

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy 2016	Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA Interdisciplinary Studies in History and Theology Women's Studies in Religion Certificate
Masters of Divinity 1999	Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA
Bachelor of Arts 1993	Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO Major in Comparative Literature, Departmental Distinction Minor in Women's Studies, <i>Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa</i>

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor 2022 Fall	Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA Adult Faith Development (EL-2200)
2021 Fall	Congregational and Nonprofit Administration (FT-2539)
2021 Fall	Children and Family Ministries (ED-4213)
2021 Sp	Unitarian Universalist Liturgy and Worship Arts (LS-2400)
2021 Sp	Advanced Topics in Religious Education (ED 4097)
2020 Sp, 2018 Sp	Introduction to Liberal Religious Education (ED 4084)
2020 Fall, 2019 Fall, 2022 Sp	Unitarian Universalist Theologies (ST-8401)
2020 Fall, 2019 Sp	Adult Religious Education and Spiritual Deepening (ED 4072)
2018 Fall, 2022 Fall	Eco-Theologies (CEST 8450, TCPW-4600)
Regular Adjunct Faculty 2015 Sp	Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA Eco-Theologies (CEST 8450 – created new online course)
2014 Fall, 16 Sp	Introduction to Liberal Religious Education (ED 4084)
2014 Sp, 15 Fall	Our Theological House: An Introduction to Unitarian Universalist Theologies (ST 8402)
2014 Intersession	Guest Lecturer in Multireligious Life and Learning: “Greening” and “Queering” the Studies of Religions (HR 4261)
2013 Fall	19 th Century Unitarians and Nature (HRST 8425 – created new online course)

Adjunct Faculty 2012 Sp	Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA Unitarian Universalist Thea/ologies: Modernity & Post-Modernity (ST 8402 – online, inherited syllabus from course creators and adapted it for more interactive online learning)
2010 Sp, 09 Sp, 06 Fall	Introduction to Liberal Religious Education (SKOL 4010 – Online, adapted inherited syllabus)
2007 Fall, 06 Sp, 04 Sp	Ministry with Children and Youth (ED 4031)
2005 Sp, 03 Sp	Topics in Liberal Religious Education (ED 4086)
2005 Sp	Taught last six weeks of Congregational Growth and Change (FT 4184) while core faculty member was away on health leave
Area Assistant 2011 Fall – 2013 Spring	Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA Interdisciplinary Studies Area Assistant Collect student proposals, record and post minutes and other documents related to area protocols, respond to student inquiries.
Research Assistant 2011 Spring	Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA Assisted Andrea Bieler, Professor of Christian Worship, in editing and preparing for publication a volume, <i>After Violence: Religion, Trauma, and Reconciliation</i> .

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Associate Minister for Faith Development 2015 – 2020	First Unitarian Church of Oakland, CA Lead Children and Family Ministries, Membership Team, and Adult Faith Development for congregation with 295 members and 80 children and youth, including all program administration, management, and fiscal oversight. Supervise four Sunday morning staff and Children and Family Ministries Coordinator.
Co-Director/Founder 2002 – 2020	Chalice Camp, Oakland, CA Envisioned, researched and co-authored two week-long summer day camp curricula focusing on Unitarian Universalist history, theology, and anti-racism, funded by grant from Fund for Unitarian Universalism. Co-directed camp for 17 years, serving 45 children and youth counselors annually. Made curriculum available for purchase, leading to its replication in over 60 sites nationally.
Director 2007 – 2015	Woolsey Children's School, Berkeley, CA Directed developmental preschool using pedagogy inspired by Unitarian Universalist theology and educational practice. Supervised teachers and provided educational and administrative leadership and oversight.

Consulting Minister of Religious Education September 2012 – June 2013	Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, Kensington, CA Provided consultation and guidance to Intern Minister and Family Minister. Led worship for all ages. Coordinated family retreat and led a variety of programs for children and youth.
Administrator 2004 – 2007	InterPlay and Body Wisdom, Inc., Oakland, CA Administered financial, communication, publicity, and hospitality functions for nonprofit arts and social change organization.
Interim Minister of Religious Education April 2003 – August 2004	Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis, CA Directed religious education program for 110 children and youth and 350 adults. Led worship and church-wide events. Supervised Director of Youth Programs and Religious Education Assistant.
Founder/Director 2001 – 2003	Woolsey Outdoor School, Berkeley, CA Founded afterschool environmental education program for elementary children. Conceived of and designed curriculum. Led outdoor trips and group activities to increase children's sense of inter-connectedness with others in the group and the natural world.
Interim Religious Educator 2001 – 2002	First Unitarian Church of Oakland, CA Served on four-member Executive Team to oversee church administration and programming in urban congregation of 500 children, youth and adults. Oversaw religious education programs and led worship for adults, children and youth. Supervised Religious Education Assistant and two childcare workers.
Lifespan Religious Education Consultant 1999 – 2001	Pacific Central District, Unitarian Universalist Association, Oakland, CA Consulted with directors of religious education in area churches. Facilitated retreats and planning meetings for lay leaders of youth groups and religious education programs as well as ministers of religious education. Preached and keynoted in area churches, district meetings, and nationwide meetings.
Intern Minister 1997 – 1998	First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto, Ontario Carried out administrative, programmatic, and pastoral care functions for congregation of 520 members as part of the ministerial team for five months, and independently during lead ministers' Mark and Donna Morrison-Reed's five-month sabbatical.

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019	Unitarian Universalist History and Heritage Society Congregational History Prize (\$500) for <i>Gather the Spirit: History of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 1869-2000</i> .
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2017	First Unitarian Church of Oakland received UUA's Breakthrough Congregation Award for our innovative approach to religious education including Chalice Camp.
2014 – 2015	Panel on Theological Education Dissertation Scholarship (\$20,000)
2014	Wabash Center Workshop for Theological Faculty Teaching Online (\$1,500)
2010 – 2012	Carpenter Foundation Scholarship awarded by the Graduate Theological Union (\$50,000)
2006, 2004	Unitarian Universalist Funding Panel Grant (\$7,000; \$4,500) for curriculum development
1996	Earl Holt Scholarship for excellence in ministerial preparation
1989 – 1993	Boettcher Foundation Scholarship (full tuition, room & board for undergraduate studies undertaken in Colorado)

PUBLICATIONS

“Claiming the Term “Liberal” in Academic Religious Discourse” *Religions* 11, no. 6 (June 2020): 311-324.

Gather the Spirit: History of the First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 1869-2000. First Unitarian Church of Oakland, 2019.

“Ecotheology” in *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment*, edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom, Skinner House Books, 2018.

Introductions to Thomas Starr King, Jane Leade, and Chinese Exclusion controversy in *A Documentary History of Unitarian Universalism from the Beginning to 1899*, edited by Dan McKanan, Skinner House Books, 2017.

“Emerson’s Hermeneutic of the Text of Moral Nature” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 35, no. 3 (September 2014): 229-241.

Review of *The Golden State in the Civil War: Thomas Starr King, the Republican Party, and the Birth of Modern California* by Glenna Matthews. *Journal of Unitarian Universalist History* 36 (2012-2013): 124-127.

CONFERENCES

October 2016. “Invitations and Challenges for Liberal and Liberationist Ecotheologies in Paul Outka,” paper co-presented with Sofia Betancourt at Collegium, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN.

October 2016. “Claiming the Term Liberal in Academic Religious Discourse,” organized and moderated panel of Sofia Betancourt, Nicole Kirk, Dan McKanan, Rosemary Bray McNatt, and Tisa Wenger at Collegium, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN.

February 2016. “Gleam of the Infinite Majesty: The InterPlay of Manifest Destiny and Ecotheology in Thomas Starr King’s Construction of Yosemite as Sacred Text,” paper presented at Conference of Unitarian Universalist Emerging Scholars, Berkeley, CA.

June 2015. "Liberal Theologies and the Hermeneutic of Nature as a Moral Text," paper presented as part of the session, Problems and Possibilities in Reading Nature as a Sacred Text and Theo-Ethical Informant, Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization Conference, Claremont, CA.

November 2014. "Naturalizing Whiteness: Thomas Starr King's Theology of Nature and the Project of Nation Building," presented at the Liberal Theologies Group of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.

November 2013. "Response to Rick Benjamins' paper 'Neither Neo- nor Post-: A Liberal Theological View of Humanity,'" presented at the Liberal Theologies Group of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD.

November 2012. "Jane Leade: Dancing with Paradise," paper presented at Collegium, Chicago, IL.

November 2012. "Emerson's Hermeneutic of the Text of Moral Nature," paper presented at the UU Scholars and Friends Discussion, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL.

November 2011. "Apocalypse of the Mind or Creative Middle Ground: God, Nature and Humankind In Emerson's *Nature*," paper presented at Collegium, Los Gatos, CA.

April 2011. "Unitarians Respond to Chinese Exclusion 1879," paper presented at Conference of Unitarian Universalist Emerging Scholars, Berkeley, CA.

October 2010. "God and Nature in Thomas Starr King's 'Lessons from the Sierra Nevada' and 'Living Waters from Lake Tahoe,'" paper presented at Collegium and Unitarian Universalist History & Heritage Convocation, Boston, MA.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

March 2019. Dismantling White Supremacy. Day-long workshop led by Jonipher Küpono Kwong, Congregational Life Staff, Pacific Western Region, UUA.

May – August 2014. "Fundamentals of Online Teaching for Theological School Faculty." Joint course by the University of Wisconsin-Madison and The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

2011. "Online Learning: Pedagogy and Practice." Four-day course for faculty at the Graduate Theological Union.

2009. Jubilee II Antiracism Training. Weekend intensive to examine and analyze historical and institutional racism in the United States, Berkeley, CA.

2000. Dismantling Systemic Racism. Three-day intensive led by the Unitarian Universalist Association, Providence, RI.

1999. InterPlay Leadership Program. Year-long program in leading others in improvisational dance, song, and storytelling led by Cynthia Winton-Henry and Phil Porter, Oakland, CA.

1993 and 1995. Challenging Racism Workshops. Two 12-week courses unpacking white privilege, white supremacy culture, and racism led by Sharon Martinas, San Francisco, CA.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2019 – 2020. Member of the Pacific Central District Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association Nominating Committee.

2012 – 2016. Member of the steering committee of the Liberal Theologies Group of the American Academy of Religion.

2013 – 2014. Member of the steering committee of the Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends, an affiliated group of the American Academy of Religion.

2007 – 2010. Secretary of the Ministerial Credential Renewal Committee for Rev. Susan Conrad, Oakland, CA.

2005. Invited to serve as adjunct faculty representative on task force to revise guiding document, “Educating to Counter Oppressions and Create Just Communities,” Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkley, CA.

SELECTED PUBLIC OUTREACH AND SERVICE

September 2021. Co-presented with Rev. John Buehrens and Rev. Dr. Meg Richardson, “Thomas Starr King: Neglected Aspects of His Life and Work,” Starr King School for the Ministry.

September 2018. Presented workshop on family ministry at the Pacific Central District Liberal Religious Educators Association Conference.

2017 – 2018. MacLean Religious Education Special Collection Committee, Meadville Lombard Theological School.

April 2018. Presented “Worship Centered Faith Formation,” Pacific Western Region Assembly, Portland, OR.

April 2018. Presented webinar, “Multicultural Religious Education for Children,” for Pacific Western Region, Unitarian Universalist Association.

September 2015 and 2016. Presented workshop on the theological foundations of Unitarian Universalist religious education at the Pacific Central District Liberal Religious Educators Association Conference.

June 2015. Presented a paper as part of Unitarian Universalist General Assembly Panel “Class Diversity: Exploring our Past, Building our Theologies” in Portland, Oregon.

May 2012. Organized an afternoon workshop featuring keynote Rebecca Parker, "Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire" for San Francisco Bay Area Unitarian Churches.

April 2012. "How to Create a Chalice Camp in Your Congregation or Cluster," workshop at Pacific Central District of Unitarian Universalist Association Annual Assembly, Oakland, CA.

May 2011. "Remembering, Reconciling, Repenting, Recommitting: Chinese Exclusion, 1879," workshop at Pacific Central District of Unitarian Universalist Association Annual Assembly, Hayward, CA.

September 2008 – May 2009. Co-taught Coming of Age Program for 18 youth at the First Unitarian Church of Oakland.

September – December 2004. Co-created weekly Sunday School class on Science and Religion, First Unitarian Church of Oakland.

January 2004. "Hearing and Honoring the Call When It Leads Down Surprising Paths," session presented at the 103rd Annual Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, Berkeley, CA.

August 2000. Invited to deliver and presented keynote address for ConCentric, National Gathering of Unitarian Universalist Young Adult (ages 18-35) Leaders, Denton, MD.

July 2000. "Opening to the Heart of the World," session presented at Globalization or Earth Wisdom: Creating Just and Sustainable Communities Conference held by The Institute for Deep Ecology, Napa, CA.

May 1998. Created and facilitated four-session course, "Spiritual Ground for World Engagement," based on the work of Joanna Macy, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto, Ontario.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Unitarian Universalist Studies Network
Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association
Liberal Religious Educators Association