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Educator with over twenty years' experience in leadership, management, innovation, equity, and advocacy

Education

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER/
ILIFF SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

www.du.edu/duiliffjoint/index.html

Dissertation: *Behind the Doors of White Supremacy*

Ph.D.: Religious and Theological Studies

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

www.colorado.edu/rlst

Master's Thesis: *From Demon to Saint:*

The Vampire as Religious Archetype

Master's: Religious Studies

HENDRIX COLLEGE

www.hendrix.edu

Bachelor's: Religious Studies, Humanities
with a minor in Creative Writing

Work History

FACULTY (TENURED): 2006 – PRESENT

Front Range Community College

2121 Miller Drive

Longmont, CO 80501

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INSTRUCTOR: 2001 – 2006

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Skills

- Teaching Excellence
- Curriculum Development
- Mentoring
- Leadership
- Project Management
- Budget Oversight
- Strategy
- Accessibility
- Equity & Inclusion
- Cultural Competency
- Integrity
- Research
- Grant Writing
- Data Analysis
- Visual Design
- Advocacy
- Teamwork & Team Building
- Strategy
- Communication: Written & Spoken
- Editing
- PC & Mac
- Office Suite

Accomplishments

TENURED FACULTY: Completed the tenure process in 2010.

DOCTORATE: My dissertation, *Behind the Doors of White Supremacy*, has been downloaded from the University of Denver over 11,000 times and is referenced by members of the NSA and the FBI. I contributed to the nationwide discussion of American white supremacy.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT: this is an elected position and requires excellent communication, crisis management, decision making, integrity, and ethics.

UNGRADING: shifted all courses to skills based learning with no points or percentages. Assignments created to encourage exploration, risk taking, and iterative improvement. The results: about a 10% improvement in course grades.

INSTRUCTIONAL COACH: served as peer support to over 200 faculty and instructors. I also coached during COVID: I worked with colleagues to design robust professional support for the transition to real-time remote and online learning. I delivered 17 unique workshops, observed more than 30 classes, and conducted over 200 one-on-one appointments with educators, all geared toward improving the classroom experience. Over 98% of coachees reported "high" satisfaction with the coaching experience and 100% reported overall satisfaction.

SFAC REPRESENTATIVE: Front Range Community College elects their representative. My colleagues trust me to represent them.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STATE BOARD: SFAC elected me to represent all faculty in the state on the Board.

EQUITY AND INCLUSION: designed and co-facilitated the Equity Academy for Instruction, a semester long intensive learning experience for faculty and instructors. Almost 200 faculty and instructors have completed the Academy; we are working now to identify impact on student success.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR: I participated in a Fulbright GPA in 2015, traveling to Morocco to study indigenous folk tales. I updated curriculum in WST 2400 and PHI 1014 as a result.

CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING: I am entrusted with building new CTL for Front Range Community College. In addition to supervising coordinators and program facilitators, I oversee a \$300,000 budget, including grant funding. We are developing the strategic plan now that will maximize efficiency and ensure that all faculty and instructors have access to outstanding professional learning opportunities.

REPRESENTATIVE TO STATE FACULTY ADVISORY COUNCIL: Front Range elects our representatives. My selection is an indication of the trust I have from my colleagues.

FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION: I was selected by SFAC to serve in this role, again indicating the confidence my colleagues have in me.

Leadership Experience

2023 – PRESENT	Assistant Director, Teaching Excellence Center
2023 – PRESENT	Faculty Representative to the State Board for Community Colleges & Occupational Education
2022 –PRESENT	Faculty Representative to the State Faculty Advisory Committee
2021 – 2022	Equity Academy for Instruction Co-Facilitator
2019 – 2022	Instructional Coach
2013 – 2016	Assessment Specialist
2010 – 2013	Department Chair, Social & Behavioral Sciences
2007 – 2010	Faculty Senate President

Classes Taught

MODALITIES: Face-to-face, real-time remote, hybrid, online, study abroad

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Ethics
- Comparative Religion
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Death & Dying
- Environmental Ethics
- Sociology of Religion
- World Mythology
- Introduction to Women's Studies
- Women's Sexuality
- Goddesses and Women of the Ancient World
- Religion, Race, & Violence

Presentations

"History of the #metoo Movement."

Public Presentation, 2019.

"The Rise of Nazism and the Alt-Right in America."

Public Presentation, 2018.

"Surviving the Zombie Apocalypse: Teaching Ethics in the Twenty-First Century."

Conference Presentation, League for Innovation, 2018.

"Creating a Culture of Inquiry: Faculty Buy-In for Meaningful Assessment of Student Learning."

Workshop, Learning Assessment Conference, 2017.

"From Demon to Saint: The Vampire as Religious Archetype."

Public Presentation, 2012. **Front Range Community College Professor Reflects on Vampires in American Culture.**

"Fangs and Crosses: What the Vampire Tells us about American Christianity."

Paper Presentation, American Association of Religion, 2011.

"The Politics of Whiteness."

Paper Presentation, Association for Religion, Economics, and Culture, 2011.

"How White Supremacists Use the Internet."

Paper Presentation, American Academy of Religion, 2009.

"When the Axis Mundi Falls: The Connection Between the Dissolution of the Sacred Center and Religious Violence."

Paper Presentation, American Academy of Religion, 2007.

Additional Information

- In 2015, I joined the illustrious ranks of Fulbright scholars when I was awarded a Fulbright GPA to Morocco. There was an article in the local paper: [Longmont Professor Headed to Morocco](#).
- I also taught at Regis University as affiliate faculty and facilitated seminars at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Denver.
- In 2005, I participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar "Religious Diversity and the Common Good," facilitated by [Dr. Alan Wolfe](#). Dr. Wolfe went on to recommend me for the doctoral program.

Awards and Scholarships

- Fulbright GPA to Morocco: 2015
- Master Teacher: 2011 – 2012
- Research Assistantships: 2007 – 2010
- Graduate Fellowships: 2006 – 2011
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute Grant: "Religious Diversity and the Common Good": 2005
- Excellence in Teaching Nominations: 2003, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015
- Graduate Fellowship: 2000 – 2001
- Arkansas Challenge Scholarship: 1994 – 1997
- Pell Grant: 1994 – 1997

Study Abroad Trips

Egypt: 2012

Italy & Greece: 2009

Greece: 2006

Professional Memberships

P.O.D. Network – Joined: 2023

AAUP – Chapter President – Elected: 2007

AAUP – Membership Chair – Elected: 2005

AAUP – Secretary, FRCC Chapter – Elected: 2003

Theta Alpha Kappa – Inducted: 2000

Also featured in articles:

Tabachnik, Sam. ["Colorado ranks third in the nation for white supremacist propaganda, Anti-Defamation League says."](#) *The Denver Post*, March 7, 2019.

Schmelzer, Elise. ["'Not something we can ignore anymore": White supremacist, extremist activity on the rise across Colorado, experts say."](#) *The Denver Post*, September 9, 2018.