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### Positions Held:

1/16 – Present Director, Graduate Program in Communication, Culture, and Media

4/11 – Present Co-Editor, *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*  
Wiley-Blackwell

9/99 – 2009 Head, Department of Culture and Communication  
Drexel University

9/83 – Present Drexel University  
Full Professor 98 - Present  
Associate Professor 87 - 97  
Assistant Professor 83 - 87

9/98 – 6/99 Drexel University  
Academic Co-Director of Service Learning

9/77 – 10/82 Temple University  
Instructor/Visiting Professor

1/81 – 10/83 IMS America, Ltd.  
Senior Statistical Analyst  
Project DAWN (Drug Abuse Warning Network)  
Jointly sponsored by NIDA and DEA

6/74 - 9/75 Grumman Aerospace  
Systems Analyst

**Consultancies:**

4/15, 4/16, 4/17	Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. Vatican City.
7/13 – 10/17	John Templeton Foundation Grant on Critical Realism in Sociology. Yale University, New Haven, CT.
1/97 - 6/2001 4/10 – 8/10	NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby Washington, D.C.
10/2000	Expert Witness on El Salvador Law Offices Martha F. Lindner 1500 Walnut Street Suite 405 Philadelphia, PA 19102
8/96 - 8/97	International Red Cross Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
4/96 -10/96	Lower Merion School District Lower Merion, Pennsylvania
10/95 - 12/95 10/03 - 12/03	<i>The Other Side</i> Magazine Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
10/94 - 12/94	Southeast Pennsylvania United Way Chester, Pennsylvania
4/85 - 6/85	The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Thailand
5/79 - 9/79	Pennsylvania Prison Society Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Awards:**

*Cheryl Frank Memorial Prize for Reconstructing Sociology* 2016. Co-Winner for best book. *International Association for Critical Realism*.

“Moral Reasoning in the Public Sphere: The Case of Bosnia.” Placed among top papers in Political Communication at 2012 meetings of the *Eastern Communication Association* in Boston.

“The Online Debate About Iraq: How Ideal is the Speech in the Ideal Speech Situation”

with Alexander Jenkins and Alexander Nikolaev. Awarded Top Paper in Political Communication at 2010 meetings of the *Eastern Communication Association*. Baltimore, Maryland.

*Landscapes of the Soul: The Loss of Moral Meaning in American Life*. On *Christian Science Monitor's* 2001 list of Year's Notable Books. Received Honorable Mention from the *Association of American Publishers* in 2002 under category of Sociology and Anthropology.

Recipient of the 1995 Annual Diana L. Hackney Award from Student Government for guidance of and dedication to student body.

Recipient of 2014 Outstanding Mentor Award from Graduate Student Association.

Recipient of 2016 Outstanding Faculty Award from Graduate College, Drexel University.

### **Grants:**

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| 6/97 - 9/97       | Visiting Fellow, Humanities Research Center, Australian National University, Canberra. |
| 7/14/93 – 8/12/93 | Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar in Central America, Fulbright-Hays Foundation.           |
| 9/93 – 6/94       | National Campus Compact Grant for Participatory Research, \$5,000.00.                  |

### **Book Reviews:**

*The Relational Subject*. Pierpaolo Donati and Margaret Archer. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Journal of Critical Realism* 2016.

*Families and Faith: How Religion is Passed Down Across Generations* by Vern L. Bengston with Norella M. Putney and Susan Harris. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. *Contemporary Sociology* 2014.

*Mind & Cosmos: Why the Materialist Neo-Darwinian Conception of Nature Is Almost Certainly False*. By Thomas Nagel (2012). Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Journal of Critical Realism* 2014.

*The Natural Law Foundations of Modern Social Theory: A Quest for Universalism*. Daniel Chernilo, 2013, Cambridge University Press. Forthcoming in *Journal of Critical Realism*.

*Between Science and Religion*. By Elaine Ecklund (2010). Oxford: Oxford University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 2013.

*Nowhere to Hide: The Great Financial Crisis and Challenges for Asia.* By Michael Lim Mah Hui and Lim Chin (2010). Singapore: *Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. Monthly Review* March 2011.

*A Humanist Science: Values and Ideals in Social Inquiry* by Philip Selznick. Stanford: Stanford University Press. *Contemporary Sociology*.

*Contributions to Social Ontology.* Edited by Clive Lawson, John Latsis, and Nuno Martins. London and New York: Routledge, 2007. *Journal of Critical Realism*.

*Agents, Structures, and International Relations: Politics as Ontology* by Colin Wight. 2007. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *Journal of Critical Realism*.

*Agency and Action* Edited by John Hyman and Helen Steward. 2004. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *Journal of Critical Realism*.

*Respect: In a World of Inequality* by Richard Sennett. 2003. New York: Norton. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Review Essay: *Quantum Reality and the Flight from Realism* by Christopher. Norris 2000 London: Routledge. *Alethia* October 2001.

Review Essay: *Critical Realism in Economics: Development and Debate* edited by Steve Fleetwood. 1999. London: Routledge. *Alethia* October 2000 (no. 2): 30-34.

*The Rise of Christianity* by Rodney Stark. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1997. *Contemporary Sociology* 6 (27): 772-773.

*Why Not Capitalism* Leo Panitch (ed.). London: Merlin Press, 1995, *Contemporary Sociology*, 1996; 25 (6): 771-772.

*The Logics of Social Structure* by Kyriakos Kontopoulos. Cambridge, 1992, *Critical Sociology*, 1995; 21 (3): 129-131.

Review Essay: *Analytical Marxism* by Tom Mayer (Sage, 1994); *Egalitarian Perspectives* by Jon Roemer (Cambridge, 1994); *Alien Politics* by Paul Thomas (Routledge, 1994); *Interrogating Inequality* by Erik Ohlin Wright (Verso, 1994) in *Contemporary Sociology*, 1995; 24 (2): 166-168.

*The Structure of Society* by Julian Marias. University of Alabama Press, 1988. *Contemporary Sociology*, 1989; 17:713-714.

## **Editorials:**

"US Policy on Nicaragua Should Address Economics," *Christian Science Monitor*,  
Wednesday, October 20, 1993, p. 19.

### **Books:**

*Reconstructing Sociology: The Critical Realist Approach.* **Douglas Porpora.** Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Cheryl Frank Memorial Prize Co-Winner 2016.*

*Post-Ethical Society: The Iraq War, Abu Ghraib, and the Moral Failure of the Secular.*  
**Douglas Porpora,** Alexander Nikolaev, Julia Hagemann, and Alexander Jenkins.  
University of Chicago Press, 2013.

*Transcendence: Critical Realism and God.* Margaret Archer, Andrew Collier, and  
**Douglas Porpora.** Routledge, 2004.

*Landscapes of the Soul: The Loss of Moral Meaning in American Life.* **Douglas Porpora.** Oxford University Press, 2001.

*How Holocausts Happen: The United States in Central America.* **Douglas Porpora.**  
Temple University Press, 1990.

*The Concept of Social Structure.* **Douglas Porpora.** Greenwood Press, 1987.

### **Journal Articles:**

**Douglas Porpora** (2017) "Materialism, Emergentism, and Social Structure: A Response to Wendt's *Quantum Mind*" Forthcoming in *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*.

**Douglas Porpora** (2017) "Tony Lawson from a Sociological Point of View" *Cambridge Journal of Economics*. Forthcoming.

**Douglas Porpora** (2017) "Response to Tony Lawson: Sociology versus Economics and Philosophy" *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. Forthcoming.

**Douglas Porpora** (2016) "The Recent Methodological Debate in American Sociology and where Critical Realism Fits Into It" *Journal of Critical Realism* 4: 342-351.

Imaani El-Burki, **Douglas Porpora**, and Rachel Reynolds (2016) "When Race Matters: What Newspaper Opinion Pieces Say about Race & Poverty." *International Journal of Communication* 10: 1388-1404.

**Douglas Porpora** (2016) "The Meaning of Culture and the Culture of Empiricism In American Sociology." *The American Sociologist*.

- Ashley Patwell, Tyson Mitman, and **Douglas Porpora** (2015) "Terrorism as Failed Political Communication" *International Journal of Communication* 9: 1120-1139.
- James Malazita, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2014) "Moral Argument in the Public Sphere: The Case of Bosnia" *Review of Communication*. Online.
- Douglas Porpora** (2013) "How Many Thoughts Are There? Or Why We Likely Have No Tegmark Duplicates  $10^{10^{115}}$  meters Away" *Philosophical Studies* 63: 133-149.
- Tyson Mitman, Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** (2012) "The Critical Moral Voice on U.S. Newspaper Opinion Pages" *Communication, Culture, and Critique* 5 (3): 392-408.
- Alexander Jenkins, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2012) "Moral Reasoning and the Online Debate about Iraq" *Political Communication* 29:1, 44-63.
- Magali Sarfatti Larson and **Douglas Porpora** (2011) "The Resistible Rise of Sarah Palin" in *Sociological Forum* 26 (4): 754-778.
- Douglas Porpora** (2011) "Critical Terrorism Studies: A Political Economic Approach Grounded in Critical Realism." *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 4 (1): 39-56.
- Douglas Porpora**, Alexander Nikolaev, and Julia Hagemann (2010) "Torture, Abuse, Frames, and the Washington Post" *Journal of Communication* June 60 (2) 254-270.
- Douglas Porpora** and Alexander Nikolaev (2008) "Moral Muting in US Newspaper Op-Eds Debating the Attack on Iraq." *Discourse and Communication* 2 (2): 165-184.
- Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** (2007) "Talking War: How Elite U.S. Newspaper Editorials and Opinion Pieces Debated the Attack on Iraq." *Sociological Focus* 40 (1): 6-25.
- Douglas Porpora** (2007) "On Elder-Vass: Refining a Refinement" *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* 37 (2): 195-200.
- Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** (2006) "President Bush's Pre-War Rhetoric on Iraq: Paranoid Style in Action" With Alex Nikolaev. *Critical Inquiry in Language Studies* 3 (4): 245-262.
- Douglas Porpora** (2006) "Methodological Atheism, Methodological Agnosticism, and Religious Experience." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* 36 (1): 57-75.
- Douglas Porpora** (2005) "The Spiritual Turn in Critical Realism" *New Formations* 15 (1): 147-161.
- Colin Jerolmack and **Douglas Porpora** (2004) "Rationality, Religion, and Experience: A

Response to the Newest Version of The Rational Choice Theory of Religion”  
*Sociological Theory* 22 (1): 140-160.

Thomas Hewett and **Douglas Porpora** (1999) "What Students Do After They Shut Their Statistics Book" *Behavior Research Methods, Instruments, and Computers* 31: 314-319.

**Douglas Porpora** (1997) "The Caterpillar's Question: Contesting Anti-Humanism's Contestations," *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* (Special Issue) 1997, 27 (2/3): 243-264.

**Douglas Porpora** (1996) "Are There Levels of Social Structure?" *Humboldt Journal of Social Relations* (Special Issue) 1996 22 (2): 15-29.

**Douglas Porpora** (1996) "Heroes, Religion, and Transcendental Metanarratives," *Sociological Forum* 11 (2): 209-230.

**Douglas Porpora** (1993) "The Theoretical Status of Marxism," *Wisconsin Sociologist* 30: (13) 97-105.

Elizabeth Petras and **Douglas Porpora** (1993) "Participatory Research: Three Models and an Analysis" (with Elizabeth McClean Petras) *American Sociologist* (Special Issue), 107-125.

**Douglas Porpora** (1993) "Cultural Rules and Material Relations," *Sociological Theory* 11 (2): 212-229.

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Mah Hui Lim and **Douglas Porpora** (1988) "Capitalism and Democracy in Malaysia" *Southeast Asian Journal of Social Science* 1988; 16: 92 - 106.

Mah Hui Lim and **Douglas Porpora** (1987) "Patterns of Stock Ownership and Interlocking Directorates Among Malaysia's Top Corporations" *Insurgent Sociologist* 1987, 14: 77-102.

Mah Hui Lim and **Douglas Porpora** (1987) "The Political Economy of Migration in Thailand" *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 17:76-89.

**Douglas Porpora** (1986) "Physicians Prescription of Tranquilizers and Tranquilizer Abuse," *International Journal of the Addictions* 21:559-577.

**Douglas Porpora** (1986) "A Response to Jeffrey Alexander's Theoretical Logic in Sociology Concerning the Alleged Unidimensionality of Marxian Theory." *Sociological Quarterly* 27:75-90.

**Douglas Porpora** (1983) "Rejoinder" (to separate comments by Peter Blau, Jeffrey Isaac, Bruce Mayhew, Norbert Wiley and Jonathan Turner), *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* (Special Issue) 13:309-320.

**Douglas Porpora** (1983) "On the Prospects for a Nomothetic Theory of Social Structure" *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* (Special Issue) 13:243-264.

**Douglas Porpora** (1983) "On the Post-Wittgensteinian Critique of the Concept of Action in Sociology" *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* 13 (2):129-146.

**Douglas Porpora** (1982) "Nonreductive Materialism and the Materialisms of Marx and Heidegger" *Human Studies* 5:13-30.

**Douglas Porpora** (1980) "Operant Conditioning and Teleology." *Philosophy of Science* 47 (4):568-582.

### **Book Chapters:**

**Douglas Porpora** (2017) "Critical Realism and Spirituality." In Vincenzo Giogino and Valerie Bentz (eds.) *Contemplative Inquiry in Social Research*. Forthcoming.

**Douglas Porpora** (2017) "Academic Freedom, Religion, and Social Science: Stories From the Front." Forthcoming in Kenneth Garcia (ed.) *Reexamining Academic Freedom in Religiously Affiliated Universities: Transcending Orthodoxies*. New York; Palgrave Macmillan.

**Douglas Porpora** (2016) "Forward." *Collected Works of Margaret Archer*. New York: Routledge. Forthcoming.

**Douglas Porpora** (2016) "The Great Normative Changes of the Twentieth Century." Forthcoming in Margaret Archer (ed.) *Morphogenesis and the Crisis of Normativity*. New York: Springer.

**Douglas Porpora** (2016) "The Historical Materialist Approach to Critical Terrorism Studies." In Richard Jackson (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Critical Terrorism Studies*. New York: Routledge. Forthcoming.



- Douglas Porpora** (2015) "Sociology and the Common Good." In Daniel Finn (ed.) *Catholicism and the Common Good*. New York: Oxford.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) "Idiographic / Nomothetic." Entry in George Ritzer (ed.) *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. New York: Wiley-Blackwell. Forthcoming.
- Douglas Porpora** (2014) "The Sociology of Religious Experience" online in Robert A. Scott and Stephen M. Kosslyn (eds.) *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*. New York: Sage.
- Douglas Porpora** (2014) "Why Things Stay the Same." In Margaret Archer (ed.) *Generative Mechanisms and Social Change*. New York: Springer.
- Douglas Porpora** (2013) "Contemporary Mechanisms of Social Change." In Margaret Archer (ed.) *Late Modernity: Trajectories Toward Morphogenetic Society*. New York: Springer.
- Douglas Porpora** (2013) "Who Is Responsible? Critical Realism, Market Harms, and Collective Responsibility." Forthcoming in Daniel Finn (ed.) *The True Wealth of Nations*. New York: Oxford.
- Douglas Porpora** (2012) "Morphogenesis." In Margaret Archer (edited) *The Morphogenetic Society*. New York: Springer.
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- Douglas Porpora** (2011) "Response to Jamie Morgan." In Mervyn Hartwig and Jamie Morgan (eds.) *Critical Realism and Spirituality: Theism, Atheism, and Meta-Reality*. London, Routledge.
- Douglas Porpora** (2011) "The Tension Between State and Religion in American Foreign Policy." In Jack Barbalet, Adam Possamai and Bryan S. Turner (eds.) *Religion and the State: A Comparative Sociology*. Abingdon: Anthem Press.
- Douglas Porpora** (2010) "Inside the American State: Reconciling Political Economy and Discourse Analysis within a Critical Realist Framework." Pp. 88-100 in Jonathan Joseph and Colin Wight (eds.) *Scientific Realism and International Relations*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** (2010) "Talking War: How Elite U.S. Newspaper Op-Eds Debated the War on Iraq" In Morton Ender and Steve Carlton-Ford (eds.) *The Handbook of War and Society*. New York and London: Routledge. Reprinted from 2007 article above.

- Douglas Porpora** (2010) "Mandelbaum on Societal Facts and Societal Laws." In Ian Verstegan (ed.) *Maurice Mandelbaum and Twentieth Century Critical Realism*. London: Routledge.
- Wesley Shumar and **Douglas Porpora** (2010) "Self-Talk and Reflection: A View from the United States" In Margaret Archer (ed.) *Conversations about Reflexivity*. London: Routledge.
- Douglas Porpora** (2008) "Recuperare la Causalità: Il Metodo del Realismo in Sociologica." In Andrea Maccarini, Emmanuelle Morandi and Riccardo Prandini (eds.) *Realismo Sociologico*. Genoa: Marietti.
- Douglas Porpora** (2008) "An Ethnography of the Mind" in *Newsletter of the Theory Section of the International Sociological Association*.
- David Koch and **Douglas Porpora** (2007) "Are SUV's the Enemy?" In Ernest Hakanen and Anne-Marie Obajtek-Kirkwood (eds.) *Signs of War*. New York: Lexington Books.
- Douglas Porpora** (2007) "Sociology's Causal Confusion." In Ruth Groff (ed.) *Revitalizing Causality: Realism About Causality in Philosophy and Social Science*. London: Routledge.
- Douglas Porpora** (2006) "Social Structure" and "Religion." Entries in Mervyn Hartwig (ed.) *Dictionary of Critical Realism*. London: Routledge.
- Douglas Porpora** (2005) "Alienation and the Cosmos." Lauren Langman and Devorah Kalekin Fishman (eds.) *The Evolution of Alienation: Trauma, Promise and the Millennium*. Boulder: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Douglas Porpora** (2005) "Bystanders." In Dinah Shelton (ed.) *The Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity*. Vol. I: 137-140. New York: Macmillan.
- Douglas Porpora** (2004) "Objectivity and Phallogocentrism." In Margaret Archer and William Outhwaite (eds.) *On Objectivity: A Festschrift for Andrew Collier*. Routledge.
- Douglas Porpora** (2003) "Private Dreams and Collective Ideals." In Arthur Shostak (ed.) *Viable Utopian Ideas*. New York: M.E. Sharpe.
- Douglas Porpora** (2003) "Social Structure: The Future of a Concept." In David Knottnerus and Sing C. Chew (eds.) *Structure, Culture, and History: Recent Issues in Social Theory*. Rowman and Littlefield.
- Douglas Porpora** (2001) "Do Realists Run Regressions?" *After Postmodernism? Critical Realism*. In Garry Potter and Jose Lopez (eds.) London: Continuum.

**Douglas Porpora** (2000) "The Sociology of Ultimate Concern" *Alethia: The Newsletter of the International Association for Critical Realism*. April 1 (3): 10-15.

**Douglas Porpora** (1999) "Action Research: The Highest Stage of Service Learning?" Pp. 121-134 in Sandra Enos, Gary Hesser, and Jim Ostrow (eds.) *Cultivating the Sociological Imagination: Concepts and models for Service-Learning in Sociology*. American Association for Higher Education in cooperation with the American Sociological Association.

**Douglas Porpora** (1996) "I Always Was a Religious Kid." In Arthur Shostak (ed.) *Private Sociology*. General Hall Press.

**Douglas Porpora** (1998) "Four Concepts of Social Structure." In *Critical Realism: Essential Readings*. Edited by Margaret Archer, Roy Bhaskar, Andrew Collier, Tony Lawson, and Alan Norrie. London: Routledge. Reprint of 1989 article above.

**Douglas Porpora** (1985) "The Role of Agency in History: The Althusser-Thompson-Anderson Debate," *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, Vol. 6, Scott McNall (ed.), JAI Press.

Lynne Kotranski and **Douglas Porpora** (1982) "Tasty Baking Company: The Company that Stayed." In *Community and Capital in Conflict: Plant Closings and Job Loss*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1982.

### Reports:

*Welfare Reform: How Do We Define Success*. (2001) Report from the Welfare Reform Watch Project of NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby.

*Poverty amid Plenty: The Unfinished Business of Welfare Reform*. (1999) Report from the Welfare Reform Watch Project of NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby.

### Paper Presentations:

**Douglas Porpora** (2016) "Dehumanization in Theory: Anti-Humanism, Non-Humanism, Post-Humanism and Trans-Humanism" Keynote Lecture at July Meetings of the International Association of Critical Realism" Cardiff.

**Douglas Porpora** (2016) "Unconditional Love, Religion, and MetaReality." Paper presented at July Meetings of the International Association of Critical Realism" Cardiff.

David Kutzik and **Douglas Porpora** (2016) "The Digital Rise of Marxism." Paper presented at the March meetings of the *Eastern Sociology Society*. Boston.

- Douglas Porpora** (2016) “What is Causality and What Kinds of Things Can Exhibit It? Invited Talk at *Causal Powers and Social Science Conference*. March, Yale University.
- Douglas Porpora** (2016) “Response to Jose Casanova on ‘Changes in the World Cultural Situation Since 1981.’” *La Centesimus Annus 25 Anni Dopo* (Plenary Session of the *Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences*). April, 2016, Vatican City.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) *Reconstructing Sociology: The Critical Realist Approach*. Webinar sponsored by the Critical Realism Network Wed, Nov 4th, 2015 at 12:00 pm EST. <http://www.criticalrealismnetwork.org>.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) “The Sociology of Religious Experience” Messiah College. October.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) “Academic Freedom, Religion, and Social Science: Stories from the Front.” Plenary paper presented at October Conference *Transcending Orthodoxies: Reexamining Academic Freedom in Religiously-Affiliated Colleges and Universities*. Center for the Study of Science and Religion. Notre Dame, IN.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) “The Recent Methodological Debate in American Sociology and where Critical Realism Fits Into It” Plenary paper presented at August *Meeting of International Association of Critical Realism*. Notre Dame, IN.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) Part of Instruction Team at National Graduate Student Workshop on Critical Realism in Sociology” Chicago. August 8-22.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) Webinar on *Reconstructing Sociology* for Critical Realism Network. July.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) Plenary Panel on Research Methodology. August *Meeting of International Association of Critical Realism*. Notre Dame, IN.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) “Science and Religion: What Difference Does Critical Realism Make?” Plenary paper at *New Conversations in Science and Religion*. Center for the Study of Religion and Society. Notre Dame University. Notre Dame, IN. August.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) “How To Reduce Demand for Human Trafficking Through Normative Change.” Plenary paper presented at the *Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences*. April, Vatican City.
- Douglas Porpora** (2015) “The Great Normative Changes of the Twentieth Century.” Paper presented January 2015 at invited workshop sponsored by the *Center of Social Ontology*. Cardiff, United Kingdom.

- Douglas Porpora** (2014) “What’s Wrong With Sociology?” Paper presented at the July 2014 meeting of the *International Association of Critical Realism*. London, England.
- Douglas Porpora** (2014) “What Sociology Can Tell Catholics About the Market and the Common Good.” Paper presented June 2014 at invited workshop sponsored by the *Institute for Advanced Catholic Thought*. University of Southern California.
- Douglas Porpora** (2014) “Why Things Stay the Same.” Paper presented January at invited workshop sponsored by the *Center of Social Ontology*. Oxford, England.
- Douglas Porpora** (2013) “The Critical Realist Approach to Social Structure.” Paper presented at July *Invited Conference on Critical Realism* sponsored by Templeton Foundation, New York.
- Douglas Porpora** (2013) “Against the Practice Turn.” Keynote Address at July meetings of the *International Association of Critical Realism*, Nottingham, England.
- Douglas Porpora** (2012) “Rethinking Grand Strategy Making: The Contribution of Scientific Realism.” Paper presented at Annual Meetings of North East Section of the International Studies Association. Baltimore.
- Douglas Porpora** (2012) “Mechanisms, Markets, and Responsibility.” Paper presented in June at the *Institute for Advanced Catholic Study*. University of Southern California, Los Angeles.
- Douglas Porpora** (2012) “Morphogenesis.” Paper presented in January at invited workshop at the Centre D’Ontologie Social. Lausanne, Switzerland.
- James Malazita, Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** “The Form of Moral Reasoning in the Public Sphere: The Case of Bosnia.” Paper to be presented at May 2012 meetings of the Eastern Communication Association in Boston and June meetings of the International Communication Association in Phoenix.
- Tyson Mitman, Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** “The Critical Moral Voice on U.S. Newspaper Opinion Pages.” Paper Presented at May 2012 meetings of the Eastern Communication Association in Boston and June meetings of International Communication Association in Phoenix.
- Alexander Jenkins, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** “Fragmentation and Bias on Television.” Paper Presented at May 2012 meetings of the International Communication Association in Phoenix.
- Ashley Farkas, Tyson Mitman, and **Douglas Porpora** (2012) “Terrorism as a Communicative Act.” Paper Presented at April 2012 meetings of the Eastern Communication Association in Boston.

Julia Hagemann, Alex Jenkins, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2011) “The Content of Moral Debate Online: The Attack on Iraq and the Revelations of Abu Gharib.” Paper presented at the April meeting of the *Eastern Communication Association Arlington, Va.*

**Douglas Porpora** (2010) “The Social Construction of Reality.” Invited Seminar Instructor at **European Forum** August 19-25, Alpbach, Austria.

**Douglas Porpora** (2010) “Critical Realism and the New International Order” Plenary address at meetings of *International Association of Critical Realism*. Padua, Italy.

**Douglas Porpora** (2010) “Human Rights and Ontology.” Paper presented at the 2010 Meetings of the *International Sociological Association*. Gutenberg, Sweden.

James Malazita, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2010) “Moral Reasoning in the Public Sphere: How Newspaper Op-Eds Debated Bosnia.” Presented at March Meetings of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston, the April 2012 Meetings of the Eastern Communication Association (among top papers) and at the May 2012 meetings of the International Communication Association in Phoenix.

Julia Hagemann, Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** (2010) “How American Newspaper Opinion Framed Abu Ghraib.” Presented at April Meetings of the *Eastern Communication Association*, Baltimore.

Tyson Mitman, Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** (2010) “Look Who’s Talking: Who Writes the Opinion Pieces.” Presented at April Meetings of the *Eastern Communication Association*, Baltimore.

Alexander Jenkins, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2010) “The USENET Debate on Iraq.” Paper presented at April meeting of the *Eastern Communication Association*, Baltimore.

**Douglas Porpora** (2009) “The Tension Between Religion and Government in American Foreign Policy” Invited paper presented at *International Conference on Religion and the State*, University of West Sydney Australia, July.

Alexander Jenkins, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2008) “The USENET Debate on Iraq.” Paper presented at annual meeting of *CITASA (American Sociological Association)*, Boston and at meetings of *Eastern Sociological Society*, Baltimore.

**Douglas Porpora** (2008) “Ethnography of the Mind” Invited talk *International Institute of Sociology*, Annual Meetings, Budapest.

**Douglas Porpora** (2008) “Inside the American State: Reconciling Political Economy and Discourse Analysis” Paper presented at the March meetings of the *International Studies Association*, San Francisco.

“**Douglas Porpora** (2007) *Ethnography of the Mind*” Invited talk at September *Workshop on Reflexivity*. Warwick, England.

**Douglas Porpora** (2007) “Moral Facts and Value Neutrality in International Relations” Invited talk at October *Workshop of the British International Studies Association “IR After PostPositivism: Still a Social Science,”* London School of Economics.

**Douglas Porpora** (2007) Discussant. “Session on Sociological Theory.” *Meetings of American Sociological Association*. New York, August.

**Douglas Porpora** (2007) Session Organizer: “Culture and Identity.” *Meetings of American Sociological Association*. New York, August.

**Douglas Porpora** (2007) Chair. Author Meets Critics: Robin Wagner-Pacifici *The Art of Surrender*. *Meetings of American Sociological Association*. New York, August.

**Douglas Porpora** (2007) Invited Participant to *Conference on the Human Person*. Funded by Templeton Foundation. April, Sea Island, Georgia.

Imaani El-Burki, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2007) “The Usenet Debate on Iraq.” Paper presented at *Media, War and Conflict* Conference, April, Milwaukee.

Julia Hageman, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2007) “Some Did Dare Call It Torture.” Paper presented at *Media, War and Conflict* Conference, April, Milwaukee.

Alexander Nikolaev and **Douglas Porpora** (2006) “Talking War: US War Editorials Debating the Iraq War.” Paper presented at the June *Meetings of the International Communication Association* in Dresden, Germany.

Imaani El-Burki, Alexander Nikolaev, and **Douglas Porpora** (2006) “Op-Eds and Race” Paper presented at *Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Association*, March, Boston.

David Koch and **Douglas Porpora** (2006) “Are SUV’s the Enemy?” Poster Presentation at March *Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Association*, Boston.

**Douglas Porpora**, Andrea Maccarini, and Wesley Shumar (2006) “Self-Talk and Self Reflection.” Paper presented at *World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology*, Stockholm.

**Douglas Porpora** and Alexander Nikolaev (2005) “Moral Muting in Newspaper OP-Ed Pieces Debating A Preemptive Attack on Iraq.” Paper presented at *Meetings of Eastern Sociological Society*, Washington, D.C.

Dina Awerbuch, Alexander Nikolaev (2005) "How America Deliberates War: Ethical Reasoning in U.S. Editorials on Whether to Attack Iraq." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia.

**Douglas Porpora** (2004) "Respondent" to Enzo Giorgino "Sociology of Care" August Meeting of the *National Association of Applied Sociology*. San Francisco.

**Douglas Porpora** (2003) Panelist on narrative approaches to sociology. March meetings of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Philadelphia.

**Douglas Porpora** (2003) "Liberation Theology and Critical Realism: A Response to Hugh Lacey." Paper presented at the August meetings of the *International Association for Critical Realism* in Amsterdam.

**Douglas Porpora** (2002) "Author meets the Critics: Douglas Porpora." Session on my 2001 book, in which I was a respondent. March meetings of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston 2002.

**Douglas Porpora** (2002) "Toward Truce in the Science Wars: Is Donna Hathaway a Critical Realist?" Paper presented at the August meetings of the *International Association for Critical Realism*.

**Douglas Porpora** (2002) "Authors meet their Readers: Margaret Archer." Invited to organize and chair session. *International Sociological Association*. July, Brisbane, Australia.

Colin Jerolmack and **Douglas Porpora** (2001) "Reason, Religion, and Experience: A Response to Stark's Rational Choice Theory of Religion." With Colin Jerolmack. Presented at the March Meetings of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Philadelphia.

**Douglas Porpora** (2001) "Critical Realism, Marxism, and Religion: Gotta Problem with That?" Paper presented at meetings of the *International Association of Critical Realism*, Bradford, England.

**Douglas Porpora** (2001) "Critical Realism and Social Theory" May Meetings of the *American Ethnographical Society*. McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

**Douglas Porpora** (2000) "Alienation from the Cosmos." Presented at August Meeting of the Alienation Working Group of the *International Sociological Association*. Washington, DC.

**Douglas Porpora** (2000) Invited talk on Critical Realism and Ethics at the August meetings of the *International Association for Critical Realism*. Lancaster, England.

**Douglas Porpora** (1999) Invited talk on "Critical Realism and Ethics" *Center for*



*Critical Realism*. University of London, November.

**Douglas Porpora** (1999) Session organizer: "Agency and Social Structure" for Theory Section of the *Midwest Sociological Association Meetings*.

Alex Welcome, Magali Sarfatti-Larson, and **Douglas Porpora** (1999) "The Nuns' Tale: How the New Welfare Legislation is Affecting the Client Population at Catholic Charities." Presented at March meetings of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston.

Thomas Hewett and **Douglas Porpora** (1998) "What Students Do after They Shut Their Statistics Book" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Society for Computers in Psychology* (SCiP), Dallas, TX.

**Douglas Porpora** (1998) "Do Realists Run Regressions?" Invited paper, delivered at Second Annual Conference of the *International Association of Critical Realism* (IACR), University of Essex, Essex, England.

**Douglas Porpora** (1997) "Discourse Trouble: Phallogocentric Reflections on the Debate Between Seyla Benhabib, Judith Butler, Nancy Fraser, and Drucilla Cornell" presented August to *Humanities Research Center*, Australian National University and to Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii.

**Douglas Porpora** (1997) "Moral Emotions" presented at June Conference on *Emotion in Social Life and Social Theory* at the Australian National University, Canberra.

**Douglas Porpora** (1996) "The Caterpillar's Question," presented at the *Twentieth Anniversary Conference of the Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*, Oxford University, December; to the Department of International Relations at the University of Wales (Aberystwyth); and to the Bath College of Higher Education, Bath, England.

Laura Kieba O'Leary and **Douglas Porpora** (1996) "Athletic Competitiveness and Gender." Meetings of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston.

David Kutzik, Motoko Mizuno, and **Douglas Porpora** (1995) "African American Community Dwelling Elderly: The Results of a Participatory Research Project." Paper presented at November Meetings of *The Gerontological Society of America*, Los Angeles.

David Kutzik, Motoko Mizuno, and **Douglas Porpora** (1995) "African American Community Dwelling Elderly: The Results of a Participatory Research Project." April 1994 Meetings of *The Eastern Sociological Society*.

**Douglas Porpora** (1994) "Who Are Our Heroes", 1994 meetings of *Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research* in Chicago, Illinois, 1995 meetings of the *Popular Culture Association* in Philadelphia, PA., 1995 meetings of the *American*

*Sociological Association* in Washington, D.C.

Theresa Gretto and **Douglas Porpora** (1994)"Learning Styles and Philosophical Reflectiveness," March Meeting of *The Eastern Sociological Society*, Baltimore.

**Douglas Porpora** (1993) Organizer, Roundtables on Participatory Research, Sociological Practice Section. *American Sociological Association Meetings*, Miami, FL.

**Douglas Porpora** (1993) Discussant, "New Approaches to the Caribbean and Central America" *Mid Atlantic Latin American Studies Association*, Pennsylvania State University. April, 1993.

**Douglas Porpora** (1992)"Cultural Rules and Material Relations," presented at Second Annual *Theory, Culture and Society Conference*, Springside, PA. "Role Responsibility and Reciprocity: Participatory Research with Grass Roots or Community Organizations," 1992, *American Sociological Association Meetings*, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Douglas Porpora** (1991)"The Engaged University: How North American Universities are Following the Example of the University of Central America in San Salvador," presented at August Meetings of the *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Cincinnati.

**Douglas Porpora** (1989)"Computers and the Quest for Security," *Eastern Sociological Society Meetings*, Baltimore. Presider and Organizer of session.

**Douglas Porpora** (1987)"Simulating Social Change in a Third World Country," presentation at *MacAdemia Conference*, Boston.

**Douglas Porpora** (1984)"The Role of Agency in History: A Defense of E.P. Thompson," presented at meetings of the *American Sociological Association*, San Antonio.

**Douglas Porpora** (1982)"Physicians' Prescriptions for Tranquilizers and Tranquilizer Abuse" presented at the March 1982 meeting of the *Eastern Sociological Society*.

**Douglas Porpora** (1982)"On the Post-Wittgensteinian Critique of the Concept of Action in Sociology," presented at the March meeting of the *Eastern Sociological Society*.

**Douglas Porpora** (1979)"The Materialisms of Marx and Heidegger" presented at the *Fourth Annual Conference on the State of Marxist Theory*, November.

James Griffis and **Douglas Porpora** (1978)"Marxist Theory and Catastrophe Theory: Toward a Mathematical Treatment of Social Change." Presented at April meeting of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Philadelphia.

**Publishers, Institutes and Journals Served as Referee or Editor or Board Member:**

*Center for Social Ontology* Kings College, London (Board Member)  
Palgrave MacMillan Book Series on Relational Sociology (Editorial Board)  
*Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour* (Co-Editor)  
*Sociologia e Politiche Sociali* (Editorial board)  
*Journal of Critical Realism* (Consulting Editor)  
*Modus Operandi* (Editorial Board)  
British Journal of Sociology  
Contemporary Sociology  
Journal of Positive Psychology  
Cambridge Journal of Economics  
International Journal of Communication  
Current Sociology  
American Sociological Review  
Sociology of Religion  
International Journal of Communication  
Journal of Communication  
Journal of Computer-mediated Communication  
Current Perspectives in Sociological Theory  
Teaching Sociology  
Sociological Theory  
Journal of Radical Pedagogy  
Sociological Perspectives  
Sociological Forum  
Critical Sociology  
Qualitative Sociology  
Oxford University Press  
Cambridge University Press  
Edinburgh University Press  
Philosophy of Social Science  
Sage  
Bloomsbury  
Routledge  
Theory and Society  
University of Chicago press  
Independent Scholars Foundation  
Religions  
Philosophy and Social Criticism

**Teaching and Research Interests:**

Social Theory  
Inequality  
Morality and Religion  
War

**Courses Taught:**

Political Communication (Graduate)  
Political Rhetoric in Public Sphere (Graduate)  
Topics in Political Communication: Religion, Morality and Politics  
Introduction to Sociology  
Topics in Political Sociology: Central America (team-taught)  
Wealth and Power in America  
Classical Sociological Theory  
Contemporary Sociological Theory (graduate and undergraduate levels)  
Senior Seminar in sociology  
Introduction to Women's Studies (team-taught)  
Research Methods  
Computer-Assisted Data Analysis (graduate and undergraduate levels)  
Worldviews: Science, Religion, and Magic  
Preparation course for student participation in Model OAS  
Statistical Methods (graduate and undergraduate levels)  
Social Deviance  
Sociology of the New Testament  
Developing Nations

**Professional Organizations:**

American Sociological Association  
Eastern Communication Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
International Communication Association  
National Communication Association  
International Association of Critical Realism

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