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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

2004, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Dissertation: "Labyrinths in American Contemporary Culture: Rituals that Engage a Sacred Cosmos"

Adviser: Dr. Fred Clothey

Master of Science in Counseling

Department of Guidance and Counseling, Hunter College, New York, New York

Thesis titled "Symbolic Visualization" on the use of symbols in psychological counseling with a Jungian archetypal perspective.

Bachelor of Arts in Counseling

Marshall University, Department of Counseling, Huntington, WV

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2005-2011 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Tennessee
 Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Religion
 "Western Humanities I"
 Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008,
 Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011

2005 The Institute for Shipboard Education, Summer 2005
 Instructor on *Semester at Sea*, an international educational program housed
 at University of Virginia that combines academic courses with travel
 around the world on a floating university. I prepared two courses related to
 travel taken to Iceland, Norway, Russia, Poland, Belgium, France,
 Ireland, and Spain
 "Varieties of Religious Tradition: Judaism, Christianity, Islam"
 "Myth, Symbol, and Ritual: Early Viking and Celtic Religion"

- 2004 University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Tennessee
Faculty Consultant for summer program "Journey to Sacred India." Was one of three faculty accompanying twelve students to South India for six weeks. Facilitated planning, orientation, and course work.
- 1999-2002 Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Instructor "Introduction to Religion"
Humanities and Social Sciences Fall 2002
- Instructor "Religion and Star Trek: Theory of Religion"
Humanities and Social Sciences
Summer 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999
- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Instructor "Varieties of Early Christianity,"
Religious Studies Department, Cross-listed with Classics and History
Summer 2002, Spring 2001, Summer 2001, Spring 2000
- Instructor "Origins of Christianity"
Religious Studies Department. Cross-listed with Classics and History
Summer 2001
- Instructor "Myth, Symbol, and Ritual"
Religious Studies Department, Cross-listed with Anthropology
Fall 2000
- 1999-2000 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Instructor "Approaches to the Study of Religion"
Religious Studies Department
Summer 2000, Spring 1999
- 1999-2000 Chatham College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Instructor "Ethics and Women's Issues"
Philosophy Department
Fall 2000, Fall 1999
- 1995-1998 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Teaching Assistant in Religious Studies Department
"Philosophy of Religion"
"Religion in India I"
"Introduction to Islamic Civilization"
"Myth, Symbol, and Ritual"
"Classics of Christian Thought"

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2007 *Astrology as Religion: Theory and Practice*,
 Journal for the Study of Religion and Nature. (Vol 1. Num 2 (June 2007) pp. 172-188.
- 2001 *Harmony Society Labyrinths, Caerdroia*: vol. 32 (August 2001) pp. 8-20.

POPULAR PRESS PUBLICATIONS

- Coaching a Dream*
Natural Awakenings Magazine, February 2009
- Creative Expression in Everyday Life*
Natural Awakenings Magazine, September 2008
- Heart for the Holidays: Focus on What Really Matters*
Natural Awakening Magazine, December 2007
- Astrologically Speaking: Sacred Sites of Astrology*
New Life Health and Wellness, September/October 2005
- Astrologically Speaking: The Water Element*
New Life Health and Wellness, July/August 2005
- Astrologically Speaking: The Elements of Life*
New Life Health and Wellness, May/June 2005
- Astrologically Speaking: The Rhythm of Life*
New Life Health and Wellness, March/April 2005
- Seeing with the Mind: How I used Visualization to Heal my Body*
New Life Health and Wellness, February 2005
- Healing the Soul: Or How I learned to Phone Home*
New Life Health and Wellness, January 2005
- Walking into the Future Through a Labyrinth Path*
New Life Health and Wellness, December 2004

ACADEMIC PAPERS PRESENTED

- A Walk into History: The Harmony Society Labyrinths*
Keynote for The Labyrinth Society Gathering, New Harmony, IN Nov 12, 2010
- Intersection of Alchemy, Christianity, and Labyrinths*
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA- Nov 2010

Labyrinths as Images of the Cosmos

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington DC- Nov 2006
Poster Session. Poster can be seen at www.laishley.com

Walking a Planetary Path: Honoring the Celestial Deities

The Labyrinth Society 6th Annual Gathering: Minneapolis, MN- Oct 2004

The Harrowing of Hell and other Medieval Labyrinth Rituals

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta – November 2003

Passing Religious Traditions to the Younger Generation (panel respondent)

International Society for the Sociology of Religion, Turin, Italy – July 2003

One God, Many Paths: Religious Diversity on the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth Society 5th Annual Gathering: Baltimore, MD- November 2003

Walking the Labyrinth: Reflections on Ritual Action

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Religious Studies Colloquium – February 2003

Walking the Cosmos: Rituals of Participation

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada – November 2002

Early Roots of American Labyrinths

The Labyrinth Society International Symposium, Glastonbury, England – May 2002

Emerging Ritual: The Labyrinth as an Arena for Change and Innovation

American Academy of Religion: Eastern Regional Meeting, Ithaca, NY – April 2001

Cosmology of the Chartres Labyrinth

The Labyrinth Society International Conference, Fayetteville, Arkansas – November 2000

Mystical 19th Century Harmonist Labyrinths

The Labyrinth Society International Conference, Denver, Colorado – November 1999

Labyrinths of the Nineteenth Century Harmony Society

Religion and Culture Symposium, University of Pittsburgh – March 1998

Ritual and Biopsychology: The Effect of Walking the Labyrinth on the Brain

American Academy of Religion: Eastern Regional Meeting, Toronto – March 1998

The Labyrinth as Ritual Action: Examination of Intent, Ritualization, and Hermeneutic Pluralism

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting,
San Francisco, California – November 1997

The Labyrinth as Transformative Ritual

Religion and Culture Symposium, University of Pittsburgh – March 1997

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2004 Holistic Counselor, Life Coach, and Astrological Consultant,
- Holistic approach with orientation to body, mind, spirit, and emotion
 - Strategic planning for life direction, and empowerment
 - Focus on women's wellness and psycho-spiritual health
 - Utilize dream analysis, visualization, past life regression
 - Specialist in symbol and ritual
 - Archetypal and energy approach to astrology
 - Private Practice in Chattanooga, Tennessee
 - Contract therapist for Intuitive Therapy group at Focus Healthcare, treatment center for Eating Disorders
- 1996-2003 Holistic Counselor and Astrological Consultant
- Holistic-health approach with orientation to body, mind, spirit, and emotion
 - Facilitated women's groups in areas of divine feminine and empowerment
 - Private practice at Family Center East, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 1995 Mental Health Supervisor
- Managed outpatient mental health facility
 - Supervised hiring and training of psychologists and support staff
 - Developed referral sources with community agencies
 - Allied Behavioral Services, Inc. Charleston, West Virginia
- 1991-1995 Psychotherapist
- Psychotherapist for Inpatient and Outpatient: Individuals, families, and groups
 - Organized wellness community including directory and health fair
 - Privileges at *HCA Riverpark Hospital* (psychiatric) for adolescents and adults
 - Gave impressionable diagnoses from DSM-IV including depression, anxiety, bi-polar, adjustment disorder, chemical dependency, eating disorder, and ADHD
 - Provided continuum of care including intake, inpatient, outpatient, discharge planning, referrals, and follow-up
 - Wrote and implemented treatment plans and gained insurance approval
 - Area Psychiatric and Psychotherapy Group, Huntington, West Virginia
- 1989-1990 Psychotherapist
- Primary Therapist: Individual, family, group therapy for adolescents and families
 - Administered treatment to youth for chemical dependency and dual diagnosis in short term in-patient facility
 - Coordinated case management including treatment and discharge plans
 - Supervised counselor aides
 - Created and implemented educational programs in chemical dependency, co-dependency, family communication, and wilderness experiences
 - Phoenix Adolescent and Recovery Center, Phoenix, Arizona

- 1991 Rio Salado Community College, Phoenix, Arizona
 Instructor “Special Needs of Chemically Dependent Adolescents”
 Instructor “Applied Techniques in Counseling”
 Instructor “Advanced Counseling in Chemical Dependency”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- Memberships held in: American Academy of Religion
 The Labyrinth Society (former Board of Director, Chair of Research)
 CHEO (Chattanooga Health Education Organization)
 Association for Astrological Networking
 Organization of Professional Astrologers
 International Society for Astrological Research

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2009-2011 Licensed as Professional Counselor (LPC)
 West Virginia Board of Examiners in Counseling (issued 1993)
- 2011 Interfaith Minister with Universal Brotherhood Movement (issued 2002)
- 2003-2006 Certification in Research and Practice Fundamentals for Exempt Research
 Institutional Review Board, University of Pittsburgh
- 2003-2006 Board of Directors: Chair of Research for The Labyrinth Society
- 2000 Chair, Sacred Space Committee
 United Religions Initiative Global Summit, Pittsburgh, PA
 Coordinated meditation, prayer, and ritual events for a three day international
 conference that involved representatives of over forty faith groups from fifty
 countries.
- 1998-2000 Board of Directors, The Labyrinth Society
- 1998 Organizing Committee for the Visit of the Dalai Lama to Pittsburgh, PA
 Part of an inter-faith alliance that engaged in fund raising, promotion,
 and security for six-thousand participants at three city-wide events.
- 1998 Co-Chair, Religion and Culture Symposium at University of Pittsburgh
 A monthly presentation of multi-disciplinary graduate research.
- 1997 Managing Co-Editor
Religious Studies Newsletter, University of Pittsburgh

- 1997 Program Committee for PhD Professional Development Seminar
 Department of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh.
 Event directed toward job options and search strategies for graduate students.
- 1996-97 Editorial Assistant
 Journal of Ritual Studies

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Below is a selected list of programs that I have designed and implemented for a variety of settings including hospital, treatment center, wellness facility, churches and retreat center.

- Liturgical Rituals with the Labyrinth
- Dreams as a Way to Inner Wisdom
- The Illuminated Journey: The Astrologer's Guide to the Universe
- As Above/So Below: Heart and Soul of Astrology
- Astrology: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced
- Positive Psychology and the Empowerment Model
- Creating Your Vision: A Five Week Training
- Reducing Stress and Balancing Your Life
- The Labyrinth: Walking a Sacred Path
- Wise Women Series: An exploration of feminine strength including topics of
 Warrior, Mother, High Priestess, Crone, Seductress
- Gatherings at the Well Series: Reclaiming women's spiritual strengths including topics of
 Ancestral Wisdom, Persephone and the Underworld, Everyday Ritual
- Visualization for Health and Healing
- Planetary Psychology: An examination of psychological archetypes
- Chemical Dependency
- Family Communication
- Co-Dependency

TRAININGS TAKEN FOR LICENSE CEU'S

- 2009 Using Metaphor to Treat Body Image and Eating; Energy Psychology
- 2007 Carl Jung's psychology, including Myers Briggs

- 2005 Ethics; Coaching & Change; Positive Psychology; The Feminine in Film
- 2003 Clinical Hypnosis with Children and Adolescents; Internet Addiction; Teaching Skills; Substance Abuse and Trauma; Ethics; Writing Patient Educational Guides;
- 2002 Integrating Spirituality and Counseling; Spirituality and Healing, Reduce Relapse
- 2001 Ethics in Health and Human Services; Menopause; Psychopharmacology in Eating Disorders; Creating Mandalas; Hypnosis in treating PTSD; Ritual
- 1999 Psychology of Mind; The Healing Voice; Women and Religion
- 1997 Body Image and Healing; Shamanic Techniques and the Therapist; Sharpening your Clinical Assessment Skills; Use of Hypnosis with Children