

Daniel R. Roland

Assistant Professor

School of Library & Information Science
College of Communication & Information
Kent State University

Primary Researcher

Center for the Study of Information & Religion

EDUCATION

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY, EMPORIA, KANSAS

Ph.D. in Library & Information Management – 2008

Dissertation Title: Interpreting Scripture in Contemporary Times: A Study of a Clergy Member's Sense-Making Behavior in Preparing the Sunday Sermon

Master of Library Science - 1995

WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WASHINGTON DC

Master of Divinity - 1985

MID-AMERICA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, OLATHE KS

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology - 1980

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I conduct qualitative research on the information behavior of clergy in the sermon preparation process and on the sermon as an influential information product in the social construction of knowledge.

TEACHING

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – Kent State University

LIS 60001 Access to Information

Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010,
Summer 2010 II and III, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2011,
Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013

LIS 60600 Foundations of Library and Information Science

Spring 2010, Summer 2010 III

LIS 60621 Social Science Information Resources and Services (online)

Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012

LIS 60647 – Network and Software Resources for Information Systems

Fall 2011

LIS 60650 – Information Policy (online)

Summer 2012, Spring 2013

LIS 60670 Culminating Experience

Spring 2009 – Supervised 1 student

Fall 2009 – Supervised 2 students

Spring 2010 – Supervised 2 students
Summer 2010 – Supervised 5 students
Fall 2010 – Supervised 5 students
Spring 2011 – Supervised 7 students
Summer 2011 – Supervised 4 students
Fall 2011 – Supervised 5 students
Spring 2012 – Supervised 5 students
Summer 2012 – Supervised 2 students
Fall 2012 –
Spring 2013 – Supervised 1 student
Summer 2013 – Supervised 5 students

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR – Emporia State University
LI 844 Database Design for Libraries and Information Centers
Fall 2004, Summer 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006,
Summer 2007, Spring 2008

GRANT APPLICATIONS

FUNDED

AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

\$2,000 Publication Grant, 2009-2010

Project title: Online Data Sources for Research in Religion: An Annotated Bibliography

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Grant_ATLA_2009.pdf

NOT FUNDED

THE LOUISVILLE INSTITUTE

Project title: MEASURING THE BELIEF SYSTEMS OF CONGREGATION'S AND THE CORRELATIONS TO GROWTH OR DECLINE

Submitted: October 1, 2012

Total Funds Requested: \$25,000

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Grant_LouisvilleInstitute.pdf

INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Project title: Religious Information and the Social Construction of Knowledge: Creating a Digital Repository for Interdisciplinary Research

Submitted: December 15, 2010

Total Grant Funds Requested: \$161,848

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Grant_2010IMLS.pdf

INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Project title: Social Epistemology and the Sermon: Creating a Sermon Repository for Interdisciplinary Research

Submitted: December 15, 2009

Total Grant Funds Requested: \$246,267
http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Grant_IMLS2009.pdf

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, SCIENCE OF GENEROSITY
Project title: Measuring Generosity in Student Volunteer Projects: Benefits for Students and Faculty
Submitted: December 1, 2009
Total Grant Funds Requested: \$131,000
Co-applicant and PI with Dr. Don Wicks

ALISE RESEARCH GRANT
Project title: Researching the researchers: The information behavior of interdisciplinary researchers in an online collaborative research community
Submitted November 15, 2009
Total grant amount: \$3,000
Co-applicant and PI with Dr. Don Wicks
http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Grant_ALISE.pdf

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PENTECOSTAL
AND CHARISMATIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE
Project title: Understanding the Pentecostal and Charismatic response to the HIV-AIDS epidemic in Nigeria: A Case Study of Congregational Communication Patterns in Three States
Submitted: July 31, 2009.
Total grant amount: \$300,000
Co-applicant and PI with Dr. Don Wicks, Dr. John Agada, and Dr. John Idoko
http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Grant_PCRI.pdf

INSTITUTE FOR MUSEUMS AND LIBRARY SERVICES
Project title: Discerning, Interpreting, and Proclaiming: An Exploration of the Information Behavior of Clergy
Submitted: December 15, 2008
Total grant amount: \$216,681
http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Grant_IMLS2008.pdf

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journals:

Roland, D. (2013). The Response of Mainline Protestant Clergy Members to the Moral Panic Regarding Harry Potter. Accepted to be published in the *Journal of Religious and Theological Information* Volume 12, Issue 3/4. (http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Paper_Harry_Potter.pdf)

Roland, D. (2012). Using Sermon Text Archives to Investigate the Social Construction of Social Values: A Proposal for a Collaborative Research Agenda in Social Epistemology. *Theological Librarianship*. Vol. 5, No. 1. (http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Sermon_Archives.pdf)

Roland, D. (2012). The Information Behavior of Clergy Members Engaged in the Sermon Preparation Task: Wicks revisited. *Journal of Religious and Theological Information*. Vol. 11, No. 1-2. (http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Wicks_revisited.pdf)

Roland, D. (2011). Serendipitous Juxtaposition? The Revised Common Lectionary and Political Cue Giving in Sermons Prior to the 2008 Presidential Election. *Journal of Religious and Theological Information*. Vol. 10, No. 1-2, pp. 16-29 (http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Cue_Giving.pdf)

Roland, D. and Wicks, D (2010). A Conversational Model for Qualitative Research: A Case Study of Clergy and Religious Knowledge. *Australian Academic and Research Libraries Journal*. Vol. 40, No. 1, pp. 252-265. http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Paper_ConversationModel.pdf

Afzal, W., Roland, D., and Al-Squri, M. (2009). Information Asymmetry and Product Valuation: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Information Science* Vol. 35, No. 2 pp. 192-203.

Serials (Online Open-Access):

The Sermon Content Review. Roland, Daniel, <http://csir-scr.blogspot.com/>. ISSN: 2327-7890

Advances in the Study of Information and Religion 2012. Freeburg, D., Roland, D. and Wicks, D.A., Editors. <http://drc.library.kent.edu/handle/2374.KENT/1432>
ISSN: 2161-0177

Advances in the Study of Information and Religion 2011. Freeburg, D., Roland, D. and Wicks, D.A., Editors. <http://drc.library.kent.edu/handle/2374.KENT/1409>
ISSN: 2161-0177

Book chapters:

Roland, D. (2003). Maintaining high touch for effective distance education. In D. Barron, editor, *Creating Opportunities for Distance Learners: Models from Library and Information Science* (pp. 23-27). Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited.

Refereed Conference proceedings:

Roland, D. and Wicks, D. (2009). Qualitative Research in the New Century: Map Points in Insider Research. (Abstract refereed). *Canadian Association of Information Science, Conference Proceedings*.
http://www.caisacsi.ca/proceedings/2009/Wicks_Roland_2009.pdf
<http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/CAIS.pdf>

Roland, D. (2008) Clergy Sense-Making Behavior and the Sermon Preparation Task. Association for the Scientific Study of Religion – Southwest 2008 Conference Proceedings, pp. 23-30.

Non-refereed Journals:

Roland, D. (2003). Emporia State University provides education options for the Colorado library profession. *Colorado Libraries*, 29(2), 23- 25.

Roland, D. (1998). Going the distance for a library science education: a report on the SLIM distance education program in Nebraska. *Nebraska Library Association Quarterly*, 28(4), 9-16.

Roland, D. (1998). The MLS for distance learners: A case study. *Business & Finance Bulletin 109*, 53-56. Business and Finance Division, Special Libraries Association.

Invited Book Reviews:

The Information Behavior of a New Generation: Children and Teens in the 21st Century, J. Beheshti and A. Large, editors. *Portal: Libraries and the Academy*.

The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion, M. Stausberg and S. Engler, editors. *Theological Librarianship: An Online Journal of the American Theological Library Association*. Vol 6, No.2 (2013) pp. 79-80.
(http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Routledge_Book_Review.pdf)

Research Tools (Online Open-Access):

The Sermon Texts Posting Sites Index (STPSI). Roland, Daniel (2012).
<http://bit.ly/STPSI>

Annotated Bibliography of Data Resources for Research in Information and Religion. Roland, Daniel (2009). Funded by a Publication Grant from the American Theological Library Association. http://csir.slis.kent.edu/annotated_bibliography

Papers Currently Under Review

Roland, D. and Freeburg, D. (2013) The 2012 U.S. Election and Political Messages in Sermons. Under review by *Politics and Religion*
(<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=rap>).

PRESENTATIONS

Using DEVONThink Pro Office to Create a Research Archive of Sermon Texts. *American Theological Library Association*. Scottsdale, AZ. June 29, 2012.
http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Presentation_ATLA2012.pdf

Understanding Domestic Violence Revealed Through the Information Vehicle of the Sunday Sermon. *International Religion and Spirituality in Society Conference*. Chicago, IL. February 15-17, 2011. Co-presented with CSIR Director, Dr. Don Wicks.

To Whom Shall We Go? Hard Decisions, Denominational Affiliation, and Social Identification. *The Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion International Interdisciplinary Conference: Meaning, Identity and Culture: East and West*. Kolkata, India. December 28-30, 2010.

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Presentation_India2010.pdf

Responding to the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Sunday Sermon: A Study in How Clergy Members Apply Scripture in Addressing an Environmental Disaster. *Fourth International Conference of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture: Living on the Edge*. Perth, Australia. December 16-19, 2010.

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Presentation_GulfOilSpill.pdf

Are You Going to Leave? A Study of How ELCA Clergy Used the Sunday Sermon to Address with Their Congregations the Denominational Decision to Ordain Gay Clergy Members. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2010*. Baltimore, MD. October 29, 2010. Co-presented with SLIS graduate, Esther Bardo.

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Presentation_SSSR2010A.pdf

Political Cue Giving in Sermons and the Common Lectionary Affect: A Study of Sermons Speaking to Matthew 22:15-22 in a Presidential Election Year. *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion 2010*. Baltimore, MD. October 29, 2010. Co-presented with CSIR Director, Dr. Don Wicks.

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Presentation_Lectionary.pdf

The Interpretation of Major Social Events from the Pulpit: Applying Jesse Shera's Social Epistemology to an Understudied Body of Knowledge. 2010 Annual Meeting of the Association of Library and Information Science Educators (ALISE). Poster Session for Works in Progress.

The Sermon as Knowledge Product. Annual Conference of the *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, October 25, 2009

http://faculty.kent.edu/droland1/Presentation_Sermons.pdf

Qualitative Research in the New Century: Map Points in Insider Research with Dr. Don Wicks. Annual Conference of the *Canadian Association of Information Science*, May 28-30, 2009.

A Conversational Model for Qualitative Research: A Case Study of Clergy and Religious Knowledge with Dr. Don Wicks. *Research Applications in Information and Library Studies Conference*, January 23, 2009.

The challenges and benefits of insider status: A critique of a single-case study of the Sense-Making behavior of a clergy member and the interpretation of Scripture. *Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting* March 2008, St. Louis MO.

Relating faith to the contemporary world: A study of a clergy member's sensemaking behavior in preparing the Sunday sermon. *Connections 2007*, Drexel University.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Senate – finished the term of Don Wicks in Spring 2011, elected to a three-year term in May 2011

Admissions, Awards & Academic Standing Committee, School of Library & Information Science, Kent State University – Member 2009 to present

Education Technology Committee, School of Library & Information Science,
Kent State University – Member 2009 to present, Chair 2010-2012
Faculty Advisor, Student Chapter of the American Library Association, School of
Library & Information Science, Kent State University
Faculty Search Committee, SLIS, 2009-2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Library Association
Library and Information Technology Association
Association of Library and Information Science Educators
Religious Research Association
Society for the Scientific Research of Religion