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DISCIPLINE: Religion, Culture, and Personality

SUMMARY

I am a mid-career professor trained in Pastoral Theology and Counseling Psychology, Mindfulness and Contemplative Spirituality, and Affective Neuroscience. My chief strengths are:

- **Productivity.** I have published books, written articles, and presented papers and conducted workshops in various conferences in both mainstream and religious contexts. I was promoted to full professor after 12 years of employment.
- **Teaching & Learning.** I am on my 19th year as professor and am well regarded by fellow faculty members, administrators, and students for my pedagogy, scholarship, and insatiable thirst to learn and grow in my academic field.
- **Clinician & Supervisor.** I am a seasoned psychotherapist and through the years I have amassed wealth of knowledge and practical experience in assisting individuals, couples, and families pursue a life of human flourishing.
- **Visionary & Pragmatic.** I am instrumental in the numerical growth of our graduate degree program in counseling psychology in our satellite school and have made

innovations in course delivery that have inspired others in the institution.

- **Cross-Cultural Communications.** I have lived and worked across the world and with people of varying social and cultural backgrounds. Consequently, this has heightened my awareness and appreciation for the gift and challenges of cultural diversity.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

September 2006-2018: Director of the Counseling Program at the satellite school in Calgary Alberta Canada. As program director, I was responsible for 75 MA Counseling and MA Counseling Psychology students, recruiting and maintaining high caliber faculty, and forge relationships with partnering schools, counseling and community agencies, and religious institutions. The Counseling Program meets the academic requirements of the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP).

ADMINISTRATIVE SKILLS

Program Evaluation. As director and in collaboration with our department chair I assessed strengths and weaknesses of our program delivery both in content areas and pedagogy at our satellite school and made the necessary recommendations. This was accomplished by obtaining formal and informal feedback and evaluation from students and colleagues about their experience of the counseling program. I also sought out inspiration and information from other sources outside of our institution that has helped enhance and improve our program delivery.

Relationship Building. It takes a “village” to build and maintain high quality counseling degree program whose core is to build trusting, empowering, and empathic relationships in all domains of life. Hence, I strive towards mirroring what this means in my own academic, clinical, and personal engagements.

Program Design. Academic life and clinical practice are inherently creative. When fused together we discover a program designed not only to train students acquire critical competencies in the area of assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning but to nourish their heart that animates their presence in clinical settings. This captures the framework of the delivery of Providence’s counseling program over the years and has resulted in overwhelmingly positive reviews from students and growth of the program.

Leadership. As director I have developed leadership skills in terms of casting a vision and direction of our program, inspiring our students to be the best clinician that they can be, working collaboratively with colleagues and staff, being willing to learn and grow, and affirming the unique gift each person brings that facilitate the accomplishment of our vision.

EDUCATION

2017- University of Maastricht, Post-Doctoral Certificate in Affective Neuroscience (Depression and Anxiety)

2002. Boston University, Th.D. Counseling & Pastoral Psychology

1995. Fuller Seminary, M.Div.

1988. University of the Philippines, B.A. (College of Mass Communication)

EXPERIENCE

2018. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Professor of Pastoral Theology

2015. Tyndale House. Cambridge, England. Visiting Scholar

2012-present. Providence University College & Seminary.

Calgary, AB. Full Professor of Counseling Psychology

2008-present. Providence University College & Seminary,

Calgary, AB. Director of Counseling Program-Calgary.

2009-2015. Morneau Shepell, Calgary AB. Psychotherapist

2007-2012. Providence University College & Seminary. Calgary,

AB, Associate Professor of Counseling Psychology

1999-2006- Providence University College & Seminary.

Calgary, AB, Assistant Professor of Counseling Psychology.

HONORS and AWARDS

1993. Brown Scholar. Fuller Theological Seminary

1988. Cum Laude. University of the Philippines

1988. Academic Excellence. University of the Philippines

1987-1988. University Scholar. University of the Philippines

1986-1987. College Scholar. University of the Philippines

GRANTS

2016-17. Templeton Religion Trust. US\$45000

2008-9. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Summer Research Grant. US\$5000

2007-8. Lily Theological Scholars Grant. US\$12000

2006-7. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Colloquy on Nurturing Effective Teaching and Learning in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms.

US\$3000 plus travel and accommodations

BOOKS

2020. *Depression, Dark Night of the Soul and Joy*. Cascade Books. Forthcoming.
2018. *God's Beloved Queer*. Contracted with Wipf and Stock. Forthcoming
2016. *Compassionate Presence*. Wipf and Stock Press.
2011. *The Contemplative Counselor: A Way of Being*. Fortress Press

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

2018. Conference Speaker. "Compassionate Presence." 2018 National Conference. Professional Association of Christian Counselors and Psychotherapist. Saskatoon, Canada
2017. Presenter. "The Power of Therapeutic and Compassionate Presence." Shepell Regional Meeting, Calgary, Alberta.
2017. Presenter. "The Power of Therapeutic and Compassionate Presence." CCPA- Webinar. National, Canada
2017. Retreat Facilitator. "Compassionate Presence: A Radical Response to Human Suffering." Kigali, Rwanda
2017. Presenter. "Compassionate Presence: Scientific, Religion and Ethical Views." Zurich, Switzerland.
2017. Retreat Facilitator. "Compassionate Presence: A Radical Response to Human Suffering." Winnipeg, Manitoba
2017. Retreat Facilitator. "Compassionate Presence: A Radical Response to Human Suffering." Calgary, AB.
2017. Guest Speaker. "Compassionate Presence: A Radical Response to Human Suffering." Cavite, Philippines.
2016. Guest Speaker. "Compassionate Presence: A Radical Response to Human Suffering." Otterburne, MB.
2015. Guest Speaker. "Neuroscience and Psychotherapy: A Convergence of Two Worlds." PACCC, Winnipeg, MB.
2012. Guest Lecturer. "Integrative Psychotherapy: Attachment, Neuroscience, and Mindfulness." Canadian Counseling & Psychotherapy Association: Calgary, AB.
2011. Guest Speaker. "Mindfulness and the Workplace." Health Sciences Center: Winnipeg, MB.
2011. Guest Speaker. "Integrative Psychotherapy: Theory, Therapy, and Transcendence." Providence Theological Seminary: Otterburne, MB.
2011. Guest Speaker. "Mindfulness and Addiction: Clinical Considerations." Addictions Foundation of Manitoba: Winnipeg, MB.
2011. Guest Speaker. "Contemplative-Mindfulness Therapy for Depression." Canadian Counseling and Psychotherapy Association: Ottawa, ON.
2008. Presenter. "Listening to Multiple Voices: Therapy in Hermeneutical Mode." Society for Christian Psychology: Chicago, IL.
2006. Presenter. "Contemplative Spirituality and Psychotherapy: Insights from Merton, Nouwen, and Winnicott." Society for Christian Psychology: Chattanooga, TN.
2006. "Contemplative Life: Descent and Ascent to Inter-subjectivity." Providence Theological Seminary Colloquium: Otterburne, MB.
2005. Presenter. "Imaging and Imagining God in the Eucharist." Society for the Scientific Study of Religion: Rochester, NY.
2004. Presenter. "Encountering the Other: Cross-Cultural Counseling in the a Post-modern World." Professional Association of Canadian Christian Counselors: Otterburne, MB

2000. Presenter. "The Eucharist, A Compelling Illusion."
American Academy of Religion-Western Region/Pacific Coast
Region Conference: Azusa, CA.

2000. Presenter. "Pastoral Counseling: From Clinical Care to
Communal Care." Canadian Association of Pastoral Practice
and Education: Toronto, ON.

1999. Presenter. "Implications of Hans-Georg Gadamer's
Philosophical Hermeneutics for the Theory and Practice of
Pastoral Care." Christian Scholarship in the Light of the
Scripture: Ancaster, ON.

SAMPLE COURSES

DS 8110 Religion and Psychology

CP 5101 Congregational Care and Counseling

CP 5107 Counseling, Attachment, and Neuroscience

CP 6216 Psychology of Emotion

CP 5103 Marriage and Family Counseling

CP 5101 Foundations of Counseling

CP 5201 & ONLINE Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy

CP 5501 Counseling Theory & Practicum I- IV

CP 5202 Psychopathology

CP 5113 Crisis and Trauma Counseling

CP 5116 Counseling Across Cultures

CP 5105 Integration of Psychology and Theology

IN5102 Theory and Practice of Christian Spirituality