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Education

Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion (graduating in December 2006)

Dissertation: “Identities Bought and Sold, Identity Received as Grace: A Theological Criticism of and Alternative to Consumerist Understandings of the Self”—successfully defended: September 8, 2006

Major: Theology

Minor: Philosophy

Exams (completed with high pass in August 2004): Constructive Theology, Augustine and Aquinas, Kierkegaard, Minor Area (Philosophy), Research Area, 19th and 20th Century Theology

Course Work, completed in April 2004 with 3.94 GPA

Service-Learning Graduate Fellow, May 2003

University Graduate Fellow, selected in February 2001

M.A., Vanderbilt University, Interdisciplinary Studies—Political and Social Thought—graduated with 4.0 GPA in May 2006

M.A. (in passing), Vanderbilt University, Theology—graduated in May 2006

M.A., George Mason University, English Department—graduated with 3.9 GPA in 1997
Teaching of Writing and Literature concentration

B.A., Georgetown University—graduated *cum laude* in 1992
Philosophy major, Theology minor
Member, intercollegiate policy debate team

Teaching Experience

Vanderbilt Divinity School:

Teaching Fellow, Constructive Theology (Thatamanil), Spring 2005

Teaching Fellow, Formation of Christian Tradition (Burns), Fall 2005

Teaching Fellow, Constructive Theology (Thatamanil), Spring 2004

Instructor, Theology Primer, Spring 2003

Christian Academy of Guatemala:

High school honors geometry teacher, 2001

Middle school math and science teacher, 2001

New School of Northern Virginia, AP English and Algebra II teacher, 1999-2000

Worked as a private tutor in the Washington, DC area from 1995-2000 and served as founder and director of Fairfax Collegiate Learning Center, Tutoring For Tomorrow (Arlington, VA), and Northern Virginia Homeschool Support Group, 1997-2000

Publications

“Augustine’s Theology as a Solution to the Problem of Identity in Consumer Society,” *Augustinian Studies*, volume 37.1 (2006), 111-29.

“‘First Person Anonymous’: Sartrean Ideas of Consciousness in Barth’s *Lost in the Funhouse*,” *Critique: Studies in Contemporary Fiction*, volume 41.4 (Summer 2000), 335-47.

“Anselm and the Apophatic: ‘Something Greater than Can Be Thought,’” under review at *New Blackfriars*

“René Girard and the Exorcism of the Possessed Consumer,” under review at *Religion and American Culture*

Presentations

“‘The Real Thing’: Augustine’s Theology of Love and the Effects of Consumerism on Identity,” presented at the American Academy of Religion, national conference, in San Antonio, TX in November, 2004

“The Censorship of Critique: The Rise of Popular American Religion and the Fall of Christianity,” presented on WRFN, Radio Free Nashville, “Truth Seekers,” July 27, 2005

“Kierkegaard: His Life, His Authorship, His Theology” and “Consumerism, Identity, and Christianity” presented to First Presbyterian Church of Nashville, adult education class on July 10, 2005 and June 5, 2005, respectively

References

Dr. Paul DeHart

Dr. Patout Burns

Dr. William Franke

Dr. John Thatamanil

Languages

German and Spanish