

Robert J. Arner

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

Ph.D. student at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia seeking to gain valuable teaching experience as an adjunct instructor in Ethics, Biblical Studies, and Theology at the university level. I am currently prepared to teach courses in: Christian Ethics, Introduction to the Bible, Koine Greek, Theology, Church History (Patristics or Reformation), and World Religions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- *Religion and Culture* (as adjunct professor), undergraduate course, Chestnut Hill College (Philadelphia, PA), Fall 2008 to Present
- *The Cross and the Sword: Theological Ethics of Violence* (as adjunct professor), graduate course, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA), Spring 2009
- *Introduction to Ethics* (as teaching assistant), graduate course, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA), Spring 2008
- *Elementary Greek* (as teaching assistant), graduate course, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA), Fall 2007

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Ph.D. in Theology

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 2007-Present

- Major Concentration: Contemporary Theology (Christian Ethics)
- Minor Concentration: Scriptural Theology
Advisor: Dr. John Hoffmeyer
Coursework currently in progress: Religion, Law and Lawyering (At University of Pennsylvania); Research Methods; Dissertation Independent Study

Master of Arts in Religion

Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg Virginia 22802
September 2004-April 2007 (GPA: 3.92/4.0)

- Thesis Topic: *Proclaiming the Gospel of Peace: Living Faithfully According to the Original Vision* (275pp., forthcoming publication by Cascadia Publishing House, late 2009)

Advisor: Dr. George Brunk, III

Relevant coursework: Ethics and Nonviolence: Sermon on the Mount; Christian Encounter with the Religious “Other”; Christian Ethics; Biblical Theology; Systematic Theology; Religious Imagination in Contemporary Culture; Greek Exegesis: 1 Peter; Interpreting the Biblical Text; Biblical Foundations for Peacemaking; Christian Tradition (two semester course in church history); Greek Readings; New Testament: Text in Context; Old Testament: Text in Context; Gospel of Matthew; Elementary Greek

Honors/Awards:

- Seminary Award for Biblical and Peace Studies, April 2007
- Graduated *summa cum laude*

Bachelor of Science in Communications Media

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Robert E. Cook Honors College

August 1999-August 2003 (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Relevant coursework: Philosophy of Love, Marriage, and Divorce; Introduction to the Bible

Honors/Awards:

- Member Robert E. Cook Honors College
- Phi Kappa Phi honors fraternity
- Mortar Board honors society
- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Spanish language minor

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Society of Christian Ethics, 2007-Present

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Residential Instructor, Indian Creek Foundation (Souderton, PA).
September 2006 to August, 2007
Taught and modeled life skills for adults with developmental disabilities/mental retardation.

REFERENCES*PhD Director*

- David D. Grafton
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Former Professors

- Dr. George Brunk, III
Professor of New Testament, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
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- Dr. Gerald Shenk
Professor of Church and Society, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
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- Mark Thiessen Nation
Associate Professor of Theology, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
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PERSONAL

Robert J. Arner

Date of Birth: September 2, 1980

Place of Birth: Abington, PA

Family Status: Married (Lori Arner)