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Professional Summary

Higher education and nonprofit leader with deep experience in off-campus programs, teaching and mentoring students, program design and execution, event planning and execution, fund development and financial management, and cross-cultural collaboration.

Professional Experience

Executive Director

PathLight International | 2024 – 2026

- With the board of directors, led strategy and fund development for an international nonprofit addressing educational opportunity and equity in the developing world.
- Secured approximately \$1.5M annually through grants, donations, and sponsorships.
- Recruited and onboarded staff and guided staff development and organizational effectiveness.
- Oversaw budgets, audits, and compliance with institutional and donor requirements.
- Represented the organization through speaking engagements and stakeholder partnerships.

Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy

Westmont College | 1997 – 2023

- Taught interdisciplinary courses integrating philosophy, history, literature, art history, and religious studies.
- Designed and led 14 international academic programs in the humanities emphasizing cross-cultural learning and civic responsibility.
- Collaborated with colleagues across departments to develop co-curricular liberal arts learning experiences.

Executive Director

Gaede Institute for the Liberal Arts, Westmont College | 2001 – 2023

- Directed an academic institute dedicated to liberal arts advocacy, innovation, and civic engagement.
- Designed and led programs that engaged the liberal arts with contemporary concerns, with particular focus on youth and young adults. Among these programs were:
 - youth summer camps in the arts and sciences;
 - pre-college summer workshops in academic and vocational exploration;
 - the college's first outreach and retention program for underserved students;
 - a long-running faculty/student discussion series on contemporary issues;
 - a mentoring program for early-career clergy;
 - a leadership program for post-college young adults;
 - several faculty workshops;

- 20 national conferences for scholars and academic administrators on pressing issues in liberal arts education.
- Secured \$8.5M in external funding, including over \$6M in grants to support multiple initiatives connecting higher education with the wider Christian community.
- Oversaw a \$1.5M annual budget, supervised professional and student staff, and coordinated activities across multiple academic and operations departments.

Additional Leadership Roles

- *Director of Conferences* — Westmont College (2005–2010): Oversaw summer conference operations, negotiated contracts, supervised professional and student staff, and coordinated logistics for large-scale gatherings.
- *Interim Director of Off-Campus Programs* — Westmont College (2004): Led the curriculum redesign for the college's long-standing program in Europe and oversaw the launch of the college's first program in the Global South.
- *Interim Director of First-Year Programs* — Westmont College (2003): Designed and led student transition programs and carried out academic advising for all undeclared first-year students.

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy – Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

Visiting Graduate Student, Political Science – Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany

B.A., Humanities – Biola University, La Mirada, CA

Additional Information

- Proficient in German (CEFR Level C1).
- Experienced public speaker, writer, and facilitator with presentations to academic, nonprofit, and civic audiences.
- Prepared to relocate to Washington DC.

References

- Stan Gaede, former president, Westmont College
- Mark Sargent, former provost, Westmont College
- Luwani Cayetano, CEO PathLight Belize