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EDUCATION

University of South Florida (USF), Associate of Arts, 1974
USF ,B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, Religious Studies (Academic minor: Philosophy), 1984
USF, M.A. Religious Studies (comprehensive examinations passed "with distinction"), 1986
USF, post-M.A. studies in Philosophy 1988 - 1991 (27 hours completed with 4.0 g.p.a.)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

New Religious Movements, Religion and Popular Culture, Religion and Ecology, Comparative Religion, Religion in America

TITLE AND OFFICE

Senior Instructor, Associate Chair, and Undergraduate Director

TEACHING POSITIONS AND COURSES TAUGHT

- course title, followed by number of times (sections) taught, and most recent term given in brackets
- e.g.: Course Title [number of times (sections) taught/Term Year])

1. Instructor/Senior Instructor¹ and Undergraduate Director (1996-present [Summer 2012])
Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida
USF Honors College (1999-present [F 2012])

- Courses Taught:

- (1) Introduction to World Religions [29/F 2012]²
- (2) Religion and Popular Culture [17/Sm 2011]
- (3) Judaism and Christianity After the Holocaust [11/S 2002]
- (4) Life After Death [11/F 2000]
- (5) Introduction to Religious Studies [11/S 2007]
- (6) Religion and Contemporary American Holidays [9/F 2008]
- (7) New Religions in America [8/S 2012]
- (8) History of Christianity [7/S 2008]
- (9) R.S. Dept. Honors Seminar [6/S 2008]
- (10) Sr. Seminar in Religion [5/S 2012]
- (11) Introduction to Religion and Ecology [4/F 2012]
- (12) Contemporary Christian Ethics [4/Sm 2001]
- (13) Seminar in Religion & Ecology [3/S 2012]
- (14) Seminar in Popular Religious Idealism [2/S 2010]
- (15) Religion in the Modern and Postmodern World [2/S 2001]

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(16) Religion and Contemporary American Sports [1/S 2005]

(17) World Religions [1/S 2009]

1 Promoted to Senior Instructor, 2010

2 (Total sections for Intro to World Religions do not include subsections. It had 7 subsections in F 08 and F 09, and, 9 subsections in F10, 8 in F 11and F 12)

- Theses Direction and Committees:

Directed seven MA Theses

Served on thirteen MA Theses Committees

Currently directing one (1) Thesis (Sands)

Currently serving on 0 committees (no students)

Undergraduate Theses Direction and Committees - Honors College & R.S. Dept. (1997-present):

Directed nine undergraduate Theses in the USF Honors College

Directed six undergraduate Theses in the RS Honors Program

Served on nine undergraduate Thesis committees in USF Honors College

Served on two undergraduate Thesis committees in the RS Honors Program

Currently directing no RS Honors Program Theses

Currently directing no Honors College Theses

2. Instructor and Undergraduate Advisor (1995-1996)

Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida

- Courses Taught:

(1) Introduction to World Religions [3]

(2) History of Christianity

(3) Religion and Sexuality

(4) Life After Death

(5) Judaism and Christianity After the Holocaust

(6) Introduction to Religion

(7) Contemporary Christian Ethics

3. Instructor (1994 - 2004)

Bachelor of Independent Studies Program, University of South Florida

Mentor to six students while a faculty member in this program.

Presented lectures in the program (as follow):

Seminar on "Luther and the Reformation," Summer 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002

"Religion and Violence," April, 1998

"The Religious Dimension of Cloning," April, 1997

4. Adjunct Instructor (1991 - 1998)

Emma Curtis Hopkins College and Theological Seminary

- Courses Taught:

(1) Foundations of Theology [4]

(2) Allegorical Exegesis II [4]

(3) Theology II [3]

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- (4) Introduction to Allegorical Exegesis [2]
- (5) Theology I [2]
- (6) History of the Unity Movement [2]
- (7) Theology III [2]
- (8) Theology IV [2]
- (9) New Thought History
- (10) Old Testament Survey
- (11) Survey of Philosophy
- (12) Religion in America
- (13) History of Christianity

5. Adjunct Instructor (1988 - 1991, 1993 - 1994)

Department of Philosophy, University of South Florida

- Courses Taught:

- (1) Practical Logic [6]
- (2) Philosophy of Religion [4]
- (3) Introduction to Philosophy [4]
- (4) Intro. to Philosophic Traditions [2]

6. Adjunct Instructor (1986-1987, 1989-1995)

Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida

- Courses Taught:

- (1) Introduction to World Religions [13]
- (2) History of Christianity [3]
- (3) Introduction to Religion [2]
- (4) Religion, Ethics, and Society
- (5) Religion in America
- (6) Judaism and Christianity After the Holocaust
- (7) Christian Ethics
- (8) New Age Religions
- (9) Religion and Sexuality

7. Graduate Teaching Assistant (1984 -1986)

Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida

- Presented 36 lectures on various subjects in Religious Studies

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Department Administrator, FKL, Department of Religious Studies, USF (2009-present)

Department Administrator GTA Evaluation Program, Department of Religious Studies, USF (2008-present)

Department Administrator, Academic Learning Compact/ Assessment, Department of Religious Studies, USF (2004-present)

Associate Chair, Department of Religious Studies, USF (2005 - present)

Acting Chair, Dept. of Religious Studies, USF (short periods 2000-present)

Director of Undergraduate Studies* (Rel. Studies Dept.), USF (1996-present)

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Chair, Undergraduate Committee (Rel. Studies Dept.), USF (1995-present)

Department Administrator, Tracking Academic Progress Program, Department of Religious Studies, USF (2004-2011)

Department Administrator, Articulation of Transfer Program, Department of Religious Studies, USF (2006-2011)

Honors Program Director, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida (2004-2009)

Dean, Unity-Progressive Theological Seminary (1991-1995)

* As undergraduate director and academic advisor to all students majoring in Religious Studies at the University, I am responsible for advising and offering academic guidance to approximately 150 majors (as of January, 2010)

PUBLICATIONS - Refereed or by invitation (from most recent, including those in production)

"Annotated Bibliography: A Selection of Books, Monographs, and Essay on Contemporary Gnosticism," with Dawn Hutchinson, in *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review* (2:2, Fall, 2012), 318-355.

"Religion and Ecology in Popular Culture," in *Understanding Religion and Popular Culture*, ed. Terry Clark and Dan Clanton. Routledge, 2012.

"The Emerging Field of Religion and Popular Culture," *The Ellul Forum* 47 (Spring, 2011), 3-4. *Comparative Religious Ethics: A Narrative Approach*, 2nd ed., with Darrell Fasching, Blackwell/Wiley, 2011.

"Religion in Sports Films," in *Encyclopedia of Religion and Film*, ed. Eric Mazur. ABC-CLIO, 2011.

"International New Thought Alliance," with Natalie Hobbs, in *The Twenty-First Century Encyclopedia of the World's Religions*, 2nd ed., ed. J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO, 2010.

"Religious Science," with Natalie Hobbs, in *The Twenty-First Century Encyclopedia of the World's Religions*, 2nd ed., ed. J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO, 2010.

"Unity," with Natalie Hobbs, in *The Twenty-First Century Encyclopedia of the World's Religions*, 2nd ed., ed. J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO, 2010.

"New Twentieth Century American Religions," in *Introduction to World Religions: Communities and Cultures*, ed. Jacob Neusner. Abingdon Press, 2010.

"New Thought: A Quintessentially American Religion," in *World Religions in America*, 4th ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2009.

"Religions Made in the U.S.A. I: Seventh-day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses," in *World Religions in America*, 4th ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2009.

"Religions Made in the U.S.A. II: Christian Science and Theosophy," in *World Religions in America*, 4th ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2009.

"Scientology," with Danny Jorgensen, in *World Religions in America*, 4th ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2009.

"In Memoriam, Dr. Gail M. Harley." *Nova Religio* 12:4 (May, 2009), 136. *The Religious Dynamic of Consumer Culture*. Wipf & Stock, 2009.

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Religion and Culture In the West: A Primer. Kendal Hunt, 2008.

The Sacred Santa: Religious Dimensions of Consumer Culture. Reprint ed. Wipf & Stock, 2008.

"The American New Thought Movement," in *New and Alternative Religions in the United States*, ed. Mike Ashcraft. Greenwood, 2006.

"Notable Female Leaders in Theosophy, New Thought, and the New Age," with Catherine Wessinger and Michael Ashcraft, in *Encyclopedia of Women in North American Religion*. University of Indiana Press, 2006.

"New Thought," in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2nd. ed., ed. Lindsay Jones. Macmillan, 2005.

"Myrtle Fillmore and Charles Fillmore," with Gail M. Harley, in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2nd. ed., ed. Lindsay Jones, 2005.

"Unity," with Gail M. Harley, in *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2nd. ed., ed. Lindsay Jones, 2005.

"New and Not So New Areas for Consideration in the Study of New Religious Movements: Some Observations from the Standpoint of Religious Studies," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* (Fall, 2004, 10:2).

"The Economy as Religion: The Dynamics of Consumer Culture," *The Civics Arts Review* 16:2 (Fall 2003): 4-12.

"Selected Sources On 'Contemporary Gnosticism': A Critical Bibliography," with Dawn Hutchinson, in *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* (Spring, 2003) 9:1.

"Religions Made in the U.S.A. I: Seventh-day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses," in *World Religions in America*, 3rd ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2003.

"Religions Made in the U.S.A. II: Christian Science and Theosophy," in *World Religions in America*, 3rd ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2003.

"Scientology," with Danny Jorgensen, in *World Religions in America*, 3rd ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2003.

"Easter" and "Christmas," in *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures*, eds. Gary Laderman and Luis León. ABC-CLIO, 2003.

"Religiosity and The Sacred in Postmodern America: Rethinking Ellul's Theory on The Role of Technology," *The Ellul Forum* no. 29 (Fall, 2002).

The Sacred Santa: Religious Dimensions of Consumer Culture, The Pilgrim Press, 2002.

"International New Thought Alliance," in *The Twenty-First Century Encyclopedia of the World's Religions*, ed. J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO, 2002.

"Religious Science," in *The Twenty-First Century Encyclopedia of the World's Religions*, ed. J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO, 2002.

"Unity," in *The Twenty-First Century Encyclopedia of the World's Religions*, ed. J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO, 2002.

Comparative Religious Ethics: A Narrative Approach, with Darrell Fasching, Blackwell, 2000.

"The Soul of Religion and the Internal Logic of Change: Remembering and Forgetting in the Idealist Tradition," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions* 5:1 (Spring, 1999).

"Response to Tore Ahlback's 'The Use and Misuse of Money in the New Religious Movements'," in *Religion and the Economic Order*, ed. Jacob Neusner. Scholars Press for South Fla.-St. Louis- Rochester Studies in Religion and the Social Order, 1999.

"Religions Made in the U.S.A.: Seventh-day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Christian

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- Science," in *World Religions in America*, 2nd ed., ed. Jacob Neusner. Westminster/John Knox Press, 1999.
- "Charles and Myrtle Fillmore," "Nona Brooks," and "Ernest Holmes," in *American National Biography*, Oxford University Press, 1999.
- "On the Need for an Academic Society for the Study of Popular Metaphysics," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions* 4:2 (Fall, 1998).
- "Hermeneutics for Allegorical Exegesis in Postmodern Idealistic Theological Systems: Comments and Guidelines," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions* 4:1 (Spring, 1998).
- "Hermeneutics for a Non-Doctrinal Religious Movement: Why and How," *Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture* 6:2 (Summer/Fall, 1997), 152-168.
- "Contexts and Horizons in Popular Religious Idealism," in *Dialogue & Distinction* 2:2 (Spring, 1997).
- "Reflections On A Peculiar Religious Culture and Its Emerging Academic Community," in *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions* 2:1 (Spring, 1996).
- "New Horizons in New Thought: Doing Theology in a New Thought Situation," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions* 1:2 (Fall, 1995).
- "Foreword" to *Concordance of Biblical Citations Within the Fillmore Canon*, by R. Mardi Rigdon-Fitzgerald, Unity-Progressive Press, 1995.
- "Response To Robert Ellwood's 'Why Are Mythologists Political Reactionaries?'" in *Religion and the Social Order*, ed. Jacob Neusner. Scholars Press for South Fla.-St. Louis-Rochester Studies in Religion and the Social Order, 1995.
- "What Bible Should I Read?" *International New Thought Quarterly*, Summer, 1995.
- Unity's Foundational Teachings*, editor/complier (study guide), Unity-Progressive Press, 1995.
- "The Challenge with Theological 'Problems' in New Thought and Unity," *The Dean's Letter* (3:3) Spring, 1995.
- "The Allegorical Trajectory," *International New Thought Quarterly*, Fall, 1994.
- "Myrtle Fillmore and Her Daughters," in *Women's Leadership in Marginal Religions*, ed. Catherine Wessinger. University of Indiana Press, 1993.
- "New Thought and New Age Groups in the Tampa Bay Region," with Robin Tuthill, in *A Religious History of Tampa Bay*. NCCJ, 1992.
- "Taproots of the New: New Thought and the New Age," *The Quest*, Winter, 1991.
- Unity and History* (study guide), Unity-Progressive Press, 1991.
- "Charles W. Leadbeater," in *The Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Intervarsity Press, 1990.
- "Charles and Myrtle Fillmore," in *The Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Intervarsity Press, 1990.
- "The Liberal Catholic Church," in *The Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Intervarsity Press, 1990.
- "Unity School of Christianity," in *The Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Intervarsity Press, 1990.
- "James I. Wedgwood" in *The Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Intervarsity Press, 1990.
- "New Thought and the New Age," in *New Age Encyclopedia*, ed. J. Gordon Melton. Gale, 1990.
- "The Song We Sing: New Thought and Other Religions," *International New Thought Quarterly*, Summer, 1988.

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Monograph: *A Guide to The University of South Florida Library for Students in Religious Studies*. Published by USF Dept. of Religious Studies (in house), 1985.

"Transcendence: Affirmation or Incantation?" *International New Thought Quarterly*, Summer, 1983.

PUBLICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT (with contracts or invitations)

BOOK REVIEWS AUTHORED (from most recent)

A Republic of Mind & Spirit, Catherine L. Albanese, in *Nova Religio*, 15:1 (August, 2011): 122-124.

How Different Religions View Death and the Afterlife, edited by Johnson and McGee, in *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* (5:2) Fall 1999.

Consumer Rites, by Leigh Eric Schmidt, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. (66:1) Spring 1998.

Concordance of Biblical Citations Within the Fillmore Canon, by R. Mardi Rigdon-Fitzgerald, in *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* (4:1) Spring 1998.

Concordance of Biblical Citations Within the Fillmore Canon, by R. Mardi Rigdon-Fitzgerald, in *Dialogue & Distinction* (2:2) Spring 1997.

BOOK REVIEWS: MY WORK

The Sacred Santa, reviewed by Max A. Myers, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, December 2005 (73:4).

The Sacred Santa, reviewed by Frank Ferreri, in *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, Fall, 2003. Online Journal at: <http://www.usask.ca/relst/jrpc/>

The Sacred Santa, reviewed by Wayne Holst, in *The Toronto Star*, "Religion," Dec. 21, 2002.

The Sacred Santa in *Publishers Weekly*, Sept. 27, 2002, 44.

OTHER WORKS CITED

Robert S. Ellwood and Barbara A. McGraw, *Many Peoples, Many Faiths*. 9th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2008. Acknowledgement of my review and evaluation. My name and university affiliation given.

Bruce David Forbes. *How Did Christmas Get To Be This Way?*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2007. Citation of *The Sacred Santa* as among major academic treatments of Christmas. My name and university affiliation given.

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- Robert S. Ellwood and Barbara A. McGraw, *Many Peoples, Many Faiths*. 8th ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2004. Acknowledgement of my review and evaluation. My name and university affiliation given.
- Gail Harley, *Emma Curtis Hopkins: Forgotten Founder of New Thought*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2002. Citation of my articles "New Thought and New Age," in *New Age Encyclopedia*, and "Myrtle Fillmore and Her Daughters," in *Women's Leadership in Marginal Religions*.
- Paul A. Laughlin, "Editorial Overview," in *JSSMR* 6:2 (Fall, 2000). Citation of my article, "Reflections On A Peculiar Religious Culture and Its Emerging Academic Community."
- C. Alan Anderson, "Metaphysics in the Metaphysical Movement," in *JSSMR* 6:2 (Fall, 2000). Citation of my article, "The Soul of Religion and the Internal Logic of Change."
- Vishvapani, "Buddhism in the New Age," in *Western Buddhist Review* (http://www.westernbuddhistreview.com/vol1/new_age.html). Citation of my article, "Taproots of the New: New Thought and the New Age." (accessed Summer 2000)
- Charles Throckmorton, "Redeeming the Bible for Sexual Minorities," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* 6:1 (Spring, 2000). Citation of my article, "Hermeneutics for Allegorical Exegesis in Twentieth Century Idealistic Theological Systems."
- Maureen Temple Richmond, "The Central Metaphysical Doctrines of the Alice A. Bailey Writings and Their Roots in the Theosophy of H. P. Blavatsky," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* 5:1 (Spring, 1999). Citation of my article, "Taproots of the New: New Thought and the New Age."
- Paul A. Laughlin, "Re-Turing East: Watering the Withered Oriental Roots of New Thought," *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* 3:2 (Fall, 1997). Citation of my article, "New Horizons in New Thought."
- John F. Miller, "American Culture and the Development of New Thought," *The Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions* 2:1 (Spring, 1996). Citation of my encyclopedia article, "New Thought and The New Age."
- C. Alan Anderson and Deb Whitehouse, *New Thought: A Practical American Spirituality Crossroad*, 1995. Quotation from and Bibliographic citation of my article "Taproots of the New: New Thought and the New Age."
- Gail Harley, "New Thought and the Harmonial Family," in *America's Alternative Religions* (State University of New York Press), 1995. Citation of my chapter "Myrtle Fillmore and Her Daughters" and dictionary article, "Unity School of Christianity."
- J. Gordon Melton, *New Age Almanac* (Visible Ink), 1991. Citation of my assistance in "Acknowledgements."
- J. Gordon Melton, "New Thought and the New Age," in *New Thought: A Reader* (Society for the Study of American Religion, 1990). Citation of assistance in composition of chapter on New Thought and the New Age.

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Referee, "In You is All of Heaven: Eschatological thought in 20th Century Channeling," for *Nova Religio*, 2011.

Referee, "Popular Metaphysics in the Shaping of American identity: The (Process) New Thought Movement as Mainstream or Marginalized Phenomenon?," for *Nova Religio*, 2010.

Review and Evaluation of *The Children of Jesus and Mary*, for Oxford, August, 2009.

Review and Evaluation of book proposal, *Religion and Popular Culture: Essays in Theory and Method*, for Routledge Books, March, 2009, and August 2009.

Referee, "Marie Ogden and the Home of Truth," for *Nova Religio*, 2009.

Review and Evaluation of book, *Many Peoples, Many Faiths* (8th. ed), for Prentice Hall, 2006.

Review and Evaluation of book manuscript, *How Did Christmas Get to Be This Way?*, for University of California Press, 2006.

Review and Evaluation of book proposal, *How Did Christmas Get to Be This Way?*, for University of California Press, 2005.

Referee, "A Quest for the Historical Levi," for *Theosophical History*, 2004.

Referee, "The Lost Aisle: Selling Atlantis in the 'Spiritual Supermarket'," for *the Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, 2003.

Review and Evaluation of *New Religious Movements in Religions of the World* (series). Prentice Hall, 2003.

Review and Evaluation of series proposal, *Religion: On The Ground* (ethnographic studies), for University of California Press, 2003.

Review and Evaluation of book, *Many Peoples, Many Faiths* (7th. ed), for Prentice Hall, 2003.

Review and Evaluation of book proposal, *Christianity: A Short History (Part II)*, for McGraw-Hill, 2001.

Referee, "Conduits of Metaphysical Religion," for *Nova Religio*, 2001.

Review and Evaluation of book proposal, *New Religious Movements: A Critical Anthology*, for Oxford University Press, 2001.

Review and Evaluation of book, *Christianity: A Short History (Part II)*, for Mayfield Publishing Company, 2001.

Review and Evaluation of book, *Religion and Sexuality*, for Wadsworth Publishing Company, 2000.

Review and Evaluation of book, *Christianity: A Short History (Part I)*, for Mayfield Publishing Company, 2000.

Review and Evaluation of book proposal, *Ways of Being Religious*, for Mayfield Publishing Company, 1998.

Review and Evaluation of "Christianity" chapter in *Spirituality in the World Religions*, for Mayfield Publishing Company, 1998.

Review and Evaluation of chapters 1-5, *Ways of Being Religious*, for Mayfield Publishing Company, 1998.

* Not included are articles refereed during my service as editor of *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion* (1994-2004).

ACADEMIC PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND RESPONSES (selected, from most recent)

"American Exceptionalism and the Green Religious Critique" - Environmental Research Interdisciplinary Colloquium, USF, March 28, 2012.

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- "**The Romance of the End of the World: Religious Dimensions of the Contemporary Ecological Crisis,**" Humanities Institute Panel on Cultural Obsession with the apocalypse, USF, March 21, 2012.
- "American Myths of Success, Sustainability, and the End of the World" - Pasco-Hernando Community College, Peace Week Guest Lecturer, October 20, 2011.
- "American Cultural Religion and the Green Religious Critique" - Panelist, Cultural Sustainability Panel at Global Humanities Symposium, USF, March 3, 2011.
- Panel: "New Religious Identity and Popular Religious Idealism (Christian Science and New Thought)" - American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2010.
- "Popular Religious Idealism and Its Cultural Context(s)" - American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2010.
- "A Narrative of Narrative Ethics and the Holocaust" - Holocaust, Genocide, and Crimes Against Humanity, USF Humanities Institute Symposium, April 9, 2010.
- "American Cultural Religion and Environmental Issues" - Environmental Research Interdisciplinary Colloquium, USF, Nov. 4, 2009.
- "The Religious Dimension of Sports" - Panelist, Seminar on Sports and Religion, USF, April 7, 2009.
- "Using Assessment for outcomes in Religious Studies" - Assessment Colloquium. University of South Florida, October 24, 2008.
- "Religious Dimensions of Consumer Culture" - Conversational Symposium. Florida Institute of Government, April, 2008.
- "Interdisciplinary Faculty Forum on Non-Economic Approaches to Economic Problems" - Panelist, Seminar on Economic Anthropology, USF, March 21, 2008.
- "Santa Claus and the American Sacred" - USF Humanities Institute, "A Main Event." Lecture on *The Sacred Santa*, November 30, 2006.
- "*The Sacred Santa* and Metaphysical Religions: Toward a Postmodern Theology of Culture"- SSMR Regional Conference, October, 2003.
- "The Holiness of Holidays: The Religious Dimension of Holidays in Postmodern Culture"- Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., April 11-12, 2003.
- "The Postmodern Liturgical Year and the Sacred Function of Consumption: Holiday-Holy Days in American Popular Culture" - American Academy of Religion, November, 2001.
- "Contemporary Gnosticism'?: Problems and Resolutions" - American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2001 (with Dawn Hutchinson).
- "New and Not So New Areas for Consideration in the Study of New Religious Movements: Some Observations from the Standpoint of Religious Studies" - American Academy of Religion, New Religious Movements Study-Group, methodology session, November, 2000.
- "Mythic Histories and Their Antagonists: Two Cases of Disputed Origin" - Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference, October, 2000.
- "Issues and Questions for a New Thought Ethics" - International New Thought Alliance Congress, July, 1999.
- "New Thought and the Movement of Spiritual Inner Awareness" - Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR), 13th International Conference, June, 1999.

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- "Response to Tore Ahlbäck's 'The Use and Misuse of Money in the New Religious Movements'" - University of South Florida Conference on Religion and the Economic Order, February, 1999.
- "The Sacred Santa: The Religious Dimensions of Christmas in Popular Culture" - University of South Florida Humanities Lecture Series, January, 1997.
- "The Sacred Santa: The Religious Dimensions of Christmas in Popular Culture" - American Academy of Religion National Meeting (Religion and Popular Culture Section), November, 1996.
- "The Sacred Santa: The Religious Dimensions of Christmas in Popular Culture" - National Conference on Ethics and Popular Culture, April, 1996.
- "Dogma, Doctrine, or Dispensation?: The INTA's 'Declaration of Principles'" - International New Thought Alliance Congress, July, 1995.
- "Diversity in the University Curriculum: A View from Religion Studies" - University of South Florida Institute for Black Life: Research Symposium, March, 1995.
- "Response to Robert Ellwood's 'Why Are Mythologists Political Reactionaries?'" - University of South Florida Conference on Religion and the Social Order, Feb., 1994.
- "The Allegorical Trajectory" - Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions, Summer, 1994.
- "To The Issue: Is New Thought Theology Compatible with Sustainability?" - International New Thought Alliance Congress, Summer, 1993.
- "Preliminary Comments on *A Unity Christology, A Work in Progress*" - Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions, Summer 1991.
- "Taproots of the New: The Contrasting Historical and Theological Roots of New Thought and The New Age" - AAR, National Meeting (New Religions Section), 1990.
- "Charles Fillmore and the Christianization of New Thought" - International New Thought Alliance Congress, Summer, 1989.
- "On the Need for an Academic Society for the Study of New Thought" - Formational Meeting of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions, Autumn, 1988.
- "New Thought and the New Age: Issues in Religious Identity" - International New Thought Alliance Congress, Summer, 1988.
- "Hermeneutics for Non-Doctrinal Religious Movements" - American Academy of Religion, AAR, National Meeting (New Religions Section), Autumn, 1987.
- "New Thought and the Doctrinal Horizon" - International New Thought Alliance Congress, 1987.
- "New Horizons in New Thought: Doing Theology in a New Thought Situation."
- International New Thought Alliance Congress, Summer, 1986.
- "Hermeneutics for Non-Doctrinal Religious Movements" - American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Regional Meeting, Spring, 1986.
- "Non-Doctrinal Religious Movements: A Problem for Historical Theology" - College Theology Society, Annual Meeting, Spring, 1986.
- "Perspectives on the Unity Movement" - College Theology Society, S.E. Regional Meeting, Spring, 1986.

OTHER ADDRESSES (in the public sector and at religious communities)

- "Spiritual but not Religious: Why Are So Many American Turning Away from Church," Cathedral Church of St. Peter, St. Petersburg, FL, May 5, 2013.

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- "Healing Motifs in American Popular Religion," Unitarian Universalist Church of Tampa, September 23, 2012.
- "Apocalypse, Tipping Points, & the Dharma of Consumption: American Cultural Religion and the Ecological Crisis," St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Lake Worth, FL, March 31, 2012
- "Reflections on Arbor Day in New Port Richey," Arbor Day Address, City of New Port Richey, FL January 20, 2012.
- "Arbor Day and the Urban Forest," Arbor Day Address, City of New Port Richey, December 2, 2011.
- "The History and Mythology of Santa Claus," Lecture for Academic Program sponsored by USF Religious Studies Club & Anthropology Club, December 1, 2011
- "Growing A Sustainable Future," Master of Ceremonies, New Port Richey Public Library Environmental Committee Event, September 24, 2011.
- "Sustainability and the American Sacred," Keynote, US Green Building Council, Annual Conference, April 23, 2010.
- "Apocalypse, Turning Points, and the Dharma of Consumption: How the Sacred Thwarts Sustainability," The Bridge, Tampa, February 11, 2010.
- "From the Chocolate Hare to the Chocolate Hands: The Sacralization of the American Easter," Hyde Park, United Methodist Church, April 16, 2008.
- "The Sacred Santa and the Sacralization of Christmas," Dean's Lunch With a Scholar, Tampa, December 7, 2007.
- "The American Sacred and The American Ideal," Unitarian Universalist Church, Clearwater, July 29, 2007.
- "America and the Myth of Welcome," Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Largo, FL, May 3, 2007.
- "The Spirit of Welcome in Religious Families," Keynote Address, Milad an Nabi, Ismaili Council of Florida, March 25, 2007.
- "The Stories That We Tell: How Cultural Narratives Shape Our World," Keynote Address, Darfur Conference, Clearwater, February 17, 2006.

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- "Dining and Dreaming At The Top of The World," *Ecology Florida* (March, 2012), Editorial.
- "As Our Gulf Painfully Weeps, So Do We," *The Tampa Tribune*, "Views" (June 20, 2010), p. 3.
- "Government Shrugs As Insurance Crisis Worsens," *St. Petersburg Times*, Pasco Edition, July 6, 2006.
- "Pilgrimage Friday and the Economy's Sacred Season," *The Tampa Tribune*, Thanksgiving Day (November 28), 2002.
- "A Plea to Remember American Ideals-Tolerance and Acceptance" (co-author with Jim Strange) *The Oracle*, September 19, 2001; *The Tampa Tribune*, Sept. 29; *USF Forum*, Sept. 24-Oct.7., *St. Petersburg Times*, Oct. 3, 2001.)
- "The Fiction of Matriarchy" - *Intuition*, Clearwater, September, 1996.
- "The Principle of Thanksgiving" - *Pathways to Wellness*, Clearwater, FL, November, 1993.
- " 'Cult' Gets Ignored Amid The Ashes" - *The Oracle*, Tampa, FL, September 21, 1993.
- "The Death of Detrick Wallace Tells Us About America Today" - *The Oracle*, Tampa, FL, March 5, 1985.

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"The Execution of Robert Sullivan: A Reflection" - *The Oracle*, Tampa, FL, December, 1983.

"The Pride and the Paradox" - *Omnibus*, Tampa, FL, Fall, 1982.

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CONFERENCE AND SESSION CHAIRS

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on New Religions: Globalization & Sustainability, Conference Chair and Convener, March 1, 2012

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference Chair, October, 2003.

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, "Some Case Studies of New Religious Movements in Transition," New Religious Movements Session Chair, November, 2002.

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference Chair, October, 2001.

Religion and Material Culture, Conference, Session Chair, February, 2001

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference Chair, October, 2000.

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference Chair, October, 1999.

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference Chair, October, 1998.

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, "Scriptures in New Religious Movements," New Religious Movements Session Chair, November, 1997.

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference Chair, October, 1997.

Annual Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. Christian

Theology and the Holocaust, Session Chair, March, 1997.

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, Regional Conference Chair, October, 1996.

EDITORIAL OFFICES

Guest Editor, *The Ellul Forum*, Spring 2011.

Board of Editorial Consultants, *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review*, 2008- present

Editorial Colleague, *Theosophical History*, 2004 - present

Referee and Consultant, *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions*, 2004 - 2005

Editor, *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions*, 1994 - 2004

Book Review Editor, *Journal of the Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions*, 1988 - 1994

Editor at large for National Religious Studies student journal, *Paradigms*, 1986

BROADCAST MEDIA APPEARANCES/INTERVIEWS*

February 10, 2010 WMNF (Radio) - "Interview on religious dimensions of consumer culture." Interview with Rob Lorei on "Radioactivity."

December 2 and December 9, 2007 WFTS (TV) -- "Interview on contemporary Christmas celebrations and my book, *The Sacred Santa*." Interview with Brendan McLaughlin for news program, "Flashpoint."

April 6, 2007 WFLA (Radio) -- "Interview on contemporary Easter celebrations." Interview with Kay Long.

December 8, 2005 : WTSP (TV) -- "Interview on anti-Christmas movement in conservative Christian churches."

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- October 28, 2005: Florida News Network (statewide distribution) - "Interview on the current status of neighborhood trick-or-treating." Statewide distribution on AM Radio (October, 28 and 29, 2005)
- December 20, 2004: WTVT (TV) -- "Panelist on current issues related to religion and secularization of holidays," Kathy Fountain, "Your Turn." Local Television Program.
- December 20, 2004: WTTA (TV) -- "Interview on current trends in the religious dimension of consumerism," David Klugh, December 20, 2004: WTTA (TV). Local Television Program.
- December 18, 2003: WTVT (TV) -- "Interview on current trends in the religious dimension of consumerism," Kathy Fountain, "Your Turn." Local Television Program.
- December 23, 2002: WUSF (radio) -- "Interview on *The Sacred Santa* and the religious dimensions of Christmas," Susan Giles, "Special Report on Christmas Spending Local Radio Program.
- December 20, 2002: CHED (radio) -- "Interview on *The Sacred Santa* and the religious dimensions of consumerism," Al Stafford Show, "Special Report on Consumerism During the Holidays." Regional Radio Program, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (See www.630.CHEd.com).
- December 18, 2002: WMNF (radio) -- "Interview on "and the religious dimensions of consumerism," Joseph Murphy, "Special Report on Consumerism During the Holidays." Local Radio Program.
- December 11, 2002: WTVT (TV) -- "Interview on *The Sacred Santa* and the religious dimension of consumerism," Kathy Fountain, "Your Turn." Local Television Program.
- December 6, 2002: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) (radio) -- "Interview on *The Sacred Santa*," Don Monroe, The Don Monroe Show, National Radio Program.
- December 2, 2002: Independent Network (Canadian) (radio) -- "Interview on *The Sacred Santa*," Dave Rutherford, The Dave Rutherford Show, Radio. Regional (4 Provinces, Canada). Regional Radio program.
- November 29, 2002: CNN (TV) -- "Report on *The Sacred Santa*," news break (aired three times). National News Network.
- November 29, 2002: KGO San Francisco (radio) -- "Live Interview": Interview on *The Sacred Santa*," Ed Baxter Show.
- November 28, 2002: WCAX (TV) -- "Report on *The Sacred Santa*," based on Stacy AP Wire Story (see citation in Print/Media, "'Festival of Consumption' Begins").
- November 28, 2002: Associated Press (radio) -- "Interview on *The Sacred Santa*," Steve Coleman, Associated Press, Radio. Tape released through AP news service to 600 radio stations.
- November 27, 2002: 570AM (radio) Kitchner, Ontario -- "Interview on *The Sacred Santa*." Glenn Gary, The Glenn Gary Show. National Radio Network (Canada).
- September 30, 1998: WTSP (TV) -- "Interview": Academic consultant on minority religious traditions (Bible Readers' Fellowship), related to death of two year old (Harrison Johnson) due to lack of medical treatment for bee stings in Tampa, FL.
- March 27, 1997: WTVT (TV) -- "Live Interview": Academic consultant on Heaven's Gate/Higher Source group, related to death of 39 members of the group in San Diego, CA.
- March 27, 1997: WFTS (TV) -- "Interview": Academic consultant on Heaven's Gate/Higher Source group, related to death of 39 members of the group in San Diego, CA.

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June 9, 1991: WTSP (TV) -- "Panelist": "Newsmakers," New Religions in the Tampa Bay Area

April 18, 1989: WTOG (TV) -- "Interview": Academic consultant on Christian Science belief.

April 10 and 11, 1989: WUSF (radio) -- "Interview": Academic consultant: Christian Science

April 10, 1989: National Public Radio -- "Interview": Academic consultant: Christian Science

April 9, 1989: WTSP (TV) -- "Interview": Academic consultant on Christian Science belief.

November 23, 1986: WLVU (radio) -- "Interview": Guest commentator on the state of the arts in Pasco, Co., FL.

November 5, 1986: WXFL (TV) -- "Interview": Academic consultant: Christian Science.

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"Interpretations May Vary," Gretchen Parker, *The Tampa Tribune*, June 16, 2008. Section A ("Front Page"), 1, 4 (article about cultural symbols and Confederate flag controversy, cited quotes from me with reference to USF and RS Department).

"Veterans Cemetery Unburying The Dead," Gretchen Parker, *The Tampa Tribune*, June 17,

2007. Section A ("Front Page"), 1, 6 (article about moving remains of veterans so graves can be closer to relatives, cited quotes from me with reference to USF and RS Department).

"Churches Use Basket of Easter Enticements," Jonathan Abel, *St. Petersburg Times*, April 7, 2007,

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"New Age's Elder Statesman Seeks A Younger Audience," Sherri Day, *St. Petersburg*

Times, March 24, 2007, Section B ("Local and State") 1, 4 (article about healing magus, Deepak Chopra, cited quotes from me with reference to USF and RS Department).

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- "Headin' to the Stix," Peter Baker, *Tampa Bay Scene*, November 11, 2006 (article on Scientology mission in Plant City, citation from my book, *The Sacred Santa*)
- "Instructor Serves Up Buffet of Beliefs," Ebony Windom, *St. Petersburg Times*, Various Local Editions (Tampa, Pasco, North Pinellas), March 25, 2006. (feature article on my teaching, with photos).
- "Religious Leaders Point to Pain in Darfur," Eileen Schulte, *St. Petersburg Times* (Clearwater Edition), February 18 2006 (article about Darfur Conference, quotes from my Keynote address on the topic).
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- "New Church Keeps It Hip for Him," Stephanie Hays, *St. Petersburg Times*, September 24, 2005, "Religion" (various local editions), 7 and 8 (article about the "contemporary church" movement as it manifests in suburban Tampa).
- "Signs Are All Around," Becky Richards, *The Tampa Tribune*, June 25, 2005 (article about witty advertising signs in front of churches, quotes from me about religious advertising and marketing).
- "Church's Hummer Giveaway Too Worldly?," Keven Graham, *St. Petersburg Times*, January 10, 2005, Section B ("Metro State"), 1, 4 (article about church using Hummer giveaway to increase attendance, quotes from me about tensions between religion and secular culture).
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- "Present Pressures," Michael Sasso, the *The Tampa Tribune*, November 27, 2004, Section A (front page) 1, 6 (article about holiday shopping, quotes from me about religious dimension of spending).
- "Some Turn Cold Shoulder to Christmas," Richard Nilsen, the *Arizona Republic*, "Arizona Living" section, December 23, 2003 (article citing my theory and *The Sacred Santa*).
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- "Christians Just Saying 'No' to Halloween," Michael Werner, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, October 31, 2003. No page cited in internet version (citation of my comments on increase in public promotions for Christian Halloween events).
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- "Our Obsession with the Sacred Art of Shopping," Marsha Strickhouser, *USF Forum*, December, 9 2002, 3 (article about *The Sacred Santa*, with photo).
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- Also carried in: *Lakeland Ledger*, *Bradenton Herald*, *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, *Gainesville Sun*, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, *Naples News*, and *Wilmington Star*.
- "Professor Says Christmas Is Losing Its Religion," Stefanie Green, *The Oracle*, November 22, 2002, 1, 3 (article on my lecture at USF Library "Book Chat," and my book, *The Sacred Santa*, with photo).
- "Arteries, Obsessions, Quitting Time and Recipes," Ernest Hooper, *St. Petersburg Times*, November 26, 2002, "Tampa & State," 1 (quotes and comments on my book, *The Sacred Santa*).
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- "A Different Look For Halloween," Molly Moorhead, *St. Petersburg Times*, October 26, 2002, "Pasco Times," 3 (quotes and comments Christian churches sponsoring "alternative" programs on Halloween night).
- "Local Author Hits the Promotion Trail," Carl Orth, *Suncoast News*, October 26, 2002, 19, 26 (article on *The Sacred Santa* and my lectures on the book in the community).
- "Scaring Up Sales," Cherie Jacobs, *The Tampa Tribune*, October 17, 2002, "Moneysense," 1, 5 (quotes and comments analyzing consumer spending at Halloween).
- "Surge of Interest in Religion Courses," Mark Pinsky in *Tallahassee Democrat*, October 3, 2002. "Higher Learning."
- "Campus Religion Majors on Rise," Kate Campbell, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, September 22, 2002, page not given in copy received (comments on popularity of religious studies and increases in enrollment in R.S. at USF).
- "Shopping; A Religious Ritual?," Ben Feller *The Tampa Tribune*, December 4, 2001, "Moneysense," 1, 4 (article about my research on the religious dimension of consumerism).
- "Religion Professor Says Terrorists Do Not Represent the Ideals of Islam," Carl Orth, *Suncoast News*, Sept. 19, 2001, 2, 25 (comments on misunderstanding of Islam in aftermath of September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks).
- "Word's Meaning Disputed," Ryan Meehan, *The Oracle*, Sept. 19, 2001, 1,6 (comments on "jihad" and "Islam" in context of September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks).
- "Religious Studies Provide Focus for Published Author," Carl Orth, *Suncoast News*, April 7, 2001, 14, 16 (report on public lecture on Religion and Ethics).
- "Holiday Gift-Giving: A Look At Past, Present, and Future," Janet Marshall, *Sunday Free Lance-Star* (Fredericksburg, VA, Dec. 24, 2000, A1-A5 (comments on Christmas in popular culture).
- "The Chains of Christmas," Donald Munro and Dorina K. Lazo, *Fresno Bee*, "Life Section," Dec. 3, 2000, E 1, 8 (comments on Christmas in popular culture).
- "O' Come All Ye Faithful: USF Religious Studies Instructor, Dell deChant, believes our holiday customs reveal that we're just keeping the faith," Kristin Howells, *USF Magazine*, Fall, 2000, pp.29-31 (article about, *The Sacred Santa*)
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- "Christian Science Churches Merge," Waveney Ann Moore, *St. Petersburg Times*, various regional

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editions, including "City and State (Section B)," August 5, 2000, pp.6-7 (evaluation of religious and cultural context of Christian Science and its decline in membership).

"Writer's Books Bring New Age Into Focus," Waveney Ann Moore, *St. Petersburg Times*, various regional editions, including "Clearwater," January 15, 2000, pp.3, 5 (evaluation of religious and cultural context of books by James Redfield).

"Morality Stories Help Shape Our Views, Professor and Author Says," *Suncoast News*, Carl Orth, December 11, 1999, p. 17 (story on *Comparative Religious Ethics* and my approach to narrative ethics).

"Ohio Ministry Aims to Elevate Virgin Mary Site," Deborah O'Neil *St. Petersburg Times*, various regional editions, including "Clearwater," July 19, 1998, pp. 1, 10; and "Metro & State," July 20, 1998, 5B (quotes regarding institutionalization of a pilgrimage site).

"International Students Struggle to Save Faith," Erin Browning *The Oracle* 35:143 (March 22, 1998), p. 3X (quotes about international students and their religious beliefs).

"The Church Within," Jennifer Brett, *St. Petersburg Times*, "North of Tampa," August 1, 1997, p. 10 (quotations from an interview about Divine Metaphysical Research).

"Around a Campfire, Talk of Creationism," Jennifer Brett, *St. Petersburg Times*, "Pasco Times," July 26, 1997, pp. 5, 7 (quotations from interview about Armour of Light Ministries).

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES , BOARDS, OFFICES, CONSULTANT POSITIONS (selected)

Instructor Promotion Committee (CAS/USF), 2010, 2012

Instructor Leave Committee (CAS/USF), 2012

Humanities & Cultural Studies Department (USF) - Instructor Search Committee, 2011- 2012.

Undergraduate Council (USF), 2006 - 2009, 2011-present

Global Citizenship Curriculum Committee (USF) - 2011 - present.

Critical Thinking Review Committee, General Education Council (USF) - 2011-2012

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Instructor Search Committee, 2011.

Global Context Standards Committee, for FKL Curriculum (USF), 2009

Advisors Search Committee, CAS (USF), 2009

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Committee for Instructor Promotion Policies, 2009

Board of Advisors, *Alternative Spirituality and Religion Review*, 2008 - present

International Jacques Ellul Society - Board of Directors, 2004 - present

State University System (SUS) - Religious Studies Department (USF) Representative to SUS
Common Prerequisite Committee, 2008 - 2009

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Faculty Advisory Committee, 2006 - 2007.

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Chair, Professor Search Committee, 2004 - 2005.

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, 2000 - 2001.

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Chair, Instructor Search Committee, 2000 - 2001.

Emma Curtis Hopkins College and Theological Seminary - Curriculum and Administration
Consultant, 1993 - 1998.

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Faculty Search Committee, 1996 - 1997.

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Religious Studies Department (USF) - Peer Review Committee, 1996 - 1997.

Unity-Progressive Theological Seminary - Curriculum and Administration Consultant, 1996 - 1997.

Religious Studies Department (USF) - Undergraduate Committee (Chair), 1995 - present.

State University System (SUS)- Religious Studies and Philosophy Departments (USF)

Representative to SUS Course Leveling Committee, 1995 - 1996.

Unity-Progressive Theological Seminary - Committee of Academic Advisors
- Facilitator, 1990 - 1994.

Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religion, 1993 - 2004 (Secretary/Treasurer 1993 - 1996)
(Treasurer, 1993 - 2004).

International New Thought Alliance - ESAC Subcommittee on Curriculum Guidelines
(Chair), 1986 - 1988.

International New Thought Alliance - Educational Standards and Accreditation Committee,
1985 - 2002.

Religious Studies Dept. (USF) - Committee to Design an Interdisciplinary Course on "War
and Peace in a Nuclear Age," 1984.

Religious Studies Dept. (USF) - Self-Evaluation Committee (Student Member), 1984.

PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS and NOMINATIONS

Senior Research Fellow of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, 2009 - present

Nominee for Excellence in Teaching Award (American Academy of Religion), 2007

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (USF), 2006

Outstanding Undergraduate Advising Award (USF), 2005

The Sacred Santa nominated for Grawemeyer Award in Religion, 2003

The Sacred Santa finalist for Benjamin Franklin Award in Religion, 2003

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (USF), 2000

Outstanding Undergraduate Advising Award (USF), 1998

OTHER AWARDS, HONORS, and HONORARY SOCIETIES

Who's Who In America (listed), 2007

University Graduate Fellowship (USF), 1990 - 1991

Graduate Council Fellowship (USF), 1985 - 1986

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1984 - 1985

Graduate Registration Fellowship (USF), 1984 - 1985

Omicron Delta Kappa, National Honor and Leadership Society, admitted, 1983

Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society, admitted, 1983

Eric Turner Siemens Scholarship in the Humanities (USF), 1982 - 1986

Honors Student (USF), 1981 - 1984

Dean's List (USF), 1972 - 1973, 1981 - 1984

ADMINISTRATIVE, TEACHING, AND ADVISING COURSES/CONFERENCES

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Department Chairs Workshop, Institute for Academic Leadership, May 21-24, 2006
Department Chairs Workshop, Institute for Academic Leadership, October 9-12, 2005
"Focus on Retention," Fourth Annual USF Advising Conference, April, 1998
Using Active Learning Strategies in University Classrooms (USF Center for Teaching Enhancement), July, 1997
Workshop for Supervisors of Teaching Assistants (USF Center for Teaching Enhancement), June, 1997

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (selected)

International Jacques Ellul Society, 2000 - present (Board of Directors 2004 - present)
Association for Religion and Intellectual Life, 1991 - 2009
Society for the Study of Metaphysical Religions, 1988 - 2006 (Bd. of Directors, 1993 - 2004)
American Academy of Religion, 1983 - present
College Theology Society, 1984 - 2004
International New Thought Alliance, 1982 - present (Board of Directors 1996 - 1998)

OTHER ACTIVITIES, ASSOCIATIONS, and PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICE (selected)

New Port Richey, Environmental Committee, 2011-present

Ecology Florida, 2010 - present (Board of Directors)
The Bridge of Tampa, Council of Advisors, 2010 - present
Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization, New Port Richey Rep. 1992 - 1993
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 1990 - 1992, New Port Richey Rep. to Council
New Port Richey City Council, 1989 - 1993; Vice-Mayor, 1990 - 1991, 1992 - 1993
West Coast Regional Water Supply Authority, New Port Richey Rep., 1989 - 1990, 1991 - 1992
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, 1985 - 1986, New Port Richey Rep. on Env. Committee

REFERENCES

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CA
Dr. William M. Shea - Professor Emeritus, College of The Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.
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