**John O. Soden, Ph.D., MA, MTC**



 **Soden Family**

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, OH** Dec 2016

Interdisciplinary Studies, *Honors*

Concentration: Humanities & Culture

Specialization: Applied Ethics/Philosophy - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Studies Program

**MTC Free Enterprise Institute** June 2014

 Master Teacher in The Western Tradition

Education Certification: Liberal Arts Studies/Literature & Composition

**M.A. Denver Seminary, Littleton, CO** May 2008

 Philosophy, *Honors*

Major: Analytic Philosophy & Historic Systematic Theologies

**B.A. Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY** June 2004

 Philosophy, School of Arts & Sciences

 **Syracuse University Graduate School, Syracuse, NY** Spring 2004

Metaphysics and Logic, Philosophy Graduate School

**HONORS & AWARDS**

 **2016 Koch Foundation Grant Fall 2016**

* Recipient of the Koch Foundation Course Development Grant
* Wrote and taught an interdisciplinary course on Economic, Theology and Ethics.
	+ Entitled BIB 499: Economics & the Public Good
		- A course dedicated to exploring economic theory and addressing issues of poverty
		- Interdisciplinary Philosophy and Economics course

**2016 Graduation Commencement Speaker May 2016**

* Connection School of Houston
* Delivered commencement address for graduating Seniors

**2015 Faculty Rookie of the Year, Belhaven University September 2015**

* Given once a year to a new faculty member exemplifying Belhaven's mission of teaching excellence

 **Excellence in Mentoring, Houston Eagle Scouts May 2015**

* Nominated by Troupe 827 and Eagle Scout Andrew Nelson

**Resident Advisor (RA) Mentor Role Model of the Year 2000-2001**

* Student vote and Syracuse University Residential Life

**11th Man Award for Leadership and Sacrifice 1998-1999**

* Presented by the Syracuse University Wrestling Team

**Roberto Clemente Award, Fordham Prep Spanish Club 1997-1998**

* Minority student role model as Hispanic leader

**EXPERIENCE**

 **Prof.** University of Houston – Victoria January 2021-present

 Dept. of Philosophy, Arts & Sciences Division

 Adjunct Prof. of Ethics & Critical Thinking (Ground Campus/Online)

**Prof.** Houston Community College January 2020-present

 Dept. of Philosophy, Humanities & Library Sciences

 Adjunct Prof. of Philosophy, Ethics & Logic (Ground Campus/Online)

**Prof.** Lone Star College, Dept. of Philosophy June 2019-present

 Adjunct Prof. of Philosophy, Ethics & Classical (Ground Campus/Online)

**Lecture** American Intercontinental University January 2020-April 2020

 Dept. of Criminal Justice (Houston Campus)

 Guest Lecturer in Applied Ethics, Philosophy & Humanities

**Headmaster** Berean Christian Academy June 2018 – June 2019

Interim Head of School

**Prof** Barnham Graduate School & Seminary Fall 2012 – Spring 2019

Dean Graduate Programs

Lecturer in Logic, Philosophy & Methods/Research

**Faculty** Belhaven University – Houston Campus Summer 2014-November 2019 Adjunct Prof. Biblical Studies, History and Philosophy/Worldview

**Director** Connection School of Houston, Cypress TX Fall 2013—June 2018

Dean of Humanities and Upper School

Teacher in Humanities & Philosophy

**Writer** Saylor Academy/Constitution Foundation January 2017-January 2018

 Education Project Department

Advisor for Humanities & Philosophy College Accreditation/Curriculum Development

**Intern** MLK PhD Internship Program Spring 2015

Kidz Club of Katy

After school program for at-risk youth

**Editor** Penumbra Spring 2015-Spring 2016

Assistant Editor

 Penumbra: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Critical and Creative Inquiry

(Spring 2016 Issue 3)

**Instructor** Bronx House Community Center Summer 1997-Spring 2006

Staff: Camps and Education Programs

**ESL** Conversational English Instructor Summer 2001

University of Dakar, Senegal (West Africa)

 International Baptist Church of Dakar

 **Tutor** Syracuse University College of Law1999-2001; 2003-2004 *Philosophy, Rhetoric, Logic*

**SOS** *Literacy Coach and Tutor* 1998-2001; 2003-2004

Syracuse University Students Offering Service Organization (SOS)

 Reading/Literacy programs for refugees in Syracuse School District

**PUBLICATIONS – CONFERENCES – RESEARCH TALK HIGHLIGHTS**

**Publications**

*Extending Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy to the Literary and Moral Imagination*. Diss. Union Institute and University, 2016. (Proquest)

Critiquing Enlightenment Notions of Progress and Technology: In Defense of the Humanities. Amazon Digital Services LLC. 2016. (Kindle Edition)

**Academic Journal Book Reviews**

*Race & Place: How Urban Geography Shapes the Journey to Reconciliation,* David P. Leong, *Themelios* (Spring 2017).

*He Who Gives Life: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit*, Graham A. Cole, *The Denver Journal* 11 (Summer 2008)

**Academic Conferences (leading/speaking)**

**Dallas Theological Seminary Graduate School**

**Speaker, Recharge Conference**

“Spiritual Disciplines of Academics: Five Smooth Stones for Academics during a Pandemic”

 Sept. 10, 2020

**TexMoot: Signum University’s Third Annual Texas
Literature & Language Symposium (Leader: Workshop)**

Creative Writing Workshop: “Revealing Thru Unrest: Disquieting Techniques to Awaken the Reader”

 February 8, 2020

**HBU Writer’s Conference, School of Fine Arts/Education**

**“Creativity in the Classroom” (Attendee)**

 April 2019

**Hillsdale College Free Market Forum (Attendee)**

**Free Enterprise, Ethics and Trade**

October 2018

**Hillsdale College Free Market Forum (Attendee)**

**Free Enterprise, Ethics and Trade**

October 2017

**Circe Institute Regional Conference**

**A Contemplation of Memory (Attendee)**

July 19-22, 2017

**HBU Theology Conference (Delivered Paper)**

***Ad Fontes, Ad Futura*: Erasmus' Bible and the Impact of Scripture**

February 2016, Plenary Presentation

*In Defense of Biblical Humanism for Bible Translation: Erasmus and the Greek Text*

**Union Institute & University 16th Residency Conference: Insurrection, Subversion, Rebellion (Delivered Paper)**

 Kingsgate Marriott Convention Center at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, January 2015, Panel Discussion and Debate John Soden and Nathan Singer

 *The Moral Imagination: Narrative and the Construction of the Self Within Society*

**Union Institute & University 14th Residency Conference**

**Social Change: Justice, Creativity and Action (Delivered Paper)**

Kingsgate Marriott Convention Center at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio,

 January 2013

 *Conflict Transformation and Locality Transformation*

**Interviews**

**Gospel Radio Nation, *Thirsty on the Move:* interview**

Houston Based syndicated show

 *Theological discussion and bible answers show*

Theological practices of Druids and Celtic Religious Traditions

Thursday, October 6, 2016

**Cincinnati Public Radio (NPR): Interview**

Cincinnati, Ohio, January 2014

 *Following in the Foot Steps of Martin Luther King, JR.*

Last modified 2015,

<http://wvxu.org/post/following-footsteps-martin-luther-king-jr#stream/0> *.*

**Other Skills**

Zoom Meeting

**Canvas Certified Instructor** (Houston Community College)

**LMS Certified instructor** (Lone Star College)

Ability to operate standard office equipment (e.g. Fax, Copier...etc)

Proficient in Microsoft Works Suite

Working knowledge of C++ and HTML

Ability to use Canvas, Blackboard, Renweb and other online classroom platforms

Working knowledge and competency with Creative Commons and Open Source MOOC course development

Word Processing Skills

Spreadsheets Skills

Database Skills

Electronic Presentation Skills

Web Navigation Skills

Web Site Design Skills

E-Mail Management Skills

Digital Cameras

Computer Network Knowledge Applicable to your School System

File Management & Windows Explorer Skills

Downloading Software From the Web (Knowledge including eBooks)

Installing Computer Software onto a Computer System

WebCT or Blackboard Teaching Skills

Videoconferencing skills

Computer-Related Storage Devices (Knowledge: disks, CDs, USB drives, zip disks, DVDs, etc.)

Scanner Knowledge

Educational Copyright Knowledge

Computer Security Knowledge

**Reference: Available upon request**