

# Mark A. Levand

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

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- 2018**      **Ph.D.** Center for Human Sexuality Studies  
Widener University  
Dissertation: *The Experience of Effecting Change Around Sexuality in Catholic Higher Education: A Composite Case -study Analysis*
- 2014**      **M.Ed.** Center for Human Sexuality Studies  
Widener University
- 2011**      **M.A.** Department of Theology and Religious Studies  
John Carroll University  
Concentrations: Ethics, Systematic Theology  
Thesis Topic: *Theological Reflections on Sexuality and the Human Experience: Relational Reality of Human Sexuality*
- 2009**      **B.A.** Department of Theology  
Notre Dame College  
Majors: Theology, Pastoral Ministry, and Education: Adol./Young Adult, 7-12  
Minor: Biblical Studies

### PUBLICATIONS

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- Levand, M.A.**, Chando, S.C., Wolfe, M., Pillai-Friedman, S., & Love, E. (in press). The light in the shadows: Therapeutic explorations of fantasy and fear. *Journal of Sexual and Relationship Therapy*.
- Canan, S.N., & **Levand, M.A.** (in press). Feminist perspectives on sexual assault. In W. O'Donohue, C. Cummings & P. Schewe (Eds.), *Handbook of sexual assault and sexual assault prevention*: Springer.
- Levand, M.**, & Zapien, N. (in press). Sexual consent as transcendence: A phenomenological understanding. *International Journal of Transpersonal Studies*.
- Levand, M.A.**, & Canan, S.N. (2018). Navigating sexualization as a sexuality professional: Recommendations from sexuality educators at the 2016 national sex ed conference. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 13(1), 94-107. doi: 10.1080/15546128.2018.1433566
- Levand, M.** (2017). A review of the teaching transgender toolkit: A facilitator's guide to increasing knowledge, decreasing prejudice & building skills. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 12(2), 195-199.

Green, E.R., & **Levand, M.** (2017). Transphobia. In K. L. Nadal (Ed.), *The SAGE encyclopedia of psychology and gender* (pp. 1732-1736). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.

Freyhauf, M.S., **Levand, M.**, Ludwa, B., & Witker, K. (2011). "To the lost of Israel": An (hypothetical) ancient letter with commentary. *Conversations with the Biblical World*, 31(1), 217-235.

## DOMESTIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2018           Zadnik, L., Belay, H., Washington, M., & **Levand, M.** *Panel: Beyond the Yes Means Yes Consent Model*. Panel Presentation. Leading the Way: Increasing Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017           **Levand, M.** *Effecting Change Around Sexuality in Catholic Higher Education – Preliminary Findings*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality. Atlanta, GA.
- 2017           Coriano, J., Fleishman, J., **Levand, M.**, & Oriowo, D. *Changemakers in the Field of Human Sexuality – Panel Presentation*. Careers in Sexuality Conference. Chester, PA.
- 2017           **Levand, M.**, Rashatwar, S., & Swinney, L. (2017). *With white privilege comes great responsibility: Using privilege to promote racial justice in sex ed*. 49<sup>th</sup> Annual AASECT Conference. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2017           **Levand, M.** *Effecting Change Around Sexuality in Catholic Higher Education – Preliminary Findings*. Poster presented at the Graduate Student Research Symposium. Widener University: Chester, PA
- 2016           **Levand, M.**, & Canan, S. N. *The Sexualization of Sexuality Professionals: Creating a Resource Guide for Sexuality Professionals*. National SexEd Conference. Atlantic City, NJ.
- 2016           Dale, B., & **Levand, M.** *A Sexologist, a Theologian, and Sexual Orientation*. National SexEd Conference. Atlantic City, NJ.
- 2016           Olvera, L., & **Levand, M.** *Cross-cultural Code-switching in Sexuality: Adaptation for Inclusivity*. 48<sup>th</sup> Annual AASECT Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2016           **Levand, M.** *Effecting Change Around Sexuality in Catholic Higher Education*. Poster presented at the Graduate Student Research Symposium. Widener University: Chester, PA
- 2015           **Levand, M.** *Changemaking in Communities of Faith*. Careers in Sexuality Conference. Chester, PA.
- 2015           **Levand, M.**, & Chando, S. C. *Kink-positive, Patient-centered Care for Healthcare Professionals*. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual AASECT Conference. Minneapolis, MN
- 2014           **Levand, M.** *Sexual Disposition Spectrum: How Attracted Are You?* Graduate Student Research Symposium. Widener University: Chester, PA

- 2011 Freyhauf, M.S., **Levand, M.**, Ludwa, B., & Witker, K. *Female Messiah*. Paper presented at the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Richfield, OH

### INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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- 2016 **Levand, M.** *Consent as Cross-cultural Communication: Navigating Consent in a Multicultural World*. Paper presented at the AskFirst Symposium. University of Calgary: Alberta, Canada
- 2015 **Levand, M.**, & Shepard, K. *Research at Widener University*. Intercollegiate Meeting. International Christian University: Tokyo, Japan
- 2015 **Levand, M.**, & Shepard, K. *Research at Widener University*. Intercollegiate Meeting. The University of Tokyo: Tokyo, Japan

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE: HIGHER EDUCATION

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- 2018 - Present **Lincoln University**, Adjunct Faculty  
*Courses taught:* Sexuality Counseling and Consultation (Graduate)  
 Human Development Theories and Applications (Graduate)
- 2018 - Present **Widener University**, Adjunct Faculty  
*Courses taught:* Education Methods for the Sexuality Education Professional I (Graduate)
- 2017 - Present **Monmouth University**, Adjunct Faculty  
*Courses taught:* Introduction to Human Sexuality (Undergraduate)  
 Research Methods (Undergraduate)
- 2015 - Present **Montgomery County Community College**, Adjunct Faculty  
*Courses taught:* Introduction to Human Sexuality (Undergraduate)
- 2014 - 2018 **Delaware County Community College**, Adjunct Faculty  
*Courses taught:* Introduction to Human Sexuality (Undergraduate)

### COURSE PREP/DEVELOPMENT HIGHER EDUCATION

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- 2018 – Delaware County Community College – Introduction to Teaching  
 2015 – Widener University – International Trip (Japan)

### OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2011 - 2012 Adult Education - Moral Decision Making  
 2009 Grade 9 Biblical Studies  
 2009 Grade 11 Moral Theology/Ethics  
 2008 Grade 2 Vacation Bible School  
 2007 Kindergarten Vacation Bible School

## GUEST LECTURES & INVITED TALKS

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- 2018 *Religion and Health Behavior*. Kean University: Toms River, NJ  
 2017 *The Experience of Consenting*. Kean University: Toms River, NJ  
 2017 *Sex in the Struggle: God is Sex* (Panel Member). MJ Freed Theater: Chester, PA  
 2017 *Writing as a Doctoral Student* (Panel Member). Widener University: Chester, PA  
 2016 *Sexuality: Celebrating Differences*. Widener University: Chester, PA  
 2016 *Sexuality, Gender, and Health*. Montgomery County Community College: Pottstown, PA  
 2016 *Sex and Religion*. Montgomery County Community College: Bluebell, PA  
 2016 *Paraphilias*. Einstein Medical Center: Philadelphia, PA  
 2016 *“Adam and Steve” – A Look at Homosexuality in Christian Scripture*. Widener University: Chester, PA  
 2015 *Growing up in Masculinity* (Panel Member). Widener University: Chester, PA  
 2015 *Religious Sensitivity in Therapeutic Settings*. LaSalle University: Philadelphia, PA  
 2014 *Intercultural Theology*. Alvernia University (Philadelphia Center): Philadelphia, PA  
 2014 *Introduction to Trans Identities*. Delaware County Community College: Media, PA  
 2013 *The Field of Human Sexuality: Graduate Work & Careers*. Widener University: Chester, PA

## PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

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- 2018 *Partner SAR*. Center for Human Sexuality Studies, Widener University, Chester, PA  
 2017 *Safe Space Training Facilitation* for the University President’s leadership team, Widener University, Chester, PA (Co-Facilitator)  
 2017 *Transgender Identities in (Catholic) Higher Education*. Misericordia University: Dallas, PA (Co-Facilitator)  
 2017 *Intersections: Masculinity, Sexuality, & Spirituality*. Retreat for men. Columbus, OH  
 2016 *Endnote Citation Program: Introduction and Basic Use for Scholars*. Widener University, Chester, PA  
 2016 *Sexuality and Gender* (intro terminology). Widener University, Chester, PA  
 2016 *Interfaith 101*. Widener University, Chester, PA  
 2015 - 2017 *Safe Space Training Facilitation*. Widener University, Multiple Campuses (Co-Facilitator)

## SUPERVISION & MENTORSHIP

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- 2016 - Present Graduate Sexuality Education Practicum Supervisor; Widener University  
 2016 - 2017 Undergraduate Religious Student Organization Supervisor; Widener University  
 2013 - 2017 Graduate Student Recruitment; Widener University  
 2012 Undergraduate Joplin Service Trip Supervisor; Washington University in St. Louis Catholic Student Center

## SERVICE TO THE FIELD

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- 2018 - Present AASECT Advocacy Committee Member  
 2018 Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sexuality Education*  
 2017 SSSS Annual Conference: Session Moderator

2017 - 2018 SSSS Annual Conference: Proposal Review  
 2017 AASECT Annual Conference: Session Moderator  
 2015 - 2018 AASECT Annual Conference: Proposal Review  
 2015 - 2018 National Sex Ed Conference: Proposal Review  
 2015 - 2016 AASECT Annual Conference: Co-chair of the Social Media sub-committee  
 2015 AASECT Social Media (Twitter) Account Manager

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### *Delaware County Community College*

2016 Assessment design team for Human Sexual Behavior course  
 2014 Revise department goals and objectives for the Human Sexual Behavior course

### *Widener University*

2016 Moderator for Interfaith Panel Discussion  
 2016 Interview committee for the director of the University library: Student member  
 2015 Representative from the Center for Human Sexuality Studies at the Society for the Scientific Study for Sexuality (SSSS) conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 2015 Assist in revision of campuspride.org requirements for the University  
 2015 Moderator of an Inter-collegiate Meeting at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan.  
 2015-2017 Member of the LGBT Task Force  
 2014 Representative from the Center for Human Sexuality Studies at the Society for the Scientific Study for Sexuality (SSSS) conference in Omaha, Nebraska  
 2012 - 2013 Student Representative and Secretary to the Center for Human Sexuality Studies Student Affairs Committee  
 2013 - 2017 Invited member of a Current Student Panel for prospective student orientation

### *John Carroll University*

2011 Registration Assistant for the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Conference (EGLBS)  
 2010 Discussion panel member for conference of Campus Ministers

### *Notre Dame College*

2007 - 2010 Habitat for Humanity Team Leader  
 2007, 2010 Immersion Trip Leader  
 2008 - 2009 Retreat Leader  
 2005 - 2009 Student Ambassador

## CONSULTATIONS (SELECTED)

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2018 Intersex Identities in Relation to Embodiment  
*Client: Catholic Theologian; USA*  
 2018 Gender Identity Sensitivity in Organizational Communication  
*Client: Academic Organization; USA*  
 2018 Spiritually Integrative Healthcare Models  
*Client: Occupational Therapist; Cleveland, OH*

- 2018 Language for Sexual Attraction in Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Youth  
*Client: Clinician, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Philadelphia, PA*
- 2018 Sources for Introductory Sexuality Studies Material  
*Client: Philosophy Professor; Providence, RI*
- 2018 K-12 Developmental Stages Overview  
*Client: Healthcare Facility; St. Louis, MO*
- 2017 Educator Use of Sexting Research  
*Client: Sex and Relationship Therapist; Killeen, TX*
- 2017 Love Languages and Relationships  
*Client: Sexual Wellness Organization; St. Louis, MO*
- 2017 Trauma Sensitivity in Self-Defense Sexual Assault Prevention  
*Client: Grant's Kung Fu Academy; Folsom, PA*
- 2017 Managing Unusual Sexual Fantasies in Relationships  
*Client: Sex Therapist, Pittsburg; PA*
- 2017 Sensitivity to Sexual Orientation of Youth Clients  
*Client: Occupational Therapist; Cleveland, OH*
- 2017 Consent Self-reflection  
*Client: Group Therapist; Philadelphia, PA*
- 2016 Teaching Sexual Consent & Healthy Decision Making  
*Client: Healthcare Facility; St. Louis, MO*
- 2016 Research on Sexual Consent  
*Client: Sexuality Educator; Los Angeles, CA*
- 2016 Sexuality Education for Religious Leaders in the Caribbean  
*Client: Sexuality Educator; Tobago*
- 2016 Female Body Response to Puberty  
*Client: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Org.; Cleveland, OH*
- 2016 Consummated and Unconsummated Marriages  
*Client: Therapist; Toronto, Ontario, Canada*
- 2016 Learning Outcomes: Relationship Violence Course  
*Client: Healthcare Facility; St. Louis, MO*
- 2016 Transgender Healthcare Sensitivity  
*Client: Healthcare Facility; St. Louis, MO*
- 2015 Talking to Church Leaders about Sexuality Education  
*Client: Healthy Relationships Org.; San Diego, CA*
- 2015 Discussing Sexuality with Religious Individuals  
*Client: Sexuality Educator; Chester, PA*
- 2015 Sexuality and Sexual Health FAQs  
*Client: Women's Center; Vanderbilt University*
- 2015 Working with Previously Incarcerated Men in Therapeutic Settings training consultant  
*Client: Therapist; Quakertown, PA*
- 2015 Encountering and Managing LGBT Issues in Catholic Higher Education  
*Client: Administrator of a Catholic University*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- 2018 - Present Campus Advocacy and Prevention Professionals Association (CAPPA)
- 2018 - Present American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- 2018 - Present Association of Practical Theology
- 2016 - Present Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians (ABSC)
- 2014 - Present American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists (AASECT)

2014 - Present Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS)  
 2012 - 2013 SexEd Network

## AWARDS & HONORS

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2016 Schiller Award (AASECT Conference)  
 2015 Student Paper Award (AASECT Conference)  
 2014 - Present Gamma Eta Rho Honors Society in Human Sexuality  
 2008 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award  
 2005 - 2008 Presidential Honors Scholarship (all undergrad semesters)  
 2008 - 2009 The UPS Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (administered by the OFIC)

## CERTIFICATES

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2017-2020 AASECT Certified Sexuality Educator  
 American Association of Sexuality Educators Counselors and Therapists  
 2017 Widener Leadership Certificate  
 Leadership Philosophy: *Leading Through Right Relationship*  
 2014 National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Extramural Research  
 Protecting Human Research Participant

## MEDIA WORK

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- Levand, M.** (2017). [Blog] The diversity of white supremacy by Mark Levand, MA, MEd. *WidenerDiversityBlog*. Retrieved from <https://widenerdiversityblog.com/2017/02/23/the-diversity-of-white-supremacy-by-mark-levand-ma-med/>
- Levand, M.** (2015). [Blog] CHSS in Japan by Mark Levand. *WidenerSexualityStudies*. Retrieved from <http://www.widensexualitystudies.org/study-abroad/program-spotlight-chss-in-japan/>
- Levand, M.** (2013). [Blog] Caution: Educational philosophy at work. *TeachingSexEd*. Retrieved from <http://teachingsexed.com/2013/11/20/caution-educational-philosophy-at-work-2/>
- Levand, M.** (2012). [Blog]. Sexual education: The limits of conscience formation by Mark Levand. *FeminismAndReligion*. Retrieved from <http://feminismandreligion.com/2012/06/18/sexual-education-the-limits-of-conscience-formation-by-mark-levand/>
- Cooperman, J. (2012, May). Joplin, Missouri: One year later. *St. Anthony Messenger*. Retrieved from <http://americancatholic.org/samo/Feature.aspx?articleid=88&IssueID=36>