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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; part-time coach/consultant at Sollars & Associates and independently.

EMPLOYMENT

- Executive Coach / Creative Consultant (part-time), Independent, metropolitan Detroit, Michigan (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 / Creative Consultant (part-time), Independent, metropolitan Detroit, Michigan (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 (WRT 1020, 1050, & 1060, in-person & online), OU (2005-pres.).
- Special Lecturer, "Writing for Digital Media" (WRT 2070 hybrid), OU (Fall 2023).
- 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; 2022).
- 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*, Kansas State University (2007-pres.).
- Associate Editor, *Grizz Writes: A Guide to First Year Writing at Oakland University* (2017-2023).
- 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: *Cosmos & History* (2023), *Zygon: Rel. & Science* (2017), *Mortality* (2014), *Journal of Comm. & Rel.* (2013).
- Presentations: Penn State, Villanova, Wayne State, U. Southern California, Michigan State, U. Illinois, U. Ottawa, U. of Amsterdam.

EDUCATION

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

- Listing, Recommended Books on Non-Fiction/Documentary Film & Video, Visible Evidence (2018-pres.).
- Impact Player, Oakland University Athletics Department Student Services recognition of faculty (2022).
- 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 / EVENTS / WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- “Diversity Workshop Series,” workshop w/ Professor Adina Schneeweis, w/ OU Dept. of Writing & Rhetoric (Winter/spring 2023).
- “James Benjamin Franklin in Conversation with Beverly Fishman,” Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills (Jan 2023).
- “When Pull Turns to Shove: Modeling How Tribalism...,” Center for Complex Systems, University of Michigan (Oct 2022).
- “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).
- “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).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- International Society for Biosemiotic Studies (ISBS), 2022-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 functional Spanish; lived in Spain 3 yrs., Honduras 1 yr.

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

REFERENCES *available upon request*