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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D., Religious Studies 2004

Dissertation: *Ritual Syntax*

Committee: Guy Welbon (Associate Professor Emeritus, South Asia Studies)

Ludo Rocher (W. Norman Brown Professor Emeritus, South Asia Studies)

Mitch Marcus (RCA Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science)

University of Pittsburgh

MBA, Finance 2004

University of Pittsburgh

1993-1997

Doctoral Student, Program in Classics, Philosophy, and Ancient Science

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

M.A., Philosophy 1993

University of Pennsylvania

B.A., Classical Studies 1990

EMPLOYMENT

Bethel University (Tennessee)

Director of Critical Thinking Program 2008 - Present

Director of Strategic Planning 2009 – Present

Director of Budgeting 2009 – 2011

University of Vermont

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Religion 2006-2007

University of Pennsylvania

Associate Director, Writing Program 2004-2006

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

South Asian religions, method and theory, religion and science, comparative religion, cognitive study of religion, Greek religions

PUBLICATIONS

"Mind Design and the Capacity for Ritual Performance", in Patrick McNamara, ed., *The Biology of Religion: Neuroscience, Evolution, and Faith*, Westport, CT: Praeger, 2006.

"Ritual Individuation and Ritual Change", *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* v. 21, no. 3 (2010)

UNDER REVISION

"Sanskritization Reconsidered"

PRESENTATIONS

- "Determining the Viability of Programs, or Strategic Planning for the Rest of Us",
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (Commission on Colleges)
Annual Meeting, 2010 (forthcoming)
- Respondent for session "Topics in the Cognitive Science of Religion," American Academy of
Religion (Atlanta), 2010
- "Getting to a General Theory of Ritual," American Academy of Religion, 2007
- "Ritual Syntax", Computational Linguistics Lunchtime Colloquium, University of
Pennsylvania, 2005
- "Cognitive Study of Ritual Action: Theorizing Agency," American Academy of
Religion (San Antonio), 2004
- "Error, Change, and Rule-Following in Religious Rituals," American Academy of
Religion (Toronto), 2002

TEACHING

Middle Tennessee State University

Adjunct Instructor

Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 2011

University of Vermont

Visiting Lecturer

Introduction to the Study of Religion (multiple sections): Fall 2006, Sp 2007

Hellenistic Religions: Fall 2006

Religion and Science: Spr 2007

University of Pennsylvania

Sole Instructor

The Economics of Everyday Life: Fall 2005, Spr 2006, Summer 2006

The Evolution of Religion: Fall 2004, Spr 2005

Cognitive Approaches to Religion: Fall 2002

Greek and Roman Religions: Spr 1998, Fall 1999

Second Year Latin (Cicero): Fall 1998

Recitation Sections Taught

The Evolution of Religion: Spr 2003

Religions of the West: Spr 1999

The Cult Controversy: Fall 1997

Composition Fellow

Greek History: Fall 1998

Religion and Literature: Fall 1997

Montgomery County Community College

Adjunct Instructor

Western Civilization I: Fall 1999

University of Pittsburgh

Sole Instructor

First Year Latin: Fall 1993, Spr 1994, Fall 1994, Fall 1996, Spr 1997

Second Year Latin: Fall 1995

Classical Mythology and Literature: Summer 1994

Greek History: Summer 1995
Roman History: Summer 1996, Summer 1997
Recitation Sections Taught
Mythology in the Ancient World: Spr 1995
Classical Mythology and Literature: Spr 1996
Assisting Faculty and Grading
Classical Mythology and Literature: Fall 1993
Greek Civilization: Fall 1994
Greek History: Fall 1994, Fall 1995
Roman History: Spr 1995

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Recitation Sections Taught
Symbolic Logic: Fall 1992, Spr 1993
Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 1991, Spr 1992

ADMINISTRATION

Bethel University (Tennessee)

Director of Budgeting and Critical Thinking 2009 – Present
Organize annual budgeting process
Perform cost accounting analyses
Perform financial analyses and develop financial projections
Organize review of proposed academic and administrative programs
Director of Program in Critical Thinking 2008 - Present
Prepared and implemented plan for new program in critical thinking
Designed workshops to train faculty in teaching critical thinking across disciplines
Wrote documents regarding pedagogy and finance for reaffirmation of accreditation
Managed budget (five figures)

University of Pennsylvania, Critical Writing Program

Associate Director of Academic Administration 2006
Coordinator of Academic Administration 2004-2006
Responsible for administrative aspects of all elements of program, including:
Enrollment management
Managed enrollments and course rostering
Liaison to registrar, college office, and academic departments
Financial management
Assisted director in developing annual budget and strategic plan
Monitored budget and reconciled accounts
Instruction and academic management
Contributed to the development of writing curriculum
Assisted in hiring, training, and support of instructors
Advised students
Taught one course per semester

University of Pennsylvania Student Federal Credit Union

Board Member 2000-2002
Vice President of Credit 2000-2001
Led all loans and collections efforts
Managed 10 employees
Increased loans portfolio 500%
Established long-term advertising strategy for loans
Wrote and updated training manuals and loans policy

Hired and trained workers	
Assistant Director of Member Services	1999-2000
Supervised Member Services office	
Managed 25 employees	
Teller, Account Executive, Loans Committee	1998-1999
University of Pennsylvania, part-time positions	
Webmaster of http://www.sas.upenn.edu/ctl/	1999-2001
Redesigned and maintained website, wrote content, located links	
Graduate Assistant, Career Services Office	2002
Drafted 58 "Letters of Evaluation" for Health Professions Advisory Board	

SERVICE

American Academy of Religion, Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation	
Steering Committee Member	2008-2010
University of Pennsylvania, Graduate Student Government	
Vice President for Ph.D. Affairs	1999-2000
Executive Board Member-at-Large	1998-1999
Departmental Representative	1997-1998
University of Pennsylvania	
Joint Taskforce on Graduate Student Teaching	2002-2003
Graduate Council of the Faculties	1999-2003
University-Wide Personnel Benefits Committee	1998-1999
University of Pittsburgh, Department of Classics	
Committee to Review Undergraduate Education	1994-1995

LANGUAGES

Latin, Greek, Sanskrit, German, French

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
American Philosophical Association

REFERENCES

Available upon request