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I am seeking professional academic employment at this time which leverages my extensive background in deploying online resources for education and community building. The materials which follow give an idea of my primary areas of expertise and interest.

### **Assistant Professor**

Mythology, history and philosophy of psychology, Analytical/Complex and Archetypal psychologies, cultural studies, literature, history, religious studies, conflict and peace studies

# **Areas of Expertise and Research Emphasis**

- Comparative-Critical Studies in Religion, Mythology, Psychology, and Culture
- Origination and Development of the Process Arts concept
- Peace and Conflict Facilitation
- Peace Environment Community Building
- · Violence in Communication, Organization, Governance, and Culture
- · Religion, Nationalism, and Terror
- Contemporary Social Movements based on Inclusivity
- Interdisciplinarity of the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
- · International Justice and Humane Rights
- American Mythologies of Justice, Democracy, and the Politics of Economic Development
- World Citizenship and Globalization

# **Courses Offered**

Format	<b>Title or Content</b>	Details	
Community Series with online support	Tales of Wonder and the Myth of Peace	Lectures, readings, and forum offered collaboratively with Huston Smith	
Ongoing Public Classes with online support	FreeAiki	Aikido and Martial Nonviolence Dojo in Berkeley CA	
Workshop Training with online support	Martial Nonviolence	<b>Epworth UMC community</b> activism intensive	
Ongoing Classes	Basic & Advanced Aikido for Adults - continuing Children's Aikido Program - 2yrs	Instructor - Aikido of Berkeley	
Facilitated Process with online support	Process Arts Orientation	Nexus for Change Conference 2007	
Classroom Lecture and demonstration	Biblical Violence and Conflict Metaphors	<b>Epworth UMC community education</b>	
Workshop Training	Community Building Facilitator Training	FCE model	
Weekly Class	The Body In Conflict	Moving On Center out-of- term curriculum	
Weekly Class	Beginning Aikido for 3-6 year olds Aikido for Children 6-12 years of age	Aikido of San Leandro Aikido of Berkeley	
Visiting lecturer/facilitator	Consequences of Ideas: Narrative Navigation in Religious Study	Kessler Park UMC	

# **Education**

Ph.D. Pacifica Graduate Institute, Mythology Studies & Depth Psychology

M.A. Pacifica Graduate Institute, Mythology Studies & Depth Psychology

B.A. University of Dallas, Liberal Arts – Department of Theater

Traditional Aikido residential training program, now Chief Instructor of Free Aiki Dojo and 4th Degree Black Belt

Jesuit College Prep High School, outstanding debater gavel, merit scholarships and performance Awards, honor roll

Twenty year career in professional regional and touring theater including the Dallas Theater Center, an internationally renowned Actors Equity Repertory Company Montessori childhood

# **Professional Experience**

## **Dedicated Appointments**

FreeAiki Dojo, Berkeley CA

Dojo cho (founder - chief instructor)

- Traditional Aikido martial arts curriculum
- Martial Nonviolence<sup>®</sup> training for bodymind conflict facilitation
- Public teaching three mornings a week with private lessons, demonstrations, and tutorials

### **Association Building Community**

President, 2001- present Co-Director, Guardians of Peace Executive Director, 2001-2004 Past Director, Saving Sounds program Co-founder 1999

- Direction of an intentional, distributed community dedicated to developing the Process Arts and opening doors for local community initiatives.
- Implementation of the plan and vision of the Council (Board) with strong cooperative leadership

- A clear overview of all projects with a compassionate and dynamic dedication to meeting deadlines
- With the Treasurer, develop and monitor budgets, projections & balances, support for audit, monitor all bank activity, evaluate opportunities, and participate in the creation of all proposals
- Primary liaison with the Council (Board), members, in relationships with major donors, oversight & maintenance of databases, fund raising mailings, initiatives, campaigns and events
- Generating and monitoring publicity content, advertising, production, and distribution
- Membership growth and development
- Purchasing and tracking use of inventory
- Negotiating agreements with umbrella organizations, monitoring project performance, and overseeing maintenance of personnel, financial, and insurance records
- Documenting organizational history and reinforcing institutional memory through autocritical processes
- Creation of the original Process Arts idea, development, and group facilitation
- Remote location leadership and team direction, whole project responsibility
- Assembling Board of Directors for initial founding and co-creation of articles of incorporation, organizational structure, donors, offices in downtown Oakland and Berkeley CA
- Created and maintained all web design and IT infrastructure, wifi and PC network, email listserves and groups, online presence through Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, Tribe, LiveJournal, WiseEarth, etc.
- Initiated and coordinated relationships with parallel mission organizations/groups: Aikido of Berkeley, Epworth UMC, National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, Nexus For Change
- Deployed by contract to create the position of Executive Director of Aiki Extensions, an international organization coordinating martial arts for peace
- I.T. process development (Remedy<sup>tm</sup>) services with Dan Reitan & Assoc. for Wine.com
- Support and development services provided to local group-process professionals
- Seminars and workshops created, delivered, and promoted
- Project planning, facilitation, and presentation services donated to local non-profits: First United Methodist San Leandro, St. Paschal Baylon Church, San Leandro Unified School District, among others
- Ongoing relationships with local businesses and professionals towards cultivating Community in all aspects, developing opportunities of mutual benefit as well as the life and work of each individual
- Accessible leadership with boundaries, innovative and dedicated to co-creativity, and always only human i.e. ready to delegate and rest

#### Aiki Extensions Inc.

### Executive Director, 2008

- Direction of an international network dedicated to understanding the martial arts as peace practices and extending the "arts of peace" metaphor
  - beyond the training environment in the form of process arts and
  - into concrete projects to benefit those most vulnerable and in need in African and South America
- Co-creation and implementation of the Strategic Plan and vision of the Board with strong cooperative leadership
- A clear overview of all projects with a compassionate dedication to meeting deadlines
- Develop and monitor budgets, projections & balances, support for audit, monitor all bank activity, evaluate opportunities, and participate in the creation of all proposals
- Oversight & maintenance of databases, support of initiatives, campaigns, and events
- Generating and monitoring publicity content, advertising, production, and distribution
- Member development
- Negotiates agreements with umbrella organizations, monitors project performance, and oversees maintenance of records
- Documenting organizational history and reinforcing institutional memory through autocritical processes
- Remote location leadership and team direction
- Hiring and/or supervision and training of staff in Berkeley CA and Chicago IL offices
- Created Member Wiki and member-centered technology including universally accessible lists serve
- Coordinated maintenance of all web design and IT infrastructure, wifi and PC network, email listserves and groups, online presence.
- Initiated and coordinated relationships with parallel mission organizations/groups: Harmony In Action Brazil, Awassa (Ethiopia) Youth Campus, Aikido of Berkeley, member dojos

### Moving On Center School for Participatory Arts and Research

Director of Administration Oakland, CA 2000-2003

- International program with worldwide in-house and associate (contract) faculty
- Coordinated all operations under the supervision of Co-directors in Oakland, CA and New York, NY
- Managed all office functions, daily financial tracking and coordinating budget development with Treasurer and bookkeeper, student records and recruitment
- All facility I.T. infrastructure and web design, communications, purchasing
- Executive Assistant to Executive Director
- Event planning and coordination

- Liaison to facility and residents council, mediation and dispute facilitation,
- Employee hiring, management, firing process, and all Human Resources functions including payroll and tax reporting, institution insurance, more...

Moving On Center offers a unique interdisciplinary approach to the study of holistic and creative artistic practices, applied to the fields of performance, education, and therapy. The curriculum draws on dance, theater, voice, and a wide variety of somatic disciplines and therapies.

#### **Professional Associations**

- Peace and Justice Studies Association
- Pacific Coast Theological Society
- American Academy of Religion
- International Association for Jungian Studies
- Foundation for Mythological Studies
- Foundation for Community Encouragement (FCE)
- Aiki Extensions
- California Aikido Association
- National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation

#### **Related Associations**

- Training For Change, Inc.
- Alumni Associations: DCW
   Montessori, Dallas Theater Center, St.

   Alcuin Montessori, Jesuit College Prep
   Dallas, University of Dallas, Pacifica
   Graduate Institute
- Epworth UMC Community
- Moving On Center School for Participatory Arts and Research

#### **Awards**

Recommended for and inducted by Huston Smith into the Pacific Coast Theological Society at the Graduate Theological Union

Promoted to 4th degree Aikido black belt, Aikikai International, by Sensei Kayla Feder 6th dan

#### **Dissertation**

The Myth of Peace: a culture of peacemaking, the process arts, and the emergence of a global communitarian mythology

# Research

The Roots of Imagination: Creating a Mythological Education	4/8/ 2005	Santa Barbara, CA
Share Equity Create Value	4/20/ 2005	San Francisco, CA
2nd International Academic Conference of Analytic Psychology & Jungian Studies	7/7/ 2005	College Station Texas A & M University
The Network of Spiritual Progressives Conference on Spiritual Activism	7/20/ 2005	U.C. Berkeley
BIONEERS 2005 16th Annual Conference	10/14/ 2005	San Rafael, CA
Greenfestival 2005	11/5/ 2005	San Francisco, CA
Blossoms Bloom in the Fire: A Tribute to Marion Woodman	2/17/ 2006	Santa Barbara, CA
1st Annual Joint American Homeopathic Conference: Homeopathy in Pediatrics and Family Care : Homeopathy in Pediatrics and Family Care	4/7/ 2006	San Jose, CA
Spiritual Activism Conference 2006 / A Project of the Network of Spiritual Progressives	5/17/ 2006	Washington D.C. All Souls Unitarian Church
Mythic Imagination Institute - Mythic Journeys 2006	6/7/ 2006	Atlanta, GA
Sojourners 2006/ From Poverty to Opportunity: A Covenant for a New America	6/26/ 2006	Washington D.C. National City Christian Church
Green Festival 2006 - San Francisco	11/10/ 2006	San Francisco, CA
Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM: Daring to Be Men of Hope	2/7/ 2007	Danville, CA
Marion Woodman at Pacifica Graduate Institute	2/9/ 2007	Santa Barbara, CA Pacifica Graduate Institute
Uncovering The Heart of Education	2/22/ 2007	San Francisco, CA

Foundation for Mythological Studies/ Nature and Human Nature	3/16/ 2007	Santa Barbara, CA Pacifica Graduate Institute
16th National Conference on Child Abuse	4/16/ 2007	Portland, OR
Imagination and Medicine: The Future of Healing in an Age of Neuroscience	4/27/ 2007	Santa Barbara, CA Pacifica Graduate Institute
Sacred Activism ~ The Power of Inclusion	5/10/ 2007	Tulsa, OK
Nutrition and Health/Columbia University and Univ. of Arizona	5/14/ 2007	San Diego, CA
Third International Women's Peace Conference	7/10/ 2007	Dallas, TX
Globalization Teach-In 2007: Confronting the Global Triple Crisis	9/14/ 2007	Washington D.C. George Washington University
1st Annual Somatic Experiencing® 2007 Conference	10/24/ 2007	Oakland, CA
San Francisco Green Festival	11/9/ 2007	San Francisco, CA
International Association of Emergency Managers (FEMA, military, city and county governments, etc)	11/11/ 2007	Reno, NV
O for a World: Faith, Community and Sustainability (Earl Lectures)	1/22/ 2008	Berkeley, CA
Publicizing Truths with Consequence: Independent Media Strategy Summit Design	1/26/ 2008	Santa Cruz, CA
James Hillman - Senex and Puer	4/16/ 2010	Montecito, CA

## **References and Recommendations**

## Paper or PDF letter available

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