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Summary

I am an entrepreneurial academic with broad intellectual interests and expertise spanning the sciences and the humanities. I have extensive international knowledge and experience and proven talents in creating and managing large projects and staff.

Skills

Strategic Planning
Budgeting and Project Administration
Team-Building
Event Planning
Public Relations
Graphic Design
Grants Management
Proposal Writing
Meeting Facilitation
Program Metrics and Evaluation
Curriculum Design

Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution
Multicultural Sensitivity / Unlearning Racism Training
Participatory Pedagogy

Computers:
- Advanced User of all Microsoft Office Apps
- Photoshop, Aperture, InDesign
- Dreamweaver, Drupal (CMS)
- FileMaker, Salesforce (Database Design, CRM)
- Quickens and QuickBooks
- Google Apps, Google Adwords, Google Adsense

Languages

German	Excellent Reading and Speaking, (Active)
Hebrew	Completed Gimel in Ulpan System (Dormant)
Arabic	Palestinian Colloquial (Dormant)
Russian	Completed Nine-Week Immersion (Dormant)
Spanish	Equivalent Two Years University Training (Dormant)

Education

- Doctor of Philosophy, Religion Department, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, August 1994.
- Russian Language Summer School, Middlebury College in Vermont, Summer 1984.
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *cum laude*, Middlebury College, May 1979.
- Junior Year Abroad, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel – Academic Year 1977/1978

Academic Positions <for list of courses taught, go to www.grassie.net/teaching.html>

- Executive Director, Metanexus Institute. Oversaw a reorganization that cut expenses by two-thirds including an overhaul of IT and reducing staff. Successfully closed out all open contracts with John Templeton Foundation. Launched new projects: Metanexus Imprints and rebuilt website in Drupal; reorganized board and mission to advance Big History. 11/2009 through present.

- Senior Fulbright Fellow, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Peradeniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka, 2007-2008.

- Founder and Executive Director, Metanexus Institute. Managed rapid growth of the organization. Staff of 17, Board of 45, $45m expenditures over twelve year period with over 400 grant projects in 45 different countries. Online journal with 10,000 subscribers www.metanexus.net . 1998 to 2007.

- Assistant Professor, Intellectual Heritage Program, Temple University, Philadelphia. 1994-1999.

- Visiting Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1995-2001, 2003. Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Swarthmore College, PA, 1999-2000.

Other Work Experiences

• Real Estate Management and General Contractor, management of the rentals and repairs of a vacation home in Vinalhaven, ME (1984 to 2003), a coop house in Philadelphia, PA (1984-1991) and general contractor on the construction of family home, apartment, and barn in Unionville, PA (1989-1991, 2000-2003).

• Disarmament Program Coordinator, Friends Peace Committee, a program of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Philadelphia. Helped found the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, served as Co-director of the Pennsylvania Freeze, 1985 – 1989, 1980 – 1982.

• Director, 300th Anniversary Committee for the Germantown Protest Against Slavery, a non-sectarian project of Germantown Friends Meeting conducted in collaboration with community organizations and churches to revitalize Southwest Germantown, Philadelphia. 1987 - 1988.

• Director, U.S. Volunteer Program, *Aktion Suehnezeichen Friedensdienste* -- Action Reconciliation/Service for Peace, in West Berlin, Germany. 1983.

• Counselor, Farm and Wilderness Camps, Plymouth, Vermont; worked with teenagers, taught pottery, rock-climbing, and instituted Peace Studies Program. Summers, 1980, 1979.

• Research Intern, Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C. Fall 1979.

• Counselor, *Beit HaBohnim* in a slum district of Jerusalem, Israel for five months in a live-in/social work program for Sephardic children and teenagers. 1978.

Selected Publications <for full list and copies of essays below, go to www.grassie.net/essays.html>

The New Sciences of Religion: Exploring Spirituality from the Outside In and Bottom Up, Palgrave Macmillan, November 2010.

Politics by Other Means: Science and Religion in the Twenty-First Century, Metanexus, April 2010.

H+/- Transhumanism and Its Critics (edited), Metanexus, January 2011.

"Reinventing Science Education for the 21st Century," Metanexus, November 2010.

"Entangled Narratives: Competing Visions of the Good Life", SLJH, Metanexus, 2008.

"Nationalism, Terrorism, and Religion: A Bio-Historical Approach," Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2/20/2008.

"Re-reading Economics" A review of Eric D. Beinhocker, *The Origin of Wealth: Evolution, Complexity, and the Radical Remaking of Economics*, Harvard Business School Press, 2006; published May 2007.

"Useless arithmetic and Inconvenient Truths" A Review of *Useless Arithmetic: Why Environmental Scientists Can't Predict the Future* by Orrin H. Pilkey and Linda Pilkey-Jarvis, Columbia University Press, 2007; published April 2007.

"Science, Religion, and the Bomb", presented at First International Congress on Religion and Science, Tehran, Iran, May 2006, published in Metanexus, May 3, 2006.

"Beyond Intelligent Design, Science Debates, and Culture Wars", Metanexus, March 2005.

Reinventing Nature: Science Narratives as Myths for an Endangered Planet, Doctoral dissertation in Department of Religion, Temple University, May 1994.

Personal Background

Married. Two daughters from previous marriage, ages 27 and 29. Enjoy many sports – hiking, skiing, sailing, scuba, tennis, yoga. Amateur photographer. Member of Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Citizenship: USA, Canada, and Switzerland. Born 1957 in Wilmington, Delaware. References available.