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ACADEMIC PREPARATION:

2004, Ph.D. European History, The University of Florida, Gainesville

Major: European History (Early Modern emphasis) Minor: History of Science

Dissertation: *Apocalypse and Experiment: the Theological Assumptions and Religious Motivations of Francis Bacon's Instauration.*

Advisor: Prof. Stephen A. McKnight

1998 M.A., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Major: Historical Theology (Patristic/Reformation focus) Minor: Systematic Theology

Thesis: *Eine Catholische Antwort: An Annotated Translation with Historical Introduction*

1992 B.A., Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska

Double Major: English/Theology

LANGUAGE ABILITY:

-Fluent in German

-Reading and Research ability in: Classical and New Testament Greek (Attic and Koine), Old Testament Hebrew/Aramaic, Latin, French

PUBLICATIONS:

Book:

Theology and Science in the Thought of Francis Bacon. Aldershot, Ashgate, May 2008.

Forthcoming Edited Volume:

(With Mitchell Harris) *Resurrecting the "First Five Hundred": The Church Fathers in Early Modern England.* Toronto, The University of Toronto Press, anticipated copyright date of 2010.

Book Chapters:

"Francis Bacon's Scientific Apocalypse" Volume title: *The End that Does: Art, Science, and Millennial Accomplishment.* Cathy Gutierrez & Hillel Schwartz, eds., London, Equinox Publishers. 2007.

“Reading the Two Books with Francis Bacon: Interpreting God’s Will and Power.” Volume Title: *Biblical Exegesis and the Emergence of Science*. Peter Forshaw and Kevin Killeen, eds. London, Palgrave/MacMillan, 2007.

Forthcoming Book Chapters:

“Francis Bacon and the Divine Hierarchy of Nature” Solicited by James Fleming, Simon Fraser University, for a volume on the hermeneutics of discovery in early modern science, anticipated publication date: late 2009, Ashgate.

“Forging the Fury of the Fathers: William Prynne’s *Histrion-Mastix*” in the volume, *Resurrecting the First Five Hundred*, edited by Steve Matthews and Mitchell Harris (see above under “Forthcoming Edited Volume.”) Anticipated publication date: mid-2010.

Article in review:

(With Bryn Johnson) “The Transformation of St. David: Forging a Myth of the Welsh Nation.” Submitted to *Journal of British Studies*.

Book Reviews

Review of: S. Mutchow Towers, *Control of Religious Printing in Early Stuart England*, Woodbridge, U.K., Boydell Press, 2003. Reviewed for *The Seventeenth Century News*, Spring, 2004. Review solicited by the editor, Dr. Donald Dickson, Texas A&M.

Review of: Stephen A. McKnight, *The Religious Foundations of Francis Bacon’s Thought*, Columbia, University of Missouri Press, 2006. Reviewed for *The Seventeenth Century News*, Fall, 2006.

Review of: Bruce T. Moran, *Distilling Knowledge: Alchemy, Chemistry, and the Scientific Revolution*, Harvard University Press, 2005. Reviewed for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, Spring, 2008.

Review of: Asen Kirin, ed., *Sacred Art, Secular Context: Objects of Art from the Byzantine Collection of Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.*, Georgia Museum of Art, 2005. Reviewed for *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, Summer, 2008.

Forthcoming Book Reviews:

Review of: R. Tudur Jones, et al. eds., *Protestant Nonconformist Texts*, vol. 1, Aldershot, Ashgate, 2007. Reviewed for *The Seventeenth Century News*, Fall 2009. Review solicited by the editor, Dr. Donald Dickson, Texas A&M.

Review of: Harold J. Cook, *Matters of Exchange: Commerce, Medicine, and Science in the Dutch Golden Age*, Yale University Press, 2007. Reviewed for the *Journal of World History*. Review solicited by the book reviews editor, Dr. Jun Yoo, University of Hawaii.

RECENT AND UPCOMING CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

2002 Center for Millennial Studies, Annual Conference, November 2-4, Boston University.
Title of Paper: "Francis Bacon: an Archetypal Millennial Mutation"

2003 "Exploring the Renaissance: An International Conference," March 6-8, New Orleans. Title of Paper: "Implications of the Genesis Fall Narrative for Francis Bacon's *Instauratio Magna*."

"Politics, Patronage, and Piety in Early Modern Britain: A Conference to Mark the Retirement of Professor Paul Christianson" May 2-3, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Title of Paper: "Theological Patronage: Lancelot Andrewes and the Sanction of Baconian Science."

Center for Seventeenth-Century Studies, Tenth International Conference, Durham Castle, July 14-17, Durham University, Durham England. Title of Paper: "Francis Bacon and his Literary Circle: Keys to the Theology of Instauration."

2004 "Mystik und Moderne" April 21-22, The University of Florida. A workshop in conjunction with the Volkswagen Foundation Grant for research into the historical connections between early modern mysticism and modern science (A joint project of the University of Siegen, Germany, and the University of Florida). As requested by the conference planners, Dr. Matthews presented an opening summary of the research to date with a response. He also served as a respondent to a conference section on the mysticism of Francis Bacon.

"Biblical Exegesis and the Emergence of Science in the Early Modern Era" A Conference at Birkbeck College, University of London, November 26-27. Title of Paper: "Francis Bacon and the Two Books: Interpreting God's Will and Power." (Also an invited participant in the five member round-table discussion of the conference themes.)

2006 "Exploring the Renaissance: An International Conference", March 9-11, Houston.
Title of Paper: "The Myth of Protestant Biblical Interpretation in the Lutheran Reformation."

Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 26-29, Salt Lake City. Title of Paper: "Making the Complex Simple: Balthasar Meisner's *Catholic Answer* and the Popular Image of Reformation Doctrine."

2007 Renaissance Society of America, March 2-4, Miami. Title of Paper: "Ficino and the Fathers: Patristic Permission for the *Corpus Hermeticum*"

Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, October 19-22, Villanova. Title of Paper: "Puritan vs. Patristics on the Banning of Christmas." Also chaired a session on religion and renaissance art.

2008 “Exploring the Renaissance: An International Conference,” March 6-8, Kansas City.
Title of Paper: “The Transformation of St. David of Wales: Forging the Myth of the Welsh Nation.”

(Chaired Session)

Renaissance Society of America, April 3-5, Chicago. Title of Session: Applications of Hermetic and Alchemical Studies II.

2009 “Science in Society, An International Conference,” August 5-7, Cambridge, U.K. Title of Paper: “Bensalem and the Failure of Atlantis: Francis Bacon’s Moral Conditions for Utopia.”

Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Oct. 16-18, Villanova. Title of Paper: “Forging the Fury of the Fathers: William Prynne’s *Histrion-Mastix*.” This will be part of a series of workshops sponsored by Villanova and dedicated to scholarly collaboration on the volume noted above, *Resurrecting the First Five Hundred*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

At the University of Minnesota, Duluth:

HIST 1097: Human Nature and Gender in the Renaissance (Freshman Seminar, Spring ‘05)

HIST 1207: Dawn of Modern Europe (Fall ‘04, Summer ‘05, Fall ‘05, Summer ‘06, Fall ‘06, Spring ‘07, Summer ‘07, Fall ‘07, Fall ‘08)

HIST 2244: The History of Science: Ancients to Newton (Fall ‘04, Fall ‘05, Fall ‘08)

HIST 2245: Science and Society: 1500-Present (Spring, ‘05, Spring ‘06, Spring ‘07, Spring ‘08, Spring ‘09)

HIST 3235: History and Soccer: The Rise of the World’s Sport (J-Term 2009, Study abroad in England -- team taught with Morris Levy, Assoc. Prof. of Exercise Science)

HIST 3238: History of Christianity: Origins to 1054 (Fall ‘06, Spring ‘08, Spring ‘09)

HIST 3239: Europe in the Age of Renaissance and Reformation (Fall ‘04, Fall ‘05, Fall ‘06, Fall ‘08)

HIST 3240: Early Modern England (Spring ‘05, Spring ‘06, Fall ‘07)

At the University of Florida:

Teaching Practica, (Supervisor, Prof. Stephen A. McKnight):

EUH 3140 Renaissance History (Spring ‘04, Fall ‘01)

EUH 4615 Human Nature and Gender in the Renaissance (Spring ‘03)

EUH 4602 The Renaissance and the Scientific Revolution (Spring ‘03)

Team Taught (In conjunction with Prof. Stephen A. McKnight):

EUH 4615: Human Nature and Gender in the Renaissance (Spring ‘01, Spring ‘02, Spring 04)

EUH 3140: Renaissance History (Spring ‘01)

EUH 2000: Western Civilization (Fall, ‘99, Fall, ‘00)

Teaching Assistant: (Under Prof. Tom Gallant)

EUH 4506: “Cops and Robbers: A Social History of Crime and Punishment in Europe.” (Spring ‘00)

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS:

- 2004-2005** College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, the University of Minnesota, Duluth.
- 2005-2006** (Nomination) College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, the University of Minnesota, Duluth. (Ineligible due to reception of this award in the previous year.)
- 2006-2007** (Nomination) College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, the University of Minnesota, Duluth. (Ineligible due to reception of this award two years prior.)
- (Nomination) Outstanding Academic Advisor.
- (Nomination) Outstanding Advisor to a Student Organization.
- 2007-2008** (Nomination) Student Association Outstanding Faculty.
- 2009-2010** McKnight Land-Grant Professorship, awarded by The University of Minnesota Graduate School.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:

- 1999-2000** Grinter Fellowship (Graduate School Award, The University of Florida)
- 2000-2001** Earhart Foundation Fellowship
- 2001-2002** Earhart Foundation Fellowship
- 2001** Hanger Award (Departmental grant for preliminary dissertation research: History Department, The University of Florida)
- 2002** Huntington Library, Francis Bacon Foundation Fellowship
- 2002** History Department Travel Grant --Dissertation Research
- 2002-2003** Earhart Foundation Fellowship
- 2002-2003** Weaver Fellowship
- 2003** Graduate Student Travel Award, (Awarded by: **South-Central Renaissance Conference** based on quality of the submitted paper.)
- 2003-2004** Earhart Foundation Fellowship
- 2008-June 2009** Grant-in-Aid of Research, Artistry and Scholarship (Awarded by the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota for manuscript research on Lancelot Andrewes.)

SERVICE:

2007–Present: Department representative, Academic Affairs Committee, College of Liberal Arts, The University of Minnesota, Duluth.

2008-Present: College of Liberal Arts Technology Committee.

2007-Present: Council of Religious Advisors, The University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Faculty Advisor, 2005 - present, Undergraduate History Club, & UMD chapter, ΦΑΘ. The University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Editorial Board Member, *Cauda Pavonis: Journal of Hermetic Studies* (an academic journal dedicated to hermeticism, esotericism, and the occult in the early modern period.)
General editor: Roger Rouland, Baylor University.

Assisting with the development of a new online journal for Native American studies at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. Title: *Bemaadizing - An Interdisciplinary Journal of Indigenous Life.*

Community presentations and newspaper interviews on history and the *DaVinci Code*, Christian history, and the History of Science.

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS:

American Society for Church History

History of Science Society

Renaissance Society of America

Sixteenth Century Studies Society

South Central Renaissance Society