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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Theology (STD) 2003, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, *Magna Cum Laude*,
New Testament Exegesis

Dissertation: *A Cosmic Leap of Faith: An Authorial, Structural, and Theological Investigation of the Cosmic Christology in Col 1:15-20*, under Dr. Reimund Bieringer; Published, *Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology 41*. Leuven: Peeters, 2006.

M.A. Theology (STL) 1999, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, *Magna Cum Laude*,
New Testament Exegesis

Thesis: *The Authorship of Colossians: A Reexamination*

M.Ed. Religious Education 1995, Boston College, Boston, MA, *Magna Cum Laude*

Thesis: *Toward A Supportive Ecclesiology of Homosexual Relationships*

B.A. English Literature and Theology 1989, St. Bonaventure University, Olean, New York, *Cum Laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS/COMPETENCIES

New Testament Exegesis, Historical-Critical Hermeneutics, New Testament Christology, Biblical Mysticism, Christian Mysticism, Trinitarian Studies, Celtic Christianity, Gay/Lesbian Theology, Green Theology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Cosmic Leap of Faith: An Authorial, Structural, and Theological Investigation of the Cosmic Christology in Col 1:15-20, *Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology 41*. Leuven: Peeters, 2006.

Published Reviews in *Review of Biblical Literature (The Society of Biblical Literature)*, *Catholic Book Reviews*, 2007.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Icon Christology and the Cosmic Christ of Colossians 1:15-20," in *Catholic Theologians Respond to Human-Forced Climate Change: A Project of the Interest Group on Catholic Theology and Global Warming*, CTSA, forthcoming, 2011.

"Colossae," in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, Walter de Gruyter Publishing House, forthcoming, 2010.

"Epistle to the Colossians," in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, Walter de Gruyter Publishing House, forthcoming, 2010.

"Christianity and Homosexuality" in *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*, SAGE Publications, 2009.

"God Has Made it Plain To Them: An Indictment of Rome's Hermeneutic of Homophobia," *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 38:4 (Winter 2008), 163-83.

"Religious Terror and the Prophetic Voice of Reason: Unmasking Our Myths of Righteousness," *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 37:2 (Summer 2007), 47-53.

"The Myth of Our Righteousness: The Hijacking of Religion in Global Terror," in *The Wicked Heart: Studies in the Phenomena of Evil*, vol 38. Sorcha Ni Fhlainn and William Andrew Meyers, eds. Inter-Disciplinary Press, Oxford, United Kingdom, (2006): 297-305.

"Jezus in Amerika," *JOTA Bijbelmagazine*, Jaargang 11 (Zommer 1999), 8-9.

Book and Film Reviews

Gordley, Matthew E. *The Colossian Hymn in Context: An Exegesis in Light of Jewish and Greco-Roman Hymnic and Epistolary Conventions*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007.

Mark Braaten. *Come Lord Jesus: A Study of Revelation*. Collegeville: Minnesota, 2007. Catholic Book Reviews, <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2007/braaten.htm>.

Morgan Cook Atkinson (Writer/Producer). *Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton*. Duckworks, Inc, 2007. Catholic Book Reviews, <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2007/atkinson.htm>

Ecclesial Publications (non-refereed)

"Supporting Exegetical Document on the Question of Homosexuality and Same-Sex Relationships," Submitted to Most Rev. Joseph Grenier, Ph.D., Presiding Bishop of the Celtic Christian Church, 2004, <http://www.celticchristianchurch.org/supportingdoc.htm>

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Dying Buddha, Dying Christ: An Inter-Spiritual Response to the Amelioration of Suffering through Contemplative Silence," December 2009, Parliament of World Religions, Melbourne, Australia.

"The Contemplative Soul of Celtic Christianity," Theology and Religious Studies Public Lecture Series, Research Presentation, April 2008, University of San Francisco.

Participant, "Institute for First-Year Seminar Leadership," Charleston, South Carolina, April 2008

"Who Told You That You Were Naked: Christian Contemplative Prayer," Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, April 2008.

"Does Religion Cause War?," Panelist, University of San Francisco, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, San Francisco, March 2008

"Romans 1:18-32 and Same-Gender Relations," MA class, Spring 2008

Participant, "Sexuality And Religion: What's The Connection?" San Francisco, CA, May 2007

"Toward a Theology of Hope," Weekend Seminar, Phoenix, AZ, January 2007.

"Human Rights and Film," invited by Susana Kaiser, Spring 2007

"A Cosmic Leap of Faith: Exploring the Cosmic Christology in Col 1:15-20," Public lecture, Spiritual Life Center of St. Agnes, San Francisco, October 2006.

"Apocalypse Now: The Book of Revelation in an Age of Terror," Apocalyptic Literature Series, Spiritual Life Center of St. Agnes, San Francisco, April 2006.

"Alienated Catholics: Establishing the Groundwork for Dialogue," Panelist, University of San Francisco and Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social thought, San Francisco, March 2006.

"Is it Ethical to be Catholic: Queer Perspectives," Response to Fr. James Alison with University of San Francisco and Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought,

Communities in Conversation Project, funded by Jesuit Foundation Grant, San Francisco, February 2006.

“Sixth Global Conference on Evil and Human Wickedness,” Presenter, Prague, Czech Republic, March 2005

“Religion and Politics,” Panelist, Z-Space Studios, San Francisco, October 2005.

*“Anti-Semitism and Mel Gibson’s *Passion of the Christ*,” panelist, University of Creation Spirituality, Oakland, CA, 2004.*

“Science and Theology,” invited by Jean Molesky-Poz, Fall 2003

COURSES DEVELOPED & INTRODUCED INTO CURRICULUM

Introduction to the New Testament

The Origins of Judaism and Christianity: The Historical Jesus

Bible and Gender Hermeneutics

Homosexuality and the Bible

Christian Mysticism (MA Course)

Biblical and Spiritual Drama

Portraits of Christ: An Introduction to the Four Gospels

Neurotheology

Reading from the Margins: Diverse Biblical Perspectives on Liberation

Four-Course Series on Christian Contemplative Practices:

From Knowing to Unknowing: Contemplative Practices in the Christian Tradition

The Roots of Christian Mysticism: A Survey of the Contemplative Heart of Christian Faith

Inter-Spiritual Silence: The Mystical Dimensions of World Religions

Finding God in All Things: Compassion as the Fruit of Contemplation

Greening Jesus: Christian Theology and the Environment (in process)

JESUIT FOUNDATION GRANTS

Pedagogical Grant for “Four Course Series on Christian Contemplative Practices,” Spring 2009.

Guest Speaker Grant for “Communities in Conversation” Series with Ralf Lane Center on LGBT faith issues, 2006

Pedagogical Grant for collaborative and interdisciplinary Course Development, *Biblical and Spiritual Drama*, Catholic Studies Minor, Spring 2004

Pedagogical Grant for Course Development, *The Historical Jesus*, Honors Program, Fall 2003

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature, 1997 - present

American Academy of Religion, 1997 - present

Catholic Biblical Association of America, 2003 - present

Out There Conference, 2005 - present

Catholic Theological Society of America, Co-convener of “Science and Theology,” 2007 - present

Contemplative Mind in Society, 2007 -present

The Parliament of World Religions, 2008 - Present

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

January-May 2003, Fordham University, Lincoln Center, New York
Adjunct, The Historical Critical Method and the Four Gospels

January-May 2003, Seton Hall University, W. Orange, NJ
Adjunct, Introduction to World Religions

September 2002-May 2003, College of St. Elizabeth, Madison, New Jersey
Adjunct, Graduate Course: Liturgical Theology (Spring 2003)
Adjunct, Christology: A Biblical, Historical and Systematic Study of Jesus (Fall 2002)

August 2000-December 2001, Fordham University, Bronx, New York
Adjunct, Introduction to New Testament (Spring, 2003; Spring and Fall 2001)
Adjunct, Introduction to Old Testament (Fall 2000)

RELATED WORK

Ordination to the Priesthood in Independent Catholic Church, *The Celtic Christian Church*, July 2006

Founded and Preside over local independent contemplative catholic community, "New Skellig," December 2006-Present: www.newskellig.org

LANGUAGES

Modern: English, Dutch

Ancient: *Koine* (biblical) Greek