

Education

Doctorate of Philosophy in Religious and Theological Studies,

The Iliff School of Theology & The University of Denver, Denver, CO: November 2010

Emphasis: Religion and Social Change Certificates: Human Research Protection Program (Spring '07)

Dissertation Title: Critiquing the Soul of White Supremacy and the Spiritualities of Whiteness: Narrative and Everyday Praxis

Graduate Student-At-Large Program, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Visiting Scholar Divinity School, September 2003 – March 2006

Master of Arts in Theology, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN: 2000

Emphasis: Peace Studies Thesis Focuses: Theology and Brethren Studies

Thesis Title: Kernels without a Cob?: A Theological Case Study of Church of the Brethren Subgroups and Congregations

Cross-Cultural Studies: Brethren Colleges Abroad Professional Growth Seminar, India, January 1999

Bachelor of Science, Manchester University (Formerly Manchester College), N. Manchester, IN: 1996

Major: Sociology Minor: Peace Studies

Degree Focuses: Conflict Resolution, Mediation, Human Sexuality, Religion, and Nonviolence

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor of Philosophy, July 1, 2018 – Present, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, PA

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2013 – June 30, 2018, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, PA

Associate (2013)/Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, August 2008 – May 2013, Defiance College, Defiance, OH

Assistant Professor of Peace, Justice and Conflict Studies, July 2004 – May 2008, Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Higher Education Administration

Director, Peace and Conflict Studies, March 2014-Present, West Chester University, PA

Director, International and Global Studies, May 2012-May 2013, Defiance College, OH

Special Assistant to the Provost, July 2007 – June 2008, Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Assistant to the Academic Dean, September 2002 – June 2008, Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Director of Plowshares, September 2002 – June 2007, Goshen College, Goshen, IN

Organizations

- U.S. Membership Chair, Board of Directors, Peace and Justice Studies Association, USA, September 2018-Present
- Member, Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties, 2016 - present
- Member, Advisory Board, SpiritHouse Project, New York, NY (formerly Atlanta, GA), February 2015 – Present
- Peace and Justice Studies Association, USA, October 2000 - Present
- American Academy of Religion, USA, September 2001 - 2014
- Chair (2013-2014)/Board Member, SpiritHouse Project, Atlanta, GA, September 2004 – February 2015
- International Studies Association, September 2012 – September 2013
- American Association of University Professors, USA, February 2011 – May 2013
- Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Interests, North America, 1999-2012
- Board Member, Grassroots Liaison, Peace and Justice Studies Association, USA, June 2003 – May 2006
- Board Member, Justice and Community Chair (January 2005 – February 2006), Brethren Mennonite Council for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Interests, North America, January 2004 – February 2006

West Chester University Committees

- Member, Equity, Access, Inclusion, Diversity Initiatives Committee, College of Arts and Humanities, September 2018 - Present
- Member, Religious Studies Revision Committee, January 2018-Present
- Member, Feminist Advisory Committee, September 2017 – Present
- Member, Cultivating Change Conference Organizing Committee, September 2016-Present
- Member, Bayard Rustin Symposium/Celebration Ad-hoc Committee, April 2016-Present
- Member, Philosophy Assessment Committee, September 2015 - Present
- Convener, Peace By Peace Student Group, November 2013 – Present
- Member, Peace and Conflict Studies Steering Committee, August 2013 – Present
- Chair, Philosophy Faculty Search Committee, September-October, 2018
- Member, Rustin Urban Community Change AxiS Advisory Committee, September 2017 – September 2018
- Member, Rustin Urban Community Change AxiS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, September 2017 – September 2018
- Member, “Ethics and Activism” Panel Planning Committee, Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, West Chester University Philosophy, West Chester Peace and Conflict Studies, April 2016-November 2017
- Member, Women’s and Gender Studies Programming Committee, September 2016-December 2017
- Member, Cultivating Change: Activism & Self-Care Symposium Organizing Committee, November 2016 – February 2017
- Member, Women’s and Gender Studies Steering Committee, March 2014 – May 2015
- Member, Philosophy Faculty Search Committee, January-May, 2015
- Participant, General Education Assessment Project, Assurance of Student Learning, January 2014 –August 2014

Lectures, Presentations, Trainings & Other Committees

- Participant, Year-long Diversity and Inclusion Pedagogy Workshop, College of Arts and Humanities, West Chester University, PA, September 2018- May 2019
- Coordinator, Religious Studies Revisions Retreat, West Chester University, PA, April 15-16, 2019
- Coordinator, George Lakey, “Coffee with George Lakey,” West Chester University, PA, April 10, 2019
- Speaker, “Nonviolent Direct Action and Campaign Organizing,” Political Social Work Course, West Chester University, City Center, Philadelphia, PA, March 4, 2019
- Presenter, “Activism 101,” Cultivating Change, West Chester University, PA, February 23, 2019
- Speaker, “Defining Social Justice and Finding Your Place in It,” LEAD 400 Leadership Series, Center for Women and Gender Equity and The Office of Student Leadership, West Chester University, PA, February 13, 2019
- Coordinator, Cynthia Enloe, “Patriarchy, Militarism, & Resistance” An Evening with Cynthia Enloe, West Chester University, PA, November 7, 2018
- Speaker, International Day of Peace Vigil, Chester County Peace Movement, West Chester, PA September 21, 2018
- Coordinator, Rachel Harding and Gloria Smith, "Spirituality and Social Justice," West Chester University, PA, April 12, 2018
- Coordinator, “Remnants: A Public Reading with Dr. Rachel Elizabeth Harding,” West Chester University, PA, April 11, 2018
- Presenter, “Activism 101,” Cultivating Change, West Chester University, PA, February 25, 2018
- Facilitator, Round-table Discussion, “Dealing with Disruptors in the Classroom” Peace and Justice Association Annual Conference, University of Alabama, October 27, 2017
- Facilitator, Round-table Discussion, “Tools for Coping with and Overcoming Student Burnout” Peace and Justice Association Annual Conference, University of Alabama, October 27, 2017
- Coordinator, Workshop with Jennifer Harvey, “Charting Shifting Waters: Race (and Whiteness) in the College Classroom,” West Chester University, PA, October 6, 2017
- Co-Coordinator, “Ethics and Activism Panel,” West Chester University, PA, October 6, 2017
- Organizer/Facilitator, “Power to the People Nonviolent Social Change Trainings,” West Chester University, PA, April 12 & 19, 2017
- Co-Coordinator, “Seeking Justice, Seeking Peace: An Evening with Civil Rights Elder and Human Rights

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- Activist Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons,” West Chester University, PA, March 7, 2017
- Presenter, “Advanced Activism,” Cultivating Change: Activism and Self-Care Symposium, West Chester University, February 26, 2017
- Coordinator, “Radical Truth Telling and Action: A Discussion with Dr. Dave Ragland, co-founding member of the Truth Telling Project,” West Chester University, PA, October 27, 2016
- Guest Lecturer, “White Supremacy and the Narratives Whiteness,” Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA October 3, 2016
- Speaker, International Day of Peace Vigil, Chester County Peace Movement, West Chester, PA September 21, 2016
- Coordinator, “An Evening with Poet and Social Change Agent Ewuare X. Osayande,” West Chester University, PA, April 6, 2016
- Co-poster Presenter with Shannon Boyle, “White Middle Class,” Research Day, West Chester University, PA, April 5, 2016
- Coordinator, “Dr. Simona Sharoni founding member of FAR (Faculty Against Rape): Gender Based Violence From Campuses to International Conflicts,” West Chester University, April 4, 2016
- Panelist, “Social Justice: What Do You Do With That After Graduation?” West Chester University, March 16, 2016
- Coordinator, “Eugene Puryear: The Future of the Movement for Black Lives: HOW DO WE FIGHT TO WIN?,” West Chester University, PA, March 3, 2016
- Coordinator/Facilitator, Panel Discussion: “Building 21st Century Movements: Revolution and Nonviolence in the USA and Beyond,” West Chester University, PA, November 4, 2015
- Coordinator, “Revolutionary Nonviolence Symposium,” West Chester University, November 4-5, 2015
- Coordinator, “Ruby Sales: Finding a Better Way to Racial, Gender, and Queer Justice.” Speaker and workshop with Ruby Sales. West Chester University, PA, November 2-3, 2015
- Presenter, “Social Justice, Religious Commitments and the Pedagogy of the Elders,” Peace and Justice Association Annual Conference, James Maddison University, October 17, 2015
- Facilitator, Round-table Discussion, “Advanced Conversation on Anti-Racism Organizing,” Peace and Justice Association Annual Conference, James Maddison University, October 17, 2015
- Co-presenter, “Living Into Scripture Today!: Undoing Our Racism” On Earth Peace, Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Tampa, FL, July 14, 2015
- Speaker, “These Ties That Bind Can’t Wait,” Bethany Theological Seminary Alumnus Luncheon, Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Tampa, FL, July 14, 2015
- Co-facilitator, “Somebody Touched Me: Building Up A Community Organizing,” SpiritHouse Project and White Rock Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA, June 18-20, 2015
- Organizer/Facilitator, Nonviolence Trainings, West Chester University, PA, February 6-8, 2015
- Panel Member, “The Color of Justice: A conversation about the Ferguson case and the intersections of race and social and economic inequalities.” MLK Day Celebration, West Chester University, PA, January 22, 2015.
- Participant, College of Arts and Sciences “Imagine” Retreat, West Chester University, PA, August 1, 2014
- Participant, Diversity Workshop, West Chester University, PA, March 25, 2014
- Organizer/Facilitator, “The Powerful Yet Poised Divine Mother: Durga Devi Maa” A Lecture and Kuchipudi Indian Classical Hindu Dance Presentation Featuring, Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, March 13, 2014, West Chester University, PA 2014
- Lecturer, “Breaking the Silence Against Modern Day Lynching,” Office of Social Equity, West Chester University, PA, March 11, 2014
- Facilitator, Panel “War and the Conscientious Objector” Hickman Center, West Chester, PA, September 26, 2103
- Co-facilitator, “Can We Talk (About Religion)?” Diversity Council Faculty/Staff Development

Consultation, Evaluation & Review

- Consultant, Nonviolent Social Change Initiatives and Racial Justice Initiative, On Earth Peace, USA, August 2014 – Present
- Peer Reviewer, *Humanity and Society*, Sage Publications, July 2017 – Present
- External Program Reviewer, History and Political Science Program including MA in Peace Studies, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA, Spring 2018

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- External Program Reviewer, Religion and Ministry Studies Program Assessment and Evaluation, Defiance College, Defiance, OH, Spring 2016
- Consultant, Truth Telling Project in Ferguson, Peace and Justice Studies Association, October 2014

Conference, Colloquy & Seminar Attendance

- Annual Peace and Justice Studies Association Conference, 2002 – 2006, 2014-2015, 2017-2018
- Participant, Left Forum, John Jay College, New York, New York, June 2-4, 2017
- Participant, Urban Anabaptist Ministry Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, October 02-04, 2014
- Participant, Teaching and Learning Colloquy on Religious Commitments in the Undergraduate Classroom, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, June 2013-June 2014

Publications

- Co-authored with Phillip Balla, Shannon Boyle, Samantha Juene, and Patricia Louis, “The Pedagogy of Difficult Discussions: A Conversation,” in Laura Finley, ed. *Difficult Discussions: Issues and Ideas for Engaging College Students in Peace and Justice Topics* (Information Age Press, Forthcoming).
- Co-editor with JoanMay Cordova, Matt Guynn, and Regina Shands Stoltzfus, *Resist, Organize, Transform: An Introduction to Nonviolence and Activism* (San Francisco: Cognella Academic Publishing, Preliminary 2018, First Ed. August 2019).
- “Laura E. Reimer, Katerina Standish, and Chuck Thiessen, eds., *Conflict Transformation, Peacebuilding, and Storytelling: Research from the Mauro Center.*” Review. *Peace Research: The Canadian Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies*. Vol. 51, no.1 (2019).
- “Teaching About the Politics of White Christianity at a State University,” Blog Contributor, “Teaching, Religion, Politics,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion (October, 2017).
- “Teaching Students About Finding Their Religious Justice Roots,” Blog Contributor, “Teaching, Religion, Politics,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion (August 3, 2017).
- “Teaching Religion and Prophetic Activism,” Blog Contributor, “Teaching, Religion, Politics,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion (June 22, 2017).
- “Teaching About the Politics of Religion and Social Change,” Blog Contributor, “Teaching, Religion, Politics,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion (March 16, 2017).
- Co-authored with Shannon Boyle, “White Middle Class,” in *The American Middle Class: An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty* (ABC-CLIO, June 2017).
- “These Ties That Bind Can’t Wait” *Brethren Life and Thought*, Vol. 61, no. 1 (Spring 2016).
- “Rosemarie Freney Harding with Rachel Elizabeth Harding, *Remnants: A Memoir of Spirit, Activism, and Mothering.*” Review. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* (January, 2016).
- “The Problem of Good Intentions and Achieving Shalom,” *Messenger: A Magazine of the Church of the Brethren* (March 2015).
- “Henry Giroux, *Neoliberalism’s War on Higher Education.*” Review, *Teaching Theology & Religion*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning In Theology and Religion (March, 2015).
- “Using Film to Illustrate Theories of Nonviolence” in Laura Finley, Joanie Connors, and Barbara Wien, eds. *Teaching Peace Through Popular Culture* (Information Age Press, 2015).
- “The Problem of Whiteness in the Occupy Movement” in *What Comes After Occupy? The Regional Politics of Resistance*, ed. Todd Comer (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015).
- “On Being White and Teaching Race, Religion and Theology,” Blog Contributor, “Race Matters in the Classroom,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion (September 18, 2014).
- “Mark D. Jordan, *Recruiting Young Love: How Christians Talk About Homosexuality.*” Review, *Religion and Gender: Online Journal for the Systematic Study of Religion and Gender in an Interdisciplinary Perspective*. Vol 4, No 1 (2014).
- “Celia Popovic and David A. Green, *Understanding Undergraduates: Challenging Our Preconceptions of Student Success.*” Review, *Teaching Theology & Religion*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning In Theology and Religion (July 2014).

Publications in Process

- Lead author with several alumni on a chapter related to difficult conversations. “Difficult Discussions: Issues and Ideas for Engaging College Students in Peace and Justice Topics” an edited volume submitted to

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Information Age Press for inclusion in the Peace Education series, edited by Laura Finley and Robin Cooper. Editor: Laura Finley.

- Contributing editor and author. *Nonviolence and Revolution: An Introductory Reader on Apparently Colliding Traditions*.

Awards

- Recipient, AWA Fall 2017, “Creating a Peace and Conflict Studies Major,” West Chester University, September 2017
- Recipient, “Remnants: A Public Reading with Dr. Rachel Elizabeth Harding,” Grant, University Forum, West Chester University, April 2017
- Recipient, “Revolutionary Nonviolence Colloquia” Grant, College of Arts And Sciences Support and Development Award, West Chester University, April 2015
- Recipient, “Ruby Nell Sales: Finding a Better Way to Racial, Gender, and Queer Justice” Grant with Lisa Ruchti, University Forum, West Chester University, April 2015
- Recipient, “Religious Commitments and the Pedagogy of the Elders” Grant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, September 2013