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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 EXPERIENCE

Regis University, Denver, CO Professor Chair, Liberal Arts Department, College for Contemporary Liberal Studies Oversee liberal arts department, including program development for undergraduate and graduate degrees, hiring staff and faculty, faculty development, course scheduling and faculty assignments, 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, schedule philosophy courses and assign faculty, develop and teach 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

Scholar-in-Residence for Holocaust Awareness, The Center for Judaic Studies **2007 – 2009**

Developed and presented public lectures to a wide variety of audiences and offered public education classes on Holocaust-related topics (Assignments were pro bono or paid on a per-assignment basis)

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy **2008**

Developed delivered on-ground curriculum for JUST/PHIL 2703: Modern Jewish Thought

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	Philosophy	Humanities	Public Education Courses
Religion and the Human Quest	Existential Literature and Film	Leading Lives that Matter	After Auschwitz: Reappraising Modern Jewish Thought
Judaism: Faith, History, and Culture (Undergraduate and Graduate)	Ethics	Forgiving Others, Forgiving Ourselves	Philosophy and Pop Culture: Fresh Perspectives on Ancient Questions
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	Introduction to Philosophy	Service Learning in Environmental Studies (Graduate)	Religion and Violence: The Justification of War in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
Women and Religion	Continental Philosophy		The Ethics of Memory: Portrayals of the Holocaust
World Religions	Metaphysics		
Biblical Interpretation	Bioethics		
Introduction to Theology (Christian)	Philosophy for Psychology and Theology (Graduate)		

Religion	Philosophy	Humanities	Public Education Courses
Religious Ethics	Perspectives on the Meaning of Life (Undergraduate and Graduate)		
Religion in America	Logic and Reasoning		
Christianity and the Holocaust	Philosophies of Religion		
Hermeneutics	Philosophy of Language (Graduate)		
Our Common Home: Religion, Animals, and the Environment (Undergraduate and Graduate)	Animal Ethics (Graduate)		
	Philosophy and Moral Development (Graduate)		
	Web of Life: Environmental Ethics and Every Life (Undergraduate and Graduate)		
	Modern Jewish Thought		

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Presentation: “Regenerative Leadership: A Working Model for Animal Conservation-International Civil Society Organizations (ICSOs) Africa Animal Welfare Conference 2019 Co-Hosted by ANAW-Kenya (Africa Network for Animal Welfare) and The UN Environment Programme (Nairobi, Kenya)

2018

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

2018

- Invited Post-Film, Q & A Participant for the Denver Film Festival’s screening of *The Last Animals* Representing Ivory Free Colorado United Artists Denver Pavilions Stadium 15 Theater (Denver, CO)

2018

- Invited Post-Film Panelist for *The Ivory Game* 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)

2017

- Moderator: “The Forgiveness Dialogues: An Interfaith Conversation” Sponsored by the Liberal Arts Department Regis University (Denver, CO)

2016

- 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 **2014**
and Religious Thinking
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”
 Paper presented American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Region
 (Atlanta, GA)

2002

PUBLICATIONS

Religion and Animal Extinction (working title). Under contract (signed 2018) with The Claremont School of Theology Press. (Editor and Contributor)

“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.

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

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.

LANGUAGES

English – Native Speaker
 French – Reading Proficiency
 German – Reading Proficiency
 Hebrew – Elementary Reading Proficiency
 Koine Greek – Reading Proficiency

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY (REGIS UNIVERSITY)

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

Chair of the CCLS Dean Search Committee (2018): Committee was tasked with selected, 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.

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 endangered 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. (Denver, Colorado).

Board Member, Africa Network for Animal Welfare-USA (ANAW-USA). We partner with ANAW-Nairobi to raise awareness and funding for animal programs in Africa with the understanding that animal welfare is intricately connected to the advancement of people and local communities. Currently, I am 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.

Board Member, Institutional Review Board, Rocky Vista University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, (Parker, Colorado), 2009-2011.

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
American Academy of Religion
British Wittgenstein Society
The Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education
Golden Key International Honour Society