

## Dimitris Xygalatas, Curriculum Vitae

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### Current Positions

- 2014- Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut  
2016-17 Residential Fellow, University of Connecticut Humanities Institute

### Other Affiliations

- 2016- Cognitive Science Program, University of Connecticut  
2016- Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy  
2015- CT Institute for Brain and Cognitive Science

### Previous Appointments

- 2014-16 Visiting Associate Professor, Interactive Minds Centre, Aarhus University  
2011-14 Associate Professor and Director, Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University  
2011-14 Assistant Professor (joint appointment), Interactive Minds Centre, Aarhus University  
2009-10 Postdoctoral Fellow, *MINDLab*, Centre for Functionally Integrative Neuroscience, Aarhus University Hospital  
2008-09 Postdoctoral Fellow, Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University  
2007-08 Research Fellow, Department for the Study of Religion, Aarhus University

### Education and Training

- 2007 PhD in Anthropology, Queen's University Belfast, Institute of Cognition and Culture, School of History and Anthropology  
2004 MA in Religious Studies (with distinction), Aristotle University-Aarhus University  
2002 BA in Religious Studies, Aristotle University Thessaloniki

### Professional Development

- 2011-12 Pedagogical Training for Assistant Professors, Aarhus University

### Language Skills

- Greek (native)  
English (fluent): University of Cambridge CPE (highest degree)  
Spanish (fluent): Instituto Cervantes DELE Superior (highest degree)  
Italian (fluent): Università Per Stranieri di Perugia, CELI 3  
French (intermediate)  
Latin & Classical Greek (reading skills)

### Awards and Fellowships

- 2016-17 Residential Fellowship, University of Connecticut Humanities Institute  
2014 Outstanding Researcher status, US Department of Homeland Security  
2014- Distinguished Fellow, Religion, Cognition & Culture unit, Aarhus University  
2008-09 Ted & Elaine Athanassiades Research Fellowship, Princeton University  
2007-08 Aarhus University Research Assistant Fellowship  
2005 Queen's University Belfast Alumni Fund Award

- 2004 Eleni Nakou Foundation & Danish Institute of Athens research fellowship
- 2003 Danish Centre for International Cooperation and Mobility in Education and Training (CIRIUS) visiting graduate fellowship
- 2003 Onassis Foundation graduate fellowship

## Research

- 2014- Director, Experimental Anthropology Lab, University of Connecticut
- 2011-14 Director, Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University

### Active research partnerships

- Centre for the Study of Human Evolution, Cognition and Culture, UBC & Simon Fraser, Canada
- Corlett Lab, Yale School of Medicine, USA
- Culture, Social Ecology, and Psychology Lab, Hokkaido University, Japan
- Identity Fusion Lab, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia, UNED, Spain
- Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, Oxford University, UK
- Interactive Minds Centre, Department of Culture and Society, Aarhus University Denmark
- Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic
- Morality and Beliefs Lab, Royal Holloway, University of London

### Ethnographic fieldwork

- 2009- Mauritius, in Pointe aux Piments, Quatre Bornes, and La Gaulette
- 2006-11 Spain, in San Pedro Manrique, Soria
- 2005-07 Greece, among the Anastenaria of Northern Greece
- 2006-07 Bulgaria, among the Nestinari of Strandja

### Research Grants

- 2017 PI (with G. Hartman). *A new cortisol measurement protocol for long-term stress assessment in humans*. CESE Faculty Mini-Grant in Support of Environmental Research, \$2,900
- 2016-17 P.I. *Dynamics of sports fans' experience during a game*, Economic and Social Research Council/Oxford University sub-grant, \$27,000
- 2016-17 P.I. (with P. Corlett). *Proxemics and trust in serious mental illness*. IMC Seed funding, \$15,000
- 2015-16 P.I. *The emergence of prosocial religions*, John Templeton Foundation/UBC, \$13,854
- 2015-16 P.I. *The evolution of religion and morality*, Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council/UBC, \$12,816
- 2015 P.I. (with M. Lang). *Effects of Ritualized Behavior on Anxiety*. IMC Seed funding, \$7,000
- 2014-15 P.I. *Exploring the effects of rituals on identity fusion: A cross-cultural study*, Oxford University sub-grant on Ritual's Impact on the Contemporary World, \$70,000
- 2014 Co-applicant (PI: J. McGraw). *Divination & Decision-Making: Ritual Techniques of Distributed Cognition in the Guatemalan Highlands*, AAR research grant, \$5,000
- 2013-14 P.I. (with S. Khan). *Physical and Psychological Health Consequences of Extreme Rituals*, IMC Seed funding, \$20,000
- 2014-15 P.I. *Ritual, Community, and Conflict*, Economic and Social Research Council/Oxford University, \$45,000
- 2013-14 P.I. *Religious Primes and Decision-making*, CERC Seed funding, \$5,000
- 2013-15 Co-applicant (PI: J. Bulbulia). *Religion, Community-making, and Well-being*. New Zealand India Research Institute grant, \$25,000
- 2012-18 Investigator (P.I.: E. Slingerland). *The Evolution of Religion and Morality*. Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, \$3,000,000
- 2013 P.I. *Measuring Social Interaction*, IMC Seed funding, \$16,000

- 2009 AUFF grant for field research in Mauritius (with M. Fibiger and E-M. Jegindø), \$10,000  
 2008 AUFF grant for field research in Spain (with U. Schjødt), \$4,000

## Publications

### Book

- 2012 **Xygalatas, D.** *The Burning Saints: Cognition and Culture in the Fire-walking Rituals of the Anastenaria*, London: Equinox

### Edited Volumes

- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** & W. McCorkle, eds. *Mental Culture: Classical Social theory and the Cognitive Science of Religion*, London: Acumen  
 2004 Pachis, P. & **D. Xygalatas**, eds. *Essays on the Study of Religion*, Festschrift in honour of G. Ziakas, Thessaloniki: Vaniias

### Articles and chapters

- 2017 **Xygalatas, D.**, Kotherová, S., Maño, P., Kundt, R., Cigán, J., Kundtová Klocová, E., & Lang, M. Big Gods in Small Places: The Random Allocation Game in Mauritius. *Religion, Brain and Behavior*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2016.1267033>  
 2017 Purzycki, B., J. Henrich, C. Apicella, Q. Atkinson, E. Cohen, R. McNamara, A. Willard, **D. Xygalatas**, & A. Norenzayan. The Evolution of Religion and Morality: A Synthesis of Ethnographic and Experimental Evidence from Eight Societies, *Religion, Brain and Behavior*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/2153599X.2016.1267027>  
 2016 Pazhoohi, F., M Lang, **D. Xygalatas** & K. Grammer. Religious veiling as a mate-guarding strategy: effects of environmental pressures on cultural practices, *Evolutionary Psychological Science*  
 2016 Purzycki, B., C. Apicella, Q. Atkinson, E. Cohen, R. McNamara, A. Willard, **D. Xygalatas**, A. Norenzayan & J. Henrich. Cross-cultural dataset for the Evolution of Religion and Morality Project. *Nature Scientific Data* 3:16099.  
 2016 **Xygalatas, D.** & M. Lang. Prosociality and Religion. In N. Kasumi Clements (ed). *Mental Religion*. Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks. Macmillan, 119-133.  
 2016 Purzycki, B., C. Apicella, Q. Atkinson, E. Cohen, J. Henrich, R. McNamara, A. Norenzayan, A. Willard, & **D. Xygalatas**, CERC Dataset, *Harvard Dataverse*, doi:10.7910/DVN/RT5JTV  
 2016 Krátký, J., M. Lang, J. Shaver, D. Jerotijević, & **D. Xygalatas**. Anxiety and ritualization: Can attention discriminate compulsion from routine? *Communicative & Integrative Biology* 9(3): e1174799  
 2016 Lang, M., P. Mitkidis, R. Kundt, A. Nichols, L. Krajčíková & **D. Xygalatas**. Music as a sacred cue? Effects of religious music on moral behavior. *Frontiers in Psychology* 7, 814.  
 2016 Purzycki, B., A. Norenzayan, C. Apicella, Q. Atkinson, E. Cohen, R. McNamara, A. Willard, **D. Xygalatas**, & J. Henrich. Moralistic Gods, Supernatural Punishment and the Expansion of Human Sociality, *Nature* 530, 327–330  
 2016 **Xygalatas, D.** Cognitive Science of Religion, in: D.A. Leeming (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, 3rd ed., Springer: London  
 2016 Krátký, J., J. McGraw, **D. Xygalatas**, P. Mitkidis, & P. Reddish. It depends who is watching you: 3-dimensional agent representations increase generosity in a naturalistic setting, *PLOS ONE* 11(2): e0148845  
 2016 **Xygalatas, D.**, Kundtová Klocová, E., Cigán, J., Kundt, R., Maño, P., Kotherová, S., Mitkidis, P., Wallot, S. & Kanovsky, M. Location, location, location: Effects of cross-religious primes on prosocial behavior, *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion* 26(4): 304–319

- 2016 Lang, M, D. Shaw, P. Reddish, S. Wallot, P. Mitkidis & **D. Xygalatas**. Lost in the rhythm: effects of rhythm on subsequent interpersonal co-ordination. *Cognitive Science*. 40(7): 1797–1815
- 2015 Lang, M., J. Krátký, J. Shaver, D. Jerotijević & **D. Xygalatas**. Effects of Anxiety on Spontaneous Ritualized Behavior, *Current Biology* 25, 1-6
- 2015 Mitkidis, P., **D. Xygalatas**, N. Buttrick, M. Porubanova & P. Lienard. The impact of authority on cooperation: A cross-cultural examination of systemic trust. *Adaptive Human Behavior and Physiology* 1(3): 341–357
- 2014 **Xygalatas, D.** The biosocial basis of collective effervescence: An experimental anthropological study of a fire-walking ritual, *Fieldwork in Religion* 9(1): 53–67
- 2014 Fischer, R. & **D. Xygalatas**. Extreme rituals as social technologies, *Journal of Cognition and Culture* 14: 345–355
- 2014 Porubanova-Norquist, M., D. Shaw, R. McKay & **D. Xygalatas**. Memory for Expectation-Violating Concepts: The Effects of Agents and Cultural Familiarity. *PLOS ONE*, 9(4): e90684
- 2014 Fischer, R., **D. Xygalatas**, P. Mitkidis, P. Reddish, I. Konvalinka & J. Bulbulia. The fire-walker's high: Affect and physiological responses in an extreme collective ritual. *PLOS ONE* 9(2): e88355
- 2014 **Xygalatas, D.** Cognitive Science of Religion, in: D.A. Leeming (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, 2nd ed., Springer London, 343-347
- 2013 Porubanova-Norquist, M., D. Shaw & **D. Xygalatas**. Minimal Counterintuitiveness Revisited: Effects of cultural and ontological violations on concept memorability. *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* 1(2): 181-192
- 2013 Bulbulia, J., **D. Xygalatas**, U. Schjødt, S. Fondevila, C. Sibley & I. Konvalinka. Images From a Jointly-Arousing Collective Ritual Reveal Emotional Polarization, *Frontiers in Psychology* 4, article 960.
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.**, Mitkidis, P, Fischer, R., Reddish, P., Skewes, J., Geertz, A. W., Roepstorff, A. & Bulbulia, J. Extreme Rituals Promote Prosociality. *Psychological Science* 24(8): 1602–1605
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.**, U. Schjødt, J. Bulbulia, I. Konvalinka, E. Jegindø, P. Reddish, A. W. Geertz & A. Roepstorff. Autobiographical Memory in a Fire-Walking Ritual. *Journal of Cognition and Culture* 13(1-2): 1-16
- 2013 Schjødt, U., J. Sørensen, K. Nielbo, **D. Xygalatas**, P. Mitkidis & J. Bulbulia. Cognitive resource depletion in religious interactions (target article). *Religion, Brain and Behavior* 3(1): 39-55
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** Přenos laboratoře do terénu : využití smíšených metod během terénního studia náboženství (Bringing the Lab into the Field: Using mixed methods to study religion in the wild), *Sociální Studia/Social Studies* 10(2): 15-25
- 2013 McCorkle, W. & **D. Xygalatas**. Social Minds, Mental Cultures: Weaving Together Cognition and Culture in the Study of Religion, in: D. Xygalatas & W. McCorkle (eds.), *Mental Culture: Classical Social theory and the Cognitive Science of Religion*, London: Acumen, 1-10
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** Effects of religious setting on cooperative behaviour. A case study from Mauritius, *Religion, Brain and Behavior* 3(2): 91-102
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** Anastenaria, in: A. Runehov & L. Oviedo (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*, Heidelberg: Springer Verlag, 88-92
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** Fire-walking, in: A. Runehov & L. Oviedo (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*, Heidelberg: Springer Verlag, 860-861
- 2011 **Xygalatas, D.**, Konvalinka, I., Roepstorff, A., & Bulbulia, J. Quantifying collective effervescence: Heart-rate dynamics at a fire-walking ritual, *Communicative & Integrative Biology* 4 (6): 735-738

- 2011 Konvalinka, I., **D. Xygalatas**, J. Bulbulia, U. Schjødt, E. Jegindø, S. Wallot, G. Van Orden & A. Roepstorff. Synchronized arousal between performers and related spectators in a fire-walking ritual, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* 108 (20): 8514-8519
- 2011 **Xygalatas, D.** Fire-walking in the Balkans: High Arousal Rituals and Memory, in: T. Biró & I. Czachesz (eds.), *Changing Minds: Religion and Cognition Through the Ages*, Groningen Studies in Cultural Change Series, Leuven: Peeters, 193-209
- 2011 **Xygalatas, D.** Ethnography, Historiography, and the Making of History in the Tradition of the Anastenaria, *History and Anthropology* 22 (1): 57–74
- 2010 **Xygalatas, D.** Can the Study of Religion be Scientific?, in: D. Wiebe and P. Pachis (eds.), *Chasing Down Religion: In the Sights of History and the Cognitive Sciences. Essays in Honour of Luther H. Martin*, Thessaloniki: Barbounakis, 531-549
- 2010 **Xygalatas, D.** & O. Panayotidou. Από το Αντικείμενο στον Άνθρωπο. Αρχαιολογία, Γνωσιοεπιστήμη και η Εξέλιξη του Νου (From Object to Human: Archaeology, Cognitive Science, and the Evolution of the Mind), preface to Greek translation of S. Mithen, *The Prehistory of the Mind*, Thessaloniki: Vaniass, 7-18
- 2008 **Xygalatas, D.** Fire-walking and the Brain: The Physiology of High-Arousal Rituals, in: Bulbulia, J., R. Sosis, E. Harris, R. Genet, C. Genet, and K. Wyman (eds.), *Evolution of Religion: Studies, Theories, and Critiques*, Santa Margarita, CA: Collins Foundation, 189-195
- 2008 **Xygalatas, D.** Ο Αναγωγισμός και η Επιστημονική Μελέτη της Θρησκείας (Reductionism and the Scientific Study of Religion), preface to Greek translation of P. Boyer, *Religion Explained*, Thessaloniki: Vaniass, 9-25
- 2007 **Xygalatas, D.** Το Ιπτάμενο Μακαρονοτέρας και ο Θρησκευτικός Φονταμενταλισμός (The Flying Spaghetti Monster and Religious Fundamentalism), preface to Greek translation of: D. Dennett, *Breaking the Spell*, Thessaloniki: Vaniass, 7-13
- 2007 **Xygalatas, D.** Εισαγωγή στη Γνωσιακή Επιστήμη της Θρησκείας (Introduction to the Cognitive Science of Religion), preface to Greek translation of H. Whitehouse, *Modes of Religiosity*, Thessaloniki: Vaniass, 9-92

#### *Reviews and commentaries*

- 2017 **Xygalatas, D.** Causal pathways for the anxiolytic effects of ritual. Commentary on J.G. Snodgrass et al., "Religious Ritual Is Good Medicine for Indigenous Indian Conservation Refugees", *Current Anthropology*
- 2016 **Xygalatas, D.** Bridging the gap between laboratory and field. Commentary on David Sloan Wilson and Harvey Whitehouse, "Developing the Field Site Concept for the Study of Cultural Evolution", *Cliodynamics* 7(2): 267-270
- 2014 **Xygalatas, D.** On the way towards a cognitive historiography. Are we there yet? *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* 1(2): 193-200
- 2014 **Xygalatas, D.** Religion and sociality (editorial), *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* 2(1): 1-4
- 2014 **Xygalatas, D.** Ritual and cohesion. What is the place of euphoric arousal? Commentary on H. Whitehouse & J. A. Lanman, "The Ties that Bind Us: Ritual, Fusion, and Identification", *Current Anthropology* 55(6): 689-90
- 2013 Schjødt, U., J. Sørensen, K. Nielbo, **D. Xygalatas**, P. Mitkidis J. Bulbulia. The resource model and the principle of predictive coding: A framework for analyzing proximate effects of ritual. *Religion, Brain, and Behavior* 3(1): 79-86
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** Special issue on the experimental research of religion (editorial), *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* 1(2): 137-139
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** What is natural and unnatural about religion and science: Commentary on R. McCauley's Why Religion is Natural and Science is Not (OUP: 2011), *Religion, Brain and Behavior* 3(2): 161-164
- 2013 **Xygalatas, D.** & R. McKay. Announcing the Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion (editorial), *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* 1(1): 1-4

- 2012 McCorkle, W. & D. Xygalatas. Past, present, and future in the scientific study of religion, *Religio* 20 (2): 149-154
- 2010 Xygalatas, D. Review of N. Christakis & J. Fowler, *Connected: The Surprising Power of our Social Networks and How they Shape our Lives*, *Journal of Cognition and Culture* 10 (3-4): 401–403

#### Academic book translations

- 2010 Roubekas, N. & D. Xygalatas (translators). N. Christakis & J. Fowler, *Connected*, Little, Brown & Co 2009 (Greek title: *Συνδεδεμένοι*, Αθήνα: Κάτοπτρο)
- 2010 Xygalatas, D. & Roubekas, N. (translators). S. Mithen, *The Prehistory of the Mind*, Thames & Hudson 1996 (Greek title: *Η Προϊστορία του Νου*, Θεσσαλονίκη: Βάνιας)
- 2008 Xygalatas, D. & Roubekas, N. (translators). P. Boyer, *Religion Explained*, Vintage 2002 (Greek title: *Και ο Άνθρωπος Έπλασε τους Θεούς*, Θεσσαλονίκη: Βάνιας)
- 2007 Xygalatas, D. & Roubekas, N. (translators). D. Dennett, *Breaking the Spell*. Penguin 2006 (Greek title: *Απομυθοποίηση*, Θεσσαλονίκη: Βάνιας)
- 2006 Xygalatas, D. (translator). H. Whitehouse, *Modes of Religiosity*, Altamira 2004 (Greek title: *Τύποι Θρησκευτικότητας*, Θεσσαλονίκη: Βάνιας)
- 2004 Xygalatas, D. (translator). L. H. Martin, *Hellenistic Religions: An Introduction*, OUP 1987 (Greek title: *Οι Θρησκείες της Ελληνιστικής Εποχής*, Θεσσαλονίκη: Βάνιας)
- 2003 Xygalatas, D. (translator). R. McCutcheon & W. Braun, *Guide to the Study of Religion*, Cassell 2000 (Greek title: *Εγχειρίδιο Θρησκευσιολογίας*, Θεσσαλονίκη: Βάνιας)
- 2003 Xygalatas, D. (translator). R. McCutcheon, *Manufacturing Religion*, OUP 1997 (Greek title: *Κατασκευάζοντας τη Θρησκεία*, Θεσσαλονίκη: Βάνιας)

#### Articles and reports in popular media

- 2016 Xygalatas, D. The Perennial Power of Ritual. *Sapiens*
- 2016 Xygalatas, D. The psychology of ritualized suffering. *Character and Context, Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) blog*
- 2014 Xygalatas, D. Trial by fire. From fire-walking to the ice-bucket challenge, ritual pain and suffering forge intense social bonds. *Aeon Magazine*

#### Public outreach

##### Visual Media

- 2011 Host of ethnographic film on fire-walking in Spain, for the *Daily Planet* show of the Discovery Channel
- 2008 *The fire-walking rituals of the Anastenaria*. Photo exhibition presented at the Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
- 2008 Specialist assistant on section on the Anastenaria for the film *Grèce Continentale, Entre Récits et Rencontres*, P. Bureau (dir.), *Connaissance du Monde*

Photography published in *New York Times*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Los Angeles Times*, *El Mundo*, *Insight*, *My Danish Life*, *SNOB Magazine Russia*, *Sapiens*, and other outlets

##### Selected media appearances

*Discovery Channel*; *The New Yorker*; *Aeon Magazine*, *New York Magazine*; *Popular Mechanics*; *VICE*; *PSYPOST*; *Daily Mail*; *CBC Radio*; *Jyllands Posten* (Denmark), *SNOB Magazine* (Russia); *Newstalk Radio* (Ireland); *El Mundo* (Spain); *To Vima* (Greece); *Kathimerini* (Greece); *L'Express* (Mauritius)

##### Selected media coverage

*New York Times*; *National Geographic*; *The New Yorker*; *The Washington Post*; *Science Times* podcast; *Herald Tribune*; *Los Angeles Times*; *MSNBC*; *Psychology Today*; *Raw Story*; *Stuff You Should Know*; *Mad Science*; *El Pais*; *Der Spiegel*

## Selected Invited Addresses

- 2016 Public lecture, Yale School of Medicine
- 2016 Public lecture, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, University of Mauritius
- 2016 Invited talk, Department of Religious Studies, University of California Northridge
- 2016 TEDx talk, Pallas theatre, Athens, Greece
- 2015 Invited talk, Department of Psychiatry, Yale University
- 2015 Public lecture, Center for Mind, Brain, and Culture, Emory University
- 2015 Public lecture, Religious Studies Department, Masaryk University, Czechia
- 2015 Keynote address, Long Island Undergraduate Research Conference, State University of New York
- 2015 Invited talk, Religion in the Text and on the Ground, CERC Plenary meeting, McGill
- 2015 Invited talk, Department of Behavioral Science, Hokkaido University, Japan
- 2015 Invited talk, Cognitive and Evolutionary Approaches to Human Culture symposium, Cornell
- 2015 Invited talk, Religious Studies Department, Aristotle University, Greece
- 2014 Keynote address, Anatolia College Science and Technology Annual Conference, sponsored by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), Thessaloniki, Greece
- 2014 Invited talk, Department of Psychology, University of Connecticut
- 2013 Invited talk, Cooperation, Conflict, and the Cultural Evolution conference, Simon Frazer University
- 2013 Public lecture, Department of Anthropology, Oxford University
- 2012 Plenary address, Homo Experimentalis conference, Masaryk University, Czechia
- 2012 Public lecture, Department of Anthropology, Queen's University Belfast
- 2012 Public lecture, Faculty of Social Sciences, Comenius University, Slovakia
- 2012 Invited talk, Religious Studies Department, University of Pardubice, Czechia
- 2012 Keynote lecture, Experimental Approaches to Intersubjectivity conference, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 2010 Invited talk, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Mauritius
- 2010 Invited talk, European Science Foundation's Expert Meeting on Ritual, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 2009 Keynote lecture (with J. Bulbulia), International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2009 Invited talk, Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
- 2008 Public lecture, Religious Studies Department, University of Vermont
- 2008 Keynote lecture (with U. Schjødt), Religion and Cognition in Context conference, Aarhus University, Denmark
- 2007 Public lecture, School of Divinity, University of Toronto
- 2007 Invited talk, Religious Studies Department, University of Alberta

## Teaching

- UConn: ANTH 1000 – Other People's Worlds  
ANTH 3098 – Evolution and Cognition  
ANTH 3250 – Cognitive Anthropology  
ANTH 3405 – Religion and Mind  
ANTH 5305 – Experimental Anthropology
- Aarhus U: Anthropological Analysis  
Doing Fieldwork

Interdisciplinary Ethnography Field School in Mauritius  
Experimental Methods in the Study of Cognition and Culture

Masaryk U: Experimental Anthropology

The Experimental Research of Religion

Psychological Foundations of Religious Behaviour

## Academic Service

### *Boards and committees*

- 2016- President Elect, International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion
- 2015- Undergraduate Studies Committee, Anthropology Department, UConn
- 2014- Head of Advisory Board, Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk U.
- 2014-16 Secretary General, International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion
- 2014- Chair, Digital Presence Committee, Anthropology Department, UConn
- 2013- Research Committee, Cultural Evolution of Religion Research Consortium, U. of British Columbia
- 2012- Advisor, Ritual, Community, and Conflict project, Oxford University

### *Editorial work*

- 2014-16 co-Editor, *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* (Equinox)
- 2012-14 Managing Editor, *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion* (Equinox)
- 2014- Editorial board member, *Journal of Cognitive Historiography* (Equinox)
- 2013- Editorial board member, *Religion and Theology* (Brill)
- 2009-12 Section editor, *Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions*, A. Runehov & L. Oviedo (eds.), Springer
- 2003-09 Academic book editor for Vaniyas Publications, Thessaloniki, Greece

### *Ad hoc peer review*

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| <i>Archive for the Psychology of Religion</i>                 | <i>Journal of Religious History</i>                           |
| <i>Bentham Science</i>  | <i>Journal of Ritual Studies</i>                              |
| <i>Bloomsbury</i>   | <i>KITLV Press</i>  |
| <i>Cognitive Science</i>                                      | <i>National Science Foundation of the USA</i>                 |
| <i>Culture, Health and Sexuality</i>                          | <i>Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)</i> |
| <i>Current Anthropology</i>                                   | <i>PLOS ONE</i>   |
| <i>Current Directions in Psychological Science</i>            | <i>Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin</i>             |
| <i>Evolution and Human Behavior</i>                           | <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>        |
| <i>International Journal for the Psychology of Religion</i>   | <i>Proceedings of the Royal Society B</i>                     |
| <i>John Templeton Foundation</i>                              | <i>Routledge</i>  |
| <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>           | <i>Social Psychology</i>                                      |
| <i>Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture</i> | <i>Zygon</i>  |
| <i>Journal of Classical Sociology</i>                         |   |

### *Conference Organization (selected)*

- 2016 Organizer and chair, 2016 biennial meeting of the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Vancouver, 8/22-24/16
- 2015 Organizer, Identity and Fusion workshop, New York City, 5-19-15



2014 Organizer and chair, 2014 biennial meeting of the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion, Brno, 6/20-22/14