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EDUCATION

BA Saint Olaf College (History and Philosophy), 1961
MDiv Luther Theological Seminary (Theology), 1965
STM Nashotah House, (ABT, Philosophy of Religion), 1967-1968
PhD Boston University Graduate School (Philosophy of Religion), 1974
Post-Graduate, University of Minnesota (English), 1961
Forschungsstipendium, DAAD, (Philosophy) Tübingen, 1983
Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship (Philosophy) Tübingen, 1986
Visiting Fellow, *Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen* (Vienna), 1995
Fulbright Senior Research Fellowship (Religion) IWM, Vienna, Austria, 1995

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Boston University, Professor, Philosophy of Religion, 1992 -
Co-Editor, *Existenz, International Journal in Philosophy, Religion, Politics and the Arts*, 2005 -
Director, *The Paideia Project at Boston University*; 2000 –
Executive Editor, *Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy*, 1998
Executive Director, *Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy*, 1995-2000
President, *American Organizing Committee, Inc.* 1995 – 2000
Chairman, APA Committee on International Cooperation, 2001-2004
Board of Officers, American Philosophical Association, 2001-2004
Chairman, *ad interim*, Department of Philosophy, Boston University, 1988-1990

PROFESSOR ALAN M. OLSON
CURRICULUM VITAE

Chairman, Department of Religion, Boston University, 1980-1987
Associate Professor, Religion, Boston University, 1983-1992
Coordinator, Graduate Program in Religion & Literature, 1985-1995
Coordinator, Graduate Program in Philosophy of Religion, 1985-2005
Chair, Humanities Curriculum Committee, Boston University, 1987-1989
Program Coordinator, Boston University Institute for Philosophy & Religion, 1974-1980
Assistant Professor, Religion, Boston University, 1974-82
Chair, Graduate Program in Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion, 1976-1979;
Instructor and Special Assistant to the Dean, School of Theology, 1972-1974
Lecturer in Theology, Emmanuel College, The Fenway, 1970-1972
Assistant Pastor, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, 1965-1969
Student Intern, Saint Olaf Lutheran Church, Garden Grove, California, 1963-1964
Farming and Construction, in my youth

INVITED LECTURESHIPS

The Karl Jaspers Lectureship, "Jaspers and Hegel on God," Ripon Hall, Cuddesdon College, and University College, Oxford University, Spring, 1989.

Benjamin Cardozo Lectures, "Bending the Golden Bough: Religious Studies and the Humanities," CUNY (City University of New York), Spring, 1984.

Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia), *Existenzdenken: Humanismus oder Anti-Humanismus?*, 18-31 March 1991.

Guest Lectures at various institutions including: University of Vermont, University of Rhode Island, University of Frankfurt (Falkenstein Seminar), Karl-Franzens-Universität (Graz, Austria), University of Pec (Hungary), University of Connecticut, Tufts University, Harvard University, University of California at Santa Barbara, Carl von Ossietzky Universität (Oldenburg, Germany), Massachusetts State College at Framingham, etc.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Philosophical Association
North American Association for the Study of Religion
International Association for History of Religions
Hegel Society of America
Jaspers Society of North America (President, 2006-10)
Fellow, Society for Art, Religion and Contemporary Culture (ARC/NYC)
<http://www.sarcc.org/fellows.htm>
Fulbright Society
Boston Theological Society
Fellow, *Société Européenne de Culture*

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS, EDITORSHIPS, ETC.

Advisory Board, Institute for the Human Sciences (IWM, Vienna) 2006 -
Co-Editor, *Existenz: International Journal of Philosophy, Religion, Culture, Politics and the Arts*
Executive Editor, Proceedings, Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, 12 vols., 1998-2000
Chairman, APA Committee on International Cooperation, 2001-2004
Executive Committee, Karl Jaspers Society of North America, 2002 –
Vice President, KJSNA, 2003-2007; President, 2007 -10
Board of Officers, American Philosophical Association, 2001-2004
Board Member, *Jaspers-Gesellschaft-Jahrbuch*, Graz, Austria, 1995 -
Director, Paideia Project at Boston University, 1999 -
Board Member, Conference of Philosophical Societies (COPS), 1998-99
President, American Organizing Committee, Inc., 1995-2004

BOOKS AUTHORED

Transcendence and Hermeneutics: An Interpretation of the Philosophy of Karl Jaspers (The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff, 1979; now Springer Verlag).

The Seeing Eye: Essays in Hermeneutic Phenomenology, co-authored with Stan Yarian and Ted Brenneman (Penn State University Press, 1982).

Hegel and the Spirit: Philosophy as Pneumatology (Princeton University Press, 1992).

BOOKS EDITED

Disguises of the Demonic: Contemporary Perspectives on the Power of Evil (New York: Association Press, 1975).

Myth, Symbol and Reality (Notre Dame University Press, 1980).

Transcendence and the Sacred: Crosscultural Studies in the Comparative Philosophy of Religion, co-edited with Leroy Rouner (Notre Dame University Press, 1981).

Video Icons & Values, co-edited with Christopher Parr and Debra Riley (State University of New York Press, 1990).

Heidegger and Jaspers (Temple University Press, 1993).

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Proceedings of the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, Executive Editor, 12 Volumes (Philosophical Documentation Center, 2000).

Educating for Democracy: Paideia in an Age of Uncertainty, co-edited with David Steiner and Irina Tuuli (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003).

Philosophical Faith and the Future of Humanity, co-editor, Springer Verlag, 2012

VOLUMES EDITED: <http://www.bu.edu/paideia/existenz/index.html>

Existenz: An International Journal in Philosophy, Religion, Politics and the Arts

Philosophy, Religion and Politics, co-editor, *Existenz*, Volume One, 2006

Jaspers in Perspective, co-editor, *Existenz*, Volume Two, 2007

Philosophy, Psychology, and Psychopathology, co-editor, *Existenz*, Volume Three, 2008

World Philosophy and the Philosophy of History, co-editor, *Existenz*, Volume Four, 2009

The Achsenzeit Hypothesis, co-editor, *Existenz*, Volume Five, 2010

Thirtieth Anniversary Special Edition, *Existenz*, Volume Six, 2011

BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Mythic Language of the Demonic," in *Disguises of the Demonic* (New York: Association Press, 1975)

"The Tensive Nature of Metaphoric Truth," in *Myth, Symbol, Reality* (Notre Dame, 1979)

"The Silence of Job," Special Edition on Paul Ricoeur and Biblical Hermeneutics, *Semeia: An Experimental Journal in Biblical Studies* (Scholars Press, 1980)

"The Challenge of Crosscultural-Comparative Studies in Philosophy of Religion," in *Transcendence and the Sacred* (Notre Dame, 1981)

"The Speculative Mysticism of J. N. Findlay," in *Studies in the Philosophy of J. N. Findlay*, edited by Robert S. Cohen, Richard Martin, and Merold Westphal (SUNY Press, 1985)

PROFESSOR ALAN M. OLSON
CURRICULUM VITAE

"A Postmodern Analysis of Jaspers's *Man in the Modern Age*, in *Jaspers Today*, Centenary Festschrift for Karl Jaspers, eds. Richard Wisser and Leonard Ehrlich (Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology, University Press of America, 1988).

"The Idea of a University," in *The Philosophy of Karl Jaspers: Expositions and Interpretations*, eds. Kurt Salamun and Gregory Walters (Prometheus/Humanity, 2008).

"The Concept of God in Hegel and Jaspers," in *Karl Jaspers. Philosoph unten Philosophen*, eds., Richard Wisser and Leonard Ehrlich, Brighton Papers, XVIII World Congress of Philosophy (Wurzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 1993).

"Jaspers's Critique of Communism," in *Jahrbuch* of the Austrian Jaspers-Gesellschaft, (Austria, 1991)

"A Dialectic of Value and Being," in *Heidegger and Jaspers* (Temple University Press, 1993)

"Phenomenology, Theology and Religious Studies," in *Analecta Husserliana* (Kluwer, 1994)

"The Truth of Nature," in *Festschrift* for Erazim Kohak, ed., Robert S. Cohen (Riedel, 1998).

"The Spiritual Situation of our Time Revisited," *Europe After 1989: A Culture in Crisis*, ed. Elemer Hankiss (Center for German and European Studies, Georgetown University, 1999).

"Cusanus as Post-Medievalist," in *Jaspers and the History of Philosophy*, eds., Joseph Koterski and Raymond Langley (New York: Humanities Press, 2002)

"Paideia," in *Russian Encyclopedia on Global Studies*, ed., Alexander Chumakov (Moscow, 2003)

"The Idea of a University," in *Expositions and Interpretations of the Philosophy of Karl Jaspers*, Eds., Gregory Walters and Kurt Salamun (New York: Prometheus/Humanity Press, 2008).

"Evil and Fault in the Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur," in *Deliver Us from Evil*, Eds., David Eckel and Bradley Herling (New York: Continuum Press, 2008).

"Philosophical Faith and its Ambiguities," *Philosophical Faith and the Future of Humanity*, Eds., Wautischer, Olson, and Walters (Springer Verlag, 2011).

Co-Editor, Vols. 1-6, *Existenz: An International Journal in Philosophy*, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011. <http://www.bu.edu/paideia/existenz/index.html>

ARTICLES, REVIEWS, PAPERS, SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

PROFESSOR ALAN M. OLSON
CURRICULUM VITAE

(Chronological Listing Beginning 1970)

Review, Wolfart Pannenberg, *Theology and the Kingdom of God*, foreword by John Richard Neuhaus (Fortress, 1970), *Interpretation* (October, 1970)

Review, William Woods, *A History of the Devil* (Norton, 1974), *Review of Books and Religion* (April, 1974)

Review, Arthur Vogel, *Body Theology* (Harper & Row, 1974), *Review of Books and Religion* (October, 1974)

Paper, "The Symbolical Mediation of Meaning," *Boston Theological Society*, Boston College, 1974

Paper, "Experience, Consciousness, and Symbol," for *New England Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Boston University, Spring, 1974

Article, "Knowledge by Degrees and the Clergy," *Nexus* (47:1974)

Commentator, "Experience, Religion, and Truth," by John E. Smith (Yale), *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, 1974.

Commentator and Panelist, "The Interpretation Theory of Paul Ricoeur," *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, Fall, 1975.

Paper, "An Interpretation of the Works of Carlos Castaneda," *New England Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Smith College, Spring, 1975.

Article, "Mary Hartman and Mass Culture," *Crosscurrents* (26:1, 1976)

Television Interview, "Mary Hartman and Mass Culture," *WSBK-TV*, Boston, August, 1976.

Paper, "Conflict and Complementarity in the Philosophies of Karl Jaspers and Paul Ricoeur," *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Saint Louis, 1976

Review, Robert Evans, *Christian Theology: A Case Study Approach* (Harper & Row, 1976), *Interpretation* (1977)

Review, Bernard Meland, *Fallible Forms and Symbols: Discourses of Method for a Theology of Culture* (Chicago, 1977), for *Review of Books and Religion* (October, 1977)

Paper, "The Tasks of Comparative Philosophy of Religion," *New England Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Trinity College, 1977.

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Paper, "The Symbolic Mediation of Meaning," *Boston Theological Society*, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, 1976.

Consultant, *National Endowment for the Humanities*, Regional Theater Production of "Freedom and Angelina," 1978-1979.

Commentator, "Dante and the Rediscovery of Political Philosophy," Professor Ernest Fortin *Boston Theological Society*, Boston College, 1977.

Radio Interviews, "Does the Soul Exist?" and "Forms of the Spirit in Contemporary Culture," *Multiversity* (WBUR/NPR), 1977.

Commentator, "Hermeneutics and Interpretation Theory," *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, San Francisco, 1977.

Invited Lecture, "Methodological Issues in Philosophy of Religion," *Graduate Colloquium*, Boston University, 1977.

Paper, "Metaphorical Discourse and Speculative Metaphysics," *Boston Theological Society* Episcopal Divinity School (Commentator, Hans-Georg Gadamer), 1978.

Paper, "Metaphoric Split Reference and *Grenzsituationen*," *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, New Orleans, 1978.

Interview, "The New Religions," The Tom Larson Show, *WSBK-TV (Metromedia)*, 1978.

Article, "From Shaman to Mystic," *Soundings* (LXI:1, 1978)

Article, "The Devil With Us," *Review of Religion & Literature* (2:1978).

Lecture and Paper, "Is a Comparative Phenomenology of Spirit Possible?" *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, commentator, J.G. Arapura (1979)

Invited Lecture, "Symbolic Mediation and Hermeneutical Reflection in the Academic Study of Religion," Tufts University, 1979.

Invited Lecture, "The Problem of Evil: Guyana as a Case Study," Philosophy Department, Massachusetts State College, Framingham, 1979.

Invited Lecture, "Hermeneutic Philosophy and Mysticism," Departments of Philosophy and Religion, University of Vermont, 1979.

Interview, "Saints and Sinners," with Leslie Fiedler and Ruth Nanda Anshen; Karl Schuessler, host (CBC & BBC), 1979.

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Panelist, "Scientific Inquiry: Responsibility to a Larger Context," *Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs*, Wellesley College, 1979.

Paper, "The Dialectics of Presence and Absence in Bonaventure and Hölderlin," *American Academy of Religion*, New York, 1979.

Lecture, "The Academic Study of Religions," *Graduate Religion Colloquium*, Boston University Department of Religion, 1980.

Invited Lecture, "Visual Narrative and the Creation of Meaning," *Phenomenology Forum*, Harvard University, 1980.

Chair and Moderator, "Nietzsche Colloquium," *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, 1980.

Chair and Moderator, "Hegel Colloquium," *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, 1980.

Interview, "On Witches and Witchcraft", *The Tom O'Brian Show*, WNAC-TV (CBS), 1980.

Invited Lecture, "The Occidental Religious Matrix (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam): Oikumene or Apocalypse?" Philosophy Department, Massachusetts State College, Framingham, 1980.

Lecture, "The Hermeneutic Phenomenology of Paul Ricoeur," Metropolitan College, Phenomenology of Religion, 1980.

Invited Lecture, "The Triumph of Secularism: Moral Victory or Moral Defeat?" Hillel House and Lutheran Students Association, BU/Harvard/MIT, 1980.

Commentator, "The Significance of Ethics for Mystical Experience," Steven Katz, *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, 1981.

Interview, "The New Religions," WNAC-TV (CBS), 1981

Commentator, "Language as Ritual," Hans-Georg Gadamer, *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, 1981.

Invited Lecture, "The Concept of Duty and the Rhetoric of Rights," *Food for Thought* Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 1981

Paper, "Mysticism, Ontology, and Axiology," *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, San Francisco, 1981.

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Paper, "Jaspers' Critique of Mysticism," *American Philosophical Association*, Philadelphia, 1981.

Organizer and Moderator, "Mysticism and Literature," *Conference on Christianity and Literature*, principal speaker, Eric Voegelin, Boston University, 1981.

Essay Review, "Nasr on Religious Treasures," H. S. Nasr's Gifford Lectures, *Knowledge and the Sacred* (Crossroads, 1982), for *Review of Religion and Literature* (2:1982).

Article, "Jaspers' Critique of Mysticism," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (LI/2:1982)

Article, "Metaphysics and Renunciation: An Examination of the Role of Dialectic During the Frankfurt Period of Hegel and Hoelderlin," *Man and World: An International Journal in Philosophy* (Spring, 1983)

Chair, Philosophical Anthropology Section, *Jaspers Centenary, XVII World Congress of Philosophy*, Montreal, 1983.

Chair, "Jaspers Centenary Program," *American Philosophical Association*, Boston, 1983.

Paper, "Hegel and Pietism," *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Dallas, 1983.

Invited Lecture, "Teaching as a Christian Vocation," *Conference on Lutheran Education in New England Colleges and Universities*, Espousal Center, Waltham, 1983.

Invited Lectures, "Bending the Golden Bough: Religious Studies in the Liberal Arts," *Benjamin Cardozo Lectures*, CUNY, 1984.

Organizer and Moderator, *Revelation, Manifestation, and Truth*, with J. N. Findlay, Hans-Georg Gadamer, and Nahum Glatzer. Department of Religion, Boston University, Spring, 1984.

Paper, "Hegel's Critique of Enlightenment," *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, 1984.

Participant, *National Endowment of the Humanities Conference on Hegel and Whitehead* Fordham University, The Bronx, 1984.

Invited Panelist, "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All," *Charles Theater Playhouse*, (Boston Arts Critics), February, 1985.

Commentator and Chair, Jaspers Society of North America, "Social and Political Philosophy," *American Philosophical Association*, Washington, DC, 1985.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Essay Review, "The Shape of Modern French and German Philosophy," *International Journal for Philosophy and Religion* (Fall, 1984).

Invited Lecturer, "*Karl Jaspers und die grossen Philosophen: Aneignung und Unterscheidung (Zum 100. Geburtstag von Karl Jaspers)*," Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, 1984.

Invited Lecture, "The Crisis in Values: Rights versus Duties," *Evergreen Series*, Boston University, 1984.

Invited Article, "On Primordial versus Postmodern Hermeneutics," *Philosophy East and West* (January, 1985).

Article, "Reagan and the New Pietism," *The Boston Globe* (February 16, 1985)

Invited Article, "Reagan and the Bible," *Newsday, Minneapolis Tribune, Los Angeles Times* and other newspapers (April 1985).

Invited Article, "Jaspers, Heidegger, and the Phantom of Existentialism," *Human Studies* (Spring, 1985)

Invited Faculty Lecturer, "Postmodernism and Ethics," *Falkenstein Seminar: Fulbright Commission*, Frankfurt, Germany, 1-4 July, 1986.

Invited Lecturer, University of Pecs (Hungary), "Trends in American Literary Criticism: Religion and Literature," 25-27 May 1986

Chair, Philosophy and Theology Section, *New England Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, "Dialogue Between Robert Neville and Ronald Thiemann on Theological and Religious Studies," Wellesley College, 19 March 1986.

Review, *The Beginning and the Beyond. Papers from the Gadamer and Lonergan Conferences. Supplementary Issue of Lonergan Workshop*, Volume 4, Ed., Fred Lawrence (Scholars Press, 1984), for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, LVI/3, Fall, 1986.

Invited Paper, "The Children of the Flower Children: Towards a Postmodern Morality?" *Boston Theological Society*, Spring, 1987.

Director, Conference on *Video Icons & Values*, sponsored by Boston University Humanities Foundation, Fall, 1987.

Review, Alice Gallin, *Midwives to Nazism: University Professors in Weimar Germany, 1925-1933* (Mercer, 1986), for *The Lutheran Quarterly*, 1987.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Review, Tom Rockmore, *Hegel's Circular Epistemology* (Indiana, 1986), *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, 1987.

Review, Rudolf Otto, *Aufsatz zur Ethik* Edited by Jack Stewart Boozer, (Munich: Verlag C. H. Beck, 1981) for *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, 1987.

Review, Lee Snook, *The Anonymous Christ: Jesus as Savior in Modern Theology* (Augsburg, 1986), *Interpretation*, 1987

Paper, "Philosophical Faith and Revelation: 25 Years Later," Jaspers Society of North America, *American Philosophical Association*, New York City, 1987.

Paid Review, Noss & Noss, *Man's Religion*, 8th Edition, for Macmillan, New York City.

Review, John Kierans, *Hegel and the Problem of Modern Freedom* (Oxford Dissertation) for Routledge & Kegan Paul LTD, London, 1987.

Dialogue Presentation (with Robert Neville), "Fundamentalism and Secular Humanism," for *Colloquium, Department of Religion, Boston University*, Sept., 1987.

Commentator, "The Transformation of the Subject," David Tracy (Chicago), *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, December 2, 1987.

Chair, Philosophy and Theology Section, *American Academy of Religion, New England Region*, "Postmodernism, Deconstruction, and Hermeneutics," Guest, Jack Caputo, *Radical Hermeneutics* (Indiana University Press, 1987), Episcopal Divinity School, 25 March 1988.

Review, Jeffrey Burton Russell, *Mephistopheles: The Devil in the Modern World* (Ithaca & London: Cornell University Press, 1986), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1988.

Review, Eric von der Luft, *Hegel, Hinrichs, and Schleiermacher on Feeling and Reason in Religion: The Texts of their 1821-1822 Debate* (Lewiston & Queenston: Edwin Mellen Press, 1987), *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, 1988.

Member, International Planning Committee, Jaspers Society of North America, for *XVII World Congress of Philosophy*, Brighton, England, Summer, 1988.

Paper, "Cognitional Theory and Comparative Philosophy of Religion," *American Academy of Religion*, Pacific Divisional Meeting, San Jose State University, San Jose CA, 26 March 1988.

Panelist and Commentator, Conference on "Conversion," sponsored by Department of Anthropology and Humanities Foundation at Boston University, 5-7 April 1988.

PROFESSOR ALAN M. OLSON
CURRICULUM VITAE

Paper, "Hegel and Jaspers on the Comparative Philosophy of Religion," and section leader, "Political Theory," "Aesthetics," and "Jaspers and Heidegger" sections at the *XVIII World Congress of Philosophy*, Brighton, England, August 21-27, 1988.

Commentator, "Just Peace Theory," Trutz Rendtorff (Munich), *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, November 14, 1988.

Invited Paper, "Postmodernity and Faith," Philosophy of Religion Section, *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, Fall, 1988.

Commentator and Panelist, Jaspers Society, "Planning for Moscow," *Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, Eastern Division, Washington DC, Dec 27-30, 1988.

Invited Lecture, "Religion and Rationality," *Boston Forum, Institute for Advanced Phenomenological Research*, Harvard University, January 30, 1989.

Karl Jaspers Lectures at Ripon Hall, Cuddesdon College, University College, Oxford University, *Hegel's Philosophy as Pneumatology (1. Hegel and Pietism, 2. Hegel and Hölderlin, 3. Hegel and Schelling, 4. Hegel and Enlightenment, 5. Hegel and Religion)*, March and April, 1989.

Invited Paper, "Religion True to its Concept", *XVI International Congress of the History of Religions*, Rome, Italy, Sept. 3-9, 1990.

Review, *The Hermeneutics Reader*, edited with introduction and notes by Kurt Mueller-Vollmer (Continuum, 1988), *The Lutheran Quarterly*, 1989.

Review, *Christology in Conflict* by Bruce Marshall (Blackwell, 1988), for *Interpretation*, 1989.

Invited Paper, "The Concept of God in Hegel and Jaspers," for *The Jaspers Society, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Berkeley, March 25-30, 1989.

Review, Thiroux, *Comparative Religion/Philosophy of Religion* for McGraw-Hill, 1988.

Consultant, Routledge & Kegan Paul LTD for Religious Studies Series edited by Ninian Smart, 1989.

Review, Janet Martin Soskice, *Metaphor and Religious Language* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1985), for *Theology Today*, 1989.

Invited Paper, "Freedom and Faith in the Philosophy of Karl Jaspers," *Internationaler Karl-Jaspers-Kongress, aus Anlass des 20. Todesjahres; Osterreichische Karl-Jaspers-Gesellschaft; Institut für Philosophie, der Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz, Osterreich*, Nov. 6-9, 1989.

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Commentator, "Philosophy's Discordant Note," by William Kluback, *Jaspers Society, American Philosophical Association*, Atlanta, Dec. 1989.

Paper, "Phenomenology, Religious Studies, and Theology," *American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting*, Atlanta, Dec. 1989.

Commentator, "Hegel's Aesthetics," Roland Hepburn (Edinburgh), *Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion*, February, 1990

Invited Lecture, "Video Icons & Values," Philosophy Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, March 30, 1990.

Invited Paper, "Jaspers and Communism," *Jaspers Society, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Los Angeles, March 29, 1990

Invited Article (1500 word entry) on "Religious Studies," *Harper's Dictionary of Religious Education*, 1990.

Invited Article (1500 word entry) on "University," *Harper's Dictionary of Religious Education*, 1990.

Invited Paper, "Religion True to its Concept," *XVI International Congress of the History of Religions*, Rome, September 3-9, 1990.

Article, "Faith and Postmodernity," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Fall, 1990.

Article, "Glasnost and Enlightenment," *Philosophy Today*, October 1990.

Paper, "Phenomenology, Religious Studies, and Theology," *Phenomenology Forum*, Eastern Division Annual Meeting of the APA, Washington DC, Dec., 1990.

Principal Organizer, *The Ideas of the University and the Civil Society*, Sessions at the APA Annual Meetings, Eastern Division, Boston, Dec. 27-30, 1990, and Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, March 27-30; collected essays to be published under the title, *The Tasks of Truth*, ed., Gregory Walters (Peter Lang); continuation of same program in 1991-1992.

Paper, "Absolute Theory and the Hermeneutics of Testimony," Philosophy of Religion Section, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November, 1992.

Paper, "The Child of Reason and the Child of Faith: Ishmael and Isaac," KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Boston, Dec., 1992

Review, William Desmond, *Beyond Hegel and Dialectic* (SUNY, 1992), for *Review of Metaphysics*, 1993.

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Review, Thomas J. J. Altizer, *Genesis and Apocalypse* (WJKP, 1991), for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1993.

Review, Tom Rockmore, *Heidegger and Nazism* (California, 1991), for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1993.

Commentator, "*Der grossen Philosophen*," Jaspers Society of North America, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, March, 1993; Atlanta, December, 1993.

Paper, "Cusanus as Post-Medievalist," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Los Angeles, March 1994.

Lecture, "Sources of the Self in 20th Century Literature," University of Southern Connecticut, New Haven, 29 April, 1994.

Article, "Phenomenology, Religious Studies, and Theology" in *Analecta Husserliana XLIII*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1994.

Panelist and Commentator, "The Europe of Religions," *Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen*, 29 November - 3 December, Vienna, Austria.

Paper, "Transcendence and Moral Horizon," Jaspers Society of North America, Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, December, 1994.

Senior Research Fulbright Fellow and Visiting Fellow, *Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen*, Vienna, Austria, January - June, 1995.

Lecture, "What is Religion?" *Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen*, May 2, 1995

Lectures, "The Problem of Liberalism in Karl Jaspers's Conception of the Philosophy of Religion," Philosophisches Seminar, Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz, Austria, May 4-5, 1995

Interview, Blue Danube Radio, ÖRF (Austrian Rundfunk), "Religious and Ethnic Terror," May 6, 1995

Lecture, "Culture, Pluralism, and Religion," *Internazionale della Società Européenne de Culture*, Budapest, June 7, 1995

Lecture, "Reflections on the Nature of Nature: Revolution, Reformation, and Restoration" *Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy and History of Science*, honoring Professor Erazim Kohak, November 13, 1995 (Essay published in Kohak Festschrift).

PROFESSOR ALAN M. OLSON
CURRICULUM VITAE

Commentator, KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York City, Dec. 29-30, 1995

Invited Lecturer and Panelist, "The Contemporary Crisis of European Identity," sponsored by the Soros Foundation, Center for European Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC, October 5-7, 1995 (Topic: "The Spiritual Situation of Our Time Reconsidered")

Commentator and Panelist, "Is there a Place for the Discussion of Transcendence in Contemporary Philosophy?" KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, New York City, Dec. 29-30, 1995; KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle, March 27-30, 1996.

Commentator and Panelist, "Jaspers and the Great Philosophers," KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Atlanta, Dec. 29-30, 1996

Article, "Reflections on the Nature of Nature: Revolution, Reformation, and Restoration" in *Philosophies of Nature: The Human Dimension*, eds., R. S. Cohen and A. I. Tauber, Kluwer, Dordrecht, 1997.

Panelist and Commentator, "Jaspers, Heidegger, and Arendt," KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Oakland/Berkeley, Mar. 27-30. 1997

Invited Commentator and Panelist, "The Future of Democracy," IWM and the Foreign Ministry of Austria, Hofburg, Stadt-Wien, June 10-14, 1997

Invited Commentator and Panelist, National Endowment for the Humanities, "Archibald MacLeish and the Book of Job," Amherst, MA, October 25-26.

Commentator, "Kierkegaard and the Privatization of Meaning," Vigdis Ysted (Oslo), Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, November, 1997

Chair, "The Question Regarding Technology: Heidegger and Jaspers," KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, Dec. 27-30, 1997, and Los Angeles, March 27-30, 1998.

Speaker, "The Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy and American Philosophical Societies," Conference of Philosophical Societies, American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, Dec. 27-30, 1997.

Invited Consultation, Hong Kong, China, February 23 – March 3, 1998, regarding the development of a proposal for a World Congress of Philosophy in China, 2003 or 2008.

Roundtable Discussion promoting the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, WBUR-FM, "World of Ideas," May 13, Script Session, May 20.

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Invited Paper, "Epochal Consciousness and the Philosophy of History," *Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy*, Boston, August 10, 1998.

Invited Participant, "The Religious Sources of Hatred," sponsored by the IWM and the Foreign Ministry, Vienna, Austria, December 17-20, 1998

Follow-Up Roundtable, "Looking Back on the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy," WBUR-FM, with Robert Neville, Jaakko Hintikka, and Jeremy Murray-Brown, October 13, 1998

Paid Review, Routledge, manuscript by Andrew Shanks, *Religious Tremors of Modernity*, September 5, 1998

Reports on the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy to the Eastern, Pacific and Central Divisions of the American Philosophical Association, 1999-2000.

Chair, KJSNA, Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association, Oakland, "Reconsidering Transcendence," March 31-April 3, 1999.

Invited Participant, "Reconsidering Transcendence" for the *Jaspers-Gesellschaft*, University of Graz, Austria, 1999.

Report on the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy to the American Philosophical Association, Committee on International Cooperation, New Orleans, May 8, 1999.

Paper, "The Disenchantment of Marcel Gauchet," *International Association for the History of Religions (NAASR/SSSR)* Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religions, Boston, 1999; published in IAHR, 2002.

Invited Panelist, Conference of Philosophical Societies, "COPS at the Crossroads: Planning for the Future," American Philosophical Association, Boston, December 28, 1999.

Invited Article, "The University Idea of Karl Jaspers" for the *Cambridge Companion to Karl Jaspers* (Cambridge University Press), scheduled for publication in 2003.

Grant: \$25,000.00 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to fund the Inaugural Conference of the Paideia Project in Vienna, September 21-23, 2001, on the topic: *Paideia for a New Century?* (Following 9-11, re-scheduled for January 25-27, 2002)

Invited Paper, "*Hat die Philosophie der Geschichte eine Zukunft?*" at Jaspers International Symposium, Klingenthal (Frankreich), *Zur Aktualität von Karl Jaspers' Existenz- und Vernunftphilosophie aus europäischer und außereuropäischer Sicht*, co-sponsored by the Austrian Jaspers-Gesellschaft and the Goethe Stiftung, September 25-26, 2000

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Invited Lecture, "Mysticism and Revelation," Society for Middle Eastern Studies and the Boston Dialogue Foundation, Morse Auditorium, Boston University, November 11, 2000

Chair and Commentator, "The Problem of Evil in Recent Film," Philosophy and the Visual Arts, at American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, NYC, December 2000.

Graduate Student Colloquium Presentation: "Does the Philosophy of History have a Future?" December, 2000.

Faculty Colloquium Presentation, "The University Idea in Karl Jaspers," April, 2001.

Guest and Commentator on "The Problem of Evil" with Dick Gordon and Robert Thurman, *The Connection* (WBUR), following the week of 9-11.

Article, "Teaching for What?" Report on the Carnegie Sponsored Paideia Conference in Vienna, 25-27 January 2002. <http://www.univie.ac.at/iwm/a-con109.htm>. See also publication of this report in *The Proceedings of the American Philosophical Association*, Summer, 2002.

"The Disenchantment of Marcel Gauchet," *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* (Brill, 2002), pp. 128-137.

Review Essay: Chris Thornhill, *Karl Jaspers: Metaphysics and Politics* (Routledge, 2002), in *The Notre Dame Review of Philosophy*, <http://www.ndpr.icaa.org>

Invited Article, "Paideia and Globalism," *Encyclopedia of Globalism*, Russian National Philosophical Society, Moscow, 2002.

Invited Paper, "Revolution and Reformation," International Conference of the Averroes Association, "Cultures and the Enemy Image," sponsored by the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, 15-18 December 2002.

Chair, KJSNA, "The Elucidation of Existenz," American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, 28 December 2002.

Chair, SPVA (Society for Philosophy and the Visual Arts), "The Philosophy of Film: Its Past, Present, and Future," American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia, 29 December 2002.

Organizer, Carnegie Sponsored Conference, "Paideia and Religion: Educating for Democracy?" at Boston University, March 17-19, 2003 (See Press Release at: www.bu.edu/paideia)

Invited Paper, Zayed Center, Abu Dahbi, "Secularization and Islam," June 19-22, with follow-up consultation with Middle-Eastern scholars in Boston, July 17-18, 2003.

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Article, "Faith and Reason: Isaac and Ishmael Revisited," *Existenz*, Volume I Summer, 2006;
<http://www.bu.edu/paideia/existenz/index.html>

Presentation: "Jaspers and Jesus," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, December 28, 2006.

Presentation, "Paul Ricoeur's Concept of Evil," Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, March, 2007.

Article, "Jesus as Paradigmatic Individual in Jaspers's *Great Philosophers I*," *Existenz*, Vol. II, Summer, 2007. <http://www.bu.edu/paideia/existenz/index.html>

Presentation, "Metaphysical Guilt," KJSNA, Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Pasadena, California, April, 2008.

Article, "Metaphysical Guilt", *Existenz*. Vol. III, 2008; and *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Karl Jaspers Gesellschaft*, 2008.

Invited Lecture, "Kulturelle Faktoren in der nordamerikanischen Aufnahme von Karl Theodore Jaspers," „Die politische Aktualität von Jaspers' Weltphilosophie" *JaspersJahr*, Carl von Ossietzky Universität, Oldenburg, Germany, 30-31 May 2008.

Invited Keynote, "The Axial Age," *Fourth International Congress of Phenomenology and Existentialism*, Krakow, Poland, 17 August 2008.

Article, "Ricoeur and the Problem of Evil," in *Deliver Us from Evil*, Eds. David Eckel and Bradley Herling (New York: Continuum, 2008).

Invited Participant, "Religious Responses to Secularization and Secularism," organized by Charles Taylor, June 4-6, 2009, French Cultural Embassy, Vienna, Austria.

Article, "Cultural Factors in the North American Reception of Karl Jaspers," *Jahrbuch der Österreichischen Karl Jaspers Gesellschaft* (Volume 22, 2009), pp. 71-96.

Articles in Spanish Translation, "*Fe y razón. Reencuentro con Isaac e Ismael*", Sociedad Karl Jaspers de Norteamérica, Boston University, Versión traducida del original en inglés en: *Existenz*, Vol. 1, Nos.1-2, Fall 2006, por Gladys L. Portuondo Pajón (en mayo-junio 2008), *Estudios sobre la filosofía de Karl Jaspers*:
<http://gladysleandraportuondo.blogspot.com/2010/05/estudios-sobre-la-filosofia-de-karl-28.html>

Article, "Jesus como 'individuo Paradigma Tico,'" en *Los Grandes Filósofos*, Vol. 1, de Karl Jaspers (2010)

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<http://gladysleandraportuondo.blogspot.com/search?updated-min=2010-01-01T00%3A00%3A00-08%3A00&updated-max=2011-01-01T00%3A00%3A00-08%3A00&max-results=34>

Article, “Fe y Razon. Reencuentro con Isaac e Ismael,” (2010)

<http://gladysleandraportuondo.blogspot.com/2010/06/fe-y-razon-reencuentro-con-isaac-e.html>

Chair and Commentator, *World Philosophy and The Axial Age Thesis*, KJSNA, APA, NYC, Dec. 27 and 28, 2009.

Chair and Commentator, *World Philosophy and The Axial Age Thesis*, KJSNA, APA, San Francisco, April 3, 2010; and Chair, “Author Meets Critics” session on April 2, 2010.

Chair, *30th Anniversary Celebration*, Karl Jaspers Society of North America, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Annual Meeting, Boston, December 2010.

Commentator, “Another Axial Age?” KJSNA, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Annual Meeting, San Diego, April 2011.

Article, “Philosophical Faith and its Ambiguities,” in *Philosophical Faith and the Future of Humanity* (Springer Verlag, 2012).

Commentator, APA/KJSNA Book Session, Washington DC, December 28, 2011, Alina Feld, *Melancholia and the Otherness of God: A Study in the Hermeneutics of Depression* (Lexington, 2011).

Chair, Book Session, Author Meets Critics: Tomoko Iwasawa, *Tama in Japanese Myth: A Hermeneutical Study of Ancient Japanese Divinity* (ULA, 2011), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Seattle, April 2012.

Executive Planning Committee, Seventh International Jaspers Conference, XXIII World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, August 2013.

Weltanschauung, essay, New Catholic Encyclopedia (Gale Press), January 2012