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Curriculum vitae
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Research and Teaching Interests

Theory and method in sociology and comparative religion; sociology of religion; Erich Fromm's contributions to sociology; critical theory of religion; marriage and the family; sociology of culture, social problems, social psychology; pedagogy; and the religious traditions of Buddhists, Christians, and Muslims.

Academic positions

Adjunct Professor

Sociology and Social Thought, Hillsdale College, 2018-2019

Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, CMU, 2016

Adjunct Instructor

Comparative Religion, WMU, 2003 and 2010

Substitute Instructor

Comparative Religion, Sociology, and Philosophy, WMU, 2002-2012

Instructor of Record

Sociology, WMU, 2004-2005

Comparative Religion, WMU, 2000-2002

Computer Lab Technician

OIT, WMU, 1996-1998

Student Employee

Developmental Education Department, Jackson Community College, 1992-1994

Academic Degrees and Awards from Western Michigan University

Sociology, Ph.D., 2015

Dissertation: *Erich Fromm's contributions to sociological theory*

Committee Members: Barry Goetz, (chair), Douglas Davidson, and Rudolf Siebert

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Sociology, 2005

Comparative Religion, M.A., 2004

Masters Thesis: *Religion and mother right: Erich Fromm's application of Johann Bachofen's theory*

Committee Members: Rudolf Siebert (chair), Frank Gross, Brian Wilson, and Allen Zagarell

Graduate Student Teaching Award, Comparative Religion, 2001

Comparative Religion, B.A., 1997

Major: Comparative Religion

Minor: Computer Information Systems and Medieval Studies

Appreciation Certificates, Computing Services, 1996 - 1998

Courses Taught

Intro to Sociology, Principles of Sociology, Sociology of Family, Sociology of Culture, Social Problems, Intro to Comparative Religion, and American Religious Landscape.
Substituted in the following 2000 level courses: The Christian traditions, The Jewish traditions, and Introduction to philosophy.
Substituted in the following 3000 level courses: Religion and revolution, Psychological elements in religion, Religion and social ethics, and Religion in modern society.
Substituted in the following 6000 level courses: Advanced seminars in Comparative Religion and Sociology.

Publications

2018	<i>Quotes to squeegee your third eye</i>	Printmill	Book
2017	<i>Erich Fromm's contributions to sociological theory</i>	"	"
2016	<i>Sociological theory: A critical primer</i>	"	"
2015	<i>Sociology of religion: A critical primer</i>	"	"
2013	"Breaking the Iron Cage: Max Weber, Erich Fromm, and the Sociology of Religion"	<i>The journal of the Islamic studies and humanities</i> , 9 (2013):53-64	Article
2010	Copy editor for Rudolf J. Siebert's <i>Manifesto of the Critical Theory of Society and Religion</i>	Brill Academic Publishers	3 vol. set
2010	Associate producer for <i>Rudolf J. Siebert: Conversations on the Critical theory of Religion</i>	Moondog Productions	DVD
2004	Academia 101	www.walterjensen.net	Website
2001	<i>Saga of Logatroth</i>	www.logatroth.com	Book
1997	Application of the Critical Theory	www.pair.com/critical	Website
	<i>Religion and mother right: Erich Fromm's application of Johann Bachofen's theory,</i>	Thesis, scheduled for 2020	"

Public Presentations and Conferences

- May 2009, “The ‘new’ proletariat: Marcuse’s one-dimensional human being,” The 33rd International Course on the Future of Religion: Mutual treatment of believing and non-believing citizens, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, Croatia (read in absentia).
- February 2001, Facilitator, A. James Reimer’s presentation — “German Theological and Ecclesiastical Responses to National Socialism,” Western Michigan University.
- November 2000, Facilitator, Gregory Baum’s presentation — “Religion and the Politics of Identity,” Western Michigan University.
- February 2000, Facilitator, Edward Jayne’s presentation — “Western Civilization: A Secular Perspective,” Western Michigan University.
- August 1998, “Different moral positions of humanists, agnostics, and atheists,” Prejudice Awareness Week, Kalamazoo Christian High School.
- October 1994-1995, Discourse moderator for the Religious Students’ Activity Organization, Western Michigan University.

Professional Development - Presentations

- Sociology and Social Thought - Public Lecture Program, Hillsdale College, MI.
- “Pathologizing Shyness: Extrovert privilege and American self hood,” Kevin Aho, Oct. 8, 2018
- “Dust: A Study in Sociological Miniaturism,” Gary A. Fine, April 16, 2018
- Michigan Sociological Association, annual meeting, Muskegon Community College, MI.
- “Forty Years of Labor,” Michael Burawoy, October 25, 2014
- “Workers, professors, and Students: Coalition or collisions,” Nicholas Budimir, October 25, 2014
- The Elijah Interfaith Institute, 3rd Annual Board Meeting, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, MI.
- “Globalizing Wisdom: A Symposium” – A panel discussion with Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Timothy Gianotti, Sallie King, Miroslav Volf, Anant Rambachan, Meir Sender, and Pal Ahluwalia, June 6, 2007
- Mothers Trust/Lakeshore Interfaith Institute, The future of religion: A symposium, Ganges, MI.
- “A short discourse on the future of religion and theodicy,” Rudolf Siebert, March 11, 2006
- “Future of Islam in modern society,” Dustin Byrd, March 11, 2006
- Association for the Sociology of Religion, the 65th annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- “The open dialectic between religious and secular values and norms: Their universalization through public discourse,” Rudolf Siebert, August 15, 2003
- “Max Horkheimer’s critical theory of religion,” Michael R. Ott, August 15, 2003
- “Defying the rational: The appeal of new religion in late modernity,” George Lundskow, August 15, 2003
- “Hegemony Lost: Understanding Islamic fundamentalism,” Lauren Langman, August 15, 2003
- Weber lectures, Kalamazoo College, MI
- “Islam, U.S. foreign policy, and the war on terrorism,” John Esposito, November 21, 2002
- Campus Freethought Alliance Conference, Amherst, New York
- “How to walk on fire,” David G. Willey, June 23, 2001
- “Confronting mediocrity,” Paul Kurtz, June 21, 2001
- Commencement Speech, Waterloo University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- “Theology in a world of contradictions: From Shoa to Shalom,” Rudolf Siebert, June 18, 2000

Professional Development - Presentations at Western Michigan University

- "I have a hunch...: On the place of folk knowledge in the study of religion," Russell T. McCutcheon, March 15, 2012
- "Faith and doubt: A study of religion and skepticism in social discourse," Brent Krohn, August 24, 2009
- "Religion and the future" – A panel discussion with Stephen J. Newell, Norman W. Hawker, Andrew Targowski, and Rudolf Siebert at the 39th World Conference of the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, Fetzer Center, WMU., June 6, 2009
- "A semiotic theory of religion," Rayka Rush, September 29, 2006
- "Unhinged: Exposing liberals gone wild," Michelle Malkin, November 16, 2005.
- "Private selves/public identities: Reconsidering identity politics," Susan Hekman, March 16, 2005
- "What's so great about America?" Dinesh D'Souza, March 24, 2004
- "Israel and Palestine: Roots of conflict," Norman Finkelstein, October 2, 2003
- "Aztec hearts and minds," Elizabeth Brumfiel, October 18, 2002
- "American individualism and Confucian humanism," Wei Ming Tu, September 23, 2002
- "The right society: Personal autonomy and universal solidarity," Rudolf Siebert, April 2, 2002
- "Islam: Beliefs, myths, and realities," A symposium by Muslims in the Kalamazoo Area, March 23, 2002
- "Jerusalem: Sacred city of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," Edwin Yamauchi, March 12, 2002
- "The Taliban vs. Islam: Politics and religion in the Middle East," Haka Yvuz, October 24, 2001
- "German theological and ecclesiastical responses to National Socialism," A. James Reimer, February 21, 2001
- "Religion and the politics of identity," Gregory Baum, November 13, 2000
- "Does God Exist? and Who was Jesus?" Max Goss of Intervarsity Christian Association vs. Paul Kondon of Campus Atheist, Agnostic, and Humanist, March 15, 2000
- "Western civilization: A secular perspective," Edward Jayne, February 16, 2000

Affiliations

American Academy of Religion
American Sociological Association
Americans United for Separation of Church and State
Association for the Sociology of Religion
Michigan Sociological Association

Computer Skills

E-commerce: ebay, Paypal, and the creation of two independent e-commerce websites
Operating systems: MSDOS, Windows 95 through Windows 7, and Mac OS X
Computer languages: BASIC, Visual Basic, COBOL, C, C++, and HTML
Software suites: Microsoft Office, Apache OpenOffice, and Lotus 1-2-3
Hardware: Building and repairing PC computers, some LAN experience

Personal Information

Roman Catholic; married for over 24 years; two college age children.