

Brief Vita

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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

Professor of American Religious History; Chair of the Department of Religion; Director, Center for Religion, Cultures and Society in the Western United States
[Also Adjunct Graduate Faculty, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University of Chicago; adjunct faculty, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, Illinois.]

EDUCATION

-M.A. (1976), Ph.D. (1987) *Religious Studies*, Stanford University
Dissertation: "Critique and Conversion: Orestes A. Brownson's Catholic Critique of Industrialization"
-B.A. (1974) *Religious Studies*, Gonzaga University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

American religious history; Catholicism in the United States; religion in the western United States; social context, community, and spirituality; theological reflection; women in American Christianity

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion; American Catholic Historical Association; American Society of Church History; Canadian Catholic Historical Association; Canadian Society of Church History; Catholic Theological Society of America; College Theology Society

SELECTED DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

K.T. Tang Award for Excellence in Research	2004
Aquinas Lecturer, University of Great Falls, Great Falls, Montana	2003
Paul Bator Memorial Award, Canadian Catholic Historical Society	2001
Elizabeth Seton Medal, College of Mt. St. Joseph, Cincinnati, OH	1999
First Place, Gender Issues Category, Catholic Publishers Association Awards for <i>Finding Our Voices: Women, Wisdom, and Faith</i> ,	1998
Second Place, Professional Book Category, Catholic Publishers Association Awards for <i>The Art of Theological Reflection</i>	1995
Arnold L. and Lois S. Graves Foundation Award for Outstanding Humanities Teachers	1991
Burlington Northern Faculty Achievement Award	1990
Teaching Excellence Award, Association of Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education	1990

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"The Religious Geography of the Pacific Northwest." *World and World* 24/3 (Summer 2004): 269-278.
Killen, Patricia O'Connell and Mark Silk, eds. *Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The None Zone*. Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press 2004.
Patricia O'Connell Killen, "The Marginality of American Catholic History Ten Years Later." *U.S. Catholic Historian*, 21, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 107-113.
Patricia O'Connell Killen, "Washington, Catholic Church in." *New Catholic Encyclopedia* 2nd edition, 2002. Volume 14: 653-657.

“Making Thinking Real Enough to Make It Better.” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, vol. 5, no. 4 (October 2002): 221-226.

“Encountering Religious Commitments in the Classroom.” *Washington Center News*, Spring, 2002, pp. 3-6.

“Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.” In *Religions of the United States in Practice, Volume 2*, edited by Colleen McDannell. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001: 44-52.

“Reception of Novices into the Order of the Sisters of St. Benedict.” In *Religions of the United States in Practice, Volume 1*, edited by Colleen McDannell. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2001: 74-88.

“Gracious Play: Discipline, Insight, and the Common Good.” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, vol. 4, no. 1 (February 2001), pp. 2-8.

“The Geography of a Religious Minority: Roman Catholicism in the Pacific Northwest.” *U.S. Catholic Historian*, vol. 18, no. 3 (Summer 2000): 51-72.

“Writing the Pacific Northwest into Canadian and U.S. Catholic History: Geography, Demographics, and Regional Religion.” Canadian Catholic Historical Association, *Historical Studies*, 66 (2000): 74-91.

Bernard J. Lee, S.M. with William D’Antonio and Virgilio Elizondo, **Patricia O’Connell Killen**, Jeanette Rodriguez, Evelyn Eaton Whitehead, James D. Whitehead, *The Roman Catholic Experience of Small Christian Communities*. NY: Paulist Press, 2000.

“The Irish in Washington State.” (Christine Taylor, secondary author.) In *The Encyclopedia of the Irish in America*, edited by Michael Glazier. South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 2000: 161-165.

Finding Our Voices: Women's Wisdom and Faith. New York: Crossroad Publishing Company, 1997.

"Geography, Denominations and the Human Spirit: A Decade of Studies on Religion in the Western United States." *Religious Studies Review* 21/4 (October 1995): 279-284.

“Assisting Adults to Think Theologically.” In James D. and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead, *Method in Ministry*. Revised Edition. (Kansas City, MO: Sheed and Ward, 1995): 103-111. Revised version of “Assisting Adults to Think Theologically.” *PACE* 22 (February 1993), 7-14.

The Art of Theological Reflection. John de Beer, secondary author. New York: Crossroad Publishing 1994.

“An Historian's Perspective: Then, Now, and Then?” *Listening: A Journal of Religion and Culture*, 28, no. 1 (Winter, 1993): 14-27.

"Social Concern and Religious Commitment: Orestes Brownson and Contemporary American Catholicism." *New Theology Review* 5 (February 1992): 52-75.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY AND SEMINARY PROFESSORS

“Teaching a Key Concept: A Workshop” – Presentation/Facilitation for Academic Teaching and Study of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 22, 2003.

“Religious Commitments in the Classroom: Faith and Critical Thought in the Twenty-First Century United States.” Grandview College, Des Moines, Iowa, November 2, 2001.

“Inviting Students into Our Disciplines: Strategies for Giving Students Better Access to the Questions and Methods of a Course” and “Teaching So Learning Happens: Creating Contexts for Insight.” Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, September 19, 2001.

“Theological Reflection in Supervised Ministry.” Presentation to faculty and contextual ministry supervisors, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, September 20, 2001.

Director, Wabash Center Workshops on Teaching and Learning (for New Undergraduate Faculty, 2001-2002 and 2003-2004; Theological School Faculty, 2000-2001).

“Teaching Undergraduates as Public Theology.” Panel, Catholic Theological Society of America, San Jose, CA, June 9, 2000.

Co-director, "Beyond the Millennium: Promoting Excellence Among Mid-Career Professors of Religion." Year-long workshop for faculty who teach religious studies, religious history, and theology in colleges and universities in the Western United States and Canada, 1996-1997.

"Conceptualizing Theological Reflection." Seminar for Pastoral Supervision Faculty, School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, February 6, 1997 and October 6, 2000; Faculty Seminar, Institute of Pastoral Studies, Loyola University of Chicago, July 3, 1996.

"Using Reflection on Experience in Teaching the Disciplines." Keynote speaker and facilitator, Faculty Development Day, Rosary Dominican College, River Forest, IL, June 14, 1996.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

"Blanchet's Global Mission and the Catholic Church in the Pacific Northwest, 1846-1879." American Society of Church History, Seattle, Washington, January 9, 2005.

"Catholic in This Place." American Catholic Historical Association, Seattle, Washington, January 8, 2005.

"Why Bother with a Bishop? The Letter Books of A.M.A. Blanchet as a Resource for Understanding Pacific Northwest Religious History." History of Christianity and North American Religions Section, Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, April 26, 2003.

"Why Bother With a Bishop II?: Religion, Identity, and Social Conflict During Washington's Territorial Period, 1853-1889." Pacific Northwest Historian's Guild, Seattle, Washington, March 1, 2003.

"The Practice of Theological Reflection in Small Christian Communities." Keynote presentation for Small Christian Communities, Society and Church From Paul's Corinth to North America—Joint Convocation of Small Christian Communities, St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, August August 2, 2002.

"Christianity in the Western United States Since World War II." Keynote address for *Christianity in the West: Looking Back, Looking Forward*, Spring Theological Conference, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, April 19, 2002.

"Constructing Institutional and Individual Identities in the Pacific Northwest: Regional Character and Religiousness." Enculturating American Catholicism session, Roman Catholic Studies Group, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 18, 2001

"Making Religion Real: Historians' Constructions of Catholicism in the Nineteenth-Century Western United States." Joint session of Canadian Society of Church History and Canadian Catholic Historical Association, Sherbrooke, Quebec, June 3, 1999.

"Small Christian Communities and the Assimilation of Roman Catholics in the United States." Roman Catholic Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL, November 22, 1998.

"Region and Religion: Interpreting Christianities in the Pacific Northwest." Keynote address to the national meeting of Episcopal Archivists and Historians, Seattle, WA, June 25, 1998.

Session Respondent, Catholics in America: The Roosevelt Years. American Catholic Historical Association, Seattle, WA, January 10, 1998.

"Religion, Region, and Everyday Lives: Lay Catholic Spirituality in the Pacific Northwest." Pacific Northwest Region, American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, May 2, 1997.

"Geography, Denominations, and the Human Spirit--Christianities in the Pacific Northwest." Pacific Northwest History Conference, Tacoma, WA, April 25, 1997.

"Catholicism in the Pacific Northwest: Denominational History as Regional History." Portion of Panel Presentation, "From a Different Shore: Religion in the Pacific Northwest," North American Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 21, 1993.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

-Steering Committee, Religion by Regions Project, Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life

2002-present

-Research Grants Committee, American Academy of Religion	2002-present
-Board of editors, <i>Teaching Theology and Religion</i>	1998-present
-Wabash Center Consultant	1999-present
-President, Pacific Northwest AAR/SBL	2000-2001
-Program Committee, American Catholic Historical Association,	1997-1998; 2001-2002
-Editorial Coordinator for 19 th century American Religion, <i>Religious Studies Review</i>	1993-1997
-Steering Committee, Roman Catholic Studies Group, American Academy of Religion	1992-2002
-Archives Committee, Catholic Theological Society of America	1994-1998
-Board of Directors, American Academy of Religion	1991-1996

RECENT GRANTS

-Pilot Project: Center for Religion, Cultures, and Society in the Western United States. Grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (\$49,000.00)	2003
-Co-author of “Building Capacities for Critical Understanding, Contextual Sensitivity, and Personal Maturity—A Lutheran Approach to the Theological Exploration of Vocation.” Grant from Lilly Endowment, Incorporated to Pacific Lutheran University. (\$1,998,714.00)	2002
- “Welcoming the New, Gracing the Old: Strengthening a Department in Transition by Cultivating Reflection on Teaching and the Profession,” \$43,000.00 grant to the Department of Religion from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion	2001
-Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education in Ministry (\$2,000)	1999-2000
-Lilly Foundation/AAR Teaching Workshop Grant (\$94,900.00)	1996-1997

TEACHING Introductory and upper-division courses in American religious history, denominational traditions, comparative religious history in the Americas, Roman Catholicism, religion in the Western United States. Graduate courses at M.A., M.Div., Ph.D. and D.Min. levels including directing theses.

SELECTED ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Co-director, PLU <i>Wild Hope</i> project (exploring vocation)	2003-present
Chair, Committee on Rank and Tenure	2000-2002
Writing Team, PLU 2010 Long-Range Planning Document	2000-2003
Chair, Center for Teaching and Learning Policy Committee	1997-1998
Chair of the University Faculty (elected)	1994-1996
Vice-Chair of the University Faculty (elected)	1993-1994
Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents	1993-1996
Provost Search Committee (elected)	1993-1994
Chair of the Department of Religion	1992-1995; 2003-present
Convener, Task Force on Teaching and Learning	1990-1992

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Talks, workshops, retreats and trainings on theological reflection, women’s spirituality, small Christian communities, future of denominations in the United States, regional religious ecology and pastoral ministry. Presented to vowed religious communities, parishes, seminary sponsored continuing education programs, adult education groups in the United States and Ireland.

References available upon request.