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MISSION/VISION

- Understand and facilitate people's strategies for survival, well-being, and inspiration in an uncertain, complex world.

BIO

- Author of two books; father of two adult sons and one daughter-in-law; and partner with my spouse, an artist.
- Full-time writing instructor at Oakland University and part-time coach at Sollars & Associates and independently.

EMPLOYMENT

- Executive Coach / Creativity Coach (part-time), Independent, metropolitan Detroit, Michigan and international (2021-pres.)
- Life Coach / Couples Coach (part-time), Sollars & Associates, Troy, Michigan (2020-pres.).
- Special Lecturer (full-time), Writing & Rhetoric, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan (2005-pres.).

COACHING & PSYCHOLOGY-RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Executive Coach / Creativity Coach (part-time), Independent, metropolitan Detroit, Michigan and international (2021-pres.)
- Life Coach / Couples Coach (part-time), Sollars & Associates, Troy, Michigan (2020-pres.).
- Independent Personal/Life Coaching (part-time), Bloomfield Hills, Mi. (2014-2021).
- Psychotherapist / Case Manager, Adult Well-Being Services, Mental Health-East, Detroit (2011-2012).
- Psychotherapist Trainee / Student Practicum, Gateway Counseling Center, Madison Heights, Mi. (2010-2011).
- Bilingual Case Manager (English/Spanish), Catholic Charities Samaritan House Shelter, Denver (1995-1996).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Special Lecturer, Writing & Rhetoric, Composition I & II (WRT 1050 & 1060, in-person & online), OU (2005-pres.).
- Special Lecturer, Liberal Studies, Exploration of Arts & Sciences course (LBS 1000 online), OU (Winters 2013-2021).
- Special Lecturer, Honors College, multiple self-designed courses (HC 2040 in-person), Oakland University (OU) (2018-2020).
- Instructor, Horizons Upward Bound Program, Cranbrook (Summers 2015, 2016, 2017).

SELECT SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- Faculty Mentor [of Students], OU Bachelor of Integrative Studies Program (2011- 2016; 2019-2020).
- Founding Chair / Section Leader, Interdisciplinary Study of Religions, Assoc. for Interdisciplinary Studies (2015-2020).
- Committee Member, OU Writing Excellence Award competition, Department of Writing & Rhetoric (2013-2020).
- Founding Chair / Section Leader, Interdisciplinary Studies, Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters (2010-2016).
- Executive Committee Member-at-Large, Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters (2012-2015).
- Parent Coordinator/Wrangler, Children's International Summer Village (CISV) Helsinki-Detroit Interchange (2014).

SELECT EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

- Founding Co-Editor, *Cruel Garters*, contemporary poetry publication (2013-pres.).
- Editorial Board Member for *Journal of Media Law and Ethics*, University of Baltimore Law School (2007-pres.).
- Associate Editor, *Grizz Writes: A Guide to First Year Writing at Oakland University* (2017-2021).
- Manuscript/project reviewer for *New Writing*, *JUMP+*, and *Polish Journal of Aesthetics* (2020, 2021).

SELECT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Books: *Death in Documentaries* (Brill, 2018) and *Explaining Jesus* (Lexington Books, 2019).
- Book chapters: *Routledge Companion to Death and Literature* (Routledge, 2021) and *Kenneth Burke and His Circles* (Parlor, 2008).
- Peer-reviewed articles: *Journal of Communication & Rel.* (2013), *Mortality* (2014), *Zygon: Journal of Rel. & Science* (2017).
- Conference presentations: Colorado College, Penn State, Villanova, Wayne State, USC, Chicago School of Professional Psychology, MSU, Univ. of Illinois Chicago, Univ. of Maryland Baltimore County, Univ. of Ottawa, and Univ. of Amsterdam.

EDUCATION

- MA, Clinical Psychology, Michigan School of Psychology, Farmington Hills, Michigan (2011).
- Grad. studies, Writing & Rhetoric, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Michigan (2009-2010; 2020).
- PhD, Religion & Culture; Media Studies cognate, Catholic University of America, Washington DC (2008).
- MA, Religious Studies, University of Denver, Colorado (1999).
- BA, Literature; integrated second major: Biblical/Theological Studies, Wheaton College, Illinois (1994).

SELECT FELLOWSHIPS / AWARDS / NOTABLES

- Listing, Recommended Books on Non-Fiction/Documentary Film & Video, Visible Evidence (2018-pres.).
- Invited Fellow, Institute of Coaching, at McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School affiliate (non-resident, Feb-Apr 2021).
- Nominee, Black and Gold Award, Faculty Awards, Office for Student Involvement, Oakland University (2021).
- Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Writing and Rhetoric, Oakland University (2013).
- Fellow, Meadow Brook Writing Project Summer Institute (2010).
- John Quasten Fellowship, Catholic University of America (2005-2007).
- Wallace Clift Award for Scholarship in Graduate Studies, University of Denver (1999).
- James G. Jameson Critical Essay Winner, English Department, Wheaton College (1994).

RECENT SELECT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- “The Effects of Task Complexity on Group Synergy,” Center for Complex Systems, University of Michigan (Apr 2021).
- “Cranbrook Conversations,” w/ Dr. Cornell West, interview/conversation w/ Dr. Linda Gillum, Cranbrook (Mar 2021).
- “Writing and Collaboration Group,” Fellows of the Institute of Coaching, McLean, Affiliate of Harvard Med School (Feb 2021).
- “Brain Network Criticality Determined State Transitions during Loss & Recovery of Consciousness,” Ctr. Cmplx. Syst. (Dec 2020).
- “PDW @ Work,” a Zoom panel, hosted by Writing & Rhetoric Dept. / Digital & Professional Writing Major, OU (Nov 2020).
- “Leveraging Diversity: Stand Up, Stand Strong, Stand Together,” OU Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Conf. (Apr 2018).
- “Modeling Human Behavior & Social Dynamics,” Ctr. for Complex Systems & Santa Fe Instit., Ann Arbor (Mar 2018).
- “Complexity in Ecological, Evolutionary, & Social Dynamics,” Ctr. Complex Systems & Santa Fe Institute (Apr 2017).
- “Decentralization” Conference, Center for Complex Systems, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Mar 2017).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Association for Coaching, International (AC), member, 2020-present
- Institute of Coaching (IOC), affiliate member, 2020-present
- Center for Complex Systems, University of Michigan, informal affiliation / ‘friend of’, 2017-present
- Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS), member, 2011-2020
- Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters (MASAL), member, 2009-present
- American Association of University Professors (AAUP), member, 2005-present

LANGUAGE (other than English): Basic Spanish; lived in Spain 3 yrs., Honduras 1 yr.

OTHER EXPERIENCE, INFORMATION, & FULL C.V. AVAILABLE @ www.benjaminbennettcarpenter.net

REFERENCES *available upon request*