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Chaplaincy and Campus Leadership

Professional Positions

2007-Present: University Chaplain for Community Life, Marsh Chapel, Boston University.

- Supervision of one full time and eleven part time staff and interns; oversight of twenty religious life groups and thirty-five campus ministers
- Visioning, deploying, and administering programmatic offerings that support religious, secular, and spiritual identity formation and student development; fundraising to support these efforts
- Pastoral care and holistic support for students, faculty, and staff in distress and community support and coordination in times of crisis in close coordination with student affairs
- Ceremonial leadership of weddings, memorial services, vigils and academic rituals (e.g. Baccalaureate)
- Policy development and implementation, and engagement with and support of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, within and beyond religious life

2007: Chapel Associate for First-Year Students, Marsh Chapel, Boston University.

2005-2006: Boston Citywide Coordinator for Interfaith Youth Work, Consultant, Interfaith Youth Core.

2004: Intern, Women's Interfaith Institute in the Finger Lakes.

Ecclesiastical Certification in the Lindisfarne Community

a community of seekers exploring the new monasticism at the borders of interfaith spirituality

2009: Priest; 2006: Deacon; 2004: Profession; 2003: Novice

Chaplaincy Professional Memberships

2009-Present: Association of College and University Religious Affairs.

2009-Present: National Association of College and University Chaplains.

Professional Service

2019: Board of Directors, Convergence on Campus (enhance institutional climates for religious, secular, and spiritual identities through policy and practice)

2019-20: Free Speech Committee, Office of the Provost, Boston University

2013-2016: Board of Advisors, The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE; formerly The Fund for Theological Education)

2007-Present: Religious Life Council, Boston University.

2007-Present: Board of Advisors, Marsh Chapel, Boston University.

Selected Sermons (* indicates a comparative sermon)

*"Betwixt Curation and Creation" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 8 July 2019.

*"On Memory" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 26 May 2019.

*"Rectifying the Name of Christianity" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 27 May 2018.

*"The Discipleship of the Lost" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 2 July 2017.

*"Development" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 28 May 2017.

*"Making Our Way Ritually" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 3 July 2016.

*"Forming a Trinity" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 29 May, 2016.

"The Bach Experience" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 9 November, 2014.

"Re-Membering" Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 26 May 2013.

"Time, Eternity, and End Times" Hughes United Methodist Church, Wheaton, Maryland, 16 August 2009.

"Called to Transfigured Life" Alumni Weekend, Ithaca College Protestant Community, Ithaca College, 22 February 2009.

"Feast of the Epiphany" All Saints Episcopal Church, Ashmont, Massachusetts, 6 January 2009.

Education

2019: PhD – Boston University

2009: MDiv – Boston University

2005: BM – Ithaca College

Fellowships, Grants, and Institutes

2017-Present: Fellow, Institute for Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University.

2018: Ruism in America Grant, International Confucian Association.

2016-2018: Cultivating Future Leaders Grant, The Forum for Theological Exploration.

2012: Confucian Studies Summer Institute, Nishan Birthplace of the Sage Academy.

2011-2012: Pastoral Internships Grant, The Fund for Theological Education.

2008: Institute for Culture, Religion and World Affairs: Summer Seminar on Religion and Democracy.

2005-2006: Ministry Fellow | 2004: Undergraduate Fellow, The Fund for Theological Education.

Publications (* indicates peer review; § indicates chaplaincy related)

Dissertation

Language as Ritual: Saying what Cannot Be Said with Western and Confucian Ritual Theories. Doctor of Philosophy, Boston University, 2019, <https://open.bu.edu/handle/2144/38522>.

Chapters

§“Faith Transforms in Times of Crisis” *Kissing in the Chapel, Praying in the Frat House: Wrestling with Faith and College*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, December 2014.

*“Symmetry and Asymmetry: Problems and Prospects for Modeling” *Models of God and Alternative Ultimate Realities*. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer, 2013, http://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-5219-1_4.

§“From the Mainline to the Margins” *Secular Monasticism: A Journey*. Bloomington, IN: Xlibris, 2012.

“Orthodoxy: Continuing Testimony into a Third Millennium” *Tracing Contours: Reflections on World Mission and Christianity*. Newton Centre, MA: Boston Theological Institute, 2010.

Articles

§“Mentoring for Discernment” *FTE Guide to Discernment Retreats*. The Forum for Theological Exploration (September 17, 2019), https://issuu.com/fteleader/docs/guide_to_discernment_retreats_final_digital.

*§“Institutional Dimensions of the Future of Philosophy of Religion” *Palgrave Communications* 4.1 (12 June 2018), <http://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-018-0131-7>.

§“Correlating to ‘Nones’: Tillich’s Method of Correlation and Late Modernity” *Bulletin of the North American Paul Tillich Society*, Summer 2014.

*“Experience and the Ultimacy of God” *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* 26.1 (2012): 43-60, <http://doi.org/10.5325/jspecphil.26.1.0043>.

“Mission Theology and Interreligious Encounter: 1910-2010” *Bulletin of the North American Paul Tillich Society* 37.2 (Spring 2011): 39-46.

Response Articles

“Poor Jesus: No Place to Stand” *Journal of Interreligious Dialogue* 8 (February 2012): 75-77.

Books Reviewed

Verbs, Bones, and Brains: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Human Nature. ed. Agustín Fuentes, Aku Visala. (University of Notre Dame Press: 2017) in <http://readingreligion.org/books/verbs-bones-and-brains>.

Digital Projects

§“Free Speech, Religious Liberty, and the Academy,” webinar, Convergence on Campus, 26 September 2019.

“Boston Confucianism” with Robert Neville and 宋斌 Bin Song, produced by the Confucius Institute U.S. Center, Washington, D.C. 16 October 2019. <https://youtu.be/PadF3S6Mal8>

“Protestantization” and “Protestantization and Confucianism,” The Common Thread Podcast, The Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground, 26 March 2018, <https://www.bucommonthread.com/brother-larry-1>; <https://www.bucommonthread.com/brother-larry-2>.

§“Discovering Marsh Chapel” *BU Today*. with David Bergeron-Keefe, Beth Boucher, Janice Checchio, Andy Costello, Charlie Guerrero, Laura Nooney, Bill Politis, Jackie Ricciardi, Cydney Scott, and Alan Wong. 10 October 2017. <http://www.bu.edu/today/2017/discovering-marsh-chapel/>

Conference Activities (§ indicates chaplaincy related)

Papers Presented

“Confucianism and Tillich’s Protestant Principle,” North American Paul Tillich Society, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, California, 22 November 2019.

“Ruism Amidst the Prospects and Perils of Protestantization,” Rectifying the Name of Confucianism, Boston University Confucian Association, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, 28-30 September 2018.

“Govern Them with Moral Force by Ritual: The Confucian Prescription for Achieving Peace among the Warring States” at the Sacred Texts and Human Contexts Conference, Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies & Dialogue, Nazareth College, Rochester, New York, July 2018.

“Human Nature is Ominous” at Theorizing Human Nature: Bridge or Barrier in Contemporary Discourse, Fourth Annual Graduate Conference of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Chicago Divinity School, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, February 2018.

“Protestantization and Confucianism: The Case of Boston Confucianism 2.0” in Transnational Religious Expression: Between Asia and North America Seminar, American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2017.

“Ritual Transformations: Reappropriating Xunzi 荀子 in Ritual Studies” Ritual Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2016.

"Rethinking Xunzi in Light of Recent Textual and Historical Scholarship on the Literature of the Warring States" Specific Texts and Their Structures Panel, East Asia Section, American Oriental Society, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2016.

"The Problem of Religious Language" Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2015.

"Semiotics, Ritual, Mind, Language, and Emergence" Semiotic Society of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 2015.

S"Law, Love, and Life: Conversations Theological and Musicological with Luther, Bach, and Schweitzer" Music and Religion Group and Global Lutheran Traditions Group, American Academy of Religion, with the Marsh Chapel Choir and Bach Collegium San Diego, San Diego, California, November 2014.

"Effing God: The Paradox of Religious Language" Semiotic Society of America, Seattle, Washington, October 2014.

S"Correlating to 'Nones:' Tillich's Method of Correlation and Late Modernity" North American Paul Tillich Society, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2013.

"Martin Luther King, Jr. as Comparative Theologian" Unacknowledged Pioneers of Comparative Theology panel, Comparative Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2010.

"Mission Theology and Interreligious Encounter: 1910-2010" North American Paul Tillich Society, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2010.

"Symmetry and Asymmetry: Problems and Prospects for Modeling" Models of God and Other Ultimate Realities annual meeting pre-conference at the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2010.

"Illusions of Managing Church: Reconstruction in Ecumenism" New Challenges in Faith and Order, Boston Theological Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, 4 April 2009.

"Leftovers and Side Effects: Problems in Pragmatist Cosmology" Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Illinois, 2 November 2008.

"Strategic Transition: The Cosmology of Security" Concerned Philosophers for Peace Annual Conference, SUNY Cortland, Cortland, New York, 31 October 2008.

"Inward Bound: Ecumenical Spirituality Overcoming Violence in a Bounded World" Young Adult Ecumenical Forum, Chicago, Illinois, 3-6 August 2006.

Campus Talks

S"The Ethics of Genetic Engineering: From *Frankenstein* to CRISPR," *panelist*. Kilachand Honors College, Boston University, November 2018.

"Govern Them with Moral Force by Ritual: The Confucian Prescription for Achieving Peace among the Warring States," Colloquium Presentation, Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, September 2018.

"The Ultimate Concern of Liberal Modernity: Perils of Conflict and Promise of Collaboration" Colloquium Presentation, Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, February 2018.

"Pluralism and Its Consequences: An Essay on the Limits of Ritual" Confucianism and the West lecture series, Boston University Confucian Association, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, 20 March 2015.

Conference Organization

22 November 2019: Meeting Organizer, North American Paul Tillich Society, San Diego, California.

16 November 2018: Panel Organizer, Book Review of *Paul Tillich and Asian Religions* and Workshop Facilitator, Fellows of the North American Paul Tillich Society, Annual Meeting of the North American Paul Tillich Society, Denver, Colorado.

28-30 September 2018: Co-Organizer, "Rectifying the Name of Confucianism," Boston University Confucian Association, Marsh Chapel, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts.

17 November 2017: Panel Organizer, "The Influence of Paul Tillich on Robert Neville's Philosophical Theology" North American Paul Tillich Society, American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts.

4-7 November 2010: Registrar, Workshop Coordinator, Technologist, and Conference Co-Coordinator, "2010 Boston Mission Conference: The Changing Contours of World Mission and Christianity," Boston Theological Institute, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

2007-2010: Co-Organizer, Costas Consultation on Global Mission, Boston Theological Institute.

2010 - "An Atlas of Global Christianity" - Boston University

2009 - "Mission and Multiple Religious Belonging" - Episcopal Divinity School

2008 - "Technology for Mission" - Boston University

2007 - "Korea: Reconciliation in Church and Society" - Andover Newton Theological School

2007: Conference Planner and Host, "Young Adult Ecumenical Forum," Boston University.

Teaching

2011-2018: Instructor, First Year Experience Course.

2012: Teaching Assistant, The Church and the Arts, Professor Andrew Shenton, Boston University School of Theology.

2013: Teaching Assistant, Advanced Systematic Theology III, Professor Robert Cummings Neville, Boston University School of Theology.

Languages

Modern Spanish – Excellent; Modern German – Reading: Good; Mandarin Chinese – Elementary, Reading: Good; Traditional Chinese – Reading: Good; Koine Greek – Reading: Good; Ecclesiastical Latin – Reading: Good.

Service to the Academy

2017-2020: Presidential Line of Succession, North American Paul Tillich Society

2015-Present: Board Member, North American Paul Tillich Society

2006-2011: Coordinator, International Mission and Ecumenism Committee, Boston Theological Institute.

Academic Memberships

2014-Present: North American Paul Tillich Society

2013-Present: Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought

2005-Present: American Academy of Religion