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## Education

Ph.D. Religion, emphasis in Philosophy of Religion and Theology, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, May 2010.

Dissertation: "Materialist Apocalypticism: The Comic-Ethical Vision of Nathanael West."

Chair: Jay Martin, Edward S. Gould Professor of Humanities, Claremont McKenna College.

Committee Members: Roland Faber, Claremont School of Theology.  
Patrick Horn, Claremont Graduate University.

Doctoral Exams:

- Augustine and Luther
- 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy of Religion and Theology (Kant, Schleiermacher, Hegel, Feuerbach, Kierkegaard, Harnack, Troeltsch, James, Royce)
- Wittgensteinian Approaches to Values and Aesthetics
- Nathanael West: His Critics and His Cultural and Intellectual Context (Europe and America during the 1920s and 30s)

M.A. Theological Studies, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California, May 2002.

Thesis: "Eschatology and Reason: Luther, Kierkegaard, Bultmann, Levinas. A Brief Review of a Theological Tradition."

Chair: Christine Helmer, Claremont School of Theology.

Committee Member: D. Z. Phillips, Claremont Graduate University.

B.A. Philosophy, Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, May 1995.

## Research

Areas of Specialization: Ethics and the Comic Spirit in American Literature; Philosophy and Literature; Philosophy of Religion; Wittgenstein; Kierkegaard.

Areas of Competency: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Asian and Western Traditions); Modern and Contemporary Philosophy and Theology; World Religions; Epistemology.

Languages: Reading Knowledge of French and German.

## Teaching

Adjunct Professor, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, Fall 2007 – Present.

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Victor Valley College, Victorville, California, Spring 2005 – Spring 2007.

Teaching Assistant, *Major Interpreters in the Study of Religion*, Dr. Patrick Horn, School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, Fall 2006.

Teaching Assistant, *Backgrounds of Contemporary Theology*, Dr. Christine Helmer, Claremont School of Theology, Fall 2004.

Research Assistant, D. Z. Phillips, Danforth Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004.

Writing Tutor, Claremont School of Theology, Fall 2004.

Teaching Assistant, Dr. Michael Lodahl, Philosophy and Religion Department, Northwest Nazarene College, Fall 1993—Spring 1995.

Student Tutor, Philosophy and Religion Department, Northwest Nazarene College, Fall 1993 – Spring 1995.

### Courses Taught

#### **Point Loma Nazarene University, School of Theology and Christian Ministry:**

Ethics; Introduction to Philosophy; The Christian Tradition;  
Old Testament History and Religion; New Testament History and Religion;  
The Life of Holiness

#### **Victor Valley College, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies:**

Introduction to Philosophy (In classroom and online);  
Contemporary Moral Issues (In classroom and online);  
Ancient and Medieval Philosophy: Asian and Western Traditions;  
Modern and Contemporary Philosophy; Introduction to Logic;  
Introduction to Critical Thinking

### Academic Presentations and Publications

Abstract of Joseph Bracken “The End of Evil.” *World Without End: Christian Eschatology from a Process Perspective* (2005): 1-11, for *Process Studies* Fall-Winter 2006, 35:2.

Abstract of Roland Faber “O Bitches of Impossibility—Programmatic Dysfunction in the Chaosmos of Deleuze and Whitehead.” *Deleuze, Whitehead and the Transformation of Metaphysics* (2005): 117-128, for *Process Studies* Fall-Winter 2006, 35:2.

“Picturing a World: The Art of Ethics,” Student Research Conference and Art Exhibition, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, March 2006.

“Faith Without Context: Alvin Plantinga and the External Justification of Religious Belief,” Pacific regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Seattle, Washington, April 2005.

“On the Possibility of Protest: A Wittgensteinian Reply to Herbert Marcuse,” Western regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Tempe, Arizona, March 2005.

“Satire as Social Criticism Without Metaphysics,” Dissertation Forum, Claremont Graduate University, June 2004.

### Other Experience

Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, 107<sup>th</sup> Southern California District Assembly, Hemet California, June 13, 2013

Secretary, Faculty Meetings, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Panel Discussion Member, “The Future of Religious Studies,” Claremont Graduate University, December 2006.

Presider, Philosophy of Religion/Theology II Section, Theologies of Justice Session, Western regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Tempe, Arizona, March 2005.

Department Assistant, School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, September 2002- May 2004.

Rubric Assessment of Undergraduate Humanities and Social Science Papers, Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, California, May 2004.

Discussion Group and Recreation Leader for International Students, Pitzer College, Claremont, California, Summer 2000.

Resident Assistant, Student Housing, Claremont School of Theology, March 1999 – August 2002.

### Academic Achievements and Awards

Claremont Graduate University Transdisciplinary Studies Dissertation Grant: \$6,000, 2007-2008 Academic Year.

Claremont Graduate University, Tuition Academic Fellowship: Fall 2001, Spring/Fall 2002, Spring/Fall 2003.

Claremont School of Theology, Santa Barbara First United Methodist Tuition Scholarship: Spring/Fall 1999, Spring/Fall 2000.

Northwest Nazarene College, Philosophy Award, May 1995.

Northwest Nazarene College, Dean’s List for 6 terms.

### Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion