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**Present Position**

Professor of Theology  
 School of Theology, Seattle Pacific University

**Other Involvements**

Director Stewardship Foundation  
 Advisory Board Member *Seven* (Journal of The Marion E. Wade Center, Wheaton)  
 American Academy of Religion  
 Karl Barth Society of North America  
 T.F. Torrance Society  
 The George MacDonald Society  
 Global Outreach Committee for Bethany Presbyterian Church  
 Board Member, Scholar/Leaders

**Education**

1994 Ph.D. University of Aberdeen: Systematic Theology (Thesis: *Prophet or Heretic: A Study of the Theology of George MacDonald*)  
 1988 M.A. Fuller Theological Seminary: Theology  
 1972 B.A. Whitman College: English with Secondary Teacher Certification in English and German (Mortar Board)

**Publications:**

"The Sacrament of the Stranger in C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and George MacDonald," in *Twentieth-Century Literary Criticism*, Volume 258, ed. Kathy D. Darrow, (Gale, Cengage Learning, 2012) (Reprinted from *Truths Breathed Through Silver: The Inklings' Moral and Mythopoeic Legacy*, ed. by Jonathan B. Himes, Joe R. Christopher, and Salwa Khoddam, pp.138-50 (Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars, 2008). Winter 2012  
 "Educating for Reconciliation", *Response*, Seattle Pacific University Winter 2009  
 "Celtic Spirituality and Theology", *Global Dictionary of Theology*, InterVarsity Autumn, 2008  
 "The Sacrament of the Stranger in C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and George MacDonald"; *Truths Breathed Through Silver: The Inklings' Moral and Mythopoeic Legacy*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing Spring 2008  
*Baptized Imagination: The Theology of George MacDonald*, Ashgate Publishing, Ltd November, 2006  
 "The Theology of George MacDonald" *Christian History and Biography* Spring 2005  
 Introduction and Text Notes for 1, 2, 3, John, *The Renovare Spiritual Formation Study Bible*, eds. Richard Foster, Walter Brueggemann, and Dallas Willard, HarperCollins Spring 2005  
 "The Baptized Imagination" in *Inklings of Glory*, for *Christian Reflection A Series in Faith and Ethics*, Baylor University, pp. 11-20. Spring 2004  
 "Recovering a Trinitarian and Sacramental Ecclesiology" in *Evangelical Ecclesiology: Reality or Illusion*, John Stackhouse, ed. BakerAcademic. Autumn 2003  
 "The Crucified Christ as the Motherly God: The Theology of Julian of Norwich" *The Scottish Journal of Theology* 55 (3): 283-302 Autumn 2002  
 "Theology and Morality in *The Lord of the Rings*" in *Celebrating Middle-earth: The Lord of the Rings as a Defense of Western Civilization*, edited by John G. West, Inkling books, pp. 95-102. Summer 2002  
 "The Trinity" for the InterVarsity Women's Bible Commentary January 2002

“God’s Imagination and Ours” for *Response*, SPU

Summer 2001

“The Bridge over the River Why: The Imagination as the Way to Meaning”  
in *North Wind Journal*, ed. by Andrew Gutteridge,

Autumn 1997

### **Teaching Experience:**

1994 – present: Seattle Pacific University,

Courses taught: Doctrine of God and Environmental Ethics, Creation and Theological Anthropology, Sabbath-keeping, Theology and the Imagination, George MacDonald and the Inklings: Recapturing the Imagination, Prophetic Imagination, Christology, Pneumatology, Introduction to Christian Theology, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Women in Christianity, Christian Formation, Christ and Culture: Social Justice; Leadership in Educational Ministries, Christian Biography

1996 – present: Fuller Seminary Extension in Seattle, Adjunct

Courses taught: Systematic Theology II, Theological Themes in Literature

1996 – present: Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., Adjunct

Courses taught: Recapturing the Imagination, Theological Themes in Literature

### **Academic Papers:**

2008 Plenary Address, Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis & Friends, Taylor University

2007 Plenary Address, The Inklings and the Spiritual Journey, Hardin-Simmons University, March

2005 Baylor Centenary Conference on George MacDonald, “British Theological Influences on George MacDonald”

2005 Regent Centenary Conference on George MacDonald, “Going Home: George MacDonald’s Wisdom on Aging and Death”

2003 Staley Lecture, John Brown University, “Journeying with J.R.R. Tolkien”

2002 Regent Fall Theology Conference:

“Recovering a Trinitarian and Sacramental Approach to the Church”

2002 Creative Imagination Conference Point Loma: “Imagination: The Trojan Horse of God’s Transforming Power”

2001 “Celebrating Middle Earth”, Conference on J.R.R. Tolkien: “Theology and Morality in *The Lord of the Rings*” panel participant

2001 George Fox & Western Seminary Clappe-Wesche Lecture Series:

“The Baptized Imaginations of George MacDonald and C.S. Lewis”

2001 Spiritual Odyssey, SPU Writers Event, “The Power of The Christian Imagination”

1999 Regent College Public Address: “Crucifixion as the Motherliness of Christ in the Theology of Julian of Norwich”

1997 Regent College Public Address: “Recapturing the Imagination”

1998 NW. American Academy of Religion

1998 C.S. Lewis conference, Seattle Pacific University

1994 “Cosmos and Creation Conference” at Cambridge University, England

1993 C.S. Lewis conference, Seattle Pacific University

### **Other Speaking, Teaching and Leadership Experiences:**

2012 Moderator, *Lemon Tree* discussion, John Wesley Fellows Christmas Conference, Jan. 6-8, 2012.

2011 Panel Presentation on Dietrich Bonhoeffer at Taproot Theater, (accompanying their show, “The Beams are Creaking”) April 12.

2011 Director Reconciliation Studies Program (with 5 years of prior work to develop this minor).

2011 “Faith and Community” presentation to SPU’s New Faculty Seminar, February 17.

2010 “Middle East: Conflict and Cooperation” Day of common learning, October 12.

2010 Invited participant: Africa Great Lakes Initiative, January, Burundi.

2010 “Release to the Captives: God’s Spirit is on us: A Biblical and Theological View of Justice,” Plenary Talk, “Break the Chain Conference”, Gig Harbor, WA, June 6.

2010 Lenten Retreat, “Learning to Live in the Freedom God Gives,” Union Church, Seattle, February 6.

2010 Invited participant in the African Great Lakes Initiative, Bujumbura, Burundi, January 12-15.

2009 “Sabbath-Keeping,” for SPU Peer Advisors, September 21.

2009 Course on “Reconciliation” (5 presentations), World Vision International Summer Leadership Institute, London, England, (August 3-7).

2009 “Blessed are the Peace Makers”, Chapel Sermon, SPU, March 3.

2009 “The Gift of Small Groups”, University Ministries, University Presbyterian Church, Jan. 15.

2008 “Historical Nature of the Election from a Theological Perspective”, Panel Presentation, SPU, Nov. 18.

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- 2008 “Trinity”, “Biblical Hermeneutics” and “Women in the Bible” Summer Leadership Institute, Nairobi, Kenya, August 4-August 15.
  - 2006 “Theology of Reconciliation” Diversity Committee SPU, Nov. 7.
  - 2006 “Good News for the Poor” — “The Poor You Will Always Have With You”? The Bible and Poverty , Seminar for SPU Day of Common Learning.
  - 2006 Panel Participation for Jubilee Movement, “In The Face of Debt, Sharon D’Amico”, SPU.
  - 2005 Panel participation in “Rediscovering Narnia: The Continuing Relevance of C.S. Lewis's Narnian Chronicles."
  - 2005 “My Faith as a Teenager: Then and Now”, seminar for the SPU Day of Common Learning
  - 2004 Devotional, “Grief and Glory: Jesus and the Man Born Blind” given at the Institute for Global Engagement, Brandywine Leadership Forum, Nov. 6, 2004, Seattle Pacific University.
  - 2003 Speaker, “*The Lord of the Rings: Themes and Challenges*,” Calvin Presbyterian Church, Seattle
  - 2003 Speaker, “Journeying with the God of Mercy in a World at War: The Triumph of Grace in ‘Middle Earth’ 2 Corinthians 1-6” at Berkeley First Presbyterian Church Family Conference
  - 2003 Speaker, “Anointed by the Holy Spirit” in “Like Any Other Disciple” conference at University Presbyterian Church.
  - 2003 Speaker on vocation at Seattle Pacific University ASSB conference.
  - 2002 Speaker on J.R.R. Tolkien at Ivy Jungle conference, Dallas.
  - 2001 Radio interview on The Dick Staub on *The Lord of the Rings*.
  - 2001 Keynote speaker for Young Life’s Malibu Discipleship Weekend (with Tim)
  - 1999 Keynote speaker for Berkeley Presbyterian Church Family Conference (with Tim Dearborn)
  - Occasionally Classes on the Trinity, Prayer, George MacDonald, Dorothy Sayers, etc. for University and John Knox Presbyterian Churches, Seattle
  - Series of classes on George MacDonald for First Free Methodist Church, Seattle