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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Systematic Theology, Boston College, May 2005.
Systematic Theology with a Specialization in Comparative Theology.

M.A. Theology / M.Div., Aquinas Institute, St. Louis, Missouri, May 1997.
Thesis: Created and analyzed an internet-based international theological forum.

B.S. Electrical Engineering, Coop, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, May 1984.
Coop work included computer design and facility management.

PUBLISHED DISSERTATION

“Watching Clouds: Pursuing Dialogue Across Disparate World-Pictures.” The dissertation develops and analyzes a method of interreligious dialogue that fosters learning *about* and learning *from* other religious traditions, rather than seeking to determine how various religious truth claims fit together. Instead of establishing a mutually affirmed common ground as the basis of interreligious dialogue, this method engages another tradition through learning its religious “grammar,” the rules, views, and ways of picturing the world that serve to define and denote it. It is based on the philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein, the comparative theology of Francis X. Clooney S.J., and the writings of two medieval Tibetan Buddhists, Tsongkhapa and Dolpopa.

EXPERIENCE

Promoter of the Internet. A position within the General Curia of the Order of Preachers in Rome. Responsible for coordinating internet projects of Dominicans around the world, developing new internet ministries, and using the internet to foster closer ties and more collaboration among Dominicans. 2006 to present.

Adjunct Professor of Interreligious Philosophy and Theology. Currently teaching as an adjunct professor of philosophy and theology at the Macau Inter-University Institute, Macau, and the Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis. 2009 to present.

Visiting Professor of Interreligious Theology. Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Missouri. Teaching graduate courses in Catholic systematic theology and world religions, and promoting interreligious dialogue as a primary theological method for the 21st century. 2006 to 2009.

Fulbright Scholar. Pursuing post-doctoral research into Tibetan Buddhism at the Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Boudhanath, Nepal under the auspices of a Fulbright student research grant. Researching *gzhan stong* views of the Buddha-Nature. 2005 to 2006.

Member of the Tenth East-West Spiritual Exchange sponsored by the European Monastic Interfaith Dialogue and the Zen Bunka Kenkyusho (Rinzai Zen, Kyoto) in collaboration with the Somusho (Soto Zen), June 2005, Kyoto, Japan.

Senior advisor and technology consultant for two international non-governmental organizations, Dominicans for Justice and Peace and Franciscans International, at their Human Rights Office at the United Nations in Geneva. 1998 to present.

Internet Consultant. Teaching internet design and development skills in strategic areas including emerging third world contexts and international human rights work. Courses taught *in situ*, involving extensive travel. 1996 to present.

Speaker and Fundraiser, for Food For the Poor, an interdenominational Christian ministry serving the poorest of the poor in the Caribbean and Latin America. 2000 to present.

Teacher, Fenwick High School, River Forest, Illinois, 1997 to 2000.

Supervisor of VLSI Design Team, Evans and Sutherland Computer Corporation, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1985 to 1989. Responsible for directing a team of VLSI integrated circuit designers and consulting on new projects.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Watching Clouds: Pursuing Dialogue Across Disparate World-Pictures. Saarbrücken, Germany: VDM Verlag, 2009.

“American Progress.” Ostfildern, Germany: *Wort Und Antwort*, Vol. 50, Jahrgang heft 2, April-June 2009, pp. 50-53.

“Re-thinking the Non-conversion of the Jews.” Paul@2000 Conference, Aquinas Institute. Fall 2008.

“Theology in Dialogue with Other Religions.” Priest Institute for the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri. October 6-10, 2008.

“A Muslim’s Path to Salvation—A Catholic view.” St. Louis, MO: *Signatures*, Fall 2008.

“Forging a Lasting Peace: Insights from Interreligious Dialogue.” Presented at the Tenth Dominican Colleges Colloquium, Edgewood College, Madison WI, June 2008.

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“Exploring Other Rivers: A Reflection on Interreligious Dialogue.” River Forest, IL: *The Parable: Dominican Theological Reflections for the 21st Century.* Fall 2006.

“A Guided Meditation for Teaching Buddhism.” Presented at the College Theological Society’s 2006 meeting, World Religions section.

“In Support of Felix Wilfred: Some Implications of Wittgenstein’s World-Pictures for Interreligious Dialogue.” Oxford: *New Blackfriars*, March 2002.

“The Eucharist as Sacrifice: A Guide to Interpreters.” Highland Heights, Ohio: *Emmanuel Magazine*, March 1998, pp. 68-83.

“Pharaoh Chip Compiler: 10-Week Wrap-up,” by Scott Steinkerchner and James A. Rowson. Westborough, Maine: *ESD, The Electronic System Design Magazine*, November 1988, pp. 48-52.