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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Boston University, 2015.

Specialization: Religion and Society

Dissertation Title: *Habits of the Hearth: Parenting, Religion, and the Good Life in America*

Comprehensive Exam Areas:

American Religious History

Social Theories of Religion and Moral Order

Parents, Children, and Moral and Religious Socialization

M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Wichita State University, 2003

GPA: 4.0/4.0

Thesis Title: *American Evangelical High School Students and Religious Pluralism: A Qualitative Case Study of an Encounter with Islam, Roman Catholicism, and the Worldviews of the Maya, Aztecs, and Incas*

B.A. in Spanish, Wichita State University, 1995

Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*

Minor: Mathematics

Emory Lindquist Honors Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Front Range Christian School, Littleton, CO

2011 – Present

[Private College-Preparatory High School]

Department Chair – Foreign Language

Secondary Spanish Teacher (Levels 2-5)

Secondary Elective Teacher (C.S. Lewis, Social Issues)

Regis University, Denver, CO

2011

Instructor:

Belief and Unbelief: Christianity and the Human Quest (Spring 2011)

Boston University, Boston, MA **2006 – 2010**

Teaching Assistant:

Christianity (with Professor Marcie Lenk)
World Religions: East (with Professor Gina Cogan)
Religion and Culture (with Professor Diana Lobel)
Anthropology of Religion (with Professor Frank Korom)
Religion and Culture (with Professor Stephen Prothero)

Trinity Academy, Wichita, KS **1997 – 2006**

[Private College-Preparatory High School]
Department Chair – Social Studies/Foreign Language
Secondary Spanish Teacher (Levels 1-4)
Secondary Bible Teacher

Inter-American School, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala **1995 – 1997**

[Private Elementary and Secondary School]
Secondary Teacher – Spanish, U. S. History, and Guitar
Elementary Teacher – Spanish

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Instructional Trainer at Front Range Christian School, Littleton, CO – 2016-Present

Director of the Veritas et Caritas Institute at Front Range Christian School, Littleton, CO – 2012-Present

Administrative Coordinator for the project *Spiritual Narratives in Everyday Life* (headed by Professor Nancy Ammerman) – 2007-2010

PUBLICATIONS

Review of *The Liberal Arts: A Student's Guide* by Gene C. Fant, Jr. (2019), *International Journal of Christianity and Education*, 23(2).

Review of *Christian Faith in English Church Schools: Conversations with Classroom Teachers* by Trevor Cooling (2019), *International Journal of Christianity and Education*, 23(1), 128-129.

“Responding to a Culture of Violence” (June 13, 2018), *The Telos Collective*.
<https://www.teloscollective.com/responding-to-a-culture-of-violence/>

Review of *Renewing the Christian Mind: Essays, Interviews, and Talks* by Dallas Willard (2018), *International Journal of Christianity and Education*, 22(2), 185-186.

“Controversy as Opportunity: A Symposium on Origins within a Christian Secondary School” (2017), *Christian Educators Journal*, 47(1).

“What American College Students Want from Religion: Facebookism, Lucid Dreaming, and Bodhisattva Tupac Shakur” (2016), *Implicit Religion*, 19(2).

“Meaning-Making in Everyday Life.” Invited Response for the November 2009 Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion Web Forum of the University of Chicago. <http://divinity.uchicago.edu/religion-and-culture-web-forum-archive>

Review of Evangelical vs. Liberal: The Clash of Christian Cultures in the Pacific Northwest by James K. Wellman, Jr. (2009), *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 48(2), 410-412.

American Evangelicals and Religious Diversity: Subcultural Education, Theological Boundaries, and the Relativization of Tradition (2006). Information Age Publishing: Charlotte, NC.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Reforming the Corrupted Ideal of Academic Excellence in Christian Schools”
(co-authored with Mr. Ryan Summers)

Renewing Christian Education

[A book-length treatise outlining a more comprehensive, formative, and faithful vision for Christian K-12 education]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate for the project *Spiritual Narratives in Everyday Life* (headed by Professor Nancy Ammerman) – 2007-2010

Research Assistant – Provided support for a variety of research activities for Professor Diana Lobel, Professor Nancy Ammerman, and Jack Ammerman (Head Librarian of Boston University School of Theology) – 2006-2009

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACTIVITIES

Participant in Sociology and Virtue Ethics Seminar at Yale University – 2015

Participant in Collegium [Catholic College and University Colloquy on Faith and the Intellectual Life] – 2012

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Finalist – 2011

Participant in Calvin College Summer Seminar “Congregations and Social Change” – 2011

Religious Research Association Constant H. Jacquet Research Award – 2010

Boston University College of Arts and Sciences Religion Department Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award – 2010

Association of Christian Schools International Exemplary Program Award for Servant Leadership Course – 2005

Kansas Association of Independent and Religious Schools Christian School Distinguished Teacher of the Year – 2004

Wichita State University Dora Wallace Hodgson Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award – 2003

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for Teacher Participant, “Converging Cultures: Native America, Europe, and the Encounter” – 2000

Wichita State University Emory Lindquist Honors Scholar – 1995

PRESENTATIONS

“Cultivating Virtue through Controversy and Complexity.” Presented with Eli Spector and Kellie Dickinson at the Association of Christian Schools International Professional Development Forum, Denver, CO – October 20, 2017

“The Virtue-Forming Potential of Controversy and Complexity.” Presented at the Kuyers Institute 2017 Conference, Grand Rapids, MI – October 6, 2017

“American Atheist Communities and the Struggle for Social Legitimacy.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Denver, CO – August 17, 2012

“Parenting, Religion, and American Culture: A Comparative Look at Visions of the Good Life for Children among Hindu and Mainline Protestant Communities.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA – November 20, 2011

“A Narrative Analysis of Meaning-Making and Theodicy in America.” Presented at the Mid-Atlantic/New England-Maritimes Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ – March 11, 2010.

“Latter-Day Saint Parenthood: Narratives in Religion and Family.” Presented with co-author Amy Moff Hudec at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY – October 19, 2008

“Facebookism, St. Tupac Shakur, and Lucid Dreaming: What College Students Want from Religion.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Boston, MA – August 1, 2008

“Comprehensible Input in the World Language Classroom.” Association of Christian Schools International Great Plains Teachers’ Convention, Kansas City, KS – November 1, 2005

“Extremists for Love: High School Students as Servant Leaders.” Association of Christian Schools International Great Plains Teachers’ Convention, Wichita, KS – October 2, 2003

“Evangelical High School Students and Religious Pluralism.” Wichita State University Curriculum and Instruction Showcase Conference for Professional Educators, Wichita, KS – May 3, 2003

“Equity, Social Justice, and the Religious ‘Other.’” Charter Event of National Association for Multicultural Education, International Chapter, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS – March 12, 2003