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## Education

- Doctor of Philosophy, May 2003. The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Dissertation: *Penitence in the Poems of Wyatt, the Countess of Pembroke, and Donne*.
- Master of Arts, May 1995. The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Emphasis: English Reformation and Renaissance Literature.
- Bachelor of Arts, May 1993. Calvin College, Grand Rapids MI. Major: English. Minor: Russian Studies.

## Teaching

### Calvin College:

- British Literature 1
- British Literature of the Seventeenth Century
- Dostoevsky
- J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-earth
- Russian Literature.
- Shakespeare
- Speaking Pictures (emblem books, postmodern theory, indie publishing).
- Utopian Literature
- World Literature 1
- World Literature 2
- Written Rhetoric

## Scholarship

### Affiliations:

- International Society for Jungian Studies
- John Donne Society
- Renaissance Society of America

### Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- “Fostering Faithful Minds in the Early World Literature Survey.” *The Word in the English Classroom: Best Practices of Faith Integration*. Ed. Brad Gambill and Jamie Dessart. Abilene: Abilene Christian UP, 2009.
- “Aesthetic Activity in Sir Thomas Wyatt’s Penitential Psalms.” Accepted for publication in a collection of essays on dialogism and poetry, edited by Mara Scanlon (University of Mary Washington). 39 manuscript pages.
- “*The Kite Runner*.” *The Emmaus Readers: More Listening for God in Contemporary Fiction*. Ed. Susan M. Felch and Gary D. Schmidt. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2009. 163-179.
- “*Purple Hibiscus*.” *The Emmaus Readers: More Listening for God in Contemporary Fiction*. Ed. Susan M. Felch and Gary D. Schmidt. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2009. 59-73.
- “*The Dream Life of Sukhanov*.” *The Emmaus Readers: Listening for God in Contemporary Fiction*. Ed. Susan M. Felch and Gary D. Schmidt. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2008. 184-202.
- “*Godric*.” *The Emmaus Readers: Listening for God in Contemporary Fiction*. Ed. Susan M. Felch and Gary D. Schmidt. Brewster, MA: Paraclete Press, 2008. 154-169.
- “Buechner’s *Godric*: Sinner and Saint Re-Complicated.” Co-written with Nathan Bruinooge. *CEA MAGazine* 8 (Fall 1995): 35-49.

### Book Reviews:

- Review of *Tolkien and the Invention of Myth: A Reader*, edited by Jane Chance. *The Lion and the Unicorn* 30 (Jan. 2006): 134-38.
- Review of *Tolkien and the Great War* by John Garth. *The Lion and the Unicorn* 29 (Jan. 2005): 128-32.
- Review of *The Gospel According to Tolkien: Visions of the Kingdom in Middle-earth* by Ralph Wood. *Calvin Theological Journal* 39 (Nov. 2004): 451-53.

### Other Publications:

- “A Hollow Sweater.” *Perspectives* 22 (Mar. 2007): 3-4.
- “Aubade.” *Dialogue* 38 (Spring 2006): 6.

### Conference Papers:

- “Altar Egos: a Jungian Approach to Early Modern Penitential Poetry.” Swiss Association for Medieval and Early Modern English Studies. Geneva, Switzerland. July 2010.
- “Teaching Emblems.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 2010.
- “Couples in Collaboration: Mixing and Re-Mixing our Pedagogies.” Co-presented with Susanna Kelly Engbers. Conference on College Composition and Communication, Louisville, KY. April 2010.
- “Redesigning the *Canticles* in The Geneva Bible and Francis Quarles’s *Emblemes*.” College English Association, Pittsburgh, PA. March 2009.
- “The Dialogism of Penitential Poetry.” Northeast Modern Language Association, Buffalo, NY. April 2008.

- “Estrangement and Recovery in Shklovsky and Tolkien.” International Congress on Medieval Studies. Kalamazoo, MI. May 2007.
- “Repentance in the Countess of Pembroke’s Psalms.” Modern Language Association. Washington, D.C. December 2005.
- “Repentance and Aesthetic Activity in Thomas Wyatt’s *Psalms*.” Conference on Christianity and Literature. Westmont College. January 2005.
- “Repentance and Rhetorical Ambiguity in John Donne’s Holy Sonnets.” Art & Soul Festival. Baylor University. March 2003.
- “Buechner’s *Godric*: Sinner and Saint Re-Complicated.” Co-presented with Nathan Bruinooge at the annual conference of the College English Association, Middle Atlantic Group, Spring 1995.

## Awards

- Sabbatical, Spring 2011.
- Calvin Research Fellowship, Summer 2007.
- McGregor Research Fellowship, Summer 2007.

## Service

### Service to the English Department:

- Standard Committees:
  - Student Formation and Assessment Committee; Honors subcommittee departmental webmaster. 2008-9 academic year.
  - Promotions and Public Affairs Committee, Fall 2006 to Spring 2008, Fall 2010. Primary responsibility: web maintenance and development.
  - *Footnotes* editor, Fall 2004 to Spring 2006.
  - Curriculum Committee, 2001 to 2005, Fall 2009-Fall 2010. Committee chair, 2005.
  - Special Events Committee, 2001 to 2003.
    - Organizer. “How Can Literary Theory Be Christian?”
    - Organizer. “Professing Literature: Giving Conference Papers.”
- Special Committees:
  - *Ad hoc* Committee on Departmental Statement of Scholarship, Summer and Fall 2008.
  - *Ad hoc* Committee on Franchise. 2003-4 academic year.
  - Assessment Representative and team facilitator. Developed rubric for departmental assessment, reviewed Senior Seminar essays. 2006-2010.
- Honors Project Supervision:
  - Second Reader for Sarah Wong. Fall 2010.
  - Second Reader for Jessica Miller. Fall 2009.
  - Second Reader for Alex Vander Woude. Fall 2009.
  - Primary Reader for Ben Post. Spring 2009.
  - Second Reader for Jason Smith. Spring 2009.
  - Second Reader for Devin Byker. Fall 2008.
  - Primary Reader for Rachel Van Harten. Spring 2007.
  - Primary Reader for Caroline Vander Loo. Fall 2006.
  - Second Reader for Jennifer Langefeld. Fall 2005.
  - Second Reader for Laura Peterson. Fall 2005.

- Second Reader for Cynthia Jeske. 2003-4 academic year.
- Faculty Mentor:
  - Megan Marie. 2008-9 academic year.
  - Megan Berglund. 2003-4 academic year.
  - Nathan Bierma. Spring 2005.
- Substitute for Departmental Secretary, Fall 2003 to Spring 2005.

### **Service to Calvin College:**

- Campus Committees
  - Committee Member. Information Services Committee. 2004-5, Fall 2006 to Spring 2010.
  - Committee Member. Assessment Committee. Fall 2007 to Spring 2010. Chair, 2009-10 academic year.
- Panelist. How Christianity Influences One's Buying Habits. A discussion organized by students in the Knollcrest East apartments. November 2008.
- Teacher. Model class sessions for parents during summer orientation. 2002, 2003, 2007, 2009.
- Reader, "A Hollow Sweater" (my article). Calvin Writers Read. May 2007.
- Reader, "Aubade" (my poem). Jazz Vespers. April 2007.
- Presenter. With two colleagues, explained our departmental assessment practices to representatives of other departments. Spring 2006.
- Faculty Senator. One-semester replacement for a colleague on sabbatical. Spring 2006.
- Supporting Actor. "Doubts." Film project by Matt Harris and Vamshi Linga. Spring 2005.
- Presenter. "Really Fantastic Stories: Using Reality to Write Fantasy." Young Authors' Festival. April 2005.
- Lecturer. Calvin Academy for Lifelong Learning. Offered a class on Buechner's *Telling the Truth*. 15 April 2004.
- Co-presenter. "Writing Song Lyrics." Young Authors' Festival. April 2003.
- Panelist. Calvin Theological Seminary's "Book of the Quarter" Frederick Buechner's *Telling the Truth*. February 2003.

### **Service to Other Academic Communities:**

- Panelist, "Building a Bridge to College Research," a mini-conference sponsored by Hekman Library for high school teachers and librarians. Fall 2010.
- Grant reviewer. NEH Teaching Development Fellowships. Fall 2008.
- Peer reviewer: Matthew Dickerson and Jonathan Evans, *Ents, Elves, and Eriador: The Environmental Vision of J.R.R. Tolkien* (University Press of Kentucky). Fall 2005.
- Peer reviewer, *Pedagogy*. Summer 2004.
- Consultant for Excelsior College (Albany, New York). Served on standard-setting committee for Excelsior's basic composition exam. Summer 2002.

### **Service to Non-Academic Communities:**

- Discussion leader. *The Dream Life of Sukhanov*. Royal Oak Public Library. May 2009.
- Discussion leader. Catholic Information Center. Discussed David K. Shipler's *The Working Poor*. October 2008.

- Guest speaker. Led two discussions of *The Idiot* for a book club facilitated by Ron Kuiper. Two sessions, Spring 2008.
- Guest speaker. Led two discussions of *The Brothers Karamazov* for a book club facilitated by Ron Kuiper. Two sessions, Spring 2007.
- Lecturer. Catholic Information Center. Presented Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* as part of a "Great Books" series. August 2006.
- Lecturer. Catholic Information Center. Presented Frederick Buechner's *Godric* as part of a "Great Books" series. November 2005.
- Charter member of church household group. Church of the Servant Christian Reformed Church. 2003-5.
- Speaker. Catholic Information Center. Wrote and delivered a meditation for Good Friday service, 2004.

## Advising

- Fulbright Program Advisor. Presently, also 2005-6 academic year.
- Standard advising load. 2002 to present.
- Advisor. Summer Passport sessions. 2003 to present.
- Faculty Mentor. McGregor Sophomore Scholars Program. 2003 to 2006.