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EDUCATION

- 2014** **Ph. D., Literature and Theology**
University of St. Andrews, Scotland
Dissertation title: “A Literary *Shema*: Annie Dillard’s Judeo-Christian Vision and Voice”
- 1992** **M. A., Literature and Theology**
Durham University, England
Dissertation title: “‘A Love Song to Our Mongrel Selves’: The Translation of Identity in Salman Rushdie’s *The Satanic Verses*”
- 1987** **B. A. with Highest Honors, English Literature**
University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Administrative Positions

- 2020 – present Project Director, Federal Grants, Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2016 – 2020 Assistant Director, Baylor Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2017 – 2020 Co-director, Baylor Character Across the Curriculum Program, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2017 – 2020 Co-director, Baylor Conyers Scholars Program, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2017 – 2020 Co-director, Baylor Young Scholars Program, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2016 Chair, English and Modern Languages Department, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2015 – 2016 Assistant Chair, English and Modern Languages Department, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

- 2015 – 2016 Co-chair, HLC Accreditation, Criterion Three Committee, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2015 – 2016 HLC Accreditation Steering Committee, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2014 – 2016 Coordinator for General Education, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2000 – 2016 Director, Writing Across the Curriculum Program, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2011 – 2014 Director, Off-campus and Study Abroad Programs, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 1999 – 2011 Director, Writing Programs, English Department, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

Faculty Appointments

- 2017 – 2020 Lecturer, part-time, Baylor Honors College, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2014 – 2016 Associate Professor, English, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2000 – 2016 Honors Program Faculty Member, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2000 – 2014 Assistant Professor, English, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 1993 – 2000 Instructor, English, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 1987 – 1991 Sophomore English Instructor, Heritage Hall, Oklahoma City, OK

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2020 *A Literary Shema: Annie Dillard's Judeo-Christian Vision and Voice.* Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2020.

Chapters and Articles

- 2015 “Suspended Endings, Theodicean Spaces, and Annie Dillard’s Asyndetic Style.” *Last Things: Essays on Ends and Endings*. Eds. Gavin Hopps, Stella Neumann, Sven Strasen, and Peter Wenzel. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2015.

2010 “Annie Dillard.” *Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*. Eds. George Kurian and James D. Smith. Plymouth, UK: Scarecrow Press, 2010.

2005 “Improving Christian Worldview Pedagogy: Going Beyond Mere Christianity.” *Christian Higher Education*. 4.2 (2005): 99-108.

Invited Works

2009 “There Will Always Be Enough.” *Lenten Reflections: Daily Reflections and Scriptures*. Tulsa: First Presbyterian Church, 2009.

2006 “‘O My God, Do Not Tarry’: Bus Stops, Prayer, and the Spiritual Discipline of Waiting.” *Tidings*. 51:4 (2006):14-15.

2006 “Remembering the Living Feast.” *Tidings*. 51.2 (2006):4-5.

2005 “Evangelizing the Outposts of Our Hearts.” *Tidings*. 50.1(2005):12-13.

2005 “All Who Wander Are Not Lost: God’s Providence in Times of Change.” *Tidings*. 50.3 (2005): 10-11.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Oral Roberts University

2016 Outstanding Service Award, College of Arts and Cultural Studies
 2015 Alumni Faculty Award, Integration of Faith and Learning
 2014 Outstanding Faculty Member, College of Arts and Cultural Studies
 2014 Outstanding Faculty Member, English and Mod. Languages Department
 2012 CCCU Women’s Leadership Development Institute
 2006 Outstanding Faculty Member, English Department
 2005 Honorable Mention, Chairs’ Award for Scholarship in the Classroom
 2003 Winner, Chairs’ Award for Mentoring in the Classroom
 2003 Honorable Mention, Dean’s Award for Innovation in the Classroom
 1999 Runner-up, Outstanding Teacher, School of Arts and Sciences

University of Oklahoma

1987 - present Phi Beta Kappa
 1987 Carl Albert Award, University of Oklahoma
 1987 Margaret Castalez Award, English Department, University of Oklahoma
 1987 Women's Letzeiser Award, University of Oklahoma
 1986 Kappa Delta Pi Honors Education Fraternity, University of Oklahoma
 1984 Rita H. Lottinville Prize, University of Oklahoma

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2017	Lilly Endowment, “Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose” Implementation Grant, \$1.5 million, Baylor University
2017	Lilly Endowment, “Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose” Planning Grant, \$50,000, Baylor University
2008 – 2011	First Presbyterian International Scholarship Award
1998	C. S. Lewis Foundation Conference Scholarship Grant
1990	Rotary Foundation International Scholarship
1987	Cortes A. M. Ewing Fellowship, University of Oklahoma
1985	Robert Dean Bass Memorial Scholarship, University of Oklahoma
1984	William K. Edmark, M. D. Scholarship
1984 – 1987	Alumni Scholarship, University of Oklahoma
1983	Achievement Award Scholarship, University of Oklahoma

PROFESSIONAL AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

2019	“Being Restored, Being Re-storied: The Habits of Wellness,” Keynote speaker, Baylor Student Development Leaders Workshop, Baylor University, Waco, TX
2019	“Being and Doing: Identity and Calling in the Health Professions,” chapel speaker Baylor Pre-health Chapel, Baylor University, Waco, TX
2019	“Forming Character in the Classroom,” Baylor Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University, Waco, TX
2019	“Story and Calling,” Baylor Line Camp, Baylor University, Waco, TX
2019	“God in Annie Dillard’s ‘Coils of Absence’: Suffering and the Hope of Silence,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, Duke University, Durham, NC

- 2018 “Faith and Reason in Science,” Oso Logos and American Scientific Affiliation Panel, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2018 “Mentoring Women Students and Colleagues,” Academy for Teaching and Learning Panel, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2018 “Forming Character in the Classroom,” New Faculty Orientation, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2018 “Story and Calling,” Baylor Line Camp, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2018 “Welcoming the Other: Practicing Hospitality in the Classroom,” New Faculty Mentoring Dinner, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2018 “You Are What You Love: Habits of the Heart,” Leadership Development Seminar 3307, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2018 “Cultivating the Virtues of Charity and Perseverance in Nursing Practice,” Baylor School of Nursing 2018 Faculty Orientation, Dallas, TX
- 2017 “Classrooms as Communities of Character Formation,” New Faculty Orientation, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2017 “Classrooms as Communities of Character Formation,” Summer Faculty Institute, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2017 “Strengths and Your Story,” Baylor Line Camp, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2017 “Leadership and Literature: Becoming a Beloved Community,” Student Learning and Engagement Leadership Summit, Baylor University, Waco, TX
- 2016 “Theodicean Spaces, *Tsimtsum*, and Annie Dillard’s Asyndetic Style.” Northeast Modern Language Association, Hartford, CT
- 2015 “Science, Poetry, and Metaphorical Ways of Knowing.” Metaphors in Use Conference, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
- 2015 “Reading Genesis One.” Science and the Wisdom of God: A Seminar on Origins, Sanctuary Church, Tulsa, OK

- 2015 “Healing through Words and the Word.” Celebration of Healing Conference, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 2012 “Suspended Endings, Theodicean Spaces, and Annie Dillard’s Asyndetic Style.” Ends and Endings: Notions of Closure in Literature, Theology, and Contemporary Culture, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- 2012 “A Fallen World and A Kenotic God?: Exploring the Problem of Evil through the Science and Theology of Annie Dillard’s Literary Non-Fiction.” American Scientific Association, Oral Roberts University Chapter
- 2011 “*Tsimtsum*, Theodicean Spaces, and Annie Dillard’s Asyndetic Style.” Lecture at the Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- 2010 “Jewish Mystical Traditions in Annie Dillard’s *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*.” Lecture for “Theological Engagements with the Arts,” M. Litt. Module, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
- 2010 “‘Holiness Splintered into a Vessel’: *Shevirat ha-Kelim* and Christ’s Kenosis in Annie Dillard’s *Holy the Firm*.” International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture, Oxford University, England
- 2010 “Language and the Myth of Scientific Objectivity,” Having an Answer Series, Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK
- 2010 “Science, God, and Poetry: The Necessity of Imaginative Rationality,” Having an Answer Series, Trinity Episcopal Church, Tulsa, OK
- 2009 “Language and the Myth of Scientific Objectivity,” Cosmic CSI: Evidence for God in Science, Believers’ Church, Tulsa, OK
- 2009 “Science, God, and Poetry: The Necessity of Imaginative Rationality,” Cosmic CSI: Evidence for God in Science, Believers’ Church, Tulsa, OK
- 2004 “Israel’s Sages and Metaphorical Language.” International Conference on “Metaphor and its Moorings.” Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada
- 2004 “Finding Origins, Finding Solutions: Communicating a Christian Worldview to Students,” Council for Christian Colleges and Universities Campus-Based Faculty Development Workshop, Abilene, TX

- 2004 “WACing Big Changes on a Small Budget: Developing and Implementing a Writing-Intensive, Faculty Learning Community,” 7th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, St. Louis, MO
- 2003 “The Art of Science: Scientific Communities and Metaphorical Language.” South-Central Modern Language Association, Hot Springs, AR
- 2003 “Writing in Community: Faculty Helping Faculty Teach Writing-Intensive Courses,” Council for Christian Colleges and Universities Campus-Based Faculty Development Workshop, St. Paul, MN
- 2001 “Beautiful Truth: Metaphorical Language, Newspeak, and its Nazi and Communist Antecedents.” South-Central Modern Language Association, Tulsa, OK
- 1999 “Is There a Class in This Text?” South-Central Modern Language Association, Memphis, TN
- 1999 “The Letter and the Spirit: Letters from Dorothy L. Sayers to C. S. Lewis.” C. S. Lewis and the Inklings Conference, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 1998 “Contending with *That Hideous Strength*: The Dangers and Ethics of Persuasive Language Techniques.” South-Central Modern Language Association, New Orleans, LA
- 1998 “Teaching About the Language of Totalitarianism: Using C. S. Lewis’s *That Hideous Strength* for Lessons on Propaganda, Doublespeak, Euphemism, and Jargon.” C. S. Lewis Symposium, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK
- 1997 “Born Again and ‘Borne Across’: Translation and Salvation in *The Satanic Verses*.” Conference on Christianity and Literature, Lafayette, LA

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2018 Conference on Medicine and Religion, Baylor Crane Scholars Faculty Sponsor, St. Louis, MO
- 2017 NetVUE “Renewing the Theological Exploration of Vocation,” Charlotte, NC
- 2016 Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

- 2015 Higher Learning Commission Standard Pathway Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- 2015 Higher Learning Commission Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2012 “Ends and Endings: Notions of Closure in Literature, Theology, and Contemporary Culture,” University of Aachen, Aachen, Germany
- 2012 Council for Christian Colleges and Universities Women’s Leadership Development Conference, Sumas, WA
- 2012 11th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, Savannah, GA
- 2010 ITIA Conference: “Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture: Conversations with the Work of David Brown,” St. Andrews, Scotland
- 2010 10th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, Bloomington, IN
- 2009 ITIA Conference: “Reversed Thunder: The Art of the Psalms,” St. Andrews, Scotland
- 2008 9th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, Austin, TX
- 2007 Conference on Christianity and Literature, Arlington, TX
- 2006 South-Central Modern Language Association Conference, Ft. Worth, TX
- 2006 8th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, Clemson, SC
- 2004 7th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, St. Louis, MO
- 2003 22nd Annual Wildacres Retreat: Writing Across the Curriculum, Asheville, NC
- 2002 6th International Writing Across the Curriculum Conference, Houston, TX
- 2000 Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1999 South-Central Modern Language Association, Memphis, TN
- 1999 Writing to Learn and Learning to Write in the Disciplines, University of Arts and Sciences of Oklahoma, OK
- 1999 C. S. Lewis and the Inklings Conference, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
- 1998 C. S. Lewis Foundation Oxbridge ’98 Conference, Oxford and Cambridge, England

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Baylor University

2019 – present	Member, Baylor Ethics Initiative Task Force, “Virtue and Character” Team
2017 – 2019	Chair, Inspiring Virtues General Education Consulting Team, Baylor University
2017 – 2019	Ex officio member, Core Curriculum Advisory Committee, Baylor University
2017 – 2019	Member, Baylor College of Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum Think Tank, Baylor University
2017 – present	<i>Christian Scholars Review</i> , Baylor University Campus Representative
2017 – present	Faculty Advisor, Bears for Life
2016 – 2020	Women in the Academy (WITA) Committee
2017 – 2018	Co-chair, Lilly Endowment “Called to Lives of Meaning and Purpose” Implementation Grant Steering Committee
2017 – 2018	Senior cohort leader, Crane Scholars Program, Baylor University
2017 – 2018	Chair, Women in the Academy 2018 Conference Program Coordinating Committee
2017 – 2018	Chair, Women in the Academy Mentor Kick-off Committee
2017 – 2018	Women in the Academy Mentoring Program Committee

Oral Roberts University

2015 – 2016	Faculty Advisor, ORU Liturgical Society
2015 – 2016	University Planning Council, CACS Representative
2014 – 2016	Chair, General Education Committee
2014 – 2016	Co-chair, Institutional Improvement and Student Learning Committee
2000 – 2016	Chair, Writing Across the Curriculum Committee
2014 – 2015	Presidential appointee, Recruitment and Retention Task Force

2013 – 2014	Faculty Member at Large, President’s Globalization Task Force
2013 – 2014	New Faculty Mentor
2013 – 2014	Presidential appointee, Global Partnership Review Committee
2000 – 2013	Member, Christian Worldview Committee
2007 – 2013	Member, “Thinklings,” ORU faculty research group
2008 – 2010	Appointee, Faculty Governance Task Force, ORU
1997 – 2008	Member, University Faculty Assembly Curriculum Committee, ORU
1997 – 2008	Editor, <i>The Parchment</i> , ORU English Alumni Newsletter
1998 – 2000	Chair, Ad Hoc Writing Across the Disciplines Committee

OTHER SCHOLARLY SERVICE

2018	Peer Reviewer, <i>Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association</i>
2018	Peer Reviewer, <i>Religion & Literature</i>
2018	Peer Reviewer, <i>International Journal of Christianity and Education</i>
2009	Book Reviewer, <i>The McGraw-Hill Handbook</i> , by Elaine Maimon, Janice Peritz, and Kathi Yancey, 2 nd ed
2004	Book Reviewer, <i>The Little, Brown Handbook</i> , by H. Ramsey Fowler and Jane E. Aaron , 9 th ed. for Pearson/Longman
2002	Book Reviewer, <i>The Student Writer</i> , by Barbara Fine Clouse for McGraw-Hill
2001 – 2002	President, South-Central College English Association
2001	Book Reviewer, <i>The Contemporary Writer</i> , by Edna M. Troiano and Julia D. Scott for Prentice Hall
1995	Book Reviewer, <i>On Course: Strategies for Creating Success in College and in Life, A Guided Journal Approach</i> , by Skip Downing for Houghton Mifflin

COURSES TAUGHT

Baylor University, Waco, TX

BIC 3358	Biblical Heritage and Contemporary Ethics (Honors College)
GTX 2301	Intellectual Traditions of the Ancient World: Literature and Thought in Context (University Scholars section)
GTX 2302	Medieval Intellectual Traditions: Literature and Thought in Context (University Scholars section)

Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

ENG 498	Senior Research
ENG 499	Senior Paper
ENG 352	Major Authors: Annie Dillard and the Hasidic Masters
ENG 307	Culture and the Christian Imagination
WRT 335	Technical Writing I
COMP 102H	Honors Reading and Writing in the Liberal Arts
COMP 303	Critical Reading and Writing
COMP 102	Reading and Writing in the Liberal Arts
COMP 101	College Reading and Writing
GEN 999	University Success

Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, OK

ENGL 1113	Composition I
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Heritage Hall Upper School, Oklahoma City, OK

Sophomore English

Journeys Toward Meaning (philosophy and literature elective)

Expository Writing

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2002 – present	Lecturer, “Philosophy of Science,” Honors Seminar, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
2007 – 2016	Senior Paper advisor in Theology, Aesthetics, and English, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
2005 – 2016	Lecturer, “Faith and Civilization in Context,” Honors Seminar, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK
2011	Seminar Lecturer, Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
2010	Guest Lecturer, M. Litt. Module, “Theological Engagements with the Arts,” Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
1999	Lead Teacher, The Eighth Floor, Tulsa, OK
1997 – 1998	Author/instructor, ORU School of LifeLong Education, English 101 Telecourse, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

2019 – present	Guest preacher, Dayspring Baptist Church, Waco, TX
2018 – present	Women’s Spiritual Direction Group, Dayspring Baptist Church, Waco, TX
2018 – present	Women’s Retreat Planning Committee, Dayspring Baptist Church, Waco, TX
2015 – 2016	Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
2015 – 2016	Discipleship Committee member, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
2015 – 2016	Missions Committee member, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
2005 – 2016	Member, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
2007 – 2016	Academy of Faith and Life instructor, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
2010 – 2015	Vertical CrossFit member
2014	Volunteer Foster, Zoi’s Rescue, Tulsa, OK
2013	“Lift Up Luke,” CrossFit WOD Benefit for Autism Awareness
2011 – 2013	Volunteer, Pet Adoption League, Tulsa, OK

2005 – 2011	Christian Education Committee, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
2011	Workshop instructor, “Creative Writing, Grief, and Healing,” Children’s Hospice Association Scotland, Kinross, Scotland
2007 – 2009	Deacon, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
2007	Prayer Task Force, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, OK
2003 – 2006	South Peoria Neighborhood Connection Project, board member, Tulsa, OK
1992 – 2002	Member, Bread of Life Fellowship, Tulsa, OK
1994	Volunteer Instructor, Bread of Life Home School Cooperative, Tulsa, OK

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests center on various intersections of theology, literature, and culture. My doctoral dissertation focused on the influence of Jewish mysticism in the work of American author Annie Dillard, examining how her life-long interest in Jewish theology informs her understanding of God’s relationship to creation; her approach to questions of evil and suffering; and the means of redemption. In addition, I am interested in epistemological and aesthetic questions, primarily in the area of metaphor, arising from religious, scientific, and political discourse. My pursuit of these questions in the philosophy of science has led to scholarly work on the ways theological, poetic, and scientific metaphors mediate humans’ epistemic access to reality. I am also interested in biblical perspectives on ecology and social innovation, particularly with regard to hunger and poverty.