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DEGREES:

Ph.D. 1971 Yale University (Religious Studies)
M.Phil. 1970 Yale University (Religious Studies)
M.Div. 1967 Union Theological Seminary, New York
A.B. 1963 Stanford University (History; Honors in Humanities)

DISSERTATION: "Positive Religion in the Early Philosophy of the German Idealists" (Yale, 1971; advisor: Hans W. Frei)

CURRENT RESEARCH: Theological aesthetics; the concept of imagination in philosophy of religion and theology; Christian theology and postmodern philosophy; Karl Barth's theory of religion

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2006- Class of 1943 Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies, Connecticut College
2000-2006 Class of 1943 Professor of Religious Studies, Connecticut College
1982-2000 Professor of Religious Studies, Connecticut College
1976-1982 Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Connecticut College
1970-1976 Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Connecticut College
1968-1970 Graduate Teaching Fellow, Yale College and Yale Divinity School

Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Connecticut College, 1977-79, 1982-2004
Visiting Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, spring 1989, fall 1999
Visiting Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Brown University, spring 2002

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH ABROAD:

Director, Study Away/Teach Away Program, Athens, Greece, September-December 2004
Director, Study Away/Teach Away Program, Universidad de las Américas-Puebla, Mexico, Jan.-May 2000
Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, 1997-98
Member, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, in residence January-May 1993
Visiting Scholar, University Professors Program, Boston University, fall 1992
NEH Texts and Translations grant to translate German essays for *What Is Enlightenment?*, summer 1991
NEH Summer Stipend for research on J. G. Hamann as critic of the Enlightenment, 1990
Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, University of Tübingen (Germany), 1976-77, 1979-80
Senior Fulbright Scholar, Federal Republic of Germany, 1976-77
University of Edinburgh, summer 1975, research and study
University of Tübingen, summer 1973, 1984, research and study
Student Fulbright Scholarship, University of Münster (Germany), 1963-64
Press Observer at World Youth Festival, Helsinki, 1962

TEACHING AREAS:

Primary: Western Religious Thought from the Enlightenment to the Present; Hermeneutics; Modern Philosophical Critiques of Religion; History of Christian Thought; Systematic and Philosophical Theology; Religious Imagination
Secondary: Theories of Religion; Religion and the Arts; Religion and Science

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- Karl Barth, *On Religion: The Revelation of God as the Sublimation of Religion*, edited and translated with an introduction by Garrett Green (London and New York: T&T Clark International, 2006).
- Theology, Hermeneutics and Imagination: The Crisis of Interpretation at the End of Modernity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).
- Imagining God: Theology and the Religious Imagination* (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1989); Korean translation (Seoul: Publishing House of The Presbyterian Church of Korea, 1996); paperback edition (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998).
- Scriptural Authority and Narrative Interpretation*, edited by Garrett Green (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987; Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2000).
- Johann Gottlieb Fichte, *Attempt at a Critique of All Revelation* [1793], translated with an introduction by Garrett Green (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1978).

ARTICLES:

- “Feuerbach and the Hermeneutics of Imagination,” in *Biblical Interpretation: History, Context, and Reality*, ed. Christine Helmer with Taylor G. Petrey (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005), 155-63.
- “Hermeneutics,” in *Routledge Companion to the Study of Religion*, ed. John R. Hinnells (London & New York: Routledge, 2005), 392-406.
- “Modernity,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Modern Theology*, ed. Gareth Jones (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004), 162-79.
- “Are Religions Incommensurable? Reflections on Plurality and the Religious Imagination,” *Louvain Studies* 27 (Fall 2002): 218-39.
- “Barth on Beauty: The Ambivalence of Reformed Aesthetics,” in *Listening/Journal of Religion and Culture* 37 (Fall 2002): 147-58.
- “Hans W. Frei” and “Ludwig Feuerbach,” in *Dictionary of Historical Theology*, ed. Trevor Hart (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000).
- “Imagining the Future,” in *The Future as God’s Gift: Explorations in Christian Eschatology*, ed. David Fergusson and Marcel Sarot (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 2000), 73-87.
- “The Hermeneutics of Difference: Barth and Derrida on Words and the Word,” in *Postmodern Philosophy and Christian Thought*, ed. Merold Westphal (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1999), 91-108.
- “Who’s Afraid of Ludwig Feuerbach? Suspicion and the Religious Imagination,” in *Christian Faith Seeking Historical Understanding: Essays in Honor of H. Jack Forstman*, ed. James O. Duke and Anthony L. Dunnivant (Macon GA: Mercer University Press, 1997), 45-65.
- “The Sociology of Dogmatics: Niklas Luhmann’s Challenge to Theology,” in *Theology and Sociology: A Reader*, new and enlarged ed., ed. Robin Gill (London: Cassell, 1996), 191-208.
- “Modern Culture Comes of Age: Hamann versus Kant on the Root Metaphor of Enlightenment,” in *What Is Enlightenment? Eighteenth-Century Answers and Twentieth-Century Questions*, ed. James Schmidt (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1996), 291-305. This volume also contains my annotated translation of Johann Georg Hamann’s “Letter to Christian Jacob Kraus” (145-53), and my translation of Georg Picht, “What Is Enlightened Thinking?” (368-81).
- “The Crisis of Mainline Christianity and the Liberal Failure of Imagination,” in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (February 1996): 9-18.
- “The Hermeneutic Imperative: Reading the Bible as Scripture,” in *Nederlands Theologisch Tijdschrift* 50 (January 1996): 22-34.
- “Challenging the Religious Studies Canon: Karl Barth’s Theory of Religion,” in *The Journal of Religion* 75 (October 1995): 473-486.
- “Kant As Christian Apologist: The Failure of Accommodationist Theology,” in *Pro Ecclesia* 4 (Summer 1995): 301-17.
- “Rights and Obligations: Liberal Arts Faculty Members Speak Out” [report on AAC project on Preparing Graduate Students for the Professional Responsibilities of College Teachers], *Liberal Education* 79 (Spring 1993): 46.

- “The Gender of God and the Theology of Metaphor,” in *Speaking the Christian God: The Holy Trinity and the Challenge of Feminism*, ed. Alvin F. Kimel, Jr. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1992), 44-64.
- “Imagination,” in *A New Handbook of Christian Theology*, ed. Donald W. Musser and Joseph L. Price (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1992), 248-50.
- “Myth, History, and Imagination: The Creation Narratives in Bible and Theology,” *Horizons in Biblical Theology: An International Dialogue* 12 (December 1990): 19-38, 61-63.
- “‘The Bible As ...’: Fictional Narrative and Scriptural Truth,” in *Scriptural Authority and Narrative Interpretation*, ed. Garrett Green (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987), 79-96.
- “Johann Gottlieb Fichte,” in *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. Mircea Eliade (New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., 1987), 5: 319-20.
- “*Loci Theologici*,” in *The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. Alan Richardson and John Bowden (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1983), 337-38.
- “Reconstructing Christian Theology,” a review essay on *The Theological Imagination*, by Gordon D. Kaufman, *Religious Studies Review* 9 (July 1983): 219-22.
- “On Seeing the Unseen: Imagination in Science and Religion,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science* 16 (March 1981): 15-28.
- “The Mystery of Eberhard Jüngel: A Review of His Theological Program,” *Religious Studies Review* 5 (January 1979): 34-40.
- “Schleiermacher’s Romantic Theory of Religion,” in *Symposium on Romanticism: An Interdisciplinary Meeting*, ed. Pierre Deguise and Rita Terras (New London, CT: Connecticut College, 1977), 29-35.

SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS:

- The Problem of God in Modern Thought*, by Philip Clayton, in *The Journal of Religion* 82 (October 2002): 646-47.
- More Radical Hermeneutics: On Not Knowing Who We Are*, by John D. Caputo, in *Theological Studies* 62 (September 2001): 623-24.
- “Take, Read”: *Scripture, Textuality, and Cultural Practice*, by Wesley A. Kort, in *Theology Today* 55 (January 1999): 590-94.
- The Domestication of Transcendence: How Modern Thinking about God Went Wrong*, by William C. Placher, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 66 (Winter 1998): 964-67.
- Boundaries of Our Habitations: Tradition and Theological Construction*, by Delwin Brown, in *Modern Theology* 12 (July 1996): 379-81.
- Blessed Excess: Religion and the Hyperbolic Imagination*, by Stephen H. Webb, in *Theology Today* 51 (April 1994): 192.
- Revelation and Truth: Unity and Plurality in Contemporary Theology*, by Thomas G. Guarino, in *Theology Today* 51 (October 1994): 490.
- The Spirit of Life: A Universal Affirmation*, by Jürgen Moltmann, in *Commonweal* 121 (14 January 1994): 36.
- Sexual Personae: Art and Decadence from Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson*, by Camille Paglia, in *Interpretation: Journal of Bible and Theology* 47 (April 1993): 176-78.
- How To Read Karl Barth: The Shape of His Theology*, by George Hunsinger, in *Commonweal* 118 (25 October 1991): 618-20.
- On the Way to God: An Exploration into the Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg*, by David P. Polk, in *Religious Studies Review* 17 (January 1991): 52.
- Faith and the Play of Imagination: On the Role of Imagination in Religion*, by David J. Bryant, in *Theology Today* 47 (January 1991): 460-63.
- Faith on Earth: An Inquiry into the Structure of Human Faith*, by H. Richard Niebuhr, in *Theology Today* 47 (October 1990): 308-10.
- An Interpretation of Religion: Human Responses to the Transcendent*, by John Hick, in *Theology Today* 46 (January 1990): 461-62.
- Religious Imagination*, ed. James P. Mackey, in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, 1988, 377-80.

- Kant's Transcendental Idealism: An Interpretation and Defense*, by Henry Allison, in *The Journal of Religion* 66 (January 1986): 115.
- A History of Christian Theology: An Introduction*, by William C. Placher, in *Interpretation* 39 (April 1985): 210-12.
- Universalität Gottes und Relativität der Welt: Theologische Kosmologie im Dialog mit dem amerikanischen Prozeßdenken nach Whitehead*, by Michael Welker, in *Journal of Religion* 63 (January 1983): 90-92.
- The Analogical Imagination: Christian Theology and the Culture of Pluralism*, by David Tracy, in *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science* 17 (December 1982): 419-21.
- Papsttum als ökumenische Frage*, edited by the Arbeitsgemeinschaft ökumenischer Universitätsinstitute, in *Religious Studies Review* 7 (October 1981): 339.
- Atheismus als theologisches Problem: Modelle der Auseinandersetzung in der Theologie der Gegenwart*, by Johann Figl, in *Religious Studies Review* 7 (October 1981): 340.
- Funktion der Religion*, by Niklas Luhmann, in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 19 (December 1980): 445-46.
- Kant's Rational Theology*, by Allen W. Wood, in *Journal of Religion* 60 (April 1980): 218-19.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- A Social History of the South Bronx* (New York: Lincoln Hospital Mental Health Services, Research Division, 1967) [summer job project].
- A Kingdom Not of This World: A Quest for a Christian Ethic of Revolution, With Reference to the Thought of Dostoyevsky, Berdyaev, and Camus*, Stanford Honors Essays in Humanities, no. 8 (Stanford, CA: Stanford University, 1964) [undergraduate honors essay].

LECTURES AND PAPERS:

- "Barth on Beauty: The Ambivalence of Reformed Aesthetics," Karl Barth Society of North America, Toronto, November 2002
- "The Mirror, the Lamp, and the Lens: On the Limits of Imagination," European Society for the Philosophy of Religion, Cambridge (UK), September 2002
- "Feuerbach and the Hermeneutics of Imagination," SBL International Meeting, Berlin, July 2002
- "Are Religions Incommensurable? Reflections on Plurality and the Religious Imagination," Faith and the Religious Imagination: A Theological Symposium, Faculty of Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Louvain, Belgium, March 2001
- "Imagining the Future," Society for the Study of Theology, Edinburgh, Scotland, April 1999.
- "Imagination and Christian Scripture: Responding to the Logic of Other Traditions," Philosophy of Religion Section on "The Notion of 'Scripture' in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Orality, Literacy, and Logic," American Academy of Religion, Orlando, November 1998
- "The Faithful Imagination: Theological Hermeneutics in an Age of Suspicion," The Edward Cadbury Lectures, University of Birmingham, February–March 1998 (eight lectures). Versions of several lectures were also presented at Cambridge University, the University of St. Andrews, and King's College, University of London
- "The Hermeneutics of Difference: Barth and Derrida on Words and the Word," Postmodern Philosophy and Christian Thought: 1997 Faculty Spring Conference in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 1997
- "Who's Afraid of Ludwig Feuerbach? Suspicion and the Religious Imagination," Nineteenth-Century Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November 1996
- "Hermeneutics and Imagination in Theology Today," four lectures delivered to members of the Netherlands School for Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion, May-June 1995
- "Nietzsche's Jesus," Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 1994
- "J. G. Hamann on Sex, Language, and the Bible: An Eighteenth-Century Feminist Hermeneutics?" Society of Biblical Literature, International Meeting, Münster, July 1993
- "Myth, History, and Imagination: Creation in Bible and Theology," First Annual Meeting, Project of Bible & Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 1990
- "Religious Experience and Protective Strategies," Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 1988

“Calvin’s Spectacles: Imagination as the Theological Key to the Inspiration, Unity, and Authority of the Bible,”
Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, 1985

“Metaphor and Imagination in Theology: A Cultural-Linguistic Approach,” Arts, Literature, and Religion Section,
American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 1984

“The Sociology of Dogmatics,” Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion, San
Francisco, 1981

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS:

Chair, Faculty Steering and Conference Committee, Connecticut College, 2003-04

Chair, Nineteenth-Century Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, 2001-06

Member of Steering Committee, SBL Christian Theology and the Bible Group, 1993-2003

Consultant to Department of Religion, Washington and Lee University, May 2002

Chair, Faculty Committee on the Study of Islam, Connecticut College, 1994-97

Participant in the 1996 Calvin College Faculty Summer Seminar in Christian Scholarship on “Postmodern Philosophy
and Christian Thought” (Merold Westphal, director)

The Nancy Batson Nisbet Rash Research Scholar Award for 1999-2000

Participant in 1994 Jerusalem Study Seminar, Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations
(Hartford Seminary) and Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies, Jerusalem

Participant in 1992 NEH Summer Seminar at the Graduate Theological Union on “Church and Society in Nineteenth-
Century Religious Thought” (Claude Welch)

Campus Coordinator of the project on Preparing Graduate Students for the Professional Responsibilities of College
Teachers, Association of American Colleges, 1990-92

Participant in 1989 NEH Summer Seminar at Boston University on “What Is Enlightenment? An Eighteenth-Century
Question and Its Twentieth-Century Implications” (James Schmidt)

Participant in 1987 NEH Summer Institute at Berkeley: A Teacher’s Workshop on the Introductory Course in Religious
Studies

Organizer-convener of session on “The Religious and the Aesthetic in Nineteenth-Century England,” Nineteenth-Century
Theology Group, AAR, New York, 1982

Prepared and taught course in “Theology and Science” under Mellon Foundation grant to Connecticut College, 1978-79

Organizer-convener of symposium on Hans W. Frei’s *Eclipse of Biblical Narrative*, Nineteenth-Century Theology
Group, AAR, Washington, DC, 1974

Editor, *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, vol. 22 (1966-67)

Manuscripts reviewed for *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Zygon*, Oxford
University Press, Trinity University Monograph Series, Mercer University Press

Project reviewer for several NEH fellowship applications

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Philosophical Association
- Nineteenth-Century Theology Group (AAR)
- Duodecim Theological Society
- New Haven Theological Discussion Group
- Karl Barth Society of North America
- Society for the Study of Theology (UK)