CONTENTS

Acknowledgments vii

Introduction: Religion and Progressive Activism—Introducing and Mapping the Field 1
  Todd Nicholas Fuist, Ruth Braunstein, and Rhys H. Williams

PART I. PATTERNS OF PROGRESSIVE RELIGIOUS MOBILIZATION AND ENGAGEMENT 27

1. Achieving and Leveraging Diversity through Faith-Based Organizing 29
  Brad R. Fulton and Richard L. Wood

2. Progressive Religious Activists and Democratic Party Politics 56
  Rebecca Sager

3. Why Congregations Mobilize for Progressive Causes 76
  Kraig Beyerlein and A. Joseph West

4. Collective Identity and Movement Solidarity among Religious Left Activists in the U.S. 97
  Laura R. Olson

PART II. CULTURAL CHALLENGES OF PROGRESSIVE RELIGIOUS ACTIVISM 115

5. Cultural Challenges for Mainline Protestant Political Progressives 117
  Paul Lichterman and Rhys H. Williams

6. Activist Etiquette in the Multicultural Immigrant Rights Movement 138
  Mia Diaz-Edelman
7. Challenges and Opportunities of Community Organizing in Suburban Congregations
   
   Kristin Geraty

   PART III. THE ROLES OF RELIGION IN PROGRESSIVE POLITICAL ACTION

   8. Religious Roots of New Left Radicalism
   
   Joshua Z. Gahr and Michael P. Young

   9. Religious Culture and Immigrant Civic Participation
   
   Juan R. Martinez

   10. Progressive Activism among Buddhists, Hindus, and Muslims in the U.S.
   
   Grace Yukich

   11. Religious Beliefs and Perceptions of Repression in the U.S. and Swedish Plowshares Movements
   
   Sharon Erickson Nepstad

   PART IV. DISTINCTIVE STYLES OF PROGRESSIVE RELIGIOUS TALK IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

   12. Reviving the Civil Religious Tradition
   
   Philip S. Gorski

   13. Strategic Storytelling by Nuns on the Bus
   
   Ruth Braunstein

   14. “Neutral” Talk in Educating for Activism
   
   Gary J. Adler, Jr.

   15. How Moral Talk Connects Faith and Social Justice
   
   Todd Nicholas Fuist

   Conclusion: What Progressive Efforts Tell Us about Faith and Politics

   Rhys H. Williams

   About the Contributors

   Index