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Education:

Ph.D. Berne University International Graduate School
Doctorate in Religious Studies Oct. 2000.

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Marcia Hermansen. Loyola University, Chicago
Dissertation Mentor: Dr. James Morris. University of Exeter, England

M.S. New School University, New York, NY
Science in Teaching, July 1995.

M.A. New School University, New York, NY
Comparative Religion and Liberal Arts 1988.

B.A. State University of New York, Empire Branch New York, NY
History and Music, 1986

Teaching Experience:

Public School Repertory Company: A student-centered High School dedicated to providing a rigorous academic program combined with the creativity and discipline of the arts, taught *American History, Government, and Human rights and World Peace*.
1995- present.

Iona College of New Rochelle, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Religion. *Taught Religious Dimensions of Death and Dying*, and survey course on *Introduction to World Religions*.
1997-1999

Manhattan College, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Religion. *Taught The Nature and Experience of Religion, Islam: Religion of Peace* and *Meditation and Contemplative Practice*.
2005 -2007.

Grants and Awards:

Teaching History Grant. 2004-2006
Liberty Partnership Grant. Spring 2004
PTA Master Teacher Award 2002.
Disney Teaching award for excellence nomination 2000.
Dana Scholarship 1994-95.
Eastern Vocal Student Scholarship 1984-85.

Publications:

Heart of Healing, Co authored, Edited By Dawson Church, (Elite Books, NY 2004).

A Living Sufi Saint: Shaykh Nazim Adil Al-Haqqani and the Naqshbandi Method Of Self-Transformation. Ph. D. Dissertation. In *Classical Islam*, published by the

Islamic Supreme Council, 2005.

The Spiritual Path: An Anthology of Writings of Kirpal Singh, Co-edited, (SKP Publications, 1993.) 320 pp.

Love is a Secret: The Mystic Quest for Divine Love, (Aslan Publishing, NY. 1990.)

The Heart of the Healer, Co-authored, (Aslan Publishing, NY, 1987) 180. pp.

Professional Speaking Activities:

See separate Link on Home page.

Selected Articles:

"Meditation for a Peaceful World," *Common Ground*, Vancouver, BC Canada, fall, 1994.

"From Self-Importance to Grace," *Fellowship in Prayer*. Princeton New Jersey, August - September 1994.

"Unity Not Uniformity," *Fellowship in Prayer*, Princeton New Jersey, March-April 1994.

"Love in Action," *Whole Life Times*. New York, May 1986.

"Conscious Living and Conscious Dying," *Whole Life Times*, New York, New York, January 1985

"*In the Garden of Non-Existence*," *Ocean of Grace Divine*. Bhadra Sena, (Ed.). S.K. Publications, Delhi India. 1976.

"*Friendship with the Friend*," *The Stones Dance in Ecstasy*. Patricia Ambrosic and Mark Young, (Eds.), 1983.

Administrative Experience:

Chair History Department: Oversee and formulate curriculum plan, provide training and assistance to new teachers, and implement Regents level curriculum in history Department at Repertory High School. 1998-present

Develop and Coordinate: School-wide internship programs for students in grades 9-12. Involves placing, assisting and evaluating internships as well as ongoing supervision of students and sites. Students work on community service projects, internships and job sites to earn school credit. 1998-present

Develop and Coordinate: School wide after-school program for failing and at risk students at Public School Repertory Company. Classes included math science, English, and History as well as a specially funded peer support group to teach Leadership training and conflict resolution skills. 2000-present

Co-directed and facilitated: The 7th World Religions Conference *Dialogues on Prayer Meditation and Non-violence*, *Reflections of the Divine* an Ecumenical Poetry and

Music Symposium in 1983 and 1986. Most recently assisted in planning of *Education as Transformation: Religious Pluralism, Spirituality and Higher Education* Conference sponsored by the Temple of Understanding and ten other academic institutions including: Columbia, NYU, Fordham, Manhattan and Iona College in 1999.

Educational Experience:

Executive Editor: Kindred Spirits: A bi-annual publication of the Interfaith Council of New York reporting on news and events in the tri-state area. Dedicated to ongoing work in creating peaceful and harmonious relationships between the spiritual and religious communities of New York. 1997- 2000

Founder and Director: Leadership Institute –inc. a consulting firm specializing in training seminars, and retreats for private and public institutions in the areas of conflict management, team building, stress reduction, and effective communications. 2001 to present

Consultant: Trainer for *PeaceBuilders* Inc. a nationally certified safe schools model now working in over 1000 schools throughout the United States. Train staff and administration in social/emotional learning model to help build and foster safer schools. 2003-2006

Professional Memberships and Roles:

Council of Trustees: *Temple of Understanding* 1996 - present.

Founder and Co-chair: *The Interfaith Council of New York* 1994-2000

Member: *The American Academy of Religion* 1998-present

Television and Radio Presentations:

WWRL: Radio Interview on International Health Issues, New York, New York September 2003

WKOR: Radio Talk show on Community and Religious issues. Salk Lake City, Utah, February 26, 2001.

WWOR: Interviewed about activities concerning Inter-faith issues and promoting harmony among different religious groups, Summer 1996.

WBAI: Co-hosted with Lex Hixon, "In the Spirit," 1978-1980. An ecumenical Radio talk show focusing on interviews and discussions with the leading spiritual and religious personalities of our day including; Pir Vilayat Khan, Houston Smith, Brother David Steindal-Rast, Bede Griffiths, and Muktananda.

WLIB: Interviewed along with other guests regarding creating and sustaining Community in New York among different faith traditions, 1983.

National Television: Appeared on South African National Television in December of 1999 at The World Parliament of Religions Conference in Cape Town South Africa, December 1999

Community Service Interests and Skills:

Computers: Knowledge of Word-perfect, Microsoft office, and Internet research and Web Design.

Community service: Active in counseling (as a volunteer) terminally ill patients for the last twenty five years in hospices throughout New York.

Overseas Travel: India, South America, Central America, Europe, the Caribbean, Middle East, Africa and Canada.

Languages: Spanish, Arabic (reading)

References:

Dr. Steven Kaplan, Manhattan College Riverdale, New York.

Helen Murray, New York Department of Education Literacy Coach (Upon Request)

Dr. Art Stein, Professor of Peace Studies, University of Rhode Island (Upon Request)

Dr. James Morris, Professor and Department Chair, Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, London England. (Upon Request)

Dr. Glen Hawkes, Dissertation Advisor, Berne University, Wolfboro, Vermont
Upon Request.

Marie Polinsky Assistant principal *Repertory High School for Theatre Arts.*