

Curriculum Vitae (short version)

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I. Personal

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II. Education

Ph.D. The University of Chicago Divinity School, 1981
Field: Religion and Literature
M.A. The University of Chicago Divinity School, 1975
B.A. Oberlin College, 1973 (Religion Major)

III. Teaching Positions

2012-15	Boldt Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Humanities
2004-08	Martin Marty Regents Chair of Religion and the Academy
1994-present	Professor of Religion, St. Olaf College
1988-94	Associate Professor of Religion, St. Olaf College
1985-90	Tutor in the Paracollege, St. Olaf College
1982-88	Assistant Professor of Religion, St. Olaf College
1980-82	Lecturer in Religion and Literature; Junior Fellow in the Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, The University of Chicago Divinity School

IV. Publications

Work in progress:

“Self and Not-Self in Western Buddhist Travel Narratives.”
A novel about missionaries and conversion in China in the 1920s.

Books:

Renunciation: A Novel. Eugene, Oregon; Wipf and Stock, 2013.
*The Value of Solitude: The Ethics and Spirituality of Aloneness in
Autobiography*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2004.

Versions of Deconversion: Autobiography and the Loss of Faith.
Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1994.

The Conscience of the Autobiographer: Ethical and Religious Dimensions of Autobiography. London: Macmillan, and New York: St. Martin's Press, 1992.

Tragedy as a Critique of Virtue: The Novel and Ethical Reflection. Chico: Scholars Press, 1984.

Scholarly articles, essays, and chapters of books:

“Religion and the Self: Life Writing as a Literary Form and Religious Practice.” In *Teaching Religion and Literature*, ed. Daniel Boscaljon and Alan Levinovitz. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2016.

“Autobiography, Biography, and Theological Questioning,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*, June 2016

“‘Oh events’ for the Professor: Studies and Stories of Religious Studies Abroad,” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, January 2015, 88-96.

“A View from Religious Studies: Solitude and Spirituality,” *A Handbook of Solitude: Psychological Perspectives on Social Isolation, Social Withdrawal, and Being Alone*. Robert J. Coplan and Julie Bosker, eds. Hoboken, New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.

“Professing Religion” in *Claiming Our Callings: Toward a New Understanding of Vocation in the Liberal Arts*, ed. DeAne Lagerquist and Kaethe Schwehn. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

“Professing Religion,” *Intersections* 37, Spring 2013, 22-26.

“The Consolations and Compensations of Exile: Memoirs by Said, Ahmed, and Eire.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 79,3 (2011), 706-34.

“Tribal Religions in Modern Travel Narratives by Greene, Levi-Strauss, and Chatwin.” *Auto/Biography and Mediation*, ed. Alfred Hornung, pp. 397-407. Heidelberg: Universitätsverlag, 2010.

“Students Abroad as Pilgrims and Tourists.” In *Transformations at the Edge of the World: Forming Global Christians through the Study Abroad Experience*. Ed. Ronald J. Morgan and Cynthia Toms Smedley. Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press, 2010, 47-58.

“Characterization” in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: de Gruyter)

“Edward Said and the Space of Exile.” *Literature and Theology* 21 (2007), 293-301.

“The Ethics of Intercultural Travel: Thomas Merton’s Asian Pilgrimage and Orientalism.” *Biography* 28.1 (2005), 15-26.

“Thomas Merton’s Pilgrimage and Orientalism” in *Literature, Religion, and East-West Comparison: Essays in Honor of Anthony C. Yu*, ed. Eric Ziolkowski, pp. 243-59. Newark, DE: University of Delaware Press, 2005.

“Religious Autobiography.” *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, second edition. Ed. Lindsay Jones. New York: Macmillan, 2004.

“Solitude, Writing, and the Father in Paul Auster’s *The Invention of Solitude*,” *a/b: Auto/Biography Studies* 19 (2004), 19-32.

“Judging and Not Judging Parents,” in *The Ethics of Life Writing*. Ed. Paul John Eakin. Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 2003.

“Introduction” to *Personal Faith and Institutional Commitments*. Ed. Harvey Hill and Lawrence Barmann. Scranton, Penn: University of Scranton Press, 2001.

“Spiritual Autobiography” in *Encyclopedia of Life Writing*, ed. Margaretta Jolly. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2001.

“The *Bios* of Autobiography and the *Bios* of Bioethics,” in *Caring Well: Religion, Narrative, and Health*. Ed. David H. Smith. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2000.

“American Religious Autobiography,” in a forum on this topic in *Religion and American Culture* 9 (1999), 8-13.

“Biographie und Religion” and “Autobiographie und Religion,” *Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, 4th edition (Tubingen, Germany; 1998).

"Suicide in Tragedy and in Theology." *The Cresset* (March, 1994).

"Suicide, Tragedy, and Theology in *Sophie's Choice* and Gustafson's Theocentric Ethics." *Literature and Theology* 8 (1994), 80-93.

"Tragedy." In *New Handbook of Christian Theology*, edited by Donald Musser and Joseph Price. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992.

"Character and Characterization in Religious Autobiography." *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 55 (1987), 307-27.

"Niebuhr vs. Niebuhr: On Tragedy in History." *The Christian Century* 101, number 36 (November 21, 1984), 1096-99.

"*The Princess Casamassima* as Tragedy: The Bewilderment of 'A Youth on whom Nothing was Lost.'" *Arizona Quarterly* 40 (1984), 5-34.

"Religious *Ressentiment* and Public Virtues." *The Journal of Religious Ethics* 11 (1983), 264-79.

"The Virtues in a Pluralistic Context." *The Journal of Religion* 63 (1983), 175-182.

"Tragedy and Ethical Reflection." *The Journal of Religion* 63 (1983), 1-25.

Other publications:

Schuften mit den Besiegten: Toiling with the Defeated. Tagebücher von Deane und Ian Barbour aus den Ruinen in Hamburg and Münster, 1948.

Coedited with Joachim Reppmann. Afterword by John Barbour. Stoltenberg Institute: Germany, 2016. This is a collection of diary extracts written by my parents when they worked in postwar work camps.

“The Place of Personal Faith in the Classroom.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 25, 2008, p. B24. Reprinted in *Religious Studies News* 24 (March 2009), p. 21.

“Grading on the Guilty-Liberal Standard.” *The Chronicle of Higher Education Review*, June 22, 2007, p. B16.

“The Moral Ambiguity of Study Abroad,” *Chronicle of Higher Education Review*, October 6, 2006, p. B24. Reprinted in *Student Lawyer* 35, 5 (2007).

“Tourist Traps and Guilt Trips,” *St. Olaf Magazine* 52 (2005).

"Writer's Cramp and Other Scholarly Hazards (with a Digression on Burton's Melancholy)." *Criterion* 21 (Winter, 1982), 22-26.

Book reviews and notes in *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Life Writing*, *Religious Studies Review*, *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, and *Biography*.

V. Scholarly Presentations and Professional Activities (off-campus, since 2000)

"Transformation in Western Buddhist Travel Narratives," University of Navarra, Spain, November 2016.

"Autobiography and Theological Questioning," lecture at Institute for the Study of World Religions, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, June 28, 2016.

"Ethics and Religion in Autobiography," eight lectures at Beijing Normal University, June 2016.

"Teaching Religious Autobiography," Arts, Literature, and Religion section, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2012.

Response to four papers on "Teaching Religious Studies Abroad in Theory and Practice." Teaching Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 20, 2011.

"Thinking from Below: The Place of the Everyday in Contemporary Scholarship," Participant in the Lutheran Academy of Scholars Summer Seminar, Harvard Divinity School, June 2011.

"When the Memoired Object." International Auto/Biography Conference, University of Sussex, England, June 2010.

"The Consolations and Compensations of Exile," International Auto/Biography Association conference, Honolulu, June 2008.

"Edward Said and the Space of Exile," Stirling University, Scotland, October 2006.

"Tribal Religions in Travel Narratives by Greene and Levi-Strauss," IABA conference, Mainz University, Germany, July, 2006.

"Tribal Religions in Modern Travel Narratives: Graham Greene, Claude Levi-Strauss, and Bruce Chatwin." The University of Chicago, April 12, 2005.

"Biography, Autobiography, and Family Dynamics." Indiana University, March 2005.

"The Ethics of Intercultural Travel." International Society for Travel Writing, Milwaukee, October 2004.

"Thomas Merton's Pilgrimage and Orientalism." International Autobiography and Biography Association, Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 2004.

"Solitude and Spirituality," United Theological Seminary, Minnesota, February 21, 2003.

"Solitude, Writing, and the Father," International Autobiography and Biography Association, Melbourne, Australia, July 2002

VI. Other Professional Activities

Editorial Board, *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1995-
Co-editor, Studies in Religion and Culture series, The University of
Virginia Press, 2011-.

Steering Committee, Arts, Literature, and Religion Section of American
Academy of Religion, 2007-09.

Participant in two Lilly-funded workshops on "Poetry, Prose, and Prayer"
and "Believing in Writing," Colledgeville Institute, St. John's University, June
2006 and June 2007.

Invited presenter in collaborative project on "The Ethics of Life Writing,"
Indiana University, October 2002.

Invited presenter in collaborative project on Religion, Ethnography, and
Professional Ethics, Indiana University, 1997-99: two seminars, public forum, and
contribution to a collection of essays.

Member of jury for American Academy of Religion Awards for
Excellence in the Study of Religion, Constructive-Reflective Studies, 1998-2000.

Chair, Consultation on "Autobiography and Religious Studies," American
Academy of Religion, 1994-96.

N.E.H.-funded Documentary Workshops on Native American Sacred
Texts and Autobiography, the Newberry Library, Chicago, August 1991 and
1992.

Steering Committee, Arts, Literature and Religion section of the
American Academy of Religion, 1987-90.

External reviewer for tenure and promotion candidates, The University of
Chicago, Davidson College, Bowdoin College, Temple University, Rutgers
University, University of Northern Iowa, University of San Francisco, University
of South Carolina, University of Virginia.

Referee for book manuscripts for the University of Chicago Press,
University of Notre Dame Press, Oxford University Press, Pennsylvania State
University Press, Blackwell, Wadsworth, University of North Carolina Press,
Scholars Press, Cornell University Press, University of Virginia Press.

Referee for essays for *The Journal of Religion*, *The Journal of the
American Academy of Religion* and *Literature and Theology*, and *Life Writing*.