

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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## **Education**

Ph.D. with distinction, Religion, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 2003  
Title: "Self and Other: Justice in the Work of Jacques Derrida and Jean Piaget"  
Director: Dr. John Raines, Professor, Department of Religion

M.A., Theology, Ecumenical Institute, St. Mary's University, Baltimore, MD 1993

B.A., Theology, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN 1975

## **Areas of specialization**

Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Ethics, Contemporary Continental Thought,  
Feminist Ethics

## **Academic Positions**

West Chester University, Assistant Professor, Fall 2005 to present

Temple University, Adjunct Instructor, 2003-2004

LaSalle University, Adjunct Instructor, 2001-2003

West Chester University, Adjunct Instructor 1999-2005

Lebanon Valley College, Adjunct Instructor, 1993-2000

## **New Courses Developed**

- Graduate Seminar on Foucault
- Graduate Seminar on Nietzsche
- Graduate Seminar on Kierkegaard
- Introduction to Islam
- Religion in the U.S. (Diverse Communities)
- Women and Religion (Diverse Communities)

### **Other Courses Taught**

- Existentialism (Graduate course)
- Philosophy of Religion (Graduate course)
- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Introduction to Ethics (Diverse Communities)
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Religions of the West
- Philosophy in Film
- World Religions
- Introduction to Religion

### **Other Teaching Experience**

- Thesis Advisor
  - Ann Strom (Current advisee)
  - Donovan Martin, *The Ontological ðlí*, June 2009
  - Edward Pollitt, *De/Stabilizing the Ethical: Kierkegaardís Politics of Suspense*, April 2008
  - Charlotte Moore, *Will to Power as Art: Nietzsche and Heidegger on Art and the Artist-Philosopher*, April 2007
- Thesis Committees
  - Jodi Greene, Fall 2008 (history department)
  - Cristina Utti, April 2005
  - Leon Niemoczynski, December 2004
  - Christina Rawls, December 2004
  - Marilyn Lawrence, August 2004
  - Thomas Sparrow, May 2004
- Temple University, Teaching Assistant, 1997-1999. Taught College Composition, First Year Writing Program (Core Curriculum), Intellectual Heritage (Core Curriculum)

### **Statement of Teaching Philosophy**

I believe in liberal arts education and am committed to helping students develop a lifelong love of learning and tools for learning. I believe that students learn best when actively involved in the classroom experience and try to promote this type of atmosphere through small and large group activities that encourage exchange of ideas and open participation. I believe that the nature of religion and philosophy as academic disciplines demand an interdisciplinary spirit and work to highlight connections with studentís areas of interest and expertise. I recognize that students enter my classroom with different learning styles and try to accommodate this by using a variety of tools for evaluating student performance.

## **Publications**

- Hospitality: Agency, Ethics and Gender, *Feminism and Hospitality: Gender in the Host/Guest Relationship*, ed. M. Hamington and D. Miller, forthcoming from Lexington Books.
- Pursuing the Enemies of Freedom: Religion in the Persuasive Rhetoric of the Bush Administration *Journal of Political Theology* 9.1 (January 2008).
- Book review of *Paul Ricoeur and the Poetics of Possibility* by John Wahl. *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Vol. 27 No. 1(Spring/Summer 2007).

## **Conference Papers Presented**

### **International Conferences**

- Hospitality and Hope: The Ethical Self of Jacques Derrida and Contemporary Developmental Theory, International conference on the work of Jacques Derrida, Sydney Australia, July 2008.

### **National Conferences**

- Election 2008: Religion and the Mobilization of "Freedom" and "Equality," National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 2008.
- Religion and Political Engagement: Poison or Promise? National Meeting of the American Democracy Project, Philadelphia, June 7-9, 2007.
- Pursuing the Enemies of Freedom: Religion in the Persuasive Rhetoric of the Bush Administration, National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC, November 2006.
- Self, Other, and Justice: Contemporary Continental Thought, National Meeting of the Jean Piaget Society, Philadelphia, June 2004.
- Justice in Derrida and Piaget, National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, November 2002.
- Self and Other: Piaget and Postmodernity, National Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, November 2000.

### **Regional Conferences**

- Religion in the Bush Administration. PASSHE Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference, April 2007.

### **Local Invited Presentations/Consultations**

- Religion, Political Engagement and the Separation of Church and State. Invited presentation at Symposium on Church/State Issues sponsored by the Bucks County

Chapter of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Sept. 26, 2009.

- Invited as consultant for security staff at King of Prussia Mall on the significance of the Kirpan in the Sikh religion, September 6, 2009.

### **Conference Participation as Moderator, Referee, or Session Chair/Convener**

- *Ìím Standing Over Here Now: On the Waterfront and the (Continuing) Transformation of Christian Social Ethics.* Session convener, National Conference of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 8-11, 2009.
- *Ì Perspectives on Nietzsche.* Panel moderator at the PASSHE Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy & Religious Studies (IAPRS) Conference, April 2008.
- *Ì Philosophy of Religion.* Session chair at the PASSHE IAPRS Conference, April 2008.
- *Ì Themes in Contemporary Continental Philosophy.* Panel moderator at the PASSHE IAPRS Conference, April 2007.
- *Ì Reconstructing a Moral Meaning of Debt: a Critical Discourse between Nietzsche and Kierkegaard on the Subject Matter of Debt.* Session referee, National Conference of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 2007.
- *Ì Perspectives on Existentialism.* Panel moderator at PASSHE IAPRS Conference, April 2006.
- *Ì Speaking of Motherhood: The Epideictic Rhetoric of John Paul II and Ayatollah Khomeini.* Session referee, National Conference of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 2006.

### **Other Conference Participation**

- Seminar on Teaching Religious Studies at a State University funded by a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.
  - April 17-18, 2009 Religion and Violence
  - May 30-31, 2008 Religion and the Media
  - May 18-19, 2007 Women and Religion

**Current Research Project** (In collaboration with Karin Gedge, History Department): *Documenting Diversity: Local Religious Perspectives in Oral History*

### **Awards Received**

- 1999 Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Teaching, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University
- 1992-1993 and 1991-1992, Deanís Scholarship, St. Maryís Seminary and University

### **University Service**

- CAPC, 2008 to present
- CAPC Graduate Subcommittee, 2008 to present

- LGBTQA Ally, 2005 to present
- Panelist, Career Advising Event, West Chester University Graduate Student Association, March 18, 2009
- Planning Committee, Islam in America Conference, 2008-2009
- "Women and Islam" panel, West Chester University's Islam in America Conference, January 28, 2009.
- "Religion in the Public Square: The Case of the Bush Administration" West Chester University Diversity Lecture Series, March 19, 2008.
- "Environmental Justice" panel, West Chester University's Green Festival, January 29, 2008.
- Multicultural Office Mentoring Program, 2006-2007
- Moderator, "Faith and the College Experience: A Student Forum on Religion and Spirituality" sponsored by the West Chester University Office for Student Leadership and Involvement, April 11, 2006.
- "Religious Studies at WCU" Poster Presentation at Research Day, March 30, 2006.

### **CAS Service**

- Women's Studies Faculty Support Subcommittee, 2008-present
- Women's Studies Steering Committee, 2007 to present
- Student Research Awards Committee, 2006 to present
- CAS Recruitment Committee, 2005 to present
- Chair, CAS Associate Deans Search Committee, 2008-2009
- Women's Studies Recruitment Subcommittee, 2007-2008

### **Philosophy Department Service**

- Search Committee, 2006 to present; Chair, 2009-2010
- Graduate Coordinator, 2008 to present
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2008 to present
- Evaluation Committee Support, 2007 to present
- Library Liaison, 2006-2009
- Website Redesign Committee, 2007-2008
- Curriculum Committee, 2006-2008
- Assessment Committee, 2005-2006
- Moderator, session on existentialism, West Chester University Student Philosophy Conference, September 4, 2005

### **Professional Service**

- President, Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies (IAPRS), 2009-2010
- Vice-President, IAPRS, 2008-2009
- Assistant Coordinator: Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Conference, West Chester

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- University, February 23, 2008.
- Secretary, IAPRS, 2007-2008

**Current Member:**

- PASSHE Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy & Religious Studies
- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Christian Ethics
- American Philosophical Association
- Society for Phenomenology and Existentialist Philosophy
- Society for Women in Philosophy
- Jean Piaget Society