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## CURRICULUM VITA

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### I. EDUCATION

Notre Dame College of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio: B.A. 1965

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio:

M.A. (Sociology) 1967; Ph.D. (Sociology) 1970

### II. EMPLOYMENT

- Research Professor, Sociology Department, The University of Akron. (Full-time faculty member in rank and with tenure from 1970-1995; granted Emeritus status in 1995.)

#### Other academic positions:

- Visiting Professor of Graduate Religion and Sociology, Vanguard University of Southern California. Fifty-Five Fair Drive; Costa Mesa, CA. 92626 (1997-2000)
- Visiting Professor, Religion Department, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH (Fall 1998; 2000)
- Adjunct Professor, Northeast Ohio College of Medicine; Rootstown, OH (February 1997)
- Visiting Professor, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH (Summer, 1996)
- Visiting Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (Winter, 1996)
- Visiting Professor, Iliff School of Theology, Denver University, Denver, CO (Summer, 1990)
- Instructor, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH (1969-1970)
- Part-time teaching at Notre Dame of Ohio, Case Western Reserve University, and Cuyahoga Community College (1967-1969)

### III. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

#### Recent Funded research:

- *The Flame of Love: Scientific Research on the Experience and Expression of Godly Love in the Pentecostal Tradition* with co-P.I. Dr. Stephen Post of the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love and Case Western Reserve Medical School. Funding from December, 2007 through December, 2110 by the John Templeton Foundation.
- “*Charismatic Empowerment and Unlimited Love. A Social Psychological Assessment.*” The Institute for Research on Unlimited Love. November, 2002-2004.
- “*Revitalizing American Pentecostalism: The Assemblies of God at the Crossroads.*” The Louisville Institute. December, 2003-December, 2005.

- “Pentecostal/Charismatic Prayer as a Complementary Healing Remedy: The Case of the International Association of Healing Rooms.” *Science and the Spirit Initiative. Seminars in Christian Scholarship.* 2006-2007.

**Advisory boards:**

- Institute for Research on Unlimited Love (2006- )
- Lewis Wilson Institute for Pentecostal Studies (1996- )

**IV. SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS**

**Books:**

- Poloma, Margaret M. and John C. Green. *The Assemblies of God. Godly Love and the Revitalization of American Pentecostalism.* New York University Press. (Oct.) 2010.
- Lee, Matthew T. and Margaret M. Poloma. *A Sociological Study of the Great Commandment in Pentecostalism: The Practice of Godly Love as Benevolent Service.* The Mellen Press: New York. 2009.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and Ralph W. Hood, Jr. *Blood and Fire. Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church.* New York University Press. 2008.
- Poloma, Margaret M. *Main Street Mystics: The Toronto Blessing and Reviving Pentecostalism.* AltaMira Press. Walnut Creek, CA. 2003.
- Green, John C., James L. Guth, Corwin E. Smidt and Margaret M. Poloma. *The Politics of Protestant Preachers.* University of Kansas Press. Lawrence, Kansas. 1997.
- DeSanto, Charles P., Zondra G. Lindblade and Margaret M. Poloma. *A Christian Perspective on Social Problems.* Wesley Press. Indianapolis. 1992.
- Poloma Margaret M. and Brian F. Pendleton. *Exploring Neglected Dimensions of Religion in Quality of Life Research.* The Edwin Mellen Press. Lewiston, N.Y. 1991.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and George H. Gallup, Jr. *Varieties of Prayer: A Survey Report.* Trinity Press International, Philadelphia. 1991.
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- De Santo, Charles and Margaret M. Poloma (Eds.). *Social Problems: Christian Perspectives.* Hunter Textbooks, Inc. 1985.
- Poloma, Margaret M. *The Charismatic Movement: Is There A New Pentecost?* Twayne Publishing Co., 1982. (Reprinted in paper edition; 1986).
- Poloma, Margaret M. *Contemporary Sociological Theory.* Macmillan Publishing Co., 1979. Pp. 166-172 Reprinted in Richard J. Peterson and Charlotte A. Vaughan (eds.) *Structure and Process.* Wadsworth Publishing Co. Belmont, CA 1986.

**Monograph Papers:**

- Poloma, Margaret M. *The Toronto Report.* Terra Nova Publications. Wiltshire U.K. 1996.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and Ellen Mara Nason. *Voluntarily Childless Couples: The Emergence of a Variant Lifestyle.* (Sage Paper 90-042). 1976.

## Refereed Journal Articles:

- Poloma, Margaret M. 2009. "Pentecostal Prayer within the Assemblies of God: An Empirical Study." *Pneuma. The Journal for Pentecostal Studies* 31, 1:47-65.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 2006. "Old Wine, New Wineskins: The Rise of Healing Rooms in Revival Pentecostalism." *Pneuma. The Journal for Pentecostal Studies* 28, 1: 59-71.
- Garzon, Fernando and Margaret M. Poloma. 2005. "Theophostic Ministry: Preliminary Practitioner Survey." *Pastoral Psychology* 53, 5:387-96.
- Sutherland-Bindas, Jean-Anne, Margaret M. Poloma and Brian F. Pendleton. 2003. "Religion, Spirituality, and Alternative Health Practices: The Baby Boomer and Cold War Cohorts." *Journal of Religion & Health*, Winter, 42:315-338
- Peacock, James R. and Margaret M. Poloma. 1999. "Religiosity and Life Satisfaction Across the Life Course." *Social Indicators Research*, 48: 321-349.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 1998. "Inspecting the Fruit of the 'Toronto Blessing': A Sociological Assessment." *Pneuma. The Journal for the Society for Pentecostal Studies*, 20: 43-70.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 1998. "Routinization and Reality: Reflections on Serpents and the Spirit." *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 8: 101-105.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and Lynette F. Hoelter. 1998. "The 'Toronto Blessing': A Holistic Model of Healing." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 37: 258-273.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 1998. "The Spirit Movement in North America at the Millennium: From Azusa Street to Toronto, Pensacola and Beyond." *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*, 12: 83-107.
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- Poloma, Margaret M. 1991. "A Comparison of Christian Science and Mainline Christian Healing Ideologies and Practices." *Review of Religious Research*, 32: 337-350.
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- Poloma, Margaret M. and Brian F. Pendleton. 1990. "Religious Domains and General Well-Being." *Social Indicators*, 22:255-276.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and Brian F. Pendleton. 1989. "Religious Experiences and Institutional Growth Within the Assemblies of God." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 24:415-431.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and Brian F. Pendleton. 1989. "Exploring Types of Prayer and the Quality of Life." *Review of Religious Research*, 31:46-53. Reprinted in L.J. Francis (ed.) *Perspectives on Prayer: A Reader*. Fowler Wright: U.K.

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- Poloma, Margaret M. 2005. "Pentecostal/Charismatic Worship: A Window for Research." Pp. 582-87 in Charles L. Harper, Jr. (ed) *Spiritual Information: 100 Perspectives*. Philadelphia: Templeton Foundation Press.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 2005 "Charisma and Structure in the Assemblies of God: Revisiting O'Dea's Five Dilemmas." Pp. 45-96 in David A. Roozen and James R.; Nieman (eds). *Church, Identity, and Change: Theology and Denominational Structures In Unsettled Times*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.
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- Poloma, Margaret M. and Brian F. Pendleton. 2001. "Exploring Types of Prayer and Quality of Life." Pp. 249-57 in Leslie J. Francis and Jeff Astley (ed.). *Psychological Perspectives on Prayer*. Gracewing. Herefordshire, U.K.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 2001. "A Reconfiguration of Pentecostalism." Pp. 76-95 in David Hilborn (ed), *'Toronto' in Perspective. Papers on the New Charismatic Wave of the mid-1990s*. Paternoster Press.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 2001. "The Millenarianism of the Pentecostal Movement." Pp. 166-186 in Stephen Hunt (ed.) *Christian Millenarianism: From the Early Church to Waco*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.
- Pargament, Kenneth, Margaret Poloma and Naline Tarakeshwar. 2001. "Methods of Coping from the Religions of the World: The Bar Mitzvah, Karma, and Spiritual

- Healing.” Pp. 254-284 in C.R. Snyder. *Stress, Coping, and Copers*. New York: Oxford University Press.
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- Poloma, Margaret M. 1995. "The Sociological Context of Religious Experience." *Handbook of Religious Experience: Theory and Practice*. Pp. 161-99 in Ralph W. Hood, Jr. (ed.), Birmingham, AL.:Religious Education Press.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 1992). "Pentecostal Pastor Blends Past and Present." Pp. 222-38 in Gene I. Maeroff (ed.). *Sources of Inspiration: 15 Modern Religious Leaders*. Kansas City: Sheed & Ward.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 1991. "Sociology of Religion." Pp. 765-67 in J. D. Douglas (ed.) *New Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* (2nd edition), Grand Rapids, MI :Baker Book House.
- Poloma, Margaret M., and James L. Guth, John C. Green, and Corwin E. Smidt. 1991 "Pulpit and Politics: Protestant clergy in the 1988 Elections." Pp. 73-93 in John C. Green and James L. Guth (eds). *The Bible and the Ballot Box: Religion and Politics in the 1988 Election*. . Boulder, CO.: Westview Press
- Poloma, Margaret M. 1988. "The Charismatic Movement and Loving Communities: An Analysis of Growth." Pp. 237-48 in Paul Elbert (ed.) *Faces of Renewal*. Boston: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.
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- Reprinted in James M. Henslin (ed.) *Marriage and the Family in Changing Society*, Free Press. N.Y., 1980: 298-313 and in John F. Crosby (ed.) *Reply to Myth: Perspectives on Intimacy*, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1985: 552-565.
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- Poloma, Margaret. 1972. "Role Conflict and the Professionally Employed Married Woman." Pp. 187-198 in Constantina Safilios-Rothschild (ed.) *The Sociology of Women*. Xerox Corporation.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and T. Neal Garland. 1971. "Jobs or Careers? The Case of the Professionally Employed Married Women." Pp. 126-142 in Andree Michel (ed.) *Family Issues of Employed Women in Europe and America*. Leiden: J. J. Brill.
- Poloma, Margaret M. and T. Neal Garland. 1971. "The Myth of the Egalitarian Family: Familial Roles and the Professionally Employed Wife." Pp. 741-761 in Athena Theodore (ed.) *The Professional Woman*. Schenkman Publishing Company, Inc.

#### **Other Articles:**

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- Poloma, Margaret M. 1996. "The Spirit and the Bride: The 'Toronto Blessing' and Church Structure." *Evangelical Studies Bulletin*, 13: 1-5.
- Poloma, Margaret M. 1990. "Charisma and Institutionalization: The Assemblies of God." *Christian Century*, 107: 932-935.
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- Mueller, Samuel A. and Margaret M. Poloma. 1976. "Reply to Peters." *The American Sociologist*, 11:175-176.
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- Poloma, Margaret M. 1972. "Comment" on Cuber's "Sex in Five Types of Marriage." In *Sexual Behavior* (January):77. Reprinted in Leonard Gross (ed.) *Sexual Issues in Marriage*. Spectrum Publications, New York (1972).
- Poloma, Margaret M. and T. Neal Garland. 1971. "The Dual Profession Family." *National Business Woman*, 52: 6-8.

#### **IV. ACTIVITY IN PROFESSION**

##### **Offices:**

- Council, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (1992 - 95)
- Research Fellow, National Institute of Healthcare Research (1992-2000)
- Steering Committee of the Christian Sociological Society (1977- )
- Treasurer. Christian Sociological Society (1990-1996)
- Secretary. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (1986-1989)
- Director at Large. The Religious Research Association (1986-89)

Executive Council Association for the Sociology of Religion (1981-1983)  
Advisory Board, Lewis Wilson Institute for Pentecostal Studies (1996- )  
Nominations Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (1998-1999)

### **Editorships:**

Guest Editor, *Sociological Focus*. Special Issue on Sex Roles. Winter 1971-72.  
Co-Editor, *Sociological Focus* (Journal of the North Central Sociological Association:1975-1980.  
Editor, *Christian Sociologists Newsletter* (1977-1986)  
Advisory Board, *Exchange Theory Newsletter* (1979-1982)  
Assoc. Editor, *Review of Religious Research* (1980-1984)  
Assoc. Editor, *Sociological Inquiry* (1981-1984)  
Assoc. Editor, *Sociological Analysis* (1981-1982)  
Publication Committee, *Sociological Analysis* (1981-1982)  
Contributing Editor, *Journal of Psychology and Theology* (1989- )  
Associate Editor, *Review of Religious Research* (1990 - 1998)  
Associate Editor, *Pneuma: The Journal for the Society for Pentecostal Studies* (1994- )  
Advising Editor, *Spirituality & Health* (1996 - 1998)  
Advisory Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of the Canadian Pentecostal Research Network (CPRN*. Trinity Western University (2009- )

### **Papers Presented at Professional Meetings**

“The Assemblies of God: Godly Love and the Revitalization of American Pentecostalism.” Theology Symposium prepared for the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Minneapolis, MN. March 4, 2010.  
“Harvesting New Fields of Study: Lessons Learned from Research on Godly Love” Introduction to Plenary Session; Society for Pentecostal Studies. Minneapolis, MN. March 5, 2010.  
“Discussion of Margaret Poloma and Ralph Hood, Jr’s *Blood and Fire. Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church*. Society for Pentecostal Studies. Minneapolis, MN. March 6, 2010.  
“Godly Love and Revitalizing the Assemblies of God.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO. October, 2009.  
“Has Charisma Been Taken from Us?” An Empirical Examination of Rieff’s Theory.” (with Matthew T. Lee). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO. October, 2009.  
Response to Author-Meets-Critics: *Blood and Fire: Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church*. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Denver, CO. October, 2009.  
Response to Author-Meets-Critics: *Blood and Fire: Godly Love in a Pentecostal Emerging Church*. Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, CA. August, 2009.  
“Godly Love and Revitalization American Pentecostalism.” Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco, CA. August, 2009.  
“A Pentecostal Perspective on Godly Love.” Presentation for Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Meetings. October, 2008; Louisville, KY



- “Godly Love and Revitalizing American Pentecostalism.” Presentation for the Association for the Sociology of Religion. August, 2008. Boston.
- “Toward a Sociology of Godly Love: Reflections on a Research Journey.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Christians Teaching Sociology. St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. June, 2008
- “Pentecostal Prayer as a Complementary Healing Practice within the Assemblies of God.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Cleveland, TN. March, 2007.
- “Pentecostalism & Science: Definitions, Methods and Parameters.” Panel presentation with P. Elbert, R. L. Moore, and W. Vondey at the annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Cleveland, TN. March 2007.
- “Experiencing the Pentecostal Gifts and Altruistic Love” (with John C. Green). Paper presented at the Religious Research Association. Portland, OR: October, 2006.
- “Pentecostal Prayer as a Contemporary Healing Practice within the Assemblies of God” (with John C. Green). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Portland, OR: October, 2006.
- “Divine Healing, Religious Revivals and Contemporary Pentecostalism.” Paper presented at the Spirit in the World: An International Conference on the Dynamics of Pentecostal Growth and Experience. Los Angeles: October 5-9, 2006.
- “Pentecostalism and Spiritual Transformation within the Assemblies of God.” Metanexus Spiritual Transformation Public Symposium. The University of California, Berkeley. April 5-7, 2006.
- “With Tongues of Men and Angels: Pentecostal Love and Faith Based Ministry.’ The Annual Metanexus Conference. Pennsylvania State University. June 4, 2006.
- “Old Wine, New Wineskins: The Rise of Healing Rooms in Revival Pentecostalism.” Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Meetings. October, 2004.
- “Aspects of Love: An Empirical Investigation of Sorokin’s Model.” Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Meetings. October, 2004.
- “Love That Does Justice: An Exercise in Reflexive Sociology.” Paper presented at the Love That Does Justice Conference. Case Western Reserve University. October 2004.
- “Sociology as a Christian Vocation.” Paper presented at the Scriptures and the Disciplines Conference. Wheaton College (IL). May, 2004.
- “Compassionate Empowerment and Unlimited Love.” Paper presented at the Compassionate Love Research Conference. Sponsored by the Institute for Research and Unlimited Love and the Fetzer Institute. Washington, D.C. May 2004.
- “Reviving American Pentecostalism: The Case of the Toronto Blessing.” Plenary Address presented at the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Marquette University (WI). March 2004.
- “Fire in Atlanta: Love, Empowerment and Transformation.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Atlanta. August, 2003.
- “Glossolalia, Liminality, and Empowered ‘Kingdom Building.’” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Norfolk. October, 2003

- “The Usage of Inner Healing in the Conservative Christian Population: An Exploratory Study (with Fernando Garzon). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Norfolk. October, 2003
- “Prayer and the Elderly: A Response to Levin.” Paper presented Religious Influences on Health and Well-being in the Elderly, the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Social Structures and Aging, Penn State University, State College, PA. October, 2002.
- “‘Thus said the Lord’: Prophecy and the Pentecostal/Charismatic Movement.” Paper presented at the Association of the Sociology of Religion annual meetings. Chicago, August 2002.
- “Sectarian Groups and Social Issues: The Pentecostal Response”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Columbus, OH. October, 2001.
- “Author Meets a Critic: Mormon Passages”. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Columbus, OH. October, 2001.
- “Mysticism as a Social Construct: Religious Experience in Pentecostal/Charismatic Context.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Anaheim, CA. August, 2001.
- “Theophostic Ministry (Healing of Memories): Initial Survey Data.” (With Fernando Garzon, Richard Gorsuch, Constance R. Boron, and Timothy Terjsland. Paper presented at the international conference for the Christian Association for Psychological Studies. March, 2001.
- “A Pilgrim’s Progress: An Exercise in Reflexive Sociology.” Integrating Spirituality and Social Science.” Paper presented in a special panel on Integrating Spirituality and Social Science at the Southern Sociological Society Meetings, with responses by Scott Thumma, Thomas C. Hood, and Karen Mundy. Atlanta. April, 2001.
- “Commentary” on Alan Cooperstein’s “The Phenomenology of Prayer and Healing Practices.” Paper presented at The Science and Spirituality of Healing Conference. Old Salem, North Carolina. October, 2000.
- “Let the River Flow: The ‘Toronto Blessing’ in Global Pentecostal Context.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Houston, TX. (October 21, 2000).
- “The Spirit Bade Me Go: Pentecostalism and Global Religion.” Paper presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meetings. Washington, D.C. August 11-13, 2000.
- “Pentecostalism at the Millennium: Renewal and Revival.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Boston, MA. (November 1999).
- “Revisiting the Crossroads: Routinization and Revival within the Assemblies of God” Paper presented with Scott Thumma at the annual meeting of the Religious Research Association. Boston, MA (November 1999).
- “Revival Pentecostalism at the Millennium: The Harvest Rock Story.” Paper presented at the Conference on the Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements in California: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives. Costa Mesa, CA. (October, 1998).
- “Examining a Twisted Knot: Healing, Health, Spirituality and Religion.” Paper prepared with Jean-Anne Sunderland-Bindas and Herbert Benson for the annual meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. San Francisco CA (August, 1998)
- “Mysticism and Identity Formation in Social Context: The Case of the Pentecostal-

- Charismatic Movement.” Prepared for the Identity and Character Conference: The Seventh International Congress of Professors World Peace Academy. Washington, D.C. (November 24-29, 1997).
- “Ritual and the ‘Toronto Blessing.’” Paper presented at the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology annual meeting. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL (June 1997)
- “The Role of Affect in the ‘Toronto Blessing’: A Holistic Model of Healing.” Paper prepared with Lynette F. Hoelter for the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Nashville, TN. November, 1996.
- “The ‘Toronto Blessing in Postmodern Society: Manifestations, Metaphor and Myth.” Paper presented at the Globalization of Pentecostalism Conference. San Jose, Costa Rica. June, 1996.
- “By Their Fruits. . . : A Sociological Assessment of the ‘Toronto Blessing’: Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Toronto. March, 1996.
- "The 'Toronto Blessing': Charisma, Institutionalization and Revival." Paper presented at Orlando '95. Congress on the Holy Spirit and World Evangelism (Scholars Session). Orlando, FL (July, 1995) and revised for the annual meeting of Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. St. Louis, MO. (October, 1995)
- "The Effects of Prayer on Subjective Perceptions of Well-Being: The Contemplative Factor." Paper with C. Beyer-Wernet presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Washington, D.C. August, 1995
- "An Assessment of a Sociological Paradigm: Paradoxical Healing and the 'Toronto Blessing'." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Washington, D.C. August, 1995.
- "Spirituality: Concepts and Measures." Paper presented at Spiritual Dimensions in Clinical Research Seminar. Sponsored by the National Institute for Healthcare Research. April, 1995.
- "Assessing the Impact of the Leadership Training Institute on Charismatic Renewal in the Episcopal Church." Pentecostal Currents in the American Church. Consultation Meeting at Fuller Theological Seminary. Pasadena, CA. March, 1994.
- "Pentecostalism in a Postmodern Age: A Sociological Analysis." 1994 Seminar on Ministry. Sponsored by the Church of God School of Theology. Cleveland, TN.
- "Rekindling the Fire: Assessing the Impact of an Episcopal Renewal Program." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Raleigh, NC. October 29-31, 1993.
- "Beyond the Objective Observer: Problems in Qualitative Research." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Raleigh, NC. October 29-31, 1993.
- "Charismatic Renewal within the Episcopal Church." Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals. Princeton, NJ. October 1-2, 1993.
- "Spirituality and Mental Health: A Social Psychological Exploration." XVI Denton Conference on Implicit Religion. Ilkley, Yorkshire, England. May 7-9, 1993.
- "Blending Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches in the Social Scientific Study of Religion." Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, D.C. November, 1992.
- "Pentecostal Preachers and Politics: The Case of the Assemblies of God." Society for the Social Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, D.C. November, 1992.
- "Mysticism and Subjective Perceptions of Well-Being: Comparing the Effects of Peak, Psychic, and Religious Experiences." Association for the Sociology of Religion. Pittsburgh. August, 1992.

- "The Effects of Prayer on Mental Well Being." Association of Christians Teaching Sociology. Mt. Vernon Nazarene College. Mt. Vernon, OH. June, 1992.
- "Assessing the Use of Religiosity Measures in Family Research." National Council on Family Relations. Denver. November, 1991.
- "Religiosity, Well-Being, and Marital Status." With Mary C. Rainey. National Council on Family Relations. Denver. November, 1991.
- "Religiosity and Life Satisfaction Across the Life Course." With James Peacock. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh. November, 1991.
- "The Effects of Religiosity and Social Support on Subjective Perceptions of Well-Being." With G. Kathleen Grant. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh. November, 1991.
- "Qualitative Approaches to the Study of Religion." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh. November, 1991.
- "Prayer in Sociological Context: The Relevance of Mysticism for International Research." International Society of the Sociology of Religion. Maynooth, Ireland. August, 1991.
- "Religiosity and Well-Being: Building on the Contributions of David O. Moberg." Association of Christians Teaching Sociology. St. Olaf College. Northfield, MN. June, 1991.
- "Soft Modelling Religion and Quality of Life Using LVPLS." With Susan L. Moser and Brian F. Pendleton. Midwest Sociological Society. Des Moines, IA. April, 1991.
- "Social Support and Religiosity as Determinants of Well-Being: Age Group Differences." With G. Kathleen Grant. North Central Sociological Association. Dearborn, MI. April, 1991.
- "Multidimensional Analysis and Religiosity Measures." American Academy of Religion. Dayton, OH. April, 1991.
- "The Effects of Religiosity and Social Support on Well-Being." With G. Kathleen Grant. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. Pittsburgh, PA. March, 1991.
- "A PLS Model of Religious Correlates of Mental and Physical Health." With Susie Moser and Brian F. Pendleton. Association for the Sociology of Religion. Washington, DC 1990.
- "The Issue Agenda of American Protestant Clergy: An Analysis of Ministers Across Six Denominations." With John C. Green. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Virginia Beach, VA. November, 1990.
- "Unless You Forgive Others: Forgiveness, Prayer, and Life Satisfaction." (with George Gallup, Jr. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Virginia Beach, VA. November, 1990.

### **Recent Guest Lectures, Consultation, Colloquia, etc.**

January 26, 2010, "Integrating Science and Spirit: A Sociological Journey." Pascal Lecture. Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA.

July 13-13, 2009, Summer Reading Seminar at Calvin College (with Matt Lee and Stephen Post); "The Flame of Love: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue on the Great Commandment.

January 14, 2009, Margaret Poloma and John Green led three sessions on "Godly Love and Revitalizing American Pentecostalism: The Assemblies of God at the Crossroads" at the

- Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) in Springfield, MO, All participants were from the Assemblies of God Headquarters, faculty at AGTS, Evangel University, Central Bible College, or local AG ministers.
- January 27, 2009, Margaret Poloma presented a colloquium entitled "Godly Love and Revitalizing the Assemblies of God" as Vanguard University of Southern California in Costa Mesa.
- January 28, 2009, Margaret Poloma presented gave a community lecture entitled "Pentecostalism, Spiritual Transformation and Godly Love: A Research Narrative" at Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, CA.
- "Pentecostal Prayer as a Complementary Healing Practice." Sponsored by the Science and Spirit Conference. Regent University. June, 2007.
- "Ushering in the Kingdom: Love in a Pentecostal Faith-Based Ministry." The Judkins Institute for Leadership Studies." Vanguard University of Southern California. February 8, 2007.
- "Reviving Pentecostalism 100 Years After Azusa Street." The Annual Lecture of the Lewis Wilson Institute for Pentecostal Studies. Vanguard University of Southern California. April 7, 2007.
- "A Research Odyssey: Scientific Process or Humanistic Work of Art?" The Judkins Institute for Leadership Studies. Vanguard University of Southern California. October 19, 2005.
- "American Pentecostal Identity: Past, Present and Future." Lecture Presented at Missouri State University (Springfield). September 19, 2005.
- Consultant for "Speaking of Faith" (NPR) National Endowment of the Humanities Project. 2004-2005.
- "The 'Laughing Revival.'" All Things Considered. National Public Radio. May 16, 2004.
- "Pentecostalism in America" Speaking of Faith. Minnesota Public Radio Program. October 16, 2003.
- "Pentecostal Identity in the Postmodern World." Staley Lecture Series. Presented at Northcentral University (Minneapolis, MN). March, 2002.
- Secular Callings: Religious Commitment in Journalism and Academia* by John Schmalzbauer. (Cornell University Press.) One of 40 authors whose interview and assessment of work is included in an analysis of faith and professional scholarship.
- "The Pentecostal Faith Tradition." Lecture given at the Akron General Medical Center in a series on Health Care and the Faith Traditions. September 6, 2001.
- "Health and Healing: Religion, Spirituality and Forms of Prayer." Lecture given to Greater Chattanooga Area Health Ministries Association. Chattanooga, TN. April 5, 2001.
- "Spirituality and Health: Examining a Twisted Knot." Lecture given at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. April 5, 2001.
- "Organizing Religious Work for the 21st Century: Exploring Denominationalism." Responsible for the Assemblies of God descriptive case study. Center for Religious Research. Hartford Seminary. July, 1999.
- "Research on Spirituality and Health: Examining a Twisted Knot." Workshop for the Fifth Annual Conference on Pentecostal/Charismatic Caregiving. Akron, Ohio. March 1999.
- "The Relationship between Spirituality and Well Being: Assessing a Holistic Model." Presentation at the "Healthcare and the Human Spirit" conference (Grosh Medical Education Fund at The Toledo Hospital). Perrysburg, OH. April 16-18, 1998.
- Invited consultant and guest on HardCopy "The Toronto Blessing." April, 1998.
- Workshop on "Holistic Healing in a Pentecostal/Charismatic Context:A Sociological

Assessment.” at the Fourth Annual Conference on Pentecostal/Charismatic Caregiving, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA. February 26-March 1, 1998.

Workshop on “A Sociological Assessment of the ‘Toronto Blessing’” at the 1997 Catch the Fire Conference, Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. October 11, 1997.

Invited consultant and guest on Jim Lehrer NewsHour “Revival in Pensacola.” (September 10, 1997).

Consultant for George H. Gallup International Institute, “Survey on Religious Healing.” July 1997.

Staley Lecture Series: A Christian Worldview for Today. “Rationality and Religion,” “Social and Cultural Implications,” and “Reflections on a Vocation.” March, 1997.

Mead-Swing Lecture: “Wholistic Healing in the Charismatic Tradition: The Forgotten Remedy.” Oberlin College (Ohio), December, 1996.

A Place of Springs Conference. “Waves of Renewal,” “Manifestations as Sacrament,” and “Laughter in a Sea of Tears.” Tabernacle Church; Melbourne, Fl. November, 1996.

Christian Civic Responsibilities in an Election Year Convocation Series: “Political Responsibility, Discernment & Empowerment.” Gordon College (Wenham, MA), November, 1996.

### **Book Reviews:**

Over 35 published book reviews in professional journals, the latest being:  
 Mark J. Cartledge: *Practical Theology: Charismatic and Empirical Perspectives*. Pneuma, 2007.

Christian Smith w/Michael Emerson, Sally Gallagher, Paul Kennedy and David Sinkkink: *American Evangelicalism. Embattled and Thriving*. Christian Scholar’s Review. 2001.

Stephen Hunt, Michael Hamilton, and Tony Wallace (eds): *Charismatic Christianity*. Contemporary Sociology. 2001.

M. Dempster, B. Klaus, and D. Peterson (ed.), *The Globalization of Pentecostalism*. PNEUMA. The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies. Fall, 2000.

R. Marie Griffith: *God’s Daughters. Evangelical Women and the Power of Submission*. Contemporary Sociology (1999):155-57.

Donald E. Miller: *Reinventing American Protestantism*. Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 37 (June 1998).

### **Recent Honors and Awards:**

Included in *The World’s Who’s Who of Women* (5th-10th editions: 1980-85; 1993-94); *The International Authors and Writer’s Who’s Who* (Winter, 1985/86: through 1989/90); *Contemporary Authors* (1989 Edition; 1997 Edition); *Who’s Who in Theology and Science* (1990 Edition); *Who’s Who in Religion* (1992 Edition); *Personalities of America* (Sixth Edition: 1993); *The World’s Who’s Who in Science and Theology* (1994).

Research Grant from Pentecostal Currents in the American Church (ISAE) to study charismatic renewal within the Episcopal Church (March 1992).

Organizing Religious Work for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Exploring Denominationalism. National Structure Team Member. Hartford Seminary. Case Study of the Assemblies of God. (1998-99).

Some recent articles may be found online at the Hartford Institute for Religious Research website [http://hirr.hartsem.edu/sociology/sociology\\_online\\_articles.html](http://hirr.hartsem.edu/sociology/sociology_online_articles.html)