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CURRICULUM VITAE

CURRENT POSITION

Professor Emeritus, Philosophy and Religion,
(Program in Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness)
California Institute of Integral Studies
December, 2010 - present

EDUCATION

1984: Ph.D., Princeton University, Religion.

Major Field: Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Dissertation: "Mithras and Perseus: Mithraic Astronomy
and the Anatolian Perseus-Cult."

Dissertation Committee: Professor John G. Gager (Chair),
Professor Elaine Pagels, Professor Martha Himmelfarb

1980: M.A., Princeton University, Religion.

General Examinations in: Greco-Roman Religions and
Philosophies, New Testament and Early Christianity,
Hellenistic Judaism.

1977: M.A., Temple University, Religion.

Major Field: Comparative Religion and Eastern
Religions.

1972: B.A. (magna cum laude), Princeton University, Religion.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2014: Instructor, Stanford University, Continuing Studies.
Courses: "The Historical Jesus and the Origins of Christianity," "The Ancient Mystery Religions."
- 2012-2013 Visiting Professor, University of California at Berkeley, Religious Studies
Courses: "The Ancient Mystery Religions."
- 1994-2010: Professor, California Institute of Integral Studies, Philosophy and Religion.
Courses: "Cosmology and Consciousness in the Ancient World: The Mysteries," "Gnosticism, Hermeticism, and Neoplatonism," "From Gilgamesh to Gnosis: The Mythic Structure of Western Religion," "Jung and Mythology," "The Alchemical Tradition," "Archetypal Mathematics," "The Evolution of Consciousness," "The Metaphysics of Cyberspace," "Jung and the Ancient Mysteries," "The Sixth Extinction and the Transformation of Consciousness," "The Sixth Extinction and Applied Deep Ecology," "The Alchemy of Permaculture."
- 1991-95: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California at Berkeley, Religious Studies.
Courses: "Introduction to World Religions," "Methods and Themes in the Study of Religion," "Mysticism," "Ancient Mystery Religions."
- 1987-94: Assistant Professor, Boston University, Religion (on leave 1991-1994).
Courses: "Approaches to the Study of Myth," "Religions of the Ancient World," "Mysticism in World Religions," "Hellenistic Religions," "The New Testament and the Origins of Christianity," "Phenomenology of Religion," "Hellenistic Religions," "The New Testament," "The World of the New Testament."
- 1985-87: Lecturer, University of California at Berkeley, History and Religious Studies.
Courses: "Mysticism," "Greco-Roman Mystery Religions," "Religion and the Individual in the Greco-Roman World," "Gnosticism," "The Origins of Christianity," "The Quest for the Historical Jesus," "Varieties of Early Christianity."
- 1984-85: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Vermont, Religion.
Courses: "Introduction to the Study of Religion," "Mithraism."

- 1984: Instructor, Barnard College/Columbia University, Religion.
Courses: "Introduction to Religions of the West," "Early Christianity."
- 1982-83: Lecturer, Princeton University, Religion.
Courses: "The Self in World Religions," "Religion and Its Critics," "Gnosticism and Early Christianity."
- 1979-80: Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University, Religion.
Courses: "Myth and Religion," "The New Testament and Early Christianity."

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Mysteria: The Ancient Mysteries and the Evolution of Consciousness (New York and Berkeley: North Atlantic Books/Random House, forthcoming)

The Other Christ: The Mysteries of Mithras and the Origins of Christianity (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

The Origins of the Mithraic Mysteries: Cosmology and Salvation in the Ancient World (New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989; revised paperback, 1991).

(This book was chosen as a selection of the History Book Club, and has been published in German, Italian, and Turkish translations.)

Articles and Book Chapters:

Review of Roger Beck, *The Mysteries of the Unconquered Sun: The Cult of Mithras in the Roman Empire*, forthcoming, *History of Religions*.

"The Arithmetic of Compassion," in *What Comes After Money?*, Daniel Pinchbeck and Ken Jordan, eds. (Berkeley: Evolver Editions, 2011), pp. 34-37.

- "The Eighth Gate: The Mithraic Leontocephaline and the Platonic World-Soul," *The Ancient World* 24:1 (2003).
- "Again Hipparchus and the Discovery of the Precession," *Electronic Journal of Mithraic Studies*, (<http://www.uhu.es/ejms>), 2003.
- "Mithras, the Hypercosmic Sun, and the Rockbirth," in *Alexandria 5* (Grand Rapids: Phanes Press, 2000), pp. 160-73.
- "Cultural Transition and Spiritual Transformation: From Alexander the Great to Cyberspace," in Thomas Singer, ed., *The Vision Thing: Myth, Politics and Psyche in the World* (London and New York: Routledge, 2000), pp. 213-31.
- "The Torchbearers' Crossed Legs," in David Ulansey, *Die Ursprünge des Mithraskults* (Stuttgart: Konrad Theiss Verlag, 1998) p. 111.
- "The Rockbirth," in David Ulansey, *Die Ursprünge des Mithraskults* (Stuttgart: Konrad Theiss Verlag, 1998) pp. 112-13.
- "Why Not a Mithraic Fish?," in David Ulansey, *Die Ursprünge des Mithraskults* (Stuttgart: Konrad Theiss Verlag, 1998) pp. 114-115.
- "Hipparchus and the Precession of the Equinoxes," in David Ulansey, *Die Ursprünge des Mithraskults* (Stuttgart: Konrad Theiss Verlag, 1998) pp. 116-22.
- "Mithraism," *The HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*, (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1995) pp. 723-4.
- "Solving the Mithraic Mysteries," *Biblical Archaeology Review* 20:5 (September/October 1994) pp. 40-53.
- "Mithras and the Hypercosmic Sun," in *Studies in Mithraism*, John Hinnells, ed. (Rome: "L'Erma" di Bretschneider, 1994) pp. 257-264.
- "Heavens Torn Open," *Bible Review* 7:4 (August, 1991) pp. 32-37.
- "The Heavenly Veil Torn: Mark's Cosmic Inclusio," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 110:1 (Spring, 1991) pp. 123-25.
- "The Mithraic Mysteries," *Scientific American*, December, 1989, pp. 130-35.
- "Mithraic Studies: A Paradigm Shift?" *Religious Studies Review* 13:2 (April, 1987) pp. 104-110.
- "Mithras and Perseus," *Helios* 13:1 (Spring, 1986) pp. 33-62.
- "Mithras and Perseus," *Society of Biblical Literature 1982 Seminar Papers* (Chico: Scholars Press, 1982) pp. 535-39.

PUBLIC LECTURES

- "After 'Call of Life,'" C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, January, 2014.
- "Call of Life," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, January, 2013.
- "Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction," Columbia University, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, April 20, 2012.
- "Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction," Tibet House, New York City, April 27, 2012.
- "Call of Life: The Sixth Extinction and the Evolution of Consciousness," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, November 2011.
- "The Cultural Significance of the 2012 Myth," Esalen Institute, 2008.
- "Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction," United Nations International NGO Meeting on Climate Change, New York, 2007.
- "The Shamanic Background of the Ancient Mysteries," Esalen Institute, 2007.
- "The Mass Extinction (And How To Prevent It)," Planet Code: The 14th Digital Be-In, San Francisco, 2006.
- "The Sixth Extinction and the Transformation of Consciousness," Green Festival, San Francisco, 2005.
- "The Sixth Extinction and the Transformation of Consciousness," Esalen Institute, October, 2003.
- "Visions in the Night: Cosmology and Consciousness in the Ancient World," Cosmological Imagination Conference, California Institute of Integral Studies, November 2002.
- "The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras," Rhetoric Department Colloquium, University of California at Berkeley, Spring 2001.
- "Cultural Transition and Spiritual Transformation: From Alexander the Great to Cyberspace," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, October 2000.
- "Mithras and Christ," California Museum of Ancient Art, March, 2000.
- "The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras," New York Open Center, March, 2000.
- "The Ouroboros and the Web: Cyberspace and the Evolution of Consciousness," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, November, 1999.
- "From the Ancient Mysteries to Cyberspace," California Institute of Integral Studies, October, 1998.
- "Alchemy: The Universal Tradition of Transformation," John F. Kennedy University Arts and Consciousness Gallery, April, 1998.
- "The Ancient Mysteries," Cultural Integration Fellowship, San Francisco, 1998.

"Beyond the Heavens," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, 1997.

"Miracles and Mysteries in the New Testament," California Institute of Integral Studies, 1997.

"The Mithraic Mysteries Unveiled," California Museum of Ancient Art, Los Angeles, 1995.

"Alchemy: The Universal Tradition of Transformation," Sacred Marriage Conference, California Institute of Integral Studies, 1995.

"Sparks of the Divine," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, 1995.

"Aion," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, 1995.

"The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras," Cycles and Symbols Conference, San Francisco, 1995.

"The Mithraic Mysteries," C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, 1994.

"The Origins of the Christ Myth," six-lecture series, C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, 1993.

"The Ancient Mystery Religions," six-lecture series, C.G. Jung Institute of San Francisco, 1993.

"The Origins of the Christ Myth," workshop, California Institute of Integral Studies, 1993.

"The Ancient Mystery Religions: Myth, Cosmos, Psyche," workshop, California Institute of Integral Studies, 1992.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras," Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate School, April, 2001.

"The Eighth Gate: The Mithraic Leontocephaline and the Platonic World-Soul," American Philological Association, national meeting, January, 2001.

"The Eighth Gate: The Mithraic Leontocephaline and the Platonic World-Soul," Society of Biblical Literature, national meeting, November, 2000.

"From the Mithraic Mysteries to Cyberspace," Lindisfarne Association meeting, August, 1998.

"A New Interpretation of the Mithraic Lion-Headed Figure," Society of Biblical Literature, national meeting, November, 1998.

"The Mithraic Mysteries," Museum für Vor- und Frühgeschichte, Frankfurt, June, 1998.

"The Transfiguration, Cosmic Symbolism, and the Transformation of Consciousness in the Gospel of Mark," Society of Biblical Literature,

national meeting, November, 1996.

"The Cosmic Mysteries of Mithras," Fifth Oxford International Conference on Archaeoastronomy, August, 1996.

"Mithraism in the Mithras Liturgy," Society of Biblical Literature, national meeting, November, 1994.

"The Fabric of the Heavens: The Significance of Garments and Veils in Late Antique Symbolism of Spiritual Transformation," Seminar on Transformation Symbolism in the Religions of Late Antiquity, University of California at Berkeley, February, 1994.

"Solving the Mithraic Mysteries," Plenary Address, Society of Biblical Literature, Pacific Coast Region, March, 1992.

"Mithras and the Hypercosmic Sun," Society of Biblical Literature, national meeting, November, 1990.

"Mithras and the Hypercosmic Sun," Sixteenth Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Rome, September, 1990.

"The Origins of the Mithraic Mysteries," Department of History, University of Maine, February, 1989.

"The Origins of the Mithraic Mysteries," Boston Theological Institute New Testament Colloquium, February, 1989.

"The Heavenly Veil Torn: Cosmic Symbolism in the Gospel of Mark," Society of Biblical Literature, national meeting, November, 1988.

"The Gospel of Mark and the Hellenistic World-View," Boston University Study Group for Religion in the Ancient World, March, 1988.

"From the Mysteries of Mithras to the Gospel of Mark," University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Religion, February, 1988.

"The Mysteries of Mithras Unveiled," Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, November, 1986.

"The Astronomical Significance of the Mithraic Bull-Slaying Icon," International Congress of History of Science, Berkeley, August, 1985.

"The Mysteries of Mithras," Departments of History and Classics, University of California, Berkeley, February, 1985.

"Freudian Elements in the Structural Interpretation of Myth," Departments of Religion and Anthropology, University of Vermont, November, 1984.

"The Mysteries of Mithras," Departments of Religion and Classics, University of Vermont, October, 1984.

"Mithras and Perseus," Society of Biblical Literature, national meeting, 1982.

"Philo and the Pythagoreans," Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, March, 1980.

FILM AND OTHER MEDIA

Executive Producer of *Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction*, environmental documentary film, 2010.

Call of Life is a project of the non-profit organization The Species Alliance (Calif. 501c3), of which I am the Founder and Board Chair. It is currently being distributed by The Video Project and Specialty Studios.

Awards won by *Call of Life*

- John Muir Gold Award (2009), Yosemite Film Fest., Yosemite, CA
- Award of Excellence in Film (2010), Accolade Competition, Los Angeles, CA
- Finalist Award – Film (2010), International Wildlife Film Festival, Missoula, MT
- Accolade 2010 Humanitarian Award, Accolade Competition, Los Angeles, CA
- EarthVision Jury Competition Nominee, Santa Cruz Film Festival, Santa Cruz, CA
- Finalist – Best Feature (2010), Reel Earth Film Festival, Palmerston North, NZ
- Best Science Communication Film (2010), Reel Earth Film Festival, New Zealand

Creator and webmaster (1998 - present) of WWW.MASSEXTINCTION.NET, World Wide Web site on extinction crisis, currently #5 result in Google search for "extinction" (out of 50 million results).

Interview on extinction crisis, KPIX television (CBS), San Francisco, broadcast February 21, 2007.

Filmed interview on extinction crisis for ongoing Symposium, Pachamama Alliance, San Francisco, 2004.

"The Ancient Mystery Religions," half-hour interview on "Thinking Allowed," PBS Television, 1992.

GRANTS

2005, 2006, 2007, 2008: Threshold Foundation Special Grant on Species Extinction, for production of film, "Call of Life" (\$200,000 total award).

1990: American Council of Learned Societies Travel Grant

FELLOWSHIPS

1989: Boston University Humanities Foundation Junior Fellowship.

1981-82: Whiting Fellowship, Princeton University.

1978-81: Jonathan Edwards Award, Princeton University.

1978-81: University Fellowship, Princeton University.