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DEGREES AWARDED:

PhD: Philosophy of Religion (Religious Studies). May 2008.

Division of Religious and Theological Studies, Boston University, Boston, Mass.

MATS: Theology and Ethics. May 1995.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

BA: English and Mathematics. Aug. 1989.

Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion

Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Mo. 2015-present.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion

Dept. of Philosophy & Religion, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, Mo. 2009-15.

Adjunct Faculty

Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. 2008-09.

Adjunct Faculty

Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va. Fall 2008.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion

Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va. 2007-08.

Adjunct Faculty

Dept. of Philosophy and Religion, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va. 2006-07.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion

Dept. of Bible and Religion, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va. 2005-06.

Adjunct Faculty

Dept. of Theology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 2004-05.

PUBLICATIONS:**Book:**

Common Grounds without Foundations: A Pragmatic Approach to Ethical Disagreements across Cultural, Philosophical, and Religious Traditions. Gorgias Press, 2015.

Journal Articles:

‘Should I Help the Empire with my Hand? Confucian Resources for a Paradigm of Just Peacemaking’. *Journal of Religion, Conflict, and Peace.* 4.2 (Spring 2011). [Published 12 March 2012]. Available <http://www.religionconflictpeace.org/node/96>

“‘Holding Fast’ to Principles or Drawing Boundaries of Exclusion? The Use and Misuse of the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*’. *Conrad Grebel Review.* 25.3 (Fall 2007): 68-85. Available <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/publications/conrad-grebel-review/issues/fall-2007/holding-fast-principles-or-drawing-boundaries-exclusion-use>

‘Reading the Moral Law: A Hermeneutical Approach to Religious Moral Epistemology’ *Conrad Grebel Review.* 23.3 (Fall 2005): 74-84. Available <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/publications/conrad-grebel-review/issues/fall-2005/reading-moral-law-hermeneutical-approach-religious-moral>

‘Does the Ballot Box Lie Outside the Perfection of Christ?’ *Conrad Grebel Review.* 21.2 (Spring 2003): 106-13. Available <https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/publications/conrad-grebel-review/issues/spring-2003/does-ballot-box-lie-outside-perfection-christ>

PRESENTATIONS:

‘Restorative Justice, Ethics of Care, and a Critique of Just War Thought’
The Pacific Northwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Peace & Conflict Studies Panel, Bend, Ore., 8-10 November 2018.

‘Pacifist Epistemology: Does Nonviolent Resistance Have a Bias Towards Justice?’
The Pacific Northwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Peace & Conflict Studies Panel, Seattle, Wash., 12-14 October 2017.

‘Analogues, Embeddedness, and Comparative Soteriologies: An Outline for a Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Textbook’
The American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Session on the theme ‘Toward an Undergraduate Textbook in Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion: Learning Objectives, Content, Structure’, sponsored by the Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar, San Antonio, Tx., 19-22 November 2016.

Invited panelist for the Roundtable on Applied Learning in Peace and Conflict Studies
8th Annual Conference on Applied Learning in Higher Education (CALHE), Missouri Western State
University, St. Joseph, Mo. 22 March 2013.

‘Inequality and a Just Political Order: Roles and Principles in Classical Confucian Texts’
The American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Panel on ‘Scriptural Texts and a Just Political
Order’, sponsored by the Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Consultation, Chicago, Ill. 16-20 November
2012.

‘Shining Heaven’s Light on the Qualities of Maya: The Purpose and Pursuit of Equanimity in the
Bhagavad Gita and the *Zhuangzi*’
The American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Panel on ‘Engagement of *Bhagavad Gita* and
Chinese Thought’, sponsored by Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative
Perspective Consultation, San Francisco, Cal., 19 November 2011.

‘Should I Help the Empire with My Hand? Confucian Resources for a Paradigm of Just Peacemaking
from the *Book of Mencius*’
The American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Panel on ‘Scriptural Resources for a Global Just
Peacemaking Ethic’, sponsored by the Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Consultation, Atlanta, Ga., 31
October 2010.

‘“Holding Fast” to Principles or Drawing Boundaries of Exclusion?’
The Institute of Mennonite Studies Consultation on the Mennonite Confession of Faith: ‘Holding Fast to
the Confession of Our Hope: The *Confession of Faith* Ten Years Later’. Associated Mennonite
Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., 8-10 June 2006.

‘*Loka-samgraha*, *Tianming*, and *Nachfolge Christi*: Comparative Lessons for a Christian Peace Theology’
The Third Boston College Graduate Student Conference on Comparative Theology: ‘Engaging
Particularities III’. Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Mass., 1-3 April 2005.

‘Reading the Moral Law: A Hermeneutical Approach to Religious Moral Epistemology’
The Second Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference: ‘Reading Religious
Texts’. Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., 18-20 June 2004.

‘Does the Ballot Box Lie Outside the Perfection of Christ?’
The First Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference: ‘The Future of Anabaptist
Scholarship’. Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, Ont., 21-22 November 2002.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Missouri Western State University
Satyagraha: Nonviolent Strategies for Social Justice
Chinese Philosophy
The Radical Reformers
Contemporary Political Philosophy
Metaethics
Mysticism & Transcendence
Indian Philosophy
American Pragmatism
The Axial Age

Socially Engaged Buddhism
War, Peace, & Religion
Philosophy of Religion
Religion & Nature
Religions of South Asia and Africa (*previously* Comparative Religions: Southern Traditions)
Tolstoy, Gandhi, King
Religions of the West (*previously* Comparative Religions: Western Traditions)
Introduction to Philosophy
Humanities: Ancient and Medieval
Women & Religion
Religions of East Asia and Oceania (*previously* Comparative Religions: Eastern Traditions)
Humanities: American Revolution to the Present
Ethics
Comparative Religions

James Madison University
War, Peace, and Religion
God, Meaning, and Morality
Chinese Philosophy
Introduction to Philosophy
Religions of the World

Bridgewater College
Conflict Transformation
The Classical Mind
Christian Perspectives on Violence and Peace
Christian Social Ethics
Religions of the Far East
Contemporary Moral and Political Problems
Logic
Introduction to the New Testament
Topics in Philosophy and Religion

Eastern Mennonite University
Comparative Asian Religions
Sociology of Religion
Living Faith
Anthropology and Christian Mission
Introduction to Philosophy
World Religions

Boston College
The Religious Quest II: Christianity, Hinduism, and Confucianism
The Religious Quest I: Christianity, Hinduism, and Confucianism