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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 —> Founder, Executive 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:**

2012→2016	The National Trust for the Humanities – appointed to the Board by the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities
2004→2011	Presidential Appointment, National Council, National Endowment for the Humanities; Confirmed by the U.S. Senate, November 20, 2004.
2005	The Ingersoll Prize for Scholarly Letters, the R. M. Weaver Award
2001	Distinguished Scholar Award, Virginia Social Science Association
2000 / 2012 / 2018	Best New Academic Journal, ('00) Best Public Intellectual Special Issue ('12, '18) Modern Language Association, <i>The Hedgehog Review: Critical Reflections on Contemporary Culture</i> .
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</i> ; <i>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 →	Executive Director, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, with support from UVa, 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," Lilly Endowment
1990–1992	Principal Investigator, on "Moral Education in America," 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 Religion Politics and Culture	Modernity/Post-Modernity Discourse and Democracy Introduction to Sociology
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial:

Series Editor, (with John M. Owen IV), "Democracy and its Discontents," Yale University Press. 2013 →

- *The Trouble with History: Morality, Revolution and Counter-Revolution*, Adam Michnik, 2014.
- *Why Liberalism Failed*, Patrick Deneen, 2018.
- *Anti-Pluralism: The Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy*, William Galston, 2018.
- *A World Safe for Democracy: Liberal Internationalism and the Crisis of Global Order*, John Ikenberry, 2020.
- *French Paradox: Prosperity and Torment*, Chantal DeSol, forthcoming, 2023

Executive Editor (co-founder), *The Hedgehog Review*, 1999 - 2009; Publisher, 2018 →

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, University Presses: Cambridge, Rutgers, Chicago, Yale, Princeton Press, and Oxford.

Service:

Critical Humanism Working Group, (Director) 2019 →

The New Humanities Working Group (Co-Director) 2014 → 2017

The National Trust for the Humanities (Board) 2012 → 2016

The Peace Research Endowment (Founding Member), 2011 → 2014

National Council, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2004 - 2011

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

The Pew Charitable Trust Scholarship Committee, 1994 - 1995

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

Bicentennial Commission of the U.S. Constitution, 1987

The Williamsburg Charter Foundation, 1986 - 1989

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### Books:

*American Evangelicalism: Conservative Religion and the Quandary of Modernity.* New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1983. 170 pp. 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. Translations: Spanish (Barcelona: Ediciones Paidos Iberica, 1988), Portuguese (Buenos Aires: Paidos, 1988) Chinese (Taiwan: Yuan-Liou, 1994), Arabic 2009.

*Evangelicalism: The Coming Generation.* Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1987. 302 pp. (Paperback edition, 1988) Winner, 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. 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. Republished in abbreviated form as *The Tragedy of Moral Education*, 2014.

*Is There a Culture War? A Dialogue on Values and American Public Life.* (with Alan Wolfe). Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Press, 2006. 118 pp.

*To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late-Modern World.* New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. 368 pp. (Korean translation, 2014; Spanish translation, 2016)

*Science and the Good: The Tragic Quest for the Foundations of Morality.* (with Paul Nedelisky). New Haven: Yale University Press, 2018. 289 pp.

### 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.

*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 and Thriving in America: Capitalism and Moral Order from the Puritans to the Present.* Joshua Yates and James Davison Hunter, (Editors) New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. 680 pp.

*The Content of Their Character: The Varieties of Moral Formation,* James Davison Hunter and Ryan S. Olson (Editors), New York: Finstock & Tew, 2018, 316 pgs.

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.
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- Hunter, J.D. "The Non-Debate Over Abortion," *Society*, 34, 5, 1997.
- Hunter, J.D. "Art and the Politics of Avoidance," *Newsday*, July, 1997.
- Hunter, J. D. "Bowling with the Social Scientists: Putnam Surveys America," *Weekly Standard*, August 28, 2000.
- 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.
- Hunter, J.D. "Nihilism," *Culture*, 3, 2, Fall, 2009, pg. 17.
- Hunter, J.D. "Democracy Through Thick and Thin," *Big Questions Online*, August 10, 2010
- Hunter, J.D. "How America's Culture Wars Have Evolved into a Class War", *Washington Post*, September 12, 2017

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- Hunter, J.D. "The Williamsburg Charter Survey on Religion and Public Life," Spring, 1988, 40 pages. *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.
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- 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) Fall, 1996, 100 pgs.
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**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 Kimmett Lecture, University of Montana, April 6, 2009.  
 The Louis Brandeis Lecture, Pepperdine Law School, February 24, 2012  
 James A. Gray Lecture, Duke University, October 13, 2014.  
 The Bailey Lecture, Baylor University, April 5, 2018

**Other Invited Presentations (selected):**

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.  
 The Metropolitan Club—Washington, D.C., May, 2010.  
 Arizona State University, October, 2010  
 The Harvard Club, October, 2010  
 Stanford Law School, February, 2013  
 Oriel College, Oxford University, 2016  
 Vienna Academy of Science, February, 2019.