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**Current Position**

Adjunct Faculty for Online, Hybrid, and Live courses in Religion, Philosophy, Psychology, Theology, Counseling, Women’s Studies, and Freshman Seminar.

**Professorial Experience**

**Instructor - Professor**

*Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ* Sep '02 - Present

Religions of the World; Religion and Culture; Intro to Religion

**Instructor - Professor**

*Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ* Sep '09 - Present

Intro to Religion; Religions of the World; Women in Religion

**Instructor - Professor**

*Saint Peter's University, Jersey City, NJ* Sep '09 - Jun '13

Intro to Psychology; Abnormal Psychology; Theories of Personality; Life Span Psychology

**Education**

**Master of Arts** (Counseling)

*Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ* Dec '06

Master of Arts, Counseling and Human Services with concentration in Higher Education,

Montclair State University, 2006.

**M.T.S.** (Master of Theological Studies)

*Drew University, Madison, NJ* Jun '02

Master of Theological Studies, Drew Theological School, 2002, Cum Laude.

**Bachelor of Arts** (Philosophy)

*Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ* Jun '00

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, Montclair State University, Summa Cum Laude.

Minors: Religion, Women's Studies, 2000.

**Academic Appointments**

2002 - present - Adjunct Professor, *Montclair State University*, Upper Montclair, NJ, Department of Religion.

 Intro to Religion 100

 Religions of the World 101

 Religion and Culture 221

2009 - present - Adjunct Professor, *Bergen Community College*, Paramus, NJ

Philosophy and Religion Department.

 Intro to Religion 120

 Religions of the World 121

 Women in Religion 122

2009 - 2013 - Adjunct Professor, *Saint Peter's University*, Jersey City, NJ

 Intro to Psychology

 Abnormal Psychology

 Life Span Psychology

 Theories of Personality

2002 - present - founding member of *Council for Faith and Spirituality* (formerly the Campus Ministry Council) of Montclair State University, advisory council to the Dean of Students

**Professional Work History**

2006 - 2007 Adjunct Professor - Montclair State University

2005 - 2006 Intern - The Women's Center, Montclair State University

2002 - 2008 Interfaith Dialog Facilitator - Equity and Diversity Programs, Montclair State

2004 - 2007 Support Group Facilitator - Health Promotion at the Drop-In Center, MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

1996 - 2000 Peer Tutor - Center for Academic Success, Montclair State University

1996 - 2000 Office Assistant - Department of Philosophy and Religion, Montclair State

1992 - 1996 Retail Manager - Rockhead, 322 Bloomfield Ave. Montclair, NJ.

1989 - 1992 Account Executive - Spirit Cruises, Inc., Weehawken, NJ.

1987 - 1989 Assistant Manager - Loews' Theatres, Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ.

1985 - 1988 Customer Service - Meadowlands Fur and Coat Co., Enterprise Ave. Secaucus,NJ.

1983 - 1985 Employment Agency Recruiter - Lang, EDP., Clifton, NJ.

**University Service**

2013 - 2012 - Presenter, *Philosophy in the Schools Day/Religions of the World Day: A half-day program for high school students* at Montclair State University, twice yearly.

2006 - 2014 - Interfaith Dialog Facilitator, *Conversations on Faith and Spirituality* at Montclair State University, Center for Faith and Spirituality, weekly.

2008 - 2010 - Group Facilitator, *Motivation Station* at the Drop-In Center, success seminar, weekly.

2006 - 2007 - Group Facilitator, *Conversations on Faith and Spirituality* at Montclair State

University, Health Promotion at the Drop-In Center, weekly.

Fall 2006 - Producer, *Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program* and film premiere of

"Jumping Off Bridges" for Student Development and Campus Life at Montclair State

University.

2005 - 2007 - Group Facilitator, *Eating and Body Image (EBI) Conversations*, a peer

support group at Montclair State University, Health Promotion at the Drop-In Center,

weekly.

2005 - 2007 - Counselor, *Game of Life* and *Altogether Different Training*, Center for

Student Involvement, Montclair State University, once per semester.

2005 - 2007 - Group Facilitator, *Conversation Café*, Socratic dialogue on current events

at Montclair State University, weekly.

2005 - Participant - *GLBT Safe Space Training* at the Drop-In Center, Montclair State University.

2004 - 2008 - Forum Facilitator, *Building Bridges Interfaith Dialogue Series*,

Sponsored by Equity and Diversity Programs, The Women's Center, Council on Faith and

Spirituality, Department of Philosophy and Religion, and Unity Collaboration; Montclair

State University, 3 times per semester.

Summer 2003 - present - First year student Advisor, *Freshman Orientation,* College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University.

1997 - 2002 Program Developer, Facilitator and Discussant, *Philosophy and Religion Club*,

Department of Philosophy and Religion, Montclair State University, weekly.

1997 - 1999 Member, *Amnesty International*, Montclair State University Chapter.

1998 - Assistant to the Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the *American Academy of Religion* and *Society of Biblical Literature* annual meeting in New Brunswick, NJ.

**Works Presented**

2016 - *Life After Sunday* facilitator for a group discussion on what it means to be Roman Catholic in our daily faith walk, weekly meetings at Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at Montclair State University, Spring.

2015 - *Vigil for Umpqua* presentation Sponsored by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at Montclair State University, October.

2015 - *Guided Meditation and Hypnosis for Test-taking, Stress Relief, and Relaxation* with Professor Lisa of the Religion Department at Montclair State University, September.

2015 - *America's First Women Philosophers: Transplanting Hegel, 1860-1925,* Narrator on Audiobook edited by Dr. Dorothy G. Rogers, April.

2014 - *Is It Ever Ok to Fight for Peace?* - talk and discussion for Peace Week Sponsored by Equity and Diversity Programs, The Women's Center, Council on Faith and Spirituality, October.

2014 - *Creating a Comprehensive Interfaith Council for Student Involvement,* panelist, The President of the United States of America’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge from the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships supported by the U.S. Department of Education and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

2014 - *Interfaith Collaborations Inside and Outside the Classroom* - a radio show with Professor Lisa Sargese of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Weaam Ali of the Muslim Student Association (MSA), and Rachel Drucker of Hillel, April 14.

2014 - *Respect* - presentation with Dr. Steven Dranoff as part of Equity and Diversity’s empathy and anti-bullying initiative, April 10.

2014 - *Healing Oils of the Bible* referencing the book 'Healing Oils of the Bible' by Dr. David Stewart on the history of and proper use of essential oils. Discussed the healing properties of plant essences, and conducted hands on demonstrations of Biblical anointing for the purpose of enhancing well-being, peace, calming, and openness to increased blessing, Center for Faith and Spirituality at Montclair State University, April 6.

2014 - *Qi Gong for Health and Focus* hosted by Professor Lisa Sargese of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Montclair State University with Master of Qi Gong and Nei Gong, Sifu Sal Canzonieri, developer of the JinDao System of Life Transforming Energy Work, and author of 'Healing Purifying and Manifesting through the Ancient Chinese Art of Qi Gong’, weekly beginning February.

2013 - *What Does it Mean to Be a Christ Follower? Exploring Modern-Day Christianity* talk and discussion Sponsored by Equity and Diversity Programs, The Women's Center, Council on Faith and Spirituality for Diversity Week, November.

2013 - *Pray the Devil Back to Hell* film screening with discussion in Religions of the World Sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religion and the Women’s Center at Montclair State University, October.

2013 - *Buddhist Meditation: Centering and Meditation as Action*. Kaplan Family Senior Residence, River Vale, NJ.

2013 - *What Does God Think of Women?* talk and discussion for Women’s History Month Sponsored by the Women’s Center of Montclair State University and Equity and Diversity Programs, March.

2013 - *Balancing Religious Freedom with Freedom of Speech*, panelist for Affirmative Action Day for the President’s Commission for Affirmative Action, Equity and Diversity at Montclair State University, March.

2013 - *Qi Gong and Meditation for Beginners* hosted by Professor Lisa Sargese of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Montclair State University with Master of Qi Gong and Nei Gong, Sifu Sal Canzonieri, Sponsored by the Center for Faith and Spirituality of Montclair State University, March.

2013 - *Is Moral Relativism Just an Excuse to Violate Human Rights? Or is it the Foundation of Tolerance?* Sponsored by the Council on Faith and Spirituality and Office of Equity and Diversity at Montclair State University, February.

2013 - *S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution)* training and outreach at the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey with Dr. Esmilda Abreu-Hornbostel, January.

2013 - *Should God Be in the Public Square?* a talk and discussion on the place of religion in secular spaces Sponsored by Equity and Diversity Programs, The Women's Center, Council on Faith and Spirituality at Montclair State University, January.

2013 - What does it mean to be a Christ Follower?: Exploring Modern-Day Christianity Sponsored by Equity and Diversity Programs, The Women's Center, Council on Faith and Spirituality for Diversity Week at Montclair State University, November.

2012 - *Can We Be True to Ourselves and Still Embrace the Faith of Others?* talk and discussion for Diversity Week Sponsored by Equity and Diversity Programs at Montclair State University, November 15.

2012 - *I’m Spiritual, Not Religious. A cop out?* group talk and reaction to op-ed piece Sponsored by the Council on Faith and Spirituality and equity and Diversity Programs at Montclair State University, October.

2011 - *Do We Hear God, When the God of Others Speaks?* a panel discussion in conjunction with the Beatrice Crawford Memorial Concert. A special dialogue on spirituality and inclusivity with the creative team behind the symphonic oratorio *Parables*, in conversation with an interfaith panel of community leaders moderated by Professor Lisa Sargese, Department of Philosophy and Religion at Montclair State University, December 11.

2011 - *Searching for Truth in a Post 9/11 World* a talk and discussion Sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity, the Office of Education and Community Outreach (OECO), and College of the Arts for Diversity Week at Montclair State University, November.

2011 - presentation and student group introductions for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of the Center for Faith and Spirituality at Montclair State University, April.

2011 - *Women of Faith: Determining Your Authentic Self,* a talk and discussion for Conversations on Faith and Spirituality Sponsored by the Women’s Center and the Office of Equity and Diversity at Montclair State University, March.

2011 - *This Is My Campus! Building Bridges in Faith Communities: Anti-Bullying and Non-Violence*, a talk and discussion for Anti-Bullying Week Sponsored by the Council for Faith and Spirituality, February.

2010 - *Meditation for Test Anxiety* with Professor Lisa Sargese Sponsored by the Council on Faith and Spirituality at Montclair State University, December.

2010 - *Does God Ever Change? God and the three O's: Omnipresence, Omnipotence, Omniscience* a talk and discussion for Conversations on Faith and Spirituality during Diversity Week with Pastor Diana Wilcox of the Protestant Community, Sponsored by Equity and Diversity and the Council for Faith and Spirituality at Montclair State University, November.

2009 - *Spirituality Geeks: Do Super Powers Exist? Mysticism through History*, talk and discussion with Y- Wam (Youth With A Mission) for Geek Week at the Drop-In Center Sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity, The Women’s Center, Alpha Phi Omega, Montclair University Gamers, Campus Coalition Against Trafficking, CHANGE Collegian Network, Council for Faith and Spirituality, Team Nicaragua, Center for Non-Violence and Peace Initiatives, Peak Performances at Montclair, The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center, Gotta Be Green, Montclair State University Athletics, ASSIST, The Office of Communications, University Police, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, The Center for Student Involvement, Health Promotion Drop-In Center, Minority Association of Pre-Health Students, Center for Community Based Learning, College of the Arts, College of Humanities, and College of Science and Mathematics, November.

2009 - *God Goes to College: Religion and Higher Ed* a talk and discussion for Conversations on Faith and Spirituality Sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity, The Women's Center The Council on Faith and Spirituality, Health Promotion, The Drop-In Center at Montclair State University, September.

2009 - *The Role of Gratitude in Healing the Body, Mind, and Spirit* a talk and discussion for Conversations on Faith and Spirituality Sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity, The Women's Center The Council on Faith and Spirituality, Health Promotion, The Drop-In Center at Montclair State University, April.

2009 - *Mirror, Mirror Body Acceptance* presentation for Health Promotion and the Drop-In Center at Montclair State University to celebrate those individuals who exhibit a positive body image and in turn act as an inspiration to members of the campus community. This award is a part of our annual Mirror Project which is part of an eating disorder awareness effort for Body Acceptance Week at Montclair State University, February.

2008 - *Is Thanksgiving a Religious Holiday?* a talk and discussion for Conversations on Faith and Spirituality Sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity, The Women's Center The Council on Faith and Spirituality, Health Promotion, The Drop-In Center, November.

2008 - *Just Because You're Right Doesn't Mean I'm Wrong* - lecture on interfaith relations for The Annual Peace Conference at Montclair State University, Center for Non-Violence and Prevention Programs.

2008 - *No Fat Chicks* an original work of poetry performed for Montclair State University's Women's History Month Flag Raising and 35th Anniversary of The Women's Center.

2008 - *Existentialism: If You Only Had Today to Live* - 3 hour seminar on the meaning

behind 'seizing the day' for Building Bridges Interfaith Series, Montclair State University.

2007 - *Interfaith Dialog: Can We Really Keep it Friendly?* - Careers in Student Affairs Conference at Montclair State University, October 26th.

2007 - *How to Do the Impossible* with Dr. Rob Gilbert, Sports Psychologist at Kean

University, The New School for Social Research and Montclair State University.

2007 - *The Skinny: Transformation and Motivation for Body Formation* - Montclair State

University, guest lecturer in classes on health and wellness and sports psychology.

2007 - *The Secret and Self Talk: How I Changed My Life by Changing My Mind* -

Montclair State University, workshop presenter for the Annual Peace Conference.

2006 - *Eating and Body Image (EBI),* A peer support group presented at the American

College Health Association national conference, NYC.

2003 - *No Fat Chicks* an original work of poetry performed for

Montclair State University's International Women's Day: Women's Arts

Celebration, March 4.

2002 - *Winning* and *Magenta* two original works of poetry and music

performed at the Abundance Festival at the Luna Stage in Montclair,

NJ, November 3, 2002 and at the Puffin Cultural Arts Foundation in

Teaneck, NJ as part of the Witness Tree Poetry Series, November 22,

2002.

2002 - Original poetry performed as the featured poet at Barnes and Noble evening poetry

series, July 10, 2002.

2002 - *Unity* an original work of poetry performed at the New Jersey

Cultural Center of the Soka Gakkai International Buddhist Association

in East Orange, NJ, May 23.

2002 - *Wisdom's Table* original work of poetry performed for the

First Annual Spiral Bridge Poetry Festival: The Enchanted Tapestry,

at the Overlook Institute for Ecstatic Naturalism in Woodstock, NY, July.

2001 - *5 Days Later* an original work of poetry in response to the

September 11th tragedy performed for the Spiral Bridge Writers Guild

Open Mic Poetry Series at The Space art gallery in Bloomfield, NJ,

September 16, 2001.

2001 - *Commencement Address* for The Department of Philosophy and Religion

Convocation, Montclair State University.

**Honors and Awards**

2014 - *The President of the United States of America’s Interfaith and Community Service*

 *Campus Challenge Honor Roll* from the White House Office of Faith-based and

 Neighborhood Partnerships supported by the U.S. Department of Education and the

 Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

2012 - *Tikkun Olam Award* for campus and community service from Montclair State University's

 Center for Faith and Spirituality.

2005 - *Nelson Mandela Award for Excellence in Diversity* from Montclair State University's

 Equity and Diversity Programs and The Women's Center.

2002 - *Certificate of Honor* for successfully completing the Soka Gakkai

 International Entry Level Exam on the history of Nichiren Buddhism.

2001, 2000, 1999 - *Lawrence Stanton Memorial Scholarship*, Department of

 Philosophy and Religion, Montclair State University Foundation.

1999 - *Dr. Penny Burde Scholarship*, Department of Women's Studies and

 The Women's Center, Montclair State University.

1998 - *Outstanding Student Employee Award*, Montclair State University, 1998.

1998 - *Kenneth Aman Annual Scholarship*, Department of Philosophy and

 Religion, Montclair State University.

1998 - *Student Government Association Scholarship*, for Academic

 Achievement, Outstanding Student Award, S G A Scholarship Fund, Montclair

 State University.

1997 - *Robert Streetman Annual Scholarship,* Department of Philosophy and

 Religion, Montclair State University.

**Professional Organizations**

National Organization of Women, and Essex County Chapter of NOW

National association of Student Personnel Administrators, NASPA

National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, NASAP

National Guild of Hypnotists, NGH

American College of Health Association, ACHA

American College Personnel Association, ACPA

Association of Size Diversity and Health, ASDH

**Academic and Non-Professional Organizations**

Council on Faith and Spirituality at Montclair State University

National Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Campus Ministry Council of Montclair State University

Spiral Bridge Writers Guild

Philosophy and Religion Symposium

Montclair State University Chapter of AMNESTY International

Theosophical Society of America

Overlook Institute for Ecstatic Naturalism

**References**

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Executive Director of Women’s Rights Information Center,

former Director of The Office of Equity and Diversity, The Women’s Center, Bias Response Task Force, and the Council of Faith and Spirituality at Montclair State University.

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