

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position: Associate Professor of Religion, University of Pikeville

EDUCATION

- 2022 Doctorate of Philosophy in Practical Theology
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Dissertation: *Made in God's Image: The Incest Survivor's Embodied Journey from Deicide to Resurrection*
- 2017 Master of Philosophy in Theology and Religious Studies
University of Bristol
Thesis: *Illuminating Skellig Michael Spirituality: A Study of the 7th-Century Monastic Site Utilizing Analogous Sources*
- 2013 Master of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies (Graduated with Merit)
University of Bristol
Thesis: *The Impact of Christian Neo-conservatism on the American Religious Landscape*
- 2011 Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Psychology (Graduated Summa Cum Laude)
University of Pikeville (formerly Pikeville College)

EMPLOYMENT

- 2020 – Current Associate Professor of Religion
University of Pikeville
- 2015 - 2020 Assistant Professor of Religion
University of Pikeville
- 2014 – 2015 Visiting Instructor of Religion
University of Pikeville
- 2013 Adjunct Instructor of Religion
University of Pikeville
- 2014 Administrative Assistant – Humanities, Social Sciences, and Math/Sciences
University of Pikeville
- 2011-2012 Specialized Case Manager/Support Broker – Michelle. P. Waiver Program
Mountain Comprehensive Care Center
- 2009-2011 Tutor – Academic Cultural Enrichment Program
University of Pikeville

COURSES TAUGHT

- FYS 105 – First Year Seminar
HUM 211 – Humanities I: The Big Questions

HUM 311 – Humanities II: Hands on Humanities
REL 213 – Introduction to the Old Testament (both in person and online)
REL 214 – Introduction to the New Testament (both in person and online)
REL 230 – Introduction to World’s Great Living Religions
REL 320 – Religions of Asia
REL 334 – Buddhism and Meditation
REL 380 – Bible and Trauma
REL 381 – Women and the Bible (both in person and online)
REL 385 – Religion and Film
REL 387 – Religion and Popular Culture (both in person and online)
REL 390 – Pagan Representations in British and Irish Cinema (Study Abroad Course)
REL 240 – Yoga
REL 410 – Apocalyptic Literature
REL 430 – Spirituality in the World’s Religions
REL 450 – Religion Senior Seminar

PUBLICATIONS

“Contemplating Trauma”, Missional Wisdom Foundation Newsletter, January 1, 2020.
“Holy Touch within the Church”, Missional Wisdom Foundation Newsletter, January 8, 2020.
“An Adventure in the Caha Mountains.” *Pikeville Review*. 2017.
“The Force Awakens on Skellig Michael.” Belief Net, 2016. <http://www.beliefnet.com/Entertainment/Travel/The-Force-Awakens-on-Skellig-Michael.aspx>.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Achieved Honor of Distinction, PhD Candidacy Exams, St Thomas University, 2020.
Holland Lecturer Award, St. Thomas University, 2019.
Advanced Degree Scholar Program, award recipient, University of Pikeville, 2018.
Scholarship, School of Theology and Ministry, St. Thomas University, 2018.
Graduate with Merit, University of Bristol, 2013.
Achieved Honor of Distinction, Graduate Course: Beguines and their Supporters, University of Bristol, 2013.
Achieved Honor of Distinction, Graduate Course: History of Christianity, Core Texts, University of Bristol, 2012.
Graduated Summa Cum Laude, University of Pikeville, 2011.
Psychology Student Honor Award, University of Pikeville, 2011.
Religion Student Honor Award, University of Pikeville, 2011.

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

“Creating Trauma Informed Worship Spaces,” Commission for the Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Workshop, Transylvania Presbytery, August 2022.

“Knowing God in the Aftermath of Child Sexual Abuse: Reimagining the Triduum,” CAS Colloquium Presentation, University of Pikeville, March 2022.

“The Rape of God’s Image: Deicide and Child Sexual Abuse,” Iannone Conference Presentation, Palm Beach Atlantic University, 2021.

“A Theology of Addiction: Exploring Healing in the WestCare Women’s Recovery Community,” Iannone Conference Presentation, St. Thomas University, 2020.

“Selfcare and Wellness in the Helping Professions: Serving victims of elder abuse,” 2020 Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse Awareness Conference, AppalRed Legal Aid, 2020.

“Embodying Resilience: A Journey Through the Infancy Narratives,” Iannone Conference Keynote Address, St. Thomas University, 2019.

“Everlasting Touch: Christian Ritualistic Support of Sexual Trauma Survivors,” Iannone Conference Presentation, St. Thomas University, 2019.

“And the Church Says... Nothing? Naming Sexual trauma in Central Appalachia,” Iannone Conference Presentation, St. Thomas University, 2018.

“Self-care and Wellness in the Helping Professions,” Workshop facilitator at the Kentucky Association of Sexual Assault Programs (KASAP), 2018.

“Getting Social: Utilizing Innovative Teaching Techniques Across the Curriculum,” Panelist at the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities (AIKCU), Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY, 2018.

“Faculty and Archives: Creating a Bridge to Collaboration,” Panelist at the Kentucky College Association Annual Spring Meeting, Frankfort, KY, 2018.

“Self-care and Wellness Roundtable,” Co-facilitator at the Leading Ladies Leadership Conference, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, KY, 2018.

“Global Issues in Medicine,” Panelist representing Buddhist perspective at the Kentucky College of Optometry, University of Pikeville, 2018.

“Take Back the Night: Glow Yoga,” Facilitator, University of Pikeville, 2018.

“Mindfulness in the Classroom,” Co-facilitator for Faculty Orientation Workshop, University of Pikeville, 2017.

“St. James Episcopal Church Annual Women’s Retreat,” Retreat Leader at the Lake Logan Episcopal Center, Canton, NC, 2016.

“Celtic Appalachia,” Workshop facilitator at the University of Pikeville, 2016.

“Faiths at UPIKE,” Panelists for an Interreligious Panel Discussion, University of Pikeville, 2015.

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Member of Executive Committee, University of Pikeville, 2019-2022.

Member of Criminal Justice faculty search committee, University of Pikeville, 2021.

Member of Communications faculty search committee, University of Pikeville, 2018.

Chair of Student Affairs Committee, University of Pikeville, 2017.

Member of the Global Education Committee, University of Pikeville, 2016 – 2020.

Assistant Representative for the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA), 2015- present.

Member of Student Affairs Committee, University of Pikeville, 2015-2016.

Member of Social Work Committee, University of Pikeville, 2014- 2018.

Member of Spiritual Life Committee, University of Pikeville, 2014-2015.

SOCIETIES, ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS

Oblate, Mt. Tabor Benedictine Monastery, Martin, KY, 2022.

Member of Psi Chi, Psychology Honor Society, University of Pikeville, 2010-2011.

President of Theta Alpha Kappa, Religion Honor Society, University of Pikeville, 2010-2011.

Member of Theta Alpha Kappa, Religion Honor Society, University of Pikeville, 2009-2010.

Member of Blessed Unity of God (BUG), University of Pikeville, 2008-2011.

Member of Academic Cultural Enrichment Program (ACE), University of Pikeville, 2007-2011

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Advisory Board Member, Mt. Tabor Benedictine Monastery, Martin, KY, 2022.

Guest preaching at First Presbyterian Church, Pikeville, KY, 2019.

Monthly ministry and meditation at Pike County Jail, Pikeville, KY, 2017- present.

Volunteer work for Gatlinburg Cleanup and Foodbank, Gatlinburg, TN, 2017.

Facilitator, Yoga class, University of Pikeville, 2017 - present.

Facilitator, Meditation class, University of Pikeville, 2017 – present.

Relay for Life Volunteer, First Church of God, Feds Creek, KY, 2016-2017.

Hope for Rebekah Joy Fundraising Volunteer, First Church of God, Feds Creek, KY, 2016-2017.

Becoming a Bear Community Service Project, University of Pikeville, 2015-2019.

Postgraduate student representative, University of Bristol, 2012-2013.

COMPLETED TRAININGS

Yoga Power LLC, *Yoga Teacher Training 200 Hour*, Charleston, WV, 2022.

Eric Werth, *Teaching Effectively Online: Course Design and Facilitation in Online and Blended Environments*, University of Pikeville, 2018.

Domestic Violence and Child Protection Conference, Inez, KY 2018.

Mary Garvey, *Compassionate Communication Seminar*, University of Pikeville, 2017.