

**Stephen Oliver Beasley-Murray**  
**Professor of the Philosophy of Religion**

**EXPERIENCE**

**Lecturer in Philosophy and Logic**

*University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg (UTPA), Texas, USA*

*2002 - 2008*

- Created and taught a model course for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB): '**Introduction to Logic**', specially adapted for the Arts and Humanities College for the purposes of teaching **critical thinking** in the analysis of both formal and informal arguments. The teaching method for the traditional logic component was **student-centered**. The goal was for students to be able to evaluate advertising, political speeches and documentaries in terms of evidentiary support, objectivity and integrity.
- Created and taught a highly **interactive** course that also met all THECB standards: '**Introduction to Philosophy**', using **film, devil's advocacy, debate, interviews, readings** and a **15 'box'** (in the sense of 'thinking outside of the box') **menu of contrasting philosophical answers to questions** of epistemology, metaphysics, meaning, ethics, religion, freedom and politics. The goal was for students to develop a **consistent point of view** from which to suggest solutions to a contemporary crisis.
- Created and established a **UTPA committee/editorial board for a journal of undergraduate research**, *BORDER LINE*, and approved by the Provost.

**Teacher, Science**

*Hillhouse High School, New Haven, Connecticut, USA*

*1993 - 2000*

- Innovated and taught curriculum units in science using a variety of teaching methods, but all working towards student-centered learning.
- Created scoring rubrics for **Ethical decision making in Genetics** and **'Problem solving in the Environment'**. Incorporated social development curriculum in the classroom.
- **Published** five *Yale-New Haven Teaching Institute* teaching units exploring **Deweyan theory** in an urban classroom setting.
- Initiated a 'school-within-a-school' **Sports Magnet Program**.

**Director/Lobbyist**

*Coalition for Welfare Reform, Christian Community Action, New Haven, Connecticut, USA*

*1989 – 1990*

- Worked and lobbied at the state capital to promote the concept of *Welfare with Dignity*.
- Researched public policy agenda and developed short-term political objectives in health care benefits and rent subsidies. Established a community-wide coalition of city government, private sector and grass roots organizations called '*Livable Income For Everyone*'.

**Ordained International Minister, American Baptist Church**

*Board of International Ministries, ABC Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, USA*

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*1983 - 1988*

- Assisted in preparing the Religion and Philosophy department, at Hong Kong Baptist College, become accredited within the university system.

**Psychotherapist/Social Worker**

*Satilla Community Mental Health Center, Waycross, Georgia, USA*

*1982 - 1983*

- Designed and supervised counseling contracts; counseled substance-abuse clients.

**Professor of Religion**

*Tift College, Forsythe, Georgia, USA*

*1980 - 1982*

**Crisis Intervention Social Worker**

*Liverpool Social Services, Liverpool, England*

*1972 – 1974*

**EDUCATION**

**YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, Connecticut, USA**

- Teacher's Institute Member, 1994 -.1999
- Sabbatical, Part-year, 1988
- Special Student, China Studies, 1983 - 1984

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Louisville, Kentucky, USA**

- Doctorate of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, 1977 - 1980
- Master of Divinity, Pastoral Studies, 1974 – 1977

**UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL, Liverpool, England**

- Post-graduate Diploma, Social Administration, 1972 – 1973
- Bachelor of Science, Life Sciences, 1968 -.1971