

JANET L. RUMFELT

EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL Ph.D. in Religion (Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy) Dissertation: "Idolatry, Magic, and Poetic Subjectivity: Breaking the Spell of Metaphysics in Jewish and Christian Postliberal Thought"	2009
Denver Seminary, Denver, CO M.A. in Philosophy of Religion	1995
Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO M.A. in Counseling	1990
Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN B.S. in Speech/English Education	1988

TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Regis University, Denver, CO Professor Chair, Liberal Arts Department, School for Professional Advancement Oversee liberal arts department, including program development for undergraduate and graduate degrees, hiring faculty and onboarding affiliates, faculty performance, course scheduling and faculty assignments, curriculum assessment, and teaching and developing on-ground and online classes in environmental humanities, religion, and philosophy.	2017 - Present
Regis University, Denver, CO Associate Professor, Liberal Arts Department, College for Contemporary Liberal Studies Lead Faculty in environmental humanities (developed Certificate and M.A. Specialization), philosophy, advisor for the M.A. with a Specialization in Religion and Philosophy, scheduled philosophy courses and assigned faculty, developed and taught on-ground and online classes in environmental humanities, religion, and philosophy.	2011 - 2017
Affiliate Faculty, Religious Studies, Regis College Developed and delivered on-ground curriculum for RT 201: Religion and the Human Quest	2011 – 2012
Affiliate Faculty, Liberal Arts Department, College for Professional Studies Developed and delivered on-ground and online curriculum in religion and philosophy	2004-2011
University of Colorado, Boulder, CO Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies and Global Studies Residential Academic Program Developed and delivered on-ground curriculum for RLST 2600: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (3 sections) and RLST 2800: Women and Religion (1 section)	2010 – 2011
University of Denver, Denver, CO Lecturer, Department of Philosophy Developed and delivered on-ground curriculum for JUST/PHIL 2703: Modern Jewish Thought	2008

Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Department of Theology

2002 – 2007

Developed and delivered on-ground courses in religion and philosophy, advised students, served as Department Chair (2002-2005), oversaw curriculum development and faculty

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Instructor, Religious Studies

2001 – 2002

Developed and delivered on-ground course REL 3170: Religious Ethics (5 sections)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2000 - 2002

Assisted faculty in grading and research

Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Department of Theology

1993 – 1998

Developed and delivered on-ground courses in religion and philosophy, advised students, served as Department Dean (1998-2000), oversaw curriculum development and faculty and budget management

Instructor, Department of Theology

1990 – 1993

Developed and delivered on-ground courses in theology and advised students

COURSES TAUGHT

Religion								
Religion and the Human Quest (UG)	Judaism: Faith, History, and Culture (UG/G)	Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (UG)	Women and Religion (UG)	World Religions (UG)	Biblical Interpretation (UG)	Introduction to Theology (UG)	Religious Ethics (UG)	Religion in America (UG)
Christianity and the Holocaust (UG)	Hermeneutics (UG)	Our Common Home: Religion, Animals, and the Environment (UG/G)	Modern Jewish Thought (UG)					
Philosophy								
Existential Literature and Film (UG)	Ethics (UG)	Introduction to Philosophy (UG)	Continental Philosophy (UG)	Metaphysics (UG)	Philosophy for Psychology and Theology (G)	Perspectives on the Meaning of Life (UG/G)	Logic and Reasoning (UG)	Philosophies of Religion (UG)
Philosophy of Language (G)	Animal Ethics (G)	Philosophy and Moral Development (G)	Web of Life: Environmental Ethics and Everyday Life (UG/G)					
Humanities								
Leading Lives That Matter (UG)	Forgiving Others, Forgiving Ourselves (UG)	Service Learning in Environmental Studies (G)						

Public Education Courses								
After Auschwitz: Reappraising Modern Jewish Thought	Philosophy and Pop Culture: Fresh Perspectives on Ancient Questions	Religion and Violence: The Justification of War in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	The Ethics of Memory: Portrayals of the Holocaust					

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Presentation: "Animals and COVID" **2020**
 SEED Seminar Class: Perspectives on COVID-19
 Sponsored by The SEED Institute at Regis University
 (Denver, Colorado - Virtual)

Presentation: "It's Their Home, Too: Why Animal Conservation Must be Part of a Sustainable Future" **2020**
 SEED Sowing Chat Series
 Sponsored by The SEED Institute at Regis University
 (Denver, Colorado - Virtual)

Panel Presentation: "Preserving Biodiversity in the Anthropocene: What do the Humanities and Social Sciences Have to Say?" **2020**
 Africa Animal Welfare Conference 2020
 Co-Presenters: Roberta Mancuso, Ph.D., Amy Balogh, Ph.D., and April Samaras
 Co-Hosted by ANAW-Kenya (Africa Network for Animal Welfare) and The UN Environment Programme
 (Virtual)

Presentation: "Governing Board of Directors: Differing and Similar Expectations for Overseeing NGOs in Africa and the United States: A Comparative Analysis" **2019**
 Africa Animal Welfare Conference 2019
 Co-Presenter: David Gies
 Co-Hosted by ANAW-Kenya (Africa Network for Animal Welfare) and The UN Environment Programme
 (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia)

Presentation: "Regenerative Leadership: A Working Model for Animal Conservation-International Civil Society Organizations (ICSOs)" **2018**
 Africa Animal Welfare Conference 2018
 Co-Hosted by ANAW-Kenya (Africa Network for Animal Welfare) and The UN Environment Programme
 (Nairobi, Kenya)

Invited Interview Subject for Running Wild Race and African wildlife extinction. **2018**
 Interviewed by Alan Gionet on CBS4 This Morning and featured in a story by Jamie Leary on CBS4 News.
 (Denver, CO)

- Invited Post-Film, Q & A Participant for the Denver Film Festival's screening of
The Last Animals **2018**
Representing Ivory Free Colorado
United Artists Denver Pavilions Stadium 15 Theater
(Denver, CO)
- Invited Post-Film Panelist for *The Ivory Game* **2017**
Sponsored by The University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work,
Wildlife Protection Solutions, Ivory Free Colorado, ANAW (Africa Network
For Animal Welfare), and The University of Denver's Sturm College of Law
(Denver, CO)
- Moderator: "The Forgiveness Dialogues:
An Interfaith Conversation" **2016**
Sponsored by the Liberal Arts Department
Regis University
(Denver, CO)
- Invited Panelist on *Laudato Si'* and Public Civility **2016**
Presentation: "Is Ecology a Laughing Matter?:
Using Humor to Promote Environmental Sustainability"
Society for Values in Higher Education
Oberlin, College
(Oberlin, OH)
- Invited Presentation: Week of Jewish Philosophy **2015**
Presentation: "The Animal Question and the Study of Religion"
Sponsored by the University of Denver/Center for Judaic Studies, the Program in Jewish
Studies/University of Colorado-Boulder, the Department of Philosophy/CU-Boulder,
and the Joint Doctoral Program in the Study of Religion/DU and Iliff
(Denver, CO)
- Presentation: "Worth More Than Gold: Illegal Wildlife Trafficking,
Transnational Crime, and Terrorism" **2015**
CSI Conference
Regis University
(Denver, CO)
- Invited Presentation: Brown Bag Luncheon **2015**
"The Environment and Belief"
Regis University
(Denver, CO)
- Invited Paper: " 'Let Us Not Look the Other Way': Jews,
Christians, and Higher Education at the Margins" **2014**
Society for Values in Higher Education
University of St. Thomas
(St Paul, MN)

- Respondent: Roundtable On Methodology in Philosophical
and Religious Thinking **2014**
The Week of Jewish Philosophy
Sponsored by the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver
(Denver, CO)
- Invited Panelist: "Memorials, Memory, and Memorialization" **2011**
Follow-up conversation to Dr. James Young's Lecture: "The Stages of Memory
in Berlin and New York (9th Annual Fred Marcus Holocaust Memorial Lecture)
Sponsored by the Holocaust Awareness Institute of the Center for Judaic Studies
at the University of Denver
(Denver, CO)
- "The Ruptured Self: War, Psychic Trauma, and the Promise of Narrative Repair" **2010**
Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
(Atlanta, GA)
- "Enhancing the Quality of Life" **2009**
Invited Lecture: Rocky Vista University, College of Osteopathic Medicine
(Parker, CO)
- "Re-inscribing Felicity Through Taboo: Train of Life, Speech Acts, and Jewish Identity" **2009**
Paper presented at the Western Jewish Studies Association
(Denver, CO)
- The Seriously Funny Decalogue: Humor and Jewish Culture **2009**
Invited Panelist: 10 Judaic Studies Theorists in Conversation
Sponsored by the University of Denver and the Center for Judaic Studies
(Denver, CO)
- "Putting Freud on Levinas' Couch: Why Infinity Matters" **2009**
Paper presented to the Denver Psychoanalytic Society and the Graduate School
for Social Work at the University of Denver
(Denver, CO)
- No Podemos Olvidar* ("We Cannot Forget") **2008**
Interview Subject: Univision Colorado (Televised November 11-12, 2008)
Winner of 2009 Heartland Regional Emmy Award
(Denver, CO)
- "The Laughter is on our Side: Humor as Resistance is Mihaileanu's *Train of Life*" **2008**
Keynote Presentation: Yom HaShoah Program
(Vail, CO)
- "The Truth in Pictures: Ethical and Conceptual Challenges in Henryk Ross'
Lodz Ghetto Photographs" **2008**
Invited Lecture: Mizel Musuem
(Denver, CO)
- "Radicalizing Wittgenstein: Reading Him Against the Grain of Postliberal Theology" **2008**
Paper presented at the AAR/SBL/ASOR/RMGP Regional Meeting
(Denver, CO)

- “Speaking Silence: The Ethics of Elie Wiesel’s, *Night*” **2008**
 Invited Lecture: The Richman Study Group
 (Denver, CO)
- Theater and Theology Talk-Back with the cast of *The Diary of Anne Frank* **2007**
 Invited Participant: Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Synod at the Denver Center for the
 Performing Arts
 (Denver, CO)
- “Picking Up the Pieces: Ethical Response as Kristallnacht Memorial” **2007**
 Keynote Presentation for Children of Kristallnacht: A Program of Memory and
 Reflection
 Sponsored by the University of Denver’s Center for Judaic Studies,
 BMH-BJ Congregation, and the Mizel Museum
 (Denver, CO)
- “Idolatry and Magic: Using Wittgenstein to Break the Spell of Metaphysics” **2007**
 AAR/SBL/ASOR/RMGP Regional Meeting
 (Omaha, NE)
- “Laughter and Remembrance: *Train of Life* as Fulfillment of the 614th Commandment” **2002**
 Paper presented American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Region
 (Atlanta, GA)

PUBLICATIONS

Religion and the Wild Things: Religious Reflections on Animal Extinction (working title). Under contract (signed 2018) with The Claremont School of Theology Press. (Editor and Contributor).

“‘You are not Living in a World Like Your Fathers Lived In’: The Transmutation of Ritual Lion Hunting Amongst the Maasai in the Amboseli-Tsavo-Kilimanjaro Ecosystem.” This essay will be included in the forthcoming volume on religion and animal extinction.

“Leading Lives That Matter”: A Classroom-Centered Approach to Mission Integration for Post-Traditional Learners” (co-authored with Franklin Medford and Elisa Robyn) in *Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education*. (Fall 2014, Number 46): 23-24.

“Reversing Fortune: War, Psychic Trauma, and the Promise of Narrative Repair,” in *Interpreting Exile: Interdisciplinary Studies of Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts*, eds. Brad E. Kelle and Frank Ritchel Ames (Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature Press), 2011.

“Hazarding Hope: A Philosophical Reflection on Hope’s Possibility,” Colorado Symphony Orchestra Publication, April 2008.

SPA (FORMERLY CCLS) LIBERAL ARTS EVENTS

Schmidt, Eric. “Using Technology to Protect Endangered Species Around the World.” (Denver, CO: Regis University), 2017. Sponsored by the CCLS Liberal Arts Department. (I spearheaded the lecture).

“The Forgiveness Dialogues: An Interfaith Conversation.” Panelists included: Rabbi Tirzah Firestone, Ph.D., Anna Floyd, Ph.D., Sarah Pessin, Ph.D., Fr. Barton Geger, Ph.D., and Janet Rumfelt, Ph.D. (moderator). (Denver, CO: Regis University), 2017. Sponsored by the CCLS Liberal Arts Department. (I spearheaded the panel discussion).

Firestone, Tirzah, Ph.D. "Healing Intergenerational Trauma: Images of Light and Hope." (Denver, CO: Regis University), 2016. Sponsored by the CCLS Liberal Arts Department and The University of Denver's Center for Judaic Studies. (I facilitated the collaboration).

GRANTS|FUNDRAISING

Solicited seed donation for the development of a Certificate in Environmental Humanities in the College of Contemporary Liberal Studies, Regis University. Amount: \$20,000 (2015).

"Effects of Mindfulness Curriculum" Co-Author: Roberta Mancuso. Awarded by the Office of Academic Grants, Regis University. Amount: \$2150.00 (2014-2015).

HONORS

Awarded CCLS Leadership Award. (Regis University). 2019.

Award CCLS Scholarship Award. (Regis University), 2018.

Selected as an Ignatian Faculty Fellow. (Regis University), 2016-2018.

Selected as a Fellow for the SEED Institute, the Sustainable Economics and Enterprise Development Institute. (College of Business and Economics, Regis University), 2016-2017.

Accepted into the 2013 Summer Session on Contemplative Pedagogy. The Center for Contemplative Mind in Society and the Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education. (Smith College), 2013.

Contributor to *Interpreting Exile: Interdisciplinary Studies of Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts*, which was selected by the American Association of University Presses for an award and recommended for public and secondary school libraries (one of ten books on religion from 2011).

Doctoral Dissertation Grant. Regis University (Denver, CO), 2006.

Accepted into the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies (CAHS): "Seminar on Using Primary Sources to Teach the Holocaust." United States Holocaust Museum (Washington, D.C.), June, 2004.

Winner of the Graduate Student Essay Contest for "Laughter and Remembrance: *Train of Life* as Fulfillment of the 614th Commandment," American Academy of Religion/Southeastern Region. (Atlanta, GA), 2002.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY (REGIS UNIVERSITY)

Ex Officio (non-voting) SPA Representative on the Regis College Faculty Senate (2020-2021).

Chair of the Creative Writing/Literature Ranked Faculty Search Committee (2020-Present). The committee is tasked with recommending a candidate for hire.

Elected Chair of the SPA Faculty Council (2020): The Faculty Council includes all full-time ranked faculty members and is tasked with curricular and program oversight.

Chair of the Liberal Arts Lecturers Search Committee (2019): Committee was tasked with hiring three, full-time lecturers in the Liberal Arts Department to improve student engagement.

Chair of the Philosophy Ranked Faculty Search Committee (2019): Committee was tasked with recommending a candidate for hire.

SPIII: Strategic Planning Committee (2018-2019): SPIII is the third phase of the Regis Rising Strategic Planning Process.

Chair of the CCLS (now SPA) Dean Search Committee (2018): Committee was tasked with selecting, interviewing, and recommending candidates for the position of Dean.

Provost's Adult Educational Task Force (2018-2019): Committee was tasked with doing a SWOT analysis of adult educational programs and researching and recommending best practices.

Chair of the Philosophy or Religious Studies Ranked Faculty Search Committee (2018): Committee was tasked with recommending a candidate for hire.

Committee Member of Higher Learning Commission | Criterion 1 (2015-2018): Committee is tasked with providing assurance arguments for mission fulfillment necessary for maintaining regional accreditation.

Committee Member of Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Peer Review Process (2016-2017): Committee is tasked with evaluating Regis' fulfillment of our mission as a Catholic and Jesuit institution of higher learning.

Leverage Committee (2014-2015): Committee was tasked with recommending mission, vision, operational structure, and governing policies and procedures for the establishment of a new college that combines the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Education.

Member of the Following Search Committees (2011-2012): Dean for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Assistant Dean for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Instructional Designer for Learning Design, and Faculty for the School of Management.

D2L Implementation Team (2011-2013): Tasked with drafting policy recommendations for the new LMS (Learning Management System).

Jesuit Commons-Higher Education at the Margins: Facilitated PHIL 105: Logic and Reasoning (Fall, 2011)
Regis University offers a Diploma in Liberal Studies to qualifying students who live in refugee camps in Kakuma, Kenya, Dzaleka, Malawi, and Aleppo, Syria. Faculty volunteer to teach online courses, and there is no tuition charged to the qualifying students.

Ignatian Faculty Scholars Program (2011-2012).

SERVICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Running Wild, 2014-Present, Founder of a USATF-Certified 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run that benefits conservation efforts on behalf of imperiled African wildlife. The race is hosted by Regis University and is a project of Wildlife Protection Solutions, a Denver-based 501(c)3. Since our first race in 2015, we have donated over \$30,000 to our beneficiaries. Due to COVID, the race was not held in 2019, and a virtual race is being planned for 2020. (Denver, Colorado).

Board Member, Africa Network for Animal Welfare-USA (ANAW-USA). We partner with ANAW in Kenya to raise awareness and funding for animal programs in Africa with the understanding that animal welfare is intricately connected to the advancement of people, local communities, and the protection of ecosystem. Currently, I serve as the Board President and Chair of **Ivory Free Colorado**, an effort dedicated to passing bipartisan legislation in Colorado to protect imperiled species. (Denver, CO), 2016-Present.

Committee Member, Ethics Advisory Committee, HospiceCare of Broomfield and Boulder Counties, (Lafayette, Colorado), 2009-2010.

Art Council, Holocaust Memorial Project, University of Denver, (Denver, Colorado), 2008-2009.

Member, Religious Advisory Council, University of Denver, (Denver, Colorado), 2007-2009.

MEMBERSHIPS

Animals and Society Institute

British Wittgenstein Society

Golden Key International Honour Society