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### MISSION/VISION

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

### BIO

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

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

- Special Lecturer (full-time), Writing & Rhetoric, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan. (2005-pres.).
- Life Coach (part-time), Sollars & Associates, Troy, Michigan (2020-pres.).
- Independent Personal/Life Coaching (part-time), Bloomfield Hills, Mi. (2014-pres.).

### RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

### COACHING & PSYCHOLOGY-RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Life Coach (part-time), Sollars & Associates, Troy, Michigan (2020-pres.).
- Independent Personal/Life Coaching (part-time), Bloomfield Hills, Mi. (2014-pres.).
- Psychotherapist / Case Manager, Adult Well-Being Services, Mental Health-East, Detroit (2011-2012).
- Board Liaison to Students, Michigan Association of Professional Psychologists, Wixom, Mi. (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).

### SELECT SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- Founding Chair / Section Leader, Interdisciplinary Study of Religions, Assoc. for Interdisciplinary Studies (2015-pres.).
- Committee Member, OU Writing Excellence Award competition, Department of Writing & Rhetoric (2013-pres.).
- Faculty Mentor [of Students], OU Bachelor of Integrative Studies Program (2011- 2016; 2019-pres.).
- 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, 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.).
- Manuscript/project reviewer for *New Writing* and *JUMP+* (2020).
- Associate Editor, *Grizz Writes: A Guide to First Year Writing at Oakland University* (2017-2020).

### SELECT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- *Routledge Companion to Death and Literature* (Routledge, 2020 forthcoming) [book chapter].
- *Explaining Jesus* (Lexington Books, 2019) [book]; and *Death in Documentaries* (Brill, 2018) [book].
- *Journal of Communication & Religion* (2013), *Mortality* (2014), *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science* (2017) [articles].
- *Kenneth Burke and His Circles* (Parlor Press, 2008). [book chapter]
- Presentations for conferences at 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

- Grad. studies, Writing & Rhetoric, Oakland University, Rochester Hills, Michigan (2009-2010, 2020-pres).
- MA, Clinical Psychology, Michigan School of Psychology (formerly MiSPP), Farmington Hills, Mi. (2011).
- 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 AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS / NOTABLES

- Listing, Recommended Books on Non-Fiction/Documentary Film & Video, Visible Evidence (2018-pres.).
- 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

- “Think About It: Turning Points,” OU substance & sexual misconduct training course for all grad students (Feb 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).
- “Quality Online Teacher Certification Course,” OU e-Learning and Instructional Support (Fall 2015).
- “Faculty Feedback: Providing Early Feedback to Students,” OU Cntr. for Excell. in Teaching & Learning (Sept 2015).
- “Future Student, Future Priorities: Overcoming the Odds,” Michigan Student Success conference, Troy, Mi. (Feb 2015).

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Institute of Coaching (IOC), affiliate member, 2020-present
- Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS), member, 2011-present
- 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](http://www.benjaminbennettcarpenter.net)

## REFERENCES (alphabetical)

Glen Armstrong, MFA  
Poet & Editor, *Cruel Garters*; Special Lecturer, Writing & Rhetoric  
Oakland University, Michigan

Scott Crabill, PhD  
Associate Professor, Communication; Head Manager, Association for Interdisciplinary Studies  
Oakland University, Michigan

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Therapist & Creative Writing Instructor  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Professor and Chair, Department of Writing & Rhetoric  
Oakland University, Michigan

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Assistant Professor of Writing & Rhetoric; Director, The First-Year Writing Program  
Oakland University, Michigan

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Associate Professor of Psychology; Director, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Program  
Oakland University, Michigan

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Executive Director and Owner, Sollars and Associates  
Troy, Michigan

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