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PLACE OF BIRTH	Coleman, Texas
EDUCATION	Ph.D., November 1994, in the Study of Religion (Religion and Philosophy/Modern West) Harvard University Co-Directors: Richard R. Niebuhr and Hilary Putnam A.M., 1994 (completed 1991), in the Study of Religion (Religion and Philosophy/Modern West) Harvard University No degree taken, M.Div. Program Princeton Theological Seminary B.A. with Highest Honors in Philosophy University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Statesville High School, Statesville, N.C.
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Professor of Philosophy and Theology (tenured), July 2008-present Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University Associate Professor of Theology, 2001-2008 Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University Assistant Professor of Theology, 1997-2001 Faculty of Divinity, Harvard University Assistant Professor of Religion, 1995-7 Florida State University Assistant Head Tutor, 1994-5

Comparative Study of Religion, Harvard College

Senior Thesis Advisor, 1992-4
Comparative Study of Religion, Harvard College

Tutor, 1989, 1992
Comparative Study of Religion, Harvard College

Teaching Fellow, 1989-95
Department of Philosophy, Harvard College
Departments of Theology and History, Harvard Divinity School

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS

Chair, Library Implementation Work Group, Office of
the Provost and President of Harvard University
(led University-wide effort to create a new Harvard Library
from the decentralized Harvard University Libraries),
2009-2011
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Harvard Divinity School,
2000-03
Member, Executive Committee of the Divinity School (four
person governing body), 2000-02 (concurrent with decanal
role)

FACULTY SERVICE

University Level, Harvard
Outside Activities Policy Advisory Committee, 2022-23
Faculty Advisory Committee, HDS Dean Search, 2022-23
Provost's Academic Leadership Forum, 2021-22
Office of Scholarly Communication Advisory Board, 2013-
2021
Faculty Advisory Committee, Harvard Library, 2012-2015
Provost's Task Force on the University Libraries, 2009
Chair, Library as Space Working Group
University Committee on Residency Requirement, 2002
University Committee on Rights and Responsibilities,
2001-02
University Screening Committee on Rights and
Responsibilities, 2011-12
University Hearing Committee on Rights and
Responsibilities, 2011-17, 22-23
Harvard Divinity School
Internal Appointments Committee, 2008-present
M.T.S. Degree Committee, 2007-08, 2021-present, Chair
Steering Committee, ATS Re-accreditation, 2023-present
Executive Committee for Academic Programs, 2021-
present
Faculty Search Committee for African American Religious

Studies Appointments, Chair, 2019-22
 Religion and Public Life Advisory Committee, 2020-22
 Exploratory Committee on African Diasporic Religions and
 African American Religious Studies Appointments,
 Chair, 2019
 Admissions Committee, 2018-19
 Junior Faculty Member Review Committee, 2018-19
 Bicentennial Planning Committee 2014-16
 Faculty Search Committee, Richard R. Niebuhr
 Professorship, 2015-17
 Junior Faculty Member Review Committee, 2015-16
 M.Div. Degree Committee, 2014-15, 2017
 Faculty Search Committee, Theology, Chair, 2013-14
 Junior Faculty Member Promotion Committee, 2012-13,
 2016-17
 Senior Lecturer Reappointment Committee, 2011-12
 Fellowships Committee, 2005-08
 Faculty Search Committee, Religion and Science, 2005-07
 Search Committee, Women's Studies in Religion Research
 Associates, 2006-07
 Library Committee, 2006-07, 2013-14
 M.T.S. Degree Revision Committee, 2005, 2007-8 (Chair)
 Committee on Academic Programs, 2000-03; 2005
 40th Anniversary Planning Committee, Center for the
 Study of World Religions, 1999-2001
 Steering Committee, Center for the Study of Values and
 Public Life, 1998-2001
 Faculty Council, 1998-00
 Committee on Information Technology, Chair 1997-98,
 member 1998-00
 Fellows Selection Committee, Center for the Study of
 World Religions, 1999-2000
 Committee on Religion, Gender, & Culture, 1997-98
 Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University
 Committee on the Study of Religion, 1998-00, 2007-
 present
 Faculty Liaison for Inclusive Excellence, 2022-23
 Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging
 Committee, Chair, 2022-23
 Doctoral Subcommittee, 2007-13, 14-16
 A.B. Degree Subcommittee, 2019-20
 Admissions Committee, 1998-2000, 2009-12,
 Chair 15, 17
 Modern West Subcommittee, chair, 1999-2000
 Fellowships Committee, 1998-2000
 Curriculum Committee, 1998-99
 Florida State University:

Executive Committee, Department of Religion, 1996-7
 Search Committee on Hebrew Bible, 1996-7
 Undergraduate Policy Committee, Department of Religion,
 1995-7

OTHER
 EXPERIENCE

World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland:
 Administrative Consultant for the Seventh World
 Assembly, Canberra, Australia, 1990-91
 Administrative Consultant for CWME World Conference,
 San Antonio, Texas, 1989
 Consultant (full-time), Office for Income Coordination
 and Development, General Secretariat, Geneva,
 1986-7, Summer 1985, Fall 1984
 Intern to Associate General Secretary, General Secretariat,
 Geneva, Summer 1984

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

William James and the Metaphysics of Experience, Cambridge Studies
 in Religion and Critical Thought 5, eds. Wayne Proudfoot,
 Jeffrey Stout, and Nicholas Wolterstorff (Cambridge:
 Cambridge University Press, 1999)

in progress

Religion: A Pragmatic Approach (committed to Cambridge
 University Press for publication)
William James, in the Routledge Philosophers series (Routledge
 Press), under contract

EDITED BOOK
 in progress

*James and Royce a Century Later: Pragmatism and Idealism in
 Dialogue*, edited volume of papers from the 2007 Harvard
 Conference, with a new introduction by the editor (to be
 published by Harvard Divinity School and distributed by
 Harvard University Press), in process

CHAPTERS

“William James Revisited: “Pragmatic” Approaches to Religion,” in
The Future of the Philosophy of Religion, eds. M. David Eckel,
 C. Allen Speight, and Troy Dujardin (New York:
 Springer), 2021
 “William James and the Study of Religion: A Critical Reading,”
 Jeremy Carrette and David Lamberth, in *Religion, Theory,
 Critique: Classic and Contemporary Approaches and
 Methodologies*, ed. Richard King (New York: Columbia
 University Press, 2017)
 “A Pluralistic Universe a Century Later: Rationality, Pluralism and
 Religion,” in *William James and the Transatlantic
 Conversation: Pragmatism, Pluralism & Philosophy of Religion*,
 eds. Martin Halliwell and Joel Rasmussen (Oxford: Oxford
 University Press, 2014)

- “James and the Question of Truth: A Response to Hilary Putnam,” in *William James and The Varieties of Religious Experience: A Centenary Celebration*, ed. Jeremy Carrette (London: Routledge, Taylor and Francis, 2004)
- “Conclusion: Experience and the Value of Religion—Overview and Analysis,” in *William James and The Varieties of Religious Experience: A Centenary Celebration*, ed. Jeremy Carrette (London: Routledge, Taylor and Francis, 2004)
- “Interpreting the Universe after a Social Analogy: Intimacy, Panpsychism, and a Finite God in *A Pluralistic Universe*,” in *The Cambridge Companion to William James*, ed. Ruth Anna Putnam (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996)

ARTICLES

- “What to Make of James’s Genetic Theory of Truth,” *William James Studies* 4:1, 2009 (Presidential Address to the William James Society, December 2008)
- “Original and Ongoing Theological Issues Throughout 100 Years of *HTR*,” *The Harvard Theological Review* 101:3-4, October 2008
- “Assessing Peter Ochs through *Peirce, Pragmatism and the Logic of Scripture*,” *Modern Theology* 24:3, July 2008
- “Embodying Experience: Constructivism, the Cognitive Sciences, and Mystical Experiences (completed 2006), unpublished, (commissioned for Oxford Press book, *Mysticism and Experience*, ed. Steven Katz; book project withdrawn by the editor due to delays with other contributors; currently unpublished)
- “Discernment and Practice: Questions for a Logic of Revelation,” *Harvard Theological Review*, 94:3, July 2002
- “Pragmatism and Naturalism: An Inevitable Conjunction?” in *Cognitio: Revista de Filosofia*, número 2 (Sao Paulo: EDUC/Editora Angra), 2001 (in English and Portuguese)
- “Putting Experience to the Test in Theological Reflection,” *Harvard Theological Review* 93:1, January 2000
- “Beyond the (Modern) Divide: Naturalism, Pragmatism, and Theological Reflection,” unpublished, 1998
- “Intimations of the Finite: Thinking Pragmatically at the End of Modernity,” *Harvard Theological Review* 90:2, June 1997
- “James’s *Varieties* Reconsidered: Radical Empiricism, the Extra-Marginal and Conversion,” *The American Journal of Philosophy and Theology*, 15:3, September, 1994

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE

- “William James,” *Routledge Encyclopedia of Protestantism* (New York: Routledge, 2003)

BOOK REVIEW

- “Review of Richard Gale’s *The Divided Self of William James*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 68:4,

December, 2000

SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS

- “James’s Barking Crab: Becoming a Person in a Mechanistic Universe,” invited lecture to the Institute of Philosophy of Religion at Boston University, September 2018 (video available online)
- “What is a Multi-Religious Divinity School?” presented at the Bicentennial celebration of Harvard Divinity School, September 2016 (video available on youtube)
- “William James Revisited: Pragmatic Approaches to Religion,” invited lecture to the Institute of Philosophy of Religion at Boston University, October 2014 (video available online)
- “Autonomy Then and Now,” Module keynote to Ways of Knowing Conference, Science, Religion and Culture Program, Harvard Divinity School, October 2013
- “*A Pluralistic Universe* a Century Later: Rationality, Pluralism and Religion,” keynote address to conference on William James and the Transatlantic Conversation,” Oxford University, October 2010
- “What is Meant by a ‘Genetic Theory’ of Truth?” Presidential Address to the William James Society, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2008
- “Class, Elitism and Affinity Politics,” Panel on Race, Gender and Politics in the 2008 Presidential Election, Harvard Divinity School, October 2008
- “Original and Ongoing Theological Issues throughout 100 Years of *HTR*,” presentation to Centennial Celebration of *The Harvard Theological Review*, Harvard Divinity School, April 11, 2008
- “Assessing *Pragmatism and the Logic of Scripture*,” panel presentation to the Scriptural Reasoning Group of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego CA, November, 2007
- “Religion in Transition,” contribution to a panel presentation to the Harvard College Class of 1952 55th Reunion, June 5, 2007, video web-cast by Harvard At Home, 2007-08
- “Concluding Reflections,” part of the final commentary panel on the Harvard Conference “William James and Josiah Royce a Century Later: Pragmatism and Idealism in Dialogue,” May 27, 2007, web-cast at www.hds.harvard.edu/JamesRoyce2007/program
- “James, Religion and Art,” paper delivered at a conference in honor of the Opening of the 6th Exhibition of Koryo Buddhist Painting at the Saejong Cultural Center in Seoul, South Korea, April 18, 2007; also to the Self Governing Association of Korea, Seoul, South Korea, April 17, 2007

- “Democratic Culture and Religion,” to the Korean Research Institute for Local Administration, a public policy think-tank of the Self Governing Association, Seoul, South Korea, April 17, 2007
- “Intimacy in James’s Thought,” and “Reconsidering *Varieties*,” two lectures to the Conference on Religion, Culture and Religious Studies at Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea, April 16, 2007
- “Pure Experience,” to the Gae Tae Sa Buddhist Temple in Su Won, South Korea, April 15, 2007
- “Belief and Practice,” sermon to the First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist, Newburyport, Massachusetts, January 21, 2007
- “Experience and the Value of Religion—Overview and Analysis,” Concluding presentation to the Edinburgh Centenary Celebration, “William James and The Varieties of Religious Experience,” University of Edinburgh, July 2002
- “Response on James and the Emotions,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Portland, ME, March 2002
- “Pragmatism and Postmodernism: Twentieth Century Philosophies in the Twenty-first Century,” Presentation to the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2001
- “Response to William Abraham on Revelation,” Conference on Evangelical Theology, Harvard Divinity School, March 2001
- “Pragmatism and Naturalism: An Inevitable Conjunction?” presented to the Colloquium in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, November 2000, and to the Third International Conference on Pragmatism, Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 2000
- “Pragmatism and Religion: Directions for the Future,” Panel Presentation to the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 1999
- “Putting Experience to the Test in Theological Reflection,” address at the Retirement Celebration for Richard R. Niebuhr, Harvard Divinity School, May 1999
- “Response to Elmer Johnson: Dewey and Social Responsibility,” Critical Decision Series, Institute for Values-Centered Leadership at Harvard Divinity School, December 1998
- “Beyond the (Modern) Divide: Naturalism, Pragmatism, and Theological Reflection,” presented to the Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group at the

- Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion,
Orlando, November 1998
- "A Mensch or a Monster? Deconstruction and the Possibility of
Ethics," presented to the Program in Human Sciences and
the departments of American Studies and Anthropology at
George Washington University, March 1998
- "The Truth about James and Truth," presented to the Colloquium
in Philosophy, Florida State University, Tallahassee,
January 1996
- "Indirect Verification and Truthfulness in James," presented at
the Highlands Institute of American Religious Thought
Conference, Highlands, North Carolina, June 1995
- "Figuring Truth: Jamesian Metaphysics and the Philosophy of
Religion," presented at Florida State University, January
1995
- "Catching Real Fact in the Making," presented at Drew
University, March 1994
- "James's *Varieties* Reconsidered: Radical Empiricism, the Extra-
Marginal and Conversion," presented to the Philosophy of
Religion Section at the Annual Meeting of the American
Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 1993

COURSES OFFERED

LECTURE

- American Liberal Religious Thought: Formations of a Tradition,
S07
- Classical American Pragmatism and Religion, S12
- Faith and Authenticity: Religion, Existentialism and the Human
Condition (GENED 1069), S17, F 22 (with Courtney
Lamberth), F18, F19 (with C. Lamberth and Cornel West)
- Introduction to the Histories, Theologies and Practices of
Christianity, F06 (with Amy Hollywood)
- Introduction to Religion, F95, F96, S97
- Introduction to Theological Thinking, F97, F98
- Introduction to Twentieth Century Theological Method, F14
- Modern Theology and the Critique of Religion, S98
- Modern Theology I: Theology and the Critique of Religion, F99
- Modern Theology II: Theology and the Ends of Modernity, S00
- Nineteenth Century Religious Thought: Theology and the
Critique of Religion, F05, F07, F09, F11, F13, F15, S19,
F21
- Philosophy of Religion, F95
- Pragmatism and Religion, S05, S08, S17, S20, S22
- The Philosophical Reinvention of Christianity, S15 (also at
Harvard Law School)
- The Spirit of American Philosophy and Religious Thought, S99
- Theology and its Philosophical Critics (19th and 20th c.), S97
- Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion, F17

SEMINAR

Circumscribing a Discipline: Theology and the Philosophy of Religion, S00
 Contemporary Conversations in the Study of Religion, S07, S08, F22
 Colloquium in Theology: The Thought of William James, F01
 Colloquium in Theology: Postmodernism, F98
 Colloquium in Theological and Religious Thought: Contemporary French Philosophy, S16 (with Francis Fiorenza)
 Encountering the New Atheism: Why Religion Remains, F14 (Freshman Seminar, Harvard College), Summer 15 (Harvard Summer School)
 Facing Evil in the Modern World (Harvard Summer School), Sum16, Sum17, Sum18, Sum19, Sum20, Sum 21, Sum 22)
 Hermeneutics, F96
 History of the Study of Religion, F09, F13, F15
 John Calvin at the Beginning of Reformed Theology, F11
 Kant and Kierkegaard, F97, F19
 Kant, S05, F07, S14, S16
 Kierkegaard, F05
 Method and Theory in the Study of Religion, S96, S97, F99
 Mind and Religion, F2018
 Pragmatism and American Religious Thought, S99, S07
 Religious Experience, F06, S15
 Religion, Neuroscience and the Human Mind, F18, S20, S22, S23
 Senior Seminar (M.Div.), 98-99
 Suffering and Evil in Western Thought, F21
 The Examined Life, F17 (with Cornel West)
 The Human Condition, S23
 The Thought of John Dewey, S12
 Undergraduate Concentrators' Sophomore Tutorial in the Comparative Study of Religion, S19, S20, S22

DIRECTED
 READINGS

Kierkegaard and Heidegger (6 doctoral students), S99
 Calvin's Institutes (5 doctoral students), S00
 Reformed Theology (5 M.Div. students), F00
 Liberal Theology (2 doctoral students), S01
 Pragmatism and Theology (1 graduate student), S96
 19th and 20th Century Approaches to Theodicy (1 graduate student), F96
 Feminism, Postmodernism, and Feminist Theology (1 graduate student), F96
 Kierkegaard (1 doctoral student), S97, F04, F14
 Hegel, Kierkegaard and Barth on Love, F15
 Pragmatic Metaphysics, S16

Pragmatism and Modernity, (3 students) F22
Other one-on-one Reading and Research classes each semester,
F97-present

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Organizer and Program Chair for “William James
and Josiah Royce a Century Later: Pragmatism and
Idealism in Dialogue,” May 25-7, 2007, at Harvard
University (hosted by Harvard Divinity School, with the
Josiah Royce Society, the Society for the Advancement of
American Philosophy, the William James Society; funding
raised from the Lowell Institute of Boston, the Hocking-
Cabot Fund for Systematic Philosophy, and the Harvard
Humanities Center)

HONORS

President, William James Society, 2008
Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 1993-94
Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 1992, 1993
Distinction on General Examinations, Harvard University, 1991
Harvard University Scholarship, 1987-94
North American Theological Fellow, 1985-96
Chancellor's Award for Philosophy, UNC–Chapel Hill, 1985
Phi Beta Kappa, UNC-Chapel Hill, 1984
John Motley Morehead Scholar, UNC–Chapel Hill, 1981-85

LEARNED ASSOCIATIONS

The American Academy of Religion
Co-Chair of Pragmatism and Empiricism in American
Religious Thought Group, 2001-07
Reviewer of Program Unit for the Academy, 2001
The American Philosophical Association
New Haven Theological Discussion Group
William James Society
President, 2008, Vice-President, 2007, Fellow–Lifetime

EDITORIAL WORK

William James Studies, editorial board member
Consultant, 2000-present
Oxford University Press
Cambridge University Press
Columbia University Press
Princeton University Press
Reviewer for various journals in Theology, Religion,
Philosophy, and Psychology
Editorial Assistant, 1992-5, *Harvard Theological Review*

BOARDS

The Hocking-Cabot Fund for Systematic Philosophy, Member
Putnam Camp Board of Directors, Director