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**EMPLOYMENT**

CEO, Lalich Center on Cults and Coercion	2022-present
Self-Employed	2019-present
Professor of Sociology California State University, Chico	2001-2018

**EDUCATION**

<b>Ph.D. Fielding Graduate University</b>	2000 Human and Organizational Systems (inter-disciplinary degree with emphasis in Sociology)
<b>M.A. Fielding Graduate University</b>	1997 Human Development (social psychology)
<b>Fulbright Scholar</b>	1967-68 Université d'Aix-en-Provence, France
<b>B.A. University of Wisconsin</b>	1967 French (graduated with honors)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

	Coercion & coercive control	Authoritarianism & charisma
	Indoctrination & resocialization	Ideology & social control
	Identity & Belonging	Power & abuse/misuse of power
	Relational issues within families	New social & religious movements/cults
Socialization & social control	Social movements & social change	

**COURSES TAUGHT AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO**

Social Movements	Women in Contemporary Societies
Self & Society	Women, Work, & Family
Social Problems	Principles of Sociology
Political Sociology	The Family: Past, Present, & Future
Sociology of Religion	Ethnic & Race Relations
Sociology of Work and Occupations	Social Science Capstone Seminar
Cults, Charisma, and Extremist Ideologies	Family Relations Capstone Seminar

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

	American Sociological Association	Conference on Religious Trauma (Vancouver)
	Association for the Sociology of Religion	
	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion	
	International Cultic Studies Association	
	New Religious Movements list-serve	
Standing Group on Extremism and Democracy of the European Consortium on Political Research	FECRIS (European Federation of Centers for Research & Information on Sects/Cults)	

## EXPERT WITNESS

### Qualified as expert witness

Expert witness in criminal defense of client with 2 indictments for malicious fires of local Walmart stores in United States v. Sean Bottorff (22-CR-00020-TFM) for the Southern District of Alabama Federal Defenders Organization, Mobile, Alabama .

Expert witness in the criminal case (1<sup>st</sup> degree murder and child abuse resulting in death of 2 children) of Nashika Bramble, 2017CR31, San Miguel County, Colorado, 2018-2019.

Expert witness in personal injury case (Jane Doe 118 [Lindsay Tornambe] v. Victor Arden Barnard et al., Court File No. 58-CV-16-522), Pine County, MN, 2017. Settled out of court.

Expert witness in criminal case/sexual abuse of a minor (State of Minnesota v. Victor Arden Barnard, Court File No. 58-CR-14-283), Pine County, MN, 2017. Settled out of court.

Expert witness in lawsuit re gay conversion therapy (*Ferguson v. JONAH*), New Jersey Superior Court, 2015.

Expert witness, custody case, King County Superior Court, Seattle, WA, 2013.

Expert witness in civil trial (*Scott v. Premier Concepts et al.*), Bentonville, AR, 2008-2012.

U.S. District Court of California, Court of Appeals, 2009 (habeas case).

Superior Court of El Dorado, California, 2009 – People v Roberson (murder trial).

### Retained as Expert Witness

Federal RICO case against Joaquin Naason (“The Apostle”) and La Luz del Mundo. Plaintiff Sochil Martin. Greenberg Gross, LLP, Los Angeles, CA. On hold for conclusion of other Federal cases.

Foust Law Office, Bozeman, Montana, 2 lawsuits against Clearview Girls Academy and Reflections Academy – facilities/programs for teens in the Troubled Teen Industry (residential facilities, wilderness camps, etc.). (Note: The Reflections case has settled for undisclosed amount.)

Keyser Mass Ball LLB, Toronto, Ontario Canada, custody case re parental decision-making rights re religion.

Irwin & Moss, Portland, ME, custody case re parental decision-making rights re religion.

Spa Family Law, Denver, Co, custody case re parental rights re decision-making re religion.

Straw-Boone, Doheny, Banks and Mudd, PLLC, Louisville, KY, re custody case.

Blessing & Wallace Law, Cincinnati, OH, re coercion and defrauding elderly couple. Court of Common Pleas, Hamilton County, Ohio, Anthony J. Bruns, as Guardian for Caroline Sue Bruns, and Janet Franz vs. Carol Adlard, DMead LLC and Healthy Visions fka Adoption Option Inc. Case No. A2201103. Deposition completed. Trial November 2024.

Oregon Justice Resource Center, Portland, OR, to testify at Parole Board Hearing for client serving life sentence for murder while a member of a cult. Hearing date TBA 2024.

Crown Prosecutor, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, for sexual assault case against spiritual leader John de Ruiter and his wife Leigh Ann de Ruiter, court date late 2024/early 2025.

Los Angeles Superior Court, Civil Suit against Naasón Joaquin Garcia, leader of La Luz del Mundo church, for Sexual Battery, Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress, Negligence and Gender Violence. Cifarelli Law Firm, Irvine, CA, Court date 2024/2025. On hold for conclusion of Federal cases.

Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Santa Clara, Kevin Lloyd vs. Google, LLC, Case No. 21CV386802, 2021, for Religious Discrimination, Wrongful Termination, Retaliation and Related Causes of Action. Expert report submitted; case settled for undisclosed amount.

Southern Poverty Law Center for a case involving international parental kidnapping and conspiracy to deny civil rights with the aid of a Mennonite community in Virginia and Nicaragua and the Liberty Council. Case settled 2022.

Child custody case against Zhi Gang Sha, aka Dr. Sha, aka Master Sha and Divine Healing Hands, 2022.

Child custody case involving divorced Americans living in Italy; wife in cultic relationship with sex offender and ran off with the children. 2022.

Federal fraud case (*USA v. Lipton et al.*), 2009.

Consultant in 30+ cult-related custody cases.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

Keynote Presentation, “Cults 101: Everything You Need to Know and More,” DeCult Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand, October 19-20, 2024.

Invited Dinner and 2 Presentations, Government officials, Parliament of New Zealand, Wellington, New

Zealand, October 23, 2024.

Invited Speaker, Constitution Day, Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, September 16, 2024.

Guest: National Writers Series, Twin Flames—Burned! A Survivor and Cult Expert Speak Out, Traverse City, MI, February 22, 2024.

Award: Research & Insights Innovator Award, The Freedom Train Project, 2024.

Technical Adviser: *The Leader*. Feature film. Review screenplay, presentations to lead actors and cast/crew, on-site filming. In production.

Founder & CEO: Lalich Center on Cults and Coercion, a California 501©3 nonprofit corporation, 2023.

Co-Founder: Take Back Your Life Recovery, LLC (2018-2022). Courses, learning series, and individual consultations to survivors of cults, the Troubled-Teen Industry, and abusive relationships. Also CEU-certified cult- and trauma-informed courses for psychotherapists, social workers, and other helping professionals.

Featured expert in multiple documentaries and TV, radio, internet, and print interviews.

Panelist: Organizing 2.0 National Conference of union organizers. Panel title: “Deprogramming QAnoners & The Alt-Reality Community,” April 14, 2021.

Speaker: Young Presidents’ Organization, Orange County, CA. September 19, 2019.

Consulting Producer: *Cults and Extreme Belief*, for A&E *Investigates*, 9-episode documentary series on cults. May-July 2018. Also participated as featured expert.

Script Writer: TED-Ed Lessons, “Why Do People Join Cults?” Subsidiary of TED Talks, international distribution, 2017, to date more than 5 million views.

Speaker’s Award & Keynote Presentation: “Re-forming the Self: The Impact and Consequences of Institutional Abuse.” Survivors of Institutional Abuse convention, Long Beach, CA, February 24-26, 2012.

Presentation: National Security Agency, “Ideological Extremism & Its Outcomes: Lessons from Cult Research on Radicalization and De-radicalization—A Social-Psychological Model for Understanding the Power of Group Context,” Fort Meade, MD, September 15, 2011.

Two presentations: Canadian Security Intelligence Service and Public Safety Canada Strategic Policy Branch, “Ideological Extremism & Its Outcomes: Lessons from Cult Research on Radicalization,” Ottawa, Canada, May 28, 2011.

Presentation: 2011 Global Futures Forum, “Ideological Extremism and the Propensity toward Violence: Lessons from Cult Research,” Monterey, CA April 8, 2011.

Presentation: Central Intelligence Agency CounterTerrorism Center, “Creating More Ex-Terrorists: Lessons from Cult Research,” Langley, VA, February 18, 2011.

Panelist on two panels at Office of the Director of National Intelligence conference: At the Crossroads of Violent Extremism and Foreign-Directed Domestic Threats: Homeland Implications. Panel titles: “The Individual Radicalization Paradigm” and “Effective Methods for Responding to Radicalization and Violent Extremism,” Washington, DC, February 16-17, 2011.

Presentation: MI5 intelligence service of the British Government on radicalization and de-radicalization, London, England, November 24, 2010.

Member of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence 2010 Summer Hard Problem Program (SHARP) on Radicalization (a month-long classified session for which I was given security clearance): Assisted in discussions and debates and prepared analytic product for use by the U.S. Government. Coauthored 5 articles for final published product for then-President Obama and selected to present summary to government representatives on final day.

Academic Fellow: Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, Washington, D.C., including special 10-day educational program in Israel on terrorism and counterterrorism, Jerusalem, Israel, May 30-June 10, 2009.

Keynote Speaker: International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, June 27, 2008.

Expert Session: Texas Department of Family and Protective Services regarding the needs of the children removed from the Eldorado, Texas Fundamentalist Latter-Day Saints polygamous compound, Austin, TX, April 29-30, 2008.

Selected for “Making a Difference,” for making significant contributions to the public good, Council of Graduate Schools, April 24, 2008.

Global Futures Forum (a multinational, multidisciplinary intelligence community of experts who engage in strategic level, unclassified dialogue and research), November 27, 2007.

The Margaret Thaler Singer Award for Advancing the Understanding of Coercive Persuasion and Undue

Influence: Received from the International Cultic Studies Association at annual conference in Brussels, Belgium, June 29, 2007.

Nominated for Humana Scholar at Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, January 2007.

Invited by U.S. Government to give two presentations to private gathering of terrorism researchers and representatives from the Intelligence Community, Arlington, VA, November 30-December 1, 2006.

Philadelphia NOW: "The Juarez Murders: Outrage, Activism and Creativity," December 1, 2006, for "an innovative sociology course," referring to my student service-learning classes, Women in Contemporary Societies, re the unsolved murders of women in Juarez, Mexico.

Financial donation in my honor by a family to the International Cultic Studies Association, May 2005.

Elizabeth Douvan Award for Post-Doctoral Development, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA, December 2001.

### **PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS**

Attorneys, government agencies (including in the Intelligence Community of the Five Eyes (Australia, Canada, New Zealand, UK & US), educators, social workers, mental health professionals, civic organizations, law enforcement, clergy, private investigators, and private clients (families and individuals), 1994-present.

Consultant and workshop leader, State of California Department of Education, 1996-1998; Economic Opportunity Commission, San Luis Obispo, CA, 1996-1998; YMCA of the East Bay, Richmond, CA, 1996-1998.

Workshop and support group facilitator for former cult members and families, 1994-present.

Support group for women sexually abused in a cultic group or relationship of power imbalance (e.g., therapist, pastor, teacher), 1996-1997.

Ongoing support group for former cult members, San Francisco Bay Area, 1992-1999.

Independent Scholar-Practitioner, 1989-2001. Owned and operated Community Resources on Influence & Control and the Center for Research on Influence & Control, Alameda, CA (1995-2001), sole proprietorship, served as education director, conducting research and providing public education. Worked as consultant to diverse family population regarding issues related to controversial groups. Clients included local, national, and international families.

Media consultations and interviews (television news and programs, documentary films, radio, print, Internet), 1994-present (see below for partial listing).

### **SPECIAL REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

"Cults vs Religion: What's the Difference?" Theological and Religious Studies, University of Auckland, New Zealand, October 15, 2024

"Cults and Coercion: What You Need to Know," Psychology Research Seminar, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, October 17, 2024.

"Working with Cult Survivors," Session with mental-health professionals, Timaru, New Zealand, November 1, 2024.

"Special Meeting with Gloriavale Survivors," Timaru, New Zealand, November 1, 2024.

Guest lecture: Leadership course for psychiatric residents at Harvard Medical School, June 5, 2024.

"A Conversation with Briell Decker (FLDS survivor) and Dr. Janja Lalic, Rossmoor Community, September 24, 2023.

"Cults 101," Entre Amigos Club, Rossmoor Community, Walnut Creek, CA, July 24, 2023.

"Human Trafficking in Our Midst: Recognition and Response," Migrant Head Start Preservice Conference, Stanislaus County, CA, March 15, 2019.

"Human Trafficking: Recognition and Response for Medical Professionals," 2016 Butte County EMS Symposium, Enloe Medical Center, Chico, CA, November 4, 2016.

"What Have We Learned Since Jonestown?" *The Jonestown Report*, November 2008.

Report on "Theories of Radicalization and Gaps in the Study" for a U.S. intelligence agency reporting to the U.S. Government, September 2007.

Two presentations on "Radicalization" and "De-radicalization" to special gathering of terrorism researchers and representatives of the intelligence community preparing a report for the U.S. Government, Arlington, VA, November 30-December 1, 2006.

### **VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Interfaith Center at Miami University in Ohio – Live Zoom Event: Recognizing Cults & Abuse of Power

with Janja Lalich, 2023 and 2024.  
Netroots Nation 2021 Virtual Conference: Panel on “Conspiracy Theorists: Advice from Cult Experts, Therapists & Organizers.”

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Janja Writes: The Collected Works of Janja Lalich*. In progress.  
*Take Back Your Life Workbook*. In progress.  
*Take Back Your Life: Recovering from Cults and Abusive Relationships*. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition updated and revised. Lalich Center on Cults and Coercion, 2023. In print and audio. Spanish edition in progress.  
*Escaping Utopia: Growing Up in a Cult, Getting Out, and Starting Over* (coauthor Karla McLaren, M.Ed.). New York: Routledge, 2017. In print and audio.  
*Bounded Choice: True Believers and Charismatic Cults*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004.  
*“Crazy” Therapies: What Are They? Do They Work?* (coauthor Margaret Thaler Singer). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1996.  
*Cults in Our Midst: The Hidden Menace in Our Everyday Lives* (coauthor Margaret Singer). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1995.  
*Captive Hearts, Captive Minds: Freedom and Recovery from Cults and Abusive Relationships* (coauthor Madeleine Tobias). Alameda, CA: Hunter House, 1994.

### Translations of My Work (partial list)

My books and articles have been translated into Spanish, Italian, German, French, Farsi, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Sinhala, and Polish.  
“Women Under the Influence: A Study of Women Lives in Totalist Groups,” a special edition of the *Cultic Studies Journal* that I Guest-Edited and in which I authored several articles (see below), was translated into Japanese as a book, titled *Behind the Veil: Sexual and Child Abuse in Cult Religions*. Tokyo: Askcom Publisher, 2007.

### Journals

Guest Editor: *Women Under the Influence: A Study of Women’s Lives in Totalist Groups*, special issue of the *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1997, 14(1).

### Book Chapters

“Foreword: Repairing the Soul After a Cult Experience,” in Antonio Madaleno, *Cults and High-Control Groups*. Portugal, forthcoming 2024.  
“Preface: On the Brainwashing Controversy and The Role of Cult Apologists,” in Luigi Corvaglia, *Le Sette e Iloro Difensori: Psicopatologia della Schiaviti Voluntaria* (Trans: Cults & their defenders: Psychopathology of voluntary slavery). Rome: CIV Edizioni, 2020.  
“True Believers and Charismatic Cults,” in Jeff Goodwin & James Jasper (Eds.), *The Social Movements Reader: Cases and Concepts*, pp. 117-127. Oxford, England: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009.  
“Cults Today: A New Social-Psychological Perspective,” in Piotr Nowakowski, Ph.D. (Ed.), *Zarys Problematyki Sekt* (Trans: *Outline of the Cult Problem*), Cracow, Poland: Dom Wydawniczy Rafael Publisher, 2008. (This chapter was translated into Polish for this textbook and teaching manual for academic instructors in Poland.)  
“Using the Bounded Choice Model as an Analytical Tool: A Case Study of Heaven’s Gate” (reprinted from *Cultic Studies Review*, 2004, 3(2-3), pp. 226-247, in Piotr Nowakowski, Ph.D. (Ed.), *The Phenomena of Cults from a Scientific Perspective* (an English-language book). Cracow, Poland: Dom Wydawniczy Rafael Publisher, 2008.  
“My Soul Needed Repair,” in Doreen Piano (ed.), *Cults: Social Issues First Hand*. Belmont, CA: Gale/Cengage, 2008.  
“Pitfalls in the Sociological Study of Cults,” in Benjamin Zablocki and Thomas Robbins (Eds.), *Misunderstanding Cults: Searching for Objectivity in a Controversial Field*, pp. 123-155. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2001.  
“Dominance and Submission: The Psychosexual Exploitation of Women in Cults,” in Marny Hall (Ed.), *Sexualities*, pp. 37-52. New York: Haworth Press, 1996.  
“A Little Carrot and a Lot of Stick: A Case Example,” in Michael D. Langone (Ed.), *Recovery from Cults: Help for Victims of Psychological and Spiritual Abuse*, pp. 51-84. New York: W. W. Norton, 1993

### Academic Articles (Peer-reviewed)

- "Leadership of Islamic Terrorist Groups: Nature and Impact," "No Man Is an Island: How Global Islamist Extremism Is Generated," and "Creating More Ex-Terrorists by Maximizing Disengagement Opportunities," SHARP Final Report on Radicalization, July 2010.<sup>1</sup>
- "Inside and Outcast: Multifaceted Stigma and Redemption in the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Jehovah's Witnesses," *Journal of Homosexuality*, 2010, 57, 1303-1333 (coauthor Karla McLaren, M.Ed.).
- "Social Action: A Continuum of Possibilities," *Social Justice in Context*, 2010, 5(1), 1-16 (coauthor Penelope Wong, Ed.D.).
- "The Violent Outcomes of Ideological Extremism: What Have We Learned Since Jonestown?" *Cultic Studies Review*, 2009, 8(3), 281-302.
- "Characteristics Associated with Cultic Groups," translated into Polish from my book *Take Back Your Life: Recovering from Cults and Abusive Relationships*, forthcoming in a Polish magazine, *Sekty i Fakty (Sects and Facts)*, Fall 2007.
- "Using the Bounded Choice Model as an Analytical Tool: A Case Study of Heaven's Gate." *Cultic Studies Review*, 2004, 3(2/3), 226-247.
- "Crazy Therapies." *Harvard Mental Health Letter*, 1997, 14(6), 5-6.
- "Introduction: We Own Her Now." *Women Under the Influence*. Special issue of *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1997, 14(1), 1-3.
- "Dominance and Submission: The Psychosexual Exploitation of Women in Cults." *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1997, 14(1), 4-21.
- "Dominance and Submission: The Psychosexual Exploitation of Women in Cults." *Women & Therapy: A Feminist Quarterly*, 1996, 19(4), 37-52.
- "The Cadre Ideal: Origins and Development of a Political Cult." *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1992, 9(1), 1-77.

### Book Reviews

- I Am Evelyn Amony: Reclaiming My Life from the Lord's Resistance Army* by Evelyn Amony. *Nova Religio*, 2017.
- Religion and Political Violence: Sacred Protest in the Modern World* by Jennifer L. Jefferis. *International Journal of Cultic Studies*, 2011, 2, 82-86.
- Lost Boy* by Brent W. Jeffs. *International Journal of Cultic Studies*, 2010, 1(1), 101-102.
- Awesome Families: The Promise of Healing Relationships in the International Churches of Christ* by Kathleen E. Jenkins. *American Journal of Sociology*, 2007, 112(5), 1593-1595. (preeminent sociology journal).
- Them and Us: Cult Thinking and the Terrorist Threat* by Arthur J. Deikman. *Cultic Studies Review*, 2004, 3(2).
- Odd Gods: New Religions and Cult Controversy*, edited by James Lewis. *Sociology of Religion*, 2003, 64(1), 142-143. (premier journal in sociology of religion)
- On the Edge: Political Cults Right and Left* by Dennis Tourish & Tim Wohlforth and *Tabernacle of Hate: Why They Bombed Oklahoma City* by Kerry Noble. *Cultic Studies Review*, 2003, 2(2).
- Heaven's Harlots* by Miriam Williams and *Seductive Poison* by Deborah Layton. *Lingua Franca* online, June 2000.
- Moon Sisters, Krishna Mothers, Rajneesh Lovers* by Susan J. Palmer. *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1997, 14(1), 158-161.

### Articles in Popular Venues

- "Did the So-Called Sarah Lawrence 'Sex Cult' Members Have a Choice?" msnbc.com, March 14, 2023.
- "Think Twice Before Posting That Osho Quote!" janjalich.com, April 2022.
- "Before I Wrote My Dissertation on Heaven's Gate, I Was in a Cult," *SanDiego Union Tribune*, March 17, 2022.
- "Why Do People Join Cults?" Script for TED-Ed animation. Ted.com, 2017.
- "Of Cults and Charisma," *Al-Jazeera English Digital Magazine*, December 2013.

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<sup>1</sup> While at the SHARP 2010 session (mentioned in the Achievements section above), I coauthored five articles that were peer-reviewed and later published in a final report by the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and delivered to then-President Obama, members of Congress, and other government officials. I am able to provide only three of the five titles, as the other two were classified.

“What Have We Learned Since Jonestown?” *The Jonestown Report*, November 2008.  
 Excerpt from my book *Bounded Choice: True Believers and Charismatic Cults*, in “Secret Societies,” a special edition of *U.S. News & World Report*, June 2007.

“Characteristics Associated with Cultic Groups,” co-authored with Michael D. Langone, Executive Director of the International Cultic Studies Association (ICSA), 2006. This was first published in *Take Back Your Life*, is on the ICSA Web site, and can be found in numerous places on the Internet, where it has been reproduced and/or used as a framework for analytical work.

“Jones Far from Honorable.” Letter to the Editor, *Enterprise-Record*, April 11, 2007.

Excerpts from *Take Back Your Life*, “Coping with Anger” and “Who Joins Cults and Why?” *reFOCUS Forum: An Internet Newsletter for Recovery*, vol.8, No. 1 (Jan/Feb) and No. 4 (Sep/Oct), 2007.

“Repairing the Soul after a Cult Experience,” reprinted in *Out of the Cocoon Newsletter*, online, September 2006.

“Collaboration Pays Off.” Letter to the Editor, *Enterprise-Record*, November 28, 2005.

“Watch Your Culture.” Special issue of the *Harvard Business Review*, “Inside the Mind of the Leader,” January 2004, 34.

“The Procrustean Bed: How to Avoid One-Size-Fits-All Therapy.” *The UTNE Reader*, January-February 1997.

“Report from the U.S.A.” *F.A.I.R. Bulletin* (United Kingdom), Summer 1997.

“Repairing the Soul After a Cult Experience.” *Creation Spirituality Network Magazine*, 1996, 12(1). (This article has been reprinted in various publications and online, including a national Mensa mental health newsletter, “Mental health Special Interest Group,” September 2000, pp. 4-9; and in *The Redwood Empire Therapist*, February 1998, a newsletter of a regional chapter of the California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists.)

“The Social Meaning of Aum Shinrikyo.” *The Cult Observer*, 1995, 12(7), 10-11.

“Individual Differences Affecting Recovery.” *AFF News*, 1995, 1(1), 1, 3.

“Two New Videos Increase Our Understanding of Cults and Recovering from Cultic Experiences.” *Cult Awareness Network News*, April 1995, 6-7.

#### **AWARDS, HONORS, & NOTEWORTHY ACTIVITIES AT CSU, CHICO**

Panelist, “The Lure of Terrorism,” CSUC Campus, April 26, 2016.

Keynote Speaker, “Extraordinary Ordinary Women,” The Red Tent, CSUC campus and community event, March 7, 2015.

Nominated by student members of S.T.O.P! for the Myles Tracy Outstanding Organization Advisor Award, Spring 2013.

Maggie Award for Faculty, The AS Gender & Sexuality Equity Center, CSUC, May 5, 2012.

Vagina Warrior Award, from AS Women’s Center, CSUC, February 10, 2010.

My work highlighted in *Leading the Way to a Sustainable Future*, a publication of The Institute for Sustainable Development, CSUC, 2009.

Maggie Award for Faculty, AS Women’s Center, California State University, Chico, in honor of being an outstanding leader for women in the Chico community, and for establishing a vision for a better world, CSUC, May 7, 2009.

Taking It to the Classroom Award, Conversations on Diversity Committee, to recognize an outstanding faculty member who possesses the courage and creativity required to successfully engage diversity issues in the classroom, CSUC, May 7, 2008.

Professional Achievement Honor for Teacher/Scholar Excellence, California State University, Chico, 2007.

Celebrating Our Faculty: Scholarly and Creative Work from 2005-2006, CSU Chico, held at AS Bookstore, March 5, 2007.

Highlighted in CSUC’s *Achieving Excellence* brochure in section on College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, almost every year since 2003.

Nominated for Pearls of Wisdom award, CSUC, May 2006.

Selected by BSS Dean Byron Jackson to give the lead-off lecture in the new Faculty Colloquium Series, “Bounded Choice: An Exploration of Cults, Charisma, and Extremist Ideologies,” October 28, 2004.

Exemplary Online Instruction Award, for my course Sociology of Work and Occupations, taught online in Fall 2002. Granted by the Offices of the President and the Provost and the Center for Excellence in Learning & Teaching at CELT Conference, CSUC, September 19, 2003.

### **OTHER TEACHING (partial list)**

#### *Lectures and seminars at 23+ American universities (most recent)*

Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY. Social Deviance class, February 16, 2018; October 27, 2015; April 22, 2013.

University of Montana, Missoula, MT. Inaugural Lecture Series: "Gay Conversion Therapy on Trial." Two other lectures: "From Cults to Terrorism" and "Human Trafficking: Making Humans Invisible and Disposable." September 30, 31 and October 1, 2015.

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA. The Peace Studies Lecture Series, "Drinking the Kool-Aid: From Persuasion to Mind Control," April 13, 2009.

Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA. Special seminar, "How to Make It in Academia: Finding the Job that Fits," January 16, 2008.

Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA. Special seminar, "When Groups Control Us: A New Social-Psychological Model for Understanding the Power of Group Dynamics," Winter Session, January 13, 2005.

University of California, Santa Cruz, Sociology Department. At invitation of Professor William Domhoff, Political Consciousness class, May 24, 2004. Invited again for January 2006 for his Sociology of Power class.

YMCA of the East Bay, Richmond, CA. Three-day and one-day workshop for statewide directors and head teachers, "Systems of Influence: A Management Reassessment," August 1997, August 1996.

Economic Opportunity Commission, San Luis Obispo, CA. Two-day workshop for head teachers at center in Encinitas, CA, November 1996.

Break Free Support Network, Charlotte, NC. Full-day seminar for mental health professionals, social workers, educators, clergy, and the public, March 1995.

American Family Foundation, Oceanside, CA. Two-day workshop on social and psychological influence, October 1994.

*Grand Rounds at Medical/Mental Health Facilities:*

Medical education program on "Cult Issues Today" for several hundred medical specialists affiliated with UCLA and USC, Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center, May 20, 2003.

Center for Psychological Studies, Albany, CA. Grand Rounds presentation for clinicians and graduate students, February 1997.

Berkeley Therapy Institute, Berkeley, CA. Lecture to trainees and staff, December 1996.

Clark Center, Savannah, GA. In-service to doctors, nurses, social workers, and therapists at county mental-health facility, September 1994.

### **Research Methods Seminars**

Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara. "Dangerous Data," January 2000.

University of California at Berkeley, Graduate School of Journalism. "Researching and Writing about Controversial Groups," December 1999.

Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara. "Reactive Knowledge," July 1999.

Fielding Graduate University, San Francisco session. "Qualitative Methods," December 1997.

### **Invited Lectures on Cults & Social Movements**

Stanford University Medical School, January 2006.

University of California-Santa Cruz, May 2005, January 2006.

Massachusetts School of Law Educational Forum, Andover, MA, February 1999.

University of San Francisco, September 1998, October 1997, October 1996.

University of Arizona, Tucson, October 1997.

Arizona State University, Tempe, October 1997.

University of California at Berkeley, May 1997.

Frank J. Lewis Institute for Campus Ministry, July 1996, July 1995, July 1994.

### **Invited Lectures on Social Psychology**

Mills College, EF International School of English, Oakland, CA, August 1999.

San Francisco State University, Department of Speech and Communications, November 1997.

Sonoma State University, Psychology Department, November 1997.

Adams State College, Alamosa, CO, Graduate Summer Program, July 1996.

Queens College, Charlotte, NC, Psychology Department, September 1994.



Stanford University, Psychology Department, March 1994.

**Endorsement Quotes Requested by Publishers for Book Jackets and Promotional Material for Books Authored by Others**

*Cultures of Defiance and Resistance: Social Movements in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* by Scott G. McNall (Routledge, 2018).

*Terror, Love and Brainwashing: Attachment in Cults and Totalitarian Systems* by Alexandra Stein (Routledge) 2016.

*Undertow: My Escape from the Fundamentalism and Cult Control of The Way International* by Charlene Edge (New Wings Press), 2016

*Paradise and Promises* by Marlowe Sand (John Hunt Publishing, London), 2015.

*Fortney Road: Life, Death, and Deception in a Christian Cult* by Jeff C. Stevenson (Freethought House), 2015.

*Destructive and Terrorist Cults: A New Kind of Slavery* by Masoud Banisadr (RIDC, London), 2014.

*Escape through the Window: A Cult Survivor's Story* by Sarah Rose, 2012.

*The House of Yahweh: My Side of the Story* by Kay Hawkins (Authorhouse), 2012.

*Church of Lies* by Flora Jessop (Jossey-Bass), 2009

*Not Without My Sister* by Celeste Jones, Kristina Jones, and Juliana Buhning (Harper Element, UK), 2007. (My quote will be on the forthcoming U.S. edition and the UK paperback edition.)

*Jesus Freaks* by Don Lattin (Harper Collins), 2007.

*Them and Us: Cult Thinking and the Terrorist Threat* by Arthur J. Deikman (Bay Tree Publishing), 2003.

*Inside Out: A Memoir of Entering and Breaking Out of a Minneapolis Political Cult* by Alexandra Stein (North Star Press), 2002.

**Related to my book: *Bounded Choice: True Believers and Charismatic Cults (partial list)***

Cited in *Annual Review of Sociology*, 2009, vol. 35, in "Political Sociology and Social Movements," by Andrew G. Walder (pp. 393-412).

Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Leadership*, *Cultic Studies Review*, *Nova Religio*, *Western Folklore*, *Choice*, *e-Extreme* (online publication of Extremism and Democracy Group), *Skeptical Inquirer*, *Fortean Times* (UK), *Enterprise-Record* (Chico, CA), the University of Wisconsin Alumni magazine, the Fielding Graduate University Alumni magazine, *Fielding Focus*, and *Chico Statements*.

Endorsement quotes from Robert Jay Lifton, Harvard University (leading authority on thought reform/brainwashing); Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara (well-known sociologist who writes about religion and terrorism); and E. Burke Rochford, Jr., Middlebury College, VT (Well-known sociologist of religion whose specialty is the Hare Krishna movement).

Excerpt in "Secret Societies," a special edition of *U.S. News & World Report*, June 2007.

Excerpt in *The Social Movements Reader: Cases and Concepts*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., edited by Jeff Goodwin & James M. Jasper (Blackwell Publishing), forthcoming 2008.

Required text in the following courses: Sociology of Religion (grad level) at Rutgers University; Sociology of Religion at Marymount College; Culture, Emotions, and Social Movements at New York University; Social Movements (grad level) at the New School (NYC); Sociology of Power, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Requests for my book and/or from scholars and practitioners in Canada, Hungary, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Serbia, United Kingdom, Ukraine, among others.

Learning Channel documentary, featured expert in *Heaven's Gate: The Definitive Story*, on the 10-year anniversary of the group suicides. Aired in March 2007.

Book and my theory referenced in "Charismatic Leadership and Corporate Cultism at Enron: The Elimination of Dissent, the Promotion of Conformity and Organizational Collapse" by Dennis Tourish and Naheed Vatcha in *Leadership*, 2005, 1(4), pp. 455-480.

Book discussed in "The Cult of the Professional Revolutionary," *Socialist Standard* (UK publication), November 2005.

Book and my ideas discussed repeatedly on various Internet forums, such as Cult Education Forum, x-Jehovah's Witnesses list serve, ReGAIN Network, Freedom of Mind forum, discussion of political cults on Wikipedia and various Internet sites, and so on.

Outstanding reader reviews on various bookselling and cult-related Web sites.

Book used as primary source for Wikipedia entry on Heaven's Gate cult.

Book cited on section on Heaven's Gate on The Religious Movements Homepage Project, an extensive Web site in this field.

Book featured on sidebar on The Skeptic's Dictionary Website.

Book and my ideas referenced numerous times on Prof. G. William Domhoff's site on "Theories of Power," related to his work on *Who Rules America?* See, for example, his Web site at [http://sociology.ucsc.edu/whorulesmaerica/theory/studying\\_power.html](http://sociology.ucsc.edu/whorulesmaerica/theory/studying_power.html).

Feature article: *Fielding Focus*, magazine of Fielding Graduate University, Winter 2005.

Interview: *Thinking Allowed*, BBC Radio 4, October 13, 2004. (This is a most prestigious intellectual interview program in the UK.)

Interview: *The Morning Show*, KPFA-FM radio, Berkeley, November 17, 2004. (Very popular public radio program in the San Francisco Bay Area, and online.)

Book reading/signing: Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Chico, CA, September 18, 2004.

Featured in *Chico Statements*, "Demystifying Cults," Fall 2004.

Review: "Chico State Professor Writes about Cults" by Dan Barnett, *Enterprise-Record* (Chico, CA), September 16, 2004, p. 12.

Cover story: "The Power of Cults: How Chico State Prof. Janja Lalich Went from Cult Member to Author-Expert," *Chico News & Review*, August 12, 2004, pp. 16-20.

**Related to my book: *Take Back Your Life: Recovering from Cults and Abusive Relationships***

Reviewed in *Cultic Studies Review*, *Midwest Book Review*, *Small Press Bookwatch*, *Apologetics Index*, *Free Mind Inc.*, *Chico Statements*, *Enterprise-Record* (Chico, CA), and myriad Web sites on cult and abuse issues.

Endorsement quotes from Philip Zimbardo, Stanford University (renowned social psychologist, most known for his Stanford Prison Experiment); Eugene Methvin, Editor, *Reader's Digest*; Carol Giambalvo, exit counselor and author; Lorna and William Goldberg; social workers; Michael Langone, Executive Director, International Cultic Studies Association.

Outstanding reader reviews on various bookselling and cult-related Web sites.

National Geographic documentary, featured expert on several cults as context for the small doomsday cult that was the subject of this program, aired Spring 2008. Also aired on Channel 4 TV in the UK.

One-hour interview with Psychjourney Audio Book Club on *Take Back Your Life*, March 18, 2007, available in podcasts on various websites operated by host, Deborah Harper.

Sections of my book used in course on cults and authoritarianism at University of Minnesota.

Excerpt, "Who Joins Cults and Why?" in *reFOCUS Forum: An Internet Newsletter for Recovery*, Vol.8, No. 1, January/February 2007.

Book featured on sidebar on The Skeptic's Dictionary Website.

Checklist from book featured on FaithFreedom.org Web site on "Mohammed: A Cult Leader."

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### Completed Research Projects

On Our Own: How Children of Cults Manage to Survive in the "Outside World." Study of individuals born and/or raised in a cult who left the group while they were children, adolescents, or young adults; data gathered through in-depth interviews. Approved by CSUC Human Subjects in Research Committee, September 2003. Completed 2012. Published as book, *Escaping Utopia: rowing Up in a Cult, Getting Out, and Starting Over* (coauthor Karla McLaren).

Fundamentalist religion and homosexuality, focusing on the family relationships and experiences of gays and lesbians in the Jehovah's Witnesses organization. Includes analyzing data from questionnaires and arranging interviews with gay and lesbian former Witnesses; data drawn from autobiographical accounts posted on the Internet. Paper on preliminary research presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, August 13, 2004, and at International Cultic Studies Association, Denver, June 23, 2006. Article: "Inside and Outcast: Multifaceted Stigma and Conflict in the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Jehovah's Witnesses" published in *Journal of Homosexuality*.

Research necessary to update and revise my first book, *Captive Hearts, Captive Minds*, which was published in 1994. This required research on new developments related to cult recovery issue; post-traumatic stress disorder as it applies to cult membership and aftereffects; small, no-name cults; family cults; one-on-one cultic relationships; and people born and raised in a cult and their unique issues after they leave. This research contributed to the publications of my new book, *Take Back Your Life*:

*Recovering from Cults and Abusive Relationships*. (Bay Tree, 2006). 2004-2006.  
 Joint project with Michael Langone, Ph.D., director of International Cultic Studies Association to develop a checklist of characteristics of cults. Completed and published in my book *Take Back Your Life: Recovering from Cults and Abusive Relationships* (Bay Tree, 2006), as well as on ICSA website. 2005-2006.

Comparative research project on Heaven's Gate cult (committed collective suicide in March 1997) and Democratic Workers Party, a left-wing political cult. Included content analysis of archival data, as well as interviews with former members of both groups. This project formed the basis of my doctoral dissertation, and its revision forms the basis of my 2004 book, *Bounded Choice: True Believers and Charismatic Cults*. (University of California Press, 2004) 1997-2004.

Research, fieldwork, and writing on issues of power, gender, and sexuality in new religious and social movements, culminated in a chapter in *Sexualities*, edited by Marny Hall (Haworth Press, 1997) and an article, "Dominance and Submission: The Psychosexual Exploitation of Women in Cults," in *Women & Therapy: A Feminist Quarterly*, 1996, 19(4), 37-52. Also invited to be Guest Editor of a journal special issue on the experiences of women, entitled "Women Under the Influence: A Study of Women's Lives in Totalist Groups," *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1997, 14(1). Selected and edited all submissions; also wrote the introduction, lead article, and a book review. 1994-1997.

Research, fieldwork, and writing on new and alternative therapy movements and fads, culminated in the book, "*Crazy Therapies: What Are They? Do They Work?*," published by Jossey-Bass, 1996. With Dr. Margaret Singer, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of California-Berkeley. 1994-1996.

Research, fieldwork, and writing on cultic groups and movements, culminated in the book, *Cults in Our Midst*, published by Jossey-Bass, 1995. Based primarily on the work of Dr. Margaret Singer, Emeritus Professor of Psychology, University of California-Berkeley. 1993-1995.

Research, fieldwork, and writing on individual and social issues related to cultic groups and relationships, culminated in the book, *Captive Hearts, Captive Minds: Freedom and Recovery from Cults and Abusive Relationships*, published by Hunter House, 1994. With co-author Madeleine Tobias. 1991-1993.

Research and in-depth case study of Marxist-feminist group active in the 1970s and 1980s, including textual analysis, interviews, and observations, culminated in "The Cadre Ideal: Origins and Development of a Political Cult," *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1992, 9(10), 1-77. 1989-1992.

#### **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

"Ideological Extremism & Its Outcomes: Issue of Personal Responsibility." Conference on Extreme Beliefs and Responsibility, Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, June 29-30, 2023.

"Belief Formation, Identity, and Radicalization," Religious Trauma Conference, COURT, October 20-22, 2023.

Speaker, Young Presidents' Club, Orange County Chapter, September 19, 2019.

Keynote Speaker, "Human Trafficking in Our Midst: Recognition and Response." Migrant Head Start Pre-service Conference, Stanislaus County Office of Education, Modesto, CA, March 15, 2019.

"Lessons from the Children of Cults." Move Forward Inc. Annual Conference, Fairbanks, AK, August 17-18, 2018.

"Learning from Those Who Got Away." International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, PA, July 3, 2018.

"Summary of Research on Radicalization in the United States." FECRIS (European Federation of Centers for Research and Information on Sects/Cults), Brussels, Belgium, May 19, 2017.

"On Our Own: Children of Cults Speak Out." FECRIS, Sofia, Bulgaria, May 21, 2016.

"Perspectives on U.S. Cult-related Court Cases." FECRIS, Marseille, France, May 16, 2015.

"A Case Study Analysis of an Anti-Trafficking Organization," Southeastern Women's Studies Association, Orlando, FL, March 30, 2015 (with Dr. Melanie Duncan).

"Recovering from Cult Experiences: How to Recognize and Resolve Aftereffects," Move Forward Inc. Annual Conference, Fairbanks, AK, August 14-15, 2014.

Keynote speaker. "Re-forming the Self: The Impact and Consequences of Institutional Abuse." Survivors of Institutional Abuse annual convention, Long Beach, CA, February 25, 2012.

"To Have and To Hold: Non-Recruitment and Retention of Children in Cults." International Cultic Studies Association, New York, July 3, 2010.

"Human Trafficking: Making People Invisible and Disposable," This Way to Sustainability V Conference, CSU Chico, November 7, 2009.

Keynote speaker, "The Violent Outcomes of Extremist Ideologies: What Have We Learned Since Jon-

estown?" International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, June 27, 2008.

"Now You See It, Now You Don't: Why We Need to Recognize Brainwashing and Its Close and Distant Cousins," International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, June 27-29, 2008.

Panel discussant, "Myths, Misnomers, and Missed Signals: Demystifying Cult Research," presenters Dr. Stephen Kent, University of Alberta, Canada, and Dr. Miriam Williams Boeri, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, June 27-29, 2008.

Discussion leader, "On Going to College or Graduate School after a Cult Experience," special session for former cult members, International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, June 27-29, 2008.

Panel moderator, "The Brainwashing Concept – Is It Passé?" International Cultic Studies Association, Brussels, Belgium, June 29 -July 1, 2007.

"Let's Not Throw Out the Baby with the Bathwater: In Support of the Brainwashing Concept," International Cultic Studies Association, Brussels, Belgium, June 29-July 1, 2007.

Discussion leader, "On Going to College or Graduate School after a Cult Experience," a special session for former cult members, International Cultic Studies Association, Brussels, Belgium, June 29-July 1, 2007.

Two special presentations on cults to a private conference of members of the intelligence community, Arlington, VA, November 30-December 1, 2006.

"Conflict in the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Jehovah's Witnesses." International Cultic Studies Association, Denver, CO, June 23, 2006.

Panel moderator and discussant, "Sects and Politics in the U.S.: Who's Doing What?," International Cultic Studies Association, Denver, CO, June 24, 2006.

"Points and Perspectives: Readers & Author Together Discussing *Bounded Choice: True Believers and Charismatic Cults*," American Family Foundation conference, Atlanta, GA, October 2004. Panel discussion of my new book, *Bounded Choice*, followed by a book signing.

Discussant, "An Eye on Political Cults: Different Experiences, Converging Perspective," American Family Foundation, Atlanta, GA, October 2004.

"Religion, Family, and Homosexuality: Conflict in the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Jehovah's Witnesses," Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

"Using the Bounded Choice Model as an Analytical Tool: A Case Study of Heaven's Gate," American Family Foundation, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, June 2004.

Session facilitator, "Cultic Studies and Graduate Study," American Family Foundation, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, June 2004.

Session facilitator, "For People Born or Raised in Groups," American Family Foundation, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, June 2004.

"Bounded Choice: Brainwashing vs. 'Free Choice,'" American Family Foundation, Orange, CA, June 2003.

Moderator and discussant for three panels: "Gender and Cultic Groups," American Family Foundation, Orange, CA, June 2003.

"Cultic Studies and Graduate Students: Obstacles and Opportunities – A Discussion," American Family Foundation, Orange, CA, June 2003.

Moderator, "Advances in Social Science Research," American Family Foundation, Orlando, FL, June 2002.

Panel discussant, "Political Groups: Deed and Creed," American Family Foundation, Orlando, FL, June 2002.

Respondent on 2-part session, "Harm and New Religious Movements: Perspectives from Sociology, Religious Studies, and Psychology," American Family Foundation, Orlando, FL, June 2002.

"Bounded Choice: Structure and Agency in Two New Social Movement Organizations," Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver, BC, April 2002.

"Ti and Do's Last Call: The Life Cycle of the Heaven's Gate Group," American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA, August 2001.

"The Role Strain of Accountability and Public Relations in Cultic Groups," American Family Foundation, Newark, NJ, May 2001.

Keynote speaker, "The Social Construction of Freedom: Making Sense of a Conflicted Experience," A Common Bond national conference, San Francisco, CA, August 2000.

"Time Is of the Essence: The Role of Urgency in Two Transcendent Groups," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Washington, DC, August 2000.

"Bounded Choice: A Comparative Analysis of Heaven's Gate and the Democratic Workers Party," American Family Foundation, Seattle, WA, April 2000.

Moderator, "Discussion of Research Needs," American Family Foundation, Seattle, WA, April 2000.

"Male and Female Charismatic Leaders: Does Gender Make a Difference?" Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL, August 1999.

"Brainwashing, Mind Control, Thought Reform or Coercive Persuasion? A Dialogue between Benjamin Zablocki and Janja Lalich," Leo J. Ryan Foundation national conference, Hartford, CT, February 1999.

"Mimesis and Metaphors in the Discourse of Heaven's Gate Students," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 1997.

"Psychosexual Exploitation of Women in Cults," American Family Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, May 1997.

Featured speaker at special evening presentation, "'Crazy' Therapies," American Family Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, May 1997.

"Apocalyptic Beliefs of New Age, Political, and Bible-based Groups," Cult Awareness Network of New York/New Jersey annual conference, Queens, NY, April 1995.

"Techniques and Behaviors of Extremist Groups," Politics of Hate conference, Jewish Federation Council, Los Angeles, CA, February 1995.

"All Cults Are Political," Cult Awareness Network national conference, Cleveland, OH, November 1994.

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Attended professional conferences: FECRIS (European Federation of Centers for Research and Information on Sects/Cults) (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015); Move Forward, Inc. (2018, 2014); Survivors of Institutional Abuse (2012); American Sociological Association (2009, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1999); Pacific Sociological Association (2002); Association for the Sociology of Religion (2009, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1999); Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2008, 2007, 2003, 1998, 1997); American Family Foundation (2004-1994); International Cultic Studies Association (2018, 2008, 2007, 2006).

Certificate in Human Trafficking Community Awareness, Central California Intelligence Center, March 2015.

Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Prize Winner, President's Lecture Series, CSUC, November 5, 2012.

American Academy of Forensic Psychology Workshop Series, Portland OR, July 8-9, 2011.

"Men, Women, Sex, and Violence: A Multimedia Presentation," Jackson Katz, Ph.D., CSUC, November 13, 2009.

"An Evening with Nikki Giovanni," CSUC, October 23, 2009.

Elizabeth Kolbert, On the Creek Lecture Series, CSUC, March 11, 2009.

International Forum: "The Sex Trade in the Former Eastern Bloc Countries," Dr. Kate Transchel, History Department, CSUC, November 27, 2007.

Special research meeting, by invitation only, held during International Cultic Studies Association meeting in Brussels, Belgium, June 30, 2007.

Meeting with representatives from foreign nations to discuss and learn about cult-related matters in their countries and ours (Belgium, Canada, Denmark France, Japan, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Russia, UK, Ukraine), while attending International Cultic Studies Association meeting, Brussels, Belgium, June 29-July 1, 2007.

International Forum: "The Persistence of Subsistence Agriculture: Life Beneath the Level of the Marketplace," Dr. Tony Waters, Sociology Department, CSUC, April 24, 2007.

Faculty Luncheon/Workshop sponsored by the *New York Times*, CSUC, September 19, 2006.

"A Night in Los Altos, Chiapas, Mexico." Special event sponsored by Women for Dignity, CSUC, September 9, 2006.

BSS Distinguished Alumni Lecture, Dr. Karen Seccombe on families and welfare reform, CSUC, April 21, 2006.

Lecture on political sociology and U.S. elections by Prof. G. William Domhoff, professor of sociology at University of California-Santa Cruz, CSUC, Fall 2004.

"Emotional Trials: The Moral Dilemmas of Women Criminal Defense Attorneys," reading and discussion based on Dr. Cynthia Siemsen's book, CSUC, May 3, 2004.

Dolores Huerta lecture, CSUC, March 30, 2004.

"The Da Vinci Code," Kate McCarthy, Newman Catholic Center, March 9, 2004.

Conversations on Diversity, sponsored by CSUC's Center for Multicultural and Gender Studies, regular attendee at most weekly sessions since Fall 2003. "Making Connections: Crossing Classrooms and Content Through Service Learning." CELT Conference. CSUC, Fall 2003.

“Making Multicultural Education a Reality: A Collaborative Effort,” CELT Conference, CSUC, Fall 2003.  
 Michael Moore lecture, CSUC, October 2003.  
 Edward J. Larson lecture, “Creationism and Evolution: A History of Controversy in the Classroom,” CUSC, October 2002.  
 Allan Johnson lecture, “Patriarchy and White Privilege,” CSUC, February 2002.  
 “Brainwashing and the Courts,” special invitation-only session, American Family Foundation, Orlando, FL, June 2002.  
 Meeting with representatives from foreign nations to discuss and share information about cult-related matters (Canada, China, Japan, Mexico, Spain, France, UK). Special meeting, American Family Foundation, Orlando, FL, June 2002.  
 Tom Leyden lecture, “The Making of a Skinhead,” CSUC, November 2001.  
 Certificate of completion from CSUC and Technology and Learning Program for Distance and Online Education Training Program, Fall 2001.

## **ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **University**

Multidisciplinary Panel on Combatting Violent Extremism, CSU, Chico, April 26, 2016.  
 Keynote Speaker, The Red Tent, CSUC Wellness Center, March 7, 2015.  
 Organizer of STOP’s Human Trafficking Awareness Week, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012.  
 Faculty Learning Committee for Sustainability, 2009-2010.  
 Financial Aid Advisory Committee, 2007-2009.  
 Faculty Recognition and Support Committee (FRAS), 2007-2009.  
 Faculty Adviser, STOP! – Stop Trafficking of Persons, AS student organization, 2008-2017.  
 World AIDS Day Committee, Fall 2007.  
 Faculty Hearing Committee of the California Faculty Association, 2007-2009.  
 Faculty Rights Committee of the California Faculty Association, 2006-2008.  
 Faculty/Staff Gay & Lesbian Group, Fall 2006-2017  
 SAFE ZONE, 2003-2017  
 Academic Integrity Committee, 2003-2004.  
 Sexual Harassment Committee, 2003-2005.  
 Women’s Studies Advisory Committee, Multicultural and Gender Studies, 2002-2008.  
 Presentation, “Human Trafficking: Making Humans Invisible & Disposable,” Human Trafficking Awareness Week, March 6, 2012.  
 Presentation, “Human Trafficking: Slavery and Sustainability in the U.S.,” This Way to Sustainability V Conference, CSU Chico, November 7, 2009.  
 Campus Sustainability Day, October 24, 2007, my Social Movements class tabled on the issue of Human Trafficking as it relates to global sustainability.  
 Women’s Bodies Week (Nov 6-9) and Take Back the Night, November 15, 2007, my Women in Contemporary Societies class tabled in Free Speech Area that day on the Missing Women of Juarez; and my Social Movements class tabled on Human Trafficking of Women and Children.  
 Interviewed for *The Orion*, “Adjusting to Life in Chico Takes Patience,” September 26, 2007.  
 Exhibited “Missing Women of Juarez” service-learning project from my Women in Contemporary Societies class at Poster Session for WASC review, March 7, 2007.  
 Red Tent, September 30, 2006. One of my class projects, Against Trafficking in Persons in Macedonia, chosen as featured charity at the event. Several students from my class tabled at the event and the donation was sent to the group in Macedonia.  
 Facilitator, Red Tent, sponsored by AS Women’s Center and the CSU Wellness Center, February 12, 2006.  
 Faculty Adviser, Zapatista Solidarity Group, 2004-2006.  
 Ongoing resource person to CSUC Psychological Counseling Center re cult-related issues.  
 Service-learning projects in my classes: Women in Contemporary Societies, ongoing each Fall semester since Fall 2004; Social Movements, Fall 2007, Fall 2005.  
 Brought guest speaker from New York, Bill Valentine, author of *A Season of Grief*, who spoke in 3 Sociology classes and 1 Social Science class, February 2007.  
 Interviewed for *The Orion*, “Campus Stats Show Sexes Split in Majors,” March 7, 2007.  
 Guest lecture, “Cults 101.” Dr. Kathy Kaiser’s Principles in Sociology class, May 2006.  
 Class project featured in local newspaper: “Class Draws Attention to Women’s Murders,” *Enterprise-*

*Record*, October 21, 2005.

Letter to the Editor, "Collaboration Pays Off," *Enterprise-Record*, November 28, 2005. Wrote to thank businesses in the community who contributed raffle prizes to the Hurricane Katrina service-learning project in my Social Movements class, Fall 2005.

Featured in *The Orion*, "Professor to Share Cult Experience with Class," November 30, 2005.

CELT Conference Session, "Can Service Learning Foster Social Justice?" presented with Dr. Penelope Wong, Education, and Sociology student Rachel Kinney, based on students' service-learning experience in my Fall 2004 Women in Contemporary Societies class, October 12, 2005.

Campus Wellness Center presentation, "Cults 101: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know and More," April 7, 2005. Also featured in follow-up article in *The Orion*.

Featured in *Chico Statements*, "Demystifying Cults," Fall 2004.

Peace Institute Teach-in, students from my Women in Contemporary Societies class held a panel discussion on "Student Activists Making a Difference," October 22, 2004.

Featured in *The Orion* in article on same-sex marriage, September 1, 2004.

"How to Spice Up Class Communication." Participant on faculty panel, sponsored by the Technology & Learning Program, April 9, 2004.

"Teaching Strategies for Non-Multicultural Classes: What Is Multiculturalism Doing in This Classroom?" Conversations on Diversity, November 5, 2003. Helped plan this event.

Featured in *Inside Chico State* on my work and the Elizabeth Smart case, April 17, 2003.

Featured in *The Orion* on my work with cults and the Elizabeth Smart case, March 26, 2003.

Participant in Pilot Project: Development and Use of a Rubric for Online Instruction, 2002-2005.

Guest lecture, "Cults and Bounded Choice Theory." Dr. Liahna Gordon's Sociology of Religion class, September 2002.

Guest lecture, "Cult Deaths: Suicide or Murder?" Dr. Kathy Kaiser's Deviance class, June 2002.

CSU Chancellor's Office Academic Technology Planning Process. Focus Group Session #2, December 11, 2002.

Focus group with WebCT staff and HorizonLive staff to improve distance education teaching, November 18, 2002.

Book in Common Reading Group, Fall 2002

*Getting Connected* orientation program for first-time freshman, August 2002.

Interview for *The Orion*, article on interracial relationships, February 13, 2002.

Reading group leader: "Women and Religion: Freedom and Social Control," topic-oriented reading groups for Women's History Month, CSUC, March 2001.

Session organizer: "Women and Religion: The Paradox of Freedom and Constraint," Women and Institutions conference, CSUC, April 2001.

### **College of Behavioral and Social Sciences**

Leaves Committee, 2009-2012, Chair, 2010-2013

Outside member, Hiring Committee, Department of Social Work, Fall 2011.

Scholarship Committee, 2003-2007.

Asked by the College to participate in WASC review by exhibiting the "Missing Women of Juarez" service-learning project from my Women in Contemporary Societies class at the Poster Session/Reception for WASC CPR Visitation Team, Yolo Hall, March 7, 2007.

"Chico State Remembers Gregory James McFall," held at the Bell Memorial Union, March 2, 2007. Organized this memorial service, with the help of students from SACS (sociology club), for Sociology graduate and student in Social Science master's program who died of cancer. The event was attended by members of Greg's family, faculty from Chico State and Butte Community College, administrators, students, and people from the community. Also I was interviewed for local television, which covered the event on the evening news.

Chico Preview Day, BSS Scholarship table, 2006, 2004, 2003.

BSS Colloquium presenter, October 2004. Led off this new series.

Moderator, BSS Symposium of Student Research and Scholarly Work, May 5, 2004.

Regularly attend BSS Symposium of Student Research and Scholarly Work.

### **Sociology Department**

Adviser to Sociology majors, 2013-2014.

Chair, Personnel Committee, 2009-2012, 2012-2014.

Chair, Hiring Committee, 2006-2007, 2012-2014  
 Hiring Committee, 2005-2014.  
 Personnel Committee, 2005-2006.  
 Chair, Scholarship Committee, 2004-2006.  
 Scholarship Committee, 2003-2008.  
 Coordinator, Honors in the Major, 2011-2014  
 Coordinator, GE class, Theme O, Women, Work, and Family, Sociology 335.  
 Coordinator, GE class, Contemporary Families, Sociology 235.  
 Coordinator, GE class, Women in Contemporary Societies, Sociology 230.  
 Choose Chico Day, Sociology clubs, April 14, 2012.  
 Chico Preview Day, Sociology table, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014.  
 Exhibited "Missing Women of Juarez" service-learning project from Women in Contemporary Societies class at Poster Session/Reception, WASC CPR Visitation, March 7, 2007.  
 Invited author Bill Valentine from NY, guest speaker in 3 classes in February 2007, speaking on his book, *A Season of Grief* and on legal and societal discrimination against gay families.  
 Regularly attended BSS Symposium of Student Research and Scholarly Work to support the Sociology students who are presenting.  
 Chair, Sociology Department Library Reorganization Committee, Fall 2002.  
 Principles of Sociology Coordination Committee, 2001-2005.  
 Five-Year Review Committee, 2001-2002.  
 Ad Hoc Sociology/MCGS 152 Coordination Committee, 2001-2002.

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (NON-UNIVERSITY)**

Chair, English Language Section of the Scientific Research Committee, FECRIS – European Federation of Centers for Research and Information on Sects/Cults, headquartered in Marseille, France, May 2015-present.  
 Scientific Research Committee, CeSAP – Center for the Study of Psychological Abuse, Bari, Italy, May 2015-present.  
 Advisory Board, CORT2020 (Conference on Religious Trauma), Vancouver, B.C., Canada, September 2019-present.  
 Advisory Board, Move Forward, Inc. (cult survivor resource organization in Alaska), 2014-present.  
 Advisory Board, Survivors of Institutional Abuse (an organization providing resources for those who were sent to abusive reform schools, recovery programs, boot camps, etc.), 2012-2013.  
 Board Member, Safe Passage Foundation (an organization providing resources for people born or raised in high-demand organizations), 2007-2012.  
 Executive Advisory Board, International Cultic Studies Association, 2003-2009.  
 Advisory Board and Research Associate, International Cultic Studies Association, 1989-2009.  
 Advisory Board, RISE International (an organization aimed at advocacy for children raised in cults, headquartered in the United Kingdom, in 2012 merged with Safe Passage Foundation), 2007-2009.  
 Consultant, FACTNet website (breaking news/ information about cults), 2002-2004.  
 Consultant, California Counseling Referral Service, based in Los Angeles, June 2003-present.  
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Homosexuality*, 2011-present.  
 Editorial Advisory Board, *Cultic Studies Review*, 2002-2009.  
 Editorial Advisory Board, *Cultic Studies Journal*, 1995-2002 (evolved into above journal, CSR).  
 Associate Editor, *Cultic Studies Journal*. 1993-1995.  
 Book reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociology of Religion*, *International Journal of Cultic Studies*, *Cultic Studies Review*.  
 Peer reviewer: *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Journal of Homosexuality*, *Scientific Review of Mental Health Practice*, *Cultic Studies Review*, *Revue Criminologie* (Canadian).  
 Manuscript reviewer: New York University Press, University of Georgia Press, Roxbury, Blackwell, Jossey-Bass, Alta Mira Press, Berrett-Koehler, International Cultic Studies Association, Boardroom, and others.  
 Editor: W. W. Norton, Jossey-Bass, Brunner-Mazel, Warner Books, Harper San Francisco, Boardroom, Hunter House, International Cultic Studies Association.  
 Founder and Associate Editor: *AFF News*, bimonthly newsletter on recovery from cults and psychological manipulation, 1995-1997.



Publishing, marketing, and fundraising consultant: American Family Foundation, 1987-1995.  
Marketing consultant and staff volunteer: *OUT/LOOK*, lesbian and gay quarterly, 1991-1992.

### **Service to Professional Meetings**

Session organizer, "Sequelae of Participation in New Religious Movements," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY, October 2008.  
Session organizer, "Myths, Misnomers, and Missed Signals: Demystifying Cult Research," International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, June 27-29, 2008.  
Session organizer, "The Puzzle of Brainwashing," International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, June 27-29, 2008.  
Session organizer, "On Going to College or Graduate School after a Cult Experience" (special session for former members only), International Cultic Studies Association, Philadelphia, June 27-29, 2008.  
Session organizer, "The Brainwashing Concept: Is It Passe?" International Cultic Studies Association, Brussels, Belgium, June 29-July 1, 2007.  
Session organizer, "On Going to College or Graduate School after a Cult Experience," (special session for former members only), International Cultic Studies Association, Brussels, Belgium, June 29-July 1, 2007.  
Session organizer, "Sects and Politics in the United States: Who Is Doing What?" International Cultic Studies Association, Denver, CO, June 22-24, 2006.  
Session organizer, "The Social Psychology of Undue Influence," International Congress at Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, "Understanding Manipulative Influence, Cults, New Religious Movements, and Other Groups," Madrid, Spain, July 14-16, 2005.  
Session organizer, "The Internal and External Impact of Belief System Changes in New Religious Movements," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Norfolk, VA. Oct. 2003.  
Session organizer, "New Theoretical Approaches to New Religious Movements," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Atlanta, GA, August 2003.  
Session organizer, "New Theoretical Approaches," AFF, Orange, CA, June 2003.  
Session organizer, "Gender and Cults" (3 panels), AFF, Orange, CA, June 2003.  
Session organizer, "The Enigma of Charismatic Authority," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Columbus, OH, October 2001.  
Session organizer, "Discussion of Research Needs," AFF, Seattle, WA, April 2000.  
Session organizer, "Gender in the Study of New Religious Movements," Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL, August 1999.  
Seminar organizer, "Critical Theory," San Francisco Bay Area Cluster, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, CA, March 1998.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Resource to civic organizations, educators, clergy, law enforcement, and individuals and families related to cults and other situations of undue influence; receive several hundred calls, letters, and e-mails every year.  
Book signings, appearances, and media appearances related to my books, at bookstores, book fairs, local and national radio, TV, and Internet programs, 1994-present.  
Psychoeducational Learning Series on Zoom for former cult members, survivors of abusive relationships and other high-control groups, March 2020 - present.  
Public presentation, Family Survival Trust, London, England, "What Can We Learn from the Children of Cults?" June 6, 2018.  
Training, on how to identify and respond to human trafficking victims, for First Responders, Enloe Medical Center, Chico, CA, November 4, 2016.  
Invited speaker, Internal Affairs Committee of Chico City Council on Sex Trafficking Prevention Ordinance, July 6, 2016.  
Facilitator, workshop for former cult members and adult children of cults, Mill Valley, California, March 13, 2010.  
Public presentation, Mosaic Law Congregation, "Cults: Here, There, Everywhere," Sacramento, November 5, 2009.  
Presentation to congregation, Chico Unitarian Fellowship, "Cults and Religion," April 25, 2004.  
Presentations on cults, one for youth group and another for adults/parents, Mt. Diablo Unitarian-Universalist Church, Walnut Creek, CA, November 1996.

Presentation on cults, National Council of Jewish Women, Bay Area Chapter, Danville, CA, October 1996.

Book signing, Women's Heritage Museum Book Fair, San Francisco, March 1995.

Presentation, American Association of University Women, Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette (CA) Branch, February 1995.

Presentation, "Group Dangers for Women and How to Recognize Them," Peninsula Women's Group, Menlo Park, CA, June 1995.

Public presentation, "Cults: A Social and Spiritual Perspective," Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church, Savannah, GA, special evening program, September 1994.

### **Documentaries, Podcasts & Other Media** (partial list)

#### **Feature Film**

*The Leader* – Technical Adviser

#### **Documentaries**

*America's Book of Secrets: Deadly Cults* – Prime

*A Very British Cult* – BBC

*Apocalypse Now This* --

*Codes and Conspiracies* – History Channel

*Cults & Extreme Belief* – 9-part series – A&E/Hulu (Also Consulting Producer)

*Cults, Explained* – Netflix

*Deadly Cults* – History Channel

*Escape from the Labyrinth* – (NHK, Japanese public television)

*Escaping Twin Flames* – Netflix

*Explained: Cults* – Vox series/Netflix

*Fix My Kid* (Straight, Inc. – Troubled Teen Industry)

*Heaven's Gate: The Cult of Cults* – HBO Max

*Heaven's Gate* -- Deadly Cults series. Oxygen Channel.

*Heaven's Gate: The Definitive Story* – The Learning Channel

*How to Be a Cult Leader* – Netflix

*Inside a Cult* – National Geographic

*Mysteries, Magic and Miracles*

*Prisoner of the Prophet* – Discovery+

*Seduced: Inside the NXIVM Cult* – Starz/Hulu

*Sex, Crimes & the College Cult* – Peacock

*The UnXplained* – History Channel/Prime

*The Flock*

*The Lost Women of NXIVM* – 2-part series – Investigation Discovery/Prime

*The Program: Cons, Cults and Kidnapping* – Netflix

*The Radical Story of Patricia Hearst* – CNN

#### **Docu-Drama about My Story**

*Revolution Isn't a Tea Party* – Investigation Discovery Channel/YouTube

#### **TED Talks Media**

Ted-Ed Lessons: "Why Do People Join Cults?" – wrote the script for this animated feature.

#### **Television Appearances**

*Anderson Cooper's AC360*/CNN

Channel One-TV NYC

Channel 4 TV – UK

CNN: on NXIVM, on Elizabeth Smart kidnapping, Jaycee Dugard kidnapping

Court TV

Crime Door TV

Dr. Oz

Fox TV – *The O'Reilly Factor*

*Meet the Press*  
*NBC Nightly News with Dan Rather*  
Newsy: "The Why"  
KOVN-TV – Sacramento, CA  
KPIX-TV – San Francisco Bay Area  
*The Leeza Show*  
*20/20 with Diane Sawyer*

### **TV Program Consultant**

Consulting Producer: A&E Mini Series: Cults & Extreme Belief  
Consulting Producer: The Unification Church Project (temporary name)  
Fox TV: series *Vanished*  
MSNBC: reuniting families series  
NBC *Dateline with Elizabeth Vargas*  
NBC *Today Show*: series on cults  
National Geographic: series on recovery from cults  
History Channel: Series on former cult members' experiences

### **Podcasts & You Tube**

A Little Bit Culty  
All of It: A Reporter and a Sociologist Explain NXIVM  
Answers with Joe You Tube Channel: How Do People End Up in a Cult?  
A Sassy Little Podcast for Getting Over It: Coercion with Dr. Janja Lalich  
At Home and Abroad  
Back to School with Maz Jobrani: How to Get Your Friends Out of a Cult with Dr. Janja Lalich  
Blackballed with James Fiore: Janja Lalich & Richard Marsh  
Blooped  
Bored with Nelly  
Butterflies & Bravery: Let's Talk Cult Recovery with Dr. Janja Lalich  
Buzzsprout  
Change the Narrative with JD Fuller  
Chris Shelton: Bounded Choice and Kids in Destructive Cults with Janja Lalich  
Cliff Henderson  
Conspirituality: Remembering Guru Jagat: A Panel  
Conversations with Joe: The New Era of Cults with Dr. Janja Lalich  
Crimes and Times with Michael Tabman. You Tube Channel  
Cult Vault (UK): Interview with Cult Expert Janja Lalich  
Cults: An In-Depth Look at the Experience of Being in Cults and Breaking Free from Them – Massachusetts School of Law at Andover (video)  
Dark Sun Rising: Dr. Janja Lalich  
Deeply Human/BBC World Service & American Public Media: Why Do We Follow Leaders?  
Deliberations: Jury Break: Dr. Janja Lalich  
Die-Alogue: Rebekah Sebastian Interviews Dr. Janja Lalich Business of Cults Parts 1- 3  
[Domi]Nation State (in Tunisia) – 3 parts: Political Cults & Trump  
EXJW Fifth: You Tube Channel: Conversation with Sociologist & Cult Specialist Dr. Janja Lalich  
Expert Interviews with Dr. Ramani: On Narcissism and Cults  
Financial Feminist  
Finding Humanity (UK): Indoctrinated: Helping Cult Members Find a Way Out  
Frankie Files Podcast: Heaven's Gate, Troubled Teen Industry & Synanon  
Frankie Files Podcast: Janja Lalich  
Free Your Inner Guru (Canada): Dr Janja Lalich: When Self-Help Turns Cult  
Gaslit Nation: The Cult Age: An Interview with Expert Janja Lalich  
Generation Cult: Escaping Utopia: A Conversation with Janja Lalich  
Hags  
iHeart.com Was I in a Cult? Democratic Workers: "The Revolution Isn't a Tea Party"  
I Don't Know About That with Jim Jefferies You Tube Channel: Jonestown Massacre  
IndoctriNation: Counseling, Cults & Coercion w/Janja Lalich, Ph.D.

Journey into Yoga Cults: Janja Lalich on How We Became “Perfect Followers”  
 Leaders Lead, Leaders Read with Dr. Shaunta Scroggins: Bounded Choice: True Believers and Charismatic Cults by Janja Lalich  
 Life Changes You: How Cults Manipulate & Control People  
 Lloyd Evans You Tube Channel: An Expert Explains Cult Recovery  
 Loud Women’s Club  
 LTAS (Let’s Talk About Sects) with Sarah Steel (Australia): Interview Episode: Dr Janja Lalich  
 Mental Illness Happy Hour: Dr Janja Lalich  
 Mindshift: Escaping Utopia: Rebuilding Your Life After Growing Up in a Cult  
     Bonus Episode: Inside NXIVM: Cult Tactics & Influence Mechanisms (with Dr Janja Lalich)  
 Navigating Narcissism with Dr. Ramani  
 Off the Rails  
 On Belief  
 On the Emmis: Janja Lalich, Ph.D.: Life and recovery after leaving Enthusiastic Sobriety  
 One Mic One Voice: Trump’s Political Cult  
 Profiling Evil: Surviving a Cult  
 Psychodrama: The Sociology and Psychology of Cults with Dr. Janja Lalich  
 Reclamation with Aldo Martin  
 Recovering from Religion: The Power of Cults  
 River Donaghey: LGATs & Human Potential Movement  
 Saturday Morning: Janja Lalich: how normal people ends up in cults like NXIVM  
 Savage Minds (UK)  
 Shaun Atwood: You Tube Channel  
 Sickboy: Escaping Utopia - The Psychological Struggles of Cult Survivors  
 Speaking Up with Andrew Pledger: Cult Awareness Month – Janja Lalich  
 Spellbound: Cults & The Life After w/Janja Lalich  
 Stephen Mather (UK)  
 Sunshine After the Fog  
 Talk Beliefs (UK): The Children of Cults – Dr. Janja Lalich – Special London Talk, June 2018  
     Secrets of Heaven’s Gate  
     Shocking Secrets from the NXIVM Trial – Beyond ‘The Vow’ – with Dr. Janja Lalich  
 Talk Cocktail: We Are All Cult Members Now! My WhoWhatWhy Conversation with Dr. Janja Lalich  
 That Witch Life: Coven or Cult?  
 The Accent  
 The Common Good: Political Cults  
 The Control Variable: True Believers/Qanon & Internet Cults  
 The Deeper Pulse with Candice Schutter: Conspirituality, Coercion & Cult Recovery with Janja Lalich  
 The Gaslight Effect with Robin Stern  
 The Nature of Nurture: From Insider to Expert: Cult Psychology with Dr. Janja Lalich  
 The Profess-Hers Podcast: Janja Lalich “Why Do People Join Cults?”  
 The Reclamation: Janja Lalich (pt. I and pt. II)  
 The Session with Tom Swarbrick: Cults with Dr Janja Lalich  
 The Truth Junkie Podcast with Kevin Bates  
 The Truth That Heals  
 The Whole Artist with Courtney Rioux: Wait ... Did I Just Join a Cult?  
 Trust Me: Democratic Workers Party and Bounded Choice in Cults  
 TSFU (That’s So F’ed Up): Dr. Janja Lalich, World Renowned Cult Expert  
 Typical Skeptic  
 Vote Common Good  
 Was I in a Cult?: Democratic Workers: “The Revolution Isn’t a Tea Party”  
 WIRED Tech Support You Tube Channel: Former Cult Member Answers Questions about Cults  
 WIRED Currents You Tube Channel: How Online Conspiracy Groups Compare to Cults

## **Radio**

ABC Overnights: Australian call-in  
 BBC *Brief Lives*  
 BBC Newshour/World Service Radio

BBC Radio & BBC Sounds: Fake Psychic  
BBC Radio: *Thinking Allowed*  
Blogtalkradio/Harm Reduction Radio: Cult Recovery  
Books of Excellence – internet radio  
Canadian Broadcasting Corp./The Current  
*CBS Evening News*  
*CBS This Morning*  
*Crime Beat* with Carl Brizzi (WIBC-Indianapolis)  
Imagine Radio: *Cyberwoman*  
Jess Hill: On Coercive Control (Australia)  
KBFK-News Talk (Sacramento, CA)  
KBFK Tom Sullivan Show (Sacramento, CA)  
KCBS (San Francisco)  
KFBK-News Talk (Sacramento, CA radio)  
KGO-AM (San Francisco)  
KGP-AM News (San Francisco)  
KNX-CBS (Los Angeles)  
KPFA-FM *The Morning Show* (San Francisco)  
KQED (San Francisco)  
KTFA News Talk (San Antonio, TX)  
KURR-FM (Salt Lake City)  
LBC Radio London with Tom Swarbrick: Live Call-in Show  
Line One (Alaska Public Media): Cults and Indoctrination (parts 1 & 2)  
Line One (Alaska Public Media) with Prentiss Pemberton (call-in): The Psychology of Cults  
Midnight Society. Live interview. [www.midnight.fm](http://www.midnight.fm)  
*Nancy's Bookshelf* KCHO (Chico, CA)  
NPR *All Things Considered*  
NPR *Morning Edition*  
NPR *To the Best of Our Knowledge*  
NYC Public Radio  
Psychjourney Audio Book Club (2x) – internet radio  
Revolution Radio  
RNZ Radio with Kim Hill (New Zealand)  
Turi Ryder Show: call-in  
The Jim Bohannon Show (nationally syndicated)  
The O'Reilly Radio Factor (nationally syndicated)  
Voice of Islam: The Breakfast Show (UK)  
WAMU (NPR)  
WLS-AM Teri O'Brien Show (Chicago)  
WTVN-AM The Steve Cannon Show (Columbus, OH)

### **Print & Online Media Interviews**

*Al Jazeera English*  
*Arkansas Times*  
*Bloomberg News*  
*Boston Globe*  
Causette.fr  
*Chatelaine Magazine* (Canada)  
*Chico News & Review* (CA)  
*Chicago Tribune*  
*Chronicle* (August, GA)  
*City Pages* (Minneapolis-St. Paul)  
CNN.com  
*Courthouse News* (Brooklyn, NY)  
*Creation Spirituality Network Magazine*  
*Cult Awareness Network News*  
*Daily Planet* (Berkeley, CA)

*Daily Star* (UK)  
*Daily Sabah* (Turkey)  
*Dame Magazine*  
*Decider*  
*Denver Post*  
*East Bay Express* (Berkeley, CA)  
*Enterprise-Record* (Chico, CA)  
*Glamour*  
*Globe and Mail* (Toronto)  
*Harper's Magazine*  
*Harvard Business Review*  
*Impact Weekly Magazine* (Time/CNN)  
*Jane magazine*  
Jezebel.com  
*LA Weekly*  
*Lake Tahoe News*  
*Larp World Magazine*  
*Le Monde* (France)  
*Life & Style Magazine*  
LiveScience.com  
*Los Angeles Times*  
MDWCares.com The Modern Domestic Woman -- 12/15/21: "Why We Are All Vulnerable to Abusive Groups and Relationships"  
*Marin Independent Journal* (CA)  
Menshealth.com  
*Miami Herald*  
*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*  
Min Grob Online Magazine on Coercive Control (UK)  
Mncriticalhiking.com: What is a Cult?  
*More magazine*  
*National Geographic News*  
*New York Magazine*  
*New York Times* (multiple x)  
*New York Times Sunday Magazine*  
*Newsweek*  
*Northwest Arkansas News*  
*Nouvel Observateur* (France)  
*Oakland Tribune*  
*Omni Magazine*  
*Out of the Cocoon Newsletter*  
*Pacific Standard* (Santa Barbara, CA)  
*Pacific Sun* (Marin County, CA)  
*Penthouse*  
*Philadelphia City Paper*  
*Philadelphia Inquirer*  
Popdust.com: Sarah Lawrence cult/Larry Ray  
*Post and Courier* (South Carolina)  
Realityblurred.com  
*Record-Bee* (Lake County, CA)  
*Redbook magazine*  
Refinery29.com (several)  
Sage Lally Online Newsletter  
*Salt Lake Tribune*  
*San Diego Union-Tribune*  
*San Francisco Chronicle*  
*San Francisco Chronicle Magazine*  
*San Francisco Examiner*

*San Jose Mercury News*  
*Sapio* (Japan)  
*Savannah Evening Press*  
*Science & Theology News*  
*SF Weekly*  
*Shimbun* (Japan)  
*Sojourners Magazine*  
*South China Morning Post*  
*Star Tribune* (Minneapolis-St. Paul)  
*Start Magazine* (Bosnia)  
*Sunday Times* (London)  
*Tahoe Daily Tribune*  
*Texas Observer*  
*The Atlantic*  
*The Cult Observer*  
*The Jonestown Report*  
*The Media Source Annual: Feature Story* (2014)  
*The New Republic*  
*The Redwood Empire Therapist*  
*The Ringer*  
*The Tennessean*  
*The UTNE Reader*  
*Time*  
*TimeOut New York*  
*Town & Country*  
*Truthdig.com*  
*US News & World Report*  
*Vice.com* (several)  
*Village Voice*  
*Vox.com*  
*Washington Post*  
*www.wnyc.org*  
*www.podbean.com*

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

French: Strong reading, writing, and speaking ability.  
Spanish & Italian: Speaking and some reading ability.