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### Academic and Professional Experience

Wellesley College

*Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life*

Wellesley, MA

1993 – present

- Founded and directs the Religious and Spiritual Life Program at Wellesley College
- Provides leadership for the program by designing and developing ways of educating students in areas of diversity education, inter religious understanding, inter group dialogue, conflict resolution, and spirituality
- Designs opportunities for dialogue and discussion on moral, ethical and spiritual issues affecting the community and the world
- Advises the President, trustees, senior administrators and student leaders on issues relating to educational, spiritual and community values of the college and speaks at major college events
- Designs and leads programs for alumnae, faculty, staff and students that examine the role of spirituality in their lives and learning through community rituals, educational programs and spiritual reflection
- Provides pastoral care and counseling to community members, and leadership in times of community crisis
- Manages the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, seven Chaplaincy programs and 26 student organizations
- Supervises 9 professional staff and 9 student employees
- Oversees an annual budget of \$420,000 and coordinates annual fundraising and capital fundraising efforts
- Raised \$7,000,000 for the creation of a new Multifaith Center and the renovation of Houghton Chapel and \$3,000,000 for an endowment for affiliated programs
- Manages the use and care of all religious and spiritual spaces, including developing plans and policies related to the use of Houghton Memorial Chapel and Multifaith Center, issues of maintenance and renovation

*Co-director of the Peace & Justice Studies Program*

1997 – present

*Lecturer in Peace & Justice Studies*

1997 – present

*Director of the Wellesley College Wintersession in India Program*

1997 – present

- Co-directs the Peace & Justice Studies Program coordinating the program and developing curriculum
- Created and teaches courses in the department including Peace & Justice 104, *An Introduction to the Study of Conflict, Justice and Peace* and Peace & Justice 324, *Grassroots Development, Conflict Resolution and the Gandhian Legacy in India*
- Advises majors and thesis students in the Peace & Justice Studies Program
- Founded and directs the Wellesley Wintersession in India Program, a January term intensive study abroad program
- Coordinates experiential education for the Peace & Justice Studies Program including internship opportunities, community service and field work

*President of Education as Transformation, Inc.*

1996 – present

*Series Co-editor for “Studies in Education & Spirituality”*

2000 – present

- Co-founded and serves as President of Education as Transformation Inc., an international organization based at Wellesley College that works with colleges, universities, K-12 schools and related institutions exploring the impact of religious diversity on education and strategies for addressing this diversity, and the role of spirituality in educational institutions, (particularly its relationship to teaching and learning pedagogy, the cultivation of values, moral and ethical development, and the fostering of global learning communities and responsible global citizens)
- Oversees the programmatic efforts of Education as Transformation, Inc. which has worked with national and international educational organizations and more than 200 colleges, universities and schools
- Speaks at national conferences on issues of diversity and spirituality in education
- Publishes in areas related to religious life and spirituality in higher education including serving as co-editor for the “Studies in Spirituality and Education” series published by Peter Lang Press

Banaras Hindu University

*Fulbright Professor of Peace Studies*

Varanasi, India

Fall 2006

- Taught a masters level course at the Malaviya Centre for Peace Research on Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies entitled *Religious Diversity, Secular Democracy and the Prospects for Peaceful Societies in India and the United States*
- Advised masters and doctoral students on issues of peace studies, conflict resolution, international relations, human rights and development, and participated in forums and research projects hosted by the Centre for Peace Research on issues related to religious diversity and conflict resolution

Harvard University

*Visiting Fellow at Harvard Divinity School*

Cambridge, MA

Spring 2006

- Fellow in the Program on Religion in Secondary Education conducting research on new models for incorporating educational programs on religious diversity and spirituality into college, university and school settings

## Education

Babson College, Wellesley, MA

Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

*Ordination in the Episcopal Church*

Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

*Major: Adolescent and Developmental Psychology*

Management Training Program – 1995

Masters of Divinity – 1986

Clinical Pastoral Education Certificate – 1983

Bachelors of Arts – 1981

## Publications, Consultations and Presentations

### Selected Publications

Rebuilding the Global Commons, Victor Kazanjian, James P. Keen and Peter Laurence, expected spring 2010

“The Journey toward Multi-faith Community on Campus: The Religious and Spiritual Life Program at Wellesley College”

Victor Kazanjian and Peter Laurence, *The Journal of College & Character* VOLUME IX, NO. 2, November 2007

“Towards a Multicultural Learning Community at Wellesley College,” Victor Kazanjian, in Building the Interfaith Youth Movement, ed. Patrice Brodeur and Eboo Patel, (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2006)

“Religion, Spirituality and Intellectual Development,” Victor Kazanjian, *Journal of Cognitive Affective Learning*, Oxford College at Emory University, Summer 2005

Beyond Tolerance: a Campus Religious Diversity Kit, Victor Kazanjian and Peter Laurence, (New York: NASPA, 2004)

“The Education as Transformation Project,” Victor Kazanjian and Peter Laurence, in Transforming Campus Life: Reflections on Spirituality and Religious Pluralism, ed. Vachel Miller and Merle Ryan (New York: Peter Lang, 2001)

“A New Educational Movement,” forward by Victor Kazanjian, in Soka Education: A Buddhist Vision for Teachers, Students and Parents, (Santa Monica, CA: Middleway Press, 2001)

Education as Transformation: Religious Pluralism, Spirituality and a New Vision for Higher Education in America, ed. Victor Kazanjian and Peter Laurence (New York: Peter Lang, 2000)

“Religious Identity and Intellectual Development: Forging Powerful Learning Communities,” Victor Kazanjian, *Diversity Digest, The Journal of the Association of American Colleges and Universities*, Spring, 1999

“Moments of Meaning: Religious Pluralism, Spirituality and Education,” Victor Kazanjian, *Connection: New England’s Journal of Higher Education and Economic Development*, Volume XIII, Number 3 – Fall, 1998

“Reuniting Mind with Spirit,” Victor Kazanjian, *The Witness*, Volume 81, Number 9, September, 1998

“Fighting Poverty by Weaving Spiritual Communities of Hope,” Victor Kazanjian, *The Witness* Volume 81, Number 3, March, 1998

### Selected Consultations/Trainings

Omega Institute ~ *Transforming Education: Humanities Essential Vocation* August 2007

A three day conference for teachers at all levels designed to enable them to reconnect with their original inspiration to teach, explore new motivations for teaching, pinpoint inner and outer obstacles to applying their inspiration in the classroom and consider the spiritual dimensions of their craft

Smith College of Social Work ~ *Religion, Spirituality and Social Work* June 2007

A four day series of presentations and conversations focusing on the role that religion and spirituality play in the lives of individuals and communities, particularly their impact on areas relevant to social work

Banaras Hindu University ~ *Religion in Peace & Justice Studies* November 2006

A consultation with the Malaviya Center for Peace Research on the role of religion and religious diversity in the study of peace and justice as part of a Fulbright Fellowship

Fetzer Institute ~ *The Oneness of Humanity: Educating the Heart* April 2005

A four-day consultation on Peace Education and Conflict Resolution

Selected Consultations/Trainings continued

Emory University/Oxford College ~ <i>New Partnerships for Learning in Higher Education</i> A two-day consultation for Oxford College at Emory University as a part of a Carnegie Foundation grant; lectured and conducted workshops for faculty, administrators and students on diversity and cognitive affective learning	February 2005
Florida State University ~ <i>Religious Diversity and Spirituality as a Resource for Education</i> A workshop for clergy and religious leaders on and around the FSU campus on religious diversity and spirituality in higher education	February 2005
Harvard United Ministries ~ <i>Creating Multi-faith Educational Communities</i> A workshop for chaplains, local clergy and religious advisors at Harvard University on religious diversity and spirituality in higher education	December 2004
Fetzer Institute ~ <i>Reuniting Mind with Spirit in Education</i> A three-day consultation on new, more holistic models for higher education	December 2004
Salisbury State University ~ <i>Making Meaning in the Classroom</i> A two-day training for faculty on spirituality in teaching and learning	March 1999
Concord Academy ~ <i>New Partnerships for Holistic Education</i> A two-part training program for faculty on the spiritual dimensions to teaching in secondary school education	October 1998

Selected Presentations (Wellesley College, regional, national and international)

“Building a New Global Commons” The Dedication of the Multifaith Center at Wellesley College	October 2008
“Religious Perspectives on Global Issues” East/West Conference of Buddhist Scholars from Japan and Wellesley College Faculty at the inaugural program in the Multifaith Center at Wellesley College	October 2008
“Religion, Spirituality and Social Work” Smith College School of Social Work Summer Lecture Series	June 2007
“Creating Mentoring Relationships” First Year Mentor Training at Wellesley College	May 2007
“Religious Diversity and Democracy in India and the United States” Keynote Address at the Conference on Religions for Peace: Conflict Transformation in Multicultural Societies, hosted by the Fulbright Program and Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi India	January 2007
“Religion, Democracy and Peace” Keynote address at the Conference on Religion and Peacemaking at the Dr. Dilli Raman Regmi Foundation, Kathmandu, Nepal	November 2006
“Gandhi, Religion and Peace” Keynote address at the 29th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Gandhian Studies, Varanasi, India	October 2006
“Diversity Education and Student Leadership” National Association of Student Life Personnel National Conference (NASPA), Washington, DC	March 2005
“Beyond Tolerance: Educating for Global Leadership” Institute on College Student Values, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	February 2005
“Beyond Tolerance: Religious Diversity and Conflict Resolution” Diversity Training, Wellesley College	February, 2005
“Diversity and Democracy in India and the United States” Malaviya Center for Peace Research, Varanasi, India	January 2005
“Raising Funds for Sacred Spaces on Campus” Campaign Leadership Committee, Wellesley College	October 2004
“Finding Balance in Life and Learning” Residence Staff Training, Wellesley College	October 2004
“Beyond Tolerance: Creating a Multi-faith Community” Student Life Staff Training, Wellesley College	September 2004
“Exploring a New Relationship between Spirituality and Education” Institute on College Student Values, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL	February 2004

(Selected Presentations continued)

<p>“What We Need is Real Separation between Church and State!” Prayer in Public, Ford Hall Forum, Boston, MA</p>	February 2004
<p>“Gandhi Then and Now in India and the United States” Malaviya Center for Peace Research, Varanasi, India</p>	January 2004
<p>“Democracy, Diversity and Student Life” Interfaith Youth Corps Conference, Chicago, IL</p>	November 2003
<p>“Mentoring Students in their Leadership” Residence Staff Training, Wellesley College</p>	September 2003
<p>“Embracing Diversity in a Post 9/11 World” Malaviya Center for Peace Research, Varanasi, India</p>	January 2003
<p>“Religion on Campus” Institute for Chief Academic Officers, Council of Independent Colleges, Santa Fe, NM</p>	November 2002
<p>“Religious Pluralism: Redrawing the Spiritual Map” Plenary Speaker at the AAC&amp;U Diversity and Learning Conference, St. Louis, MO</p>	October 2002
<p>“Dealing with Difference” Diversity Training, Wellesley College</p>	September 2001
<p>“Being Peace” Summer Symposium Lecture, Wellesley College</p>	June 2001
<p>“Seeking Wholeness, Not Perfection” Business Leadership Council, Wellesley College</p>	March 2001
<p>“Inter religious Violence and Peacemaking” Malaviya Center for Peace Research, Varanasi, India</p>	January 2001
<p>“From Difference to Diversity” Diversity Training, Wellesley College</p>	August 2000
<p>“Religious Diversity and Education in America” Parliament of the World Religions, Cape Town, South Africa</p>	December 1999
<p>“Recreating Christianity: Beyond Conquest and Conversion” Memorial Church at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA</p>	May 1999
<p>“From War Culture to Cultures of Peace: Practices of Peace in Religious Communities” Boston Research Center for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Cambridge, MA</p>	March 1999
<p>“Multiculturalism and Liturgy Today: Imperative of Impossibility” Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA</p>	March 1999
<p>“Awakening the Desire for Wholeness in Every Human Heart” Education as Transformation National Gathering, Wellesley, MA</p>	September 1998
<p>“Education as a Spiritual Journey” Bonnor Foundation, Princeton, NJ</p>	May 1998
<p>“Embracing Imperfection &amp; Befriending Time” Cambridge Zen Center, Cambridge, MA</p>	April 1998
<p>“Seeking Wholeness not Perfection: in Life, Leadership and Learning” Lilly Corporation Staff Training, Indianapolis, IN</p>	April 1997
<p>“Beyond Arrogance, Ignorance and Tolerance: Creating Multi-cultural Educational Communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, St. Mark’s School, Southborough, MA</p>	January 1997
<p>“Beyond Tolerance: The Role of Religion and Spirituality in the Search for Community” Peace Studies Association Eighth Annual Meeting, Earlham College, Richmond, IN</p>	April 1996

## Professional Activities

Member of the Consortium on Spirituality and Higher Education (CSHE)	2004 – present
Member of the National Association of Student Life Professionals (NASPA)	2004 – present
Chair of the Harvard University Board of Ministry	1998 – present
Member of the Peace Studies Association	1997 – present
Member of the International Association of Police Chaplains	1995 – present

## Previous Professional Experience

Episcopal City Mission <i>Director of Program Development</i> <i>Director of the Burgess Urban Fund</i> <i>Editor of “City Issues”</i>	Boston, MA 1990 – 1993
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Directed the educational programs component of this non-profit organization committed to addressing the systemic causes of poverty in Eastern Massachusetts communities</li><li>• Designed and directed an economic justice program of education and activism</li><li>• Developed and supervised the implementation of public policy initiatives</li><li>• Coordinated the operations of the Burgess Urban Fund, a foundation supporting grassroots community organizing</li></ul>	
St. Michael’s Parish <i>Associate Rector/Assistant Rector/Community Organizer</i> <i>Founder/Director of the Florence After School Program</i>	Milton, MA 1986 – 1990
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided counseling, administration, liturgical leadership, Biblical and social issues teaching, and youth and family ministry</li><li>• Designed and directed youth programs for high school and junior high youth at Milton Academy and Milton public schools</li><li>• Created and directed the Florence After School Program in Roslindale, MA bringing high school students together from Milton and Roslindale to staff a tutoring program for 7 to 12 year olds</li></ul>	
St. Stephen’s Church <i>Seminarian Associate/Community Organizer</i>	Boston, MA 1985 – 1986
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participated in the liturgical leadership of bi-lingual services and community organizing activities</li><li>• Developed and supervised K – 12 children’s and youth programs</li></ul>	
St. Ann’s Church <i>Seminarian Associate/Community Organizer</i> <i>Founder/Director of the St. Ann’s After School Program</i>	South Bronx, NY 1984 – 1985 1984 – 1985
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Served as a member of the staff team which provided liturgical worship in Spanish and English, pastoral counseling services, emergency food pantry and soup kitchen, outreach programs for victims of homelessness, hunger, rape, sexual abuse, substance abuse and unemployment</li><li>• Supervised an outreach program to local gangs and developed alternative programs using nonviolent strategies to address poverty and violence in the community</li><li>• Created a program which offered educational and life skills enhancement for children ages 6 – 12</li></ul>	