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Present Positions

2004— LaBrosse-Levinson Distinguished Professor  
of Religion, Culture and Social Theory  
Department of Sociology and Religious Studies  
University of Virginia

1995 — Director  
Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture

Former Positions

1994-2003 William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor  
of Sociology and Religious Studies  
University of Virginia


1989-1994 Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies  
University of Virginia

1983-1989 Assistant Professor of Sociology  
University of Virginia


**Education**

1981	Ph.D.	Rutgers University	Sociology
1979	M.A.	Rutgers University	Sociology
1977	B.A.	Gordon College	Sociology

**Academic Honors and Awards:**

2005	The Ingersoll Prize for Scholarly Letters, the R. M. Weaver Award
2004—  2010	Presidential Appointment, National Council, National Endowment for the Humanities Confirmed by the U.S. Senate, November 20, 2004
2001	Distinguished Scholar Award, Virginia Social Science Association
2000	Best New Academic Journal, Modern Language Association, <i>The Hedgehog Review: Critical Reflections on Contemporary Culture</i>
1995	Alumnus of the Year, Gordon College
1992	Finalist, 1992 <i>L.A. Times</i> Book Prize; 1992 Critics-Choice Award ( <i>Christianity Today</i> ); Honorable Mention, Phi Beta Kappa Book Competition (Virginia), for <i>Culture Wars</i> .
1991	Gustavus Myers Award for the Study of Human Rights, for <i>Articles of Faith; Articles of Peace</i> ).
1988	Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, for <i>Evangelicalism: The Coming Generation</i> . Also selected by Choice as one of the outstanding scholarly books of 1987.

**Research Appointments:**

1995 — 	Principal Investigator, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, with support from the University of Virginia, numerous foundation grants and private donations.
2000—2006	Principal Investigator, The Center on Religion and Democracy, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts and the Celerity Foundation.
1986—1994	Principal Investigator on "The Religion and Power Project," funded by the Lilly Endowment.
1990—1992	Principal Investigator, on "Moral Education in America," funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts.
1982—1985	Principal Investigator, "The Evangelical Academy Project," funded by the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, the Lilly Endowment & the University of Virginia.
1981—1982	Co-Investigator, (with R. Wuthnow, A. Bergesen, & E. Kurzweil) on "Approaches to the Analysis of Culture," ASA Problems of the Discipline Award.

**Teaching:**

Graduate & Undergraduate:	Sociology of Culture Sociology of Knowledge Sociology of Religion	Modernity/Post-Modernity Discourse and Democracy Introduction to Sociology
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial:

Executive Editor, *The Hedgehog Review*, 1999 —☒  
 Board of Directors, University of Virginia Press, 2002—2005  
 Editorial Board, *Society*, 1997-2002  
 Editorial Board, The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Monograph Series, 1986-1989.  
 Associate Editor, *Sociological Analysis*, 1983-1985.  
 Referee, *Social Forces*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociological Analysis*, *Review of Religious Research*, National Science Foundation, Cambridge University Press, Rutgers University Press, University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press and Oxford University Press.

Service:

National Council, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2004 —☒  
 Chair, Department of Sociology, 1999—2004  
 Advisory Board, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life 2001—2004  
 National Advisory Board, Institute for Advanced Studies in Religion, Yale University, 1998-2001  
 Senior Advisory Board, Civitas, Association for Public Justice, 1998-2004  
 Senior Advisory Committee, The National Commission on Civic Renewal, 1997-98  
 Chair, Distinguished Book Award Committee, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1990-91.  
 Program Director, “The First Amendment Religion Clauses and American Public Life,” A National Symposium held under the aegis of the Bicentennial Commission and the Williamsburg Charter Foundation, University of Virginia, April 11-13, 1988.  
 Member, Program on Political and Social Thought, University of Virginia, 1984-1989.

Consulting:

The Bertelsmann Foundation, 1996, 1997  
 The Pew Charitable Trust Scholarship Committee, 1994-1995  
 The Lilly Endowment, 1988-1991.  
 The Williamsburg Charter Foundation, 1986-1989.  
 Hartford Seminary Foundation, 1988.  
 Bicentennial Commission of the U.S. Constitution, 1987.  
 Institute for the Study of Economic Culture, 1987.  
 Association of American Colleges, 1987.

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**Books:**

*American Evangelicalism: Conservative Religion and the Quandary of Modernity.* New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1983. 170 pp. (Cloth & paperback editions) A main selection of the Religious Book Club.

*Cultural Analysis: The Work of Peter Berger, Mary Douglas, Michel Foucault, and Jurgen Habermas.* R. Wuthnow, James Davison Hunter, A. Bergesen, and E. Kurzweil. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1984. 272 pp. (Cloth & paperback editions)

*Evangelicalism: The Coming Generation.* Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1987. 302 pp. (Paperback edition, 1988) Winner of the 1988 Distinguished Book Award of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Also selected by *Choice* as one of the outstanding scholarly books of 1987.

*Culture Wars: The Struggle to Define America.* New York: Basic Books, 1991. 430 pp. (Paperback edition, 1992) Selected as an alternate in the Book of the Month Club, the History Book Club and the Quality Paperback Book Club. Finalist, 1992 *L.A. Times* Book Prize; 1992 Critics-Choice Award (*Christianity Today*); Honorable Mention, Phi Beta Kappa Book Competition.

*Before the Shooting Begins: Searching for Democracy in America's Culture War.* New York: Free Press, 1994. 310 pp.

*The Death of Character: Moral Education in an Age without Good or Evil.* New York: Basic Books. 2000. 320 pp. (Paperback edition, 2001)

*Is There A Culture War? A Dialogue on Values and American Public Life.* James Davison Hunter and Alan Wolfe. Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Press, 2006.

*To Change the World: Three Essays on the Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Contemporary World.* Forthcoming, Oxford University Press, 2010.

**Edited Books:**

*Making Sense of Modern Times: Peter L. Berger and the Vision of Interpretive Sociology.* James Davison Hunter and Stephen C. Ainlay, (Editors) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1986. 255 pp. (Cloth & paperback editions)

*Articles of Faith - Articles of Peace: The First Amendment Religion Clauses and the American Public Philosophy.* James Davison Hunter and Os Guinness, (Editors) Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution, 1990, 178 pp. Winner of the 1991, Gustavus Myers Award for the Study of Human Rights.

*Thrift in America: A Social History of Capitalism and Moral Order.* Joshua Yates and James Davison Hunter, Editors. Under review, Oxford University Press.

Academic Articles and Essays:

- Hunter, J.D. "The New Class and the Young Evangelicals," *Review of Religious Research*, 22, 2, (December, 1980), pp. 155-169.
- Hunter J.D. "The New Religions: Demodernization and the Protest Against Modernity," in Bryan R. Wilson (ed.) *The Social Impact of the New Religious Movements*. New York: Rose of Sharon Press, 1981, pp. 1-19.
- Hunter, J.D. "Subjectivization and the New Evangelical Theodicy," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 21, 1 (March, 1982) pp. 39-47.
- Hunter, J.D. "Operationalizing Evangelicalism: A Review, Critique and Proposal," *Sociological Analysis*, 42, 4 (1982) pp. 363-372.
- Hunter, J.D. "The Perils of Idealism: A Reply," *Review of Religious Research*, 24, 3, (March, 1983), pp. 267-276.
- Hunter, J.D. "The Liberal Reaction to the New Christian Right," in Robert Liebman and Robert Wuthnow (eds.) *The New Christian Right: Mobilization and Legitimation*. New York: Aldine, 1983, pp. 149-163.
- Hammond, Phillip E. and J.D. Hunter. "On Maintaining Plausibility: The World View of Evangelical College Students," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 23, 3, (September, 1984), pp. 221-238.
- Hunter, J.D. "Religion and Political Civility: The Coming Generation in American Evangelicalism," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 23, 4, (December, 1984), pp.364-380.
- Hunter, J.D. "Conservative Protestantism," in Phillip E. Hammond (ed.) *The Sacred in a Secular Society*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1985, pp. 150-166. Revised for "Conservative Protestantism on the American Scene," *Social Compass*, 32, 1985: 233-244.
- Hunter, J.D. "The Modern Malaise," in James Davison Hunter and Stephen C. Ainlay (eds.) *Making Sense of Modern Times: Peter L. Berger and the Vision of Interpretive Sociology*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1986, pp. 76-100.
- Hunter, J.D. "American Protestantism: Sorting Out the Present, Looking Toward the Future," *This World*, 17, 1987, pp. 53-76. Reprinted in Richard John Neuhaus (ed.) *Believable Futures of American Protestantism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988.
- Hunter, J.D. "Religious Elites in Advanced Industrial Societies," *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 29, 2, 1987: 360-374.
- Hunter, J.D. "America's Fourth Faith: A Sociological Perspective on Secular Humanism," *This World*, 19, 1987, pp. 101-110.
- Hunter, J.D., "Fundamentalism in its Global Contours," Norman Cohen, (ed.) *The Fundamentalist Phenomenon: A View from Within; A View from Without*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990, pp.56-72. Published in a modified form in "Fundamentalism and Social Science," David Bromley (ed.) *Religion and the Social Order: New Developments in Theory and Research*, New York: JAI Press, 1991.
- Hunter, J.D., "Religious Freedom and the Problem of Modern Pluralism," in James Davison Hunter and Os Guinness, (eds.) *Articles of Faith; Articles of Peace: The First Amendment Religion Clauses and American Public Life*, Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1990. Reprinted as "Religion and the State: The Problem of Modern Pluralism," in *The Brookings Review*, Spring, 1990, pp. 20-27.
- Hunter, J.D. and James Hawdon, "Religious Elites in Advanced Capitalism: The Dialectic of Power and Marginality," in Wade Clark Roof (ed.) *World Order and American Religion*, New York: Suny Press, 1991.
- Hunter, J.D. and John Rice "Religion and Pluralism: The Changing Alliances," in Alan Wolfe (ed.) *The Restructuring of American Society*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1991.
- Hunter, J.D. and M. T. Fessenden, "Moral Entrepreneurs and the Changing Face of American Capitalism," in Peter L. Berger and Hansfried Kellner, (ed.) *The New Technocrats*, New Brunswick: Transaction Press, 1992.
- Hunter, J.D. "What Americans Really Think About Abortion," *First Things*. July, 1992.

- Hunter, J.D. and Kimon Howland Sargeant, "Religion, Women, and the Transformation of Public Culture," *Social Research*, vol. 60, no. 3, (Fall, 1993).
- Hunter, J.D., James L. Nolan, Jr. and Beth A. Eck, "Is 'Nothing' Sacred?: Sacred Cosmology Among the Avant Garde", Lawrence Greil and Thomas Robbins (ed.) *Secular Religion and the Social Order*, New York: JAI Press, 1994; Reprinted in Michael Wick (ed.) *Konfigurationen lebensweltlicher Strukturphänomene: Soziologische Varianten Phänomenologisch-hermeneutischer Welterschließung*: Leske & Budrich, 1997. pgs. 336-331.
- Hunter, J.D. and Joseph Davis, "Cultural Politics at the Edge of Life," *Journal of Policy History*, Vol. 7, No. 1, 1995, pgs. 103-127.
- Hunter, J.D., "Remembering Durkheim," *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 35, 3, 1996 pgs. 246-248.
- Hunter, J.D. and D.C. Johnson, "A State of Disunion?" *The Public Perspective*, February/March 1997, pgs. 6-38.
- Hunter, J.D. "Der Amerikanische Kulturkrieg," *Die Grenzen der Gemeinschaft*, Peter L. Berger (ed.) Verlag Bertelsmann/Club of Rome, 1997, pgs. 29-84.
- Hunter, J.D. "Religious Authority, Fin de Siècle," *The Partisan Review* CLXIV, 2, (Spring) 1997, pgs. 4-20.
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- Hunter, J. D. "Leading Children Beyond Good and Evil," *First Things*, May, 2000, pgs. 36-42.
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- Hunter, J. D. "Beyond Debate," *The Responsive Community*, 11, 1, Winter, 2001, pgs. 76-79.
- Hunter, J. D. and Joshua Yates, "The Vanguard of Globalization," in Peter L. Berger and Samuel Huntington, eds, *Many Globalizations*, Oxford University Press. 2002.
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- Hunter, J. D. "Beyond Individualism?" *The Hedgehog Review*, Spring, 2002; pgs. 42-48.
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- Hunter, J.D. and D. Franz. "Religious Pluralism and Civil Society," in *A Nation of Religions*, Steven Prothero (ed.) Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006.
- Hunter, J.D. "Thrift and Moral Formation." In *Moral Culture and American Capitalism*, James Davison Hunter and Joshua Yates, Editors. Presently under final review.
- Hunter, J.D. "Wither Adulthood?," *The Hedgehog Review*, 11, 1, (Spring) 2009.

**Popular Essays:**

- Hunter, J.D. "Flap Will Not Doom Evangelicals," *Los Angeles Times*, Op. ed., March 27, 1987, II, p. 5.
- Hunter, J.D. "Evangelical School Growth; Catholic School Decline," *The Wall Street Journal*, Op. ed. March 8, 1988, pg. 34.
- Hunter, J.D. "Thomas, Hill, and the Culture War," *The Christian Science Monitor*, Op. ed., October 23, 1991.
- Hunter, J.D. "America At War With Itself," *The Washington Post—Outlook*, Op-ed., September 13, 1992. C, p.1, 4.
- Hunter, J.D. "Covering/Uncovering the Culture War," *Columbia Journalism Review*, June/July, 1993.
- Hunter, J.D., "That New Time Religion," *Tikkun*, March/April, 1994.
- Hunter, J.D. "Our Bodies Politic," *The Washington Post—Outlook*, Op-ed., August 7, 1994. C, p.1, 2.
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- Hunter, J.D. "Art and the Politics of Avoidance," *Newsday*, July, 1997.
- Hunter, J.D. "The Lessons of War," *NPR Weekend Edition*, September 30, 2001.
- Hunter, J.D. "The Politics of Uncertainty," *NPR, Day to Day*, April, 2005

**Reports:**

- Hunter, J.D. "The Williamsburg Charter Survey on Religion and Public Life," Spring, 1988, 40 pages. (Reprinted in *The Journal of Law and Religion*, Vol. 3, #1 & 2, 1990, pgs. 257-277.)
- Hunter, J.D. "The Girl Scouts Survey of the Moral Values & Commitments of American Children," Winter, 1990, 123 pgs.
- Hunter, J.D. and C. Bowman, "Abortion in America: The Gallup Life-Choices Survey," Fall, 1992, 92 pgs.
- Hunter, J.D. and C. Bowman, "The State of Disunion: The 1996 Survey on American Political Culture." (Sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture) September, 1996, 100 pgs.
- Hunter, J.D. and C. Bowman, "The Politics of Character: The 2000 Survey on American Political Culture." (Sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture) September, 2000, 65 pgs.

**Endowed Lectures:**

- The Delphi Lecture, Elizabethtown College, January 27, 1993
- The Mow Lectures, Bridgewater College, October 21 1997
- The Weaver Lecture, October 21, 2000.
- The Feaver-MacMinn Lectures, University of Oklahoma, February 2005.
- The Stanley Kimmitt Lecture, University of Montana, April 6, 2009.

**Other Invited Presentations (selected), Spring, 1997 — Spring, 2009:**

- Club of Rome, Gütersloh, FRD, April 12, 1997.
- Pew Fellowships in the Arts, Philadelphia, November 10, 1997.
- Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C. March 5, 1998.
- Columbia School of Journalism, March 24, 1998.
- Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, May 7, 1999.
- Rockefeller Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy, August 7-10, 1999.
- Weatherhead Institute, Harvard University, February 6, 2001.
- Centre for Development and Enterprise, Capetown, South Africa, August 23, 2001.
- U.S. Embassy, Rome, Italy (lecture given in Venice), April 30, 2004
- Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA, April 2, 2007.
- Syracuse University, November 30, 2007.
- New School for Social Research, February, 2009.