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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **EDUCATION:**

#### **Master of Arts in Asian Studies, December 2007**

Florida International University, Miami, Florida  
Master's Essay: "The Evolution of the Aesthetic Theology of Shakyamuni Buddha: Three Case Studies of Syncretism Influencing Iconography."  
4.00 GPA

#### **Master of Arts in Religious Studies, December 1999**

Florida International University, Miami, Florida  
Thesis: "Transcultural Possessions In/Of Mahikari: A Case Study in Religious Syncretism."  
"Distinction" – 3.85 GPA

#### **Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, Certificate in Women's Studies, April 1996**

Florida International University, Miami, Florida  
*Cum Laude* – 3.61 GPA

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### ***Director, Program in the Study of Spirituality, 2015 – Present*** **Florida International University**

Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs

**Responsibilities:** Working with the PSS Executive and Academic Boards to create quality community-based, academic programming in the study of Spirituality. Creating the space for multi-faith, multi-spiritual dialogue through planned events, as well as Spirituality-based research and curriculum.

***Digital Instructor and Technology Liaison, 2013 – Present***

**Florida International University**

Department of Religious Studies

Online Courses: "Sects and Cults," "Magic and Religions," "Religion in Film," "Survey of Buddhism," "Studies in World Religions," "Religion: Analysis and Interpretation"

**Responsibilities:** Create and teach online courses, serve as a liaison between the department, FIU Online, Global Learning, Center for the Advancement of Teaching, and the Library, advise colleagues on best practices in pedagogy, design and delivery of e-learning, student advising, social media.

***Adjunct Instructor, 2002, 2006 – 2013***

**Florida International University**

Department of Religious Studies, Asian Studies Program

Traditional Lecture Courses: "Religion: Interpretation and Analysis," "Studies in World Religions"

Online Courses: "Sects and Cults," "Magic and Ecstasy in New Religions," "Magic and Religions"

**Responsibilities:** Creation of all course materials, lectures, PowerPoints, exams and other assignments, grading, recordkeeping, student advising.

***Educational Consultant, 2009 - 2013***

**MR Consulting**

High School Home-schooling Courses: Math Foundations 1 & 2, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Physical Science, College and Career Planning, English Foundations 1 & 2, English 2: Critical Reading and Effective Writing, Economics, U.S History, U.S. Government and Politics, Geography and World Cultures

**Responsibilities:** Academic instruction, scaffolding assignments, grading, recordkeeping, student advising, liaison to several online high schools, extensive international travel, research on mental health issues in juveniles, in particular Juvenile Bipolar Disorder.

***Educator, 2008 – 2009***

**The Laura Cushman Middle School, 2008**

7th / 8th Grade Elective "Introduction to the World's Religions and Cultures"

**The Laura Cushman Academy**

3rd / 4th Grade 2008 – 2009

2nd / 3rd Grade 2008

**Responsibilities:** Creation of course materials, lectures, tests and other assignments, grading, classroom management, recordkeeping, parent-teacher conferences, school committee assignments.

***Religion Instructor, 2003 – 2006***

**Kapiolani Community College**

Department of Arts & Humanities

Courses: "Introduction to World Religions," "Religion and the Meaning of Existence," "Contemporary Religions"

**Responsibilities:** Creation of course materials, lectures, tests and other assignments,

grading, recordkeeping, academic advising, school committee assignments.

***Remediation Specialist, 2003***

**The Laura Cushman Academy**

Familiar with: Lexia, Lindamood Bell LiPS, Visualizing and Verbalizing, On Cloud Nine, Seeing Stars, the Hill Program, NeuroNet.

**Responsibilities:** Testing and analysis of student placement, facilitating remediation in specialty areas, recordkeeping, parent-teacher conferences.

***Private Tutor, 2000 – 2003***

**Tutorial Resources**

Homeschooling Courses: 11<sup>th</sup> grade English, AP American History, Morality and Ethics, 10<sup>th</sup> grade English, World History, Sociology, 9<sup>th</sup> grade English

Private tutoring specializing in SSAT and standardized tests for private school acceptance.

**Responsibilities:** Administering pre-tests, tests and other assignments, analysis of student placement, scaffolding work assignments, grading, recordkeeping, parent-teacher conferences.

***Teaching Assistant, 1998 – 1999***

**Florida International University**

Department of Religious Studies

Courses: "Studies in World Religions," "Religion: Interpretation and Analysis"

**Responsibilities:** Administering exams, grading, classroom management, recordkeeping, individual lectures.

***Coordinator, 1998***

**Florida International University**

Institute for Asian Studies

**Responsibilities:** Administrative assistant, office organization, creating letters and event flyers, newsletter support, schedule and coordinate visitors' events, payroll.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- [Facilitator - "Developing Shared Curriculum" at the \*Learning Islands: Pedagogy and Globalization in the Pacific and Caribbean Workshop\*, November 9 – 11, 2004. East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i](#)
- Digital Course Design and Best Practices in Online Pedagogy, Florida International University, Spring 2015
- Integrating Active Learning into Introductory Religion Classes, Florida International University, Spring 2016

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- Film Review: Pad Yatra: A Green Odyssey, by M. Yeoh (exec.prod.) and W.J.N. Lee (prod./dir.) Weston, Erin, *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*, 19, 303-304 (2015), DOI:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/15685357-01903006>

- Film Review: Earth, Water, Woman by D. Fox (prod.), S. Feinbloom and A. Swati Guild (dir.) Weston, Erin, Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology, 19, 203-204 (2015), DOI:<http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/15685357-01902008>
- “Transcultural Possessions in/of Mahikari” Japan Studies Review, Vol. VI, (2002) 45-62.
- [Supplementary Educational PowerPoints Pearson Educational Publications](#)

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

- Graduate Research Grant (FIU, 1999) \$500
- Institute for Asian Studies Research Grant (FIU, 1999) \$600
- Catholic Diocese of Miami Religious Education Grant (1998) \$2000

### **AWARDS AND HONORS:**

- Distinguished Course Design for Student Engagement, FIU, 2015
- Outstanding Service to the Department, FIU, 1999
- Phi Kappa Phi – National Honor Society, 1999
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, FIU, 1996
- The National Golden Key Honor Society, 1995

### **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Microsoft Office, Blackboard, Apex Learning, Camtasia, Adobe Connect
- Basic Web Design
- Smartboard, Notebook Software
- Usui Reiki Master
- Minister – Universal Life Church

### **INTERESTS:**

- Traveling
- Photography
- Yoga
- Painting
- Surfing