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EDUCATION

- Post-D.** Inter-religious dialogue (Christianity and Islam). PONTIFICIA UNIVERSITÀ GREGORIANA. “**Summa cum laude**” One year diploma – Rome, Italy, 2010.
- Ph.D.** Theology and Religion (The Study of Religion). DURHAM UNIVERSITY – Durham, United Kingdom, 2010 (officially awarded).
- M.Phil.** Theology and Religious Studies (Psychology and Religion). CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY – Cambridge, United Kingdom, 2004.
- M.T.S.** Theological Studies (Scripture and Interpretation). HARVARD DIVINITY SCHOOL – Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2002.
- B.S.** Social Work (Psychology Minor). BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY – Provo, Utah, 2000. Graduation “**Summa cum laude**”. Cumulative GPA **3.99**.
Semester abroad – (Social Work internship) Diakonie Stetten, Germany, 1999.
Semester abroad – Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies, Israel, 1997.
- A.S.** Social Work. BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY IDAHO – Rexburg, Idaho, 1996. Cumulative GPA **4.0**

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE IN RELIGION/PHILOSOPHY

- Associate Professor of Religion** 2011 to present
Brigham Young University – Provo, Utah (& Salt Lake Center)
Undergraduate courses
REL 351 “Survey of World Religions” REL 356 “Introduction to Islam”
REL 352 “Survey of Christianity” REL 325 “Doctrine and Covenants”
REL 301 “The Old Testament: Genesis – 2 Samuel”
REL 302 “The Old Testament: 1 Kings – Malachi” REL 211 “The New Testament Gospels”
Guest lecturer: EUROP 200 “Introduction to European Studies” (Fall semesters)
- Graduate courses*
REL 632 “World Religions Graduate Seminar” Summer 2017
- The Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies (Brigham Young University) 2019-2020
Undergraduate courses
REL 303 “Old Testament Studies” & REL 311 “New Testament Studies”
- Visiting Lecturer** Summer 2013
Southern Virginia University – Buena Vista, VA
HIST/HUM 375R “Topics in History – World Religions”

Adjunct Faculty

Brigham Young University – Provo, Utah
Religious Education

2006-2007, 2010-2011

Utah Valley University – Orem, Utah

Department of Philosophy and Humanities
PHIL 2050 “Ethics and Values” (9 courses taught)

2007, 2010-2011

PUBLICATIONS**Monographs**

Mauro Properzi, *Mormonism and the Emotions: An Analysis of LDS Scriptural Texts* (Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2015). [Paperback edition published in 2018]

Recognitions: 2015 Outstanding Academic Title in religion and “highly recommended” by *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* (American Library Association).

2015 Harvey B. and Susan Easton Black Outstanding Publication (BYU Religious Education).

Edited books

Michael A. Goodman and Mauro Properzi, eds. *The Worldwide Church: Mormonism as a Global Religion* (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2016).

Book chapters

Mauro Properzi, “Truth, Community, and Prophetic Authority,” in *'To Be Learned is Good': Faith and Scholarship Among the Latter-day Saints*, eds. J. Spencer Fluhman, Kathleen Flake, and Jed Woodworth (Provo, UT: Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, 2017), 35-46.

Mauro Properzi and James A. Toronto, “From Conflict to Collaboration: Mormons and Waldensians in Italy,” in *The Worldwide Church: Mormonism as a Global Religion*, eds. Michael A. Goodman and Mauro Properzi (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2016), 263-287.

Journal articles

Mauro Properzi, “Living the History of the Church: an Interview with Harvey Jr. Fletcher,” *Mormon Historical Studies*, 20:1 (Spring 2019), 128-142.

Mauro Properzi, “Between Identity and Truth: a Christ-centered Perspective on Emotion,” *Issues in Religion and Psychotherapy*, 39:1 (2018), 3-14.

Mauro Properzi, “Between Christian Morality and Divine Passibility: Latter-day Saint Reflections on the Passions in Nineteenth-Century Utah,” *Mormon Historical Studies*, 19:2 (Fall 2018), 41-59.

Mauro Properzi, “Toward Theological Inclusivism: The Effects of a World Religions Course in a Mormon University,” *Journal of Research on Christian Education*, 26:2 (2017), 189-210.

Mauro Properzi, “In the Footsteps of Peter and Paul: Modern Pioneers in Italy,” *Religious Educator*, 17:2 (2016), 139-161.

Greg Wilkinson and Mauro Properzi, “From Sectarian to Holistic: The Practice of Meditation in Modern Japan,” *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*, 5:4 (2015), 29-38.

Mauro Properzi, "Learning about Other Religions: False Obstacles and Rich Opportunities," *Religious Educator*, 16:1 (2015), 128-149.

Mauro Properzi, "Mitt Romney and 'I Mormoni': A 2012 Analysis of Italy's Print Media," *BYU Studies Quarterly*, 53:1 (2014), 75-105.

Mauro Properzi, "LDS Understandings of Religious Freedom: Responding to the Shifting Cultural Pendulum." *Journal of Mormon History*, 38:3 (Summer 2012), 128-147.

Mauro Properzi, "Exploring Psychology and Religious Experience: Relevant Issues and Core Questions," *Issues in Religion and Psychotherapy*, 34:1 (2012), 61-67.

Mauro Properzi, "Looking for Balance between Identity and Encounter: Buber's relations and Interreligious Dialogue," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 46:2 (Spring 2011), 251-258.

Mauro Properzi, "The Religious 'Other': Reflecting upon Mormon Perceptions," In *International Journal of Mormon Studies*, 3 (2010), 41-55.

Mauro Properzi, "Belonging (and Believing) as LDS Scholars of Religion." *Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought*, 42:3 (Fall 2009), 37-44.

Manuals

Daniel K. Judd, (Mauro Properzi contributor), *Taking Sides: Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in Religion. Instructor's Manual*, (Columbus, OH: McGraw-Hill/Dushkin, 2003).

Personally authored the following chapters: "Issue 1: Does God Exist?" "Issue 2: Can Evil Exist and There Still Be a God?" "Issue 3: Does God Have Absolute Knowledge of the Future?" "Issue 12: Does the Theory of Evolution Explain the Origins of Creation?"

Book Reviews

Mauro Properzi, Review of "I'll Push You," by Patrick Gray & Justin Skeesuck, *Interpreter: A Journal of Mormon Scripture* 29 (2018), 81-84.

Mauro Properzi, Review of "Mormons in the Piazza: History of the Latter-day Saints in Italy," by James A. Toronto, Eric A. Dursteler, and Michael W. Homer, *BYU Studies Quarterly* 56:2 (2017), 168-171.

Mauro Properzi, Review of "Mormon Christianity: What Other Christians Can Learn from the Latter-day Saints," by Stephen H. Webb, *BYU Studies Quarterly* 53:3 (2014), 196-199.

Mauro Properzi, Review of "The Development of LDS Temple Worship 1846-2000: a Documentary History," Devery Anderson ed., *International Journal of Mormon Studies* 5 (2012), 188-192.

Mauro Properzi, Review of "The Book of Mormon: A Very Short Introduction," by Terryl Givens, *International Journal of Mormon Studies* 4 (2011), 148-153.

Other Publications

Mauro Properzi, "Notre Dame Conference Spearheads a New LDS-Catholic Dialogue," *Religious Education Review*, (Winter 2014), 15-17.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Lectures & Conferences

- Seminario SUDAmericano September 2018
 “Los Mormones en Sudamerica: Nuestra Religion en la Esfera Publica,” Buenos Aires, Argentina
 “LDS-Catholic Interfaith Relations”
- LDS Euro Seminar (Second) December 2017
 2017 “Mormons in Europe: Religion, Refugees, and the Public Sphere,” London, U.K. (By invit.)
 “Being a Mormon in Tension”
- Religious Education Friday Faculty Forum March 2017
 2017 Winter Semester Forums, Provo, UT (By invitation)
 “Mormonism and the Emotions”
- Richard L. Bushman Colloquium June 2016
 2016 “Mormonism in the Academy: Teaching, Scholarship, Faith” Conf., Provo, UT (By invitat.)
 “Truth, Community, and Prophetic Authority”
- X World Congress of Families May 2016
 2016 International Conference, Tbilisi, Georgia (By invitation)
 “Religion and Family: Allies in Soul-Making”
- XXI World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions August 2015
 2015 Conference, Erfurt University, Erfurt, Germany
 “From the Periphery to the Center: the Development of LDS-Catholic Relations”
- Mormons and Catholics: From the Margins to the Mainstream April 2015
 2015 Mormon Studies Conference, Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah (By invitation)
 “Catholic and Mormon Models of ‘the Church’”
- Religious Minorities in the Media December 2014
 2014 Colloques Media GSRL (Groupe Société Religion Laïcité), Paris, France (By invitation)
 “Mormonism in the Italian Media: a 2012-2014 Analysis”
- Religion and Spirituality in Society April 2014
 2014 International Conference, Heredia, Costa Rica
 Paper presented with Greg Wilkinson: “Meditation Practices in Modern Japan”
- The Worldwide Church: the Global Reach of Mormonism March 2014
 2014 Church History Symposium, Provo & SLC, UT
 “From Conflict to Friendship: Mormons and Waldensians in Italy”
- Catholics & Mormons: A New Dialogue December 2013
 2013 Notre Dame Conference, South Bend, IN
 “The Challenge of Dialogue and Encounter”
- The Evolution of Mormonism from Sect to Church and from Church to Sect December 2012
 2012 International Conference on Mormonism, Bordeaux, France
 “A Mormon Ecclesiology...with Borrowings from Vatican II”

- Mormon Moments and the Media November 2012
2012 Mormon Media Studies Symposium, Provo, Utah
“Mitt Romney and “I Mormon””: Perspectives from the Italian Media”
- Religion and Spirituality in Society February 2012
2012 International Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada
“Institutional Commitment and Theological Inclusivism in LDS Religious Education: Findings from a Study at Brigham Young University”
- Richard L. Bushman Symposium June 2011
2011 “Mormonism in Cultural Contexts” Conference, Springville, Utah
“LDS Understandings of Religious Freedom: Responding to the Shifting Cultural Pendulum”
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion October 2010
2010 Conference, Baltimore, Maryland
“Martin Buber’s Relations and Interreligious Dialogue: a Mormon-Catholic Encounter”
- European Mormon Studies Association July 2009
2009 Annual Conference, Terrazza Solferino, Turin, Italy
“The Religious ‘Other’: Reflecting upon Mormon Perceptions”
- Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology March 2007
2007 Conference, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
“Anger and Justice in Tension: A Mormon Approach”
- Faith and Knowledge February 2007
2007 Inaugural Conference, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut
“Belonging (and Believing) as LDS Scholars of Religion”
- Seminars**
- Joseph Smith Summer Seminar Summer 2006
Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Research fellow with Prof. Richard Bushman and Prof. Terryl Givens
“Passions in Perspective: the Fallen and the Divine in Nineteenth-century Mormon interpretation”
- New Testament Commentary Seminar Summer 2003
Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Research fellow with Prof. Andrew Skinner, Richard Draper, John Welch, Kent Brown, and John Hall
“John 17: Mediating to Salvation”
- Public lectures & presentations**
- Utah premier of *The Sultan and the Saint* October 2017
Introductory panel (Brigham Young University campus)
“The Challenges of Interfaith Engagement”
- LDS Perspective Podcast April 2017
<http://www.ldsperspectives.com/2017/04/19/balancing-religious-tensions/>
“Balancing Religious Tensions”

Pioneers in Every Land November 2015
 2015 Church History Library Lecture Series, Salt Lake City, Utah
 “In the Footsteps of Peter and Paul: the Mormon Experience in Italy”

2014 Young Single Adults Annual Conference June 2014
 Montesilvano, Pescara, Italy
 “To Act and Not to Be Acted Upon”

POSITIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Moral Education Professorship in Religious Education 2017-2019

University Committees

New Faculty Advisory Committee (BYU Faculty Center) 2015-2016

Grant Committee for Scholarly and Creative Works 2015-2016

College and Department Committees

Office of Religious Outreach Chair 2020-present
 Council Fellow since 2014

Hiring and Search Committee 2018-2019

Reading Club Committee 2018-2019

Unit Review Committee (Chair) 2017

College Awards Committee 2014-2017

Church History Symposium Committee (The Global Church) 2013-2014

Religious Education Student Symposium Committee 2012-2013

ORCA and MEG Grant Review Committee 2012-2013

New Faculty Mentoring

Prof. Carter Charles, Church History and Doctrine – Brigham Young University 2018-2021

Master’s Theses

Master’s in Religious Education (Brigham Young University) 2017-2020

Thesis Reader for Alec Jensen

“We Want No Cowards in Our Band: Latter-day Saints, Zion, and Patriotic Warfare at the Turn of the Twentieth Century”

Master’s in Religious Education (Brigham Young University) 2017-2019

Thesis Reader for William Perez

“The Ascension of Jesus Christ as a Fundamental Principle of Latter-day Saint Religion”

Master’s in Religious Education (Brigham Young University) 2015-2017

Thesis Chair for Jess Jones

“Deification through Sacramental Living in LDS and Eastern Orthodox Worship Practices: A Comparative Analysis.”

Undergraduate Honors Theses (Brigham Young University)

Faculty reader for Nathan Phair

"Even if the Church should determine nothing against them':
Jesuit Influence on the Tridentine Decree on Justification." Mar. 2016

Faculty reader for Abraham Collier

"Beyond Justice: Revising Modern Liberal Democracy with
Communitarianism and Role Pluralism." Mar. 2015

Conference Organization and Planning

"The Living Reformation: 500 Years of Martin Luther" – Provo, UT
Organizing Committee member September 2017

2016 Mormon History Association Conference – Snowbird, UT
Program Committee member June 2016

"The Worldwide Church: The Global Reach of Mormonism" – Provo, UT
Organizing Committee member March 2014

"Catholics and Mormons: A New Dialogue" – University of Notre Dame
Conference Organizer December 2013

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fellowships

Summer Research Institute - Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, UK Summer 2016
One week in residence to study Christian apologetics

Research residencies and cooperations

Tekishinjuku – International Zen temple, Kameoka, Japan Summer 2012
One week in residence to study and practice Zen meditation

Shinmeizan – Center for Interreligious dialogue, Nagomi, Japan Summer 2012
One week in residence to study spirituality in a Japanese Catholic center
(inculturation, etc.)

Brigham Young University, Department of Ancient Scripture Summer 2002
Research assistant of Prof. Daniel Judd, Chairman of Department
Project on psychology of religion

Brigham Young University, Department of Ancient Scripture Summer 2001
Research assistant to Prof. Robert L. Millet
Project on patristic writings and LDS theology

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

Graduate Student Instructor 2008-2009
Durham University – Durham, U.K.
Department of Theology and Religion

Selected lectures and seminars in “Religious Innovations;” “Introduction to the Study of Religion;” “Emotion, Identity and Religion”

Instructor

London School of Languages – Rome, Italy 2009-2010
EFL Instructor (English as a foreign language)

Utah Valley University – Orem, Utah 2007
The School of Continuing Education - “Beginning Italian”

New College Durham – Framwellgate Moor (Durham), U.K. 2004-2005
Department of Languages - Begin., Inter., Advan. “Italian”

LANGUAGES

Fluent: Italian (Native), English

Competent: German, Spanish

Reading: Koiné (New Testament) Greek, French