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- EDUCATION**
- Ph.D. University of Chicago, Religion and Human Sciences, 1998
(Dissertation: "Religious Group Formation in the West Indies: A Case Study of Religious Change among Catholics, Pentecostal and Rastafarians in the Commonwealth of Dominica")
 - M.A. University of Chicago, Religion, 1989
 - B.A. Hobart College, Political Science, 1986
- POSITIONS HELD**
- Associate Professor**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Geneva, NY), 2005 to present. Department Chair, 2007-present.
- Assistant Professor**, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (Geneva, NY), 1998 to 2005.
- Adjunct Instructor**, Indiana University Northwest (Gary, Indiana), 1996 - 1998.
- Intern**, University of Chicago Humanities Core, 1992, 1996-1998.
- Lector**, University of Chicago Writing Program. Taught writing to graduate and undergraduate students. Winter-Summer 1992.
- Teacher**, University of Chicago Office of Special Programs, 1990-1992.
- Teacher and Project Coordinator**, US Peace Corps, Commonwealth of Dominica, 1986-1988.
- COURSES**
- Rethinking Jesus
 - Lived Christianity
 - Imagining American Religion
 - Liberating Theology
 - Religion and Resistance
 - Rastaman and Christ
 - Christianity in East Asia
 - Genocide in the 20th Century
 - Tradition Transformers: Systematic Theology
 - What is Christianity?
 - Tongues of Fire: Pentecostalism
 - Torah and Testament
 - Christianity and Culture
 - Proposed, organized and served as Director for the first program abroad from Hobart and William Smith Colleges to Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina (Fall 2008).
 - Independent Studies including: Theory in Religious Studies (Spring 2009), United Methodist Church Response to Aids in Sub-Saharan Africa (2007-8), Religion and Film (Fall 2004); Christianity in Vietnam (Fall 1994); Christianity and Education (Spring 2004); Environmental Theology (Spring 2001); Sacramental Theology (Winter 2000); Women in Rastafari (Winter 2000); Southern American Religion (Spring 1999); Studies in Religion and Film (Fall and Winter 1998-9).
 - Honors Advisor for Dominic Moore. Honors passed 2005.
 - Honors Advisor for Sarah Walker. Received High Honors, 2002.
 - Honors Advisor for Reed Harwood. Received High Honors, 2002.
 - Honors Advisor for Karina Nathan. Honors passed, May 2000.
 - Readers College, "Rethinking Religion: Contemporary Women Authors and American Identity," Spring 2008.
 - Readers College, "Peace Corps Literature," Fall 2001.
 - Readers College, "Omeros by Derek Wolcott", Winter 2000.
- PUBLICATIONS**
- Sources and Chronology in Rastafari Origins: A Case of Dreads in Rastafari. Nova Religio. Volume 9. Number 1. August 2005.

- *The Birth of a Nation* as Myth: from Invisible Empire to Empire of Invisibility. Journal of Religion and Film. Volume. 8. Number 2. Fall 2004.
- Hidden Writing as a Resource for Teaching Critical Insight and Concern. Co-authored with Mary Salibrici. Pedagogy. Issue 4.2 (Spring 2004), pp. 215-240.
- Helping Haiti: Case-studies in practical theology. International Journal of Practical Theology. Issue 7.2 (2003), pp. 189-214. .
- "What is Christianity?": An Epistemological and Pedagogical Problem", in The Bulletin of the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion, (November 2000), p. 93-96.
- "Time, Authority and Ethics in the Khmer Rouge: Elements of the Millennial Vision in the Year Zero" in Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence, ed. Catherine Wessinger (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000), pp. 281-298.
- "Shooting Dreads on Sight: Violence, Persecution, Millennialism, and Dominica's Dread Act" in Millennialism, Persecution, and Violence, ed. Catherine Wessinger (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000), pp. 101-118.

WORK IN PROGRESS American Mission: Civil Religion, Practical Theology, and the US Peace Corps (This is a book length project exploring the foundation of the US Peace Corps as a practical theology of American Civil Religion.)

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Entry for 'Rastafari' in Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd edition. Co-authored with Ikael Tafari. 2005.
- "Rastafari" and "Haile Selassie" in The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature, ed. Bron Taylor and Jeffrey Kaplan. New York: Continuum. 2005.
- "Rastafarianism" in Contemporary American Religion encyclopedia, ed. Wade Clark Roof. (New York: Macmillan Reference, 2000).
- "Dominica" in Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices, ed. J. Gordon Melton and Martin Baumann (Denver: ABC-CLIO, 2002), pp. 403-405.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Christians, Blasphemers, and Witches: Afro-Mexican Ritual Practice in the Seventeenth Century, by Joan Cameron Bristol for Nova Religio (Forthcoming)
- Shakers of St. Vincent, edited by Bradford Keeney for Nova Religio (Forthcoming)
- From Garvey to Marley: Rastafari Theology, by Noel Leo Erskine for New West Indian Guide (v. 80, n. 1, 2006).
- Between Babel and Pentecost: Transnational Pentecostalism in Africa and Latin America, edited by André Corten and Ruth Marshall-Fratani for Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (v.42, n.4, Dec. 2003, p. 681).
- Rastafari: from outcasts to culture bearers, by Ennis Edmonds for Nova Religio (v. 7, n.2, Nov. 2003, p.128-130).
- Manufacturing Religion: the Discourse on Sui Generis Religion and the Politics of Nostalgia, by Russell T. McCutcheon, for Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (v.38, n.4, Dec. 1999, p.573-4).
- Chanting Down Babylon: The Rastafari Reader, ed. Nathaniel Samuel Murrell, William David Spencer, and Adrian Anthony

- McFarlane, in Nova Religio (v. 3, n. 1, Oct. 1999, p. 170-2).
- Jamaica Genesis: Religion and the Politics of Moral Orders, by Diane J. Austin-Broos, in Nova Religio.
- Sacred Possessions, ed. Margarite Fernandez Olmos and Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert, in Nova Religio (v. 1, n. 2, April 1998, p. 314-5).
- Rastafari: roots and ideology, by Barry Chevannes, in Journal of Religion (v. 76, n.4, December 1996, p.678-9).
- I-Sight: the world of Rastafari, by Jack A. Johnson-Hill, in Journal of Religion (v. 76, n.4, December 1996, p.679).

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

- "Making Myth Real," Sightings, September 22, 2006.
- "Human Rights Matter Most," Finger Lakes Times, Thursday July 29, 2004.
- "Class on September 11" in Bulletin of the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion (November 2001), p. 77.
- "Superheros." Pulteney Street Survey (2004), p.16.
- "US Violated its Promise, Values in Rwanda Genocide," Democrat and Chronicle, December 5, 2000.

SELECTED LECTURES, TALKS PRESENTATIONS

- "Religion in the USA: How did we get to this 'mess' of religions", invited lecture, Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina, November 19, 2008.
- "Genocide and Theology," Trinity Episcopal Church, April 2004.
- "On Liberal Education," Panel Presentation, Orientation, HWS August 2003.
- "Christian Fundamentalism," Geneva Presbyterian Church, Feb. 2002.
- "Responsibility in Education", HWS Trustee Scholars Weekend, 2002.
- "Teaching the Unteachable: Cassandra's Paradox," co-authored with Michael Dobkowski, American Academy of Religion (AAR), Annual Meeting, 2000.
- Teaching the Unteachable: Genocide in the Modern Age. Faculty Lunch presentation delivered jointly with Professor Michael Dobkowski, 1999.
- Panelist with Professors Virginia Tilley, A'Lelia Henry and Steven Lee on the issue of genocide for Genocide Awareness Week, May 1999.
- Rastafari Language Changes, an Iphiphany. Faculty Lunch presentation, 1999.
- "Time and the Khmer Rouge: Elements of the Millennial Vision in Year Zero", American Academy of Religion (AAR), Annual Meeting 1999.

GRANTS AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

- Reading Between the Lines Series, "Rethinking Religion: Contemporary Women Authors and American Identity," New York Council for the Humanities, 2008.
- Japan Studies Association, Freeman Summer Institute on Japan, 2004
- Distribution by Request Program (a grant that provides library materials for Korean Studies). Korea Foundation. Received Summer 2003.
- Summer Institute on Korean Culture and Society. Asian Studies Development Program. June 2002.
- Faculty Development Grant for study tour to Vietnam, January 2002 (part of a Department of Education UISFL Grant).

- Faculty Research Grant, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2000 and 2001, used to fund field research in the Caribbean in August 2000 and June 2001. Resulted in publications in Nova Religio and International Journal of Practical Theology.
- "Overlapping Course Design," Writing Across the Curriculum Mini-Grant, Indiana University Northwest. Fall 1997.

**PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS
AND ACTIVITIES**

- Society of Values in Higher Education Fellow, Nominated 1997.
- American Academy of Religion Proposed and had accepted "Religion in Global Context: Religion and Culture," a new AAR program unit (Seminar) starting at 1998 Annual meeting.
 - Chair, 1998 to 2004.
- Chair, "Christian Contours" session at Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 1999.
- Chair, "Liberation Theology" session at Eastern International Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 1999.

**MISCELLANEOUS
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**

- Anonymous Reviewer, Oxford University Press (2009)
- Factual Reviewer, Smithsonian Institution, 2007-8
- Anonymous Review, New York University Press (2005)
- Anonymous Reviewer for the journal Pedagogy (Fall 2004)
- Outside Scholarship Reviewer for Texas Christian University Tenure Review.
- Outside Reviewer for "Mining the Motherlode: Teaching and Learning African American Religious Life", proposal submitted to AAR Teaching Religious Studies Series.
- Photos published in Understanding the Contemporary Caribbean, ed. Richard S. Hillman and Thomas J. D'Agostino (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2003).
- Contributed photo series to Rastafari Archives at University of West Indies, Mona.

**COMMITTEE
SERVICE**

- Fisher Center for the Study of Women and Men, Steering Committee, 2007 present.
- Committee on Athletics, 2006-8. Chair, 2007-8.
- Grievance Committee, 2007.
- Student Life and Leadership Director Search Committee, Spring 2004.
- HEOP Search Committee, 2003.
- Committee on Standards, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Fall 2003.
- Academic Planning Initiative Committee, 2002.
- Committee on Academic Affairs, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2000-01.
- Individual Majors Committee, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2000-0.
- HWS 2005 Study Group: Athletics and Recreation, 2000.
- Young Memorial Trust Committee, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2000- present. Acting Chair 2003-04, 2005-8.
- Committee on Athletics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 2000-01.
- Member, Genocide Symposium Working Group (a.k.a., Human Rights and

- Genocide Forum), Hobart and William Smith Colleges, 1999-present.
- Faculty Advisor, Hobart Club Lacrosse (2003-4), William Smith Club Hockey (2003-4), Hobart and William Smith Caribbean Students Association (1999-2008), Delta Chi Fraternity (2009).
- Faculty Athletic Fellow, Hobart and William Smith Sailing team (2006-2008), and William Smith Squash team (2008-present)

OTHER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- Participant in Human Rights Day Geneva, 2003 (reader of Chief Joseph, Nez Perce).
- Arranged for screening of North of 49, including lecture and discussion with Ralph Singh (leader of local Sikh community).
- Screened films and led discussions for the Center for Global Education's 12 Windows Film series (Rabbit Proof Fence and Third World Cop, Fall 2003; The Harder they Come and La Ultima Cena, Spring 2004).
- Arranged and coordinated classroom visits, lecture and workshop on Peace by Visaka Dharmadasa, Michal Miller and Josephine Perez, members of Women Waging Peace. Fall 2003.
- Arranged presentation by Darla White, Women Waging Peace, Fall 2003.
- Participant in Junior Faculty Reading Group since 2001. Coordinator 2003-4.
- Participant in New Faculty Orientation, 2001 and 2003.
- Friday Faculty Lunch coordinator, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 with Professor Catherine Gallouet. Fall 2002 with Professor Mary DeCoste.
- Member of Planning Committee and Participant in Writers for the 21st Century Conference, HWS, November 3-4, 2001.
- Arranged lecture and film screening by Mandy Jacobson and Louise Mushikiwabo, on Justice in Rwanda, December 2001.
- Arranged lecture by Louise Mushikiwabo, Rwandan Genocide Survivor, December 2000.
- Arranged "Tree of Peace Planting" by Chief Jake Swamp, Mohawk Nation, October 2000.
- Arranged concert by Joanne Shenandoah, October 2000.
- Screening and discussion of the film The Last Days, May 2000.
- Arranged panel on Native Americans and Genocide (panelists included Doug George-Kanentiio, Philip Arnold, John Mohawk, and Joanne Shenandoah), April 2000.
- Discussant at Jewish Culture House on subject of politics and religion. February 2000.
- Screening and discussion of the film Calling the Ghosts, November 1999.
- Arranged numerous lectures and campus visits as part of Human Rights and Genocide Forum. 1999 to present.
- Arranged lecture and discussion by Vittorio Falsina, Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions, on "Global Ethics and the Earth Charter: a World Religions Perspective." May 1999.
- Screening and discussion of the film Life is Beautiful with Professor Michael Dobkowski, Smith Opera House, April 1999.
- Participated in "This Place" orientation. Fieldtrip to Mormon Print Shop and cobblestone houses with Professor Brooks McKinney and first year students, 1998.
- Participant in Writing Colleagues program, 1998 to present.