

EDUCATION:

DEGREES:

M.Div., *summa cum laude*, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC 2002
J.D., The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC 1994
M.A., Russian Language and Literature, University at Albany (SUNY) 1991
B.A., Russian Language and Literature, *magna cum laude*, University at Albany (SUNY) 1990

OTHER EDUCATION:

Maurice Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages, Moscow, USSR Fall 1988

ORDINATION AND CERTIFICATION:

Ordained Elder and Full Member, Baltimore-Washington Conference, United Methodist Church,
Baltimore, Maryland May 27, 2006

BAR ADMISSIONS:

New York State Bar (1/24/95)
District of Columbia Bar (12/4/95)
United States District Court, District of Maryland (9/11/98)
United States District Court, District of Columbia (1/27/99)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

American University Washington, D.C.
University Chaplain September 2016—Present

American University Washington, D.C.
Interim University Chaplain June 2016—August 2016

Baltimore Washington Conference, The United Methodist Church Washington, D.C.
Campus Minister to American University July 2002—May 2016

American University, Department of Philosophy and Religion Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Faculty August 2006—Present

Wesley Theological Seminary Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Faculty June 2003—Present

Law Offices of Mark A. Schaefer Washington, D.C.
Attorney, Practice areas: general, immigration, registered agent services July 1999—Present

Sprenger & Lang, P.L.L.C. Washington, D.C.
Summer Associate, Practice areas: employment discrimination May 2001—August 2001, April 2002

District of Columbia Insurance Federation Washington, D.C.
Interim Executive Director July 1999—November 1999

Mirel & Alegi/Law Offices of Lawrence H. Mirel Washington, D.C.
Attorney, Practice areas: general, legislative, employment November 1996—July 1999

Serge Bauer, P.C. Washington, D.C.
Attorney, Practice areas: immigration, contract August 1995—July 1996

Law Offices of I.S. Weissbrodt
Attorney/Law Clerk

Washington, D.C.
November 1994—June 1996.

State University of New York at Albany, Dept. Slavic Languages and Literature Albany, N.Y.
Graduate Assistant/Course Instructor September 1990—May 1991

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Campaign for Migrant Domestic Workers' Rights Washington, D.C.
Volunteer Attorney Spring 1998—2002

New York Civil Liberties Union Albany, NY
Volunteer Lawyer September 1994—November 1994

The George Washington University National Law Center Washington, D.C.
Research Assistant August 1993—May 1994

CAMPUS COMMITTEES, BOARDS, AND COUNCILS:

Student Retention Working Group, Member January 2019—Present
Relationship to Slavery Working Group, Co-Chair April 2018—Present
President's Council on Diversity and Inclusion, Member August 2016—Present
Social Responsibility, Business Practices and Services Project Team September 2016—Present

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:

COURSES TAUGHT:

Colloquium in American Civil Religion Fall 2018
The Christian Tradition Explored Spring 2016, Fall 2017
Religious Heritage of the West Fall 2006—present
New Testament 1 Summers, 2013–2015
New Testament 2 Summers, 2010–2012
Introduction to New Testament Summer 2008, Fall 2011
Religion and Social Justice Spring 2010
New Testament Exegesis: Epistle of James Fall 2008
New Testament Greek Intensive Summers, 2003–2008
Elementary Russian Fall 1990—Spring 1991

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Certainty of Uncertainty: The Way of Inescapable Doubt and Its Virtue, Wipf & Stock 2018

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Texts & Traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on Justice October 24, 2018
Texts & Traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on Reform October 25, 2017
Phi Beta Kappa Keynote: Religion as Metaphor May 2, 2017
What Matters to Me & Why: The Virtue of Doubt November 16, 2016
Texts & Traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on the Other October 26, 2016
Tea Talk: The Certainty of Uncertainty March 2, 2016
Martin Luther King and Religious Traditions of Justice January 21, 2015
Texts & Traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on Moses October 29, 2014

Texts & Traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on the Afterlife October 16, 2013
Texts & Traditions: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives on the Creation October 31, 2012
Texts & Traditions: Abraham's Sacrifice of His Son November 9, 2011

CHURCHES & CHURCH CONFERENCES

American Civil Religion Mt. Vernon Presbyterian, October 5, 2016
Sexuality & Marriage Capitol Hill UMC, September 25, 2012
Ministry with Young Adults Baltimore Washington Conference (UMC), January 29, 2011
Ministry with Young Adults Greater New Jersey Annual Conference (UMC), October 22, 2009

OTHER

Challenges for Chaplaincy in the 21st Century Military Chaplains Association, November 7, 2018

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

RADIO

Interfaith Voices: "[Getting Comfortable with Doubt—For Faith's Sake](#)" July 29, 2018
Interfaith Voices: "[Forgiveness in the #MeToo Era](#)" June 25, 2018
Interfaith Voices: "[Do Christians, Muslims, and Jews Worship the Same God?](#)" January 24, 2016
Interfaith Voices: "[On a Sesquicentennial: Waiting for the World-to-Come](#)" May 22, 2013
Interfaith Voices: "[A Lesson in Rapture Theology](#)" April 23, 2010

PODCASTS

Chatter on Books: "[Let's Be Certain about Uncertainty](#)" December 3, 2018
Speaking of Tangents: "[Of Mice and Luggage](#)" November 30, 2018
Here's How I Think This Works: "Religion" March 9, 2017

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

Board of Trustees, Washington Theological Consortium, Washington, D.C. July 2014–Present
DCVote, Board of Directors, Washington, D.C. November 1999—November 2010

CAMPUS AWARDS:

GLBTA Resource Center Faculty/Staff Award April 2009

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry July 2000—Present
Campus Ministry Team, Baltimore-Washington Conference July 2010—Present
Board of Ordained Ministry, Baltimore-Washington Conference July 2008—June 2012
Missions Council, Foundry United Methodist Church May 1998—December 2001
Foundry Democracy Project, Foundry United Methodist Church Washington, D.C.
Founder and Chair October 1997—June 2002

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in Russian; Proficient in Biblical Hebrew, Koine Greek, German, and French; knowledge of Arabic, Syriac Aramaic, Modern Hebrew

PERSONAL: Musical interests: play piano and bass guitar; sing tenor; compose music (choral and popular), write lyrics.