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EDUCATION

- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA 6/15
Doctor of Philosophy in Theology
Concentration: Theology and Culture
Mentors: Robert Johnston, William Dyrness
Dissertation: "In the Bleeding Stinking Mad Shadow of Jesus: Flannery O'Connor's Gospel of Subversion"
- Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ 5/94
Master of Divinity
Mentor: James Loder
Master's Thesis: "Jesus and Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamics: Spiritual Development in the Age of Relativity"
- University of Washington, Seattle, WA 6/88
Bachelor of Arts in English
Senior Thesis: "Pablo Neruda's *The Heights of Machu Picchu*"

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA 1/02 - Present
Associate Professor, Department of Practical Theology
MIN 108 (H): Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry (Honors)
MIN 108: Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry
MIN 206: Introduction to Practical Theology
MIN 416: Communicating the Gospel Through Film
MIN 495: Topics in Practical Theology (Theological Anthropology)
HUM 322(H): Literary Masterpieces (Honors Humanities Seminar on Flannery O'Connor)
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Practical Theology*
MIN 108: Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry
- Adjunct Professor, Department of English*
ENG 110: Freshman Writing Seminar
ENG 111: Introduction to Literature
ENG 402: Principles of Language
ENG 407: Composition Theory and Practice
- Lecturer (Full-time), Department of English*
ENG 108: Freshman Writing Seminar
ENG 110: Introduction to Literature
ENG 354: American Literature Since 1865
ENG 490: Topics in English Literature (Narrative Structure and Theory)

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA 6/09 - 6/13

Adjunct Professor, Theology and Culture

TC 529: Topics in Theology & Literature (G.K. Chesterton and C.S. Lewis)

TC 591: Theology and the Arts: Theology & Literature (Capstone Course)

TC 592 (A): Theology and the Arts (Research Methods)

TC 592 (B): Theology and the Arts (Thesis & Project Mentoring)

The Princeton Review, Princeton, NJ

1/94 – 5/97

Instructor/Master Instructor

Taught SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT Exams; trained instructors

PUBLICATIONS (partial list)

A Subversive Gospel: Flannery O'Connor and the Reimagining of Beauty, Goodness, and Truth 3/17
Studies in Theology and the Arts Series

IVP Academic

"The Baron is in Milledgeville! Friedrich Von Hügel's Mystery and Manners," chapter 8/17
in *Revelation and Convergence: Flannery O'Connor Among the Philosophers and Theologians*
Catholic University of America Press

Book Project to be submitted for possible publication:

2018 projected

Cut & Paste: The Gospel According to Jefferson, Dickens, and Tolstoy

Articles & Book Reviews:

"The Real Jesus"

10/06

Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought Vol. 21, No. 8

www.perspectivesjournal.org

"Why A Christmas Carol Sings"

12/04

Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought Vol. 19, No. 10

www.perspectivesjournal.org

Screenplays and Treatments:

10/14

The Open Boat, Screenplay in progress

The Violent Bear It Away, Screenplay Adaptation of Flannery

8/11

O'Connor's novel; option purchased from Good Country Pictures, LLC

"A Theological Treatment of *A Canticle for Liebowitz*"

8/02

Hollywood Film project for NOVA Pictures

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Andalusia in Andalusia International Conference on Flannery O'Connor

6/17

"*Mi Casa es Su Casa?* The Function of Home and Hospitality in O'Connor's Fiction"

Loyola University, Seville, Spain

Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA) Keynote Panel Speaker

6/17

Azusa Pacific University

"The Function of Time in Art"

Lilly Scholar Grant Recipient

6/16 – 7/16

Orvieto, Italy

Art and Theology

TEDx Conference Speaker

4/15

<p>"The Amnesia Industry" Azusa Pacific University https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITOwzmuNLPY</p>	3/14, 12/14
<p>Theater Production/Play "Thomas Jefferson, Charles Dickens, Leo Tolstoy: Convergence" Project Consultant; Speaker for various talk-back performances</p>	
<p>Flannery O'Connor & The Mystery of Place Conference All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland "Flannery's Frame: Limitation as Possibility"</p>	7/14
<p>Faith Matters Lectureship Series Azusa Pacific University "Facebook: Would Jesus <i>Friend</i> You?"</p>	1/13
<p>Conference on Technology and Human Flourishing Baylor University, Texas "Virtual Panim: How Do You Solve a Problem Like Facebook?"</p>	10/12
<p>Inaugural Conference for the Study of Literature and Religion University of California, Irvine "Flannery O'Connor: A Bridge Between"</p>	5/12
<p>Flannery Among the Philosophers and Theologians Conference Loyola University, Chicago "Whom Have I in Heaven But Thee? The Influence of Baron Friedrich von Hugel on Flannery O'Connor"</p>	10/11
<p>Startling Figures Conference: Celebrating the Legacy of Flannery O'Connor Georgia College State University, Georgia "The Startling Figure of God in <i>The Violent Bear It Away</i>"</p>	4/11
<p>"A Reluctant Christian: The Apologetic Use of Paradox in C.S. Lewis's <i>Till We Have Faces</i>" "C.S. Lewis: The Man and His Work, a 21st Century Legacy" Wake Forest, North Carolina</p>	10/07
<p>The American Chesterton Society Annual Conference University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota "Chesterton and Bach: Similarities of Genius"</p>	6/03
OTHER EXPERIENCE	
<p>CurtCo Media Group, Malibu, CA <i>Director of Business Development</i> Online magazine and business portal; multimedia</p>	8/99 – 6/01
<p>Hopewell Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, NJ <i>Interim Associate Pastor</i></p>	8/96 – 2/99
<p>Ordained Minister in PC(USA)</p>	8/96
DISTINCTIONS	
<p>Lily Scholar Grant Recipient</p>	2016

Represented in Film and TV Divisions: Paradigm Agency, Beverly Hills, CA	6/10 – Present
Outstanding Professor of the Year: Azusa Pacific University	(2005-2006), (2011-2012)
Robert Fraser Scholarship Recipient: Fuller Theological Seminary	9/08 – 5/15
Honors Faculty Member: Azusa Pacific University	8/08 – 5/14
Presidents Scholar: Fuller Theological Seminary	9/08 – 6/09
Baccalaureate Speaker: Azusa Pacific University	5/08
Last Lecture Speaker: Azusa Pacific University (Student-voted professor to preach in final chapel)	2005, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015
Certified Interim Pastor, PC (USA) One-year additional training and certification process beyond M.Div. degree	8/97
Reader (Resident Scholar), Huntington Library, San Marino	9/09 – Present
Member of Mensa	2008 – Present

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

Reading: Biblical Hebrew/Greek, German (basic theological fluency)
 Speaking: Tagalog, Spanish (beginning/intermediate)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

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