

Mark S. Cladis

Education:

Ph.D., Princeton University, 1988 (Religion)
M.A., Princeton University, 1985 (Religion)
M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983
(Religion in Society)
B.A., University of California at Santa Barbara,
Summa cum Laude, 1980 (Religious Studies)

M.A., Brown University, 2005 (Honorary)

Academic Employment:

Professor, Brown University, Department of Religious Studies,
2004-present

Chair, Brown University, Department of Religious
Studies, 2005-2008

Professor, Vassar College, Department of Religion, 2002-2004

Associate Professor and Chair, Vassar College, Department of
Religion, 1995-2002

Assistant Professor, Vassar College, Department of Religion, 1990-95

Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University, joint appointment
in the Departments of Religious Studies and Philosophy
(Ethics in Society Program), 1988-90

Visiting Instructor, University of North Carolina, Greensboro,
Department of Religious Studies, 1986-88

Research Appointments:

Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford University, January-July, 1995

Visiting Scholar, Oxford University, Institute of Social and Cultural
Anthropology, January-July, 1995

Visiting Research Fellow, Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie
Appliquée (CNRS lab), Ecole Polytechnique, 1992-93; and
September-December, 1994

Scholar in residence, Maison Suger: Maison des Sciences de l'Homme,
1992-93; and September-December, 1994

Fields of Research and Teaching Competence:

Philosophy of Religion, Religious Ethics, Social Theory, Political
Philosophy, and Environmental Studies

Publications

- Books:**
- Public Vision, Private Lives: Rousseau, Religion, and Twenty-First Century Democracy (New York: Columbia University Press, 2006; paperback edition, *with a New Essay*)
- In Search of a Course: Reflections on Pedagogy, Religious Thought, and Environmental Imagination (projected date: 2009)
- Public Vision, Private Lives: Rousseau, Religion, and Twenty-First Century Democracy (New York: Oxford University Press, 2003)
- A Communitarian Defense of Liberalism: Durkheim and Contemporary Social Theory (Stanford: Stanford University Press, paperback edition, 1994)
- A Communitarian Defense of Liberalism (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1992)
- Books, edited:**
- Emile Durkheim's The Elementary Forms of Religious Life, editor (Oxford: Oxford University Press, World's Classics Series, 2001)
- Durkheim and Foucault: Perspectives on Education and Punishment, editor (Oxford: Durkheim Press, 1999)
- Articles:**
- “Painting Landscapes of Religion in America: Four Models of Religion in Democracy,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 76:4 (2008): 874-904
- “Stone-Throwers with Excellent Aim: Waking-up to an Environmental Democratic Vision,” *Journal of Religion and Literature*: 40.1 (2008): 81-107
- “Religion in the Public Sphere: Nothing Special About Religion,” *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere* (sponsored by The Social Science Research Council) http://www.ssrc.org/blogs/immanent_frame/2008/06/25/nothing-special-about-religion/.
- “The Discovery and Recovery of Time in History and Religion,” in *History and Theory* (forthcoming: 2009)
- “Minds on Fire: The University Teacher-Scholar,” *Brown University Bulletin*: (2007): 2-4
- “Solidarity, Religion, and the Global Environment,” *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* (EOLSS) (UNESCO publication), forthcoming.

- "Modernity *in* Religion," History and Theory 45: (2006): 93-104
- "In Search of Religious Studies, " Ziggurat 1 (2006): 5-13
- "Rousseau and The Redemptive Mountain Village: The Way of Family, Work, Community, and Love," Interpretation 29:(2001): 35-54
- "The End of the Private Life: Rousseau, Redemption, and Tragedy," Soundings 84 (2001): 301-32
- "On the Importance of Owning Chickens: Lessons in Nature, Community, and Transformation," Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment 7 (2000): 199-211
- "Redeeming Love: Rousseau and Eighteenth Century Moral Philosophy," Journal of Religious Ethics 28 (2000): 221-51
- "Critica sociale mortale" ["Mortal Social Criticism"], Fenomenologia e Societa 22 (1999): 65-85
- "Il Liberalismo Come Fede Comune" ["Liberalism as a Common Faith"] Studi Perugini 3 (1997):177-200
- "Lessons from the Garden: Rousseau's Solitaires and the Limits of Liberalism," Interpretation 24 (1997): 183-200
- "What Can We Hope for? Rousseau and Durkheim on Human Nature," Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences 32 (1996): 456-472
- "Rousseau's Soteriology: Deliverance at the Crossroads," Religious Studies (Cambridge University Press) 32 (1996): 79-91
- "Special Report: The French Connection: CREA, MAUSS, and the Academic Study of Religion in the U. S. A.," Religion 25 (1995): 179-84
- "Tragedy and Theodicy: A Meditation on Rousseau and Moral Evil," Journal of Religion 75 (1995): 181-99
- "Education, Virtue, and Democracy," Journal of Moral Education 24 (1995): 37-52
- "Wittgenstein, Rawls, and Conservatism," Philosophy and Social Criticism 20 (1994): 13-37
- "Entre Libéralisme et Communautarisme," Revue du MAUSS 2 (1993): 89-97
- "Rousseau and Durkheim: The Relation between the Public and the Private," Journal of Religious Ethics 21 (1993): 1-25
- "Mild-Mannered Pragmatism and Religious Truth," Journal of the American Academy of Religion 60 (1992): 19-33

"Durkheim's Individual in Society: A Sacred Marriage?" Journal of the History of Ideas 53 (1992): 71-90

"Pragmatism: French and American Style," Stanford French Review 15 (1991): 139-163

"Provinces of Ethics," Interpretation 17 (1989-90): 255-273

"Durkheim's Communitarian Defense of Liberalism," Soundings 72 (1989): 275-95

Chapters in Edited Books:

"Suffering to Become Human: A Durkheimian Perspective," in *Suffering and Evil*, edited by W.S.F. Pickering and Massimo Rosati (Oxford: Berghahn Books, 2008), pp. 81-100

"Religion and Democracy in Modernity," in *Leviathan and the Sacred*, edited by Lorenzo Santoro (NY: Edwin Mellen Press, forthcoming)

"In the Name of the Father, Son, and All Their Ghosts," in Letters to Les, eds Donata Carrazza and Paul Kane (Sunnyland Press, 2005), pp. 50-61.

"To Lukachukai and Back: The Journey Home" in Vintage, eds. Paul Kane and Donata Carrazza (Victoria: Hardie Grant, 2004), pp. 91-104.

"Beyond Solidarity? Durkheim and Twenty-First Century Democracy in a Global Age," in Cambridge Companion to Durkheim, eds. Jeffrey Alexander and Philip Smith (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005), pp. 383-409.

"Critica sociale come arte e come scienza," in Durkheim Contributi per una Rilettura Critica, ed. Massimo Rosati and Ambrogio Santambrogio (Meltemi, 2002)

"The Threat of Globalization to Democracy and the Environment," in Progressive Politics in the Global Age, ed. Henry Tam (Polity Press, 2001), pp. 203-21.

"Introduction" in Emile Durkheim's The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life (Oxford: Oxford University Press, World's Classics Series, 2001), pp. vii-xxxix.

"Individualism in Society" in Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. III, pp. 99-123.

"Rousseau and Durkheim on Human Nature," in Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. III, pp. 124-46.

"Emile Durkheim and Moral Education," in Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. IV, pp. 445-70.

“Education, Virtue, and Democracy,” in Emile Durkheim: Critical Assessments of Leading Sociologists, ed. W. S. F. Pickering (London: Routledge, 2001), Vol. IV, pp. 525-42.

"Durkheim and Foucault on Education and Punishment," in Durkheim and Foucault: Perspectives on Education and Punishment (Oxford: Durkheim Press, 1999)

“Moral Education in a Pluralistic Society,” in Durkheim and Modern Education, ed. Geoffrey Walford (London: Routledge, 1998)

"Durkheim's Individual in Society: A Sacred Marriage?" in Figures on the Horizon, ed. Jerrold Seigel (Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 1993)

Reviews:

Pickering, W. S. F. and Martins, H., Debating Durkheim, in British Journal of Sociology 47 (1996): 372-73

Thiel, John E., Nonfoundationalism, in Religious Studies Review 21 (1995): 209

Lehmann, Jennifer M., Durkheim and Women, in Philosophy of the Social Sciences 25 (1995): 535-40

Galipeau, Claude J., Isaiah Berlin's Liberalism, in Philosophy of the Social Sciences 25 (1995): 258-261

Muñoz, Braulio, Tensions in Social Theory: Groundwork for a Future Moral Sociology, in Contemporary Sociology 23 (1994): 461-62

Jeanrond, Werner, and Rike, Jennifer, eds., Radical Pluralism and Truth: David Tracy and the Hermeneutics of Religion, in Religious Studies Review 19 (1993): 149

Jeanrond, Werner, Theological Hermeneutics: Development and Significance, in Religious Studies Review 19 (1993): 147

Inchausti, Robert, The Ignorant Perfection of Ordinary People, in Theology Today 49 (1992): 286-288

Papers Delivered:

“Caring Makes Us Human: Deep Democratic Traditions in America,” The Brown Education Link Lecture Series, Rhode Island State Prison, Fall 2008

“The Place of Religion in the University and in American Public Life,” Annual Meeting of the American Society for the Study of Religion, Bates College, Spring 2008

“Political and Environmental Virtues at the Crossroads,” Fifth

Environmental Writers' Conference, sponsored by Nature and Environmental Writers - College and University Educators, Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Spring 2008

“Religion and Liberal, Democratic Political Life,” International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, by University of Helsinki (paper read in absentia), Spring 2008

“King Corn: Fishes and Loafs: Food, Ethics, and Politics,” The *Fishes and Loaves Conference* on the Science and Politics of Food Production, Brown University, Spring 2008

“Religion and Ecology,” Ivy League Chaplains’ Annual Meeting, Brown, Spring 2008

“The Public and Private Faces of Religion and Rationality,” Plenary address for the “Pluralism, Politics, and God” conference, McGill University, fall 2007

"Rawls, Rorty, and Religion in Public Deliberation," Yale University, Spring, 2006

"Women Identified with Nature: A Mixed Blessing," Sarah Doyle Women’s Center, (series on Gender & the Environment), Brown University, Spring 2006

"Reflections on Constantin Fasolt's "History and Religion in the Modern Age," *History and Theory* Religion and Modernity Conference, Wesleyan University, November 2005

"Religion, Democracy, and Modernity," Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Ecole Polytechnique, Paris, Fall, 2005.

"Rousseau and Modernity: Learning in Retrospect," Political Theory Project, Brown University, Spring 2005

"Individual Rights and Solidarity in the Age of Globalization," for the conference, “Religion and Politics in the Age of Globalization,” sponsored by The International Sociological Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Religion, at El Colegio Mexiquense, Mexico, March, 2005.

“I Drink the Stars: A Comprehensive History of Wine and Religion,” Mildura’s Writers’ Weekend,” Mildura, Australia, July, 2004.

“Weaving a Vision: On the Relation Between Place, Identity, and Work” (with Benjamin Barney [Navajo educator], Tony Birch [Australian indigenous writer], and Yvonne Koolmatric [Australian indigenous artist]) “Mildura’s Writers’ Weekend,” Mildura, Australia, July, 2004.

“Religion Gone Wild: Environmentalism, Religion, and Democratic

Renewal," the 10th Annual Environment & Community Conference, Empire State University, Saratoga Springs, February, 2004

"The Problem with Talking about Ethics: The Challenges of Globalization, Democracy, and the Environment," Marist College, October, 2003

"Standing Still, Still Standing: Life after September 11," Sprout Creek Lecture Series, New York, January, 2002

"In the Wake of September 11," Center for Life Time Learning, sponsored by Marist College, May, 2002

"Emile Durkheim as a Political Theorist of Solidarity: A Challenge for the European Union," University of Gottingen, October, 2002.

"A Sense of Place and the Place of the Wild: Terry Tempest Williams and the Erotics of Place," Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, November, 2001

"Teaching Out of Particulars: Contemplation in the American Landscape," the Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment, Flagstaff, Arizona, Summer 2001 (co-presented with Paul Kane)

"Implicit Religion: Nature Writers and Religion," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, August, 2000

"On the Importance of Owning Chickens: Lessons in Nature, Community, and Transformation," Food, Farming, and Liberal Arts Symposium, sponsored by Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature and the Environment, Unity, Maine, June 2000

"Nature Writers: Public Voice, Private Spirituality" Center for Life Time Learning, sponsored by Marist College, Spring 2000

"History of Angels" and "Angels from around the World: A Multicultural Journey," Mohonk Mountain House, New York Spring, 2000

"The Sense of the Sacred in Nature," for The Natural World Observed, American Academy of Arts, Boston, Fall 1999

"Philosophical Underpinnings of Ethical Decision Making," Center for Life Time Learning, sponsored by Marist College, Fall 1999

"Irreducible Conflict? Public Religion and Private Spirituality," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, August, 1999

"Environment Studies: A Common Endeavor for Religion and Science," St Anne's College, Oxford, 1999

- "Community, Individual rights, and Emile Durkheim," The Annual Communitarian Summit, Washington, D. C., Spring 1999
- "Kolberg, Moral Character, and Virtue Theory," Alternatives to Violence, Green Haven Correctional Facility, New York, Spring 1999
- "Spirituality in a Diverse World," Adult Education Series, Christ (Episcopal) Church, Poughkeepsie, Spring 1999
- "Rousseau, Religion, and the Relation between the Public and Private Life" the Rockefeller Bellagio Conference and Study Center, Lake Como, Italy, Fall 1998
- "Studying Religion in Public Schools," The New School for Social Research, Fall 1998
- "Public Discourse and Religious Communitarianism in Liberal Democracies," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, Summer 1998
- "Religion and Science Gone Wild: Religion and the Natural Sciences in Environmental Studies," Oxford University, Summer 1998
- Participant in "Spotlight on Teaching," taped sessions on teaching about religion in the liberal arts, Union Theological Seminar, Spring 1998
- "The Many Faces of Postmodernism," Annual Conference of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Toronto, Summer 1997
- "The Epistemological Status of Discovery in Science and Religion," Oxford University, Summer 1997
- "Moral Education in Pluralistic Societies," Oxford University, Summer 1996
- "Theodicy and Chaos Theory," Oxford University, Summer 1996
- "Augustinian Pessimism and Enlightenment Optimism in French Moral Philosophy," Colloque International de Philosophie Politique, CREA, Paris, Summer 1995
- "A New Edition of Durkheim's The Elementary Forms of the Religious Life," Oxford University, Summer 1995
- "Public and Private Religion in Harmony and Conflict," Oxford University, Spring, 1995
- "Durkheim, Religion, and Knowledge," Oxford University, Spring, 1995
- "The Blessed Fall: A Reappraisal of Rousseau's Account of the

Human Social Condition," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Fall 1994

"Civil Religion and Public Civility: Tolerance as a Civic Virtue," international lecture hosted by Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris, Fall 1994

"Rousseau, Evil, and our Natural Social Condition," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Fall 1994

"Redeeming Politics: Jean-Jacques Rousseau and the Public Transformation of Amour-Propre", lecture hosted by École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales", Fall 1994

"Rousseau, Religion, and Public Philosophy," the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D. C., Fall 1993

"What Economists Can Learn from the Study of Religion," guest speaker for economics seminar, Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Ecole Polytechnique, Paris, Spring 1993

"Individualism and Human Rights in the Durkheimian Tradition," round table participant and invited guest of La Maison Française, Oxford University, Spring 1993

"From the Garden to the City: Rousseau's Tragic Passage," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Spring 1993

Invited guest speaker for the Religion and Ethics Lecture Series, University of Strasbourg, Spring 1993:
(1) "Pragmatism, Theology, and Truth"
(2) "Richard Rorty and the Ethics of Solidarity"
(3) "Contemporary Antifoundational Religious Ethics"

"Rousseau's Philosophical Anthropology," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée (CNRS lab), Paris, Spring 1993

"Politics of the Heart: Religion and the Citizen's Private Ownership of Self," international lecture hosted by Centre de Recherche en Epistémologie Appliquée, Paris, Fall 1992

"Durkheim, Rousseau, and Liberalism," the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Kansas City, MO., Fall 1991

"A Step Beyond Realism and Relativism in Religious Epistemology," the Eastern International Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Spring 1991

"Mild-Mannered Pragmatism and Religious Truth," the Annual

Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA., Fall 1990

"Internal Social Criticism," Stanford Philosophy Colloquium, Stanford University, CA., Spring 1990

"Democratic Education, Religion, and Social Criticism," the Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Oakland, CA., Spring 1990

"Conventions and Conservatism: A look at Wittgenstein and Rawls," the Franco-American Conference, Conventions, hosted by CREA, Paris, Spring 1990

"Durkheim as Moral Theorist," the Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA., Spring 1989

"Moral Pluralism and a Plurality of Morals," the Stanford-Paris symposium, Individualism and Social Justice, Stanford University, CA., Spring 1989

"A Communitarian Defense of Liberalism," the Stanford Religious Studies Colloquium, Stanford University, CA., Fall 1988

"Life and Death among the Tlingit and Kwakiutl Indians," Public Lecture, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Spring 1987

"The Possibility of Making Moral Judgments in a Cross-Cultural Setting," Public Lecture, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Fall 1986

Other Professional Activities:

Faculty Associate, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2006-

Faculty Associate, Political Theory Project, Brown University, 2006-

Member of the *American Society for the Study of Religion (ASSR)*, 2004-

Member of the Association for the *Study of Literature and Environment*, 2000-present

Member of the Environmental Studies Colloquium, Vassar College, 1996-2004

Member of the New Haven Theological Reading Group, 1995-present

Member of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1994-present

Member of the British Centre for Durkheimian Studies, 1994-present

Reviewer of MS for Princeton University Press, Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Rutgers University Press, Blackwell, 1993-present

Juror for Sociological Theory, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, and Journal of Moral Education, 1993-present

Member of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1993-present

Faculty Supervisor for the Vassar Field Work Program at Green Haven Correctional Facility, 1991-2004

Member of the American Academy of Religion, 1986-present (and have served on various AAR committees, including "Religion and Ethics Steering Committee" and the Advisory Board for "Religion and Ecology")

Member of the Editorial Board, Stanford French Review, 1991-96

Visiting Scholar at the British Centre for Durkheimian Studies, 1994-95

Co-director of the Stanford-Paris symposium, Individualism and Social Justice, Stanford University, CA., Spring 1989

Faculty Advisor to The Carolinian (the University of North Carolina student weekly publication), 1987-88

Faculty Advisor to the Alpha Lambda Delta Scholastic Honor Society, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1987-88

Co-director of the North Carolina public symposium, Liberalism and its Discontents, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Spring 1987

Princeton Faculty Fellow of Tower Club, Princeton University, 1985-86

Grants and Awards:

Carnegie Scholar (2005-06) in the Higher Education
Carnegie Scholars Program

Wayland Collegium Course Development grant of \$4,000, Brown University, 2005

Wriston Course Development grant, \$4,000, Brown University, 2005

Institutional Nomination for the National Endowments for the Humanities Summer Fellowship (Fall, 2003)

Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Study Center, Fall, 1998

Fulbright Senior Research Award, Paris, France,
1992-93

National Endowments for the Humanities Summer Stipend,
1992

Interfoundational Grant from the Franco-American Commission for
Educational Exchange, travel and living expenses for
my invitation as the speaker for the Religion and Ethics Lecture
Series, University of Strasbourg, Spring 1993

Principal Investigator for the North Carolina public symposium,
Liberalism and its Discontents, North Carolina Humanities
Committee, Spring 1987

Thesis Fellowship Award in Religion, Ethics, and Politics,
Princeton Theological Seminary, 1983

**Brown University
and Vassar College Grants:**

2 Brown University research grants, totaling \$3,500, 2004-
12 Vassar College research grants, totaling \$23,000, 1991-2003