

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Education:**

B.A. Sociology, University of Houston 1974  
M.A. Sociology, University of Houston 1977  
Ph.D. Sociology, University of Connecticut 1983  
Post-Doctoral Study, Yale University 1984-1985

### **Academic Honors and Awards:**

N.I.M.H. Research Fellowship, 1984-85, Yale University  
Excellence in Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Lamar University, 1993-94  
Excellence in Teaching Award, Lamar University, 1996-97, 1998-99  
University Scholar Award, 1999-2000  
Rockefeller Foundation Award, Scholar-in-Residence, Bellagio, Italy, Fall 2005  
American Sociological Association Distinguished Book Award nomination in Political Sociology (*Patriots, Politics and the Oklahoma City Bombing*, Cambridge University Press), 2008  
American Sociological Association Distinguished Book Award nomination in Religion (*Saints under Siege*, New York University Press), 2012

### **Positions Held:**

Chair, Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminal Justice, 2012 - present  
Director, Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, 2007-2011  
Assistant Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Research, 2000-06  
Professor of Sociology, Lamar University, 1996-present  
Associate Professor of Sociology, Lamar University, 1990-96  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Lamar University, 1985-90  
Lecturer and N.I.M.H. Research Fellow, Yale University, 1984-85

### **Research Interests:**

Religion                      Law and Public Policy  
Social Movements        Terrorism and Political Violence

### **Professional Offices and Roles:**

- Chair, Publications Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), 2010-12.
- Executive Council and Chair, Joint Publicity Committee of the Society for Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) and the Religious Research Association (RRA), 1988-2000.
- Board of Directors, Association for the Academic Study of New Religions, 2001-present
- Reviewer for National Science Foundation (NSF) grants, 1995-present
- Publicity Chair, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1993-1996
- Advisor to FBI Crisis Incident Response Group (CIRG) on extremist sects, 1996-2002
- Advisory Board, Religion Crisis Task Force, 1994-present
- Jefferson County Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (UPLC), 2000-present

**Legal Advisory and Consulting Work** (12 cases total; below is selected sample)

Consultant and Expert Witness in *Tyler Atkins vs. Miranda Clendening, Superior Court, State of Arizona, County of Santa Cruz, Case no. DO 14-127*. Retained by Global Community Communications Alliance in child custody case (April – August, 2014).

Consultant and Expert Witness for Hennington, Butler and Jones, *Alan Keates v. the State of Texas, District Court of Schleicher County, Texas, 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Cause No. 991*, (November –December, 2009).

Consultant and expert witness for McCurley, Orsinger, McCurley, Nelson & Downing, *In the Interest of Rachel Kathryn Lawson and Sarah Lawson Minor Children, District Court, 199<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Collin County, Texas, No. 199-52371-99* (May–October 2006).

Consultant for Stroock, Stroock & Lavan, LLP in *Local Church v. Harvest House Publishers, 80<sup>th</sup> District Court of Texas, Cause#2001-65993* (Jan 2003-Dec 2004).

Consultant for Caddell & Conwell Attorneys at Law in Branch Davidian Civil Case, *Isabel G. Andrade, et al v. Phillip Chojnacki, et al, U.S. District Court, H-94-0923*, (January–June 2000).

Consultant to Joseph C. Hawthorn, Attorney at Law, in dragging death of James Byrd, Jr., *State of Texas v. Shawn Allen Berry, Cause #8871, Jasper County, Texas* (August–November, 1999).

Consultant to Jones, Wyatt & Roberts Attorneys at Law in federal bombing trial, *United States v. Timothy James McVeigh, U.S. District Court of Colorado, 96-CR-68-M*, (November 1995–June 1997).

Expert witness, sworn testimony before the Congressional House Subcommittee on Crime and the House Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, July 19, 1995.

Consultant to Chief Investigator, Michael E. Hubbard and Senior Investigative Counsel, Lisa Odle Kaufman, Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate hearings on Waco, October 1995.

**Books:**

Stuart A. Wright and Susan D. Palmer, *Storming Zion: Government Raids on New or Nontraditional Religious Communities*, New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

Stuart A. Wright and James T. Richardson. 2011. *Saints under Siege: The Texas State Raid on the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints*. New York: New York University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2007. *Patriots, Politics and the Oklahoma City Bombing*. London and New York: Cambridge University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 1995. *Armageddon in Waco: Critical Perspectives on the Branch Davidian Conflict*. Chicago: University of Chicago.

Stuart A. Wright. 1987. *Leaving Cults: The Dynamics of Defection*. Washington, D.C.: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

C. Kirk Hadaway, Stuart A. Wright and Francis DuBose. 1987. *Home Cell Groups and House Churches: Emerging Alternatives for the Urban Church*. Nashville: Broadman.

**Scholarly Journal Articles & Book Chapters:** (40 publications total, below is a selected sample)

Jennifer Lara Fagen and Stuart A. Wright. 2014. "Gender, Sexuality and Women's Empowerment in Mormon Fundamentalist Communities," pp. 9-28 in Henrik Bogdan and James R. Lewis (eds.), *Sexuality and Religious Movements*. New York: MacMillan.

Stuart A. Wright and James T. Richardson. 2014. "The Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints after the Texas State Raid: Assessing a Post-Raid Movement Trajectory ." *Nova Religio* 17 (4): 38-48.

Stuart A. Wright. 2014. "Disengagement and Apostasy in New Religious Movements," pp. 706-735 in Lewis Rambo and Charles Farkadian (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook on Religious Conversion*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Stuart A. Wright and Arthur L. Greil. 2011. "Failed Prophecy and Group Demise: The Case of Chen Tao," pp.153-172 in Diana Tuminia and William Swatos (eds.), *How Prophecy Lives*. London: Brill.

Stuart A. Wright. 2011. "Revisiting the Branch Davidian Mass Suicide Debate," pp. 113-32 in James R. Lewis (ed.), *Violence and New Religious Movements*. New York: Oxford University Press (reprint).

Stuart A. Wright. 2009. "Strategic Framing of Racial-Nationalism in North America and Europe: An Analysis of a Burgeoning Transnational Network." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 21 (2): 189-210.

Stuart A. Wright. 2009. "Reframing Religious Violence After 9/11: The ACM Campaign to Exploit the Threat of Terrorism." *Nova Religio* (12) 4: 5-27.

Stuart A. Wright. 2008. "Martyrs and Martial Images: The Volatile Link between Warfare Frames and Religious Violence," pp. 17-26 in Marat Shterin and Madawi Al-Rasheed (eds.), *Dying for Faith: Religiously Motivated Violence in the Contemporary World*. London: I.B. Tauris.

Stuart A. Wright. 2005. "Explaining Militarization at Waco: Construction and Convergence of a Warfare Narrative," pp.75-97 in James R. Lewis (ed.), *Controversial New Religions*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2005. "Deconstructing a Modern Witch Hunt: Satanic Cults, Ritual Abuse and Moral Panic," pp. 120-195 in Helen A. Berger (ed.), *Magic and Witchcraft in the New World*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2003. "Why Negotiations at Mt. Carmel Really Failed: Disinformation, Dissension and Psychological Warfare," pp.42-56 in David Tabb Stewart (ed.), *Waco: Ten Years After*. Georgetown, TX: Southwestern University Fleming Lecture Series.

Stuart A. Wright. 2002. "Public Agency Involvement in Movement-State Confrontations," pp.102-22 in David G. Bromley and J. Gordon Melton (eds.), *Cults, Religion and Violence*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2002. "A Critical Analysis of Evidentiary and Procedural Rulings in the Branch Davidian Civil Trial," pp. 101-113 in Derek Davis (ed.), *New Religious Movements and Religious Liberty in America*. Waco: Baylor University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 1999. "Anatomy of a Government Massacre: Abuses of Hostage-Barricade Protocols during the Waco Standoff." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 11 (2): 39-68.

Stuart A. Wright. 1998. "Exploring Factors That Shape the Apostate Role," pp.95-114 in David G. Bromley (ed.), *The Politics of Religious Apostasy*. New York: Praeger.

**Invited Presentations:** (20 invited presentations total; below is a selected sample)

"The Role of State Militarization in the 1993 Branch Davidian Conflict," Institute for Religious Studies, Baylor University, "Reflecting on an American Tragedy" Symposium, Waco, April 18, 2013.

"Deconstructing Official Rationales for the Texas State Raid on the Fundamentalist Latter Day Saints Raid," invited presentation in the Sociology-in-Action Lecture Series, Agnes Arnold Auditorium, University of Houston, October 26, 2011.

"Innovation in Domestic Terrorism: A Case Study of the Oklahoma City Bombing," invited presentation to the U.S. Naval Academy Postgraduate School, *Innovations in WME Terrorism* conference sponsored by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), Monterey, CA, August 5-6, 2010.

"Patriot Insurgency, State Militarization and the Oklahoma City Bombing," colloquial presentation to the Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, March 25, 2008.

"Martyrs and Martial Images: Exploring the Volatile Link between Warfare Frames and Religious Violence," invited paper presented at the conference, *Dying for Faith: Religious Motivated Violence in the Contemporary World*, King's College, London, September 11, 2006.

"Analysis of a Burgeoning Racist Transnational Network," presentation at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center, Bellagio, Italy, October 18, 2005.

"Between Waco and Oklahoma City: McVeigh, Elohim City and the Patriot Movement," sponsored by the Biever Lecture Series and the Religious Studies Department, Loyola University, New Orleans, Feb. 16, 2004.

"Why Crisis Negotiations at Mt. Carmel Really Failed: Disinformation, Dissension and Psychological Warfare," Brown Lecture Series, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX, Feb.26, 2003.

"France's Anti-Sect Campaign: Religious Sects, Human Rights and the Media." Workshop presentation at Harvard University, Co-Sponsored by Kennedy School of Government, Carr Center for Human Rights and Center for the Study of World Religion, October 19-20, 2001, Cambridge, MA.

"Emerging Religious Liberty Issues in North America and Western Europe." Invited presentation at the International Conference for Religious Freedom, Berlin, May 10-14, 1998.

**Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:** (31 total; available on request)

**Media Interviews and Editorials:** (58, available on request)

**Published Book Reviews:** (20, available on request)

**Grants Received** (8 grants totaling \$191,227; available on request)