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## EDUCATION

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**Claremont Graduate University (School of Religion)**, Claremont, California 2009  
PhD in Religion (Concentration in Theology, Ethics, and Culture)

**Dissertation Title:** *Food Security and Food Sovereignty: An Ethical Analysis of Current Trends in the Global Politics of Food.*

The dissertation focuses on the global politics of food through an investigation of the food security and food sovereignty movements as a means to discuss broader ethical issues associated with economic, political, and cultural globalization and poverty.

Dissertation Chair: Ellen Marshall

**Qualifying Exams:** Marx, Frankfurt School Critical Theory (Adorno, Horkheimer, Marcuse, Habermas, Foucault), Globalization and Poverty, Theories of Justice (J.S. Mill, Rawls, Nozick, M. Walzer, A. Sen, Iris Marion Young)

**Duke University Divinity School**, Durham, North Carolina 2002-2004  
Master of Theological Studies

Thesis: *Inhabiting the Margins: Representation of the Marginalized and the Role of the Intellectual in Academic Discourse.*

Advisor: Theresa Berger

**University of Colorado**, Boulder, Colorado 1997-2001  
Majors: History and Economics

**Semester abroad: Oxford University, St. Catherine's College**, Oxford, England Fall 1999  
Tutorials: The European Economic Union, Renaissance to the Reformation

## ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Instructor:** University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 2011-present

Courses: Introduction to World Religions  
World Religions  
Introduction to Religious Studies (Theory and Method)  
Major Religious Texts  
Contemporary Christian Ethics  
Religion and Food (Senior Seminar)

**Adjunct Faculty:** Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs, CO 2008-2011  
Courses: Ethics  
Comparative Religions

**Adjunct Faculty:** Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO 2009-2011  
Courses: Ethics  
Introduction to Philosophy  
World Religions

**Teaching Assistant:** The Christian Tradition, Claremont School of Theology, CA Spring 2007  
Lectures: Radical Capitalism and Economic Justice

Responsibilities included: grading, lecturing, facilitating classroom discussions and syllabus preparation.

**Teaching Assistant:** World Religions in Dialogue, Claremont School of Theology Fall 2006

Responsibilities included: grading, facilitating classroom discussions, and organizing class field visits to religious sites in Los Angeles.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Global Food Issues and Solutions*, (Praeger Publishers, 2014, under contract), sole editor.

*The Politics of Food: The Global Conflict between Food Security and Food Sovereignty*, Santa Barbara: Praeger Publishers, 2010.

## CHAPTERS, ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

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"Introduction" in *The Global Food System: Issues and Solutions*, (Praeger Publishers, 2014, under contract), sole editor.

"Conceptualizing the Human Right to Food in the Food Sovereignty Framework" (tentative title) in *The Global Food System: Issues and Solutions*, (Praeger Publishers, 2014, under contract), sole editor.

Review of *The Touch of Transcendence: A Postcolonial Theology of God*, by Mayra Rivera. Reviews in Religion and Theology, 15:2 (2008).

Review of *Weaving the Tapestry of Moral Judgement: Christian Ethics in a Plural World*, by John Harrod. *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, 15:3 (2008).

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

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"American exceptionalism, power, and control of the global food system." Religion and Food: A conference arranged by the Donner Institute for Research in Religious and Cultural History, Åbo/Turku, Finland, 25-27 June, 2014, Åbo Akademi University.

"Fair Trade, Fair Food, and Food Sovereignty: Effective Strategies of Resistance or Empty Victories?" (APA, Western Division, 2014, accepted)

"Justice, Self-Determination, and the Philosophy of Food: An Argument for Food Sovereignty" (APA, Western Division, 2014, accepted, main program)

"Conceptualizing the Human Right to Food in the Food Sovereignty Framework," Yale Agrarian Studies Conference, Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialogue. Paper circulated for discussion, September, 2013.

"The Politics of Food: Security vs. Sovereignty" International Social Philosophy Conference at Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT, July 11-13, 2013 (invited).

"The Politics of Food" – Invitation from Duke University Law School, delivered 3/26/2013.

"Whole Foods or Whole People? The Madness of Neoliberalism and the Paradoxical Political Economy of Hunger." American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November, 2011.

"Two takes on Liberation: A Theology of Life or a Theology of Forgiveness and Death." American Academy of Religion (Rocky Mountain – Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL), Iliff School of Theology, March, 2011.

"Haiti: Failed Development Policy, Failed Justice, More of the Same to Come, Maybe?" American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, October, 2010.

"The Death of Theology in Latin American Liberation Theology? Latin American Liberation Theology and the Social Sciences." American Academy of Religion (Rocky Mountain – Great Plains Regional AAR/SBL), Creighton University, April, 2010.

"Food Sovereignty, Food Security and Discourses on Sustainable Development: Competing Voices in the Global Politics of Food." Media, Spiritualities and Social Change Conference. Boulder, CO, June 2008.

"Food Sovereignty vs. Food Security: Emerging Discussions in the Global Politics of Food." American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA, November 2007.

“Alienation and the Paradoxical Nature of a Capitalist Ethos.” American Academy of Religion (Western Region). Claremont, CA, March 2006.

### **University Service**

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<b>Director of the Undergraduate Program</b>	8/2013 - present
<b>USF Undergraduate Committee</b>	2011 - present
<b>School of the Humanities Curriculum Committee</b>	8/2013 - present
<b>Co-founder of the Food Certificate at USF</b>	2012- present

The Certificate in Food Studies is designed for majors in any field who wish to gain an interdisciplinary knowledge of the social, cultural, anthropological, historical, and philosophical study of the production, consumption, and representations of food. Food Studies is a growing field that offers students the opportunity to be genuinely interdisciplinary in their methodological approach, while studying a subject that is of tremendous social, personal, ethical, environmental and global significance.

<b>Red Rocks Community College Curriculum Committee</b>	2010
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Responsibilities: Diligently maintain academic integrity and standards regarding curriculum proposals. Review, evaluate, and approve or deny submitted curriculum proposals. Attend monthly business and curriculum approval meetings. Assist curriculum proposal initiators with submissions. Stay current with CCCNS policies and procedures.

<b>Teaching and Learning Online – Pikes Peak Community College</b>	2009
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Responsibilities: Training in the design, methodology and effectiveness of online and hybrid courses.

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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Claremont Graduate University Transdisciplinary Studies Dissertation Grant 2008-2009  
Claremont Graduate University Fellowship 2005-2006  
Duke University Divinity School Fellowship 2002-2004  
University of Colorado Dean’s List

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Academy of Religion  
American Philosophical Association

## REFERENCES

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Thomas Williams, Professor and Chair of Department of Religious Studies,  
University of South Florida 813-974-2758

Dell deChant, Master Instructor, Department of Religious Studies,  
University of South Florida 813-9740576

Ellen Marshall, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Conflict Transformation, Candler  
School of Theology, Emory University 404-727-1214

Heather Williams, Associate Professor of Politics, Pomona College 909-607-3088

Pamela Brubaker, Professor of Religion, California Lutheran University 513-465-3216