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Education

The University of Chicago Divinity School
Ph.D., 1992
Religion and Psychological Studies

Harvard Divinity School
M.T.S., 1986
Christianity and Culture

Stanford University
B.A., 1984
Philosophy and Religious Studies

Academic Honors

Postgraduate: IASD Research Grant Award (with Tracey L. Kahan), 2008
Meid Mentorship Lecturer, Loyola Marymount College, 2007
Niles Lecturer in Religion and Science, St. Lawrence University, 2004
Winner, Religion and Science Course Award Program, 2000.
Winner, *Common Boundary* Dissertation Award, 1992.
Graduate: Dissertation accepted with Distinction, 1992.
Entering Fellowship in Ph.D. Studies, 1986-87.
Undergraduate: Graduate with Distinction, 1984.

Current Positions

Visiting Scholar, Graduate Theological Union.

Secretary-Treasurer, Psychology, Culture and Religion Group, The American Academy of Religion

Co-Chair, Religion and the Social Sciences Section, The American Academy of Religion

Steering Committee Member, Cognitive Science of Religion Group, The American Academy of Religion

Senior Editor, *Dreaming: The Journal of the Association for the Study of Dreams*

Contributing Editor, *Dream Time* magazine

Editorial Advisor, *Pastoral Psychology*

Publications: Books

Teaching Jung (co-edited with Clodagh Weldon) (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Dreaming in the Classroom: Practices, Methods, and Resources in Dream Education (co-authored with Phil King and Bernard Welt) (State University of New York Press, in press)

Dreaming in Christianity and Islam: Culture, Conflict, and Creativity (co-edited with Kate Adams and Patricia M. Davis) (Rutgers University Press, 2009)

Dreaming in the World's Religions: A Comparative History (New York University Press, 2008)

American Dreamers: What Dreams Tell Us about the Political Psychology of Conservatives, Liberals, and Everyone Else (Beacon Press, 2008)

Soul, Psyche, Brain: New Directions in the Study of Religion and Brain-Mind Science (Editor) (Palgrave, 2005)

Dreaming Beyond Death (co-authored with the Rev. Patricia Bulkley) (Beacon Press, 2005)

The Wondering Brain: Thinking About Religion With and Beyond Cognitive Neuroscience (Routledge, 2005)

Dreams of Healing: Transforming Nightmares into Visions of Hope (Paulist Press, 2003)

Dreams: A Reader on the Religious, Cultural, and Psychological Dimensions of Dreaming (Editor) (Palgrave, 2001)

Transforming Dreams (John Wiley & Sons, 2000)

Visions of the Night: Dreams, Religion, and Psychology (State University of New York Press, 1999).

Dreamcatching (Co-authored with Alan Siegel) (Three Rivers Press, 1998).

An Introduction to the Psychology of Dreaming (Praeger, 1997)

Among All These Dreamers: Essays on Dreaming and Modern Society (Editor) (State University of New York Press, 1996).

Spiritual Dreaming: A Cross-Cultural and Historical Journey (Paulist Press, 1995).

The Wilderness of Dreams: Exploring the Religious Meanings of Dreams in Modern Western Culture (State University of New York Press, 1994).

Publications: Articles

Forthcoming. Religious Conversion and Cognitive Neuroscience. In *Handbook of Religious Conversion* (edited by Lewis Rambo and Charles Farhadian) (Oxford University Press).

Forthcoming. Freud and Neuroscience: A Return to Origins. In *Disciplining Freud on Religion* (edited by William Parsons) (Rowman & Littlefield).

Forthcoming. Big Dreams: The Science of Highly Memorable Dreams. In *Proceedings of the Breuninger Foundation Symposium on Dreams* (edited by Sudhir Kakar) (Penguin).

2009. Seeking Patterns in Dream Content: A Systematic Approach to Word Searches. *Consciousness and Cognition* 18: 905-916.

2009. Mystical Dreaming: Patterns in Form, Content, and Meaning. *Dreaming* 19(1): 30-41.

2009. The Religious Content of Dreams: A New Scientific Foundation. *Pastoral Psychology* 52(2): 93-101.

2008. The Impact of September 11 on Dreaming. (Co-authored with Tracey L. Kahan.) *Consciousness and Cognition* 17:1248-1256.

2007. Sacred Sleep: Scientific Contributions to the Study of Religiously Significant Dreaming. In *The New Science of Dreaming* (edited by Patrick McNamara and Deirdre Barrett) (Praeger Perspectives), 71-94.

2006. Consciousness and Neurotheology. In *Science, Religion, and Society: History, Culture, and Controversy* (edited by Gary Laderman and Arri Eisen) (M.E. Sharpe).

2006. Sleep and Dream Patterns of Political Liberals and Conservatives. *Dreaming* 16(3): 223-235.

2006. Mystical Dreaming, in the Shadow of Apocalypse. *Elixir* 1(3): 33-39.

2006. The Origins of Dreaming: Perspectives from Science and Religion. In *Where Man and God Meet: The New Sciences of Religion and Brain* (edited by Patrick McNamara) (Praeger Perspectives).
2006. Review of Altamira Press' "Cognitive Science of Religion Series." *The International Journal for the Psychology of Religion* 16(3): 239-242.
2006. Revision of the Good Fortune Scale: A New Tool for the Study of "Big Dreams." *Dreaming* 16(1): 11-21.
2005. Earliest Remembered Dreams. *Dreaming* 15(3): 205-222.
2005. The Dreams We Dream For Each Other. In *Catalog for the DreamingNow 2005 Exhibit*, Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University.
2004. Dreaming Is Play II: Revonsuo's Threat Simulation Theory in Ludic Context. *Sleep and Hypnosis* 6(3): 119-129.
2004. Dreaming of War in Iraq: A Preliminary Report. *Sleep and Hypnosis* 6(1): 19-28.
2003. The Gospel According to Darwin: The Relevance of Cognitive Neuroscience to Religious Studies. *Religious Studies Review* 29(2): 123-129.
2003. Dreams and the Cinema of David Lynch. *Dreaming* 13(1): 49-60.
2002. East Meets West in Cambridge: A Report on the "Science and Mind/Body Medicine" Conference. *PCR News* 25(2): 4-6.
2002. Reflections on the Dream Traditions of Islam. *Sleep and Hypnosis* 4(1): 1-11.
2002. Dream Content and Political Ideology. *Dreaming* 12(2): 61-78.
2000. It's All Just a Bad Dream. *San Francisco Chronicle* (December 6): A27.
2000. Dream Interpretation: Practical Methods for Pastoral Care and Counseling. *Pastoral Psychology* 49(2): 95-104.
2000. Introduction to the Special Issue on Historical Studies of Dreaming. (With Hendrika Vande Kemp.) *Dreaming* 10(1): 1-6.
1999. Who's Right in the Family Values Debate? A Review of the Books from the Religion, Culture, and Family Project. *Religious Studies Review* 25(2): 141-145.
1999. Touring the Dream Factory: The Dream-Film Connection in "The Wizard of Oz" and "A Nightmare on Elm Street." *Dreaming* 9(1): 101-110.

1999. "Home" and "Sacred Marriage." In *The Encyclopedia of Women and Religion* (edited by Serinity Young) (Macmillan).
1999. "Insomnia." In *The Dictionary of Pastoral Studies* (edited by Joanna Moriarty) (SPCK Press).
1998. Penelope as Dreamer: A Reading of Book 19 of *The Odyssey*. *Dreaming* 8(4): 229-242.
1996. Dream-Sharing Groups, Spirituality, and Community. *Journal of Religion and Health* 35(1): 59-66.
1996. Dreaming as a Spiritual Practice. *Anthropology of Consciousness* 7(2): 1-15.
1995. Conversion Dreams. *Pastoral Psychology* 44(1): 3-12.
1995. Psychological and Spiritual Development in Childhood. *Religious Studies Review* 21(2): 86-90.
1994. Dreaming in a Totalitarian Society: A Reading of Charlotte Beradt's *The Third Reich of Dreams*. *Dreaming* 4(2): 115-126.
1993. The Evil Dreams of Gilgamesh: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Dreams in Mythological Texts. In *The Dream and The Text: Essays on Literature and Language* (edited by Carol Schreier Rupprecht) (State University of New York Press).
1993. Why Study Dreams? A Religious Studies Perspective. (Co-authored with Wendy Doniger) *Dreaming* 3(1): 69-73.
1993. Dreaming is Play. *Psychoanalytic Psychology* 10(4): 501-514.
1993. "Jung's Dream Theory." In *The Encyclopedia of Sleep and Dreaming* (edited by Mary A. Carskadon) (Macmillan).
1992. Dreams, Spirituality, and Root Metaphors. *Journal of Religion and Health* 31(3): 197-206.
1991. The Quest for Transformational Experience: Dreams and Environmental Ethics. *Environmental Ethics* 13(2): 151-163.
1991. Gods and REMs: The Implications of Recent Dream Research for the Psychology of Religion. *Pastoral Psychology* 41(6): 349-358
1991. Interdisciplinary Dreaming: Hobson's Successes and Failures. *Dreaming* 1(3): 225-234.

Screenwriting

2006. "The Zodiac" (co-written with Alexander Bulkley). Think Films.

Book Reviews Written For:

Journal of the American Academy of Religion
Journal of Religion
Religious Studies Review
Dream Time
Theology and Psychology

Manuscripts Reviewed For:

Oxford University Press
State University of New York Press
Columbia University Press
University of California Press
Rutgers University Press
Palgrave Macmillan
Journal of Religion
History of Religions
Journal of the American Academy of Religion
JAAR Academy Series
Dreaming
Sleep and Hypnosis
Journal of Anthropological Research
Journal of Political Psychology
Nederlands Theologisch Tijdschrift
Psychological Reports
Jason Aronson Publisher

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion
American Psychological Association, Division 36, Psychology of Religion
International Association for the Study of Dreams

Courses Taught

1995-Present The Graduate Theological Union
Dreaming in the World's Religions (co-taught with Patricia M. Davis and

Lewis Rambo), PSHR 4208
Mind, Habit, Change, Conversion (co-taught with Mark Graves, David Gortner, et al.), PSST 4298
Psychology of Religion (co-taught with Lewis Rambo and Patricia M. Davis), PSHR 4870
Religion and Psychology: Methods (co-taught with Lewis Rambo and Steven Bauman), PS 5506
The Soul, the Psyche, the Brain, PS 5175
Religion and the Life Cycle, PS 2125
Dreams and Visions, PS 2360
The Psychology of Religion (co-taught with Lewis Rambo), PS 5150
The Spiritual Growth of Children, EDSP 4062

These courses critically examine Western psychological research on the nature of religion. Classical and contemporary studies are included. In addition to traditional psychological studies of Christianity and Judaism, the courses address the psychological investigation of religious belief, practice, and experience in non-Western cultures. Special attention is given to the implication of these issues for pastoral caregiving, psychotherapy, child development, and cultural criticism.

1999-Present **John F. Kennedy University**

The Psychology of Dreaming, ISD 5012
Dreaming as a Spiritual Practice, CNS 5219
Cross-Cultural History of Dreaming, CNS 5211
Sleep, Dreams, and Consciousness, CNS 5030

These courses introduce students to the various religious and cultural practices used to interpret and explore dreams through history, with discussion of how these practices relate to the contemporary work of Western researchers and psychotherapists.

2002-Present **University of Philosophical Research**

Dreams and the Quest for Meaning, MTP 652

This course focuses on the influence of dreaming on the world's religious and spiritual traditions. The first seven lectures concentrates on one particular area and/or tradition (the Ancient Near East, Judaism, Ancient Greece, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Native American cultures); The eighth lecture highlights the discoveries of Sigmund Freud and C.G. Jung; the ninth discusses recent findings in the neuropsychological functioning of the brain/mind system during sleep and dreaming; and the tenth looks to the future of dream research.

1996-2000 **Santa Clara University**

Religion and the Life Cycle, RS 63
Psychology and Religion: Quest for the Self, RS 62
Dreaming: Religious and Scientific Approaches, RS 186

These three courses present students with new perspectives on the relationship between religion and psychology, focusing on what religious traditions and modern psychological research have to say about such topics as the soul, consciousness, free will, moral reasoning, secularization, creativity, human development, the influence of culture, and the nature of God.

1990-1993

The University of Chicago

Self, Culture, and Society, Social Sciences 121-122-123

This year-long series of courses is part of the undergraduate core curriculum at the University of Chicago. The courses introduce first-year students to classic works in the social sciences (e.g., Adam Smith, Karl Marx, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, Sigmund Freud, Claude Levi-Strauss, Michel Foucault) and to contemporary research in psychology, anthropology, and sociology.