
Stephen Zenas Perisho

Theology and Philosophy Librarian, Seattle Pacific University

3307 Third Avenue West, Seattle, WA 98119-1957

sperisho@spu.edu, 206 281 2417

Education:

- Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ: M.L.I.S., January 2002. Omicron Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, with a G.P.A. of 3.958.
- Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ: Th.M. (in lieu of dissertation), May 1998.
- Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ: M.Div., 3rd in a class of 142, with a G.P.A. of 3.908, June 1990.
- Boise State University, Boise, ID: courses of interest, 1986-1987.
- George Fox College (now University), Newberg, OR: B.A., *magna cum laude*, History, May 1984 (1983).
- The Oregon Extension of Trinity College (Deerfield, IL), Lincoln Oregon: Fall 1982, on exchange. The Oregon Extension is now associated with Eastern University, St. Davids, PA.

Experience:

Full-time:

- Theology and Philosophy Librarian with responsibility for Special Collections, Seattle Pacific University Library, 1 July 2010- . As below, but for the areas of Philosophy and Theology (including Special Collections) only, with the addition of a lot of advisement, research, "collection development," and organization in support of the Center for Biblical and Theological Education.
- Theology/Humanities/Fine Arts Librarian with responsibility for Special Collections, Seattle Pacific University Library, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington: 9 September 2002- . *Broadly*, collection development, information literacy, reference, and liason work with relevant faculty colleagues in Theology, Communication & Journalism (-2006), English (-2010), Foreign Languages & the MA-TESOL program (-2006), Philosophy, Art (-2010), Music (-2010), and Theatre (-2006). Lead for Collection Development, 2005- .
- Serials Assistant, Historical Studies-Social Science Library, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ: 1 February 1999-. *Sole direct* responsibility for a remarkable collection of some 1,200 active serials in many languages, most of them highly specialized, and many, extremely exotic.
- Youth Pastor, Boise Friends Church, Boise, ID: May 1984-June 1986. Long- and short-range planning, curricular development, and administration;

volunteer staff recruitment and supervision; research and teaching; preaching; programming; fundraising; pastoral calling; etc.

Part-time, *selective* (until the spring of 1998, I was basically a full-time student):

- Research Assistant, Dr. Herbert Schlossberg, Burke, VA: August 1998-April 1999. Advanced, self-directed research into the Victorian Broad Church.
- Research Assistant, Rev. Dr. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., Hillsborough, NJ: July 1994-June 2000. Research, plus clerical help (the transcription of homilies and the like).
- Research Assistant, Dr. Sidney Ratner, Princeton, NJ (deceased): Summer 1991-Summer 1994. Research, plus clerical help.
- Preceptor, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ: January-May 1993. Precepts and lectures on the Theology of Calvin for a graduate course of that name; advisement; grading; etc.
- Seminarian, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Riverton, NJ: two school years, 1988-1990. Youth work, plus adult seminars.
- Teacher's Assistant, Greek and History, George Fox College (now University): two school years, 1981-1983.

Academic rank:

- Associate Professor, Seattle Pacific University, July 2011- .
- Assistant Professor, Seattle Pacific University, September 2002-June 2011.
- Instructor (Honorary), School of Theology, Seattle Pacific University, Winter 2006 (?) - .

Languages read: French and German, plus, less fluently, Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

Publications:

- "Irony in John Updike's 'Pigeon Feathers,'" *Notes on contemporary literature* 21 (1991): 7-11.
- "The structure of Flannery O'Connor's 'Revelation,'" *Notes on contemporary literature* 20 (1990): 5-7.
- Review, Philosophy Research Index, Philosophy Documentation Center, *Journal of religious and theological information* 11:1/2 (2012) (forthcoming).
- Review, *Evangelical dictionary of theology*, 2nd ed., ed. Elwell (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001), *Calvin theological journal*, November 2003.
- ATLA Reference Review, Index of Christian Art, December 2001, http://www.atla.com/member/librarians_tools/reference_reviews/review1201.html, and *Newsletter - American Theological Library Association* 49:2 (February 2002): 28-33 (with Jim Snow).

- Review, Douglas W. Frank, *Less than conquerors: how evangelicals entered the twentieth century* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986), *Calvin theological journal* 25 (1990): 75-82.
- Review, David E. Shi, *The simple life: plain living and high thinking in American culture* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1985), *The evangelical Friend* 9 (1986): 7-8.
- Miscellaneous contributions to *Ideas* (El Cajon, CA), c. 1985.

Presentations:

"Great underappreciated works of theological reference," Public Services Interest Group, American Theological Library Association Annual, Louisville, KY, 19 June 2010. A Power Point presentation (<http://myhome.spu.edu/sperisho/PSIGpresentationLouisville.pptx>) that constituted the first 30 minutes of the time allotted to a three-person panel, the other two members of the panel being Mr. David Stewart, Director, Bethel University Libraries, and outgoing President of the American Theological Library Association; and Dr. Jennifer Woodruff Tait, adjunct professor of church history at Asbury Theological Seminary, Huntington University, Southwestern College, and United Theological Seminary.

Consulting:

- Sultan Qaboos University libraries, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 7-11 November 2008. With Dr. Tom Trzyna of Seattle Pacific University (head of delegation) and Nancy Press of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, assessed University libraries for His Eminence Dr. Ali bin Saud Al-Bemani, the Vice-Chancellor, and Her Highness Dr. Mona Fahad Al-Said, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for External Cooperation. Trip was organized by David Woodward of the American Cultural Exchange and Rashid Al-Kiyumi, senior advisor to Sultan Qaboos University.

Skills (not updated for Seattle Pacific):

- Bibliographic utilities: RLIN; Bibbase.
- Integrated Library Systems: Horizon Sunrise (epixtech): Acquisitions; BibEd (Cataloging and Authority Control); Serials Control (copy records, prediction patterns, summaries of holdings, and so forth) and Serials Check-In.
- Cataloging: courses in 1) Organizing Information and 2) Cataloging and Classification (Jim Anderson, Rutgers); basic, working knowledge of MARC 21, AACR2, LCC, LCSH, DDC, etc.; some IAS cataloging over and above the job description.
- Reference: much at an advanced level over the American Theological Library Association listserv ATLANTIS (to the archive of which I would be happy to provide access), and some at the Institute for Advanced Study. Coursework (Rutgers): Reference Sources and Services (Marija Dalbello), Information

Resources in the Humanities and Social Sciences (Mary George, of Princeton University), and Information Resources in Science and Technology (Rick Wright, of AT&T; Mr. Wright emphasized a mastery of Dialog);

- Electronic journals: licensing and the establishment of online access (via both local OPAC and a Web-based periodicals list); link maintenance.
- Unix: basic negotiation, with some formal coursework pending.
- HTML: management of Web-based periodicals list (3+ years), plus some formal coursework, and some basic Web-page design.
- Computer programs: Microsoft Access, Excel, Outlook, Power Point, and Word, plus a miscellany of others.

Coursework in library and information studies in addition to that already mentioned

(Rutgers): Information Structures; Technology for Libraries and Information Centers; Collection Development and Management (Dan O'Connor); Needs Assessment and Evaluation (Dan O'Connor); Database Design and Management; Management of Libraries and Information Centers; International Librarianship.

Awards: Member, Beta Phi Mu (Omicron Chapter), April 2002- ; Cyril F. Carr Memorial Scholarship, Newberg, Oregon, 1987-1990 (while a student at Princeton Theological Seminary); Dean's List, Boise State University, 1986-1987; Baccalaureate Student Speaker, George Fox College, Spring 1983; Herbert Hoover Scholar, George Fox College, Winter and Spring, 1983; American Bible Society Award for scholarly achievement in Greek, George Fox College, Spring 1981; Benson Scholar, George Fox College, 1979-1983; Oregon Scholar, Spring 1979.

Memberships:

- American Theological Library Association, 2001- . Leadership in addition to the advanced reference work and research done over the ATLA listserv ATLANTIS:
 - College and University Interest Group
 - Chair, Steering Committee, 2006/07-2008/09 (three years). Conference planning in three cases.
 - Member, Steering Committee, 2005/06 (one year). Conference planning in one case.
 - Public Services Interest Group
 - Member, Steering Committee, 2009/10- . Conference planning in two cases so far, and a presentation in one.
 - Secretary, Steering Committee, 2009/10.
 - Member, Steering Committee, 2004/05-2005/06 (two years). Conference planning in one case.
- Association of College and Research Libraries, 2010- .
- American Library Association, 2002, 2010- .
- Music Library Association, 2005-2006 (?).

Church-based service: Extraordinary minister, reader, and instructor in adult education, Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, Everett, WA, 2010- . Lector, lay eucharistic minister, and instructor in adult education, Trinity Episcopal Church, Everett, WA, 2003-2006. Adult teacher and/or seminar leader, and youth sponsor and junior and senior high Sunday school teacher, All Saints' Episcopal, Princeton, NJ; Calvary Presbyterian Church, Riverton, NJ; Boise Friends Church, Boise, ID; and East Wenatchee Friends Church, East Wenatchee, WA; youth camp director, seminar leader, and counselor, Quaker Hill, McCall, ID, and Twin Rocks Friends Camp, Rockaway, OR.