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## Career overview

2014-17: Councillor on the Leadership Team of the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands. My previous experience has been

- Executive Officer, Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay (P/T, July 2003-2013)
- Executive Officer, Commission for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (1997-June 2003)
- Assistant to the Dean of Students at St John's Residential College in the University of Sydney (5 years),
- Catholic Chaplain at Macquarie University, Sydney (8 years),
- Secondary teaching – history, religion, mathematics – in government and Catholic schools (12 years), Religious Education Co-ordinator (5 years).

I have always combined study, teaching and ministry in creative ways, letting each one enrich the others.

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## Education

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| 2004-2007     | University of Sydney – Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies<br>PhD. Thesis: 'Women and Fundamentalism in Islam and Catholicism: negotiating modernity in a globalized world'. |
| Oct-Dec 2006  | American University of Cairo, Egypt<br>Research Fellow, Institute of Gender and Women's studies   |
| Sept-Dec 1996 | Harvard Divinity School<br>Resident Graduate  |
| 1995-6        | Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland  |

M. Phil (Ecumenics) with Distinction. Dissertation: 'The Getting of Wisdom: A Christian-Muslim Contribution to the Search for a Universal Global Ethic in Postmodernity'.

1985 - 1994 Melbourne College of Divinity (part-time)  
Bachelor of Divinity (major in New Testament)

1968 - 72 La Trobe University, Melbourne and University of New England, New South Wales, Australia  
Bachelor of Humanities (History and Mathematics), Diploma of Education.

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### Recent Publications

"Hope in Dark Times: Australian Churches Covenanting Together 1994-2014" in *Hope in the Ecumenical Future*, ed. Mark Chapman (Palgrave Macmillan, 2017) 167-182.

Book review: "Guns and Gospel: Imperialism and Evangelism in China" by Ambrose Mong (Cambridge, UK: James Clarke, 2016) in *The Swag*, Vol 25, No 2, Winter 2017, 47-48.

"Religion and the State: Contexts, Controversies and Conjectures in Australia, Indonesia and Egypt" in *Religion, Authority, and the State: From Constantine to the Contemporary World*, ed. Leo D. Lefebure, in *Pathways for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue* series (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016) 33-52.

"Ethics in a Multifaith Society: Christians and Muslims in Dialogue", in *Pathways for Interreligious Dialogue in the Twenty-First Century*, eds Vladimir Latinovic, Gerard Mannion and Peter Phan (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016), 167-179.

"Graced by Migration: An Australian Perspective" in *Christianities in Migration: The Global Perspective*, vol. 3 in the series *Theology and Migration in World Christianity: Contextual Perspectives*, eds Elaine Padilla and Peter Phan (Palgrave Macmillan, 2016), 135-152.

Book: Martha Ann Kirk and Patricia Madigan, *Iraqi Women of Three Generations*, San Antonio Texas Peace Centre and the Gulen Institute, 2014.

*Book: Women and Fundamentalism in Islam and Catholicism: negotiating modernity in a globalized world (Religions and Discourse series, Volume 53), Oxford: Peter Lang Publishers, 2011.*

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### **Notable achievements**

**Lectures and presentations on Catholic Church teaching on interfaith relations in parishes, schools, diocesan offices, and to religious congregations as well as in a number of tertiary institutions and universities during the last 20 years.**

**Examiner for a PhD thesis at Charles Sturt University, Australia in 2015.**

**Leading, with a Muslim colleague, a two-week Australian Catholic-Muslim pilgrimage from Broken Bay Catholic Diocese to Istanbul and Rome in 2012.**

**An Australian delegate at five intergovernmental Regional Interfaith Dialogues in the Pacific region between 2004 and 2012.**

**Tutor in University of Sydney Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies:**

- **'Islam in the Modern World' (ARIS 2004), Semester 2, 2004**
- **'Arabs, Islam and the Middle East' (ARIS 1671), Semester 1, 2006**
- **'Arab-Islamic Civilisation: Introduction' (ARIS 1672), Semester 2, 2007**

**Australian delegate to Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue (PCID) interfaith consultation, South Korea - September 2002**

**Founding member of the Australian National Dialogue of Christians, Jews and Muslims (ANDCJM) from 2002.**

**Member of Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference National Ecumenical and Interfaith Advisory Board (1999-2006)**

**Founding member of the Women's Interfaith Network in Sydney in 1999.**