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EDUCATION:

Yale University, 1973-77, B.A. *cum laude* (philosophy; religious studies)

University of St. Michael's College (University of Toronto), 1977-78 (religious studies)

Yale Divinity School, 1978-79, M.A.R.

University of Pennsylvania, 1979-87, Ph.D. (religious studies)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Sacred Heart University, Department of Religious Studies

Instructor, 1981-85

Director of Graduate Program, 1982-84

Lehigh University, Department of Religion Studies

Instructor, 1985-87

Assistant Professor, 1987-89

Associate Professor, 1989-97

Professor, 1997-present

Chairperson, 1989-91, 1994-97, 2012-15

Lehigh University College of Arts and Sciences

Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, 2006-08

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Theosemiotic: religion, reading, and the gift of meaning (work-in-progress; under contract with Fordham University Press)

Meditation and the Martial Arts (University of Virginia Press, 2003)

Boredom and the Religious Imagination (University of Virginia Press, 1999)

Peirce's Philosophy of Religion (Indiana University Press, 1989)

Articles, Book Chapters, Other Publications

“Metacommunication and the Ethics of Attention,” (work-in-progress; invited for inclusion in a proposed volume on *Values in Communication: Perspectives from Pragmatism*)

“Charles Sanders Peirce,” in the *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion* (forthcoming)

“Holy Nostalgia: Toward a Sympathetic Critique of Religious Naturalism,” in the *Handbook of Religious Naturalism*, eds. Donald Crosby and Jerome Stone, London: Routledge (forthcoming)

“Peirce and Edwards on the Argument from Beauty,” in *American Aesthetics Today: Theory and Practice*, eds. Walter Gulick and Gary Slater, Albany: SUNY Press (forthcoming)

“Instinct and Inquiry: A Reconsideration of Peirce's Mature Religious Naturalism,” in *Pragmatism, Naturalism and Religion*, ed. Matthew Bagger, New York: Columbia University Press (forthcoming)

“Loyalty, Community, and the Task of Attention: On Royce's ‘Third Attitude of the Will’,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, 37 (May, 2016): 109–122. <http://doi.org/10.5406/amerjtheophil.37.2.0109>

“A Brief History of Theosemiotic: from Scotus through Peirce and beyond,” in *The Varieties of Transcendence: Pragmatism and the Theory of Religion*, eds. Hermann Deuser, Hans Joas, Matthias Jung, and Magnus Schlette (Fordham University Press, 2016): 142-57

“Pragmaticism among the Pragmatists: A Brief History and Future Prospects,” *Cognitio: Review of Philosophy*, 16:2 (2015): 321-34

“Pragmatism and the Spirit of the Liberal Arts,” *The Pluralist*, 10:1 (Spring, 2015): 64-79

“Love as Attention in Peirce’s Thought,” in *Charles S. Peirce in his own Words: 100 years of Semiotics, Communication and Cognition*, eds. Torkild Thellefsen and Bent Sorensen, (Mouton de Gruyter, 2014): 161-64

“On Being a Liberal Theologian in a Postliberal Age,” *The Heythrop Journal*, 55:3 (May, 2014): 455–66 [published online: 2 AUG 2011; DOI: 10.1111/j.1468-265.2011.00688.x]

“Theology as Therapy: Reflections on Alina Feld’s *Melancholy and the Otherness of God*,” *Existenz* 7:2 (2012): 35-37

“Love’s Purposes, Hope’s Necessity, and the God of Pragmaticism,” *Cybernetics and Human Knowing*, 19: 1-2 (2012): 47-57

“Musement as Listening: Daoist Perspectives on Peirce,” *Journal of Chinese Philosophy* 39:2 (June, 2012): 207–221 [published online: 28 AUG 2012; DOI: 10.1111/j.1540-6253.2012.01714.x]

“Troubled Diversities, Multiple Identities and the Relevance of Royce: What makes a community worth caring about?” *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, 44:4 (June, 2012): 432-43 [published online: 2011; DOI: 10.1111/j.1469-5812.2010.00735.x]

“Foreword” for Alina N. Feld’s, *Melancholy and the Otherness of God: A Study of the Hermeneutics of Depression* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2011), p. ix-xii

“The ‘Never Ending Poem’: Some Remarks on Dombrowski’s *Divine Beauty*,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 31 (September, 2010): 207-24

“Theology, Racial Privilege and the Practice of Resistance,” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* Volume 1, Issue 10 (September, 2010): 1-32

“In the Presence of the Universe: Peirce, Royce and Theology as Theosemiotic,” *Harvard Theological Review* 103 (April, 2010): 237-47

“Pragmatism, Democracy and the Future of Catholic Theology,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 30 (September, 2009): 288-302

“Teaching Peirce as a Religious Thinker,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 44 (spring, 2008): 214-16

Articles in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, eds. John Lachs and Robert Talisse, (New York: Routledge, 2007)

- “Evolutionary Love,” p. 267-68
- “Meditation,” p. 497-98
- “Spirituality,” p. 736-37

“Martial Spirituality and the Logic of Pragmatism,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 28 (May, 2007): 165-77

“Finding the Divine in the Everyday,” *Lehigh Alumni Bulletin* 92 (Winter, 2006): 21-22

“From a ‘Religion of Science’ to the ‘Science of Religions’: Peirce and James Reconsidered,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 27 (May/September, 2006): 191-203

“The Uses of Pragmatism in Modern Theology,” in *Theologie Zwischen Pragmatismus und Existenzdenken: Festschrift für Hermann Deuser*, eds. G. Linde, R. Purkarthofer, H. Schulze & P. Steinacker, (Marburg: N.G. Elwert Verlag, 2006), p. 13-24

“Phenomenology as Phaneroscopy: Theology in a New Key,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 27 (January, 2006): 84-98

“Ritual Inquiry: the Pragmatic Logic of Religious Practice,” in *Thinking Through Rituals: Philosophical Perspectives*, ed. Kevin Schilbrack, (Routledge, 2004), p. 113-27

“Semiotics,” in the *Encyclopedia of Science and Religion*, ed. J. Wentzel Vrede van Huyssteen, Volume 2, (Macmillan Reference, 2003), p. 801-03

“Self-Control,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 21 (September, 2000): 215-29

“Pragmatism, Budo, and the Spiritual Exercises: The Moral Equivalent of War,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 20 (May, 1999): 105-21

“Peirce on the Semiotics of Awareness,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* LXVIII (summer, 1994): 395-408

“The Fuzzy Logic of Religious Discourse,” *American Journal of Semiotics* 10 (1993): 101-14

“Jonathan Edwards’ Twelfth Sign,” *International Philosophical Quarterly* XXXIII (June, 1993): 153-62

“Theology as Theosemiotic,” *Semiotics 1992* (Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Semiotic Society of America): 104-11

“Peirce and Modern Religious Thought,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* XXVII (summer, 1991): 341-69

“Peirce’s Theological Semiotic,” *Journal of Religion* 67 (October, 1987): 493-509; reprinted in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*, Volume 81 (Gale Publications, 1999): 247-55

“Faith and Certainty,” *The Thomist* 50 (January, 1986): 85-119

“Boredom and the Religious Imagination,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LIII (March, 1985): 75-91

“Art, Religion and Musement,” *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* XLII (summer, 1984): 427-37

“Habits and Essences,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* XX (spring, 1984): 147-67

“Religious Metaphor,” *Sacred Heart University Review* IV (fall, 1983): 3-13

Reviews

Of Aaron Bruce Wilson’s, *Peirce’s Empiricism: Its Roots and Its Originality* in *The Heythrop Journal* (forthcoming)

Of Jacob Goodson’s *Narrative Theology and the Hermeneutical Virtues* in the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* (forthcoming)

Of Gary Slater’s *C.S. Peirce and the Nested Continua Model of Religious Interpretation* in the *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (forthcoming)

Of Jason Blakely’s *Alasdair MacIntyre, Charles Taylor and the Demise of Naturalism*, in *The Heythrop Journal* (forthcoming)

Of J. Caleb Clanton’s *Philosophy of Religion in the Classical American Tradition*, in *The Heythrop Journal* (forthcoming)

Of *Consensus on Peirce’s Concept of Habit: Before and Beyond Consciousness*, eds. Donna E. West and Myrdene Anderson, in *The Pluralist* (forthcoming)

Of Gary Slater’s *C.S. Peirce and the Nested Continua Model of Religious Interpretation* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2016.06.07

Of Michael Slater’s *Pragmatism and the Philosophy of Religion* in the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, 37 (May 2016): 174–179.
<http://doi.org/10.5406/amerjtheophil.37.2.0174>

Of Aristotle Papanikolaou’s *The Mystical as Political: Democracy and Non-Radical Orthodoxy* in *The Heythrop Journal* 56:3 (May, 2015): 473-74

Of Jason A. Springs’ *Toward a Generous Orthodoxy: Prospects for Hans Frei’s Postliberal Theology* in *The Heythrop Journal* 56:3 (May, 2015): 505-06

Of Robert McKim's *On Religious Diversity* in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:3 (May, 2014): 508–509

Of Robert Cummings Neville's *Realism in Religion: A Pragmatist's Perspective* in *The Pluralist* 9:1 (Spring, 2014): 104-08

Of John Woell's *Peirce, James, and a Pragmatic Philosophy of Religion* in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2013.03.15

Of Michael Hogue's *The Promise of Religious Naturalism* in the *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, 72: 1 (August, 2012): 59-62 [published online: 2012, DOI: 10.1007/s11153-012-9357-2]

Of Richard Gale's *John Dewey's Quest for Unity: The Journey of a Promethean Mystic* in the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 31 (September, 2010): 275-78

Of Judith Green's *Pragmatism and Social Hope: Deepening Democracy in Global Contexts* in the *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter* 108 (November, 2009): 46-47

Of *Pragmatism and Religion* (Ed. S. Rosenbaum) in the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 30 (May, 2009): 213-17

Of S.J. McGrath's *Early Heidegger and Medieval Philosophy: Phenomenology for the Godforsaken* in *The Thomist* 71 (October, 2007): 646-49

Of John Milbank's *Being Reconciled: Ontology and Pardon* in *The Thomist* 69 (April, 2005): 322-26

Of Laurence Paul Hemming's *Heidegger's Atheism: The Refusal of a Theological Voice* in *The Thomist* 67 (April, 2003): 306-10

Of Robert Corrington's *A Semiotic Theory of Theology and Philosophy in Modern Theology* 18 (April, 2002): 302-04

Of Richard Gale's *The Divided Self of William James* in *First Things* 115 (Aug/Sept., 2001): 62-64

Of Victor Anderson, *Pragmatic Theology* in the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 20 (January, 1999): 81-85

Of James Jakob Liszka, *A General Introduction to the Semeiotic of Charles Sanders Peirce* in the *Religious Studies Review* 25 (January, 1999): 55

Of *Studies in the Logic of Charles Sanders Peirce* (Eds. N. Houser, D. Roberts and J. Van Evra) in the *Religious Studies Review* 25 (January, 1999): 55

- Of John Milbank, *The Word Made Strange: Theology, Language, and Culture in The Thomist* 62 (October, 1998): 633-37
- Of Terrence Tilley, et al., *Postmodern Theologies: The Challenge of Religious Diversity* in the *Religious Studies Review* 23 (April, 1997): 155
- Of Jean Grondin, *Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics* in the *Religious Studies Review* 23 (April, 1997): 150-51
- Of Jack Miles, *God: A Biography* in *Cithara* 36 (November, 1996): 38-39
- Of Stephen H. Daniel, *The Philosophy of Jonathan Edwards: A Study in Divine Semiotics* in the *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* XXXII (Fall, 1996): 720-26
- Of William Dean, *The Religious Critic in American Culture* in the *Religious Studies Review* 21 (October, 1995): 314
- Of Michael A. Sells, *Mystical Languages of Unsayings* in the *Religious Studies Review* 21 (Oct., 1995): 314
- Of Michael Philips, *Between Universalism and Skepticism: Ethics as Social Artifact* in the *Religious Studies Review* 21 (July, 1995): 217
- Of Peter H. Van Ness, *Spirituality, Diversion, and Decadence: The Contemporary Predicament* in the *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 48 (1994): 173-78
- Of Joseph Brent, *Charles Sanders Peirce: A Life in Nineteenth Century Prose* 21 (spring, 1994): 135-39; expanded version in the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 15 (September, 1994): 337-42
- Of Frederick Ruf, *The Creation of Chaos: William James and the Stylistic Making of a Disorderly World* in the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 14 (September, 1993): 332-36
- Of Marion Smiley, *Moral Responsibility and the Boundaries of Community* in the *Religious Studies Review* 20 (January, 1994): 44-45
- Of Stephen E. Fowl and L. Gregory Jones, *Reading in Communion: Scripture and Ethics in Christian Life* in *The Thomist* 57 (April, 1993): 324-28
- Of Judith Jarvis Thomson, *The Realm of Rights* in the *Religious Studies Review* 18 (October, 1992): 317-18
- Of Colin E. Gunton, *The Promise of Trinitarian Theology* in *Theology Today* XLIX (Oct., 1992): 409-10

Of *God, Values and Empiricism* (Eds. W. Peden and L. Axel) in the *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* XXVIII (spring, 1992): 371-78

Of Daniel Wilson, *Science, Community and the Transformation of American Philosophy, 1860-1930* in the *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter* 57 (June, 1991)

Of Garrett Barden, *After Principles* in the *Religious Studies Review* 17 (Oct., 1991): 341

Of Darrell Jodock, *The Church's Bible: Its Contemporary Authority* in *The Thomist* 54 (October, 1990): 730-35

Of Wayne Proudfoot, *Religious Experience* in the *International Philosophical Quarterly* XXX (June, 1990): 267-59

Of *Doctrine and Experience* (Ed. Vincent G. Potter) in the *Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy Newsletter* 56 (June, 1990): 29-31

Of Donna M. Orange, *Peirce's Conception of God: A Developmental Study* in the *New Scholasticism* LX (spring, 1986): 235-38

Of James F. Ross, *Portraying Analogy* in the *New Scholasticism* LIX (spring, 1985): 233-37

Of Robert Almeder, *The Philosophy of Charles S. Peirce: A Critical Introduction* in the *Sacred Heart University Review* II (Fall, 1981): 43-47

PRESENTATIONS:

“Boredom and the Moral Imagination,” invited lecture at the Stead Center for Faith and Values, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Evanston, IL; scheduled for October 16, 2018)

“The Body as Instrument of Attention in Martial Spirituality,” American Academy of Religion (Boston, MA; scheduled for November, 2017)

“Theology as Play, Inquiry, Praxis,” Semiotic Society of America (Puebla, Mexico; scheduled for October, 2017)

“On Teaching the Work of Charles Peirce,” invited presentation at the Summer Institute of American Philosophy (University of Oregon; scheduled for July, 2017)

“Pragmatism, Democracy and the Audacity of Hope,” invited presentation at Hannover Institute of Philosophical Research (Hannover, Germany; March 16, 2017)

“A friendly guide to reading Peirce’s Neglected Argument,” invited lecture at The Catholic Academy in Berlin (Berlin, Germany; March 14, 2017)

“Rules for Discernment: An Exercise in Theosemiotic,” Semiotic Society of America (Delray Beach, Florida; September 30, 2016)

“Peirce and Edwards on the Argument from Beauty,” Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought (Manitou Springs, CO; June 14, 2016)

“Pragmaticism among the Pragmatists: A Brief History and Future Prospects,” invited keynote address, 16th International Meeting on Pragmatism (Sao Paulo, Brazil; November 12, 2015)

“On the Very Idea of a Virtual Community: Peirce and Royce Revisited,” invited keynote address, Semiotic Society of America (Pittsburgh, PA; October 1, 2015)

“Remarks Concerning the Relevance of Pragmatism for Contemporary Psychotherapy,” The Second European Pragmatism Conference (Paris, France; September 9, 2015)

“Loyalty, Volition, and the Metaphysics of Interpretation: a consideration of Royce’s ‘third attitude of the will,’” Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought (Asheville, NC; June 16, 2015)

“Pragmatism, Empiricism, and the Ideal of a Communicative Rationality,” American Academy of Religion (San Diego; November, 2014; adapted version of paper presented in Helsinki in June)

“The Scholarly Legacy of Murray G. Murphey: Peirce and Beyond,” Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Conference, (University of Massachusetts, Lowell; July 18, 2014)

“Rereading Peirce: The 1898 Cambridge Conference Lectures,” presentation at the Summer Institute of American Philosophy, (University of Oregon, July 8, 2014)

“On reading Neville reading Pragmatism,” invited keynote address, Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought (Manitou Springs, CO; June, 2014)

“Pragmatism, Empiricism, and the Ideal of a Communicative Rationality,” international conference on Pragmatism and Communication (University of Helsinki, Helsinki; Finland, June 4, 2014)

“Peirce’s Pragmatic Theory of Signs: Some Iberian Connections,” IARPT International Conference on “Atlantic Crossings: Empiricism, Pragmatism, and Naturalism,” (Pamplona, Spain; August 1, 2013)

“Signs, Selves, and Semiosis,” Language, Culture and Mind V, international conference on Integrating Semiotic Resources in Communication and Creativity (Portuguese Catholic University, Lisbon, Portugal; June 28, 2012)

“What may lie hidden in the icon: On boredom, ecstasy and the limits of semiosis,” Second International Congress on Ecstatic Naturalism (Drew University; April 13, 2012)

“A Brief History of Theosemiotic: from Scotus through Peirce and beyond,” International Conference on Pragmatism and the Theory of Religion (Erfurt, Germany; February 16, 2012)

“Theology as Therapy: Reflections on Alina Feld’s *Melancholy and the Otherness of God*,” Karl Jaspers Society of North America, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division (Washington, D.C.; December 28, 2011)

“Prolegomena to any Future Theosemiotic,” invited keynote address, Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought (Highlands, NC; June 14, 2011)

“The Death of God and other Catastrophes,” Eye-Opening: A Celebration of Humanistic Scholarship at Lehigh on the occasion of the 10 Year Anniversary of the Lehigh Humanities Center (May 6, 2011)

“On Being a Liberal Theologian in a Post-Liberal Age,” American Academy of Religion Meeting, (Atlanta; November, 2010; adapted version of paper presented at HIARPT in June)

“On Being a Liberal Theologian in a Post-Liberal Age,” Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, (Manitou Springs, CO; June, 2010)

“Theology, Racial Privilege, and the Practice of Resistance,” American Academy of Religion (Montreal: November, 2009)

“The ‘Never Ending Poem’: Some Remarks on Dombrowski’s *Divine Beauty*,” invited keynote address, Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, (Highlands, NC: June, 2009)

“Pragmatist Resources for the Development of a Martial Spirituality,” Moravian College Philosophy Club (April 17, 2009)

Commentary on Ronald L. Hall’s “Normativity in Nature: Towards a Post-Critical Ontology,” at the Polanyi Society Group Meeting, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Philadelphia: December, 2008)

“Pragmatism, Democracy and the Future of Catholic Theology,” The Fifth International Conference of the Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought (Assisi, Italy: August, 2008)

“Troubled Diversities, Multiple Identities and the Relevance of Royce: What Makes a Community Worth Caring About?” American Academy of Religion (San Diego, CA: November, 2007)

“Teaching Peirce to Undergraduates,” presentation and panel discussion sponsored by the American Association of Philosophy Teachers, at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (Columbia, SC: March, 2007)

“Sources of C.S. Peirce’s Philosophy of Religion;” participant in panel discussion convened at the group meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association: Central Division (Chicago: April, 2006)

“Not by Design: Some Remarks concerning the Logic of Peirce’s Neglected Argument,” The Atlantic Coast Pragmatism Conference (University of Virginia, Charlottesville: April, 2006)

“Finding the Divine in the Everyday,” presentation at the Lehigh Chaplain’s Forum, as a panelist addressing the topic of “Intelligent Design” (September, 2005)

“From a ‘Religion of Science’ to the ‘Science of Religions’: Peirce and James Reconsidered,” Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, (Highlands, NC: June, 2005)

“In the Presence of the Universe: Peirce, Royce & Theology as Theosemiotic,” Josiah Royce Society (Vanderbilt University, Nashville: April, 2005)

“Phenomenology as Phaneroscopy: Theology in a New Key;” invited lecture sponsored annually by the *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, at the American Academy of Religion meeting (San Antonio: November, 2004)

“Martial Spirituality and the Logic of Pragmatism,” Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought, Public Lecture (Highlands, NC: June, 2004)

“Tillich and Pragmatism: a Response to Grigg, James and Nikkel,” American Academy of Religion meeting (Atlanta: November, 2003)

“Theosemiotic in Peirce and the Later Royce,” Symposium on the Religious Writings of Charles S. Peirce (Denver: March, 2003)

“Philosophy of Religious Rituals,” American Academy of Religion (Toronto: November, 2002)

"Bored to Death: Walker Percy on the Threat of Everydayness," American Academy of Religion (Nashville: November, 2000)

"Remarks Concerning *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and Academic Affairs," Center Valley Forum, The Salesian Center for Faith and Culture (De Sales University, September 20, 2000)

"Self-Control," Highlands Institute of American Religious and Philosophical Thought (Highlands, North Carolina: June, 2000)

"Can These Bones Live? Spiritual Numbness in the Age of Information," The Chaplain's Forum (Lehigh University, March 16, 2000)

"Pragmatism, Budo, and the Moral Equivalent of War," American Academy of Religion (Orlando: November, 1998)

"On Religion, Science and Theories of Evolution," Conference on the Relationship between Religion and Science (Moravian College: March 12, 1997)

"Remarks Concerning Dreisbach and Grigg on the Theology of Paul Tillich," North American Paul Tillich Society (Chicago: November, 1994)

"Exercises in Theosemiotic," The Second International Conference on Philosophical Theology, sponsored by the Highlands Institute of American Religious Thought (St. Andrews, Scotland: August, 1993)

"*Acedia* and the Logic of Indifference," American Academy of Religion (San Francisco: November, 1992)

"Theology as Theosemiotic," Semiotic Society of America (Chicago: October, 1992)

"Jonathan Edwards' Twelfth Sign," American Academy of Religion (Kansas City: November, 1991)

"Charles Peirce: Theist or Panentheist?" American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Chicago: April, 1991)

"Through a Glass Darkly: Religious Discourse and the Logic of Vagueness," American Academy of Religion (New Orleans: November, 1990)

"Modernity and the Crisis of Authority," (Muhlenberg College: April 4, 1990)

"Religion and Values without Peak-Experiences," (University of Pennsylvania: March 21, 1990)

"How Natural Is Natural Theology?" American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region (Bethlehem, PA: March, 1989)

“Peirce’s Theological Semiotic,” American Academy of Religion (Atlanta: Nov., 1986)

“Boredom and the Religious Imagination,” American Academy of Religion
(Chicago: November, 1984)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

visiting instructor, Sacred Heart University (1989-2005, summer institutes)
Moravian College (1990)
Muhlenberg College (1996)
De Sales University (1999-2002)
Lafayette College (2003)

member, American Academy of Religion
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Charles S. Peirce Society
Josiah Royce Society
Institute of American Religious and Philosophical Thought
Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
Semiotic Society of America

editor, *American Journal of Theology & Philosophy*, 2009-14
(member of editorial board, 2007-09)

member, Executive Board of the Semiotic Society of America, 2016-present

member, nominations committee for the Semiotic Society of America, 2016-present

member, Executive Committee of the Charles S. Peirce Society, 2017-present

member, nominations committee for the Charles S. Peirce Society, 2015

member, Advisory Board for the Peirce Edition Project (sponsored by Indiana
University – Purdue University Indianapolis), 2010-present

member, editorial board of *Signs* (an international journal of semiotics), 2007-present

member, Executive Board, Highlands Institute of American Religious and Philosophical
Thought, 2004-09

member, steering committee for the Group on Pragmatism and Empiricism in American
Religious Thought, AAR, 1993-95, 1997-2001; **co-chair**, 1995-97

participant, The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium’s Philosophy of Religion
Discussion Group (1990-present)

reader/referee, Oxford University Press
Cambridge University Press
SUNY Press
Fordham University Press
Lexington Books
Sacred Heart University Press
Lehigh University Press
Baylor University Press
Bloomsbury Publishing
Journal of Religion
Journal of the American Academy of Religion
American Journal of Theology & Philosophy
Journal of Speculative Philosophy
Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society
Religious Studies
The Pluralist
Modern Theology
Educational Philosophy and Theory
Journal of Religious Ethics
British Journal of the History of Philosophy
Journal of Chinese Philosophy
Cognitio: Review of Philosophy
European Journal for Philosophy of Religion
Education and Culture
American Anthropologist
National Endowment for the Humanities (research division)
National Science Foundation (STS Program)

external evaluator (tenure and promotion),

Harvard Divinity School
Hofstra University
Meadville Lombard Theological School
Michigan State University
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Massachusetts Lowell

doctoral committee member or external examiner,

Boston University
Graduate Theological Union
Lehigh University (English and History departments)
Lutheran School of Theology (Chicago)
Oxford University
Princeton Theological Seminary
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
University of New England (Australia)

external examiner (undergraduate honors),
Swarthmore College

external evaluator, Theology Department, De Sales University, April, 1999 and 2003
Philosophy Department, U. of Massachusetts, Lowell, April, 2015

convener, and chair of session on “Landmarks in Peirce Scholarship: Murray Murphey,”
at the *Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Conference*, (University of
Massachusetts, Lowell; July 18, 2014)

convener, and chair of session on Peirce and religion at the *Charles Sanders Peirce
Sesquicentennial International Congress*, held at Harvard University,
September, 1989

convener and moderator, Annual Lecture sponsored by the *American Journal of
Theology & Philosophy* at the American Academy of
Religion Annual Meeting, 2010-13

coordinator, with Jon Taylor, of conference on Wentzel van Huysteen’s Gifford
Lectures, *Alone in the World? Human Uniqueness in Science and
Theology*, at the annual meeting of the Highlands Institute of American
Religious and Philosophical Thought, Highlands, NC, June 12-15, 2006

secretary, Lehigh Valley Aikikai, since 1996

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Province of Ontario Graduate Fellowship, 1977-78

University of Pennsylvania Teaching Fellowship, 1978-79, 1979-80

Lehigh University Faculty Research Grant, 1988, 1998

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Summer Seminar, 1996

Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching by Senior Faculty, Lehigh University, 2001

E.W. Fairchild Chair in American Studies, Lehigh University, 2003

Lehigh University Office of Multicultural Affairs Keystone Award, 2007

Hillman Faculty Award, Lehigh University, 2007

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2010

COURSES TAUGHT:

Introduction to the Study of Religion
World Religions
Approaches to the Study of Religion
Religion as Reading and Re-reading (*relegere*)
The Philosophy of Religion
The Problem of Evil
Modern Theology
American Religious Thinkers
Religion and the American Experience
Roman Catholicism in the Modern World
Introduction to Catholic Theology
Spiritual Exercises in Religious Traditions
Meditation and the Martial Arts
Boredom and the Religious Imagination
Religion and Play
Symbol, Myth, and Ritual
Religion and Literature
Religious Themes in the American Novel
Truth and Text: Contemporary Theories of Interpretation
Science, Technology and the Religious Imagination
Ethics in an Age of Technology
Religion, Ethics, and Society
Happiness in Religious and Secular Practice
The Philosophical Theology of Duns Scotus
Duns Scotus and Peirce's Scotism
The Political Theology of John Howard Yoder
The Political Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr
Religion on Film: Contemporary Movies & Moral Meaning
The Philosophy of William James
Science, Signs, and God: The Revolutionary Pragmatism of Charles S. Peirce
Varieties of Religious Naturalism
Eckardt Scholars Seminar
South Mountain College Investigations and Seminar

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES:

associate dean for undergraduate programs, CAS, 2006-08
co-chairperson, Council for Equity and Community, 2008
chairperson, Religion Studies Department, 1989-91, 1994-97, 2012-15
co-organizer, Lehigh Faculty Caucus, 2012-14
director, Eckardt Scholar's Program, 2010-11
president, Lehigh Newman Foundation Board of Trustees, 1988-91; **member**, 1986-2005
member, ad hoc committee to examine the College of Arts & Sciences degree requirements, 2017
member, steering committee for Lehigh Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2009-present
member, search committee for Vice President for Equity and Community, 2016
member, search committee for the Rathbone Chair in International Relations, 2015-16
member, faculty committee for the Williamson Award for Social Research, 2014-16
member, steering committee for South Mountain College, 2009-15
member, planning committee for South Mountain College, 2005-07
member, steering committee for Lehigh Humanities Center, 2000-03, 2008-15
member, steering committee for American Studies Program, 2010-15
member, Provost's committee to review Eckardt Scholar's Program 2010
member, search committee for Apter Chair in Holocaust Studies, 2009-10
member, entrepreneurship task force, 2006-07
member, Integrated Degrees in Arts, Sciences and Engineering task force, 2006-07
member, First Year and Beyond committee (Middle States accreditation) 2006-07
member, CAS Policy Committee, 2005; *ex officio*, 2006-08; leave replacement, 2017
member, Educational Policy Committee, *ex officio*, 2006-08
member, SOS (Standing of Students) Committee, 2006-08
member, Undergraduate Associate Deans' Committee, 2006-08
member, search committee for Dean of Admissions & Financial Aid, 2006-07
member, planning committee for Presidential inaugural research symposium, 2006-07
member, Recruiting & Communications Subcommittee of the Lehigh Enrollment Management and Planning Team, 2007-08
member, Faculty Governance Review Committee, 2002-04
member, Faculty Research Grant Committee, 2001-09
member, College of Arts and Sciences Planning Committee, 1998-99
member, Dean's Advisory Council, 1989-91, 1994-97, 2012-15
member, Academic Advisory Board, Berman Center for Jewish Studies, 1989-2000
member, Student Appraisal of Instruction Committee, 1989-91
member, Provost's planning committee, "Future of the University" conference, 1989-90
member, committee to draft Mission Statement for the College of Arts & Sciences, 1993
member, search committee for head cross-country and track & field coaches, 1996
member, Lehigh Study Abroad Faculty Policy Board, 1995-98
member, University Task Force on Student Advising, 1995-96
member, Lehigh Study Committee (sponsored by the Sloan Foundation), 1996-97
member, Lehigh University Cosmos Club, 1986-88, 2002-03

member, faculty committee for Williams Prizes, 1995-98
member, steering committee for the LVAIC Ecumenical Seminar, 1998-2000
organizer, CAS Candidates' Day, 2006, 2007, 2008
reviewer, for the *Lehigh Review*, 1999, 2000
academic advisor, majors/minors in Religion Studies, 1988-91, 1994-97, 2012-15
academic advisor, 1st/2nd year: 1990-2000, 2002-03, 2005-15
faculty fellow, Taylor Residential College, 1987-88
library liaison, for the Religion Studies Department, 1987-90
participant, Lehigh University Interpretation Seminar, 1985-89
participant, Lehigh Tai Chi Study Group (directed by William Newman), 1990-2005
faculty adviser, Lehigh Aikido Club, 2015-present
volunteer, official at Lehigh U. cross country and track & field meets, 1990-2006