Berghahn, 1999.

“The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Bureaucracy”, *American Sociological Review* 60:5 (October 1995), pp. 783-6.

“The Protestant Ethic Revisited. Disciplinary Revolution in Holland and Prussia”, *American Journal of Sociology*, 99:2 (Sept. 1993), pp. 265-316.

“Scientism, Interpretation and Criticism”, *Zygon* 25 (Sept. 1990), pp 279-307.

### **Papers in Progress**

“Social Emergence: The Critical Realist View”

“Reflexive Secularity: The Morphogenetic Approach.”

### **Awards:**

2011: Lewis A. Coser Award for Theoretical Agenda Setting in Sociology

2001: Best Article Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (for “Historicizing the Secularization Debate”).

1994: Barrington Moore Prize of the American Sociological Association for Best Article in Comparative-Historical Sociology (for “The Disciplinary Revolution”).

### **Grants and Fellowships:**

2014: “Human Flourishing and Critical Realism in the Social Sciences”, John Templeton Foundation, November 2014-October 2017, \$2.1 million.

2012: “Human Personhood, Purpose and Critical Realism: Reopening the Social Sciences to the Big Questions”, John Templeton Foundation, July 2012-September, 2013, \$384,188

2004: Romnes Award, Graduate School, UW Madison (\$50,000).

1999: Graduate School Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin--Madison (\$12,000)

1999: Lilly Teaching Fellowship, University of Wisconsin--Madison (one course release time).

1998: Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin--Madison (one-semester sabbatical).

1997: Graduate School Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin--Madison (\$10,000)

1996: Graduate School Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin--Madison (\$10,500).

1995: Berlin Program, Social Science Research Council, Doctoral Award.

1994: Charlotte Newcombe Dissertation Writing Fellowship.

1993: Social Science Research Council Program on Western Europe, Dissertation Fellowship.

1992: German Academic Exchange Service, Graduate Fellowship (Berlin).

1991: Columbia Council on European Studies, Pre-Dissertation Travel Award.

1991: Regents Fellowship, UC Berkeley.

1990: FLAS (Dutch), UC Berkeley.

1987-90: NSF, Graduate Fellowship.

1986: Fulbright Fellowship (Germany).

1985: Summer Research Fellowship, Harvard Center for European Studies.

## Book Reviews:

Review of Peter Berger, *The Accidental Sociologist*

Review of Toft et al, *God's Century*

Review of Ronald Beiner, *Civil Religion*.

Review of Christian Smith, *Hedgehog Review*

Review of Steve Bruce, *Sociology of Religion*

Review of Ivan Strenski, *Religion*

Review of Mohammed Nafisi, *Ancient Athens and Modern Ideology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, forthcoming.

Review of Krishan Kumar, *The Making of English National Identity*, *American Journal of Sociology*, forthcoming. vol. 110, no. 6, pp. 1826-1828, May 2005.

Review of Christian Smith ed., *The Secular Revolution, Contexts*, vol. 3, no. 3, pp. 62-63, summer 2004.

Review of Max Weber, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, new Penguin and Roxbury translations, *Social Forces*, vol. 82, no. 2, pp. 833-839, Dec 2003..

Review of Leah Greenfeld, *Nationalism and the Spirit of Capitalism*. *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 110, no. 2, pp. 492-494, Sept 2004.

Review of Michael Braddick, *State Formation in Early Modern England, c. 1550-1700*, *Journal of Economic History*, forthcoming.

Review of Henry Barbera, *The Military Factor in Social Change* in *American Journal of Sociology* 106:3, pp. 328-330.

Review of Mabel Berezin, *Making the fascist self : the political culture of interwar Italy* and Simonetta Falesca-Zamponi, *Fascist spectacle : the aesthetics of power in Mussolini's Italy* in *Social Forces* 778 (Sept. 1999), pp. 382-5.

Review of Thomas Ertman, *Birth of the leviathan*, *Contemporary Sociology*, 27:2 (March 1998), pp.186-88.

Review of Michael Mann, *The Sources of Social Power* (vol. 2), *Contemporary Sociology* 24:6 (November, 1995), pp. 772-4.

Review of Richard L. Gawthrop, "Pietism and the Making of Eighteenth-Century Prussia", *German Politics and Society*, Fall 1994.

### **Conference Papers and Invited Talks:**

"Religious Violence: A Meso-Level Approach", Presidential Panel, American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV (Aug. 2011).

"The Fantastical Autonomy of the Lonely Philosopher", Presidential Panel, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL (Nov. 2010).

"The American Civil Religion", Yale University, Boston University, University College Dublin, American Academy of Religion (Spring/Summer 2009).

"Formations of the Post-Secular", Conference on "Are We Living in a Post-Secular World?", SSRC, New York City, June, 2007.

"Conservative Protestantism in the United States? A Comparative and Historical Perspective", Conference on "Conservative Christians in the United States", Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, May, 2007.

"Causal Mechanisms in the Social Sciences: The ECPRES Model", Department of Sociology, Brown University, March 2007.

"Religious Nationalism", Department of Sociology, Princeton University, February 2007.

"Religious Nationalism", Linz Symposium, Yale University, January 2007.

"Why Compare?", North American Council on British Studies, Annual Meeting, Cambridge, MA, November 2006.

"Religious Nationalism: A Neo-Weberian Approach", Conference on "Religion and Nation", University of Konstanz, Germany, July, 2007; ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada, August 2006.



“Bourdieuian Theory and Historical Analysis”, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, April 2006; Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, May 2006; “Bourdieu in Practice”, University of Michigan, September, 2006.

“Religious Nationalism”, Mt. Holyoke College, April 2006.

“State-Formation: European Models, Non-European Cases”, Annual Meeting, Social Science History Association, Portland, OR, November, 2005

Nation-ization Struggles: Notes Towards a Bourdieusian Theory of Nationalism”, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April, 2005.

“The Secularization Thesis and Nationalism”, UCLA, May 2005.

“History and the Social Sciences”, Semi-Plenary Address, *International Institute of Sociology*, Stockholm, July, 2005.

“Analytic Philosophy and the Social Sciences”, Semi-Plenary Address, *International Institute of Sociology*, Stockholm, July, 2005.

“Nation-ization Struggles: A Bourdieusian Theory of Nationalism with an Early Modern Example and Contemporary Reflections.” Center for European Studies, Harvard University, December, 2005.

“The Protestant Reformation and Economic Hegemony: The Weber Thesis and Beyond”, Accepted for SASE Annual Meeting, 2004.

“The Limits of Empire: From the Theory of Choice to a Theory of Practice”, Accepted by Theory Section for 2004 ASA.

“The Protestant Reformation and Economic Hegemony: The Political Economy of the Protestant Ethic”, Center for Comparative Social Analysis, UCLA (February, 2004).

“Religion and Capitalism: The Weber Thesis and Beyond”, Center on Religion, Political Economy and Society, Harvard University (April, 2003).

“Religion and Capitalism: The Weber Thesis and Beyond”, Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Wisconsin--Madison (April, 2003).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism, Confessionalism and the Growth of State Power”, Department of Sociology, University of Washington (November, 2002).

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“The Secularization of the West: Historical Reflections and Theoretical Speculations”  
Sociology Department Colloquium, UCLA (January 2001).

“The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Bureaucracy”, Comparative Social Analysis  
Workshop, Department of Sociology, UCLA (January 2001).

“The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Bureaucracy: the Role of Ascetic Protestantism in  
the Development of Political Rationalism.” Conference on “*Economy and Society* in  
2000”, Fall 2000 (Madison, WI).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism, Confessionalism and the Growth of State  
Power in Early Modern Europe”, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University  
(February, 2000).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism, Confessionalism and the Growth of State  
Power in Early Modern Europe”, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (April,  
2000).

“Historicizing the Secularization Debate: Church, State and Society in Late Medieval and  
Early Modern Europe”, Social Science History Association, 1999 Annual Meeting (Ft.  
Worth, TX).

“The Problem of Unbelief in the Nineteenth Century: Religious Pluralism and Religious  
Vitality in the Netherlands”, Social Science History Association, 1998 Annual Meeting  
(Chicago, IL)

“Calvinism, Collective Identity and Political Mobilization”, Social Science History  
Association, 1996 Annual Meeting, (New Orleans, LA).

“The Poverty of Deductivism: A Realist Model of Sociological Explanation”, American  
Sociological Association, 1994 Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA).

“Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and State Formation in Holland and Prussia”,  
American Political Science Association, 1994 Annual Meeting (New York, New York).

“Revolutionary Calvinism and the Rise of Parliamentary Regimes”, American  
Sociological Association, 1993 Annual Meeting (Miami, FL).

“The Calvinist Moment: Citizenship in the Dutch Republic”, Council on European Studies, 1992 Bi-Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism, Confessionalism and the Growth of State Power in Early Modern Europe”, Department of Sociology, New York University (December 1998).

“Towards the New Jerusalem: “Modern” Nationalism in the Early Modern Netherlands”, University of Chicago, Wilder House Colloquium on History, Politics and Culture (January 1998).

“*Het wonderjaar*: Iconoclasm and Cultural Transformation in the Dutch Revolt”, Workshop on “Revolutions and Social Theory”, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (Uppsala, June 1995).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and State Formation in Holland and Prussia”, Department of Sociology, Stanford University (December 1994).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and State Formation in Holland and Prussia”, Department of Sociology, Cornell University (December 1994).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and State Formation in Holland and Prussia”, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin--Madison (December 1994).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and State Formation in Holland and Prussia”, Department of Sociology, U.C.L.”. (November 1994).

“The Disciplinary Revolution: Calvinism and State Formation in Holland and Prussia, University of Chicago, Wilder House Colloquium on History, Politics and Culture (December 1991).

### **Professional Activities:**

2007-pres: Council Member, Theory Section of the ASA.

2007-pres: Co-PI, “Religion and Politics Program”, The MacMillan Center, Yale University.

2006: Chair-Elect, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section of the ASA.

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2005-pres. : Director, Society for Comparative Research

2004-pres: Co-Editor, *Sociological Theory*.

2002-pres.: Council Member, Comparative-Historical Sociology section of the ASA.

2002-pres.: Council Member, Political Sociology Section of the ASA.

2002-pres: Consulting Editor, *American Sociological Review*.

2000-2: Consulting Editor, *Contemporary Sociology*.

1998-2000: Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*.

1997-99: Co-Chair, States and Societies Network, Social Science History Association.

1996-7: Newsletter Editor and Council Member, Comparative Historical Sociology section of the ASA.

1994, 1998: Barrington Moore Prize Committee,  
American Sociological Association.

1993-pres. Ad hoc reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Theory*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*.

## **Courses Taught:**

### Undergraduate Courses:

“The Sociology of Religion”

“Religion and Nationalism”

“Political Religion”

“Religion, Pluralism, Secularism and Democracy”

“American Society”

### Graduate Courses

“The Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu”

“The Sociology of Max Weber”

“Comparative Historical Methods”  
“The Sociology of Religion”

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William Sewell, Jr., Departments of Political Science and History, University of Chicago  
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