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ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph.D., 1990	Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. Systematic Theology and Ethics
M.Div., 1978	Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT. Systematic Theology
B.A., 1974	Haverford College, Haverford, PA. Philosophy and Classical Tradition

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010–present	Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, School of Theology, SPU
Summer 2008	Visiting Professor, Hope Africa University, Bujumbura, Burundi
2005–2007	Associate Dean, School of Theology, SPU
2004–2005	Faculty Chair, SPU
Summer 2004	Sessional Lecturer in Theology, Booth College, Winnipeg, MB, Canada
2002–2003	Associate Dean, School of Theology, SPU
Autumn 2002	Visiting Professor, Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle, WA
2000–2008	Chair, Department of Theology, School of Theology, SPU
2000–present	Professor of Moral and Historical Theology, SPU
1995–2000	Associate Professor of Theology, SPU
1993–94	Instructor, Department of Theology, Marquette University
1990–95	Associate Professor of Theology and Member of the Board of Trustees, Milwaukee, Theological Institute, Milwaukee, WI
1985–95	Pastor, Trinity-Pilgrim UMC, Brookfield, WI
1985–87	Instructor, Department of Theology, Marquette University
1982–85	Research Assistant, Department of Theology, Marquette University
June 9, 1979	Ordained Elder, Wisconsin Annual Conference, UMC
1978–82	Pastor, Shopiere and Orfordville UMCs, Shopiere and Orfordville, WI
1977	Summer Intern Pastor, Danville UCC, Danville, VT
June 8, 1977	Ordained Deacon, Northern New Jersey Annual Conference, UMC
1975–76	Student Intern Pastor, Wethersfield UMC, Wethersfield, CT
1975	Summer Vacation Church School Program, Vermont Conference, UCC

ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

June 3, 2013	Faculty Servant Award, SPU.
Summer 2012	Faculty Research Grant, SPU. Grant (\$1,800) funded research at two Washington State correctional facilities toward preparation of manuscript of <i>Ambassadors in Chains: A Study of Christian Prisoners of Conscience</i>
Spring 2012	Sabbatical, SPU
Spring 2011	Sabbatical, SPU
2010	Micah 6:8 Award, National Association of Christians in Special Education

2009	Co-author of grant proposal to the Murdock Charitable Trust. Grant (\$600,000) funds Center for Biblical and Theological Education, SPU
2008	Featured in Barbara E. Walvoord, <i>Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses</i> (Oxford: Blackwell) pp. 189-200.
Spring 2006	Senior Research Grant, SPU. Grant (\$4,200) funded course release for completion of manuscript of <i>I've Been Wondering</i> (Paternoster Press, 2007).
Spring 2004	Winifred Weter Faculty Award Lecture, SPU.
2002	Professor of the Year, SPU
Autumn 2000	Sabbatical, SPU
Spring 2000	Granted tenure by the SPU Board of Trustees
1996	Top Prof Award, Ivy Honorary Club, Mortarboard International, SPU
1987	Short-Term Travel Grant, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
1986–87	Arthur J. Schmitt Fellowship, Marquette University
1974	Honors in Classical Tradition, Haverford College, Haverford, PA
1974	William W. Baker Prize in Greek, Haverford College
1974	Winner, Villanova University Philosophy Contest, Villanova, PA
1970	D.A.R. Prize in History, Cranford High School, Cranford, NJ
1969–70	National Honor Society, CHS

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion
 College Theology Society
 Historical Society of the United Methodist Church
 Wesleyan Theological Society

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Eastern Orthodoxy, Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, Narrative Theology, Theological Pedagogy and Spiritual Formation, Theology and Disability

COURSES TAUGHT AT SPU SINCE SEPTEMBER 1995 (GR = GRADUATE-LEVEL COURSE)

Christian Biography	Introduction to Christian Theology
Christian Ethics	Ministry to and with Disabled Persons and Their Families (GR)
Christian Formation	Pastoral Care and Counseling (GR)
Christian Prison Literature	Person and Work of Christ
Christian Theology	Reformation and Modern Christianity
Christianity and Society	Senior Capstone
Christianity in America	Spiritual Friendship
Doctrine of God	Theology of Christian Worship (GR)
Eastern Christian Fathers and Mothers	Theology of John Wesley
Global Christian Heritage 1 (GR)	Theology of Jonathan Edwards
Global Christian Heritage 2 (GR)	
History and Theology of Christian Worship	

COURSES TAUGHT AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1995 (ALL GRADUATE-LEVEL)

Theological Ethics in the Christian Tradition, Hope Africa University, Bujumbura, Burundi
 United Methodist Doctrine, Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle, WA
 Personal and Social Holiness: The Moral Theology of the Wesleys, William and Catherine
 Booth College, Winnipeg, Manitoba

CHURCH, COMMUNITY & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2011 Reviewer, Routledge / Taylor & Francis Books, Abingdon, England
 2009–present Graduate Curriculum Committee, School of Theology (Chair, 2009–2011)
 2008–10 Faculty Status Committee, SPU
 2006–07 Member, Biblical and Theological Education Task Force
 2005–09 Graduate Program Committee, School of Theology (Chair, 2005–2007)
 2004–05 Chair of the University Faculty, SPU
 2003–06 Faculty Council, SPU
 2003–04 Faith Statement Task Force, SPU
 2001–03 Faculty Status Committee, SPU
 1997–2000 Board of Trustees Finances and Facilities Committee, SPU
 1997–2000 Faculty Representative, Master Planning Committee, SPU
 1996–97 Honors Advisory Committee, SPU
 1996–97 Faculty Council, SPU
 1994–97 Board of Directors, Stauros, USA, Chicago, IL
 1992–95 Advisory Board, Wisconsin Ethics Committee Network, Medical
 College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
 1992– Editorial Board, *Journal of Religion in Disability and Rehabilitation*
 1984–91 Editor, *Seasons: The Inter-Faith Family Journal*, a publication of the
 Wisconsin Inter-Faith Committee on the Family, Milwaukee, WI
 1983–86 Secretary, United Methodist/Roman Catholic Dialogue, Milwaukee WI

PUBLICATIONS**Books**

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, with Robert W. Wall. Two Horizons Commentaries. Gen. eds. Joel Green and Max Turner. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans. Forthcoming.
I've Been Wondering: Conversations with Young Theologians. Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster Press, 2007.
 "Heart Religion" in *the Methodist Tradition and Related Movements*. Editor and contributor. Wesleyan and Pietist Studies, Volume 12. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2001.
 "Gracious Affection" and "True Virtue" according to Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley. Wesleyan and Pietist Studies, Volume 5. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 1994.

Articles and Shorter Writings

"Deep Conversations: Wisdom Literature Invites Dialogue about the 'Good Life,' Response 36:2 (Summer 2013): 44f.
 Foreword to Susan Carole, *Called into Communion*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2013.

- “The Wisdom Literature,” *Lectio: Guided Bible Reading: The Center for Biblical and Theological Education at Seattle Pacific University*. Summer, 2013. <http://blog.spu.edu/lectio>.
- “Christian Virtue and Ministry to Persons with Disabilities,” *Journal of Religion, Disability and Health* 14:1 (2010): 28–46.
- “The Crutch and the Scepter: Mephibosheth and David,” *Journal of Religion, Disability and Health* 14:1 (2010): 71–79.
- “Unsearchable Riches,” *Response* 32:2 (Summer 2009): 40–43.
- “Transfiguring Light—The Moral Beauty of the Christian Life according to Gregory Palamas and Jonathan Edwards,” *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 52:3–4 (2008): 403–39.
- “The Faculty Search at the Christian University: Ethical and Practical Considerations,” *Christian Higher Education* 7:4 (2008): 298–318.
- Theological Themes for August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2007 (Year C, Propers 13–16), *Lectionary Homiletics*, <http://www.lectionary.com/index.html>.
- “A Redemptive Humiliation” in *College Faith 3: 150 Christian Leaders and Educators Share Faith Stories from Their Student Days*, ed. Ronald Alan Knott. (Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 2006): 102–103.
- “My Daughter,” in *Nelson’s Annual Youth Ministry Sourcebook 2005*, ed. Amy Jacober, (Thomas Nelson Publishing, 2005): 180–182.
- “The Sacred Sound of Music: In Gratitude for Divine Blessings,” *Response* 26:5 (Winter 2004): 50.
- Program notes for Sacred Sounds of Christmas, SPU Christmas Concert, Benaroya Hall, Seattle, WA. December 2004 (re-used annually through 2007).
- “Sufficiently Edified”—The Use of Stories in the Spiritual Formation of College Students,” *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 31:2 (Fall 2004): 343–354.
- “Some Uses of Technology in Undergraduate Theology Classes,” *Christian Scholar’s Review*, 33:4 (Summer 2004): 491–509.
- “The Wish Kite,” *Journal of Religion, Disability and Health* 7:4 (Spring 2003): 55–63.
- “*Devotio Post-Moderna*: On Using a ‘Spiritual Classic’ as a Diagnostic Tool in a Freshman Christian Formation Course,” *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 27:1 (Spring 2000): 81–97.
- “Unremitting Compassion: The Moral Psychology of Parenting Children with Genetic Disorders,” *Theology Today* 57:2 (July 2000): 161–174. Excerpts: *Response: Seattle Pacific University Magazine* 22:3 (Summer 1999): 1, 4–5; *Haverford College Alumni Magazine* (Fall 1999): 18–19.
- “All or Nothing: Reflections on the Suffering of Children,” *Stauros Notebook* 17:4 (Christmas 1998): 1–4.
- Response to Charles H. Goodwin, “John Wesley: Revival and Revivalism, 1736–1768,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 31:1 (Spring 1996): 190–191.
- “Christ Against Culture—Another Look,” *Princeton Theological Review* 4:1 (February 1997): 19–25.
- “John Wesley’s Synthesis of the Revival Practices of Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, and Nicholas von Zinzendorf,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 30:1 (Spring 1995): 154–172.

- “Narrative Theology and the Religious Affections,” in *Theology Without Foundations: Religious Practice and the Future of Theological Truth*, ed. Stanley Hauerwas, Nancey Murphy and Mark Nation (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994): 163–179, 327–332.
- “Why Church Growth is a Red Herring,” *Circuit Rider* 18:2 (March 1994): 10–11.
- “The Beginnings of Luther’s Hermeneutic,” English translation of Gerhard Ebeling, “Die Anfänge von Luthers Hermeneutik,” *The Lutheran Quarterly*, New Series, 7:2 (Summer 1993): 129–158; 7:3 (Autumn 1993): 315–338; and 7:4 (Winter 1993): 451–468.
- “Accessibility or Hospitality?” *The University of Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Journal*, 9 (Spring 1993): 45–51. Reprint, *Journal of Religion in Disability and Rehabilitation* 1:1 (Spring 1994): 11–26. Reprint, *Bioethics Bulletin* 7:1 (Summer 1994): 3–9. Excerpt: *Stauros Notebook* 13:4 (Winter 1994): 1–4.
- Introductory editorials, *Seasons: The Inter-Faith Family Journal* (all issues, 1985–1991).
- “Are We ‘Partners in Mission With God’?” *New World Outlook*, New Series 48:2 (November/December 1987): 26, 28, 30.
- “Which Authority? The Bible or the Discipline?” *Circuit Rider* 11:6 (June 1987): 10–11.

Book Reviews and Review Articles

- Rev. of *They Who Give from Evil: The Response of the Eastern Church to Moneylending in the Early Christian Era*. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2013/ihssen.html> (July 2013).
- Rev. of *Spiritual Writings*, by John Howard Yoder, ed. Paul Martens and Jenny Howell. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2011/yoder.htm> (November 2011).
- Rev. of *Encountering the Mystery: Understanding Orthodox Christianity Today*, by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. <http://www.patriarchate.org/patriarch/publications> (August 2010).
- Rev. of *The State of the University: Academic Knowledges and the Knowledge of God*, by Stanley Hauerwas. *Teaching Theology and Religion* 13:1 (January 2010): 72–73.
- Rev. of *Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses*, by Barbara E. Walvoord. *Teaching Theology and Religion* 12:4 (October 2009): 379–380.
- Rev. of *Witness to Holiness: Abba Daniel of Scetis*, ed. Tim Vivian. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2009/vivian-2.htm> (June 2009).
- Rev. of *Receiving the Gift of Friendship: Profound Disability, Theological Anthropology, and Ethics*, by Hans S. Reinders. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2008/reinders.htm> (November 2008).
- Rev. of *Encountering the Mystery: Understanding Orthodox Christianity Today*, by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2008/bartholomew.htm> (October, 2008).
- Rev. of *Water from a Deep Well: Christian Spirituality from Early Martyrs to Modern Missionaries*, by Gerald L. Sittser. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2008/sittser.htm> (April 2008).
- Rev. of *Marking the Hours: English People and their Prayers, 1240–1570 and Walking to Emmaus*, by Eamon Duffy. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2007/duffy.htm>, April 2007.
- Rev. of *A Special Kind of Love: For Those Who Love Children with Special Needs*, by Susan Titus Osborn and Janet Lynn Mitchell. *Journal of Religion, Disability, and Health* 9:3 (2005): 103–104.

- Rev. of *The Westminster Handbook to Patristic Theology*, ed. John Anthony McGuckin. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2005/mcguckin.htm> (August 2005).
- Rev. of *Brother of Jesus, Friend of God: Studies in the Letter of James*, by Luke Timothy Johnson. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2004/johnson2.htm> (September 2004).
- Rev. of *The Complete Writings*, by Nil Sorsky. Ed. and trans. George A. Maloney. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2004/sorsky.htm> (June 2004).
- Rev. of *The Church in a Postliberal Age*, by George A. Lindbeck. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2003/lindbeck.htm> (July 2003).
- Rev. of *With the Grain of the Universe: The Church's Witness and Natural Theology*, by Stanley Hauerwas. <http://catholicbooksreview.org/2003/hauerwas.htm> (January 2003).
- Rev. of *Embracing Travail: Retrieving the Cross Today*, by Cynthia A. Crysdale. *Theology Today* 56:4 (January 2000): 636–638.
- Rev. of *The Disabled God*, by Nancy Eiesland. *Journal of Religion, Disability and Health* 3:1 (1999): 118–120.
- Rev. of *God Plays Piano, Too: The Spiritual Lives of Disabled Children*, by Brett Webb-Mitchell. *Bioethics Bulletin* 8:1 (Fall 1995): 9–10.
- Rev. *Aldersgate Reconsidered*, ed. Randy L. Maddox. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 29:1/2 (Spring–Fall 1994): 172–175.
- “Money and Morality: Recent Theological and Ethical Reflection on Political Economy.” *Seasons: The Inter-Faith Family Journal*, 11:1 (Fall 1992): 17–22.
- Rev. of *Embodiment*, by James B. Nelson and *A Community of Character*, by Stanley Hauerwas. *Seasons: The Inter-Faith Family Journal* 5:4 (December 1986): 14–15.
- Rev. of *Suffering Presence*, by Stanley Hauerwas. *Seasons: The Inter-Faith Family Journal* 5:3 (September 1986): 11–12.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Teaching Christian Prison Literature in Prison.” Presentation at the Church History Section of the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, AAR/SBL, Concordia University, Portland, OR, May 11, 2012.
- “Integrating Christian Faith into the Science of Career Development.” Panelist for Afternoon Breakout Session, Day of Common Learning, SPU, October 19, 2011.
- “Writing Faith Statements for Tenure, Promotion and Third-Year Review Files.” Workshop for junior faculty, SPU. September 22, 2011.
- “Helping Faculty Write Faith Statements.” Presentation given at the request of President Philip Eaton to the SPU Board of Regents, April 7, 2011.
- Theological consultant for USCH 4910 Faith and Science 2 Retreat. Blakely Island Field Station, SPU. March 25–27, 2011.
- “Writing Faith Statements for Tenure, Promotion and Third-Year Review Files.” Workshop for junior faculty. SPU. September 23, 2010.
- “The Christian Doctrine of Creation and Scientific Theories of Origins.” Public lecture for Charles Darwin Bicentennial Symposium, SPU. April 20, 2010.
- “Christian Virtue and Ministry to Persons with Disabilities.” Keynote address at Conference of the National Association of Christians in Special Education, Seattle Pacific University, April 10, 2010.

- “Six Lies We Tell Ourselves about Gender and Sex.” Workshop on male sexual identity, organized by the male peer advisors for male SPU students. April 20, 2009.
- “Teaching College Introductory Religion Courses.” Workshop co-facilitator (with Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison), School of Theology, SPU, December 9, 2008.
- “Teaching College Introductory Religion Courses.” Workshop facilitator, Department of Religion, Pacific Lutheran University, October 11, 2008.
- “Teaching College Introductory Religion Courses.” Workshop co-facilitator (with Dr. James Wellman and Dr. Priscilla Pope-Levison), Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, AAR/SBL, George Fox University, May 2, 2008.
- “Three Marks of Vocation.” Faculty Mentoring Dinner, SPU, Seattle, WA, March 13, 2007.
- “Called Forth to Serve.” Keynote address at student retreat, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY, January 19–20, 2007.
- “‘In Thy Light We See Light’—The Theological Aesthetics of Jonathan Edwards and Gregory Palamas.” Winifred Weter Faculty Award Lecture, SPU, April 22, 2004.
- “‘Sufficiently Edified’—The Uses and Abuses of Personal Narrative in Undergraduate Theological Education.” Presentation at “A Narratable World: The Theological Implications of Story,” *Image/Lilly* Fellows Conference, SPU, November 6–9, 2003.
- “Godliness: Outward Form and Inward Power” and “‘Practice Gives the Words Their Sense’—Wesley and Wittgenstein on Religious Ritual.” Staley Lectures, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY. February 17–18, 2003.
- “Plain Speaking and Ordinary Language: James Wm. McClendon Jr.’s Use of J. L. Austin’s Speech Act Theory.” Presentation at Section on Philosophy of Religion, College Theology Society, University of Portland, Portland, OR, June 1, 2001.
- “The Passion and the Passions.” Guest lecturer, Trinity Western University, Langley, BC, February 15, 2000.
- “The Passion and the Passions.” John Wesley Lectures, SPU, January 11 & 13, 2000.
- Response to Phillip H. Wiebe, *Visions of Jesus*. Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, AAR/SBL, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, May 8, 1999.
- “Thomas à Kempis in the Undergraduate Classroom.” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, AAR/SBL, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, May 7, 1999.
- “Unremitting Compassion: The Moral Psychology of Parenting Children with Genetic Disorders.” Science and Suffering: Genetics and the Problem of Evil, SPU, October 17, 1998.
- Response to Timothy M. Salo, “German Reformed Pietist Influences on a Wesleyan Order of Salvation.” Graduate Student Theological Seminar, World Ministries Center, Free Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, September 20, 1997.
- “All or Nothing: Reflections on the Suffering of Children, Prompted by Albert Camus’ *The Plague*.” College of Arts and Sciences Retreat, SPU, September 17, 1997.
- “John Wesley’s Synthesis of the Revival Practices of Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, and Nicholas von Zinzendorf.” Midwestern American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Illinois State University, Normal, IL, October 13, 1994.
- “To the Teachers of Israel.” Commencement, Milwaukee Theological Institute, Milwaukee, WI, June 11, 1994.

“John Wesley’s Synthesis of the Revival Practices of Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, and Nicholas von Zinzendorf.” New England Historical Association, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, October 17, 1992.

“I Call You Friends: Ministry as Redemptive Companionship.” Commencement, Milwaukee Theological Institute, Milwaukee, WI, June 8, 1991.

SPU UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROJECTS DIRECTED

Christopher Lute, “Women Priests: A Case for the Ordination of Women in the Eastern Orthodox Churches,” 2011.

Britt Carlson, “Affectionate Companions: Sarah and Jonathan Edwards,” 2009.

Andrew Smith, “G. K. Chesterton the Philosopher: An Analytic Survey” (second reader), 2009.

Marla DeKlotz, “Religion as Life: A Spiritual Biography of Martin Buber,” 2008.

Pierce Wade, “Feathered Glory: the Bishop’s Bible and its Curious Initial Letters” (second reader), 2007.

Grace Damoff, “A Ministry of Presence: Alyosha as a Lay Confessor in The Brothers Karamazov,” 2005.

Joseph T. Class, “Aramis XP: A Sermon/Service Preparation Utility” (listed on title page as “professional consultant”), 2004.

Betty Freeland, “Blessed Are the Peacemakers: A Comparison of Two Christian Peacemaking Ministries in Palestine,” 2002.

James Bowman, “Their Body and Soul Have Become the House of God: Interior Struggle as Human Restoration and Perfection in Macarian Soteriology,” 1999.

Stephen Minister, “The Necessity of Personal Solitude for Societal Existence: A Study from the Life and Writings of Thomas Merton” (second reader), 1999.

Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, “Free Methodist Mission in South Africa 1891–1960: Social Conformity or Prophetic Challenge?” (second reader), 1999.

Peter Venable, “Time: A Speculation,” 1997.

David Bergquist, “Holiness: A Systematization of Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Idea of Divine and Human Concern,” 1997.

Brian Pratt, “Monophysitism or Misunderstanding: The Non-Chalcedonian Churches,” 1996.