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## Professor Emeritus, Political Science

### Degree

Ph.D., Northwestern University, 1965

#### **Specialties**

Millenarian and utopian movements, radical right, terrorism

#### Courses

Religion and Politics
Counter-Terrorism & the Law



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## **Publications**

Chasing Phantoms: Reality, Imagination, and Homeland Security Since 9/11. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011. Culture of Conspiracy: Apocalyptic Visions in Contemporary America, University of California Press, expanded edition 2013 Religion and the Racist Right, University of North Carolina Press, 1997 Crucible of the Millennium, Syracuse University Press, 1986 Disaster and the Millennium, Yale University Press, 1974 Law Without Sanctions, Yale University Press, 1968

## Research Interests

Millenarian and apocalyptic groups; political extremism; religiously-based violence; conspiracy theories.

## **Research Projects**

"Conspiracy Networks" - Beliefs about conspiracies that cross national boundaries.

"The FBI and Religion after September  $11^{\text{th}}$ " - the interactions of the Bureau with the Muslim community after 9/11 and their implications for relations between state and religion.