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EDUCATION:

Florida State University Major: Humanities Department of Concentration: Religion Major Period: Classical Area of Concentration: Mythology	Ph.D. 1992
Florida State University Major: Biblical Studies	M.A. 1981
Hebrew Union College- Jewish Institute of Religion	Rabbinical Program 1979
Springfield College Major: Religion and Philosophy	B.A. <u>summa cum laude</u> 1979

DISSERTATION TOPIC:

"A Motif-Index of The Angel of Death in Early Rabbinic Literature"
advisor: John F. Priest

CURRENT POSITION:

Senior Lecturer in Religion, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
May 2013-present
Faculty Advisor, Hillel Jewish Students Organization, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 1997-present
(see below for four additional Faculty Advisor positions of Clemson Student Organizations)

IMMEDIATE PAST POSITIONS:

Lecturer in Religion, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2006-May 2013
Associate Director, Calhoun Honors College, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
December 2000-August 2006
Coordinator, Dixon Fellows Program, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
July 2001-August 2006
Admissions Counselor, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
May 1997-December 2000

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Lecturer, Clemson University, Clemson, SC

August 2006-present

Introduction to Religion

(also, currently writing up this course as an honors course)

World Religions

Honors World Religions

(established the course and first to teach an honors course in Religion at Clemson)

Creative Inquiry in E-Portfolios (Social and Cross-Cultural Experience)

Independent Study in Egyptian Culture, Religion and Mythology

Visiting Assistant Professor, Clemson University, Clemson, SC

August 1995-May 1997

Introduction to Religion

Old Testament

New Testament Literature

World Religions

Judaism

Prophecy and Apocalyptic

Sociology of Religion (Independent Study)

Folklore and Superstition (Independent Study)

Mythology and the Hero (Independent Study)

A History of God (Independent Study)

Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible (Independent Study)

Pilgrimage

Instructor, Tallahassee Community College, Tallahassee, FL

January 1994-July 1995

Humanities I: Ancient Cultures through the Renaissance

Humanities II: Reformation through the Twentieth Century

Lecturer, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

August 1988-May 1990

Old Testament Literature: Honors Section

Judaism

A Comparative Study of the Flood Narrative (Independent Study)

Old Testament Literature

New Testament Literature

Wisdom Literature in Ancient Israel (Independent Study)

Introduction to Jewish Folklore (Independent Study)

Instructor, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, FL

August 1987-May 1988

Introduction to Religion

Humanities Historical Survey I

Instructor, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

January 1983-May 1987

Introduction to the Old Testament

Introduction to the New Testament

Death and Dying

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- June 8-18, 2015
Co-Tour Leader on trip to Turkey for education professionals from South Carolina
- June 5-15, 2014
Tour Leader on trip to Turkey with students from Clemson University
- June 6-19, 2013
Tour Leader on trip to Peru/Machu Picchu with members of Clemson's OLLI Program, members of the Clemson community and elsewhere
- May 16-26, 2013
Trip to Turkey with interfaith group of clergy from South Carolina
- February 15-24, 2012
Tour Leader on trip to Turkey with faculty and students from Clemson University and other colleges (recruitment underway)
- June 7-21, 2012
Tour Leader on trip to Peru/Machu Picchu with members of Clemson's OLLI Program, members of the Clemson community and elsewhere (recruitment underway)
- June 6-20, 2011
Tour Leader on trip to Peru/Machu Picchu with members of Clemson's OLLI Program, members of the Clemson community and elsewhere
- March 12-21, 2010
Tour Leader on Spring Break trip to Egypt with faculty and students from Clemson University, Gadsden State Community College (AL) and Treasure Valley Community College (OR)
- March 13-22, 2009
Tour Leader on Spring Break trip to Egypt with faculty and students from Clemson University and Benedictine College
- December 26, 2008-January 6, 2009
Tour Leader on trip to Egypt with members of Clemson's OLLI, members of the Clemson Community and elsewhere
- March 15-24, 2008
Tour leader on Spring Break trip to Egypt with Clemson University students and faculty
- Maymester 2001
Led group of Clemson students to Italy as part of a course on Pilgrimage taught Spring 2001

OTHER ACADEMIC LECTURING EXPERIENCE:

- Guest Speaker, Appalachian State University's Summer Symposium on Teaching the Holocaust in High School
 - July 2012
 - July 2011
 - July 2010
 - July 2009
 - July 2008Representatives sent from high schools around the country; also, the U.S. State Department has sent representatives from foreign countries to this symposium, to learn how to teach the Holocaust in their high schools
- Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University (OLLI)
 - 2005-present
 - The Inca (both at Clemson and at Furman)
 - 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life
 - The Films and Novels of Dan Brown: Fact, Fiction and Fantasy

OTHER ACADEMIC LECTURING EXPERIENCE: (cont.)

Instructor, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Clemson University (OLLI)

2005-present (cont.)

Sacred Spaces/Places of Power

Religion and Conspiracy Theories

Religion in the News

The Georgia Guidestones

The Concept of Divinity in Eastern Religious Traditions

Judaism, Christianity, Islam: A Comparative Look at the Great Monotheistic Traditions

Many Paths to the top of the Mountain: A Comparative Look at the World's Religious Traditions

Judaism

Ancient Religion and Myths

The Differences and Similarities between the Gospels

Hollywood and Religion

The Prophets of the Hebrew Bible

Islam

The Idea of Divinity

Eastern Religious Traditions

Folklore: The Greatest Religion of Them All

Alumni College, Clemson University, Clemson, SC

September 2001

What They Didn't Teach You About The Bible and Religion in Sunday School

Alumni College, Clemson University

July 2000

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About The Bible and Religion*...But were Afraid to Ask

Elderhostel, Clemson University, Clemson, SC

March 2000

The Advent of the Millennium - 2000: The Twenty-First Century or Prologue to It?

Elderhostel, Clemson University, Clemson SC

February 1999

The Coming of the Year 2000/2001: Apocalyptic Visions, Millennial Fears and the Unknown

Calhoun Honors Society, Clemson University, Clemson, SC

1998-2006

Western vs. Eastern Religious Perspectives

Superstitions

World Religions

FOCUS Program Participant, Clemson University, Clemson, SC

1996-present

Superstitions

World Religions

Guest Lecturer, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

1988-1990

Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies

Selected Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies: Law

Religion in America

Old Testament Literature

Guest Lecturer, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL

1987-1988

Humanities Historical Survey I

OTHER ACADEMIC LECTURING EXPERIENCE: (cont.)

Guest Lecturer, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
1982-1988

Death and Dying
Modern Judaism
Introduction to the Humanities
Introduction to Religion
Introduction to the Old Testament
Introduction to the New Testament

PUBLICATIONS:

"An Open Letter to Recep Tayyip Erdogan" in Fountain Magazine's Special Edition of the First Anniversary of the July 2016 Coup (a shortened version of this article will appear in other major publications)
Community Columnist in the Faith and Life Section of the Anderson Independent-Mail
August 2006-present

REPRESENTATIVE PAPERS PRESENTED:

"Gandhi's *Satyagraha*: A Paradigm for Religious Dialogue Leading to Peace", Morehouse College,
Atlanta, GA

April 2015

"The Time is Now for Honesty, Integrity and Ethics: The Responsibility of the Academy to Instill Academic Integrity in Our Students" for the International Meeting for The Institute for Academic Integrity,
Vancouver, BC

February 2015

"The Horror Film as Religious Apocalyptic" for the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature,
Macon, GA

March 1997

"The Biblical Origins of Satan, Evil, and the Angel of Death" for the Philosophy Club at Clemson University, Clemson, SC

October 1995

"A History of Anti-Semitism" for Foundations of Social Work at Appalachian State University,
Boone, NC

September 1993

"The Use of the Hero Archetype by Hollywood" for the Religion and Philosophy Department at The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY

April 1993

"Teaching Jewish Ethics, Values and Religion at a Southern State University" for the Southern Jewish Historical Society, Charleston, SC

November 1989

"The Influence of Joseph Campbell in Recent American Film" for the North Carolina Religious Studies Association, Raleigh, NC

October 1989

"The Influence of Joseph Campbell in Recent American Film" for the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA

March 1989

"Amos and the Prophetic Tradition" for the Philosophy and Religion Department, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

April 1988

REPRESENTATIVE PAPERS PRESENTED: (cont.)

- "The Question of Jewish Folk Tradition vs. Jewish Religion" for the Religion Department, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY
March 1988
- "Prophecy and Apocalyptic" for the Religion Department, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH
February 1985
- "Death in the Jewish Tradition" for the Religion Department, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH
February 1985
- "Death in the Jewish Tradition", Religion Department Colloquium Series, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
February 1985

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE:

- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2017-present
Faculty Advisor for Clemson's
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
January 2017-present
President's Commission on Diversity and Inclusion
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2009-August 2015
Eportfolio Taskforce
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
January 2010-present
One World Committee Member
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
December 2009-present
Faculty Advisory Board Member for Intercultural Dialogue Club
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
January 2009-present
President's All Faiths Memorial Chapel Planning Committee
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
November 2008-2009
Faculty Mentor in the International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) sponsored by the Eugene T. Moore School of Education and the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State, and implemented by IREX (International Research and Exchanges Board)
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
January 2012-December 2014
Faculty Advisor, Students for Religious Dialogue
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
January 2012-present
Faculty Advisor, Women's Softball Club
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
November 2011-present
Faculty Advisor, Students Committee for Clemson University's All-Faiths' Chapel Project
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2011-December 2014
Diversity Administrators Committee
- Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2010-December 2010
Ad Hoc Committee Member for Religion and Philosophy Department's 20/20 Plan

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICE: (cont.)

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2006-present
FASP Advisor for Departments of History and Philosophy and Religion

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
March 2008-May 2014
Representative of Philosophy and Religion Department to AAH's Committee on Globalization

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2006-present
Lecturer in Religion

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
January 2006-May 2015
President's Commission on Community and Diversity

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
January 2006-May 2013
Religious Awareness Committee

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2002-present
Facilitator in Freshmen Reading Program

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
July 2001-August 2006
Coordinator, Joseph E. and Caroline G. Dixon Fellows Program

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
December 2000-August 2006
Associate Director, Calhoun Honors College

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 2000-May 2008
Senior Dixon Fellow, Joseph E. and Caroline G. Dixon Fellows Program

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
May 1998-present
Name Reader at Commencement

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
May 1997-December 2000
Admissions Counselor

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 1997-present
Advisor to the Jewish Students Organization (Hillel)

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 1998-present
Treasurer, Clemson Campus Ministry Association (C.C.M.A.)

Clemson University, Clemson, SC
August 1995-present
Member, Clemson Campus Ministry Association (C.C.M.A.)

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
August 1988-May 1990
Advising Committee, Philosophy and Religion Department
Curriculum Committee, Philosophy and Religion Department
Advisor to the Jewish Students' Club (Hillel)

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

- Guest Speaker for South Carolina Dialogue Foundation, Dialogue Dinner, Hyatt Hotel, Greenville, SC
October 13, 2011
- Guest Speaker for Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Anderson, SC
March 7, 2010
- Guest Speaker for Church of the Ascension, Seneca, SC
February 7/14, 2010
- Session on Interfaith Dialogue for Anderson Human Relations Commission, Anderson, SC
February 23, 2009
- Guest Speaker on Eastern Religious Traditions at St. Mark Methodist Church, Seneca, SC
January-February 2009
- Session on Interfaith Dialogue at Keowee Key, SC
January 31, 2009
- Scholar-in-Residence, Spring Retreat for Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Clemson, SC
February 29-March 3, 2008
- Guest Speaker, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Cashiers, NC
Summer and Fall 2007
- Guest Speaker, St. Mark's Methodist Church, Seneca, SC
2006-present
- Guest Speaker, Montessori School, Anderson, SC
2006-present
- Member of Istanbul Center Advisory Board, Atlanta, GA
2006-present
- Member of Anderson Independent-Mail Faith and Values Advisory Board, Anderson, SC
2006-2008
- Volunteer Chaplain, Mountain View Correctional Institution, Spruce Pine, NC
2005-present
- President, Clemson Congregations in Touch (C.C.I.T.), Clemson, SC
1999-2000
- Instructor, Lay Academy for Clemson Congregations in Touch (C.C.I.T.), Clemson, SC
1996-present
 - Religious Tradition and the Environment
 - De-Mystifying Mysticism
 - What Exactly Is Religion – And How Does One Go About Studying It?
 - Islam and Judaism: Their Common Ground
 - Extra-Canonical Works: The Books That Did Not Make it into the Biblical Canon
 - Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Hebrew Bible... But Were Afraid to Ask
- Instructor, Lay Academy for Clemson Congregations in Touch (C.C.I.T.), Clemson, SC
1996-present
 - Many Paths to the Top of the Mountain... A Look at How Our Neighbors Celebrate
 - Wisdom Literature and Poetry of the Hebrew Bible
 - The Common Ground between the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament
- Volunteer Chaplain, Anderson Area Medical Center, Anderson, SC
1995-present
- Guest Speaker on Jewish-Christian Dialogue and related concerns, Clemson Community Churches,
Clemson, SC
1995-present
- Guest Speaker on Jewish-Christian Dialogue and related concerns, Tallahassee Community Churches,
Tallahassee, FL
1990-1995
- Lay Leader for the High Holy Days for the Boone Jewish Community/Temple of the High Country,
Boone, NC
1988-2014

COMMUNITY SERVICE: (cont.)

- Guest Speaker on Jewish-Christian Dialogue and related concerns, Boone Community Churches, Boone, NC
1988-1990
- Lay Leader for the High Holy Days for the United States Army, Fort Stewart, GA
1986-87
- Guest Speaker on Jewish Christian Dialogue and related concerns, Tallahassee Community Churches,
Tallahassee, FL
1980-1988

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Chaired Session on Religious Dialogue at the United Nations Conference on Alliance of Civilizations,
Atlanta, GA
January 29-31, 2009
- Member, Advisory Board of Istanbul Center, Atlanta, GA
2007-present
- Director, Association of World Academics for Religious Education (A.W.A.R.E.)
1992-1993
- Coordinator/Advisor, Humanities Historical Survey I (advisor for the Biblical
Culture section of the course for the 17 sections), Florida A&M University,
Tallahassee, FL
1987-1988
- Teaching Assistant, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
1981-1984
 - Death and Dying
 - Intermediate Biblical Hebrew
 - Beginning Biblical Hebrew
 - The Jewish Tradition
- Teaching Assistant, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
1981-1984 (cont.)
 - Religions of the Graeco-Roman World
 - Introduction to the New Testament
 - Introduction to the Old Testament

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE:

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| Biblical Studies | Comparative Mythology |
| Hebrew | Religions of the Ancient Near East |
| Classical Civilization | History of Judaism |
| Classical Mythology | Greek Philosophy |
| Western Humanities | Introduction to the Study of Religion |
| Secret Societies | Cults |
| Comparative Religions | Conspiracy Theories |

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Selected as a 'Hero in the Community for Work with Interfaith Initiatives'
Atlantic Institute, Greenville, SC
April 2018
- Inducted into 'The Martin Luther King, Jr. International College of Ministers and Laity, The Collegium of
Scholars'
Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
April 2015

REFERENCES:

- Akif Aydin** (President, Atlantic Institute, Greenville, SC)
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- Robert S. Barkley** (Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Retired) Clemson University
(864) 656-2287
- Robert W. Bennett** (Senior Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions) Clemson University
(864) 656-2287
- Tarik Celik** (Director, Istanbul Center) Houston, TX
(678) 990-1717
- Imtiaz U. Haque** (Mechanical Engineering Department, Emeritus), Clemson University
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- William Lasser** (Director, Calhoun Honors College), Clemson University
(864) 656-4762
- William A. Maker** (Past Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Emeritus), Clemson University
(864) 656-5365
- Donald M. McKale** (History Department, Emeritus), Clemson University
(864) 654-7719
- Janice W. Murdoch** (Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Emerita), Clemson University
(864) 656-3942
- Conrad E. Ostwalt** (Chair, Philosophy and Religion Department), Appalachian State University
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