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ACADEMIC HISTORY

Education

B.A., University of Texas, Plan II (a Humanities honors program which is a degree program in its own right), 1988
M.A. University of Chicago, Religious Studies, 1991
Ph.D., University of Chicago, History of Christianity, 2002

Academic Positions

Renewable Term Lecturer, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, (Fall 2011-present)
Academic Year Lecturer, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, (Fall 2003-Summer 2011)
Quarterly Part-Time Lecturer, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, (Spring 2003)
Summer Bridge/LEAD Program Faculty, LEAD Scholars Program, Santa Clara University, (Summer 2005-Summer 2010)
Instructor, United States History, San Jose City College, (Spring 2002-Summer 2004)

Honors

Identification as an Exceptional Teacher by the Department of Arts and Sciences at Santa Clara University, Spring 2007
Certificate of Recognition from the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District for the Promotion of Cross-cultural Understanding and Appreciation of Diversity, May 2003
Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, University of Chicago, 1989-1994

Grants

Santa Clara University, Honorarium for Core Curriculum Development, RTC 1, "Contemplative Arts in Theory and Practice" (\$1,500) 2008
Santa Clara University, Bannan Grant, "Contemplatives in Action Network" 2008-present
Santa Clara University, Bannan Grant, "Comparative Contemplative Practices and the Local Religion Project" 2005-07

TEACHING

Santa Clara University

RSOC 9 Ways of Understanding Religion RSOC 106 Zen in Theory and Practice
TESP 71 Mysticism in Catholicism TESP 72 Comparative Mysticism
TESP 171 Mysticism in Action: Zen and Catholicism
LEAD 1 Lead Seminar

San Jose City College

HIST 9 Women in American History HIST 17A History of the United States
HIST 17B History of the United States

Campus Talks

"Mindfulness as an Antidote to Stress," Unity Residential Learning Community, October 10, 2011; June 1, 2011; October 19, 2009; Da Vinci Residential Learning Community, November 29, 2010; Xavier Residential Learning Community, May 31, 2011
"Mindfulness as a Tool for Difficult Discussions," Community Facilitator Formation for Unity Residential Learning Community Staff, September 7, 2011
"Religious Diversity: Comparative Contemplative Practices," given with John Rose, SJ; Unity Residential Learning Community, November 10, 2010
"Pedagogies for the Teachable Moment: Challenging Racism on Campus," Santa Clara University, April 23, 2007
"Zen and Catholic Meditation Masters and their SCU Students Talk about the Power of Meditation to Transform Suffering," Comparative Contemplative Practices and the Local Religion Project, Santa Clara University, June 1, 2006 and June 4, 2007
"Buddhism in the Bay Area: an interfaith discussion led by the late Darlene Cohen (Zen Master) and Sarita Tamayo-Moraga on Local Catholic and Buddhist Approaches to Mysticism and Suffering," Local Religion Project, Santa Clara University, May 12, 2005
"Latinas in Higher Education," Women's History Month at San Jose City College, March 13, 2003
"Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Learned Latina Rebelling," (Lecture given in Spanish and English), Latino Heritage Month at San Jose City College, September 25, 2002

SCHOLARSHIP

Book Chapter

"Zen and the Transformation of Emotional and Physical Stress into Well-Being,"
co-written with Darlene Cohen, in Thomas Plante, ed., *Contemplative Practices in Action: Spirituality, Meditation, and Health*. ABC-CLIO (2010)

Work in Progress: A Comparative Study of Kshanti Paramita (the Perfection of Patience in Buddhism) and the Catholic Concept of Grace.

Reviews

"Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz: Religion, Art, and Feminism," *Anglican Theological Review* (Summer 1999).

Academic Papers

"Teaching Comparative Contemplative Traditions: What is the Place of Practice?"
AAR/Western Region, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. March, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Santa Clara University

Interim Assistant Director, LEAD Scholars Program, July 2011-December 31st, 2011
Faculty Director, Unity Residential Learning Community, June 2009-present
Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Member, Ignatian Faculty Forum, 2010-present
Residential Learning Communities, Member, Multiculturalism in the Residential Learning Communities Committee, Fall 2009-Fall 2010.
Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Co-facilitator, Mindfulness Meditation: Weekly sittings and quarterly workshops and yearly retreats, Fall 2005-present
Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Facilitator, Brown Bag Zen: Weekly sitting and discussion groups, Summer 2007-present
Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education, Co-facilitator, Contemplatives in Action Network: Monthly sitting and discussion group, Fall 2008-present
Department of Religious Studies, Member, Pedagogy Program Review Committee, 2011-2012
Department of Religious Studies, Member, Local Religion Project Committee of the 2006-2009
Department of Religious Studies, Pedagogical Consultant for Lecturers, 2005-2006

Community Service

"Giving Birth to Christ in the Soul: The Mysticism of Meister Eckhart as a Guide to Advent," St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Los Gatos, CA, November 29, 2011.
"Mysticism and the Development of Monasticism," St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Los Gatos, CA. Fall 2007 and Fall 2005.
"Centering Prayer and Social Justice," St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Los Gatos, CA, Winter 2007.
"Mysticism and the Twelve Steps", SpiritSite: A Center for Spirituality for the Diocese of San Jose, Santa Clara, CA. Fall 2005

REFERENCES

- Paul Crowley, S.J., Jesuit Community Professor, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053, 408-554-5482; pcrowley@scu.edu
- Pat Gerster, Ph.D., Dean of Humanities and Social Science, San Jose City College, San Jose CA, 408-298-2181, ext. 3961
- Diane Jonte-Pace, Ph.D. Professor, Religious Studies, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053, 408-554-4751, djontepace@scu.edu
- Bernard McGinn, Naomi Shenstone Donnelly Professor Emeritus of Historical Theology and the History of Christianity in the Divinity School and the Committees on Medieval Studies and on General Studies, Divinity School, University of Chicago, Swift Hall 024, 1025 E. 58th St., Chicago, IL 60637, 773-702-8217, bmcginn@uchicago.edu
- David Pinault, Professor, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053, 408-554-6987, dpinault@scu.edu