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### **Education**

Ph.D., SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, 1998, Department of Religion.

**Dissertation:** "The Theological Sublime: Subjectivity, Temporality and Imagination in the Kantian Critique." Advisor: Charles E. Winquist.

M.A., UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, 1994. Concentration: Philosophical Theology.

B.A., COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, 1991. Majors: Religion and History.

### **Specialization**

Areas of Research Specialization: Modern and Contemporary Western Religious Thought, Kantian Sublime, 19th and 20th Century Philosophy and Theology, Psychoanalytic Theory, Continental Philosophy of Religion.

Areas of Teaching Competence: Modern and Contemporary Religious Thought and Theology, World Religions, Religion Science and Technology, Theories of Religion, Ethics, Religion in America.

### **Teaching Experience**

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS, Conway, AR                      Fall 2008-Present  
Associate Professor of Religious Studies

Modern Religious Thought, Contemporary Religious Thought, Theories of Religion,  
Religion, Science and Technology, Postmodern Theology, Exploring Religion.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS, Conway, AR                      Fall 2003-Spring 2008  
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY, Williamsburg, VA      Fall 2000-Spring 2001  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion

Introduction to Religion, Modern Religious Thought, Christianity, Roman Catholic Thought Since 1800.

WESLEY COLLEGE, Dover, DE      Fall 1998-Spring 2000  
Adjunct Professor of Religion and Philosophy      Fall 2001-Spring 2003

Literature of the Old Testament, World Religions, Religion in America, Religion and Popular Culture, Logic, Business Ethics, Self in Society.

LEBANON VALLEY COLLEGE, Annville, PA      Spring 1998-Spring 2000  
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Religion

Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, Religion in America, Organizational Ethics.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

*Radical Political Theology: Religion and Politics After Liberalism*, Columbia University Press, 2011.

*Interstices of the Sublime: Theology and Psychoanalytic Theory*, Fordham University Press, 2007.

*A Theology of the Sublime*, Routledge, 2001.

### **Edited Books**

With Creston Davis and Marcus Pound, *Theology After Lacan*, Wipf and Stock, forthcoming (under contract).

With Donna Bowman, *Theology and Energy: Divine Intersections*, Fordham University Press, forthcoming, 2011.

With Creston Davis and Slavoj Žižek, *Hegel and the Infinite: Religion, Politics and Dialectic*, Columbia University Press, 2011.

*Religion and Violence in a Secular World: Toward a New Political Theology*, University of Virginia Press, 2006.

*Secular Theology: American Radical Theological Thought*, Routledge, 2001.

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- With Jay McDaniel, "From an Idolatry of Identity to a Planetization of Alterity: A Relational-Theological Approach to Hybridity, Sin, and Love," *Journal of Postcolonial Theory and Theology*, Volume I, Issue 3, November 2010.
- "Post-secular Spinoza: Deleuze, Negri and Radical Political Theology," *Analecta Hermeneutica*, Number 2, 2010.
- With Catherine Malabou, "Plasticity and the Future of Philosophy and Theology," *Political Theology*, Volume 11, Number 1, 2010.
- "Inspiration, Sublimation and Speech: A Response to Ralph Ellis," *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, Volume 15, Number 2, November 2008.
- "Technology and the Time-Image: Deleuze and Postmodern Subjectivity," *South African Journal of Philosophy*, Volume 24, Number 3, 2005.
- "Post-Modernism and its Secrets: Religion Without Religion," *Cross Currents*, Volume 52, Number 4, Winter 2003.
- "On Sublimation: The Significance of Psychoanalysis for the Study of Religion," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 68, Number 4, December 2000.
- "The Challenge of Postmodernism and the Health of Theology," *Journal of Religion and Health*, Volume 39, Number 3, 2000.
- "Anxiety and the Sublime Body of God," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 1:1, December 1999.
- "Tillich and Foucault in the Depths of Reason," *Explorations: Journal for Adventurous Thought*, Volume 14, Number 1, Fall 1995.

## Articles (Non Peer-Reviewed)

- "Monstrosity Exhibition," Contribution to an Academic Roundtable on *The Monstrosity of Christ*, by Slavoj Žižek and John Milbank, *Expositions: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities*, Volume 4, Numbers 1-2, 2010.
- "Secular Theology and the Academic Study of Religion," *CSSR Bulletin*, Volume 37, Number 2, April 2008.
- With Creston Davis, "Editorial Introduction," The Political and the Infinite: Theology and Radical Politics, Special Issue of *Angelaki: Journal of Theoretical Humanities*, Volume 12, Number 1, 2007.
- "St. Paul and the Event," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 6.2, April 2005.
- "Long Time Coming: Theology, Methodology, Cultural Theory," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 5.2, April 2004.
- "Piety, Power and Bare Life: What in the World is Going on in the Name of Religion?," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 4:3, August 2003.
- "Taking Shape: On the Current Constellation of (Religious) Thought," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 3:3, August 2002.
- "Economies of Studying Religion," *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 1:3, August 2000.

## Book Chapters

- “Radical Theology and the Event: Deleuze avec St. Paul,” *Paul and the Philosophers*, edited by Ward Blanton and Hent de Vries, forthcoming.
- “The Plasticity of Continental Philosophy of Religion,” *After the Postsecular and the Postmodern: New Essays in Continental Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Anthony Paul Smith and Daniel Whistler, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2010.
- “The Truth of Life: Michel Henry on Marx,” *Words of Life: New Theological Turns in French Phenomenology*, edited by Bruce Benson and Norman Wirzba, Fordham University Press, 2010.
- “Jeb Stuart’s Revenge: The Civil War, the Religious Right and American Fascism,” *The Sleeping Giant Has Awoken: The New Politics of Religion in America*, edited by Jeffrey W. Robbins and Neal Magee, Continuum, 2008.
- “Postmodernism and the Crisis of Belief: Neo-Realism vs. the Real,” *The Mourning After: Attending the Wake of Postmodernism*, edited by Neil Brooks and Joshua Toth, Rodopi, 2007.
- “The Double Helix: Of Philosophical Theology,” in *Between Description and Interpretation: The Hermeneutic Turn in Phenomenology*, edited by Andre Wiercinski, The Hermeneutic Press, 2005.
- “Foreclosing God: Philosophy of Religion and Psychoanalysis,” in *Explorations in Contemporary Continental Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Deane-Peter Baker and Patrick Maxwell, Rodopi, 2003.
- “Gilles Deleuze and the Sublime Fold of Religion,” in *Rethinking Philosophy of Religion: Approaches from Continental Philosophy*, edited by Philip Goodchild, Fordham University Press, 2002.
- “On the Disorientation of the Study of Religion,” in *What is Religion?: Origins, Definitions & Explanations*, edited by Thomas A. Idinopulos and Brian C. Wilson, Brill Academic Publishers, 1998.

## Guest Editor

- With Creston Davis, “The Political and the Infinite: Theology and Radical Politics,” Special Issue of *Angelaki: Journal of Theoretical Humanities*, Volume 12, Number 1, 2007.

## Contributions

- “Postmodernism and Natural Theology,” *Oxford Handbook of Natural Theology*, edited by Russell Re Manning, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- Entries for “Nihilism,” “Political Theology,” and “Radical Orthodoxy,” *The New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology*, edited by Dawn DeVries and B. A. Gerrish, Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming.
- Foreword to Catherine Malabou, *Plasticity at the Dusk of Writing*, translated by Carolyn

Shread, Columbia University Press, 2009.

Interview with Michael W. Wilson, in *A Kingdom at any Cost: Right-Wing Visions of Apocalypse in America*, edited by Michael W. Wilson, Parkhurst Brothers, 2009.

Foreword to Gabriel Vahanian, *Anonymous God*, translated by Noëlle Vahanian, Davies Group Publishers, 2001.

Entries for “Aporia” “Donna Haraway,” “Immanuel Kant,” “Plane of Immanence,” “Avital Ronnell,” “Richard Rorty,” “Sublime,” and “Gianni Vattimo,” *Routledge Encyclopedia of Postmodernism*, edited by Charles E. Winqvist and Victor E. Taylor, Routledge, 2000.

Foreword to Charles E. Winqvist, *Epiphanies of Darkness*, Davies Group Publishers (reprinting), 1999.

## Book Reviews

*The End of Philosophy of Religion*, Nick Trakakis, (Continuum, 2008), *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, forthcoming, 2011.

*Badiou and Theology*, Frederiek Depoortere (Continuum, 2009), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, June 2010.

*Žižek’s Ontology*, Adrian Johnston (Northwestern University Press, 2008), *Political Theology*, Volume 11, Number 1, 2010.

*Theology of Money*, Philip Goodchild (SCM Press, 2007), *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory*, 9.3, Fall 2008.

*Political Theologies: Public Religions in a Post-Secular World*, ed. Hent de Vries and Lawrence E. Sullivan (Fordham University Press, 2006). *Political Theology*, Volume 9, Number 1, 2008.

*Theology and the Political: The New Debate*, ed. Creston Davis, John Milbank and Slavoj Žižek (Duke University Press, 2005). *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 74, No. 2, June 2006.

*The Way Things Are: Conversations with Huston Smith on the Spiritual Life*, ed. Phil Cousineau (University of California Press, 2003). *Bridges: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theology, Philosophy, History and Science*, Volume 12, No.3/4, Fall/Winter 2005.

*Propaganda and the Jesuit Baroque*, Evonne Levy (University of California Press, 2004). *Bridges: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theology, Philosophy, History and Science*, Volume 11 No.3/4, Fall/Winter 2004.

*Desert Screen: War at the Speed of Light*, Paul Virilio (Athlone Press, 2002). *Theoria* 102, December 2003.

*Revolt, She Said*, Julia Kristeva (Semiotext(e), 2002). *Theoria* 101, June 2003.

*The Fragile Absolute: Or, Why is the Christian Legacy Worth Fighting For?*, Slavoj Žižek (Verso Books, 2000). *Theoria* 99, June 2002.

*Writings on Psychoanalysis: Freud and Lacan*, Louis Althusser, translated by Jeffrey Mehlman (Columbia University Press, 1996). *Theoria* 98, December 2001.

*Contributions to Philosophy (From Enowning)*, Martin Heidegger, translated by Parvis Emad and Kenneth Maly (Indiana University Press, 1999). *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 2.3, August 2001.

*The Other Freud: Religion, Culture and Psychoanalysis*, James J. DiCenso (London: Routledge, 1999). *Journal of Religion and Health*, Volume 39, Number 1, 2000.

*Post-Secular Philosophy*, edited by Philip Blond (London: Routledge, 1998). *Religion*, Volume 29, Number 8, April 1999.

*Nietzsche and Depth Psychology*, edited by Jacob Golomb, Weaver Santaniello, and Ronald Lehrer (Albany: SUNY Press, 1999). *Journal of Religion and Health*, Volume 38, 1999.

*The Glance of the Eye: Heidegger, Aristotle, and the Ends of Theory*, William McNeill (Albany: SUNY Press, 1999). *Journal of Religion and Health*, Volume 38, 1999.

*Arguing for Atheism*, Robin Le Poidevin (New York: Routledge, 1996). *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 23, Number 4, October 1997.

### **Conference Presentations/Lectures**

Response to Mary-Jane Rubenstein, *Strange Wonder: The Closure of Metaphysics and the Opening of Awe*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 30-November 1, 2010.

“From an Idolatry of Identity to a Planetization of Alterity,” with Jay McDaniel, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 30-November 1, 2010.

“‘Vodou’ Economics: Haiti and the Future of Democracy,” North American Association for the Study of Religion, Montreal, Canada, November 6-9, 2009.

Invited Lecture, “The Sublime Real: Lacan and Melville at the Limits of Language,” Rice University, December 8, 2008.

“Six Theses on Political Theology,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 1-3, 2008.

“Plasticity and Dis-Enclosure: Thinking Through the Limits of Deconstruction,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 1-3, 2008.

“Alain Badiou and the Frozen Sublime,” Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Pittsburgh, PA, October 16-18, 2008.

Invited Lecture, “The Problem of Political Theology,” Syracuse University, April 7, 2008.

“Knotting the Sublime Real: Lacan, Melville and the Limits of Language,” LeMoyne College 2008 Religion and Literature Forum, Syracuse, NY, April 4-5, 2008.

Presentation, “Connecting the Dots: The Twin Dangers of Peak Oil and Religious Fanaticism,” 2007-2008 Lebanon Valley College Colloquium on Energy, Annville, PA, March 27, 2008.

“Political Theology and Radical Democracy: Plasticity, Equality, Governmentality,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 17-20, 2007.

“The Parallax of Religion: Ideology and Theology,” The Politics of Religion-Making Conference, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, October 4-6, 2007.

“Law Beyond Law: Agamben, Deleuze and the Unconscious Event,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 18-21, 2006.

“Postmodernism and the Crisis of Belief,” Edith Stein Institute of Philosophy, University of Cartuja, and Centre of Philosophy and Theology, University of Nottingham, Conference on Belief and Metaphysics, Granada, Spain, September 15-18, 2006.

“The Truth of Life: Michel Henry on Marx,” Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology, Birmingham, AL, March 31-April 1, 2006.

“Deleuze and St. Paul: A Theo-Logic of the Event,” Southwest Commission on Religious

- Studies Regional Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 4-5, 2006.
- “Post-Secular Spinoza: On the Potential for a Radical Political Theology,” Secularity and Globalization: What Comes After Modernity? The Fifth Annual Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference, Calvin College, MI, November 10-12, 2005.
- “Deleuze and Postmodern Subjectivity: Technology, Time-Image and Self-Perception,” Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Memphis TN, October 28-30, 2004.
- Co-organizer and co-president, “The Religious Turn in Culture and Theory,” panel session with John D. Caputo, Philip Goodchild and Gregg Lambert, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 22-25, 2003.
- Panel Participant, “A Theology of Desire: In Memory of Charles E. Winquist,” AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Toronto, November 23-26, 2002.
- Lecture, “Kant, Deleuze and the Baroque Sublime,” Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, March 20, 2002.
- “Postmodernism and its Secrets,” Secrecy: Histories and Publics Conference, Sweet Briar College, VA, March 15-17, 2002.
- Organizer and president, “Postmodern Secular Theology,” panel session with Edith Wyschogrod, John D. Caputo, Carl Raschke, Charles E. Winquist and Gabriel Vahanian, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 18-21, 2000.
- “Gilles Deleuze and the Sublime Fold of Religion,” Continental Philosophy of Religion Conference, St. Martin’s College, Lancaster, England, July 18-21, 2000.
- “God Without Being (God)” AAR/SBL Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting, Chadds Ford, PA, March 23-24, 2000
- “Economies of Studying Religion,” Religious Studies and Cultural Engagement: Syracuse University Department of Religion Alumni and Graduate Student Conference, Syracuse University, February 8-20, 2000.
- “Radical Orthodoxy and Secular Theology: A Confrontation,” panel presentation and discussion with John Milbank, Phillip Blond, Charles E. Winquist, and Alex Hawkins, AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 20-23, 1999.
- “On Creation *ex Nihilo*: Tillich and Psychoanalysis,” AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 20-23, 1999.
- “The Ethics of Psychoanalysis,” AAR/SBL Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting, Arlington, VA, February 25-26, 1999.
- “Freud and Theology,” AAR/SBL Eastern International Region Meeting, University of Toronto, April 17-18, 1998.
- “The End of the Century and the Task for Theology,” AAR/SBL Eastern International Region Meeting, D’Youville College, Buffalo, NY, April 6-7, 1997.
- “Aesthetics After Kant,” AAR/SBL Eastern International Region Meeting, LeMoyne College, Syracuse, NY, April 12-14, 1996.
- “Tillich and Foucault in the Depths of Reason,” AAR/SBL Tri-Regional Meeting, Boston, MA, March 30-April 1, 1995.

### **Activities/Awards**

- Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Award, University of Central Arkansas, 2010.
- Outstanding Faculty Award, UCA College of Liberal Arts, 2008-2009.

Co-Organizer, with Donna Bowman, UCA Honors College, of a conference, Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Theology and Energy (ICTE), held at UCA and Hendrix College February 20-21, 2009. [www.uca.edu/ictc](http://www.uca.edu/ictc). The conference was partially funded with grant money from the American Academy of Religion, the Steel Center for the Study of Religion at Hendrix College, and the UCA Foundation.

Director of Religious Studies interdisciplinary major and minor, University of Central Arkansas, January 2008-present.

“Theological Advisor,” for a feature-length documentary, *Silhouette City*, written and directed by Michael W. Wilson, 2008. This film deals with apocalyptic militarism and contemporary theocratic politics, and premiered at the Miami International Film Festival in March 2008. [www.silhouetecity.com](http://www.silhouetecity.com)

Co-Editor, with Creston Davis, Jeffrey W. Robbins and Slavoj Žižek, Book Series, “Insurrections: Critical Studies in Religion, Politics and Culture,” Columbia University Press, 2006-present.

Editorial Reviewer of journal article submissions for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, *Religion State and Society*, and *Law Culture and the Humanities*.

Editorial Reviewer of book manuscripts for Columbia University Press, Fordham University Press, Blackwell, Routledge, and Rowman Littlefield.

Asian Studies Development Program, Institute for Infusing Asian Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum, East-West Center, Honolulu Hawaii, Summer 2006.

Co-Editor, with Jeffrey W. Robbins, Book Series on “Contemporary Religious Thought,” The Davies Group, Publishers, 2001-2006.

Editor, *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* (peer-reviewed electronic journal), 1999-present. [www.jcrt.org](http://www.jcrt.org)

## **References**

Available upon request.