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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Awarded with Distinction, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago, December 1983.
M.A. The Divinity School, The University of Chicago, June 1979.
B.A. Awarded with Distinction in Religion, Pomona College, June 1974.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Virgil Cordano, OFM, Professor of Catholic Studies and Professor of Religious Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara, July 2005-present.

Visiting Professor, Department of Religion, and Research Scholar, Center for the Study of American Religion, Princeton University, 1997-98.

Acting Dean, Claremont School of Theology, Fall 1996.

Professor of the History of Christianity and American Religion, Claremont School of Theology, and Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate University, July 1993-June 2005.

Associate Professor of American Religious History, Claremont School of Theology and Associate Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate School, July 1986-June 1993.

Assistant Professor of American Religious History, School of Theology at Claremont and Assistant Professor of Religion, Claremont Graduate School, October 1983-June 1986.

Instructor in American Religious History, Claremont School of Theology, July 1983-October 1983.

WORK IN PROGRESS

From Mediums to Mystics: Psychology and the Study of Religious Experience (under contract with Princeton University Press).

Experiencing Religion: Studies in Cognition, Culture and Personality.

“Catholic Studies and the Broader Academic Community” for volume on Catholic Studies edited by James T. Fisher and Margaret McGuinness.

“William James’s Contribution to Pascendi and the Oath Against Modernism.”

WORK IN PRESS

“The Camp-Meeting and the Paradoxes of Evangelical Protestant Ritual,” in Teaching Ritual, ed. Catherine Bell (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming May 2007).

“‘Religious Experience’ and the Brain,” Religion (forthcoming 2008).

BOOKS

Fits, Trances and Visions: Experiencing Religion and Explaining Experience from Wesley to James (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1999). *Winner of the 2000 Association of American Publishers Award for Best Professional/Scholarly Book in Philosophy and Religion. One of Choice's Outstanding Academic Books of 2000.* Excerpts reprinted in Amanda Porterfield, ed., American Religious History (Blackwell, 2002), pp. 66-86, and Russell McCutcheon, ed., Religious Experience: A Reader (Equinox, forthcoming, 2007).

Religion and Domestic Violence in Early New England: The Memoirs of Abigail Abbot Bailey, Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1989.

The Household of Faith: Roman Catholic Devotions in Mid-Nineteenth Century America, University of Notre Dame Press, 1986 (hc), 1990 (pb). *Co-Winner of the Manuscript Competition, CUSHWA Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 1985.*

ARTICLES

"Where (Fragmented) Selves Meet Cultures: Theorizing Spirit Possession," Culture and Religion 7/2 (July 2006): 123-38.

"Experience," Revista de Estudos da Religião - REVER 5/4 (2005): 43-52. Special issue on "Theoretical Issues in the Study of Religion" ed. by Steven Engler and Frank Usarski.

"Interior Disciplines and a Revitalized Phenomenology of Religion" [review symposium on Between Heaven and Earth by Robert Orsi], Spiritus 6 (2006): 101-106.

"Michael Murphy and the Natural History of Supernormal Human Attributes," in On the Edge of the Future: Locating Esalen in the Histories of American Religion, Psychology, and Culture, pp. 224-229, ed. Jeffrey Kripal (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2005).

"Religious Experience," Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed. (Macmillan, 2004).

"William James," Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed. (Macmillan, 2004).

"The Fragmentation of Consciousness and The Varieties of Religious Experience: William James's Contribution to a Theory of Religion, in Re-experiencing Varieties: William James and a 'Science of Religions' (New York: Columbia University Press, 2004).

"From Religious History to the Cultural History of Religion" [response to Hans Kippenberg's *Discovering Religious History in the Modern Age* (2002)], JAAR 71/4 (Dec. 2003): 1-9.

"Religious Experience and the Divisible Self: William James (and Frederic Myers) as Theorist(s) of Religion," JAAR 71/2 (June 2003): 303-326.

"Detachment and Engagement in the Study of 'Lived Experience,'" Spiritus: A Journal of Spirituality 3 (2003): 186-208.

"Feminization Revisited: Protestantism and Gender at the Turn-of-the-Century" in Women and Twentieth-Century Protestantism, ed. Margaret Lamberts Bendroth and Virginia Lieson Brereton (University of Illinois Press, 2002).

"Religion and Same-Sex Relations in the American Context," Religious Studies Review 24/2 (April 1998): 165-70.

"Sexuality and American Religious History," in Retelling U.S. Religious History, ed. by Thomas Tweed, Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

"The Power to See and the Power to Name: American Church History and the Problem of Domestic Violence," in Violence Against Women and Children: A Religious Sourcebook, ed. Carol J. Adams and Marie Fortune, NY: Continuum, 1995.

"Abigail Abbot Bailey," Women Prose Writers to 1820, ed. Carla Mulford, Angela Vietto, and Amy Winans in Dictionary of American Biography Series (Brucoli-Clark-Layman, 1998).

"Knowing Through the Body: Dissociative Religious Experience in the African-American and British-American Methodist Traditions," Journal of Religion 73/2 (April 1993):200-22.

"Self and God in the Early Published Memoirs of New England Women" in Margo Culley, ed., American Women's Autobiography: Fea(s)ts of Memory, Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1992.

"Women and Gender in American Religion(s)," Religious Studies Review 18/4 (October 1992):263-70.

"Mothers and Children and the Legacy of Mid-Nineteenth Century American Christianity," Journal of Religion 67/2 (1987):203-19.

"Spiritual Purity and Sexual Shame: Religious Themes in the Writings of Harriet Jacobs," Church History 56/1 (1987):59-72. Reprinted in the Norton Critical Edition of Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, ed. Valerie Smith and Nellie McKay (NY: Norton, 2001).

"Context and Meaning: Roman Catholic Devotions to the Blessed Sacrament in Mid-Nineteenth Century America," Church History 54/4 (1985):482-95.

PAPERS & LECTURES

"Channeled Apparitions: On Visions that Morph and Categories that Slip," paper presented at a Conference on Visionaries and Vision-Hunters, University of Southern California, February 8-10, 2007.

"'Religious Experience' and the Brain," Evening Address, International Conference on the Evolution of Religion, Waianae, Oahu, January 3-9, 2007.

"Envisioning Catholic Studies," Inaugural Lecture, UCSB, February 6, 2006.

"William James's Contribution to Pascendi and the Oath Against Modernism," American Catholic Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 2006.

"Constructing an Object of Study," for session on "New Psychological Approaches to Comparative Religious Studies," American Academy of Religion, November 2005.

"Negotiating the Boundaries between Religious Studies and Theological Studies," Opening Convocation, Graduate Theological Union, September 22, 2005.

"Where (Fragmented) Selves Meet Cultures: Theorizing Spirit Possession," Anthropology of Religion Group, AAR, San Antonio, 2004.

"Religious Experience as the Embodiment of Practical Divinity: Narrative, Practice, and Experience in the Formation of Early 19th Century Methodists," Keynote address, Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY, March 4, 2004.

“The Modern Concept of Religious Experience; or, William James as 'Methodist Minus a Saviour,’” Keynote address, Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY, March 4, 2004.

“Methodists and ‘Enthusiasm’: Guilty as Charged?” Plenary lecture, Conference on “The ‘Art’ of John Wesley: Teaching, Preaching, Serving,” Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, October 3, 2003.

“Michael Murphy and the Natural History of Supernormal Human Attributes,” *On the Edge of the Future: Locating Esalen in the Histories of American Religion, Psychology, and Culture*, Esalen Institute, March 30-April 4, 2003.

“Bodily Interpretations of Wesley’s Theology in Early American Methodism,” Stover-Ward Lecture, St. Paul’s Theological Seminary, November, 7, 2002.

“New religions, new professions and the narration of experience in nineteenth century America,” Alternatives to Secularization Conference, Amsterdam, April 24-28, 2002.

“William James as Theorist of Religion,” William James Lecture, Harvard Divinity School, March 21, 2002 and Colloquium on the Centennial of William James's "Varieties of Religious Experience," Columbia University, March 24-25, 2002.

“Making Common Cause Between Believers: William James and Interreligious Dialogue,” National Cathedral, Washington, D.C., March 19, 2002.

“From Intellectual History to Cultural History,” Session on Hans Kippenberg’s Die Entdeckung der Religionssgeschichte, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR, Denver, November 2001.

“The Psychology of the Devotional Life: A Review of Robert Orsi’s Thank You, St. Jude,” Northeast Regional Faculty Conference on Religion and American History, Dec. 4, 1998.

“Enthusiasm and True Religion in the Transatlantic Awakening,” Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR, Orlando, November 1998.

“Catholic/Mainline Protestant Spirituality” for Consultation on Spirituality, UC Santa Barbara, March 6-8, 1998.

“Ecstasy, Trance, and Dissociation: Academic Disciplines, Religious Traditions, and the Contested Terrain of Experience,” Conference, Claremont Graduate School, November 15, 1996.

“Visionaries and Somnambules: Debates over Experience in Mid-Nineteenth Century American Methodism,” Conference, Claremont Graduate School, November 16, 1996.

“Organizing the Trance State in Early American Methodism,” Methodist Studies Group, AAR, Philadelphia, November 1995.

“Sexuality and American Religious History,” in panel on “Siting the Narratives of American Religious History,” North American Religions Section, AAR, Chicago, November 1994.

“Embodying the Divine: Dissociative Ritual as Imaginative Performance,” Ritual Studies Group, AAR, Washington, D.C., November 1993.

“Multiple Selves and Holy Others: Toward Post-Modern Theologies of Discernment,” Inaugural Lecture, School of Theology at Claremont, October 5, 1993.

"Dissociative Phenomena and the Study of Religion," given at the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 1992.

"Mystics, Mediums, and Multiples: Christian Mysticism as Dissociative Religious Experience," 1992 Earle Morse Wilbur Lecture delivered at Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA, April 14, 1992.

"Perceptible Inspiration and Spirit Possession: Interpreting Dissociative Religious Experience in the African and British American Methodist Traditions," lecture given in honor of the retirement of Jerald C. Brauer, The University of Chicago Divinity School, November 14, 1991.

"Closeted Souls and Consumer Politics: Exploring the Deep Structures of Gendered Self in Community," lecture given at UU Advance Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, October 24-26, 1991.

"Suffering and Ecstasy: The Vocational Understanding of Northern Evangelical Women of African and European Descent," given at the American Academy of Religion, November 1989.

"The Role of the Past in Creating the Future," conference on Creating the Future sponsored by the Institute for Religion and Wholeness, Claremont, May 6, 1988.

"Gender Analysis and American Religious History," given at Temple University, February 24, 1988 and Whittier College, April 13, 1988.

"'The Darkness of Providence': Theodicy and Domestic Abuse -- An Eighteenth-Century Case Study," given at the American Academy of Religion, Boston, December 1987.

"A Congregationalist Defense of Divorce: The Memoirs of Abigail Abbot Bailey," given at the American Society of Church History, April 1987.

"Appropriating the Masters' Traditions: The Spirituality of the Female Slave Narratives," Hoover Lecture, Disciples Divinity House, University of Chicago, March 5, 1986.

"Magic, Metaphor, and Transitional Objects: Psychoanalytic Reflections of Women's Religious Experience," given as one of several keynote addresses at a conference on Feminism and Spirituality, sponsored by the Institute for Religion and Wholeness, Claremont, April 1985.

"Publishing, Literacy, and the Romanization of Catholic Devotional Practice in the United States, 1840-1880," given at the American Society of Church History, Chicago, December 1984.

SELECTED PANELS & RESPONSES

Panelist, "Beyond Freud and Jung: New Psychological Approaches to Comparative Religious Studies," Comparative Studies of Religion Section, AAR, Philadelphia, Nov. 2005.

Respondent, Panel on Daniel Dubuisson's The Western Construction of Religion, Critical Theory and Discourses in Religion Group, AAR, San Antonio, 2004.

Respondent, Conference on Positioning Mormonism in Religious Studies and American History, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, October 24-26, 2004.

Respondent, Conference on Religion and Race in the American West, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, February 27-28, 2004.

Participant, Mini-Conference on Visions, Center for the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, February 22, 2004.

Respondent, Session on “History of American Religious Practice,” ASCH, Washington, D.C., January 10, 2004.

Respondent, “The Politics of Making ‘Religion’ in the U.S.,” Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 24, 2003.

Panelist, Session on “Celebrating the Centennial of William James’s Varieties of Religious Experience,” AAR, Toronto, November 2002.

Panelist, Session on “Religious Experience After William James,” ASCH, San Francisco, January 4, 2002.

Panelist, Author Meets Critics Session on Grant Wacker’s Heaven Below, North American Religions Section, AAR, Denver, November 2001.

Respondent, Session on “Habitus as a Religious Category,” Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, AAR, Nashville, November 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances and Visions, sponsored by Person, Culture, and Society Group and the History of Christianity Section, AAR, November 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances and Visions, University of Rochester, November 15, 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances and Visions, CUSHWA Center, University of Notre Dame, November 3-4, 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances, and Visions, Chieron Conference on the History of Psychology, University of Southern Maine, June 24, 2000.

Respondent, Session on Fits, Trances, and Visions, UC Santa Barbara, May 2, 2000

Member-at-Large Interview [about Fits, Trances, and Visions], Religious Studies News, May 2000.

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Grant (\$2,000) for partial support of Workshop on Synaesthesia in the Arts, Religion, and Cognitive Science, 2006.

Project Co-Director (with Zayn Kassam), NEH Humanities Focus Grant (\$25,000) for “Engaging Islam,” 2001-2002.

Outstanding Professional and Scholarly Book Award in Philosophy and Religion (2000), Association of American Publishers for *Fits, Trances and Visions*.

Choice Book Award (2000) for *Fits, Trances and Visions*.

DAAD Grant for German Language Study, Summer 2001.

Theological Scholarship and Research Award (\$15,000), Association of Theological Schools, 1994-95.

AAR Collaborative Research Grant (with Carol Hendrickson, Anthropology, Marlboro College & Dena Pence Frantz, Theology, Bethany Theological Seminary), 1993-1994.

Participant, NEH Summer Institute on Religion and Material Culture, University of Hawaii, June 13-July 24, 1993.

Research Grant, Association of Theological Schools, Fall 1986.

Participant, NEH Summer Institute on Afro-American Religion, Princeton University, June 22-July 21, 1986.

Co-Winner of the Manuscript Competition, CUSHWA Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame, 1985.

University Fellow, University of Chicago, 1982-83.

Junior Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, 1982-83.

Superior Pass, Ph.D. Qualifying Examinations, 1981.

Divinity School Fellow, 1981-82.

PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES (Recent)

UC Santa Barbara: Chair, Cordono and Tipton Committees; Member, Graduate Committee.

Claremont School of Theology: [most recently] Member, Curriculum Implementation Oversight Committee, 2004; Member, Curriculum Design Team, 2003-2004; Chair, Faculty Policy Committee, 2003-2004; Chair, MA Task Force, 2003-2004; Chair, Coursework Task Force, 2002-2003; Chair, Religious Education Search Committee, 2001-2002; Faculty Representative, Presidential Search Committee, 1999-2000; Chair, Faculty Policy Committee, 1999-2000; Chair, Dean's Search Committee, Fall 1998; Acting Dean, Fall 1996; Chair, Faculty Policy Committee, 1993-94 (responsible for complete revision of Faculty Policy Handbook); various committees, standing and search, 1983-present.

Claremont Graduate University: Design team, NEH-sponsored project on Comparing Religions in Theory and Practice; Acting Co-chair, School of Religion, Spring 2001; Chair, Cultural Studies Review Team, Spring 2000; Executive Committee, Department of Religion, 1998-99; Coordinator, History of Christianity Ph.D. Program, Department of Religion, 1992-present; Steering Committee, Cultural Studies Program, Humanities Center, 1994-96; Search Committee for positions in History and Cultural Studies, 1995-96; Co-Coordinator, Program in Women's Studies and Religion, Department of Religion, 1988-94.

International Association for Cognitive Science and Religion: Member, Executive Committee, 2006-2010.

North American Society for the Study of Religion: Member, Executive Committee, 2006-2009.

American Academy of Religion: Member, Steering Committee, Critical Theory and Religious Discourses Group, 2004-2007; Co-Chair, Steering Committee, North American Religion Section, 1996-99; Member, Steering Committee, North American Religion Section, 1994-96; Reviewer for Person, Culture and Religion Group, 1996; Committee on Research and Scholarship, 1994-97; Editorial Board, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, 1985-89.

American Society of Church History: Membership Committee, 1994-00; Nominations Committee, 1992-93; Douglass Prize Committee, 1991-93; Council Member, Class of 1991.

California American Studies Association: President, 1989-90; Vice-President, 1988-89; Program Chair, Conference on "Religion and Belief in American Culture" held at Claremont Graduate School, April 29-30, 1988.

Misc.: Senior Mentor for Junior Scholars in American Religion Program, IUPUI, 2003-2004; Editorial Board, *Religion and American Culture*, 2001-04; Final Selection Committee, Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellowships, 1998-2000; Juror, Pew Program in Religion and American History, 1997; Project evaluator for studies in the area of "Mainstream Protestantism" for the Lilly Foundation, 1988-89. Manuscript referee: Church History, Journal of American History, Journal of Women's Studies in Religion, Religion and American Culture, Princeton University Press, University of California Press, Indiana University Press, University of North Carolina Press, Yale University Press, Harvard University Press, University of Chicago Press.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
 American Historical Association
 American Catholic Historical Association
 North American Society for the Study of Religion
 International Association for Cognitive Science and Religion
 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

COURSES TAUGHT REGULARLY (UCSB)

RS 15 Psychology and Religion (starting Spring 2008)
 RS 138A Church, State, and the Construction of Orthodoxy
 RS 138B Catholic Practices and Global Cultures
 RS 138C Catholicism and Modernity
 RS 138D Catholicism and U.S. History
 RS 238 Seminar in Catholic Studies
 RS 200A Proseminar in the History and Theory of Religion (starting Fall 2007)

COURSES TAUGHT REGULARLY (Claremont)Introductory courses

History of Christianity, II (annually, 1991-present)
 Christian Missions and Emergent Christianities (1987, 1988, 1994)
 Religion and American Culture (annually, 1983-89)
 History of American Methodism (annually, 1983-89)
 Introduction to Women's Studies and Religion (1988, 1990)

Seminars in American Religion

Concepts and Methods in American Religious History (1992, 1994, 1996, 2000)
 Approaches to the Study of Religion in the U.S. (2002, 2004)
 Women and Religion in the U.S. (1983, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2001)
 Protestant Revivalism and New Religious Movements (1995, 1997, 1999)
 Protestant Revivalism and American Social History (2002)
 Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in U.S. History (2002)
 Prophets and Visionaries in 19th Century America (2003)

Theory and/or Method Courses

Major Interpreters in the Study of Religion (annually, 1995-1999)
 Practicing Religion / Religious Practices: Historical and Ethnographic Methods (1999, 2001, 2003)
 Inspiration and Possession from Puritanism to Pentecostalism (1991)
 Cultural Psychology of Religion (1993)
 Religion and Psychology from Mesmer to James (1997)
 William James and Religious Experience (2002)
 Explaining Religious Experience (2004)