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CURRENT POSITION

Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA

- Professor of Religion, 2014–Present
- Associate Professor of Religion, 2007–2014
- Assistant Professor of Religion, 2001–2007

Departmental Leadership and Service

- Chair of Department of Religion, 2004–2009, 2012–2014
- Departmental Assessment Coordinator, 2001–2007, 2009–2013
- Departmental Website Maintainer, 2001–Present

Committee Chairmanships

- Committee on Academic Affairs Chair, 2010–2012
- Faculty Salary Subcommittee Chair, 2006–2007

Other Committee Service

- Small-Thomas Lecture Series Advisory Committee Member, 2002–Present
- Library Advisory Committee Member, 2012–2014
- Committee on Student Life Member, 2012–2013
- Athletics Subcommittee Member, 2012–2013
- Crisis Response Team Member, 2009–2012
- Advisory Committee on the First-Year Experience and Advising Member, 2009–2010
- Committee on Committees Member, 2008–2010
- Chaplaincy Advisory Committee Member, 2002–2007
- Committee on Administration Member, 2004–2007
- Faculty Salary Subcommittee Member, 2004–2006
- All-College Assessment Committee Member, 2003–2004
- Lecturers, Artists, and Cultural Events Consortium Member, 2002–2004

Advisorships

- Northern Ireland Exchange Program Advisor, 2013–Present
- Mitchell Scholarship Advisor, 2013–Present
- Christians United for Israel Faculty Advisor, 2011–2014

- Students Together Eradicating Poverty Faculty Advisor, 2007
- Sanctuary (Neo-Pagan Student Group) Faculty Advisor, 2004–2007
- ACM India Studies Program Advisor, 2001–2005

Other Leadership and Service

- Phi Beta Kappa Chapter Member, 2001–Present (Vice President, 2003–2005; President, 2005–2007)
- AAUP Chapter Member, 2004–Present (President, 2004–2006; Secretary-Treasurer, 2008–2012)
- Civic Engagement Initiative Member, 2006–2007

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Boston College, Department of Theology, Chestnut Hill, MA
Postdoctoral Fellow, 1999–2001

EDUCATION

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

Ph.D., Systematic and Comparative Theology, 1999

Dissertation: “Divergent Traditions, Converging Faiths: Troeltsch, Comparative Theology, and the Conversation with Hinduism”

Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

M.A., Historical Theology, 1995

Thesis: “Newman’s Theory of Development and its Historical Context”

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

B.A., Religious Studies, 1984

HONORS AND AWARDS

United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award, 2008–2009

Campbell R. McConnell Fellow, 2007–2008

Listed in Marquis *Who’s Who in American Education*, multiple editions

Listed in Marquis *Who’s Who in America*, multiple editions

Listed in *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers*, multiple editions

University Fellowship, Boston College, 1995–1999

M.A. Thesis with honors, Episcopal Divinity School, 1995

James Arthur Muller Prize for work of distinction in the historical field, Episcopal Divinity School, 1995

George Mercer Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Episcopal Divinity School, 1995

Nelson Waite Rightmyer Memorial Prize for the best paper in Church History, Episcopal Divinity School, 1994

Bachelor's degree with honors, Grinnell College, 1984

Phi Beta Kappa, Grinnell College, 1984

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

American Association of University Professors

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Humanities Evaluator, Humanities Iowa Grant to support the trip to Iowa of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA, May 2010

Focus Group Participant, Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, Iowa City, IA, March 2004

Dialogue Participant, Boston College Jewish-Christian-Muslim Interfaith Dialogue, Chestnut Hill, MA, 1996–2001

Editorial Board Member, Cowley Publications, Cambridge, MA, 1987–1991

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Divergent Traditions, Converging Faiths: Troeltsch, Comparative Theology, and the Conversation with Hinduism. American University Studies Series VII, vol. 213. New York: Peter Lang, 2000.

Book Chapters

"A Hindu Monk's Appreciation of Eastern Orthodoxy's Jesus Prayer: The 'Inner Senses' of Hearing, Seeing and Feeling in Comparative Perspective." In *Perceiving the Divine through the Human Body: Mystical Sensuality*. Edited by June McDaniel and Thomas Cattoi, 17–27. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011.

"Troeltsch's Notion of the Cultural Validity of Religions." In *Ernst Troeltsch et Paul Tillich: pour une nouvelle synthèse du christianisme avec la culture de notre temps*. Edited by Jean Richard and Alfred Dumais, 359–79. Québec: Presses de l'Université Laval; Paris: L'Harmattan, 2002.

Journal Articles

"A Hindu Monk's Appreciation of Eastern Orthodoxy's Jesus Prayer: The 'Inner Senses' of Hearing, Seeing and Feeling in Comparative Perspective." *Religion East & West: Journal of the Institute for World Religions* 9 (2009): 67–76.

"Troeltsch, Comparative Theology, and the Conversation with Hinduism: Toward a Comparative Systematic Theology." *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 11, no. 2 (2001): 133–47.

"The Notion of the Three Sabbaths in Aelred's *Mirror of Charity*." *Cistercian Studies Quarterly* 33, no. 2 (1998): 211–20.

"The Transformation of Dom Le Saux-Swami Abhishiktananda." *Indian Journal of Theology* 39, no. 1 (1997): 35–42.

"A Working Bibliography of Contemporary Anglican Theologians from Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East" (with Fredrica Harris Thompsett). *Sewanee Theological Review* 40, no. 4 (1997): 503–27.

Encyclopedia Articles

"Feminine Element." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. Edited by Nancy Naples. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming in 2015.

"Masculine Element." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. Edited by Nancy Naples. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming in 2015.

"Ernst Troeltsch." In *Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development*. Edited by E. M. Dowling and W. G. Scarlett, 457–58. Thousand Oaks: Sage, 2006.

Book Reviews

"*Christophany: The Fullness of Man*, by Raimon Panikkar." *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 36, no. 1 (2009): 156–57.

"*Mystics: Presence and Aporia*, edited by Michael Kessler and Christian Sheppard." *Anglican Theological Review* 88, no. 1 (2006): 121–22.

"*Mother of the Gods: From Cybele to the Virgin Mary*, by Philippe Borgeaud." *Anglican Theological Review* 87, no. 4 (2005): 676–77.

"*The First and the Last: The Claim of Jesus Christ and the Claims of Other Religious Traditions*, by George Sumner." *Anglican Theological Review* 87, no. 3 (2005): 521–22.

"*Divinity and Diversity: A Christian Affirmation of Religious Pluralism*, by Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki." *Anglican Theological Review* 87, no. 3 (2005): 518–20.

"*Dictionary of Contemporary Religion in the Western World*, edited by Christopher Partridge." *Anglican Theological Review* 87, no. 1 (2005): 161–62.

“*An Introduction to the Theology of Religions: Biblical, Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, by Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen.” *Anglican Theological Review* 86, no. 4 (2004): 694–97.

“*Different Paths, Different Summits: A Model for Religious Pluralism*, by Stephen Kaplan.” *Anglican Theological Review* 86, no. 2 (2004): 381–83.

“*Seeing with our Souls: Monastic Wisdom for Every Day*, by Joan Chittister, O.S.B.” *Anglican Theological Review* 86, no. 1 (2004): 140–42.

“*Keeping Silence: Christian Practices for Entering Stillness*, by C. W. McPherson.” *Anglican Theological Review* 85, no. 3 (2003): 550–52.

“*Zen Gifts to Christians*, by Robert Kennedy.” *Anglican Theological Review* 84, no. 3 (2002): 794–95.

“*The Depth of the Riches: A Trinitarian Theology of Religious Ends*, by S. Mark Heim.” *Anglican Theological Review* 84, no. 2 (2002): 442–44.

“*Bede Griffiths: A Life in Dialogue*, by Judson B. Trapnell.” *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 28, no. 2 (2001): 359–60.

“*The Philosophical Challenge of Religious Diversity*, edited by Philip L. Quinn and Kevin Meeker.” *Religious Studies Review* 27, no. 2 (2001): 155.

“*The Intrareligious Dialogue* (rev. ed.), by Raimon Panikkar.” *Islamic Studies* 39, no. 3 (2000): 481–84.

Website Contributions

“Brahmananda Upanishad: ‘Move Onward! Light! More Light!’” (a collection of the teachings of Swami Brahmananda). Vedanta Society of Iowa, March 2008:
http://www.vedantaiowa.org/images/other%20downloads/Joseph_Molleur_Upanishads/Brahmananda_Upan.pdf

“Ramakrishna Upanishad: ‘I Have Seen God, and You Shall See Him Too’” (a collection of the teachings of Sri Ramakrishna). Vedanta Society of Iowa, September 2007:
http://www.vedantaiowa.org/images/other%20downloads/Joseph_Molleur_Upanishads/Ramakrishna_Upan.pdf

“Gautama Upanishad: Heed the Buddha, and Awaken” (a collection of the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama). Vedanta Society of Iowa, August 2007:
http://www.vedantaiowa.org/images/other%20downloads/Joseph_Molleur_Upanishads/Gautama_Upan.pdf

“Jesus Upanishad: You Who Have Ears to Hear, Listen!” (a collection of the teachings of Jesus, with brief commentaries). Vedanta Society of Iowa, July 2007:
http://www.vedantaiowa.org/images/other%20downloads/Joseph_Molleur_Upanishads/Jesus_Upan.pdf

“Vivekananda Upanishad: Hear the Lion Roar” (a collection of the teachings of Swami Vivekananda). Vedanta Society of Iowa, June 2007:
http://www.vedantaiowa.org/images/other%20downloads/Joseph_Molleur_Upanishads/Swamiji_Upanishad.pdf

“Sarada Upanishad: Listening at the Feet of Holy Mother” (a collection of the teachings of Sri Sarada Devi). Vedanta Society of Iowa, May 2007:
http://www.vedantaiowa.org/images/other%20downloads/Joseph_Molleur_Upanishads/Sarada_Upanishad.pdf

Sound Cassette

The Spirit of Orthodoxy: A Millennium of Russian Christianity (with Bob Greenfield and Martin L. Smith). Cowley Retreatape Series. Cambridge, MA: Cowley Publications, 1989.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

“Both Christian and Feminist, with Integrity?” (with Yesenia Hernandez). Cornell College Third Wave Resource Group Feminist Symposium, Mount Vernon, IA, April 2014.

“A Hindu Monk’s Appropriation of Eastern Orthodoxy’s Jesus Prayer: The ‘Inner Senses’ of Hearing, Seeing and Feeling in Comparative Perspective.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2008.

“Supreme Divine Female Power in the *Sri Lalita Sahasranama*.” American Academy of Religion Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, Saint Paul, MN, April 2006.

“The Ethical Function of the *Atman* in *The Laws of Manu*.” Iowa Philosophical Society, Decorah, IA, October 2001.

“Troeltsch’s Notion of the Cultural Validity of Religions.” Troeltsch-Tillich Colloquium, Quebec, Canada, August 2000.

“Tillich’s Notion of the Relation between the Historical Study of Religions and Christian Systematic Theology.” North American Paul Tillich Society, Boston, MA, November 1999.

“Religious Interpretations of Sickness and Healing in Shatakopan’s *Tiruvaymoli*.” American Academy of Religion New England/Maritimes Regional Meeting, Newton, MA, April 1998.

Panel Presentations

“Diane Ackerman’s *The Zookeeper’s Wife*.” One Book, One Campus, One Community Homecoming Faculty Panel, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, October, 2009.

“Faculty Sanity: AAUP-Sponsored Forum on Balancing Work and Life.” Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, March 2009.

“Stimulating Classroom Discussions.” Conversations about Teaching Series, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, November 2006.

“Fareed Zakaria’s *The Future of Freedom*.” Cole Library, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, November 2005.

“Reflections after the Holocaust: The Abrahamic Traditions as Resources for Global Peace and Reconciliation.” Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, April 2005.

Community Lectures

“The Apostle Paul, Gentiles, and Jews: Then, and Now.” Episcopal Diocese of Iowa Summer Ministry School & Retreat, Grinnell, IA, forthcoming in June 2015.

“Soundings in Feminist Theology.” Episcopal Diocese of Iowa Summer Ministry School & Retreat, Grinnell, IA, June 2013.

“I Am Joseph, Your Brother.” Episcopal Diocese of Iowa Summer Ministry School & Retreat, Grinnell, IA, July 2011.

“The Problem of Human Suffering in the Book of Job.” Chautauqua Program, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, October–November 2010.

“The Book of Job.” Episcopal Diocese of Iowa Summer Ministry School & Retreat, Grinnell, IA, July 2010.

“Loving Kindness in the Hindu Tradition.” Soul Feast Inter-Spirituality Loving Kindness Series, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, January 2010.

“The Ideal of Service in the Scriptures of the Great World Religions.” Phi Kappa Nu Colloquium, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, February 2009.

“Raiding the Treasures of the ‘Religious Other’: A Hindu Monk’s Appropriation of Eastern Orthodoxy’s Jesus Prayer.” Humanities and Arts Interest Group, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, November 2008.

“Making Sense of Religious Diversity: Different Paths, Same Destination?” Family Weekend Program, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, November 2007.

“Christian Theology of Religious Pluralism.” Episcopal Diocese of Iowa Summer Ministry School & Retreat, Grinnell, IA, July 2007.

“Four Great Religions of the World: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Islam.” Chautauqua Program, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, March 2006.

“Biblical Goddesses and Goddess-like Figures: Snapshots from a Work-in-Progress.” Humanities and Arts Interest Group, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, April 2005.

“Maintaining Our Unique Christian Identity, as Inclusivists and Pluralists.” Eastern Iowa Association of the United Church of Christ, Mount Vernon, IA, September 2003.

“Reflections on Religion in the Post-9/11 World.” Humanities and Arts Interest Group, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA, January 2003.

Sermons

“Praying without Ceasing, Part Two: The Eastern Orthodox Practice of the Jesus Prayer.” First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, IA, July 2008.

“Praying without Ceasing, Part One: Some Strategies for Prayer, including Benedictine and Ignatian Meditation.” First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, IA, July 2008.

“Living in Accord with the Light Within: The Example of Early American Quaker John Woolman.” First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, IA, March 2005.

“Engaging the ‘Religious Other.’” First Presbyterian Church, Mount Vernon, IA, July 2004.