



THE RELIGION AND DIVERSITY PROJECT/RELIGION ET DIVERSITÉ



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**Research Statement**

Comparative study of religion in Canada and the U.S. My book, *Evangelicalism and the Continental Divide* (McGill-Queen's, 2003), was the first academic sociological comparison between evangelicals in Canada and the U.S. I also published "A Look at Cultural Effects on Religiosity" in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* (JSSR 1995; and republished in 2006), followed by "A More Irenic Evangelicalism?" (book chapter, Gaspereau Press, 2000), "A Generic Evangelicalism?" (book chapter, U of Toronto Press, 2000), "Evangelical Protestantism Meets the Continental Divide" (*Political Research Quarterly*, 2002). I co-lead a team of researchers who examined the ecumenical impulse among Christians in both countries, resulting in a publication of a special edition of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, of which I was co-editor and wrote two chapters.

Diversity in U.S. Protestantism. To promote new thinking about the theoretical class-denomination links that have been prominent in the literature since the work of Weber, Troeltsch, and Niebuhr, I have published "Revisiting the Social Sources of American Christianity 1972-1998" (*JSSR*, 2002), "Class and Congregations" (*JSSR* 2007), and "Sect Appeal" (book chapter, Brill 2009). When I was visiting scholar at Baylor University (Texas) in 2005-06, I collected interview data on the demographic diversity of nearly 100 U.S. Protestant congregations, from which I have published "Higher education and theological Liberalism" (forthcoming in *Sociology of Religion*, Fall 2010) with other publications in process.

Religious diversity in Canada. I have published “Civility without Compromise”, forthcoming book chapter, UBC Press) and “Does Religion Matter?” (book chapter, Brill 2008), which focused on tolerance and religious diversity.

Congregations in Canada. I am currently lead investigator in the Canadian Evangelical Churches Study, funded by The Centre for Research on Canadian Evangelicalism, with two publications forthcoming in *Church and Faith Trends*.