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EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy** 1999
English Department, State University of New York at Buffalo
Areas of Specialization:
 - English Novel
 - Jonathan Swift
 - Medieval LiteratureDoctoral Dissertation: *Hannah More and the Evangelical Influence on the Rise of the English Novel*
- **Master of Arts** 1992
English Department, State University of New York at Buffalo
- **Bachelor of Arts** *magna cum laude* 1987
Daemen College, Buffalo, NY
 - *Major:* English
 - *Minor:* Public Relations and Communications
- **High School Diploma**
Lancaster Central High School, Lancaster, NY

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- PHIL 202 Modern Philosophy (audit) Liberty University, Spring 2007
- PHIL 697 Existentialism and Postmodernism, Liberty University, Fall 2006

SUPERVISOR

- **M.A. English Students** 2010 to 2020
- **Honors Thesis Students** 1999 to 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Senior Fellow:** International Alliance of Christian Education, 2019 to present
- **Senior Fellow:** The Trinity Forum, 2018 to present
- **Senior Fellow:** Liberty University Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement
- **Research Fellow:** Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 2014-2019
- **Professor of English** 2012 to present
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA 24521
- **Chair, Department of English and Modern Languages** 2008 to 2012
- **Associate Professor of English** 2004 to present
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

- **Member, CLEP English Literature Test Development Committee** 2011, 2012
The College Board, New York, NY
- **Assistant Professor of English** 1999 to 2004
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA
- **Visiting Assistant Professor** 2002, 2004, 2005, 2007
Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA
- **Principal** 1993 to 1999
Charles Grandison Finney High School, Buffalo, NY
- **Assistant Professor (adjunct)** 1992 to 1993
Canisius College, Buffalo, NY.
- **Lecturer (adjunct)** 1989 to 1992
Canisius College, Buffalo, NY
- **English Teacher** 1992 to 1993
Charles Grandison Finney High School
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** 1990
State University of New York at Buffalo.
- **Instructor** 1989 to 1991
Hilbert College, Hamburg, NY
- **Instructor 1989**
Bryant and Stratton Business Institute, Buffalo, NY

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

- Theory of the Novel
- Research and Bibliography
- Religious Issues in Dramatic Literature
- Christian Poetics
- Christian Authors: Alexander Pope
- Christian Authors: Jonathan Swift
- British Literature

SEMINARY COURSES TAUGHT

- Theology and Pop Culture

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

- The English Novel
- Eighteenth Century English Literature
- Jonathan Swift
- Women's Literature
- Victorian Literature
- English Romanticism
- Religious Issues in Dramatic Literature
- Christian Literature
- English Literature I*
- English Literature II*

- World Literature II*
- Literature and Composition*
- Grammar and Composition
- Freshman Seminar

*indicates regular and Honors sections

BOOKS

- **Guides to Reading and Reflecting the Classics** (series editor) B&H, 2020.
- ***Cultural Engagement: A Crash Course in Contemporary Issues*** (co-editor) Zondervan, 2019.
- ***On Reading Well: Finding the Good Life in Great Books*** Brazos, 2018.
- ***Fierce Convictions: The Extraordinary Life of Hannah More—Poet, Reformer, Abolitionist***, Thomas Nelson, 2014.
- ***Booked: Literature in the Soul of Me***, T. S. Poetry Press, 2012
- ***Hannah More's Coelebs in Search of a Wife: A Review of Criticism and a New Analysis***, Edwin Mellen Press, 2003.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- **Review: Spectacular Suffering: Witnessing Slavery in the Eighteenth-Century British Atlantic** *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats* (forthcoming)
- **"Why We Need to Read,"** *Academic Questions*, 2019, 32:334-41.
- **Review: "Sterne, Tillotson, and Human Happiness,"** *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats* 46.1 (2017): 24-25.
- **Review: "Sterne and Shaftesbury Reconsidered: The 'Characteristics' of *Tristram Shandy*"** *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats* 46.1 (2017): 29.
- **Review: "In Pursuit of Laurence Sterne in America: A Lark in the Sandbox,"** *Textual Studies and the Enlarged Eighteenth Century: Precision as Profusion,* *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats* 46.1 (2016).
- **Review: "'To bring this useful invention into fashion in England': Mary Wortley Montagu as Medical Expert,"** *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats* 46.1 (2016).
- **"Faith in the Humanities,"** *Foundations of Education: A Christian Vision*. Ed. Matthew Etherington. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2014. 157-167.
- **"Review: The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Eighteenth-Century Writers and Writing 1660-1789 by Paul Baines, Julian Ferraro, and Pat Rogers"** *The Scriblerian and the Kit-Cats* 46.1 (2013): 46-47.
- **"Embawdiment: *Tristram Shandy* and the Paradox of the Incarnation"** *The Shandean*) Spring 2012.
- **Literary Encyclopedia** "Hannah More," "Cheap Repository Tracts," "Coelebs in Search of a Wife" 2009.
- **Facts on File *Companion to Literary Romanticism*** "Hannah More" and "Coelebs in Search of a Wife," *New York: Facts on File (forthcoming)*
- ***A Dictionary of Love and Sex in the Early Modern Period*** (Contributor) Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 2008.

- **“Hannah More, the Didactic Tradition, and the Rise of the English Novel”** *1650-1850: Ideas, Aesthetics, and Inquiries in the Early Modern Era*, 9(2003): 41-78.
- **Common Ground on Abortion Clinic Activism** Syracuse University, Program on the Analysis and Resolution of Conflicts, Occasional Papers Series, No. 1, November 1998.

SCHOLARLY CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS

- **Panel: This is Our Message: Women’s Leadership in the New Religious Right** American Academy of Religion, November 2019
- **“Love for God and Neighbor in *The Emergence of Evangelical Spirituality: In the Age of Edwards, Newton, and Whitefield* by Tom Schwanda”** Evangelical Theological Society, November 17, 2015
- **“The Medium is the Messenger”** *Anti-Social Media: Communal Transformation and the Barriers of Technology*, Liberty University Center for Apologetics and Cultural Engagement, October 1, 2015
- **Commencement Address:** *New Covenant Schools*, June 14, 2014
- **“Individualism, Tyranny, and Community: Jonathan Swift’s Poetics of Power”** Midwest Political Science Conference, Chicago, IL April 14, 2012
- **“Dead White Man Walking”** Sigma Tau Delta Regional Conference, Liberty University, March 31, 2012
- **Panel Chair:** *The King James Bible and Education at the Conference of the Quartercentennial anniversary of the King James Bible*, Liberty University, September 30-October 1, 2011
- **“Between Barbarism and Benevolence, Between Sentience and Sentimentality: Alexander Pope’s View of Justice Toward Animals,”** Conference of the Southern Atlantic Modern Language Association, Nov. 6, 2009 and at Liberty University Philosophy Club, December 1, 2009
- **“Alexander Pope’s Poetry of Alienation,”** Panel: *The Moral Relevance of Strangers*, Lynchburg College, Nov. 3, 2009
- **“Teaching Literature in Christian Framework”** Faculty Workshop, Liberty University, August 13, 2008
- **“Swift and the Postmodern Christian Student”** Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature, Wingate University, April 12, 2008
- **“Swift’s Via Media: The Way to the Postmodern Undergraduate’s Mind (and Heart)”** Southeastern Society for Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, Auburn University, Feb. 15, 2008
- **“Truth in the Postmodern World”** Literature and Christianity Conference, Liberty University, March 9, 2006
- **“Hannah More”** American Association of University Women (Lynchburg, Va. Chapter) April 17, 2002
- **“The Problem of Plagiarism”** Faculty Workshop, Liberty University, August 7, 2001
- **“Hannah More: An Eighteenth-Century Feminist for the Twenty-First Century”** Conference of the Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, University of Alabama, March 2, 2001.
- **Panelist:** Harvard College Discussion Series Harvard University, December 3, 1998

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS (partial list)

The Atlantic, The Washington Post, Christianity Today, Think Christian, Relevant, Sojourners, Comment, The Gospel Coalition, In Touch, First Things, Books and Culture