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### EDUCATION

**PhD Candidate, Religion and Nature**, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, August 2004-present

- Concentrations: Sustainability, Environmental Ethics, Resource Management, Contested Spaces, Religion and Nature
- Dissertation Committee: Bron R. Taylor (chair), Robin Wright, Anna Peterson

**Graduate Certificate, Environmental Ethics**, Graduate Environmental Ethics Certificate Program, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, May 2004

- Concentrations: City Planning, Environmental Dispute Resolution

**Master of Arts, Theology**, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, May 2003

- Concentrations: Environmental Ethics, Philosophy of Science

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, May 1998

- Concentrations: Developmental and Cognitive Psychology

### ADDITIONAL AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Environmental Policy, Philosophy of Science, Ethics of Science and Technology

### EXPERIENCE

**Instructor**, "Religion, Nature and Ethics," Spring 2007

**Associate Director**, November 2006-present.

*International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)*

- Interdisciplinary scholarly society dedicated to broadening the conversation on the interaction of diverse areas of interest.

**Executive Director (Interim)**, January 2005-November 2006.

*International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)*

**Book Reviews Coordinator (Americas)**, June 2006-present.

*Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*

**Research Assistant**

*Anna Peterson*, August 2005-January 2006, "Values and Practice;" "Sustainable Development in Practice: Scandinavia"

**Teaching Assistant**, January-May 2005

Anna Peterson's course "Religion, Nature and Ethics"

## EXPERIENCE (continued)

### Invited Participant

*Ethics and Sustainability Dialogue Group*, Washington, DC

Participated in discussion between chemical industry leaders and ethicists, sponsored by the Chlorine Chemistry Council (CCC). Washington, DC. 2004-2005.

### Challenging Sprawl Intern, Fall/Winter 2003

*The Sierra Club*, Atlanta, GA

- Created public education presentation on history and future of farming in Carroll County, GA
- Conducted survey of land use in GA spanning 110 years, and provided extensive research on current rural land preservation and sustainable farming methods in the southeast for database creation

### Assistant Development Director, August 2002-May 2003

*Theological Roundtable for Ecological Ethics and Spirituality (TREES)*, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA

- Spearheaded effort to require LEED certification on two major renovations for the American Baptist Seminary of the West
- Assisted in grant research and writing

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

Van Horn, Gavin and Lucas Johnston. "Evolutionary Controversy and a Side of Pasta: The Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Subversive Function of Religious Parody." Accepted for publication in *Golem: Journal of Religion and Monsters* (31 August 2006).

Johnston, Lucas F. "Whose Security?: The Abuse of National Security Rhetoric in Resource Management," Lisa Volkering, Dylan Wolfe, Emily Plec, William Griswold, Kevin DeLuca (eds). *Proceedings of the Conference on Communication and the Environment*. Athens: University of Georgia Press (June 2007).

Johnston, Lucas F. "Buddhism and Nature: A Survey of Themes and Works in an Emerging Field," *Worldviews* (May, 2006).

Johnston, Lucas F. Review: *Perspectives on an Evolving Creation*, James Miller (ed.) in *Ecotheology*, Volume 10, No. 1 (April 2005).

Johnston, Lucas F., with Bron Taylor,. "Countries Must Heed Eco-degradation," in *Theology and Science News* (April 2005).

Johnston, Luke. "Breaking With the Earth," in *Journal of Critical Sense* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003).

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- Johnston, Lucas F. "Sociobiology," in *The Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*. Paul Robbins (ed.) (forthcoming 2007).
- Johnston, Lucas F. "Animal Reintroduction and Ecological Restoration," in *The Encyclopedia of Human-Animal Relationships*. Mark Bekoff (ed.) (forthcoming, 2006).
- Peterson, Anna and Lucas Johnston. "Humanness," in *The Encyclopedia of Human-Animal Relationships*. Marc Bekoff (ed.) (forthcoming 2006).

## PRESENTATIONS

- Johnston, Lucas F. "Pirates Can Predict the Weather: The Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Nature of Truthiness," American Academy of Religion, Religion and Popular Culture Group. San Diego, CA (upcoming, November 2007).
- Johnston, Lucas F. "Refining Definitions of Religion for a Global Community," American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC (upcoming, November 2007).
- Johnston, Lucas F. "Knee-Deep in the Muck: the Convergence of Theory and the Divergence of Practice in the Everglades," Exploring Religion and Nature. Inaugural conference for the Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Gainesville, FL (8 April 2006).
- Johnston, Lucas F. "Scavenging the Savage Bones of Religion: Theorizing About Religion and Nature," Exploring Religion and Nature. Inaugural conference for the Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, Gainesville, FL (7 April 2006).
- Johnston, Lucas. "Ethics in Sustainability Discourse." Invited Lecture for University of Florida Honors College Sustainability Seminar (March 2006).
- Johnston, Lucas F. "Whose Security? The Abuse of National Security Rhetoric in Resource Management," Conference on Communication and the Environment, Jekyll Island, GA (26 June 2005).
- Johnston, Lucas. "Sustainability and Ethics." Invited Lecture for University of Florida Honors College Sustainability Seminar (March 2005).
- Johnston, Lucas F. "The Question of Purpose: The Use and Abuse of Evolution in Religion," Southeastern Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Winston-Salem, NC (12 March 2005).
- Johnston, Lucas F. "The Ethics of Restoration Ecology: Recovering the Value of Relationship," American Academy of Religion, Religion and Ecology Group. San Antonio, TX (21 November 2004).

## LANGUAGES

Proficient in reading and writing Spanish.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Alumni Fellowship**, University of Florida, 2004-2008

**Student Leadership**, Franciscan School of Theology 2002-2003

**GTU Nominee**, Datatel Scholarship, 2001

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Dreamweaver, Excel, PowerPoint, Word Processing

## **PERSONAL**

Member: International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture, 2005-present

Member: Theological Roundtable for Ecology and Ethics, 2001-present

Member: Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, 2001-present

Hobbies: backcountry skiing, backpacking, rock climbing, playing guitar, gardening