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Summary

Seeking a leadership position in organization with goals of crafting a safer and healthier, more prosperous, just, and peaceful world. I am entrepreneurial with broad interests and expertise spanning the sciences, the humanities, and contemporary challenges. I have extensive cross-cultural knowledge and experience and proven talents in creating and managing large projects and staff. I am an innovator in the use of information technology to advance mission and results.

Skills

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| - Strategic Planning | - Nonviolence and Conflict Resolution |
| - Budgeting and Project Administration | - Multicultural Sensitivity / Unlearning Racism Training |
| - Team-Building | - Participatory Pedagogy |
| - Event Planning | |
| - Public Relations | Computers: |
| - Graphic Design | - Advanced User of all Microsoft Office Apps |
| - Grants Management | - Photoshop, InDesign |
| - Proposal Writing | - Dreamweaver, Drupal, WordPress (CMS) |
| - Meeting Facilitation | - FileMaker, Salesforce (Database Design, CRM) |
| - Program Metrics and Evaluation | - Quickens and QuickBooks |
| - Curriculum Design | - 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 see curriculum vitae at www.grassie.net >

- Independent Scholar, 2015-today.
- 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 12/2014.
- 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 and organized a dozen highly acclaimed international conferences. 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 community organizing project of Germantown Friends Meeting conducted in collaboration with local 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 HaBohnmim* 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 <available at www.grassie.net>

Applied Big History: A Guide for Investors and Other Living Things, forth-coming, 2018.

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 with Gregory Hansell), Metanexus, January 2011.

“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.

“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 32 and 34. Enjoy—hiking, skiing, sailing, scuba, tennis, yoga, photography, and travel. References available.