Dr. Michael Philip Ferber

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Academic Preparation:

PhD in Geography West Virginia University, May 2010
Dissertation Title: A leap of faith: Critical realism and emergence in the geography of religion

Master of Arts in Science Education West Virginia University, May 2004

Master of Divinity Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, May 2001

B.A. in Liberal Arts and Geography West Virginia University, May 1994.

Relevant Professional Experience:

Assistant Professor of Geography and Director of Environmental Studies. The King's University College. July 2008 – present. *Responsible for all aspects of the Environmental Studies Program and all physical and human geography courses.

Adjunct Faculty Regent University. January 2006 – present. *Course Designer and instructor for the world regional geography course; Instructor for the General Education Christian Worldviews course.

Interim Director Breakaway Student Ministries. First United Methodist Church. September 2007 – July 2008. *Oversight of all programming for youth and young adults.

Lecturer West Virginia University. January 2006 – May 2008 * Responsible for all aspects of the urban geography and urban and regional planning courses.

Development Director World Vision Appalachia. June 2006 – August 2007. *****Oversight of all marketing and development activities of a multi-million dollar relief and development agency including financial advancement, press relations, publications, grant acquisition, and glide path compliance.

Assistant Administrator Heritage Christian School. August 2004 – May 2006. Responsible for all technological aspects of K-8 education. *Oversight of athletics, facilities, hot lunch, and promotions.

Computational Graduate Teaching Assistant West Virginia University Department of Geology and Geography, August 2003 – 2004. *Responsible for assisting in the technological support of computers for departmental faculty and staff. *Responsible for assisting in daily maintenance of the departmental computer lab. *Oversight of departmental website.

National Science Foundation GK-12 Graduate Teaching Fellow West Virginia University TIGERS Program, May 2001 – August, 2003. *Responsible for co-planning and co-teaching earth science curriculum with middle school science teachers throughout the state of West Virginia.

Associate Pastor Evangelical Congregational Church, June 2001 – August 2005 *Responsible for administrating all programs for children, youth, and young adults.

Teaching Assistant West Virginia University, History of American Religion Internet Course, spring 2002 – fall 2003 *Responsible for content specific discussion strings *Assisted in grading papers *Assisted in content selection and evaluation.

Planner Harrison County Planning Commission. 1999 – 2001. *Oversight of all technological projects *Training in participatory planning. *Oversight of demographic studies of Harrison County. *Assistance in the generation of a county plan.

Pastor Bridgeport Free Methodist Church. 1997 - 2001. . *Vision casting of church mission, vision, and core-values. *Development of sermons, Bible studies, and small group lessons on a weekly basis.

Publications:

"Watching *Avatar* from 'AvaTARsands' Land" *Journal of Religion, Nature and Culture.* In Press 2011

"Biblical Basis for Sustainable Living" *Green Culture.* Sage. Paul Robbins (ed.) To be released 2011.

"Laidlaw ,Inc." *Encyclopedia of Consumption and Waste*. Sage. Joseph Golsen (ed.) To be released 2011.

"American Creation Care Declarations and Initiatives." *Green Education.* Sage. Paul Robbins (ed.) To be released 2011.

"Sustainable Missions: Ethical Principles for Holistic Practice in a Broken World." *Evangelical Missionary Society Volume 18: Ethics in Missions.* Dwight Baker (ed.) Co-authored with John Wood. 2010

"Religion, Geography and." *Encyclopedia of Geography*. Sage. Barney Warf (ed.). 2010.

Pomo Timmy: 1 Timothy in a Postmodern World. Pleasant Word. 2007.

"Strengthening the Rural Community" chapter of *Ending Poverty in America: How to Restore the American Dream.* Co-authored with Ruston Seaman. Ed. By Sen. John Edwards. The New Press. 2007.

"Geography of Religion." In the *Dictionary of Critical Realism.* Edited by Mervin Hartwig. Routledge. 2007.

"History and Basic Beliefs of Islam" chapter of *Geographic Education of the Islamic Culture Region.* Commission on Geographic Education. 2006.

"Critical Realism and religion: objectivity and the insider / outsider problem." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 96(1) 176-181. March, 2006.

"Denominational Mountain Religion: A History of the Free Methodist Movement in West Virginia." *American Religious Experience.* http://are.as.wvu.edu/ Posted July, 2003

"Introducing middle school students to the spatial sciences through a community atlas project" Co-authored with Timothy Warner, Eric Pyle, and Tina Knight. *Geocarto International* 18:1 March, 2003

"PPGIS in Middle School: A Web-Based Community Atlas Project." *Conference Proceedings of the 1st Annual Public Participation GIS Conference*. URISA July, 2002

Conference Presentations:

"I'll Fly Away' or 'Christ's Great Kingdom Shall Come to Earth'? Christian Eschatology and the Environment" Co-authored with Leanne Willson. The Association of American Geographer's Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. April 15, 2011.

"Watching Avatar in Alberta: Can Reflexivity Close Pandora's Box?" Co-authored with Randolph Haluza-DeLay. The Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Burnaby, B.C. March 11, 2011.

"Scale, Ecclesiastical Emergence and Contested Energy Exploitation." Co-authored with Trevor Harris and Randolph Haluza-Delay. The Association of American Geographers 2010 Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. April 16, 2010.

"Making a Leap of Faith: Emergent Scale in Geography of Religion." 2010 Western Canadian Association of Geographers Meeting. Edmonton, AB. March 27, 2010.

"Blogging to Change the World: Sustainability and The King's Green Pad." Co-authored with Gordon Preston. 2009 Stewardship and Sustainability Conference. July 9, 2009. Calgary, AB.

"Emerging Solutions to the Problem of Scale in Geography of Religion." Co-authored with Trevor Harris. The Association of American Geographers 2009 Annual Meeting. March 24, 2009. Las Vegas, NV.

"Cartographic representation and scale in the geography of religion." Co-authored with Trevor Harris. The Association of American Geographers 2006 Annual Meeting. March 8, 2006. Chicago, IL.

"A leap of faith: Scale in the geography of religions and belief systems" Co-authored with Trevor Harris. The Association of American Geographers 2005 Annual Meeting. April 6, 2005. Denver, CO.

"A leap of faith: critical GIS perspectives on the Geography of Religion" Co-authored with Trevor Harris. Conference of the International Study of Religion. December 11, 2004. Szeged, Hungary.

"The McDowell County Flood Atlas: A pragmatic approach for GIS and Remote Sensing education at the middle school level." WV GIS Conference. May 10, 2004. Morgantown, WV

"A Flood of Learning: The McDowell County flood atlas project." Conference on Appalachian Geography and Geography Education. March 6, 2004. Shepherdstown, WV

"History of the Geography of Religion and Beliefs Systems Specialty Group," co-authored with Michael P. Ferber, [poster] Assoc. of Am. Geographers, Philadelphia, Mar. 2004

"Critical Realism Revisited: Potential Applications in the Geography of Religions and Belief Systems" The Association of American Geographer's 100th Annual Meeting. March 19, 2004. Philadelphia, PA

"Horizons in the Mapping of Religion in North America" Co-authored with Trevor Harris. Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Research Horizons Poster Session. April 22, 2003. Morgantown, WV

"Introducing Middle School Students to Flood Hazards through an Internet-Based Flood Atlas Project" The Association of American Geographers 99th Annual Meeting. March 6, 2003 New Orleans, LA

"A Critique of Cartographic Approaches to Mapping Religion in North America" Co-authored with Trevor Harris and Jesse Rouse. The Association of American Geographers 99th Annual Meeting. March 5, 2003 New Orleans, LA

"What a Disaster! Teaching Science through Earthquakes, Floods, and Emergency Preparedness" West Virginia Science Teacher's Association Conference. October 19, 2002.Charleston, WV

"Where am I? Teaching Technology to Middle-School students using a Community Atlas" West Virginia Science Teacher's Association Conference. October 18, 2002. Charleston, WV

"PPGIS in Middle School: A Web-Based Community Atlas Project." *1st Annual Public Participation GIS Conference*. URISA. July 21, 2002 Rutgers University

Supervised Student Presentations:

Corin Boersma and Alyssa Wesselson. "'Peas be With You' in Community Gardens." Poster Presentation. The Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Burnaby, B.C. March 11, 2011.

Cameron Edney and Julie Paquette. "Geography of Fatherhood in Edmonton: Where Are Expectant and parenting Young Father?" Poster Presentation. The Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Burnaby, B.C. March 11, 2011.

Teri McCausland. "Food or Housing?: Agricultural Depletion From a Local Perspective." Poster Presentation. The Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Burnaby, B.C. March 11, 2011.

Teresa Looy and Jeremiah Basuric. "The Value of Focus Groups in Qualitative Research." Poster Presentation. The Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Burnaby, B.C. March 11, 2011.

Denyse Dawe. "Forest Inferno: Is the use of fire in forests ecologically crippling or crucial?" Poster Presentation. The Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Burnaby, B.C. March 11, 2011.

Ben Thomson and Chelsea Dyck. "Blooming Problems: The Role of Policy and Enforcement in the Algae Crisis at Pigeon Lake." Poster Presentation. The Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Burnaby, B.C. March 11, 2011.

Book Reviews:

Miller, C. E. (Ed) 2010. Cities and Nature in the American West. Reno: University of Nevada Press. For *Historical Geography. To be released 2011.*

Dittmer, Jason and Sturm, Tristan. (Eds.) *Mapping the End Times: American Evangelical Geopolitics and Apocalyptic Visions.* Ashgate: Burlington, 2010. For *The Canadian Geographer*. To be released 2011.

Gautier, Catherine. *Oil, Water and Climate.* New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008. For *Environmental Politics. 19:2 336-337. 2010.*

Simon Goldhill. *The Temple of Jerusalem.* Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2005. For *The Journal of Material Culture*. July, 2007.

Tweed, Thomas. *Crossings and Dwellings: A Theory of Religion.* For The American Religious Experience 2006.

Gold, Lorna. *The Sharing Economy: Solidarity networks transforming globalization.* For *The Professional Geographer.* 57:4 2006.

John Sparks*, The Roots of Appalachian Christianity: The Life and Legacy of Elder Shubal Stearns.* For the Journal of Southern Religion Volume 6, 2003.

Grants:

$?,??? 2011 STEP Student Researcher for the "Ribbon of Green: A Digital Historical Atlas of Edmonton's Interconnected Parkland." Co-applicant with Dr. William Van Arragon.

$5,000 2010 NiCHE History and the Environment Grant for "Ribbon of Green: A Digital Historical Atlas of Edmonton's Interconnected Parkland." Co-applicant with Dr. William Van Arragon.

$5,000. 2009 CCCU Creation Care Grant for The King's University College. Applicant.

Awards:

Selected to represent West Virginia University graduate students at the NSF sponsored 2003 CIRTL (Center for the Integration of Teaching and Learning) conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

2002 "Best Website Award" – Association of American Geographers Places Online Project (http://www.placesonline.org/) for work with the McDowell County Flood Atlas

External Academic Service:

Board Member, Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2011 – 2013

Editorial Board Member, *Geography of Religions and Belief Systems*. 2010 - present

Commissioner, Ottewell 120th Scouts. 2010 - present

Board Chair, Edmonton Young Environmental Professionals. 2010 – 2011.

Advisory Board Member, Edmonton Land Trust. 2009 – present.

Managing Editor, *Geography of Religions and Belief Systems*. 2005 – 2010

Executive Committee Member, Edmonton Young Environmental Professionals. 2009 - 2010

Board Member, Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2005 – 2009

Chairperson, Geography of Religions and Belief Systems Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers**,** 2003 - 2005

Board Member, Graduate Student Affinity Group of the Association of American Geographers, 2002 – 2004

Academic Service at The King's University College

Faculty representative, Recruitment Task Force. 2010 – present.

Faculty Representative, The King's University College Foundation. 2009 – present.

Director of Environmental Studies, 2008 - present

University Representative, Edmonton Coalition to End Homelessness, 2008 - 2009

Academic Affairs Committee, 2009 – present

Sustainability Coalition, Founder and Chair, 2009 - present