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EDUCATION

MA: Cultural & Social Theory

Staffordshire University, UK

Post-Graduate Certificate: Ethics, Religion & Society

Supervisors: Dr Mark Wynn - Dr Esther Reed

Exeter University, Exeter, Devon, UK

BA: Youth Development, Behavioural Science & Theology

California Baptist University, California (USA)

Maths (B) English (A) Spanish (A) Journalism (A)

Hemet High School, Hemet, California (USA)

ACADEMIC AND RELATED ACHIEVEMENTS

Global Centre for Advanced Studies

Current

Faculty Fellow

<http://www.globaladvancedstudies.org>

Global Arts Ideas Nexus

Current

Fellow

www.global-art-ideas.com

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

2015 & 2014

Theme: Material Theology

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal: **Marx & Philosophy** – Marx Dictionary by Ian Fraser

Journal: **International Journal of Zizek Studies** (Article pending)

ORCID Membership Researcher

Books:

A Zizek Dictionary w/Rex Butler

Zizek & Education w/Antonio Garcia

The Death of Culture

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/OUTREACH

Academic Tutoring : Spanish, English, Drama (current)

Community Development with Teenagers (ongoing)

Event Manager: Inner-city Festival with multiple MP's

TEACHING AREAS/COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

A Philosophy of Ethics

Zizek & Ontology

Understanding Lacan

Materialist Theology

Introduction to Philosophical Materialism

Introduction to Continental Philosophy

Film and the Gaze

Atheist Theology

Semiotics of Identity

An Introduction to Identity/Identity Politics

An introduction to Freud

LANGUAGES

Bilingual (Read, Write, Speak): Spanish

Novice (Speak): Tamil

French: Undertaking

EMPLOYMENT

2010 – Current Writer, Huffington Post

I have been a writer (blog) with Huffington Post. I have been given the opportunity to interview prominent people in various fields, inclusive of topics related to: Entertainment, Human Rights and Technology. Alongside the interviews, I am able to explore socio-cultural issues related to current events, employing philosophy and psychoanalysis to interpret the social dynamics in the West.

2012-14 - Journalist, Tiverton Gazette

I was a writer for a local UK paper which included sourcing stories, cold-calling sources, compiling information, writing for print (and online) stories relevant to the geographic area.

1996-2011 Youth Development Manager

Over the course of 15 years I worked with Churches, Community groups, agencies internationally in Youth Development, Youth Activities, inclusive of Special Needs. I worked in different culture contexts, including: India, Pakistan, England, Mexico, Canada and Iceland. I used my educational training to hone my craft and be relevant and resourceful while training teams, leading groups to meet the needs of

teens in each context. I was responsible for creating programs, curriculums, timetables, and implementing them. Working with schools, and relevant government organizations to respond to the development of pre-teens to university age students.

2005 – Behavioral Counseling and Research Center

Hawaii

I worked with the local schools to work directly one on one with students with Special Needs. One student in particular I stayed with for two years who had a list of very specific needs (as laid out in my application response). I also taught courses to Special Needs students when called upon. I was also a missing person's chaplain with the local police.

2007 – Tiverton High School

England

I worked as a full-time teacher in the school under many subjects, including the following: Spanish, English, History, Citizenship, Sports, RE, and Maths.

2008 – Wallingford High School

England

I worked as a school counsellor and Teacher who worked with at-risk youth and special needs (not one in the same!) and counselled them and got them back on track by meeting their needs, spending time with them and their family and reporting back to them and working as a team to implement relevant programming and tailored curriculums.

2010-Current – I have worked with First Tutors internationally as an academic tutor teaching from age 5 to age 40 in various curriculum including: Drama (I am an actor), Script-Writing, Writing (I am a published author), Journalism, RE, Spanish, Philosophy, Ethics, Citizenship, History, Maths and English.

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

ETHICS: THE DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION

The investigation into the anthropology of ethics and its value in society.

SOCIAL IDENTITY & THE MIND

Employing the work of Antonio Damasio, this is an investigation into the matrix of social identity.

CAN ONE BE FREUDIAN TODAY?

Freud's topological structure of the Id, Superego and Ego has been an invaluable tool not only for psychoanalysis but also for cultural theory. However, one major critique that has been sustained throughout Freud's longstanding history is his binary claim that most of reality can be summed up either through sex or aggression. Die-hard Freudians know this is an under-appreciated reduction of Freud's context. However, this reduction has also been in pop-culture, if not co-opted by it. One way out of such an ideological deadlock is to revisit Freud's work in these areas via pop-culture and discover how one can still maintain a certain proximity to Freud's initial claims (which I claim belongs to a subset of other possibilities). The possibilities can be re-activated not only through a proper reading of Freudian thought, but also via culture itself, via the philosophy of postmodernism.

INTERESTS

Started a partnership with my wife entitled: **Cross-Culture-Consultancy** with my wife. A Think-Tank/Development/Speaking Business utilizing philosophy and gender rights issues [including sex trafficking, domestic violence and etc.] to respond to some of today's biggest global issues.

Having taught and trained people in outdoor survival skills, I also am an avid rock-climber.

REFERENCES

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