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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion and Theology, Claremont Graduate University (1998)

Emphases: religious pluralism, epistemology, Wittgenstein

Dissertation title: *The Limits of Pluralism and the Primacy of Practice: An Epistemological Inquiry into Religious Diversity*

Advisor: D.Z. Phillips

Master of Science, Philosophy, University of Utah (1992)

Emphases: ethics, philosophy of religion

Thesis title: *An Evaluation of John Hick's Philosophy of Religion*

Advisor: Peter Appleby

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Director, Center for the Study of Ethics, Utah Valley University	2014-present
Director, Religious Studies Program, Utah Valley University	2002-present
Marlin K. Jensen Scholar in Residence (Mormon Studies), University of Utah	Fall, 2016
Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs - Engaged Learning, Utah Valley University	2010-2014
<i>Areas of Responsibility:</i> Center for Global & Intercultural Engagement, Faculty Center, Community & Continuing Education, Academic Service Learning, Internship Services, Institutional Research Board, Capitol Reef Field Station, Office of Academic Research Support, Undergraduate Research, Office of Engaged Learning, Sponsored Programs	
Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University	2010-present
<i>Selected Courses:</i> Honors Ethics and Values, Approaches to Religious Studies, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Senior Ethics Seminars, Mormon Theology and the Christian Tradition	
Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah	Fall, 2015
<i>Course taught:</i> Philosophy of Mormon Thought	
Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (Interim), Utah Valley University	2008-2010
Visiting Professor, School of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA	Spring, 2008
<i>Courses taught:</i> Mormonism and Christian Theology	
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University	2005-2010
Chair, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Utah Valley University	2003-2006
Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Philosophy, Utah Valley State College	1999-2005
Associate Director, Center for the Study of Ethics, Utah Valley State College	1999-2006
Acting Director, Center for the Study of Ethics, Utah Valley State College	2002-2003
Instructor, Department of Humanities and Philosophy, Utah Valley State College	1995-99
Instructor, Humanities Division, Salt Lake Community College	1995-96
Adjunct Professor, Political Science and History Department, Weber State University	1995-96

SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

1. Ethics education with an emphasis on diversity related issues
2. Mormon Studies with a focus on theological and methodological issues
3. Philosophical and theological dimensions of religious pluralism
4. Epistemological dimensions of ethics and religious belief

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Expanded Canon: Mormonism and Sacred Texts, ed. with Blair Van Dyke & Boyd Petersen (Greg Kofford Books, 2018)

Perspectives on Mormon Theology, series co-editor with Loyd Ericson (Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books)

Series Volumes

- *Perspectives on Mormon Theology: Scriptural Theology*, James Faulconer & Joseph Spencer, eds. (published, 2015)
- *Perspectives on Mormon Theology: Apologetics*, Blair Van Dyke & Loyd Ericson, eds. (published, 2018)

What is Postmodernism? co-edited with David R. Keller (Orem, UT: Center for the Study of Ethics, 2003)

Ethics and Values: Basic Readings in Theory and Practice (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1999), contributing editor

Journals

Teaching Ethics: The Journal of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, editor, 2000-2005 (10 issues)

Element: The Journal of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, editor, 2005-2010 (10 issues)

Current Book Projects

Mormonism and the Challenge of Religious Diversity

Radical Pluralism: Essays on Ethics, Diversity, and Religious Experience, ed. with Patrick Horn

Articles and Book Contributions

“To Hearken or Not: Divine Commands and Ethical Dissonance” (*pending*)

“A Portion of God’s Light?: Mormonism and Religious Pluralism” *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought* 51:2 (Summer, 2018)

“On Being Epistemically Vulnerable: Mormonism & the Secular Study of Religion” in *To Be Learned is Good: Essays on Faith and Scholarship in Honor of Richard Lyman Bushman* (Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, 2018)

“Beyond the Canon: Authoritative Discourse in Comparative Perspective” in *The Expanded Canon: Mormonism and Sacred Texts* (Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books, 2018).

“The Old Orthodoxy’: Sterling McMurrin in the Development of Mormon Thought” in *Faith, Reason, Conscience, and Conflict*, Robert Goldberg & (Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2018)

“The Intellectual Cultures of Mormonism: Faith, Reason, and the Apologetics Enterprise” in *Perspectives on Mormon Theology: Apologetics* (Salt Lake City: Greg Kofford Books, 2017).

“Mormonism and the Heresies” in *Let Us Reason Together: Reflections on the Life of Study and Faith* (Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, 2016)

“Mormonism and the Challenge of an Adequate Theodicy: A Reply to David Paulsen, et al.” *Element: The Journal of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology* 6:1 (Spring, 2015)

“Divine Investiture: Mormonism and the Concept of the Trinity” in *Talking Doctrine: The Mormon-Evangelical Dialogue After Fifteen Years*, (InterVarsity Press, 2015)

“In Defense of Methodological Pluralism: Theology, Apologetics, and the Critical Study of Mormonism,” *Mormon Studies Review* 1:1 (2014)

“Faith Seeking Understanding: Mormon Atheology and the Question of Fideism” in *Mormonism at the Crossroads of Philosophy and Theology* (Kofford Books, 2012)

“Turning the Devil Out of Doors: Mormonism and the Concept of Hell” in *Hell and Its Afterlife* (Ashgate Publishing Co., 2010)

Review (with Patrick Horn), *Religion and Friendly Fire: Examining Assumptions in Contemporary Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Investigations* 31 (July, 2007)

“Theological Method and the Question of Truth: A Postliberal Approach to Mormon Doctrine and Practice,” in *Discourses in Mormon Theology: Philosophical and Theological Possibilities*, edited by James McLachlan and Loyd Ericson (Greg Kofford Books, 2008)

“The CIA Leak Investigation: A Case Study,” *Teaching Ethics: The Journal of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum*, 6:1 (Fall, 2005)

“Mormonism and War,” in *The Encyclopedia for Religion and War*, Religion in Society Series, Routledge, 2003.

“Between Scylla and Charybdis,” *Sunstone*, 121 (January, 2002)

PRESENTATIONS

“Religious Diversity: Our Lens of Difference” 3Rs Project, Teacher Training Workshop, July, 2021

“Interfaith Dialogue and Religious Freedom” Panel Discussion, International Visitor Leadership Program, U.S. Department of State, February, 2021.

“Mormonism and the Question of Religious Diversity” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November, 2019.

“Religion in the Ethics Classroom: More than a ‘Conversation Stopper’” Annual Meeting of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, Philadelphia, PA, October, 2019

“Interreligious Engagement at Utah Valley University,” Interfaith Cooperation at Public Universities Convening, Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, IL, September, 2019

“Heretics & Infidels: The Changing Landscape of Religious Diversity, Roots of Knowledge Lecture Series, September, 2019

“Can there be a Latter-day Saint Theology of Religions?” Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy & Theology, University of Utah, March, 2019.

“Worlds Without End: Engaging Mormon Universalism,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy & Theology, Utah State University, March, 2018.

“On Sanctifying Doubt: A Critical Appraisal,” 2018 Mormon Studies Conference, Utah Valley University, February, 2018.

“What Has Athens To Do With Jerusalem?” Books & Bridges Lecture Series, Salt Lake City, April, 2017.

“Church & State: Married Divorced or in Need of Counseling?” Panel Discussion sponsored by the Utah Humanities Council & The Village Square, Salt Lake City, UT, April, 2017.

“The Intellectual Cultures of Mormonism: Faith, Reason, and Authority in the Information Age” Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, November, 2016.

“A Portion of God’s Light’: Mormonism and Religious Pluralism” Maxwell Institute Lecture, Brigham Young University, November, 2016.

“To Hearken or Not: Divine Commands & Ethical Dissonance” Conference on Peacemaking: Ethical Perspectives in and Around Mormonism, Utah Valley University, October 2016.

“On Being Epistemically Vulnerable: Mormonism and the Secular Study of Religion,” Scholar’s Colloquium on Mormonism in the Academy, Brigham Young University, June, 2016.

“Engaging Interfaith Studies in Public Higher Education: Strategies and Programs,” Conference on Interfaith Studies: Curricular Programs & Core Competencies, California Lutheran University, March, 2016.

“Peer Disagreement and the Problem of Religious Pluralism” Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, February, 2016.

“The Specter of Fideism: Critical Reflections on Mormon Apologetics” Foundation for Religious Diplomacy Panel, November, 2015.

“Mormonism Among the World Religions: Situating Mormonism in the Christian Community,” Parliament of the World’s Religions, October, 2015.

“all that God has revealed’: Revelation and Authority in LDS and Catholic Contexts, Mormon Studies Conference, Utah Valley University, April, 2015.

“Heretics and Infidels: The Changing Landscape of Religious Diversity,” Third Annual Neale Nelson Memorial Lecture, University of Utah, February, 2015.

“The ‘Old Orthodoxy’: Sterling McMurrin and the Development of Mormon Thought,” Symposium on Faith and Reason, Conscience and Conflict: The Lives of Sterling McMurrin, Lowell Bennion, and Obert Tanner, University of Utah, April, 2014.

“What Power Shall Stay the Heavens: Continuing Revelation and Doctrinal Authority Among the Latter-day Saints,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November, 2013.

“Theology, Apologetics, and Mormon Studies,” Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology (panel), Utah Valley University, November, 2013.

“A Peculiar People: Mormonism at the Margins of Christian Theology,” Conference on Mormonism and Exoticism, Royal Academy of Belgium, Brussels, May, 2013.

“The Pratt-Newman Debate: American Political Orthodoxy Confronts Mormon Theology” (respondent), Mormon History Association, June, 2013.

“Beyond the Canon: Authoritative Discourse in the Digital Age,” Mormon Studies Conference, Utah Valley University, April 5, 2013.

“Dogma and Democracy: Religious Authority and Political Pluralism in the Twenty-First Century,” UVU Conference by the Faculty, January, 2013.

Panel Discussion: “Unsolvable: The Kingdom of God on Earth,” Foundation for Religious Diplomacy, November, 2012.

”The Mormon Moment,” BYU Humanities Center Faculty Colloquium, November, 2012.

“Cultural and Religious Pluralism Today,” Inaugural address, Building Civility & Unity, Salt Lake City Library, September, 2011.

“Dangerous Liaisons: Mormonism and the Critical Study of Religion,” Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, Brigham Young University, Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology presentation, April, 2011.

“The Good and the True: Religious Diversity and Theological Integrity,” Foundation For Interreligious Diplomacy Conference, University of Southern California, June, 2010.

“In Defense of Methodological Anarchy,” CMSSA Annual Conference, What is Mormon Studies? Transdisciplinary Inquiries into an Emerging Field, Claremont Graduate University, April, 2010.

“Are Mormons Pelagians,” 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, Utah Valley University, April, 2010.

“The Awkwardness of Mormonism and its Place in Religious Studies,” Religious Studies Colloquium, University of Utah, September, 2009.

“Treasure Them Up: Providence, Pluralism, and the Plan of Salvation,” 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, May, 2009.

“The Contested Concept of Christian Identity,” Philosophy Colloquium, Utah Valley University, November, 2008.

“Revelation and Doctrinal Authority,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Ill, October, 2008.

“On Being Christian: Doing Justice to the Tradition,” 2008 Annual Conference of the European Mormon Studies Association, Turku, Finland, August, 2008.

“Teaching Mormon Studies,” 2008 Salt Lake Sunstone Symposium panel, August, 2008.

“Philosophical Musings on Apologetics,” 2008 Conference of the Foundation for Apologetic Information and Research, August, 2008.

“Rethinking Atheology” 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, University of Utah, April, 2008.

“What Has Athens to Do With Jerusalem? The Place of Theology in Mormon Studies” Sunstone West Symposium, Claremont, CA, March, 2008.

“Why Theology Matters (Even for Mormons)” Miller-Eccles Study Group, Villa Park, CA, January, 2008.

“Mormon Atheology and its Implications for Teaching Mormon Studies,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Mormon Studies Consultation, San Diego, CA, November, 2007.

“Mormonism and War” Interfaith Conference on War and Peace, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2007.

“The Ethics of Inclusion in a Homogenous Culture: A Case Study” Presidential Colloquium, Clemson University, April, 2007.

“A Confessional Approach to Religious Diversity: Implications for Latter-day Saint Self-Understanding,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, Provo, UT, March, 2007.

“Mormon Approaches to War and Peace,” Second Annual Dialogues on Peace and Justice, Utah Valley State College, March, 2007.

“D.Z. Philips and His Critics: Remarks on *Religion and Friendly Fire*,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head, South Carolina, February, 2007.

“Tribute to D.Z. Phillips,” 28th Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, Claremont Graduate University, February, 2007.

“Academic Freedom and Religious Institutions,” panel discussion for the Intermountain Philosophy Conference, October, 2006.

“An Analysis of Latter-day Saint Conceptions of Damnation,” Hell and Its Afterlife: An International and Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Utah, October, 2006.

"Can There Be a Mormon Process Theology? Remarks on the Power of God and the Problem of Evil," Seventh Annual Mormon Studies Conference, Utah Valley State College, March, 2006.

"Reformed Epistemology, Mormonism, and the Question of Fideism" Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, UT, March, 2006.

"Divine Command Ethics: Some Conceptual Possibilities" (reply to Susan Peppers-Bates) Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Religion, Charleston, South Carolina, February, 2006.

"Mormonism in the Academy," Sunstone Arizona, Tempe, AZ, January, 2006.

"Interfaith Relations and Theological Integrity," Unitarian Universalist Society, September, 2005.

"The Social Dimension of Religious Experience," Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, Logan, Utah, November, 2004.

"Higher Education and Civic Virtue," UVSC Conference by the Faculty: Media, Law, and Justice, September, 2004.

"A Postliberal Approach to Mormon Theology," Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, March, 2004.

"Religious Diversity and Theories of Reference" Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head, South Carolina, February, 2003.

"Religious Studies and Community Involvement at Utah Valley State College," Annual Meeting of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, Greenville, SC, October, 2002.

"Mormonism and War" Utah Valley State College Teach-In, January, 2003.

"The Abrahamic Religions," Utah Teachers Academy, December, 2002

"Not Your Ordinary Philosopher: A Brief Sketch of the Life and Thought of Ludwig Wittgenstein, Great Thinkers Lecture Series, Utah Valley State College, November, 2002.

"Religious Experience, Rational Justification, and Radical Diversity," Sunstone Symposium, Salt Lake City, August, 2002.

"Can There be a 'Mormon Philosophy'," Mormon Philosophy Conference, Utah Valley State College, March, 2002

"Religious Diversity and Religiously Motivated Violence," South Valley Unitarian/Universalist Society, January, 2002.

"The Desubliming of Truth: A Critique of Correspondence Theories," Philosophy Colloquium, Utah Valley State College, September, 2001.

"Religion in American Public Discourse: A Response to Rorty and Rousseau," American Studies Conference, Utah Valley State College, October, 2001.

"Violence and Religion: Naivety and Hubris," Sixth Annual Religious Studies Conference, Utah Valley State College, October 2001.

"Religious Studies and Ethics Across the Curriculum," Conference of the Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum, Salt Lake City, Utah, October, 2000.

"Religious Diversity and Pedagogy," Utah State Teachers Academy, August, 2001.

"The Theological Distinctiveness of Mormonism," American Academy of Religion Conference, Mountain-Plains Region, March, 2001.

"The Editorial Philosophy of *Teaching Ethics*," The Conference of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, OH, March, 2001.

"Philosophical Problems with Religious Pluralism," Philosophy Colloquium, Utah Valley State College, February, 2001.

"An Artichoke Without Leaves: The Question of Reference in Religious Pluralism," Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Plains Region, June, 1999.

“The Development of American Philosophical Thought,” Mongolian Education Delegation, Utah Valley State College, May, 1997.

“Does Relativism Necessarily Destroy Religious Faith?,” First Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, October, 1996.

“Some Remarks Concerning the Philosophical Status of Religious Belief,” Philosophy Club, Brigham Young University, September, 1995.

“Epistemology and Pluralism: The Incoherence of Universal Theology,” Theology, Religion and Philosophy Society, Claremont, California, March, 1995.

AWARDS, HONORS & GRANTS

Teagle Foundation & Interfaith Youth Core Grant, Religious Diversity in General Education, January, 2021.

Presidential Award of Excellence, Leadership & Inclusion, Utah Valley University, April, 2019

Curriculum Development Grant (Interreligious Studies), Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, ILL, Spring, 2017

Marlin K. Jensen Fellowship, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, Fall, 2016 (scholar in residence)

Sabbatical Leave, Utah Valley University, Fall, 2016 (awarded for development of *Mormonism Among Christian Theologies*)

James Kemper Grant, Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, IL, 2015.

Award of Excellence, UVU Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, 2014.

Democracy and Religion Program Coordinator, Utah Democracy Project, Center for the Study of Ethics, Utah Valley University, 2008-11.

Grant director, “Dialogues on Religion and Values,” Center for Engaged Learning, Utah Valley University.

Presidential Scholar Award, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Utah Valley State College, October, 2007-08.

Operating Grant for the annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Humanities Council, June, 2007.

Sabbatical Leave, Utah Valley State College, 2007-08 (awarded for manuscript preparation for *Mormonism and Christian Thought*).

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Eleventh Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, December, 2006.

Presidential Fellowship for Faculty Scholarship, Utah Valley State College, Associate Vice-President for Scholarship and Outreach, 2005-06.

Exceptional Merit Grant, Utah Valley State College Foundation, March, 2005.

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Tenth Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, November, 2005.

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Ninth Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, May, 2004.

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Eighth Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, May, 2003.

Presidential Fellowship for Faculty Scholarship, Vice-President for Scholarship and Outreach, UVSC, 2002-03.

Faculty Excellence Award (co-recipient), School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, 2001-02.

Award of Excellence, Board of Trustees, Utah Valley State College, 2001.

Co-recipient, First Place Honor, Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Faculty Development to Enhance Undergraduate Teaching and Learning (awarded to the Center for the Study of Ethics for the Ethics Across the Curriculum Program).

Teacher of the Year Nominee, Department of Humanities and Philosophy, 2001-02.

Associate Director (and Acting Director), Focus Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities, Mormon Cultural Studies, 1999-2000.

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Sixth Annual Religious Studies Conference, Utah Valley State College, May, 2001.

Exceptional Merit Grant, Utah Valley State College Foundation, Awarded for creation of *Teaching Ethics*, April, 2000.

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Fifth Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, May, 2000.

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Fourth Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, May, 1999.

Adjunct Teacher of the Year, School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Utah Valley State College, 1997-8

Project Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Awarded for the Third Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, October, 1998.

Merit Award for Exemplary Projects, Utah Humanities Council, Awarded for the First Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, September, 1996.

Major Grant, Utah Humanities Council, Awarded for the First Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College, September, 1996.

Adjunct Teacher of the Year Nominee, Humanities and Philosophy Department, Utah Valley State College, 1995-6.

Viacom Fellowship, Program in Religion, The Claremont Graduate School, 1993-5.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

Participant, "Civic Approaches to Teaching Religion in General Education" convening. Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago (January 2020).

Steering Committee, Interfaith Youth Core's "Interfaith Cooperation at Public Universities" convening in Chicago (September, 2019).

Co-Director, Ethics and Leadership Project, partnership with the UVU Student Leadership & Success Studies (2019-present)

Director, Appomattox Project for Ethics in Public Life, Utah Valley University (2017-present)

Organizer and Chair, Annual Religion and the Humanities Conference, Utah Valley State College (1996-present)

Co-organizer, Annual Mormon Studies Conference, UVU (2000-present)

Co-organizer, Annual Eugene England Lecture Series (2001-present)

Developed and co-direct the Interreligious Engagement Initiative at UVU (2012-present)

Participant, Mormon/Evangelical Dialogue Group (2008-2017)

Oversight of the design, construction, and programming for the UVU Reflection Center (2013-14)

Participant in Mormon Ethics Seminar on War and Peace, Brigham Young University (July, 2015)

Created and developed institutional partnership with the Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, Ill (2014-15)

National Governor's Association, Postsecondary Policy Academy, Improving Accountability (Denver, CO, April 12-13, 2012)

Research Interest Groups, Mormon Studies, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah (2012, 2014)

Review Panel, National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant Program (Washington, DC, July, 2011)

Organizer, Inaugural Conference of the Foundation for Interreligious Diplomacy, Mormon Chapter, “Mormon Engagement with the World Religions: Perspectives and Possibilities with the Abrahamic Religions,” University of Southern California, June, 2010 (co-sponsored with the Center for Religion and Civic Engagement (USC), the Richard L. Evans Chair (BYU), the Howard W. Hunter Chair in Mormon Studies (CGU), and the Religious Studies Program, UVU)

Organizer and host, 2010 & 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology.

Co-director, Student Intercultural Studies Excursion to New York City (September, 2009).

Co-organizer, “Perspectives on a Massacre: A Panel Discussion on Mountain Meadows,” March, 2009

Co-organizer, National Student Dialogue Conference II, Utah Valley University, October, 2008.

Co-organizer (with Lisa Lambert), “Toward Finding Common Ground: A Discussion of Academic Freedom and Responsibility” (faculty forum at Utah Valley State College, March, 2005).

Co-director (with Steven Bule), Italy Study Abroad, May-June, 2005.

Organizer, “The Ethics of Same Sex Marriage Legislation,” Ethics Awareness Week, Utah Valley State College, September, 2004.

Faculty, London Study Abroad, May-June, 2004.

Co-founder, Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, 2003.

Director, The Democracy Project, Center for the Study of Ethics, 2003-04

Co-organizer, Utah Valley State College Conference by the Faculty, “What is Postmodernism?” (September, 2002).

Co-organizer, Ethics Awareness Week, September, 2002.

Review, Oxford University Press (proposal for *Philosophy of Religion: Ten Essential Readings*).

Co-organizer, Ethics Across the Curriculum Summer Seminar, Utah Valley State College, May, 2001.

Organizer and Chair, “Mormonism: An Emerging World Religion” American Academy of Religion Conference, Mountain-Plains Region, March, 2001.

Participant in Mormon Studies Faculty Seminar, National Endowment for the Humanities Program at Utah Valley State College, 2000-01.

Faculty, Honors Program, Utah Valley State College, 1999-2005.

Program Committee, American Academy of Religion, Mountain-Plains Region, 2001.

Co-Organizer, Academic Freedom Symposium, “Utah Valley vs. State College? Academic Freedom and Community Values,” Utah Valley State College, February, 2000.

Participant in Ethics Across the Curriculum Summer Seminar, Utah Valley State College, 1998-2010.

Instructor, Distance Learning Program, Utah Valley State College, 1997-99.

Organizer and Chair, Symposium on Plural Marriage, Utah Valley State College, November, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Parliament of the World’s Religions (Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, 2015-17)

Society for Philosophy of Religion (President, 2020-21)

Claremont Graduate University Council for Mormon Studies (Advisory Council, 2020-present)

Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (2000-present)

Foundation for Religious Diplomacy (Senior Fellow, 2013-present)
Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology (co-founder; editor, *Element*)
American Academy of Religion (Mormon Studies Group, Founding Steering Committee, 2007-10)
Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought (Board of Directors - Chair, 2009; currently on Editorial Board)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

President, Executive Board, 3Rs Project (2020-present)
Co-Chair, Interreligious Engagement Community Advisory Council (2019-present)
Appomattox Project Community Advisory Board (2018-present)
Parent Advisory Board, UVU Center for Autism (2018-present)
Advisory Board, Civil and Compassionate Communities Initiative (2015-17)
Tanner Humanities Center, Faculty Advisory Board (2014-20)
Advisory Council, Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable (2019-present)
Executive Committee, 3Rs Project, Utah State Office of Education (2002-09)
World Religions Seminar, Teacher Certification Training, Utah State Board of Education, 3Rs Project
Utah Humanities Council Speakers Bureau, "Many Faiths, One Nation: Religions and Community in America," (2003-06)
Board of Directors, Salt Lake Center for Engaging Community (2005-07)
Co-host, Building the Good Society, KRCL Community Radio Program (2002-03)
Participant in the Ethics Project, Utah Arts Council, "Civil Discourse in a Pluralistic Society" (2000)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Civic Thought & Leadership Working Group, (2021-present)
Search Committee, Assistant Professor of Philosophy position, (2020-21)
Search Committee, Lecturer, Department of Philosophy & Humanities (2020)
Search Committee, Associate Provost for Engaged Learning (2020)
Chair, General Education Subcommittee - Re-Envisioning the Undergraduate Experience (2019)
Co-chair Re-Envisioning the Undergraduate Experience Committee (2018-19)
Co-Chair, Search Committee, Associate Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences (2017)
Search Committee, Director, Center for Constitutional Studies (2016)
Search Committee Chair, Lecturer in Philosophy (2015-16)
Global-Intercultural Advisory Committee (2014-16)
Chair, Roots of Knowledge Working Group (2014-15)
Honors Program Faculty (2011-present)
Search Committee, Dean of Students/AVP for Student Services (2014)
Co-chair, Reflection Center Advisory Board (2012-17)
Strategic Inclusion Plan, Executive Committee (2013-14)
Steering Committee, Utah Campus Compact (2012-14)
Search Committee, Director of Community Relations, UVU (October, 2013)
Co-Chair, UVU University Project for Civic Engagement (2011-14)
Coordinating Council, Women's Success Center (2011-14)
Management Advisory Committee, Human Resources (2011-12)
Search Committee Chair, Senior Director for Development (2011)
Strategic Engagement Council (2010-13)
International Studies Programs Advisory Committee (2009-2010)
Interim Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (2008-10)
Co-chair, Engaged Learning Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (2009-10)
UVU Community Relations Council (2005-present)
Chair, Religious Studies Committee (2002-present)
Co-chair, Task Force on Engaged Learning in the Liberal Arts, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (2008-09)
Fellow, Service Learning Program, Utah Valley University (Spring, 2009)
Designed curriculum for PHIL366R (Mormonism in American History and Thought (Fall, 2009)
Designed curriculum for RLST 3620, Mormon Theology and the Christian Tradition (Spring, 2007)

Chair, Rank, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, School of HASS (2006-07)
Ethics Across the Curriculum Steering Committee (2005-08)
Chair, HASS Faculty Excellence Award Committee (2004-06)
General Education Committee (2004-06)
UVSC Institutional Research Board (2003-04)
Chair, Department of Philosophy and Humanities (2003-06)
Associate Director, Center for the Study of Ethics (2001-06)
Designed curriculum for Religious Studies Minor, approved (June, 2005)
Chair, Faculty Excellence Award Committee, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (2003-04)
Co-Chair, Faculty Excellence Award Committee, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (2002-03)
Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies Committee, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (2003-04)
Hiring Committee, Assistant to the Department of Philosophy and Humanities (2002-03)
Hiring Committee, Assistant to the Vice-President for Scholarship and Outreach (2002-03)
Search Committee, Department of Philosophy and Humanities (2002-03)
Cabinet, Vice-President for Scholarship and Outreach (2002-2003)
Designed curriculum for Religious Studies Emphasis, Integrated Studies Program (2001-02)
Chair, Search Committee, Department of Humanities and Philosophy (2001-02)
Chair, Faculty Development Committee (2000-2003)
Diversity Committee, Utah Valley State College (2001-2002)
Designed curriculum for PHIL 1600, Western Religions (2001-02)
Designed curriculum for PHIL 1700, Eastern Religions (2001-02)
Faculty Advisor to *Beneficence*, An Undergraduate Journal of Bioethics Inquiry (2001-02)
Rank Advancement Committee, Department of Humanities and Philosophy (2000-01)
Ad hoc Committee on Faculty Representation, UVSC Faculty Senate (2000-01)
Textbook Committee, Department of Humanities and Philosophy (2000-01)
Designed curriculum for PHIL 3600, Philosophy of Religion (2000-01)
Campus Conversation Group, Funding Committee (2000-01)
Curriculum Committee, Utah Valley State College (2000-01)
Program Committee, American Academy of Religion, Mountain Plains Region (2000-01)
Faculty Senate, Department of Humanities and Philosophy, Utah Valley State College (1999-03)
Executive Committee, Center for the Study of Ethics, Utah Valley State College (1999-06)
Four-Year Degree Committee, Department of Humanities and Philosophy, Utah Valley State College (1999-2000)
Co-Advisor, Philosophy Club, Utah Valley State College (1999-2000)
Search Committee, Department of Humanities and Philosophy, Utah Valley State College (1999-2000)