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EDUCATION

University at Albany (SUNY), Albany, New York

Ph.D. in Philosophy (*Expected Graduation 2022*)

Major Concentrations: Consciousness

Awards/Grants: Graduate Fellow (*Fall 2018 - Spring 2019*); Graduate Assistantship (*beginning Fall 2019*)

State University of New York College at Oswego, Oswego, New York

B.A. in Philosophy (*May 2018*), GPA 3.82

Major Concentrations: *Existentialism:* Nietzsche, Heideggerian, Sartrean, de Beauvoir, Camus; *Philosophy of Mind:* Enactivism, perception, phenomenal experience, consciousness, emotion, self, personhood, externalism, and free will; *Philosophy of Religion:* Origins of religion; faith, dogma, and doubt; arguments for and against God's existence; religious experiences; language games and religion.

Independent Study: An advanced Philosophy of Religion specialization with Dr. Mark Zelcer examining the problems and ramifications of the religious conversion and the transformative conversion experience. *Publication expected 2019.*

International Opportunities: Czech Republic (*May 2017*) – Anthropology faculty-led study in the cultural aspects of death and burial practices, and ornamentation of ossuaries and churches.

Awards: President's List (*Fall 2016 and Spring 2018*); Dean's List for (*Spring 2016 to Fall 2017*); Academic Excellence Scholar (*Fall 2017*); Paideia Award for Excellence in Philosophy (*April 2018*); Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society Inductee (*April 2018*)

Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua, New York

A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies (*May 2006*)

Courses of Interest: Paralegal Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, Secondary Education Teacher Assistant Certification, Electronics/Computer Technologies

Awards: Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (*Spring 2005*)



OTHER COURSEWORK/SEMINARS

Philosophy: Valid Reasoning (Basic and Advanced Logic); Introduction to Classical Ethics; History of Ancient Philosophy; History of Modern Philosophy; Logic, Language, and Thought; Philosophy of Law; Philosophy of Language

Cognitive Science: Introduction to Cognitive Science; Brains, Minds, and Consciousness

Foreign Language: Biblical Hebrew for Beginners; French Basic/Intermediate

Esoteric/Religious Studies: Fundamentals, Intermediate & Advanced Topics in Kabbalah; Jews, Christians, and Muslims

Humanities: Cultural Anthropology, North American Indians Art History; Our Cultural Approach to Death

Mathematics: College Statistics; Principles of Financial Accounting

History/Civilizations: Voices of Peace and Non-Violence; Religion and Mythology of the Ancient Middle East

Paralegal Studies: Paralegal Practice; Legal Research and Writing; Real Property Law; Family Law; Tort Law; Business Law; Courts and Litigation; Administration of Wills, Trusts, and Estates

Teaching/Office Technologies: Office Communications and Management; NYS Child Abuse Identification; NYS School Violence Intervention & Prevention; NYS-DASA Training



CERTIFICATIONS

Holy Fire II Karuna Reiki® Master (*July 31, 2016*)

Ordained Minister (*August 2008*)

Usui Reiki II/Hemi-Sync Therapist (*May 24, 2016*)

Notary Public (*September 1997 to Present*)

Usui Reiki Master Teacher (*July 31, 2008*)



OTHER INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland (*November 2015*): Training in socially engaged activism, Zen Peacemakers Order Three Tenets, historical tours of the Auschwitz and Birkenau Nazi concentration camps.

France (*June 2015*): Exploration of religious-historical sites of the Great Schism in Avignon, observation of religious relics in Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, and historical ossuaries and museums of Paris and the surrounding area.

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam (*June 2007*): Volunteered with Handicapped International staff member in the local hospital. Educated in the local history and culture of Vietnam.



PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS

"The Gospel of the Long Walk," (*September 2011*): Historical fiction based on the Holy Family of Yeshua ben Yosef. Co-authored with Rev. S. Meddy Jacques.

"Religious Conversion: A Phenomenal Curiosity," (*Tentative 2019*): Co-authoring a paper with Dr. Mark Zelcer on the epistemic phenomenon of religious conversion.

"Anthropological Activism," (*April 2015*): Bearing Witness presentation to Anthropology students of SUNY Oswego about the facts, history, experience, and aspects of socially-engaged activism.



TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wayne Central School District

Substitute Teacher, 2016 to Present: Temporary, per-diem instructor in a variety of subjects for absent staff teachers. Subjects taught: IB Theory of Thought, IB History of the Americas, English, and Math.

Williamson Central School District

Substitute Teacher, 2014 to 2016: Temporary and long-term, per-diem instructor in a variety of subjects for absent staff teachers. Subjects taught: Long-term Instrumental Music and Living Environment, Global and United States History, Technology, English, Business, Physical Education, Special Education, Library Science, and Health.

Spark of Divinity Congregation

Pastor (2007 to 2017): Co-founder. Education of philosophy, world scripture, and diverse cultures through the presentation of sermons, ceremonial practices, and ritual.

Instructor/Supervisor (2007 to 2017): Prepare, develop, and supervise the instruction of various religious, holistic, philosophic, and esoteric topics. Courses Taught: Unveiling Reality – Authentic Kabbalah for Beginners, Peacemaking on a Conscious Level.

Ushered Path Wellness & Firewalks

Reiki Shinpiden Instructor (2008 to Present): Collaborated on curriculum and manual development for six levels of instruction, meet with and mentor students for intensive workshops. Courses Taught: Usui Traditional Reiki and Holy Fire II Levels One to Master; Usui Traditional Advanced Reiki Training and Japanese Reiki Techniques; Holy Fire II Karuna Reiki® Advanced Reiki Techniques and Master Teacher

Manager/Instructor (2006 to Present): Develop curriculum and course structure for a variety of alternative, holistic and complementary practices. Inventory, ordering, stocking, and window displays; marketing and public relations. Courses Taught: Introduction to Kabbalah; The Matrix – An Esoteric Journey; Willy Wonka – An Esoteric Journey; Peacemaking on a Conscious Level

Firewalking Fire Tender (2016 to Present): Responsible for the safety, building, and maintenance of fires and coals for walking on in the furtherance of group, team, and personal esteem building.



MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society (2018 to Present)

American Philosophical Association (2016 to Present)

Zen Peacemaker's International (2017 to Present)

SUNY Oswego Philosophy Club (2016 to Present)

Karuna Reiki® Association (2016 to Present)

New York State Archaeological Association – Lewis

Henry Morgan Chapter (2016 to Present)

Reiki Membership Association – Affiliate Member

(2015 to Present)



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Second Sunday Suppers (2014 to 2017): Once a month free community offering. Kitchen and wait-staff for a three-course dinner for approximately thirty meals for area residents. Organized high school student volunteers for required community service hours. Teaching the importance of service in maintaining the dignity and respect of all patrons by offering restaurant quality food and attentive staffing.

Boy Scouts of America of Williamson Troop 90 (2009 to 2014): Advancement Coordinator, responsible for tracking and coordinating merit badges and rank advancements within the Troop. Troop Chaplain, responsible for the spiritual aspects of Troop functions and Scout development.



LANGUAGES

English – native language

French – basic competence

Biblical Hebrew – structural knowledge