

Curriculum Vitae

Whitney A. Bauman, Ph.D.

Research Associate, Forum on Religion and Ecology
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies,
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Education

2002-2007: PhD

Graduate Theological Union (GTU)

Berkeley, California

Theology and Religious Studies

Dissertation: "From *Creatio ex Nihilo* to *Terra Nullius*: The Colonial Mind and the Colonization of Creation"

1998 – 2000: MTS

Vanderbilt Divinity School

Nashville, Tennessee

Emphasis on Ecological Concerns

MTS Thesis: "The Illusion of the Isolated Self"

1994 – 1998: BA

Hendrix College

Conway, Arkansas

Psychology

Teaching/Research Competencies

Primary

-20th Century Theology and Philosophy

-Religion and Ecology

-History of Christian Thought

-Religion and Science

Secondary

-Environmental Ethics

-Religion and Gender

-Process Theology / Philosophy

-Postcolonial Studies

Teaching/Research Positions

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

Fall 2008- Florida International University Miami, FL

As Professor of Religious Studies, I teach such courses as: The History of Christian Thought, Religion and Science, Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, and BioEthics.

Research Associate

2007-2008 The Forum on Religion and Ecology Berkeley, CA

As the first Research Associate of the Forum, I spend 60% of my time working with the co-directors of the Forum, Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, updating the information and materials on the Forum's research-oriented website. The other 40% of my time is devoted to my own research in the area of "religion and ecology."

Instructor Positions

Fall 2005 Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, CA

I co-taught "Eco-Feminist Theology and Philosophy" with Rosemary Radford Ruether.

Summer 2003/2004 Arkansas Governor's School Conway, AR

I was an instructor of "Area III: Personal and Social Development" at this six week, state-funded gifted and talented program for rising high school seniors in the state of Arkansas. Throughout the six weeks, we explored issues of anthropology (what is the self?) and ethics (given what it means to be a self-in-community, how do my actions affect that community?). On the anthropology side, we looked at the psychological, scientific, and philosophical aspects of the person. On the ethics side, we explored economic inequity, poverty, sexism, racism, heterosexism, and environmental issues as they relate to current public policies. Finally, we explored how thoughts and action are related in daily life.

Fall 2003 Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, CA

I co-taught "Eco-Feminist Theology" with Rosemary Radford Ruether.

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2005 Church Divinity School of the Pacific Berkeley, CA

-Prof. Marion Grau, "Constructive Theology."

Fall 2004 Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, CA

-Prof. Rosemary Radford Ruether, "Eco-feminist Theology."

Spring 2004 Graduate Theological Union/ CDSP Berkeley, CA
- Prof. Marion Grau, “Constructive Theology” at Church Divinity School of the Pacific.
- Prof. Carol Manahan, “Topics in Ecology, Theology, and Ethics: Environmental Justice” at the Graduate Theological Union.

Fall 2003 Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, CA
-Prof. Carol Manahan, “Topics in Ecology, Theology, and Ethics: Land and Agriculture.”

Spring 2003 Graduate Theological Union/ UC Berkeley Berkeley, CA
-Prof. Lou Ann Trost, “Topics in Ecology, Theology, and Ethics: Population and Consumption” at the Graduate Theological Union.
-Profs. Rosemary Radford Ruether and Carolyn Merchant, “Ecology, Gender, Religion, and Ethics” (joint course between the Graduate Theological Union and UC Berkeley).

Fall 2002 Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, CA
-Prof. Rosemary Radford Ruether, “Ecofeminist Theology.”
-Prof. Lou Ann Trost, “Topics in Ecology, Theology, and Ethics: Global Warming.”

July 2000 Graduate Theological Union Berkeley, CA
- Prof. Lou Ann Trost, “Biology and Theology: Brain/Mind, Evolution, and Ideas of the Person.”

Other Professional Experience

Book Review Editor

2007-Present *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, and Religion*

Worldviews: Environment, Culture and Religion (Brill Academic Press) is a peer-reviewed journal. It aims to publish work that explores different conjunctions, constructions and perceptions of environment, culture and religion. It aims to change the way we look at our world. The journal adopts a wide, multi- and interdisciplinary scope. Papers may discuss major world religious traditions (such as Islam, Buddhism or Christianity); the traditions of indigenous peoples; new religious movements; philosophical belief systems (such as pantheism), nature spiritualities and other religious and cultural worldviews in relation to the environment.

Student Editor

2007-2008

“From the Student Desk” in *Religious Studies News*

As editor of “From the Student Desk” for the American Academy of Religion’s *Religious Studies News*, I am responsible for soliciting and editing three articles per year from graduate students in religious studies. This section of the publication is designed to give voice to graduate students experiences of and concerns about Religious Studies.

Web Content Manager

2006 to Present

The Forum on Religion and Ecology

As the web content manager for this academic organization, I am responsible for keeping the annotated bibliographies, current events, and other research information up to date. The Forum on Religion and Ecology is the largest international multireligious project of its kind. With its conferences, publications, and website it is engaged in exploring religious worldviews, texts, and ethics in order to broaden understanding of the complex nature of current environmental concerns. The Forum recognizes that religions need to be in dialogue with other disciplines (e.g., science, ethics, economics, education, public policy, gender) in seeking comprehensive solutions to both global and local environmental problems. (<http://environment.harvard.edu/religion/main.html>)

Steering Committee Member

2000 to 2007

TREES at the GTU

Berkeley, CA

As head of the Steering Committee for the Theological Roundtable on Ecological Ethics and Spirituality (TREES), I have written and received grant money to help “green” the Graduate Theological Union (total grants equal ca. \$40,000). Along with other Steering Committee members, I have helped to plan our Fall and Spring forum series, which have featured many academics and professionals on particular issues that fall under the purview of eco-theology / eco-justice. Finally, I have played a large role in collecting data for a TREES research project (funded by the GTU) assessing the status of “green studies” at the GTU (Summer/Fall 2001).

Managing Editor

2001 to 2005

Theology and Science

Berkeley, CA

Theology and Science (Routledge 2003) is the journal of the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS). As managing editor, I have worked with representatives at Routledge to secure a publishing contract. I have also worked with the co-editors, Bob Russell and Ted Peters, to create the editorial board and editorial statement. I am responsible for ushering authors through the referee process and preparing the manuscript for each issue.

Managing Editor

2001 to 2002 *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* Berkeley, CA

I prepared each issue of *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* (Blackwell) as copy ready text. Along with the Editor, Ted Peters, I edited and proofread each issue. I attended editorial board meetings and helped plan the themes for each issue.

Publications Associate

2000 to 2002 Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Berkeley, CA

As the CTNS (Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences) publications assistant, I prepared manuscripts from conferences sponsored by CTNS for publication. This involved corresponding with all of the authors and using PageMaker Pro software to place all of the individual papers into manuscript form. Manuscripts included: *God, Life, and the Cosmos: Christian and Islamic Perspectives*, eds. Ted Peters, Muzaffar Iqbal, and S. Nomanul Haq (Ashgate, 2002); *Resurrection: Scientific and Theological Assessments*, eds. Ted Peters, Bob Russell, and Michael Welker (Eerdmans, 2002); and *Science, Theology, and Ethics*, Ted Peters (Ashgate 2003). I also helped organize international conferences in the field of Science and Religion.

Assistant Director, Western Region

2000 Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Berkeley, CA

As the assistant director of the western region for the Science and Religion Course Program at the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS), I helped to recruit professors at colleges, universities, and seminaries (in the Western United States) to apply for the \$10,000 Course Award Grants in Science and Religion. I also helped organize several academic conferences among which was a conference at the UCLA Center for the Study of Religion entitled “Dreams and Dreaming: Neuroscientific and Religious Perspectives.”

Recycling Coordinator/ Ecological Concerns Committee Co-Chair

1998-2000 Vanderbilt Divinity School Nashville, TN

I organized an in-house recycling program at Vanderbilt Divinity School and handled all recycling when the program was in place. I also educated the Vanderbilt Divinity School community about recycling and other environmental issues. As co-chair of the Ecological Concerns Committee, I helped organize brown-bag lunch discussions on issues in eco-theology / eco-justice.

Publicity Director

1998 Arkansas Governor’s School Conway, AR

I scheduled guest speakers for afternoon and evening lectures and hosted all speakers that visited the Arkansas Governor’s School. I also wrote press releases and hosted visiting members of the press.

Professional Affiliations

- Graduate Student Committee, American Academy of Religion, 2008-2010
- Hope: Probing the Boundaries, Steering Committee Member, 2008-2010
- International Association for Environmental Philosophy, member since 2007
- Christian Faith and the Earth Working Group, University of the Western Cape, Since 2007
- Student Steering Committee Member, AAR Religion and Ecology Group, 2006-2007
- Institute for Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS), member since 2006
- Society for Human Ecology (SHE), member since 2006
- GTU Student Liaison to the American Academy of Religion, 2005-2006
- International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Board of Advisors, 2005-2006, member since 2006
- American Academy of Religion, member since 2000

Academic Awards/Fellowships/Scholarships

- Graduate Theological Union, Visiting Scholar, 2007-2008
- Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, 2007 Charles H. Townes Student Fellowship
- Institute for Religion in an Age of Science, Student Scholar 2006
- George Mayr Scholarship, 2004-2005/2005-2006
- Newhall Fellowship, 2003-2004/2005-2006
- GTU Presidential Scholarship Award, 2002-2003
- Vanderbilt Divinity School Community Service Award, 1999

Publications

- Whitney Bauman, *Theology, Creation, and Environmental Ethics: From Creatio ex Nihilo to Terra Nullius* (Routledge, Forthcoming 2009).
- Assistant Editor, *The Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability: The Spirit of Sustainability* (Berkshire Publishing Group, Forthcoming 2008).
- “Post-Foundational Hopes for Eco-Social Transformations in an Era of Global Climate Change,” in *Hope: Global Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Whitney Bauman and Janette McDonald eds. (Rodopi Press, Forthcoming 2008).
- “The Problem of a Transcendent God for the Well-Being of Continuous Creation” in *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 46.2(Summer 2007): 120-127.
- “The Eco-Ontology of Social/ist Eco-Feminist Thought” in *Environmental Ethics* 29 (Fall 2007): 279-298.

- “*Creatio ex Nihilo, Terra Nullius, and the Erasure of Presence*” in *Ecospirit: Religions and Philosophies for the Earth*, Catherine Keller and Laurel Kearns eds. (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, 2007), 353-372.
- Book Review of Joseph Bracken, *Christianity and Process Thought: Spirituality for a Changing World in Theology and Science* 4.3: (2006).
- Book Review of Catherine Keller, *God and Power: Counter-Apocalyptic Journeys in Kiats Theological Journal* 2.1 (Spring 2006): 231-233.
- Book Review of Jürgen Moltmann, *Science and Wisdom in Theology and Science*, 3.1 (2005).
- “Terror, Violence, Natality, and Revelation: *Bowling for Columbine* and *The Culture of Fear*” in the *Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin*, 33, 3 & 4 (2004): 75-80.
- Co-authored with Dr. Lou Ann Trost, “A Report on Topics in Ecology, Theology, and Ethics” from the Theological Roundtable on Ecological Ethics and Spirituality (TREES) at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU),” in *Research News and Opportunities in Science and Religion*,” (April 2003).
- “God’s Creation, God’s Created, and God’s Creating: A Process View of Eschatology,” in the *CTNS Bulletin*, vol 21, no 4 (Fall 2001): 12-17.
- “Essentialism, Universalism, and Violence: Unpacking the Ideology of Patriarchy,” in *Journal of Women and Religion*, vol. 19 (2001): 52-71.
- “Green Studies, Religion, and Environmental Practice,” edited and compiled by Whitney Bauman, in *Journal of Women and Religion*, vol. 19 (2001): 90-116.

Presentations

- “Opening the Language of Religion and Ecology” (Paper Accepted to the American Philosophical Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA: December 27-30, 2008).
- “Haute Couture and Environmental Couture: The End of Transcendence and the Opening of Ecological Aesthetics,” (Paper Accepted to the International Association for Environmental Philosophy Conference, “Thinking Through Nature: Philosophy for an Endangered World” June 19-22, 2008).
- “Religion, Environmental Justice, and City Ecology” (Paper presented at the Eco-City Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 23, 2008).
- “Challenging The Logic of Domination in *Creatio Ex Nihilo*,” Center For Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA, February 19, 2008.
- “Thinking Beyond the Enchantment, ReEnchantment, and DisEnchantment of ‘Nature’,” (Paper delivered to the second meeting of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Morelia, Mexico, January 17-20, 2008).
- “Hope in the Context of Global Climate Change,” (3rd Global Conference on “Hope: Probing the Boundaries”, Mansfield College, Oxford, UK, September 17-19, 2007).
- “The Death of God and the Death of Nature: Religious Grounds for Earth Healing in an Era of Climate Change” (Annual Association of American Geographers Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 20, 2007).
- “Rethinking the Field Consultation: The Future of Religion and Ecology” (panelist at the American Academy of Religion 2006 meeting, Washington, DC, November 18, 2006).

- “Eternal Foundations or Contested Grounds? The (Ab)Use of Nature and God in Political Discourse Surrounding the Artic National Wildlife Refuge” (Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion 2006 meeting, Washington, DC, November 19, 2006).
- “Ecological Non-Equilibrium and Post-Foundational Environmental Ethics” (Paper presented at the annual Society for Human Ecology Conference in Bar Harbor, ME, Friday, October 20, 2006).
- Guest Lecturer on Hinduism for “The Sacred” taught by Peter MJ Hess (St. Mary’s College, Moraga, CA, June 6, 2006).
- “Fath and Action: Environmental Issues” (presentation at the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary’s leadership institute, “Faith Active in Love,” Berkeley, CA, June 27, 2006).
- Guest Lecturer on “Christianity and the Environment” for “Environmental Ethics” taught by Lois Lorentzen (University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA, February 21, 2006).
- “Religion’s Response to our Ecological Crisis” (workshop at the 2006 Earl Lecture Series: “Gathering the Beloved Community: Voices of Faith for the Public Square,” Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, January 25, 2006).
- “Creatio ex Nihilo, Terra Nullius, and the Colonial Mind” (presentation given at the American Academy of Religion meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November 21, 2005).
- “A Social Ecofeminist Evaluation of the New Universe Story” (presentation given at Drew University’s “Eco-Sophia: The Fifth Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium,” Drew University, Madison, NJ, October 3, 2005).
- “From Ground to Table: Theology, Ethics, and the Bible on Table Fellowship” (presentation given at the Presbyterians for Restoring Creation conference entitled, “Caring for Creation: Choices of Food and Faith,” Westminster Woods, Occidental, CA, February 12, 2005).
- “The Greening of Higher Education,” (presentation given at Arkansas Governor’s School, Hendrix College, Conway, AR, June 14, 2004).
- “Contextual Methodology in the Science and Religion Dialogue” (presentation given at the Metanexus Institute’s annual conference entitled “Science and Religion in Context,” Philadelphia, PA, June 7, 2004).
- “Terror, Violence, Natality, and Revelation: Hannah Arendt, *Bowling for Columbine*, and *The Culture of Fear*,” (paper presented at the Annual Academy of Religion meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, November 22, 2003).
- “The Greening of Schools: Environmental Activism and Education,” (presentation given at Arkansas Governor’s School, Hendrix College, Conway, AR, June 17, 2003).
- “Religion and Science: Friend...or Foe?,” (presentation given at Arkansas Governor’s School, Hendrix College, Conway, AR, July 9, 2003).
- “At the Intersection of Advocacy and Education,” (paper presented at the Annual Academy of Religion meeting in Toronto, Ontario, November 25, 2002).
- “An Introduction to Eco-Feminist Theology,” (guest lecture at St. Mary’s College, Instructor Mary Elise Lowe, Moraga, CA, October 25, 2002).
- “Climate Change and Social Justice,” (paper presented at the “Life on a Threatened Planet: Genetic Controversy and Environmental Ethics” workshop sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA, June 2002).
- “From Whence Cometh our Security,” Nevada Desert Experience, a reading on ecological sustainability at the Good Friday Service, (Livermore, CA, March 29, 2002).

- “God’s Created, God’s Creation, and God’s Creating: A Process View of Eschatology” (paper presented at the “Eschatology, Immortality, and the Future of the Cosmos” workshop sponsored by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA, June 2001).
- “Eco-Theology and Public Policy” (paper presented to the Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, Berkeley, CA, April 22, 2001).
- “Toward an Ecological and Relational Self” (paper presented at a forum of the Theological Roundtable on Ecological Ethics and Spirituality at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, February 2001).