

Dr Rebecca Catto
Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

religion; nonreligion; science in society; cultural conflicts

EDUCATION

- PhD Sociology, University of Exeter
- MA Anthropology and Sociology of Religion, Distinction, King's College London
- BA (Hons) Theology, University of Oxford

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- 2023 onwards Kent State University
Associate Professor, Sociology and Criminology
- 2016 to 2023 Kent State University
Assistant Professor, Sociology
- 2016 Newman University
Research Fellow, Centre for Science, Knowledge and Belief in Society
- 2013 – 2015 Coventry University
Research Fellow, Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations
- 2009 – 2013 Lancaster University
Research Associate, AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme
- 2008 – 2009 London School of Economics
Assistant Research Officer, Inform
- 2008 – 2009 University of Westminster
Visiting Lecturer, Sociology

GRANTS

- 2020 – 2024 Co-Investigator ‘What's next? Developing novel quantitative tools to address conflicting evidence in temporal ecology’ (PI: Christie Bahlai, Biological Sciences, Co-I: Bridget Mulvey, Education) funded by the National Science Foundation, project total: \$793,927.01
- 2022 Center for Teaching and Learning Fellowship Academic Year 2022 – 2023. Kent State University
- 2022 Research Council Research/Scholarly Activity Support Award. Kent State University
- 2020 Co-Investigator ‘How do you know? A podcast exploring the numbers behind our beliefs, and everything in between’ (PI: Christie Bahlai, Biological Sciences, Co-I: Bridget Mulvey, Education) funded by the Mozilla Foundation, project total: \$12,000
- 2019 – 2023 Co-Principal Investigator ‘Science and Religion, Exploring the Spectrum: A Global Perspective’ (with University of Birmingham, York University, Toronto, and the University of Kent), funded by the Templeton Religion Trust, project total: £1,708,378 (£3,416,756 with in kind contribution from participating universities)

- 2014 – 2017 Co-Investigator ‘Science and Religion: Exploring the Spectrum’ (PIs: Fern Elsdon-Baker and Bernie Lightman), funded by the Templeton Religion Trust, project total: £1.9 million
- 2014 Coventry University International Travel Grant to visit Australia: £2080
- 2013 – 2014 Pump-prime funding awarded by Coventry University’s Faculty of Business, Environment and Society for project ‘Interfaith Dialogue in Coventry- Retrospective and Prospective’: £2516
- 2011 – 2012 Principal Investigator ‘The Young Atheists: investigating secularism amongst young Britons today’ (Research Associate: Janet Eccles), funded by the Jacobs Foundation, project total: £24,000
- 2007 Erasmus Grant from the European Commission to study in Sweden for six months: £1500
- 2005 Reid Trust for the Higher Education of Women Research Grant: £300

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2025 Faculty Professional Improvement Leave, Kent State
- 2022 Fellow of the International Society for the Science and Religion
- 2004 Doctoral Scholarship, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Exeter
- 2003 Shelford Prize for the Study of Religion, King’s College London

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

1. Jones, S. J., Kaden, T., and Catto, R. 2019 *Science, Belief and Society: International Perspectives on Religion, Non-Religion and the Public Understanding of Science*. Bristol: Bristol University Press. Click [here](#) for a review
2. Woodhead, L. and Catto, R. (eds) 2012 *Religion and Change in Modern Britain*. Abingdon; New York: Routledge. Click [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) for reviews

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Catto, R. 2026 ‘Navigating Power, Vulnerability, and Emotional Labor in the Midwest: Autoethnography as Possibility and Limit’, *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 55, no 2, 108-111
2. Cazarin, R., Warren, J., Catto, R., and Grier, M. 2025 ‘Battlefields in Science and Religion: A Cross-cultural Media Analysis’, *Current Sociology*, online first
3. Catto, R. 2024 ‘Creationism and climate skepticism: power and public understandings of science in America’, *Cultural Studies of Science Education*, vol. 19, 15-22
4. Catto, R., Shillitoe, R., Kaden, T., Jones, S., and Elsdon-Baker, F. 2023 ‘The Social Imaginary of Science and Nonreligion: Narrating the Connection in the Anglophone West’, *Secularism and Nonreligion*
5. Catto, R., Riley, J.R., Elsdon-Baker, F., Leicht, C., and Jones, S. 2022 ‘Science, Religion, and Nonreligion: Engaging subdisciplines to move further beyond mythbusting’, *Acta Sociologica*, vol. 66, no 1, 96-110.
6. Jones, S., Elsdon-Baker, F., Catto, R., and Kaden, T. 2020 ‘The Cultural Meanings of Science: Understanding Science Identification Using the

- Sociology of (Non)religion’, *Public Understanding of Science*, vol. 29, no 6, 579-596
7. Catto, R., Jones, S., Kaden, T, and Elsdon-Baker, F. 2019 ‘Diversification and Internationalization in the Sociological Study of Science and Religion’, *Sociology Compass*, vol. 13, no 8, e12721
 8. Jones, S., Kaden, T. , Elsdon-Baker, F. and Catto, R. 2019 “That is how Muslims are required to view the world”: race, culture and belief in non-Muslims’ descriptions of Islam and science’, *The Sociological Review*, vol. 67, no 1, 3-27
 9. Kaden, T. Elsdon-Baker, F., Jones, S., and Catto, R. 2018 ‘Knowledge as Explanandum: Disentangling Lay and Professional Perspectives on Science and Religion’, *Studies in Religion*, vol. 47, no 4, 500-521 (translated into German as ‘Wissen als Explanandum: Die Perspektiven von Laien und Professionellen auf Wissenschaft und Religion’, *Religiöse Kommunikation und weltanschauliches Wissen* ed. by B. Schnettler, T. Szydlik and H. Pack, Switzerland: Springer, 151-172.)
 10. Catto, R., Davie, G. and Perfect, D. 2015 ‘State and Religion in Great Britain: Constitutional Foundations, Religious Minorities, the Law and Education’, *Insight Turkey* vol. 17, no 1, 79-96
 11. Eccles, J. and Catto, R. 2015 ‘Forms of 'apostasy': older and younger British women compared’, *Secularism and Nonreligion* (online 27 May)
 12. Catto, R. 2014 ‘What can we say about today’s British religious young person? Findings from the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme’, *Religion*, vol. 44, no 1, 1-27
 13. Catto, R. and Eccles, J. 2013 ‘(Dis)Believing and Belonging: Investigating the Narratives of Young British Atheists’, *Temenos* vol. 49, no 1, 38-63
 14. Catto, R. 2013 ‘Accurate Diagnosis? Exploring Convergence and Divergence in Non-Western Missionary and Sociological Master Narratives of Christian Decline in Western Europe’, *Transformation*, vol. 30, no, 1, 31-45

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

1. Catto, R. 2021 ‘Glocal Power and the Sociology of Religion: how Robertson’s theory of globalisation helps us to see far beyond secularisation’, in *Globalization/Glocalization: Developments in Theory and Application. Essays in Honour of Roland Robertson*, ed. by P. Beyer. Leiden: Brill, 143-162
2. Catto, R. 2020 ‘Science as a Secular Workplace: dynamics of reflection, contestation, and acceptance in the life sciences in Canada and the UK’ in *Identity in a Secular Age: Science, Religion, and Public Perceptions*, ed. by F. Elsdon-Baker and B. Lightman. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 159-171
3. Jones, S., Catto, R., and Kaden, T. 2019 ‘Conclusion: Future Directions in the Sociological Study of Science and Belief’ in *Science, Belief and Society: International Perspectives on Religion, Non-Religion and the Public Understanding of Science*, (eds), 289-298. Bristol: Bristol University Press
4. Kaden, T., Jones, S., and Catto, R. 2019 ‘Language, Labels and Lived Identity in Debates about Science, Religion and Belief’ in *Science, Belief and Society: International Perspectives on Religion, Non-Religion and the Public Understanding of Science*, (eds), 55-77. Bristol: Bristol University Press
5. Jones, S., Kaden, T., and Catto, R. 2019(b) ‘Editors’ Introduction: Science, Belief and the Sociological Tradition’ in *Science, Belief and Society*:

- International Perspectives on Religion, Non-Religion and the Public Understanding of Science*, (eds), xix-xxxvi. Bristol: Bristol University Press
6. Catto, R. 2017 'Interfaith Dialogue and the Challenge of Indifference: Reflections from Fieldwork in the City of Peace and Reconciliation' in *Religious Indifference: New Perspectives from Studies on Secularization and Nonreligion* ed. by J. Quack and C. Schuh, Switzerland: Springer, 65-82
 7. Martin, D. with Catto, R. 2012 'The religious and the secular' in *Religion and Modern Change in Modern Britain* ed. by L. Woodhead and R. Catto, 373-390. Abingdon; New York: Routledge
 8. Catto, R. and Woodhead, L. 2011 'Religion' in *Introduction to European Studies: Concepts in the Context of Globalisation* ed. by S. Krossa, 103-115. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan
 9. Catto, R. and Davie, G. 2008 'İngiltere' (Great Britain) in *Avrupa Birliği Ülkelerinde Din-Devlet İlişkisi* (State and Religion in Europe) ed. by A. Köse and T. Küçükcan, 151-174. Istanbul: ISAM

*Further Book Chapters*¹

1. Catto, R. 2025 'Science and Religion in Middle America: Agreement and Diversity' in *International Perspectives on Science, Culture, and Belief*, ed. by S. Jones, J. Riley, and F. Elsdon-Baker. London: Routledge
2. Catto, R. 2017 'Islam in Europe and the Amman Message: Overview, Challenges and Potentials' in *Muslim Identity in a Turbulent Age: Islamic Extremism and Western Islamophobia*, ed. by M. Hardy, F. Mughal and S. Markiewicz. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 64-97. *Winner of the Independent Publishers' 'Current Affairs' Bronze Medal 2017*
3. Eccles, J. and Catto, R. 2017 'The significance of sacred secular space in the formation of British atheist identities' in *Materiality and the Study of Religion: The Stuff of the Sacred*, ed. by T. Hutchings and J. McKenzie. London and New York: Routledge, 151-166
4. Davie, G., Woodhead, L. and Catto, R. 2016 'Secularization, Secularism and the Secular' in *Religions in the Modern World*, 3rd edition, ed. by C. Partridge, H. Kawanami and L. Woodhead. London; New York: Routledge, 551-570
5. Catto, R. 2015 'Sociology of Religion in Great Britain: Interdisciplinarity and Gradual Diversification' in *Sociologies of Religion: National Traditions*, ed. by A. Blasi and G. Giordan. Leiden: Brill, 107-131
6. Catto, R. 2015 'Section 3: Trends, Foreword' in *Modernities, Memory and Mutations: Grace Davie and the Study of Religion*, ed. by A. Day and M. Lovheim. Aldershot: Ashgate, 143-145
7. Catto, R. and Perfect, D. 2015 'Religious Literacy, Equality and Human Rights' in *Religious Literacy in Policy and Practice* ed. by A. Dinham and M. Francis. Bristol: Policy Press, 135-163
8. Catto, R. 2012 'From Colonial Sending to Postcolonial Partnership and Reception: the Church Mission Society and Reverse Mission' in *Religions on the Move: New Dynamics of Religious Expansion in a Globalizing World* ed. by A. Adogame and S. Shankar. Leiden: Brill, 81-97

¹ Book chapters reviewed by the volume editor(s) rather than double-blind by external peer reviewers.

9. Catto, R. 2012 'Bracketing out The Truth? Managing Bias in the Study of New Religious Movements' in *Religion and Knowledge* ed. by M. Guest and E. Arweck. Farnham; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 269-286
10. Catto, R. 2012 'Reverse Mission: from the Global South to Mainline Churches (the work)' in *Church Growth in Britain: 1980 to the Present* ed. by D. Goodhew. Aldershot: Ashgate, 91-105
11. Catto, R. 2012 'United Kingdom' in *The Encyclopedia of Global Religion and Society, Vol. 2* edited by M. Juergensmeyer and W. Clark Roof. Los Angeles: SAGE, 1321-1326
12. Sandberg, R. and Catto, R. 2010 'Law and Sociology: Toward a Greater Understanding of Religion' in *Law and Religion: New Horizons* ed. by R. Sandberg and N. Doe. Leuven; Paris; Walpole, MA: Peeters, 275-298
13. Catto, R. 2008 'Has mission been reversed? Reflections on sociological research with non-western Christian missionaries in England' in *Migration and Mission* ed. by S. Spencer. Sheffield: Cliff College Publishing, 109-118

Book Reviews

1. Catto, R. 2026 'Robert P. Jones, *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future*', *Theology*, online first
2. Catto, R. 2018 'Secular beats Spiritual: The Westernization of the Easternization of the West. By Steve Bruce', *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, vol. 57, no 4, 862-863
3. Catto, R. 2018 'The Religious Lives of Older Laywomen: The Last Active Anglican Generation, by ABBY DAY.', *Sociology of Religion*, vol. 79, no 1, 139-140
4. Catto, R. 2016 'James D. G. Dunn (ed.), *Fundamentalisms: Threats and Ideologies in the Modern World* (London, New York: I. B. Tauris, 2016)', *Theology*, vol. 119, no 5, 368-369.
5. Catto, R. 2016 'Madge, Nicola, Hemming, Peter J., Stenson, Kevin with Nick Allum, Melania Calestani, Anthony Goodman, Katherine King, Sarah Kingston and Colin Webster, *Youth on Religion: The development, negotiation and impact of faith and non-faith identity*', *Sociology*, vol. 50, no 2, 422-423
6. Catto, R. 2014 'Book Review Symposium: Bruno Latour (translated by Julie Rose), *Rejoicing: Or the Torments of Religious Speech*', *Sociology*, vol. 48, no 2, 403-404
7. Catto, R. 2013 'G. D. Chryssides, *Christianity Today*. London and New York: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2010.', *Modern Believing*, vol. 54, no 1, 76-77
8. Catto, R. 2012 'Gordon Lynch, *The Sacred in the Modern World: A Cultural Sociological Approach*, Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2012', *Theology*, vol. 115, no 6, 461-461
9. Catto, R. 2011 'Book Review: POSSAMAI, Adam. 2009. *Sociology of Religion for Generations X and Y*', *Fieldwork in Religion*, vol. 6, no 1, 89-90
10. Catto, R. 2010 'Book Review: Adam Dinham, Robert Furbey and Vivien Lowndes (eds) *Faith in the Public Realm: Controversies, Policies and Practices*', *Sociology*, vol. 44, no 6, 1213-1215
11. Catto, R. 2010 'Review of 'Coming Out of the "Iron Cage": The Indigenists of the Society of the Divine Word in Paraguay, 1910–2000' Darius J. Piwowarczyk, 2008', *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, vol. 25, no 2, 329-330

12. Catto, R. 2008 'Review of *Religion in an Expanding Europe* edited by T. A. Byrnes and P. J. Katzenstein', *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, vol. 9, no 3, 339-340

TEACHING AT KENT STATE

Undergraduate

- Social Problems
- Sociological Theories
- Sociology of Religion

Graduate

- Contemporary Sociological Thought

Student Committee Service

- Chair, Jesmin Akter's Dissertation Committee, since 2026
- Chair, Shiah Kleinman's Thesis Committee, successfully defended Fall 2025
- Graduate Faculty Representative for Coleman Sapp's Dissertation Committee, successfully defended July 2025
- Co-Chair of Michelle Fretwell's Dissertation Committee, successfully defended June 2025
- Member of Joshua Warren's Dissertation Committee, since 2023
- Member of Alexis Hilling's Dissertation Committee, since 2023
- Member of Megan Denny's Thesis Committee, successfully defended August 2024
- Graduate Faculty Representative for Jeremy Foust's Dissertation Committee, successfully defended May 2024
- Member of Shiah Kleinman's Honors Thesis Defense Committee, successfully defended April 2023
- Member of Brittany Watts' Dissertation Committee, successfully defended December 2022
- Member of Najwa Alsulobi's Dissertation Committee, successfully defended March 2023
- Member of Lauren Wyatt's Honors Thesis Defense Committee, successfully defended April 2022
- Member of Ruth Amadio's Honors Thesis Defense Committee, successfully defended April 2021
- Member of Brittany Watt's Masters' thesis committee, successfully defended March 2019
- Co-chair of TJ Snyder's Master's thesis committee, successfully defended February 2018

Mentorship

- 2025 McNair Scholar mentor
- 2025 Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) mentor
- Since Fall 2021 Faculty Advisor for the undergraduate sociology club
- 2024 SURE mentor
- 2024 College Teaching Mentor to Beau Shaniuk
- 2022 College Teaching Mentor to Joshua Warren

- 2021 College Teaching Mentor to Alexis Hilling and Madeleine Steward
- 2018 Advisor for Sociology graduate student Brittany Watts' research hours
- 2017 Explore, Research, and Learn through Inquiry (ERLI) Scholars Program mentor

EXTERNAL GRADUATE LECTURES AND EXAMINING

- 2022 External Examiner for PhD Dissertation, University of Tasmania
- 2021 Respondent on lead author article 'Diversification and internationalization in the sociological study of science and religion' for 'PhD Workshop: Emergent Themes In The Study Of Science & Belief In Society', International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society, University of Birmingham
- 2018 'Secularism, Postsecularism, and its Discontents', Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2015 External Examiner for M.Phil., University of Birmingham
- 2011 'The Dark Continent': Missionary Evaluations of Christianity in Contemporary Europe', King's College London
- 2008, 2009, and 2011 Teaching graduate students on law and sociology on religion, LLM Canon Law, Cardiff University
- 2010 'Globalization and Religion' series of lectures, graduate Norwegian School of Mission and Theology, Stavanger

PRESENTATIONS

Selected Peer Reviewed

2024

- 'Navigating Power, Vulnerability, and Emotional Labour in Research with Right-Leaning Participants in the Midwest', American Sociological Association Preconference 'Researching with the Right', Montréal
- 'Binaries, Boundaries, and Belief: The Place of Science and Religion in American National Newspaper Coverage of the Culture Wars' International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society, Oberursel, Germany
- 'Scientific and Religious Authority in Public Discourses of Trans Inclusion and Exclusion' co-authored with Josh Warren, Rafael Cazarin, and Mar Griera, North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Columbus

2023

- Roundtable session 'Reflecting Upon Equity & Assessment in Uncertain Times', Annual University Teaching Council Conference, Kent State University
- 'Science, Religion, and Justice: Examining Moral Freightening in Midwestern Discourses', Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- 'Gender and Sexuality, Science and Religion'*, with Mar Griera, Rafael Cazarin, and Joshua Warren, International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society 4th Annual Conference, University of Exeter, UK
- 'Gender and Sexuality, Science and Religion: Analysing Power Dynamics in Public Contestation'*, British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference, University of Bristol, UK

- 2022 Workshop ‘Equity-Minded Academic and Co-curricular Assessment’ with Shannon Helfinstine, Jenny Marcinkiewicz, and Valerie Samuel, AERI Conference, Kent State University
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- 2021
 - ‘Science, Covid, and Religion: A Regional Study’* presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, online
 - ‘Science, Covid, and Religion: A Regional Study’* at Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting online
 - ‘Science, Covid, and Religion’* presented at the ‘STEMM and Belief in Diverse Contexts’ conference, University of Birmingham, online
 - ‘How do you know? Creating a space for public discussions of information literacy and non-neutrality in data’ session led with Christie Bahlai and Bridget Mulvey, MozFest (Mozilla’s annual conference), online
- 2019 ‘Knowledge, Understanding, and Identity: Integrating the sociology of religion and public understanding of science for refined framing and analysis’ and member of Author meets Critic panel on *Diffused Religion* by Roberto Cipriani at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, New York
- 2018
 - ‘The Sociology of Anglophone Cis White Religion’ at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
 - ‘Constitutional Principles, religion in schools, and social cohesion within multicultural, multifaith states: England and Canada compared’ at the British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference, University of Strathclyde, UK
- 2017
 - Panel ‘Perceptions of Conflict between Evolutionary Science and Religion in the Contemporary West’ convened, including colleagues from the UK and Germany, and paper ‘Constructing the Religious Other: non-religious Canadians and Britons narratives of the science and religion conflict thesis’ at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Conference, Montréal, Canada
 - ‘Evolution and Marginal Religion: boundary work in the life sciences and its implications for the sociological study of science and religion’ at the British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference, University of Leeds, UK
- 2016
 - ‘A qualitative, sociological approach to science and religion in contemporary Britain’ at the Scientific Study of Religion and Religious Research Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta
 - ‘Encountering the secular’ at ‘A Postsecular Age? New Narratives of Religion, Science, and Society’, Ian Ramsey Centre conference, University of Oxford, UK
- 2014
 - Selected and funded to attend workshop ‘Religious Indifference’, draft chapter ‘Interfaith Dialogue and the Challenge of Indifference: Reflections from

Fieldwork in the City of Peace and Reconciliation’ for ensuing edited volume published by Springer presented, Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

- ‘Investigating the Value and Significance of Interfaith Dialogue in Context: A Case Study from Coventry’ at ‘Paths to Dialogue in our Age’ conference, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne, Australia
- ‘Evangelizing the ‘dark continent’: investigating postcolonial Christian missions to Europe’ at the Council for European Studies’ 21st International Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2013 with Janet Eccles ‘Lack of Faith and the British University Experience’ at the International Society for the Sociology of Religion Conference, Turku, Finland
- 2011 ‘Investigating Young People in Britain’s Active Non-Religious Identities’ at the European Association for the Study of Religion Annual Conference, Budapest, Hungary
- 2010 ‘Religion, Global, Flows and the Contact Zone- theoretical development?’ at International Sociological Association 17th World Congress of Sociology, Göteborg, Sweden

2009

- with Linda Woodhead ‘Religion and Society in the United Kingdom’ at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver
- ‘Could you be part of the solution? Investigating the Welfare Work of Non-Western Christian Missionaries in Britain’ at ‘Welfare and Values in Europe’ conference, Uppsala, Sweden
- 2007 ‘Globalisation and contemporary Christian mission’ at International Society for the Sociology of Religion Conference, Leipzig, Germany
- 2006 Research Committee 22 plenary co-presented with Grace Davie and paper on doctoral research presented at International Sociological Association’s 16th World Congress of Sociology, Durban, South Africa

Selected Invited Talks

2025

- ‘Science and Religion; Gender and Sexuality: Paying Attention to the Interactions’ with Joshua Warren, International research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society Online Symposium - Science and Belief Pedagogy

2024

- ‘Revisiting the Religious-Secular Binary: Hopeful Reflections from a Moment of Post-Secular Reality’, ‘The Gospel between Secular and Post-Secular Realities’ symposium, Wabash College
- Respondent for ‘Author-Meets-Critic: Megachurches and the Global South’ session, Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Montréal
- “America's culture wars make losers of us all” Methodological Challenges in Content Analysis of Online National Newspaper Coverage of Gender, Sexuality, Science, and Religion’, Kent State Libraries Digital Scholarship Series’ Digital Scholarship Showcase

2023

- Plenary panel ‘The Survey Report from an International Perspective’, ‘Science and Religion: Exploring the Spectrum (SRES) YouGov Survey Launch Event’, Birmingham, UK
 - Respondent for ‘Manuscript-Meets-Critics: *Growing up Godless: Nonreligious Childhoods in Contemporary England*’ session, Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- 2022
- ‘USA’, Science and Religion: Exploring the Spectrum in Global Perspective’ Capstone Public Symposium, University of Birmingham, UK
 - Invited speaker for panels ‘Teaching the Sociology of Religion in Difficult Times’ and ‘Memorial Session Celebrating the Contribution of Roland Robertson’, Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Los Angeles
 - ‘Tips and tricks: lessons learned with foundations’, ‘Seeking Funding for Qualitative Research’ workshop, Kent State University
- 2021
- Public Lecture ‘Science and Religion in America: Meeting in the Middle’ as part of the Religion Studies Program Lecture Series, Kent State University
 - International Keynote ‘Religion, Science, Belief, and Secularization’, Religion and Cultural Change: Summer School, University of Turku, Finland
 - Respondent for the Sustainable Faith Project Academic Meeting, Center for Christian Thought, Biola University
 - 2020 with Stephen Jones ‘Identification with Science and the Public Understanding of Evolution in the West’ at workshop ‘Religion and Science in Covid Times: Research Perspectives’, the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
- 2019
- Guest lecture on Sociology Compass article at Denison University
 - Panel on new edited volume *Science, Belief and Society* at International Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society conference, University of Birmingham, UK
 - 2017 ‘Evolution and marginal religion: boundary work in the life sciences’ presented and part of plenary panel discussion at ‘New Perspectives on Science and Religion in Society’ SRES project final conference, Manchester University, UK
 - 2016 ‘Encountering the secular in contemporary Britain’ at and co-organiser of ‘Public Perceptions of Science and Religion’, University of California, San Diego
 - 2014 International Keynote, Centre for Muslim and Non-Muslim Understanding, University of Southern Australia, Adelaide, Australia
- 2013
- Selected and funded to attend the Jacobs Foundation’s Young Scholars Meeting on Innovation in the Field of Child and Youth Development, Marbach, Germany
 - ‘Research on Religion and Public Policy’ at ‘The Humanities and Lived Religion’ research network workshop, Liverpool (paper published on website)

- ‘The Role of Religion in Integration - Youth Integration’ presented at European Commission-sponsored event ‘Cultural Identity’, Szeged (paper published in proceedings), Hungary
- 2012
- Bilingual workshop on ‘glocal religious mobilisation’ for academics and practitioners, funded by Durham University, São Paulo, Brazil
 - “So, yeah, university - a lot of opportunity to debate people about religion”: Forming and Expressing Non-Religious Beliefs in Higher Education’ at ‘Religion and Belief in Higher Education’ workshop, University of Derby, UK
- 2011
- ‘Missionary Evaluations of Christianity and Secularity’ at the Institute of European History’s ‘Europe as Other: External Perspectives of European Christianity’ conference, Mainz, Germany
 - with Janet Eccles ‘A Sociological Investigation of Young People in Britain’s Active Non-Religious Identities’ at ‘Atheism and Anthropology: Researching Atheism and Self-searching Belief and Experience’ Workshop, University College London, UK
- 2010
- ‘The Locality and Globality of Young People’s Religious Lives’ at ‘Transnational Cultures in Europe’ workshop, University of Siegen, Germany
 - One of ten young international scholars selected to attend and poster on Youth and Religion presented at ‘The Role of Values and Religion in Youth Development: A Culture-Informed Perspective’, the Jacobs Foundation annual conference, Marbach, Germany
 - 2009 ‘New Ethnic Minorities in Great Britain and Religious Clashes’ (assigned title) at ‘Religion and Values in Central and Eastern Europe’ European Commission Framework 6 network workshop, Warsaw, Poland
 - 2006 with Grace Davie ‘Great Britain’ at Symposium on State and Religion in Europe, Istanbul, Turkey

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

- Fall 2024 onwards Member Kent State Faculty Union Committee Q. member
- Fall 2023 – Spring 2025 Chair of SEIC, Sociology and Criminology
- Spring 2022 Sociology Department Chair Review Committee
- 2017-2019, 2021-2023, & 2024-2026 Graduate Education Committee, Sociology
- 2019-2021 Faculty Advisory Committee, Sociology
- 2019-present Religion Studies Program Committee

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- 2023 – 2026 Elected member of the Association for the Sociology of Religion’s Executive Council
- Program Chair for the 2022 Association for the Sociology of Religion annual conference, Los Angeles
- 2019 – 2024 Member of the American Academy of Religion Sociology of Religion Unit Steering Committee
- Since 2019, advisory board member, the International Research Network for the Study of Science and Belief in Society

- 2018 Advisory board member, ‘Investigating the Non-Religious Mainstream: A Challenge to Narratives of Science and Secularisation?’, Principal Investigator: Amy Unsworth, University of Kent, funded by the Templeton Religion Trust
- 2017 Workshop ‘The Social Scientific Study of Science and Religion: A Convening’, Rice University, including writing memo on white paper for funding stream
- Convenor, British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group 2013 – 2016
- 2011 - 2016 Co-editor with Linda Woodhead of the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society book series published by Ashgate (now an imprint of Routledge)
- Journal articles reviewed for *Acta Sociologica*, *Critical Research on Religion*, *Cultural Sociology*, *Cultural Studies of Science Education*, *Entangled Religions*, *Ethnicities*, *The Feminist Review*, *Geographical Review*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Health & Well-being*, *International Social Work*, *Journal of Beliefs and Values*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Modern Believing*, *Open Theology*, *Politics, Religion & Ideology*, *Public Understanding of Science*, *Qualitative Research in Psychology*, *Religion, Religions*, *Religion, State, and Society*, *Science as Culture*, *Secularism and Nonreligion*, *Self and Identity*, *Social Compass*, *Sociology Compass*, *Social Inclusion*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Studies in Religion*, and *Women’s Studies International Forum*
- Book proposals and manuscripts reviewed for Bristol University Press, De Gruyter, Palgrave Macmillan, Routledge, and Wiley Blackwell
- Grant proposals reviewed for Denison University, Economic and Social Research Council, the International Network for Science and Belief in Society, Poland’s National Science Centre, and the Social Science Research Council
- Tenure and promotion file reviewed for Santa Clara University
- Mentor to early career researchers via the British Sociological Association Sociology of Religion Study Group Mentoring Scheme for women, which I helped set up in my role as Convenor (see above), and the International Network for Science and Belief in Society

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

- 2025 Podcast interview [‘What do non-religious scientists think about their colleagues?’](#)
- 2024 Invited blog piece [‘Binary Thinking and the Post-secular’](#) for the Wabash Pastoral Leadership Program
- Since 2021 podcast [‘How do you know?’](#) exploring the human side of science
- 2019 Invited article ‘Using Science to Study Religion’, published online in Harvard University’s Science, Religion, and Culture magazine *Cosmologies*, Winter 2019
- February 2018 Invited blog piece [‘Sous les pavés, la plage!’](#) for the Social Science Research Council's Immanent Frame site
- 2017 Invited blog piece [‘Science and religion conflict for non-religious Britons and Canadians’](#) for the Nonreligion and Secularity Research Network (reposted to the University of Birmingham’s site)
- 2014 Member of judging panel for Coventry Community Cohesion Awards

- 2014 ‘Lunch and Learn’ session for interfaith charity 3FF, London
- 2014 Participant, the Prime Minister’s Commission on the Holocaust, London
- 2013 Presentation at think tank Public Policy Exchange’s Symposium ‘Community Cohesion and Social Inclusion: Strengthening Partnership between Local Authorities and Voluntary and Faith Groups’, London
- 2013 Thinking Futures Festival Public Spirit panel ‘Faith and governance: why local context matters’, Bristol
- 2013 – May 2014 Part of the research and evaluation team for the World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue, Baku
- 2013 ‘Thought-provoker’ for the Equality and Human Rights Commission, Religious Literacy Leadership in Higher Education project and Co-Exist Foundation Dialogue I: Religion and Belief in the Public Sphere, London (paper subsequently posted on project website)
- Co-organiser with Linda Woodhead, Charles Clarke (former UK Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Education) and think tank Theos of the ‘Westminster Faith Debates’ February – May 2012, Westminster
- Catto, R. 2012 ‘Researching Youth, Religion and Society in Modern Britain’, *REsource: Journal of the National Association of Teachers of Religious Education*, vol. 35, no 1, 4-6.
- 2012 Workshop organised on ‘non-religious identities in policy and practice’, London, co-sponsored by the Jacobs Foundation and Religion Society Programme, bringing together people from civil society, the media and academia
- 2011 Lecture to Christians in Partnership about ‘Religion and Equality’, Clitheroe
- 2009 – 2010 Work on ‘Religion or belief’ consultation for the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), leading to: Woodhead, L. with Catto, R. 2009 ‘Religion or belief’: Identifying issues and priorities’, *Equality and Human Rights Commission Research report 48*. Manchester: Equality and Human Rights Commission
- 2009 Reflector for Edinburgh 2010’s Commission VII: Christian Communities in Contemporary Contexts’ international conference, Edinburgh

Media Engagement

- 2023 Interviewed for *Kent Wired* article ‘Testing your Faith’
- 2022 Interviewed for Kent State student magazine *The Burr* about religious intolerance
- 2021 Interviewed for Kent State’s *TV2* about the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’s pronouncement on same-sex unions
- 2021 Interviewed for *Kent Wired* article ‘How professors have adjusted to COVID-19 a year into the pandemic’
- 2016 Quoted in newspaper article ‘Au Royaume-Uni, Noël fait débat’, Tristan de Bourbon, *La Croix*
- 2015 Interviewed for BBC Coventry & Warwickshire’s ‘The Paul Franks Show’ about UK government minister Michael Gove’s *Spectator* piece ‘In defence of Christianity’
- 2014 Interviewed for documentary ‘Google: How to kill God’
- 2014 Interview about the Sunday Assembly for French Catholic daily newspaper *La Croix*

- 2013 Interview for Coventry Talking Newspaper about local interfaith event
- 2012 Interviewed by students for Lancaster University student radio for Inter Faith Week on Faith Interviews and Debates
- 2012 Interviewed for Danish newspaper *Kristeligt Dagblad* about new WIN Gallup international survey on religiousness
- 2012 cited in Ruth Gledhill's write up in *The Times* of the final Westminster Faith Debate with Tony Blair and Rowan Williams
- 2012 Interviewed about atheism in the UK for the BBC World Service's Voice of Russia
- 2011 Commissioned to write with Janet Eccles a piece for *The Guardian Online Comment is Free Belief* on young people and atheism garnering over 300 comments
- 2011 Acknowledged second in credits on BBC One programme 'Does Christianity have a future?' for extensive help to BBC Religion and Ethics in research for it
- 2011 Interviewed on BBC Radio Lancashire's 'Faith' programme about young people and atheism

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Fellow of the International Society for Science and Religion, since 2022
- Network for the Social Scientific Study of Science and Religion (N4SR), since 2017
- Association for the Sociology of Religion, since 2017
- Honorary Research Fellow, School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham, since April 2016
- American Sociological Association, including Religion and Science and Technology sections, since 2016
- American Academy of Religion, 2019 – 2024
- Fellow of the Royal Society for encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce 2015 – 2016
- Visiting Fellow, Faiths and Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University of London, since 2012
- Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy, since October 2010
- Associate of the Cardiff Centre for the Study of Law and Religion, since 2008
- International Society for the Sociology of Religion, 2007 - 2012
- International Sociological Association including Research Committee 22, since 2005
- British and Irish Association for Mission Studies, since 2004

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