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GENERAL FIELD

Comparative Religion/ History of Religions
Comparative Theology/ Theology of
World Religions
Christian Theology

SPECIALIZED FIELDS

Indo-Tibetan Buddhism,
Gender/Sexuality Studies
Queer Theology

EDUCATION

March 1993 Th. D. Comparative Religion, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
* The Th. D. program in Comparative Religion required a two tradition
specialization: Indo-Tibetan Buddhism and Christianity.
* Methodology Exam in Hermeneutics *Passed with Distinction*.

1975 M. Div. *with distinction*, Jesuit Weston School of Theology, Cambridge, MA.

1971 B.A. *magna cum laude*, Classics and Theology, Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA.

LANGUAGES:

Classical Tibetan, Sanskrit, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, French, and German.

THESIS TOPIC

The Hermeneutics of Madness: A Literary and Hermeneutical Analysis of the Mi-la-ras-pa'i-rnam-thar by Gtsang-smyon Heruka. Thesis Directors: Dr. Masatoshi Nagatomi and Dr. Francis Schussler-Fiorenza, Harvard University, 1993.

Service on Dissertation Committees:

Paul J. Gorrell, "*Bernard Lonergan, Erotic Conversion, and Theological Ethics*," Ph.D. Religious Studies, Drew University. (March, 2004)

Justin Tanis, *TransFormation: Identity and the Experience of God in the Lives of Transgendered People*, D. Min., San Francisco Seminary, 2002. (Published as: *Trans-Gendered Theology, Ministry, and Communities of Faith*, Pilgrim Press, 2003)

Awards

Templeton Course Prize Winner in Religion & Science (2000): The Problem of Evil: Theodicies from Natural Sciences, the Social Sciences, and Comparative Religions. The syllabus has been placed on the web page of the Center for Theology and Natural Sciences as an outstanding course and translated into Chinese.

Courses Taught:

Buddhism and South Asian Religions: Buddha in the Context of Ancient India; Engaged Buddhism in Asia; The Social Face of Buddhism; Indian Buddhism; Tibetan Buddhism; Tibetan Religious Art; Introductory and Intermediary Classical Tibetan; Indo-Tibetan Buddhism, Hinduism, The Religions of India, Engaged Buddhism in the West; New American Buddhism; The Tibetan Book of the Dead; Buddhist Ethics; Salvific Paths in Indian Religions; Christian-Buddhist Interactions and Dialogue.

Christianity and Western Religions: Introduction to Western Religions; The Social History of Heaven and Hell; Sex and Gender in Christianity; Saints, Witches, and Hermaphrodites: 14-16th Century and Contemporary Theory; Christology; The Historical Jesus; Doing Justice: Peace and Justice Movements; Violence and Non-violence in Christian Thought: Christian Mysticism; The Rise of Christian Patriarchy; Christian-Buddhist Interactions and Dialogue, Christian Constructions of Sexuality and Gender.

Comparative Topics: The Problem of Evil: Theodicies from the Natural Sciences, the Social Sciences, and Comparative Religions (2000 Templeton Course Winner in Religion & Science); Navaho and Tibetan Sacred Wisdom; Sex, Gender & World Religions; Violence and Nonviolence from a Comparative Religious Perspective; Global Ethics: Ecology and World Religions; The Religious Construction of the Body; Dream, Illusions, and Other Realities; Altered States: Comparative Mysticism; Science Fiction and the Religious Imagination; Contemporary Global Fundamentalism; Comparative Conceptions of the Afterlife; Thinking Through Religion (Critical Thinking Course); Death and Rituals of Death in Comparative Religion.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

September 2005-June 2015, Adjunct Professor, Department of Religious Studies, California State University, Northridge. Courses: RS 100 (Introduction to Religious Studies), RS 150 (World Religions), RS 150online, RS 361online, RS 361 (Ethics), RS 380 online, Asian Religions, RS 390 (Buddhism), RS 390online, and RS 396Q (Queering Religions).

January 2006- 2013 Adjunct Professor Claremont School of Theology: Taught several required courses for MCC M. Div. students as needed: Queer Cultural History and Religion and Queer Explorations for Pastoral, Theological, and Ethical Issues

January 2003- May 2004 Assistant Professor, Religious Studies

*Coordinated and developed an Engaged Buddhist Studies Program at Webster University's Cha-am campus for Spring 2002.

May 1999-December 2002 Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, Webster University.

- Templeton Course Prize Winner in Religion & Science (2000): The Problem of Evil: Theodicies from Natural Sciences, the Social Sciences, and Comparative Religions. The syllabus has been placed on the web page of the Center for Theology and Natural Sciences as an outstanding course and translated into Chinese.
- Won a second Templeton Prize of \$2000 (2002) for translating The Problem of Evil into online course.
- Secured a Templeton Lecture Grant of \$4500 to bring two speakers to Webster University. Dr. John Haught of Georgetown University was the first lecturer and Holmes Rolston as the second lecturer.
- Supervised a highly profitable department which enrolls 38% of undergraduate students each year.
- Developed online Introduction World Religions course and departmental courses online.
- Duties include budgetary; fund-raising; hiring, mentoring, and firing of adjunct professors; curriculum development; advising and mentoring majors; and library purchases.
- Team-taught new courses: Doing Justice; Buddhism Goes Global; Saints, Witches, and Hermaphrodites; Buddhism Goes Global.
- Developed a good working relationship with Eden Seminary.
- Raised nearly \$30,000 for student scholarships and received grants \$7500 for departmental activities such as Tibetan Sandpainting, Tibetan Performing Arts, and lectures.
- Successfully worked to get majors into good graduate programs with scholarships (Harvard, Yale).
- Successful in doubling majors from 20 to 40 and increasing enrollments by 50% over my term as chair.

1998- May 1999 **Assistant Professor** of Comparative Religion and **Managing Editor** of the *Journal of Religion and Education* (responsibilities ended January 2001)

1995-1998 **Lecturer**, (half time appointment) and **Managing Editor** of the *Journal of Religion & Education*, Webster University, St. Louis, MO.

1996-1999 **Managing Editor**, *Journal of Religion & Education*, Webster University Religion Department.

Responsible for a refereed journal published three times a year. Responsibilities include recruiting guest editors, soliciting articles, and selecting themes for future issues. I brought religious diversification to journal with specific topics on Islam, Buddhism, and American religions and school sponsored prayer. .

1994-1995 **Adjunct Professor**, Webster University, St. Louis, MO.

1994-1998 **Adjunct Professor of Comparative Religion**, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Taught one course per semester for MA Courses.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Shore-Goss, Robert E.; Cheng, Patrick S.; Bohachce, Thomas; west, Mona (eds); *Queering Christianity: Finding a Place at the Table for LGBTQI Christians*, Santa-Barbara, Praeger/ABC Clio, 2013. (also in kindle format)

“Introduction: Queering the Table,” 1-24

“Grace is Green: Incarnational Inclusivities,” 65-82.

“Holy Spirit as Mischief-Maker,” 120.

“Bodhisattva Christianity: A Case of Multiple Religious Belonging,” 251-270.

Goss, Robert E.; Bohache, Thomas; Guest, Deryn; West, Mona, (ed) *The Queer Bible Commentary*, SCM-Canterbury Press, October, 2006. (in kindle format also)

- **Named by SCM Press The top (number 1) theological work in fifty years.**

Boisvert, Donald & Goss, Robert E., (ed), *Gay Catholic Priests and Clerical Sexual Misconduct: Breaking the Silence of Sodom*, New York, Haworth Press, 2005.

Klass, Dennis & Goss, Robert, *Dead, But Not Lost: Grief Narratives in Religious Traditions*, AltaMira Press, January, 2005.

Goss, Robert, *Queering Christ: Beyond Jesus ACTED UP*, Cleveland, The Pilgrim Press, 2002.

Goss, Robert & West, Mona (co-editors), *Take Back the Word: A Queer Reading of the Bible*, Cleveland, Pilgrim Press, 2000.

Goss, Robert E. & Strongheart, Amy (ed), *Our Families, Our Values: Snapshots of Queer Kinship*, Ithaca, Haworth Press, 1997.

Clark, J. Michael & Goss, Robert E. (ed) *A Rainbow of Diversities*, Monument Press, 1996.

Goss, Robert E., *Jesus ACTED UP: A Gay and Lesbian Manifesto*, San Francisco, HarperCollins, June 1993.

Articles & Book-chapters: Forthcoming

Working on Eco-theology monograph. Expected completion May 2016.

Two essays on AIDS and Theology and BDSM and Theology for Routledge Handbook of Theology and Sexuality, ed. by Lisa Isherwood &

Panel of Papers on the American Academy of Religion, Gay Men and Religion Group, Twentieth Anniversary of Jesus ACTED UP. Panelist Mark D. Jordan (Harvard Divinity); Patrick S. Cheng (Episcopal Divinity School), Jay Michaelson (Brown University) and Mary Hunt (WATER) and my response. It will be published in the fall edition of *Theology & Sexuality*, 2015.

Articles & Book-chapters:

Shore-Goss, Robert, "Gay Liberation", in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies*, ed. by Julia M. O'Brien, New York Oxford University Press, 2014, 257-264.

Shore-Goss, Robert, "Bible," (pp.24-26) and "Papal Testicles (136-137), in *Cultural Encyclopedia of the Penis*, ed. by Michael Kimmel, Christine Milrod, a& Amanda Kennedy, New York, Rowan & Little, 2014.

Shore-Goss, Robert E., "Queer Reading of the Parable of the Leaven" (Luke 13:20-21), in *Global Perspectives on the Bible*, ed. by Mark Roncace & Joseph Weaver, Prentice-Hall, 2011, 242-244.

Shore-Goss, Robert E., "A Queer Reading of the Emmaus Story in Luke 24," in *Global Perspectives on the Bible*, ed. by Mark Roncace & Joseph Weaver, Prentice-Hall, 2011, 298-301.

Shore-Goss, Robert E., "An Ecological Reading of Jesus in his Encounter with Mary in the Garden (John 20:1, 11-18)," in *Global Perspectives Readings on the Bible*, ed. by Mark Roncace & Joseph Weaver, Prentice Hall, 2011, 283-284.

Shore-Goss, Robert E., "Queer Buddhists: Re-visiting Sexual Gender Fluidity," in *Queer Religion*, Vol. 1, ed. by Jay Johnson & Donald Boisvert, Praeger, 2011, 25-50.

Shore-Goss, Robert E., "Nomadic Theologian: A Radical Vision of Inclusion," in *Dancing Theology in Fetish Boots: Essays in Honour of Marcella Althaus-Reid* edited by Lisa Isherwood and Mark D. Jordan, London, SCM Press, 2010, 1-16.

Shore-Goss, Robert E., "From Gay and Lesbian Theologies to Queer Liberation Theologies," in *Liberation Theologies in the United States*, ed. By Anthony Pinn & Stacy Floyd-Thomas, New York, New York University Press, 2010, 181-208

Shore-Goss, Robert E., "'So get your high heels on for liberation, and walk!': Some Reflections in Memory of Dr. Marcella Althaus-Reid", *Theology & Sexuality*, May, 2009, vol. 15.2, 139-145.

Goss, Robert E., "Transgression as a Metaphor for Queer Theologies," in *Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism: A Critical Reader*, ed. by Bjorn Krondorfer, London, SCM Press, 2009, 137-145.

- Goss, Robert E., "Silencing Queers At the UpStairs Lounge: The New Orleans Stonewall," *Southern Communication Journal*, Fall, vol. 74/Number 3, July-Septemeber, 2009, 269-278.
- Goss, Robert E., "John J. McNeill: Jesuit Prophet, Healer, and Bodhisattva," in McNeill, John J., *Sex as God Intended with Festschrift Essays*, Maple Shade< NJ, Lethe Press, 2008, pp. 181-194.
- Goss, Robert E., "The Vatican Campaign to Purge Gay Men from Catholic Seminaries," *Conscience: The News Journal of Catholic Opinion*, Spring 2006, 3, pp. 44-46.
- Goss, Robert & Klass, Dennis, "Buddhism," in *Death and Religion in a Changing World*, ed. by Kathleen Garces-Foley, Armonk, NY, M.E. Sharpe, 2004.
- Goss, Robert E., "Always a Bride, Never a Groom," in *Breaking the Silence of Sodom: The Crisis of Gay Priests and Sexual Misconduct*, ed. by Robert E. Goss & Donald Boisvert, Haworth Press, 2005, 13-140.
- Two entries: "Queer Theory" and "Confession and Guilt" in the *Encyclopedia of Erotic Literature*, ed. by Gaëtan Brulotte and John Phillips, Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, London, 2006.
- Goss, Robert, "Der promiske Christus—Widerspiegelt in multiplen Liebesbeziehungen" ("Proleptic Sexual Love: God's Promiscuity in Christian Polyamory") *Werkstatt Schwule Theologie*, 11 Jahrgang, Oktober, 2004, 184-195.
- Goss, Robert, "Proleptic Sexual Love: God's Promiscuity in Christian Polyamory," *Theology & Sexuality*, vol. 11.1, September, 2004, 52-63.
- Dennis Klass & Robert Goss, "The Politics of Grief and Continuing Bonds with the Dead: The case of Maoist China and Wahhabi Islam" *Death Studies*, 27, 2003, 787-811.
- Goss, Robert, "Gay Recovery of Sexual Pleasure," in *Body and Soul: Justice-Lovers Rethink Sexuality*, ed. By Marvin M. Ellison & Slyvia Thorson-Smith (ed), Cleveland, The Pilgrim Press, Spring, 2003, 201-217.
- Goss, Robert, "Marcella Althaus-Reid's Obscenity No.1: The Bi/Christ: Accessorizing the Wardrobe of Christ's Dresses," *Journal of Feminist Studies*, vol. 11, no. 2, 2003, 157-166.
- Klass, Dennis & Goss, Robert, "Politics, Religions, and Grief: The Cases of American Spiritualism and the Deuteronomic Reform in Israel," *Death Studies*, vol. 26, 2002, 709-729.
- Goss, Robert, "Finding in God in the Heart-Genital Connection: Joe Kramer's Erotic Christianity," *Theology & Sexuality*, March 2002, 32-44.

"The Integration of Sexuality and Spirituality: Gay Sex Prophets within UFMCC," in *The Spirituality of Men: 16 Christians Speak About Their Faith*, ed. by Philip Culbertson, Augsburg Fortress Press, 2001, pp. 200-217.

"Buddhism," *Encyclopedia of Death and Dying*, ed. By Glennys Howarth & Oliver Leaman, New York, Routledge, 2001.

"The Beloved Disciple: A Queer Bereavement Narrative in the Time of AIDS," in *Take Back the Word: reading of the Bible*, ed. by Robert E. Goss & Mona West, Cleveland, Pilgrim Press, 2000, 206-218.

"The Hermeneutics of Engaged Education: the Naropa Institute," in *Engaged Buddhism in the West*, ed. by Christopher Queen Boston, Wisdom Publications, 2000, pp. 328-347.

Nine articles: "Hinduism; Buddhism; Christianity: Monastic Traditions; Clergy and Religious; Theology: Contemporary Formulations of by Lesbians and Gay Men, Asia: Religion, David and Jonathan, Marriage: Theological Aspects, Spirituality," in *Reader's Guide to Lesbian and Gay Studies*, ed. by Timothy Murphy, Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, Chicago, 2000

"Passionate for Christ: Out of the Closet into the Streets," in *Male Lust: Pleasure, Power, And Transformation*, ed. by Kerwin Kay with Jill Nagle & Baruch Gould, New York, Haworth Press, 2000, 297-304.

Goss, Robert & Klass, Dennis, "Spiritual Bonds to the Dead in Cross-Cultural and Historical Perspective: Comparative Religion and Modern Grief," *Death Studies*, vol. 23, 1999, 527-549.

"Queer Theologies as Transgressive Metaphors: New Paradigms for Hybrid Sexual Theologies," *Theology & Sexuality*, no. 10, March, 1999, pp. 43-53.

"Buddhist Studies at Naropa: Sectarian or Academic?" in *American Buddhism Transformed: Methods and Findings in Recent Scholarship*, ed. by Christopher S. Queen & Duncan Ryuken Williams, London, Curzon Press, 1999, pp. 215-237.

"The First Meeting of Catholic Scholasticism with Tibetan dGe-lugs-pa Scholasticism", in *Scholasticism in a Comparative Perspective*, ed. by Jose Ignacio Cabezon, SUNY/Albany, 1998, pp. 65-90.

"Christian Denominations--Smaller," in *The Encyclopedia of AIDS*, ed. by Raymond Smith, Chicago, Fitzroy Dearborn, 1998, pp. 134-136.

"Protestant Churches," in *The Encyclopedia of AIDS*, ed. by Raymond Smith, Chicago, Fitzroy Dearborn, 1998, pp. 408-412.

"Sexual Visionaries and Freedom Fighters for a New Sexual Reformation: From Gay

Theology to Queer Theologies," in *The Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement: The Campaign for Justice, Truth and Love*, ed. by Sean Gill, London, Cassell, 1998, 187-202.

"Queering Procreative Privilege: Coming Out as Families", *Our Families, Our Values: Snapshots of Queer Kinship*, ed. by Robert E. Goss & Amy Strongheart, Haworth Press, 1997, 3-20.

Editor, *Journal of Religion & Education*, vol. 24, no.2, 1997. Theme of Multiculturalism and Postmodern Education.

Goss, Robert, "A Whole New Conversation about Public Education and Religion: Can we have a common ground without interreligious dialogue?" *Journal of Religion & Education*, vol. 24, no 2, 1997.

Goss, Robert & Klass, Dennis, "Asian American Grief," *Living with Grief*, ed. by Kenneth J. Doka & Joyce D. Davidson, Philadelphia, Hospice Foundation of America, 1998.

Goss, Robert & Klass, Dennis, "Tibetan Buddhism and Grief: The Bardo of Grieving", *Death Studies*, July-August, vol. 21, # 4, 1997, pp. 377-396.

Goss, Robert, "Challenging Procreative Privilege: Equal Rites", *Theology and Sexuality*, vol. 7, Spring, 1997, pp. 33-55.

"Erotic Contemplation and Freedom Fighters", *Journal of Men's Studies*, February, 1996, pp. 243-261.

"The Insurrection of Polymorphously Perverse: Queer Hermeneutics," in *A Rainbow of Diversities*, ed. by J. Michael Clark & Robert Goss, Monument Press, 1996.

Guest Editor, *Journal of Religion & Education*, (Issue devoted to School-Sponsored Prayer), Fall vol. 22, no 2, 1995.

"Queer Christian Resistance", *Creation Spirituality*, 1994, vol. X, no. 11, pp.29-32.

Review Articles:

Ken Wilber, *The Marriage of Sense and Soul*, in *Journal of Religion & Education*, Fall, 1999.

Robert Aitken, *Original Dwelling Place: Zen Essays*, in *Buddhist Christian Studies*, vol. 19, 1999, 212-215.

Bernadette Brooten, *Love Between Women: Early Christian Responses to Female Homoeroticism*, in *Gay Theological Journal*, vol. 1, no. 2, Spring, 1998.

Mark D. Jordan, *The Invention of Sodomy in Christian Theology*, Chicago, in *Sexualities* (University of Essex, UK) Summer 1997.

Jacob Neusner (ed), *World Religions in America*, in *Journal of Religion & Education*, Spring, vol. 22, no. 1, 1995.

Nicole Sault (ed), *Many Mirrors: Body Images and Social Relations*, in *Journal of Ritual Studies*, September, 1995.

James G. Wolf (ed), *Gay Priests*, in *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, 1990-1991, vo. 20, no. 3, pp. 17-ff.

plus numerous other syndicated book reviews and *op ed* articles.

Papers, Panels, Presentations, Workshops and Lectures:

Respondent, "Is Jesus Still Acting Up?," Gay Men and Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2014.

Paper (Keynote Lecture) at Querying Catholicism: Catholic Theology and LGBT Issues Conference at Union Theological Seminary, "Resistance is not Futile," October 2010.

Paper: "Queer Re-Membering Incarnation," at Boston University School of Theology Conference on Queering the Church, April 2007.

Participant in the Queer Theology Summit at Emory University, 2007.

Paper: "Proleptic Sexuality: God's Promiscuity Reflected in Christian Poylamory," American Academy of Religion Conference, November 2003.

Joint Paper: Deborah Krause & Robert Goss, "The Steroid Church and the Steroid Gay Body—Queering the Pastoral Epistles and the Cult of Hypermasculinity," Central Midwest Regional Meeting of AAR, April 2003.

Panelist/Paper American Academy of Religion (AAR), "Become a Priest and Find a Wife: Catholic Anxieties over (Fe)Male Priests," November 2001.

Panelist/Paper: AAR, "Marcella Althaus-Reid's Obscenity No.1: The Bi/Christ: Accessorizing the Wardrobe of Christ's Dresses," November 2001.

Lecture: "Can Queer Theology Contribute to an Erotic and Nonviolent Reformation of Christianity," The Episcopal Divinity School, May 2001.

Lecture: "Can Queer Theology Save an Erotophobic Church?" Georgetown University, April 2001.

Lecture: "The Practice of Safe Texts: Contemporary Approaches to the Question of the Bible and Homosexuality," Arkansas Central State University, February 2001.

AAR: "Finding in God in the Heart-Genital Connection: Joe Kramer's Erotic Christianity," November 2000.

Poster Presentation of Templeton Prize Course Winner in Science & Religion: "The Problem of Evil: Theodicies from the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Comparative Religions," Evidence for Design Workshop, sponsored by Center for Theology & Natural Sciences and funded by the Templeton Foundation, June 2000.

Panel Moderator: GLBT and Spiritual Communities, at GLBTs, Our Straight Allies and Our Evolving World Conference, sponsored Eastern Missouri Psychiatric Society, the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute, and St. Louis University Department of Psychiatry, April 2000.

Lecture: "Homosexuality, the Bible and World Religions," University of North Texas, March 2000.

Panel Moderator, "Ancient Texts and Ancient Sexualities," at the American Academy of Religion, November 1999.

AAR Paper: "Rendering the Seams More Visible: The Public Role of the Gay Theologian in Fighting Antigay Religious Representations," November 1999.

Keynote Speech: "Post Millennial Sexual Theologies: Towards a Sexual Reformation," Conference at Harvard Divinity School: Claiming our Faith: Celebrating the Spiritual in Our Lives, April 1999.

Panel Moderator: "What is the BT in GLBT Theologies?," Conference at Harvard Divinity School: Claiming our Faith: Celebrating the Spiritual in Our Lives, April 1999.

Workshop: "Sexual Theologies," Conference at Harvard Divinity School: Claiming our Faith: Celebrating the Spiritual in Our Lives, April 1999.

AAR: (Midwest Regional Meeting) "Queer Hermeneutics: Befriending the Biblical Text," March 1999.

AAR: Paper: "Is There Sex in Heaven? Viral Communion or Sex Panic," Joint Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group and Men Studies in Religion Group, November 1998.

AAR: Panelist: "The Global Context of Masculinities," Men Studies in Religion Group, November 1998.

Panel Moderator: "Homosexuality and the Bible," at AAR/SBL, November 1998. (video taped for Other Sheep, St. Louis)

Panel Moderator: "Confronting the Exgay Movement," Professionals from Washington University Medical School and Eden Seminary, March 1998.

Lecture: "Tibetan Art," St. Louis Asian Society, April 1998.

AAR: Paper: "Transgression as a Metaphor for Queer Theologies" Theology and Religious Reflection Unit, November 1997.

AAR: Panel Moderator: "Buddhism from a Gay Perspective", Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group, November 1997.

Panel Moderator: Religion & Violence, Creating Change Conference, NGLTF, San Diego, 1997.

Paper: "Buddhist Studies at Naropa: Sectarian or Academic?," Harvard University Conference on the Americanization of Buddhism sponsored by the Harvard Forum of Buddhist Studies, May 1997.

Johns Hopkins Lecture Series: Voices of Queer America: "Christianity and Homosexuality," April 1997.

Panel Participant in "AIDS and the Art of Jeff Colby," University of Missouri, St. Louis, March 1997.

AAR: Paper: "A Whole New Conversation about Public Education and Religion: Can we have a common ground without interreligious dialogue?," State and Church Group, November 1996.

AAR: Panel Moderator: "Reclaiming Gay Male Sexual Life and Gay Ethics," Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group, November 1996.

Panel: "The Politics of Ritual and the Ritual of Politics," Creating Change Conference, NGLTF, Detroit, 1995.

AAR: Respondent to Panel: "Gay Spirituality," Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group, November 1995.

Panel: "Queer, Feminist, and African-American Liberation Theologies," Other Sheep Conference, March 1995.

AAR: Paper: "The Insurrection of Polymorphously Perverse: Queer Hermeneutics", Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group. November 1994.

Grants, Awards, and Honors:

1999 Received a \$1,500 Grant from The Missouri Arts Council to sponsor a Tibetan Sand Painting at Webster University by the Gandan Shigartse monks.

2000 Templeton Science & Religion Course Competition Prize Winner: \$10,000 award for my course: "The Problem of Evil: Theodicies from the Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Comparative religions." \$5,000 to the Department of Religious Studies and \$5,000 to myself.

The syllabus has been placed on the website of the Center for Theology and Natural Sciences. The syllabus has also been translated into Chinese.

2002 Templeton Lecture Grant of \$4,000 to bring two speakers in Religion & Science to Webster University.

2003 Templeton Course Award of \$2,000 for translating my award winning course to an online course.

Professional Associations:

American Academy of Religion, (1993-Present)

Co-Chair of the Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group. 1994-1999.

Member of the Steering Committee of the Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group

The Society of Buddhist-Christian Studies (1991-Present)

American Editor for the journal, *Theology & Sexuality*.

Editorial Advisory Board to *Gay Theological Journal*.

National Advisory Board for the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in religion and Ministry at the Pacific School of Religion, 2001-Present.

Faculty Service:

Chair, Department of Religious Studies, May 1999-Present.

- Received approval for the MA in Religious Studies from Graduate Council, March 2000.
- Developing departmental online courses to create the option of minoring in Religious Studies at all Webster's undergraduate campuses.
- Brought \$47,500 in gifts and grants for the department in 1999-Present.
- Received a Templeton grant of \$4,000 for a lecture series in Religion & Science at Webster University.
- Researched the Market and Launched a Buddhist Studies Abroad Program at Webster's campus in Cha'am, Thailand, Spring 2003.
- Mentored and assisted majors in strategies in getting into good graduate schools.
- Recruited and mentored new adjunct faculty.

Faculty Advisor for SPIRIT (The World Religions Club) and for Students for a Free Tibet, and Webster's Friends (1999-Present)

*Students for a Free Tibet won the 1997 & 1998 Webster University Award for outstanding cultural awareness and the 1998 award for outstanding fundraising.

*Pride won the 1997 Webster University Award for best new student organization.

Webster University-Eden Seminary Library Subcommittee on Dividing the Collections, May 2002.

College of Arts & Sciences Representative for Online Courses.

Served on the Search Committee for Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, 2000-2001 & 2001-2002.

Career Advisory Council, The Career Center, 1998-2000.

Served on the Search Committee for the ESL Position for Webster Thailand 1999

Served on the Webster University Ad Hoc Committee on Domestic Partnerships, 1999.

Technology Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 1998-1999.

Multicultural Studies Committee, Webster University: Worked on a strategy for hiring more African-American faculty. 1995-1996

Professional Development Workshops:

June, 1999 Templeton Foundation Workshop on Science & Religion, Berkeley, CA.

June 2000, Templeton Foundation Workshop on Science & Religion, Chicago, IL.