

# D O N A L D H E I N Z

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D, Graduate Theological Union/U.C. Berkeley, 1976  
Social Ethics and Sociology of Religion (Robert Bellah advisor)
- Graduate studies, Johannes Guttenberg University, Mainz, Germany
- STM, Biblical Studies, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- M. Div with Honors, Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
- BA Summa Cum Laude, Humanities, Concordia College, Ft. Wayne

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

*Dean, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, California State University, Chico, 1985-2001*

- Administer college of 3000 students and eight academic departments
- Supervise and lead 200 faculty in Art, Music, Theatre, English, Foreign Languages, History, Philosophy, Religion
- Help develop curriculum for all disciplines
- Coordinate with Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Business, Engineering, Teaching

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Professor of Religion*, Semester at Sea, University of Virginia, Summer Semester 2008; Fall Semester 2006
- *Professor of Religious Studies*, 1975-2006, Department of Religious Studies, California State University, Chico
- *Chair*, Department of Religious Studies, 1980-85
- *Courses taught*: Introduction to Religious Studies, , Sociology of Religion, Religious Ethics, Death and Dying, Religion in Public Space, Ethics in World Religions, New Testament
- *Research*: The role of religion in public space
- *Cross Disciplines*: Ritual studies, Sociology, Anthropology

## PUBLICATIONS

- *Christmas: Festival of Incarnation*, Fortress Press 2010. A religious and cultural history of the festival of Christmas, tracing its origins in sacred texts and time, its annual staging in the life of the Church, and its ultimate evolution into every public space
- *The Last Passage: Recovering a Death of Our Own*, Oxford University Press 1999. Analysis of and prescription for the American ritualization of death

- and dying, posed at the intersection of theology, sociology, anthropology, and ritual studies
- “Christmas and the Clash of Civilizations,” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics*, Baylor University, pp. 19-26, 2011
  - In manuscript: *What if liberalism is God’s DNA; Fourteen Stations in the Life of Jesus*

#### SELECTED ARTICLES AND ADDRESSES

“Treasure in a Garden,” Banquet Address, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Annual Leadership Conference, April 14, 2005

“School Prayer and Culture Wars: Contending for Public Space,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 1995

“Finishing the Story: Aging, Spirituality, and the Work of Culture,” *Journal of Religious Gerontology*, Volume 9, Number 1 (1994): 3-20

“Fiji’s Methodist Coup as Guerilla Theatre,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, LXI:3 (Fall 1993): 415-442

“Clashing Symbols: The New Christian Right as Countermythology,” *Archives de Sciences Sociales Des Religions*, Paris, 59:1 (1985): 153-173

“The Struggle to Define America,” in Robert Liebman and Robert Wuthnow, eds., *The New Christian Right*, Aldine, 1983:133-148

“Autobiography,” in Virginia Hearn, ed., *What They Did Right: Children Reflect on their Parents*, Tyndale House, 1975

#### AWARDS

- University Outstanding Teacher, CSU Chico, 1985
- Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, U C Berkeley, Ford Foundation, New Religious Consciousness project, Robert Bellah and Charles Glock, directors
- Lutheran World Federation scholar, Mainz, Germany, 1969-70

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Co-founded Joint Hospitals Bio-ethics Committee, Chico, CA
- Serve as consulting bio-ethicist for fifteen years

#### INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDY

Founded London Semester, Humanities and Fine Arts, California State University, Chico

- Founded Beijing Semester, Humanities and Fine Arts, California State University, Chico
- Taught in Semester at Sea: Norway, Russia, Denmark, Belgium, Italy, Egypt, Greece, Croatia, Summer 2008; Japan, China, Vietnam, Burma, India, Egypt, Turkey, Croatia, Spain, Fall 2006
- Studied in China: Chengdu, May-June 2006, Beijing, Fall 2002
- Studied in London, Fall 2013, Summer 2000, Fall 1989
- Studied in Eastern Germany, Fall 1998