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**Director, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC)
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Baylor University**

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EDUCATION

1996 **Doctor of Philosophy, The University of Glasgow, Scotland.** Literature and Theology
1991 **Master of Philosophy, The University of Oxford, England.** Modern Christian Doctrine
1989 **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) The University of Manchester, England.** Religious Studies

EMPLOYMENT

2022-- **Director, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC), Baylor University, Waco**
2022-- **Professor of Literature and Theology, Baylor University, Waco**

2023 (named) **John F. Weatherly Professor Emeritus of Religion, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth**

2016--2022 **John F. Weatherly Professor of Religion, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth**
2016--2021 **Director, Master of Liberal Arts Program, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth**
2013--2016 **Faculty Fellow, John V. Roach Honors College, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth**
2009--2016 **Professor of Religion, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth**
2003--2009 **Associate Professor of Religion, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth**
1998--2002 **Assistant Professor of Religion, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth**

1993--1998 **Instructor of Religious Studies, Rhodes College, Memphis**

Teaching Experience (Baylor University; undergraduate)

BIC 4374: World Cultures V: Rastafari and Reggae in Global Contexts
BIC 4374: World Cultures V: British Sports in a Global Society (Baylor in Oxford Program)
BIC 4389: Examined Life III: Capstone: Memoir and Meaning
BIC 3358: Examined Life II: Biblical Heritage and Contemporary Ethical Issues
REL 3370: Religion and Literature: Oxford Writers and Beyond (Baylor in Oxford Program)
REL 3370: Religion and Literature: Christian Historical Fiction
REL 3370: Religion and Literature: Spirituality and Short Fiction

Teaching Experience (Texas Christian University; undergraduate and graduate)

HCOL 40043: Nature of Society: Faith, Fiction, and Film
HCOL 40043: Nature of Society: Religion and Popular Culture
HONA 2018: Cultural Pilgrimage (Athens, Iraklio, Chania, London [with Dr. Flowers])
HONA 2016: Cultural Pilgrimage (Dublin, Belfast, London, Oxford [with Dr. Flowers])
MLA 60173: The Sacred and the Short Story (Master of Liberal Arts program)
MLA 60970: Screening Spirituality (Master of Liberal Arts program)
MLA 60970: Theology in the Novels of Graham Greene (Master of Liberal Arts program)
RELI 50970: Spiritual Themes in Literature: Nikos Kazantzakis (with Brite Divinity School)
RELI 40700: Religion in Geographical Context: Study Abroad, Ghana, West Africa
RELI 40603: Senior Seminar in Religion
RELI 30993: Global Catholic Fiction

RELI 30823: Jesus in Fiction and Film
 RELI 30873: Literary Images of God
 RELI 30833: Theology and Literature
 RELI 30883: Rastafari and Reggae in Global Contexts
 RELI 30893: Caribbean Religions
 RELI 20503: Religion in Africa & the African Diaspora (Two Semester [Honors] Course)
 RELI 20903: Sophomore Seminar: Pilgrimage in Religion and Literature
 RELI 10000: Freshman Honors Program Seminar: World Faiths, World Fictions
 RELI 10043: Understanding Religion: Documentary Film and Religion
 RELI 10033: Understanding Religion: Religion and the Wisdom Books
 RELI 10033: Understanding Religion: The Bible's Three Worlds

Campus Service (Baylor University; department, college, university)

2024-2025: Honors College Strategic Planning Steering Committee
 2024-2025: Honors College Strategic Planning Working Group Committee [Christian Mission]
 2023-2024: Director, Institute for Faith and Learning Search, Co-Chair
 2022-2023: Assistant Director (BIC) Search, Chair
 2022-2025: Getterman Scholarship Finalist Selection Committee
 2022-2025: Honors College Recruitment Committee
 2022-2023: Senior Academic Advisor (BIC) Search, Chair

Campus Service (Texas Christian University; department, college, university)

2021-2022: Endowed Professors Professional Development Review Committee
 2021-2022: Religion Department Advisory Committee
 2021-2022: Native American and Indigenous Spiritual Traditions Search Committee, Chair
 2020-2022: Religion Department Curriculum Committee
 2020-2022: Religion Department Lectures Committee
 2019-2020: AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Dean's Search Committee
 2018-2022: John V. Roach Honors College Admissions Reading Committee
 2018-2020: Koehler Center for Instruction, Innovation, and Engagement Distance Learning Committee
 2018-2019: John V. Roach Honors College Tenure and Promotion Committee
 2017-2020: Religion Department Leave/Load Committee
 2017-2020: Religion Department Website Committee, Chair
 2017-2020: University Graduate Council
 2017-2018: Mission Statement Review Task Force
 2017-2018: Provost's Interdisciplinary Studies Committee
 2017-2018: Religion Department Lectures Committee
 2017-2018: Research Compliance Advisory Committee
 2016-2021: Director, Master of Liberal Arts Program
 2016-2017: John V. Roach Honors College Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Search Committee
 2016-2017: John V. Roach Honors College Council
 2016-2017: Religion Department Curriculum Committee
 2016-2017: Religious Traditions of South Asia Search Committee, Chair
 2015-2016: John V. Roach Honors College Advisory Committee, Chair
 2015-2016: John V. Roach Honors College Council, Chair
 2015-2016: John V. Roach Honors College Go Global Task Force Committee
 2015-2016: John V. Roach Honors College History and Philosophy of Science Search Committee, Chair
 2013-2014: John V. Roach Honors College Advisory Council, At-Large Member
 2013-2014: John V. Roach Honors College Sub-Committee on Honors Study Abroad, Chair
 2012-2014: University Evaluation Committee
 2011-2014: AddRan College of Liberal Arts Advisory Committee
 2011-2013: SACSCOC Reaffirmation Committee
 2012-2013: TCU QEP Committee, "Education Across Borders"
 2010-2016: Assistant Director, Ghana Study Abroad Program, West Africa

2010-2013: Daryl D. Schmidt Memorial Lecture in Religion in Public Life, Committee Chair
 2010-2011: Religion Department Assessment and Program Review Committee
 2009-2011: John V. Roach Honors College Advisory Council
 2009, 2010: Religion Department Summer Chair
 2008-2011: Faculty Senate
 2008-2011: Faculty Senate Tenure, Promotion, and Grievance Committee
 2008-2009: Religion and Visual Culture Search Committee, Chair
 2007-2009: University Task Force Committee on Service-Learning
 2005-2009: Religion Department Curriculum Committee (Chair, 2007, 2009)
 2005-2007: Daryl D. Schmidt Memorial Lectureship Committee, Chair
 2004-2005: Religion Department Self-Study/Program Review Coordinator
 2004-2007: University Graduate Council
 2003-2004: Religion Department Advisory Committee
 2002-2005: Religion Department Assessment Committee (Chair, 2002-2003)
 2002-2003: Lead Facilitator, Texas Christian University Teaching Portfolio Workshop
 2001-2005: Advisory Committee for The TCU Center for Teaching Excellence
 2001-2005: University Assessment Committee
 2001-2004: University Leadership Award Selection Committee
 2000-2002: Faculty Mentor, Chancellor's Leadership Program
 2000-2001: Religion and the Visual Arts Search Committee
 2000-2000: University Curriculum Outcomes Committee
 1999-2004: International Students Committee (Chair, 2001-2003)
 1999-2004: Religion Department Curriculum Committee (Chair, 2001-2002)
 1999-2002: Religion Department Faculty Sponsor, Chi Delta Mu (weekly faculty/student group)
 1999-2002: University Undergraduate Council
 1999-2000: British and Colonial/Postcolonial Studies Committee
 1999-2000: Bible Search Committee

Service to the Guild

2025-- Editor, *Christianity and Literature*
 2022-2025: President, Association for the Scientific Study of Religion
 2022-2023: President, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (Vice-President, 2021-2022)
 2020-2025: Board of Directors, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies
 2018-2019: External Reviewer, Liberal Studies Program, Texas Wesleyan University
 2016-2024: Editorial Reviewer-at-Large, *Confluence: The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies*
 2015-2024: Advisory Board, *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal*
 2015-2017: Advisory Board, *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*
 2010-2014: Area Editor, "Arts, Literature, Culture, and Religion," *Religious Studies Review*.
 2010-2011: President of the AAR (Southwestern Region)
 2004-2005: President of the AAR (Southwestern Region)
 2003-2013: Associate US Editor, *Literature and Theology*
 2003-2003: Lead Facilitator, AAR (Southwestern Region) Teaching Portfolio Workshop
 1999-2001: Section Chair: Arts, Literature and Religion, AAR (Southwestern Region)
 1998-2003: Steering Committee, *Rastafari in Global Contexts*, AAR Seminar
 1998-2001: Book Review Editor (Theology), *Process Studies*

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020: Frank P. Forwood Award for Academic Excellence in Presented Research
 2020: International Society of the Friends of Nikos Kazantzakis *Special Distinction Award*
 2015: Texas Christian University Deans' Award for Research and Creative Activity
 2012: Panhellenic Outstanding Faculty Award

- 2011: Texas Christian University, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Division of the Humanities Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar. Consequently, I became the AddRan College Humanities nominee for the Chancellor's Award
- 2011: Texas Christian University, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Distinguished Lecture Series Speaker
- 2010: Texas Christian University, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Division of the Humanities Nominee for the Deans' Award for Research and Creative Activity
- 2007: Texas Christian University, AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Division of the Humanities Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar. Consequently, I became the AddRan College Humanities nominee for the Chancellor's Award
- 2006: Texas Christian University Deans' Award for Teaching.
- 2005: Texas Christian University Mortar Board Preferred Professor of the Year (in 2004, 2002 and 2001 also)
- 2002: Texas Christian University Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Most Outstanding Professor of the Year
- 2001: Texas Christian University Honors Program Faculty Recognition Award
- 2000: Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Junior Scholar Award
- 1990: British Academy Scholar, The University of Oxford
- 1989: Owen Chadwick Prize in Philosophical Theology, The University of Manchester

SCHOLARSHIP

In Preparation

1. *Reggae Music and Rastafari History, 1914-1966* (book; under contract with Cambridge UP)

Books

1. *The Writer and the Cross: Interviews with Authors of Christian Historical Fiction* (McFarland, 2022)
2. *Rastafari and the Arts: An Introduction* (Routledge, 2015)
3. *Theology after Reading: Christian Imagination and the Power of Fiction* (Baylor University Press, 2008)
4. *Broken Hallelujah: Nikos Kazantzakis and Christian Theology* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007)
5. *Novel Theology: Nikos Kazantzakis's Encounter with Whiteheadian Process Theism* (Mercer University Press, 2000)

Edited Volumes

1. *Navigating Deep River: New Perspectives on Shūsaku Endō's Final Novel* [with Mark W. Dennis] (State University of New York Press, 2020)
2. *George Eliot, Illuminated by The Message: Literary Portals to Prayer* (ACTA Publications, 2019)
3. *Approaching Silence: New Perspectives on Shusaku Endo's Classic Novel* [with Mark W. Dennis] (Bloomsbury, 2015)
4. *Dangerous Edges of Graham Greene: Journeys with Saints and Sinners* [with Dermot Gilvary] (Continuum, 2011)
5. *Mother Tongue Theologies: Poets, Novelists, and Non-Western Christianity* (Wipf and Stock, 2009)
6. *Scandalizing Jesus?: Kazantzakis's The Last Temptation of Christ Fifty Years On* (Continuum, 2005)

7. *God, Literature and Process Thought* (Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002). This volume was reissued in the *Routledge Revivals* series (Routledge, 2021 [PB]; 2018 [HB])
8. *God's Struggler: Religion in the Writings of Nikos Kazantzakis* [with Peter A. Bien] (Mercer University Press, 1996)

Edited Journal Issues

1. *The Bible and Contemporary Literature*. Special Issue of *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts, Cultural Histories, and Contemporary Contexts*; anticipated Fall 2025.
2. *Baptists and the Literary Imagination* [with Elizabeth H. Flowers]. Special Issue of *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 51.1 (2024)
3. [*The 2024 Annual Proceedings of the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion*](#)
4. [*The 2023 Annual Proceedings of the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion*](#) (with Jon K. Loessin)
5. *Cormac McCarthy and Theology*. Special Issue of *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 20.2 (2021)
6. *Country Music Jesus*. Special Issue of *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 18.2 (2019)

Book Chapters

1. "Introduction: A Novel We Have Loved" (with Mark W. Dennis), in *Navigating Deep River: New Perspectives on Shūsaku Endō's Final Novel*, edited by Mark W. Dennis and Darren J. N. Middleton (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020), 1-25
2. "Endō Shūsaku's Process Panentheism," in *Navigating Deep River: New Perspectives on Shūsaku Endō's Final Novel*, edited by Mark W. Dennis and Darren J. N. Middleton (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2020), 245-260
3. "The Global Afterlives of *Silence*" (with Mark W. Dennis), in *Scorsese and Religion*, edited by Christopher B. Barnett and Clark J. Elliston (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill, 2019), 287-310
4. "Introduction," in *George Eliot, Illuminated by The Message: Literary Portals to Prayer*, compiled by Darren J. N. Middleton (Chicago: ACTA Publications, 2019), 11-14
5. "Reggae Music," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and the Arts*, two volumes, edited by Timothy Beal (Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), 11-22
6. "Endo and Greene's Literary Theology" in *Approaching Silence: New Perspectives on Shusaku Endo's Classic Novel*, edited by Mark. W. Dennis and Darren J. N. Middleton (London and New York: Bloomsbury, 2015), 61-75
7. "Introduction: *Silence* in the World" (with Mark W. Dennis) in *Approaching Silence: New Perspectives on Shusaku Endo's Classic Novel*, edited by Mark. W. Dennis and Darren J. N. Middleton (London and New York: Bloomsbury, 2015), xi-xxiv
8. "Graham Greene and Shusaku Endo: Friends, Novelists, Theologians," in *Graham Greene: un écrivain dans le siècle*, edited by Vincent Giroud (Besançon, France: Presses de l'université de Franche-Comté, 2014), 163-174

9. "Graham Greene, Believing Skeptic" in *Unruly Catholics from Dante to Madonna: Faith, Heresy, and Politics in Cultural Studies*, edited by Marc DiPaolo (Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2013), 17-31
10. "'Who Do You See That I Am?': *Son of Man* and Global Perspectives on Jesus Films" (with S. Brent Plate) in *Son of Man: An African Jesus Film*, edited by Richard Walsh, Jeffrey L. Staley, and Adele Reinhartz (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2013), 133-148. An earlier version of this essay appeared in *New Theology Review* 24.3 (2011): 17-28
11. "A Touch of Evolutionary Religion" in *Dangerous Edges of Graham Greene: Journeys with Saints and Sinners*, edited by Dermot Gilvary and Darren J. N. Middleton (London and New York: Continuum, 2011), 181-192
12. Ο Νίκος Καζαντζάκης και η εξελικτική θεολογία: πώς να σκέπτεται κανείς θεολογικά σε έναν σχεσιακό κόσμο. [Nikos Kazantzakis's Theology of Guided Evolution] in Εισαγωγή στο έργο του Καζαντζάκη: Επιλογή κριτικών κειμένων [Introduction to the Work of Kazantzakis: Selection of Critical Texts], edited by Roderick Beaton (Heraklion and Athens: Crete University Press, 2010), 631-54
13. "Jesus of Nazareth in Ghana's Deep Forest: The Africanization of Christianity in Madam Afua Kuma's Poetry" in *Mother Tongue Theologies: Poets, Novelists, and Non-Western Christianity*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2009), 61-76. An earlier version of this essay appeared in *Religion and the Arts* 9:1-2 (2005): 116-134
14. "Introduction" in *Mother Tongue Theologies: Poets, Novelists, and Non-Western Christianity*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2009), ix-xvi
15. "Min(d)ing God," in *When Faith Meets Reason: Religion Scholars Reflect on Their Spiritual Journeys*, edited by Charles Hedrick (Santa Rosa: Polebridge Press, 2008), 123-135
16. "Relational Theology in the Second Axial Age: A Response to Don Cupitt's Religious Theory," in *The Future of the Christian Tradition in the Second Axial Age*, edited by Robert J. Miller (Santa Rosa: Polebridge Press, 2007), 155-163
17. "Schweitzer and Kazantzakis: Connections, Comparisons, Contrasts" in *Nikos Kazantzakis: To Ergo kai i Proslipsi tou* [Nikos Kazantzakis: His Work and its Reception], edited by Kostis Psikhoyos (Heraklion: Kentro Kritikis Logoteknias, 2006), 197-209
18. "Literary Lord, Screen Savior" in *Scandalizing Jesus?: Kazantzakis's The Last Temptation of Christ Fifty Years On*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton (New York and London: Continuum, 2005), xv-xxi
19. "Satan and the Curious: Texas Evangelicals Read *The Last Temptation of Christ*" (with Elizabeth H. Flowers), *Scandalizing Jesus?: Kazantzakis's The Last Temptation of Christ Fifty Years On*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton (New York and London: Continuum, 2005), 147-55
20. "Celluloid Synoptics: Viewing the Gospels of Marty and Mel Together," in *Re-Viewing the Passion: Mel Gibson's Film and Its Critics*, edited by S. Brent Plate (New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2004), 71-81
21. "Scratching the Barthian Itch: A Theological Reading of John Updike's *Roger's Version*," in *Believing In The Text: Essays from the Centre for the Study of Literature, Theology and the Arts, University of Glasgow*, edited by David Jasper and George Newlands with Darlene Bird (Bern/New York: Peter Lang, 2004), 158-175
22. "Literary Art and Relationality," in *God, Literature and Process Thought*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton (Aldershot, Hampshire/Burlington, Vermont: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002), 1-10
23. "Redeeming God: Traces of Catholic Process Theism in Graham Greene's *The Honorary Consul*," in *Perceptions of Religious Faith in the Work of Graham Greene*, edited by William Thomas Hill (Bern/New

York: Peter Lang, 2001), 523-547; reprinted as “Graham Greene’s Teilhardian Vision,” in *God, Literature and Process Thought*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton (Aldershot, Hampshire/Burlington, Vermont: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002), 157-171

24. “Riddim Wise and Scripture Smart: Interview and Interpretation with Ras Benjamin Zephaniah,” in *Religion, Culture, and Tradition in the Caribbean*, edited by Hemchand Gossai and Nathaniel Samuel Murrell (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2000), 256-270
25. “Chanting Down Babylon: Three Rastafarian Poets,” in *This Is How We Flow: Rhythm In Black Cultures*, edited by Angela M. Nelson (Columbia: The University of South Carolina Press, 1999), 74-86
26. “Spiritual *Leventiá*: Kazantzakis’s Theology of Struggle” (with Peter A. Bien), in *God’s Struggler: Religion in the Writings of Nikos Kazantzakis*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton and Peter A. Bien (Macon: Mercer University Press, 1996), 1-22
27. “Vagabond or Companion?: Kazantzakis and Whitehead on God” in *God’s Struggler: Religion in the Writings of Nikos Kazantzakis*, edited by Darren J. N. Middleton and Peter A. Bien (Macon: Mercer University Press, 1996), 189-211

Journal Articles

1. “Ignatian Influences on Nikos Kazantzakis’s *Askitiki*,” *Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* 24.2 (2024): 295-313
2. “Editorial Introduction” (with Elizabeth H. Flowers), *Baptists and the Literary Imagination* [with Elizabeth H. Flowers]. Special Issue of *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 51.1 (2024): 3-5
3. “Louis de Wohl: Shady Astrologer, MI5 Recruit, Christian Storyteller,” *New Blackfriars* 104:1110 (2023): 179-189
4. “Discordant Vespers”: On Cormac McCarthy and Theology,” *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 20.2 (2021): 3-12
5. “Five Works of Visual Art for Five Key Moments in Rastafari History,” [*The 2020 Annual Proceedings of the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion*](#) (2020): 10-21
6. “An Interview with Van C. Gessel, Literary Consultant on Martin Scorsese’s Film Adaptation of *Silence*,” *Literature and Belief* 39.1 (2019): 117-138
7. “Hillbilly *Heilsgeschichte*,” *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 18.2 (2019): 3-13
8. “Soundtracking Sin and Salvation in Country Music,” *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 18.2 (2019): 71-75
9. “Rastalogy in Tarrus Riley’s ‘Love Created I’,” *Confluence: The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies* 25.2 (2019): 149-163
10. “Scenes of Patristic Life: Contemporary Literature and the First Christian Theologians,” *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 17.2 (2018): 3-14
11. “A Novel Approach to Søren Kierkegaard: Talking with Ellen Brown about Faith and Fiction,” *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 78.1 (2018): 81-102
12. “A Novel Approach to John Calvin: Talking with Douglas Bond about Faith and Fiction,” *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 77.3 (2017): 11-34

13. "A Novel Approach to Hildegard von Bingen: Talking with Mary Sharratt about Faith and Fiction," *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 77.2 (2017): 19-47
14. "A Novel Approach to Athanasius: Talking with Tim. J. Young about Faith and Fiction," *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 7.1 (2017): 1-29
15. "On Teaching Jesus in Fiction and Film," *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 13.1 (2015): 51-57
16. "'Who Do You See That I Am?': Global Perspectives on Jesus Films" (with S. Brent Plate), *New Theology Review* 24.3 (2011): 17-28
17. "Reading Kazantzakis in the United States: A Christian Theological Perspective," *The Journal of Modern Greek Studies* 28.1 (2010): 51-67
18. "God-Haunted Writers: R. S. Thomas and Nikos Kazantzakis," *Epworth Review* 37.1 (2010): 31-46
19. "Dead Serious: A Theology of Literary Pilgrimage," *CrossCurrents* 59.3 (2009): 300-318
20. "Religion and Literature's Unfinished Story," *Religion and Literature* 41:2 (2009): 149-157
21. "David Sylvian's Religious Hybridity," *The Southern Humanities Review* 40.4 (2006): 332- 346
22. "As It Is In Zion: Seeking the Rastafari in Ghana, West Africa," in *Black Theology: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 4.2 (2006): 151-172
23. "Jesus of Nazareth in Ghana's Deep Forest: The Africanization of Christianity in Madam Afua Kuma's Poetry," in *Religion and the Arts* 9:1-2 (2005): 116-134
24. "Kazantzakis among the Postmoderns: Some Reflections," in *Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies* 29.1 (2005): 71-88
25. "Sing Praise with the Mind: Reflections of a Baptist Theologian-in-Residence," *Baptist History and Heritage* 37.2 (2002): 73-86
26. "A Heretic in the Garden of the Virgin?: Nikos Kazantzakis and the Holy Mount, Athos" *Modern Greek Studies (Australia and New Zealand): A Journal for Greek Letters* 8-9 (2000-2001): 81-99. Translated into French as Middleton, "Un hérétique dans le jardin de la Vierge: Nikos Kazantzaki et La Sainte Montagne, Athos," *Le Regard Crétois: Revue de la Société Internationale des Amis de Nikos Kazantzaki* 27 (2003): 44-57
27. "Kazantzakis and Christian Doctrine: Some Bridges of Understanding," *The Journal of Modern Greek Studies* 16.2 (1998): 285-312
28. "Apophatic Boldness: Kazantzakis's Use of Negation and Silence to Emphasize Theological Mystery in *The Saviors of God*," *The Midwest Quarterly: A Journal of Contemporary Thought* 9.4 (1998): 453-467
29. "Nikos Kazantzakis and Process Theology: Thinking Theologically in a Relational World," *The Journal of Modern Greek Studies* 12.1 (1994): 57-74
30. "David Pailin's Theology of Divine Action," *Process Studies* 22.4 (1993): 215-226
31. "Poetic Liberation: Rastafarianism, Poetry and Social Change," *Modern Churchman* 4.2 (1992): 16-21
32. "Rastafarianism: A Ministry for Social Change?" *Modern Churchman* 31.3 (1989): 45-48

Other Publications

1. “Bob Marley’s Spiritual Courage,” in [Waco Tribune-Herald](#), Tuesday, March 12, 2024 / A7
2. “The Best Books in Rastafari Studies,” in [Athenaeum Review](#) 4 (Summer 2020): 137-140
3. “The Best Books in Christian Historical Fiction,” in [Athenaeum Review](#) 1 (Fall 2018): 58-61
4. “Hidden Christians in Japan” in Mark A. Lamport, editor, *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*, volume one: A-L (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), 345-346
5. “Society of the Divine Word” in Mark A. Lamport, editor, *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the Global South*, volume two: M-Z (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2018), 732-733
6. “Nikos Kazantzakis” in Christine Helmer. *et al.*, *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* 15 (Berlin and Boston: Walter de Gruyter GmbH, 2017), 93-95
7. “Fostering Global Learning at Home: Facilitating Course-based Intercultural Experiences” (with Sarah Robbins, Rima Abunasser, Amber Esping, Hanan Hammad, and Juan Carlos Sola-Corbacho), an online essay for [Insights into Teaching and Learning](#), published by TCU’s Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence, Fall 2016
8. “Resurrecting Marley at 70: Rastafari History in 5 Songs,” an online sound-essay for [Religion Dispatches](#).
9. “The ‘C’ in TCU” (with Elizabeth H. Flowers), a [“Faculty Feature” for TCU Admissions](#).
10. “The Gospel According to Somebody Else,” in *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 4.1 (Fall 2013): 41-49
11. “Endo Shusaku: Film” in Dale C. Allison, Jr. *et al.*, *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* 7 (Berlin and Boston: Walter de Gruyter GmbH, 2013), 904-905
12. “R. S. Thomas” in *The Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*, two volumes, co-edited by George Thomas Kurian and James D. Smith III (Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2010), 597-598
13. “Between Now and Not-Now: On Being Church in Liminal Time,” *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 70.3 (2009): 63-69
14. “4th October: Sermon for World Communion Sunday,” *The Expository Times* 120.12 (2009): 599-600
15. “A Eulogy for Daryl Dean Schmidt,” *Fourth R: An Advocate for Religious Literacy* 19.4 (2006): 12-13
16. “Benjamin Zephaniah” in *The Encyclopedia of British Literature*, edited by David Scott Kastan (Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), 371-375
17. “Qoheleth’s Theology of Transience,” in *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 66.4 (2005): 361-363
18. “Wholly Attending: Celebrating Educational Excellence,” in *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 66.4 (2005): 349-360
19. “Rastafarian” and “Reggae” in *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of African American Literature*, edited by Hans Ostrom and J. David Macey, Jr. (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2005), 1369-1371; 1385-1388

20. "Iranian Islamic Revivalism in Nahid Rachlin's *Married to a Stranger*," *Notes on Contemporary Literature* 33.5 (2003): 7-8
21. "Provocative Pneumatology: Two Modern Writers on God's Spirit as Winged Beast," in *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship* 63.3 (2002): 299-310
22. "On Teaching Fiction and the Process God," *Creative Transformation* 9.2 (2000): 18-22
23. "A Baptist on Mount Athos: Taking Spiritual Formation to New Heights," *Baptists Today* 18.3 (2000): 23
24. "Graham Greene's *The End of the Affair*: Toward an Ironic God," *Notes on Contemporary Literature* 29.3 (1999): 8-10
25. "W. Norman Pittenger's *The Word Incarnate*: A Re-Review," *Modern Believing* 36.3 (1995): 3-9
26. "Christ Recrucified: The Portrayal of the Rastaman in Roger Mais' *Brother Man*," *Notes on Contemporary Literature* 25.2 (1995): 10-12
27. "Ars Theologica: Faith and the Contemporary Imagination IV: John Irving's *A Prayer for Owen Meany*," *Movement: Student Christian Magazine* (1994): 26-27
28. "Ars Theologica: Faith and the Contemporary Imagination III: Radclyffe Hall's *The Well of Loneliness*," *Movement: Student Christian Magazine* (1993): 32-33
29. "Ars Theologica: Faith and the Contemporary Imagination II: Isaac Bashevis Singer's *The Penitent*," *Movement: Student Christian Magazine* (1993): 25-26
30. "Ars Theologica: Faith and the Contemporary Imagination I: Irvin Yalom's *When Nietzsche Wept*," *Movement: Student Christian Magazine* (1993): 28-30

Creative Writing

1. "A Baptist Reads Psalm 89, Gethsemani Abbey, Winter 2012" [poem] in *Baptists and the Literary Imagination* (with Elizabeth H. Flowers). Special Issue of *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 51.1 (2024): 93
2. "Luminosity" [poem] in *Fireflies' Light: A Magazine of Short Poems* 25.1 (2022): 82
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7. "Japanese Pilgrimage" [poem] in *Relief: A Quarterly Christian Expression* 2.3 (2008): 46
8. "Victuals and Rituals" [poem], in Martha Hopkins and Randall Lockridge, *The New Intercourses*, revised and expanded edition (Waco: Terrace Publishing, 2007; 1996), 119
9. "Sext: May 5, 2002 [poem]," *Epworth Review* 31.4 (2004): 43
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Invited Talks

1. The Frank and Pauline Patterson Spring 2023 Colloquy XXXVII Speaker, The B. H. Carroll Theological Seminary, Grand Prairie, Texas, May 22-23, 2023
2. The Fifteenth Fay and Alfred Grosse Seminar on Religion and the Literary Arts, The Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, Dallas, Texas, May 1, 2021
3. Pearl Blizek Lecture in Religion and the Arts, The University of Nebraska Omaha, Nebraska, September 20, 2017
4. Visiting Professor, Sigma Phi Epsilon Tragos Quest to Greece, June 2015. My duties involved selecting and organizing daily readings; writing daily curriculum; facilitating two sixty minute seminars each day (morning and evening); and, conducting site visits for an 18-person cultural odyssey through the Peloponnese. Also, I served as Visiting Professor in 2011
5. The Fay and Alfred Grosse Seminar on Religion and the Literary Arts, The Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, Dallas, Texas, November 12, 2011
6. The Library of Congress and the Embassy of Greece, "Tribute to Writer, Philosopher Nikos Kazantzakis," keynote speaker, Washington D.C., November 1, 2007
7. The Fay and Alfred Grosse Seminar on Religion and the Literary Arts, The Stalcup School of Theology for the Laity, Dallas, Texas, April 19, 2007
8. The Nellie Gordon Blasius Lectures in Christian Theology, The Bay View Association of the United Methodist Church (Chautauqua), Bay View, Michigan, June 12-16, 2005

Presentations

1. "Developing Your Career through Conferencing, Affiliations, and Professional Friendships," a presentation to the Summer Faculty Institute, Academy for Teaching and Learning, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, June 20, 2024.
2. "Saul Bellow and the Human Intellect," a keynote address to the Waco Independent School District Superintendent Scholars Recognition Ceremony, Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, Waco, Texas, March 20, 2024.
3. "Elect of God, England, and Exile: H.I.M. Haile Selassie I at Bath, 1936-40," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 1-3, 2024
4. "Kazantzakis's Ignatian Workout," a paper presented at 100 Years of *Askitiki: The Centenary Conference*, Queens' College, University of Cambridge, England, June 30-July 1, 2023
5. "Black Livity Matters: Reggae Music as the Soundtrack of Rastafari History," TCU Faculty Favorite Lecture Series, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, April 13, 2022
6. "Louis de Wohl: Shady Astrologer, MI5 Recruit, Christian Storyteller," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 4-6, 2022
7. "Five Works of Visual Art for Five Key Moments in Rastafari History," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, February 28-March 1, 2020. This peer-reviewed conference presentation was awarded the Frank P. Forwood Award for Academic Excellence in Presented Research. The Award is administered by the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion at the annual meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies

8. "Shusaku Endo's Process Panentheism," a paper presented at the International Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature, Harvard Divinity School, Boston, Massachusetts, March 28-30, 2019
9. "Bob Marley, Inc.," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 8-10, 2019
10. "True Rastalogy," a paper presented at the The 19th Biennial Conference for the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture," Uppsala University, Sweden, 28-30 September, 2018
11. "Tarrus Riley's Rastafari Ras-thetics," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 9-11, 2018
12. "Rastafari and the Arts: The Pearl Blizek Lecture in Religion and the Arts," The University of Nebraska Omaha, September 20, 2017
13. "Departments in Transition," a discussion leader as well as paper presented at The Council of Independent Colleges Workshop for Department and Division Chairs, "Strategic Leadership for Challenging Times," Baltimore, Maryland, May 18-20, 2017
14. "Navigating *Deep River*: An Interdisciplinary Examination of Shusaku Endo's Last Novel," one of four panel discussants, The Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, March 16-19, 2017
15. "An Interdisciplinary Discussion of Martin Scorsese's film adaptation of Shusaku Endo's 1966 novel *Silence*," one of four panel discussants after a special screening of the movie at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 10-12, 2017
16. "Approaching Fifty Years of *Silence*: An Interdisciplinary Examination of Shusaku Endo's Classic Novel," one of four panel discussants, The Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington, March 31-April 3, 2016
17. "Visualizing Rastafari History," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 11-13, 2016
18. "The Company of Others: On Graham Greene and Endō Shūsaku," a paper presented at The Seventeenth Graham Greene Festival, Berkhamsted, England, UK, 24th-28th September, 2014
19. "Black Somebodiness and the Commodification of Rastafari," a paper presented at The 17th Biennial Conference for the International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture," University of Leuven (KU Leuven), Belgium, 18-20 September, 2014
20. I was invited by the Ministry of Culture of the Hellenic Republic to serve as a panelist on a Roundtable Discussion following the British premiere of Nikos Kazantzakis's 1909 play, *Comedy: A Tragedy in One Act*, which was performed at London's Sadler's Wells Theatre, 31st May, 2014. This drama, roundtable and audience discussion was filmed for British TV
21. "Literary Friendships," a paper presented at The Western Regional Conference of Christianity and Literature, Azusa Pacific University, California, May 16-18, 2013
22. "Consuming Rastafari: Some Reflections on Merchandizing Jah," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 8-10, 2013
23. "New Directions in the Field of Religion and Literature," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 9-11, 2012

24. "Graham Greene: A Touch of Evolutionary Religion," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 5-6, 2011
25. "Graham Greene and Shusaku Endo: Friends, Novelists, Theologians," a paper presented at The International Graham Greene Symposium, Centre Jacques Petit—EA 3187, Université de Franche-Comté, Besançon, France, December 10-11, 2010
26. "The Literary Rasta," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 12-14, 2010
27. "Some Reflections on Shusaku Endo's *Silence*," a paper presented at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 12-14, 2010
28. "Dead Serious: A Theology of Literary Pilgrimage," a paper given at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 7-8, 2009
29. "Literary Lord, Screen Savior: Some Theological Reflections on *The Last Temptation of Christ*," a paper given at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, sponsored by the Modern Greek Studies Program and the Karakas Foundation, St. Louis, Missouri, December 7, 2008
30. "Surveying the Rasta Novel," a paper given at The International Society for Religion, Literature and Culture, Aarhus, Denmark, October 16-19, 2008
31. "Evolutionary Theology in Graham Greene's Literary Art," a paper given at the International Graham Greene Festival, Berkhamsted, England, October 2-5, 2008
32. "Kazantzakis: A God-intoxicated Poet for our Post-Secular Age," at a symposium honoring Nikos Kazantzakis, sponsored by the Consulate of Greece in Houston, the Hellenic Cultural Center of the Southwest, the Pan-Cretan Association of North America, the Hellenic Professional Society of Texas, and Rice University, Rice University, April 5, 2008
33. "Possession and Postcolonialism in Earl Lovelace's *The Wine of Astonishment*," a paper given at The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 17-20, 2007
34. "A Tribute to Nikos Kazantzakis," a paper given at the The Library of Congress, under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece and the Hellenic Foundation for Culture, November 1, 2007
35. "Sin, Forgiveness and Literature: Augustinian Themes in Paul Thigpen's *My Visit to Hell*," a paper given at The Southwestern Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature, Arlington, Texas, September 28-29, 2007
36. "Religious Skepticism in the Works of R.S. Thomas and Nikos Kazantzakis," a paper given at the International Nikos Kazantzakis Symposium, Julius Maximilian Universität Würzburg, July 27-31, 2007
37. "Reading Kazantzakis Today: A Christian Theological Perspective," a paper given at "A Celebration of Nikos Kazantzakis," New York University, New York City, New York, March 2-4, 2007
38. "Interdisciplinary Film Criticism," a paper given at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 4-5, 2006
39. "The Poetics of Post-Missionary Christianity," a paper given at The 2005 Pruitt Memorial Symposium at Baylor University: "Global Christianity: Challenging Modernity and the West," Waco, Texas, November 10-12, 2005

40. "Greene, God, Green(e)-Eyed God: Sleuthing *The End of the Affair's* Literary and Theological Sources," a paper given at The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 20-23, 2004
41. "Kazantzakis and Schweitzer: Connections, Comparisons, Contrasts," a paper given at "Nikos Kazantzakis: His Work and Its Reception (A Cultural Olympiad)," The University of Crete, Rethymnon, Crete, Greece, April 23-26, 2004
42. "Relational Theology in the Second Axial Age: A Response to Don Cupitt's Religious Theory," a paper given at The Westar Institute Spring Meeting, "The Future of the Judeo-Christian Tradition in the Second Axial Age," New York City, New York, March 3-6, 2004
43. "Japan, Jesus, Jesuits: Comparative Approaches to the Work of Shusaku Endo," a response to four other papers, given at The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 21-25, 2003
44. "Toni Morrison's Uses of Evil," a paper given at The Christianity and Literature Southeast Regional Meeting, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, April 10-12, 2003
45. "Jesus of Nazareth in Ghana's Deep Forest: The Africanization of Christianity in Madam Afua Kuma," a paper given at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 4-5, 2003
46. "Theosis and the Spiritual Ecology of Place: Remarks on Nikos Kazantzakis's Two Visits to the Holy Mountain, 1914 and 1916," a paper given at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 17-18, 2001
47. "Out of Many Stories, One Inity: A Study in Globalization and the Rasta Novel," a paper given at The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, November 18-21, 2000
48. "Heresy in the Modern Religious Novel," a paper given at the Eighth Annual Image Conference, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington, October 19-22, 2000
49. "In the Footsteps of a Heretic: Reflections on Nikos Kazantzakis's Greece," a guest lecture given at Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee, April 3, 2000
50. "Nikos Kazantzakis and Greece: An Illustrated Talk," a guest lecture given at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, California, March 17, 2000
51. "Scratching the Barthian Itch: A Theological Reading of John Updike's *Roger's Version*," a paper given at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 4-5, 2000
52. "Evil Breeds Sanctity, Dunghills Sprout Daisies: Theological Anthropology in Toni Morrison's *Sula*," a paper given at the Religious Faith and Literary Art conference, an annual arts and humanities program, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, February 24-27, 2000
53. "Some Kierkegaardian Insights and Their Effect on Contemporary Literature," a paper given at South Central Modern Language Association 56th Annual Meeting, Memphis, Tennessee, October 28-30, 1999
54. "Graham Greene's *The Honorary Consul*: A Mythopoesis of Catholic Process Theology?" a paper given at The Southwest Regional Meeting AAR/SBL/ASSR/ASOR, Irving, Texas, March 6-7, 1999
55. "Writing Under the Influence: Rastafarianism in the Early Novels of Orlando Patterson and Roger Mais," a paper given at The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 21-24, 1998

56. "Process Theology and Contemporary Literature: Rubbing (Differently Structured) Texts Together," a paper given at The Silver Anniversary International Whitehead Conference, Claremont, California, August 4-9, 1998
57. "The Liberating Power of the Poet: A Theological Reading of Benjamin Zephaniah's Rastafarian Dub Poetry," a paper given at The American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, November 22-25, 1997
58. "The Evolving Spiritual Life: A Critique of Nikos Kazantzakis's *Zorba the Greek* Using Kierkegaardian Categories," a paper given at The Southeastern AAR/SBL/ASOR Meeting, Holiday Inn—Macon, Macon, Georgia, March 14-16, 1997
59. "God as Evolving Spirit: Whitehead and Kazantzakis Compared," a paper given at The Christianity and Literature Northeast Regional Meeting, Regis College, Waltham, Massachusetts, October 10-12, 1996
60. "Apophatic Boldness: Kazantzakis and Silence in *The Saviors of God*," a paper given at The Central States AAR/SBL/ASOR Meeting, Holiday Inn—Westport, St. Louis, Missouri, March 23, 1996
61. Panel Member, "Informance" (after show discussion), *My Children! My Africa!* by Athol Fugard on Wednesday, November 8 1995, Department of Theatre and Dance, The University of Memphis
62. "The Saviors of God: Process Soteriology in the Writings of Nikos Kazantzakis," a paper given at The Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature, Annual Southeastern Regional Meeting, Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi, March 25, 1994
63. "The Concept of God: Considerations and Problems," a paper given at The Chester College of Higher Education, Chester, England, May 28, 1993
64. "Creative Transformation: John Cobb and Nikos Kazantzakis on Christ," a paper given at The School of Theology, Claremont, California, April 16, 1993
65. "God, Action and Process Thought: The Importance of Divine Receptivity for Understanding Providence," a paper given at The William Jewell College Philosophy Society, Kansas City, December 10, 1990
66. "The Doctrine of Creation," a paper given at the European Baptist Ministerial Student Conference, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, September 18, 1989

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2. Mandy McMichael, *Miss America's God: Faith and Identity in America's Oldest Pageant*, in *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 48.4 (2021): 457-59
3. Philip S. Thomas, *In a Vision of the Night: Job, Cormac McCarthy, and the Challenge of Chaos*, in *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 20.2 (2021): 94-95
4. Bill C. Malone., and Tracey E. W. Laird, *Country Music USA*, fiftieth anniversary edition, in *Intégrité: A Faith and Learning Journal* 18.2 (2019): 87-88
5. Peter Iver Kaufman, *Religion Around Shakespeare*, in *Religious Studies Review* 43.3 [2017]: 272
6. Mónica Olivares Leyva, *Graham Greene's Narrative in Spain: Criticism, Translations and Censorship (1939-1975)*, in *Religious Studies Review* 43.3 [2017]: 272-273

7. M. F. Sia and S. Sia, *This Deep Pierian Spring: An Account of The Human Quest for Meaning*, in *Religious Studies Review* 43.3 [2017]: 274
8. Marzia Anna Coltri, *Beyond Rastafari: An Historical and Theological Introduction*, in *Nova Religio* 20.3 [2017]: 121-123
9. Makoto Fujimura, *Silence and Beauty: Hidden Faith Born of Suffering*, in *Religious Studies Review* 42.3 [2016]: 200-201
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13. Jeanne Christensen, *Rastafari Reasoning and the RastaWoman: Gender Constructions in the Shaping of Rastafari Identity*, in *Religious Studies Review* 41.2 [2015]: 55
14. Manuel Broncano, *Religion in Cormac McCarthy's Fiction: Apocryphal Borderlands*, in *Religious Studies Review* 40.4 [2014]: 212
15. John G. McEllhenney, *A Masterwork of Doubting-Belief: R. S. Thomas and His Poetry*, in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 40.4 [December 2014], 214
16. Susan Srigley, ed., *Dark Faith: New Essays on Flannery O'Connor's The Violent Bear It Away*, in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 40.4 [December 2014], 215
17. Emi Mase-Hasegawa, *Christ in Japanese Culture: Theological Themes in Shusaku Endo's Literary Works*, in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 40.2 [June 2014], 95
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ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. CIEE Faculty Development Seminar in Senegal ("Contemporary Francophone Literature and the Arts," Dakar, Senegal, West Africa), June 1-15, 2013
2. Calvin College Seminar in Christian Scholarship: "From Tertullian to Tutu: Africa's Place in Two Millennia of Christian History," directed by Professor Andrew Walls, June 17-July 5, 2002; facilitated by Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan
3. Fieldwork on the Rastafari of Accra, Ghana, facilitated through The Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana at Legon, West Africa, December-January, 2000-2001
4. Archival research at the Nikos Kazantzakis library, The Historical Museum of Crete, Iraklion, Crete, Greece, around mainland Greece, and at various monasteries on the Holy Mount, Athos, northern Greece, May-July, 1999
5. Fieldwork on the Rastafari of Jamaica, facilitated through The United Theological College of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, 1987

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. The Council of Independent Colleges Workshop for Department and Division Chairs, "Strategic Leadership for Challenging Times," Baltimore, Maryland, May 18-20, 2017

2. "Meaningful Teaching for Untenured and Tenured Faculty at Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University," January 12-26, 2004
3. Peter Seldin Teaching Portfolio Workshop, sponsored by the Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, August 1-5, 1999.

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