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Educational Summary

Ph.D. Ethics and Society, The University of Chicago Divinity School, 1993
M.A. Divinity, The University of Chicago Divinity School, 1981
B.A. Religious Studies/Political Science, Indiana University, Indianapolis, 1979

Present Professional Employment

Professor, Department of Religious Studies; Director, Religion and Public Education Resource Center (RPERC); Staff Member, Center for Applied and Professional Ethics (CAPE); California State University, Chico

Courses Taught: Approaches to the Study of Religion; Cross-Cultural Environmental Ethics; Teaching about Religions in American Public Schools; Wealth, Power, and Justice in World Religions; Jesus, Buddha, Marx: A Study in Comparative Ethics; Ethical Issues and Religion; Introduction to the Study of Religion; Learning and Values; Religion and Society; Third World Liberation Theologies

Former Professional Employment

Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1986-1989

Instructor, St. Xavier College, Chicago, 1985-1986

Publications

Books

Explorations in Global Ethics: Comparative Religious Ethics and Interreligious Dialogue, co-editor with Sumner B. Twiss, Westview Press, 1998.

Christianity and Capitalism: Perspectives on Religion, Liberalism, and the Economy, co-editor with David A. Krueger, Center for the Scientific Study of Religion, Chicago, 1986.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Defining and Promoting the Study of Religion in British and American Schools," in M. de Souza, et.al., eds., *International Handbook of the Religious, Spiritual and Moral Dimensions in Education*, Springer, Dordrecht, The Netherlands, (forthcoming, 2006). Previously published in *Religion & Education*, see below.

"Religion and Public Education in the United States: Politics, Ethics, Law, Pedagogy," in *Religion and Politics in Germany and the United States: Transatlantic Perspectives*, in the series on 'Religion - Staat - Kultur - Interdisziplinäre Studien aus der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin,' (forthcoming).

"Teaching about Religions in U.S. Public Schools: European and American Contrasts," *PANORAMA: International Journal of Comparative Religions Education*, Vol. 18, December 2006.

"Defining and Promoting the Study of Religion in British and American Schools," *Religion & Education*, Spring, 2005.

"Culture and Moral Pluralism," in *A Companion to Religious Ethics*, William Schweiker, editor, Blackwell Publishers, Oxford, 2004.

"Moses Who? Literacy, Citizenship, and the Academic Study of Religion in the Schools," *Spotlight on Teaching: Religion in the Schools*, supplement to *Religious Studies News*, March, 2002.

"Finding Common Ground: Citizenship Education in a Pluralistic Democracy," (co-author with Devon Metzger), *American Secondary Education*, Spring, 2002.

"Learning to Live with Difference: Teaching About Religion in Public Schools in the United States," in *Religious Education in Schools: Ideas and Experiences from around the World*, Zarrin T. Caldwell, editor, International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF), Oxford, 2001.

"Preparing Teachers to Teach About the World's Religions," *Social Studies Review: Journal of the California Council for the Social Studies*, Spring/Summer, 2001.

"Scholarship and Citizenship: Comparative Religious Ethicists as Public Intellectuals," and "Introduction" (with Sumner B. Twiss) in *Explorations in Global Ethics: Comparative Religious Ethics and Interreligious Dialogue*, Twiss and Grelle, editors, Westview Press, Boulder, 1998.

"Beyond Socialization and Multiculturalism: Rethinking the Task of Citizenship Education in a Pluralistic Society," (co-author with Devon Metzger), *Social Education*, March, 1996, and republished in *Annual Editions: Multicultural Education '97/'98*, Fourth Edition, Fred Schultz, editor, Dushkin/ McGraw Hill, 1997.

"Comparative Religious Ethics and Human Rights: A New Venue," (co-author with Sumner B. Twiss), *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 1995.

"Hegemony and the 'Universalization' of Moral Ideas: Gramsci's Significance for Comparative Religious Ethics," *Soundings*, Fall/Winter, 1995.

"Comparative Religious Ethics as a Form of Critical Inquiry," *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 1993.

"Christian Political Ethics and Western Marxism," *Journal of Religious Ethics*, Fall, 1987.

"Christianity and Capitalism: Perspectives from Social Theory," in *Christianity and Capitalism*, Grelle and Krueger, eds., Center for the Scientific Study of Religion, Chicago, 1986.

Guest Editorships

From College Course Syllabus to Teaching about Religions in the Schools, a project of the American Academy of Religion funded by a \$5000 grant from the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL), Fall, 2002.

Spotlight on Teaching: Religion in the Schools, supplement to *Religious Studies News*, guest co-editor with D. Keith Naylor, Spring, 2002.

"Present and Future Directions in Comparative Religious Ethics," Professional Resource Section of *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, guest co-editor with James F. Smurl and Douglas Sturm, 1993

Book Reviews and Notes:

Review of Paul F. Knitter & Chandra Muzaffar, editors, *Subverting Greed: Religious Perspectives on the Global Economy*, Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY, 2002 in *Dialogue & Alliance*, Fall/Winter 2003/2004.

Book Note on *Freedom of Religion and Belief: A World Report*, Kevin Boyle and Janet Sheen, editors, in *Religious Studies Review*, Winter, 1998.

Review of Abdullahi A. An-Na'im, et. al., *Human Rights and Religious Values: An Uneasy Relationship?*, Editions Rodopi, Amsterdam/ William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, 1995, in *Dialogue & Alliance*, Spring/Summer, 1997.

Book Note on John Kelsay and Sumner B. Twiss, editors, *Religion and Human Rights*, The Project on Religion and Human Rights, New York, 1994, in *Religious Studies Review*, 23:3, July, 1997.

Review of Peter Homans, *The Ability to Mourn: Disillusionment and the Social Origins of Psychoanalysis*, University of Chicago Press, 1989, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Fall, 1993.

Review of David McLellan, *Marxism and Religion*, Harper & Row, New York, 1987 in *Journal of Religion*, Spring 1989.

Selected Commentaries and Essays in Local Newspapers

"Most Misunderstood Concepts: 'Religious Studies' in Public Education," essay in *Chico Statements*, Fall, 2005.

"Teaching about Religions in the Public Schools," essay in the *Chico News & Review*, May, 2002.

"Supreme Court Ruling a Victory for Religious Liberty," essay in the *Chico News & Review*, June, 2000.

"Religious Liberty and Public Schools," commentary in the *Chico Enterprise-Record; Chico News & Review; Redding Record-Searchlight*, August, 1999.

"The Politics of Sacred Symbols," commentary in the *Chico News & Review*, October, 1997.

Selected Conference Presentations

Co-convenor, "Gender and the Comparative Project," Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group, annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Dallas, January 5, 2007.

Panelist, "Representing Religion in Public: What Can Your Department Do and Why It Should," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 18, 2006.

"Teaching About Religion in U.S. Public Schools: European and American Contrasts," International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Driebergen, The Netherlands, August 1, 2006.

Respondent to "Cooperation of Roman Catholic and Protestant Teachers in the Classroom: Differential Experiences in a German Study," by Carsten Gennerich, International Seminar on Religious Education and Values, Driebergen, The Netherlands, August 3, 2006.

"Teaching about Islam," California 3 Rs Project Conference on Teaching about World Religions, Orange County Department of Education, April 21, 2006.

Panelist, "Globalization, Religion, and the Pursuit of Global Ethics," annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Phoenix, January 6, 2006.

Moderator for a panel on "Religion and the Science Curriculum: Implications and Strategies," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 20, 2005.

"Professors, Pundits, and Citizens: On the Uses and Abuses of 'Academic' Discussions of Religion," invited keynote address for a conference on "Building Bridges: How Does the Public Intellectual Serve or Hinder Interfaith Encounters," Concordia University, Montreal, November 16, 2005.

"Religion and Public Education in the United States: Politics, Ethics, Law, Pedagogy," invited presentation for a conference on "Religion and Politics in Germany and the U.S.A.: Transatlantic Perspectives," sponsored by the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies and Humboldt University, Berlin, October 26, 2005.

Moderator, panel on "Rethinking Religious Education and Plurality in Europe and the United States," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, November 22, 2004.

Invited Panelist, "Preparing Teachers to Teach about Religion: Current Practices and Models," annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 24, 2003.

Invited Panelist, "Teaching About Religion in Public Schools: Where Do We Go From Here?," a two-day colloquy sponsored by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life and the First Amendment Center, Arlington, VA, May, 2003.

Moderator of a panel on "Islam and America at a Crossroads," California Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Sacramento, March, 2003.

"Religious Liberty and the American Experiment in Pluralistic Democracy," presentation to teachers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and the Republic of Georgia sponsored by Resources for International Studies Education and the American Association for International Education, Chico, CA, Fall, 2002.

"What, Why, How, (and How Not!) to Teach About the World's Religions," presentation at the California Council for Social Studies Annual Conference, Oakland, March, 2001.

"Religion in the Schools," presentation to the Department Chairs Workshop, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, November, 2000.

Participant in the "Breakfast with an Author" program discussing *Explorations in Global Ethics: Comparative Religious Ethics and Interreligious Dialogue*, co-edited with Sumner B. Twiss, annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, San Francisco, January, 1999.

Organizer and co-convener, "Confucian Ethics in Contemporary China," Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group, annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, San Francisco, January, 1999.

Invited participation, "Taking Religion Seriously Across the Curriculum: Reforming Teacher Education," conference sponsored by the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Twenty-nine teacher-educators, classroom teachers, religion scholars, and educational association leaders from across the country convened to address the question of how to take religious liberty and religion seriously in teacher education. San Francisco, December 11-13, 1998.

Panelist, "A First Amendment Framework for Education about Religious Liberty," sponsored by the International Diplomacy Council and presented to a group of international educators participating in the U.S. State Department's program on "Education for the Twenty-First Century, San Francisco, Fall, 1998.

Interviewed and invited to submit written testimony for the U.S. Civil Rights Commission's public hearings on "Schools and Religion," Fall, 1998.

Professional Activities

Corresponding Editor, *PANORAMA: International Journal of Comparative Religions Education*, 2006-Present

Member, International Advisory Board, *British Journal of Religious Education*, 2005-Present

Member, Editorial Board, *Religion & Education*, a biannual journal of analysis and comment with the purpose of advancing public understanding and dialogue on issues at the intersections of religion and education, 2002-Present

Member, Statewide Steering Committee, California Three Rs Project (Rights, Responsibility, Respect): A Program for Finding Common Ground on Issues of Religion and Values in Public Schools, a project of the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center and the California School Superintendents Association, 1995-Present

Member, American Academy of Religion, 1985-Present

Member, AAR Religion in the Schools Task Force, 2000-2005

Co-Chair, Marxism and Religion Consultation, 1988-1990

Member, Society of Christian Ethics, 1986-Present

Founding member and Convener, Comparative Religious Ethics Interest Group, 1989-Present

Member of the Nominating Committee, 1996

Editorial Referee for *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 1996, 1997, 1998

Service to the Department

Chair, Departmental Personnel Committee, 1997-1998; 1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2006-2007

Member, Departmental Personnel Committee, Fall 2004
Departmental Hiring Committee, 1997-1998; 1998-1999; 1999-2000; 2000-2001; 2006-2007
Interim Department Chair, fall, 2000
Director, Religion and Public Education Resource Center, 1995-Present

Service to the College

College of Humanities and Fine Arts Personnel Committee, 2001-2002; 2002-2003
College of Humanities and Fine Arts Dean Selection Committee, 2001-2002
College of Humanities and Fine Arts Faculty Leaves Committee, 1999; 2000
Area C-3 General Education Curriculum Review Committee, 1999-2000
History Department Search Committee, Spring, 1999
HFA co-representative to discussions regarding the establishment of degree programs in
Environmental Science/Environmental Studies, 1997-1998
Professional Staff, Center for Applied and Professional Ethics (CAPE), 1989-Present

Service to the University

Department of Philosophy Hiring Committee, Spring, 2007
Department of Education Hiring Committee, Fall, 2002
M.A. in Social Science Teaching Professional Degree Program Planning Committee, Spring, 2000
CSUC Steering Committee, charged with directing the implementation of a \$500,000 grant from
the CSU Chancellor's Office for the purpose of creating an On-Line Liberal Studies Degree
Program, 1999-2000
Co-organizer, CSUC's live satellite downlink of "God at 2000," Trinity Institute's 31st Annual
Conference, February, 2000
Advisory Board Member, RISE (Resources for International Studies Education), A California
Subject-Matter Project to support K-12 education, 1998-Present