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Education:

- Ph.D. 1985 Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California.
Program of Study: Philosophy of Religion and Theology. Dissertation: "*Dominus Deus Novus: An Experiment in the Conception of the Transcendence of God from the Theologies of Karl Barth and Wolfhart Pannenberg*," 423 pages. Dissertation Committee: Jack C. Verheyden, chair; John B. Cobb, Jr.; Joseph C. Hough.
- M.Div. 1975 Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.
Honors Program in Systematic Theology.
- M.A. 1975 Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma.
Concentration in Systematic Theology.
- B.A. 1972 Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma.
Major in Philosophy and Religion.

Academic Interests:

Systematic Theology, especially the doctrine of the Trinity; nineteenth and twentieth century theology, especially the thought of Karl Barth and Søren Kierkegaard; the theology of John Wesley; and nineteenth and twentieth century Continental philosophy of religion and theology.

Honors and Awards:

Beverly Hardcastle Stanford Fellowship, 2011–2012.

Sabbatical, Azusa Pacific University, Spring 2007.

Accomplished Scholar Award, Azusa Pacific University, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Sabbatical, Trevecca Nazarene University, Spring 1989.

President's Award for Distinguished Service: Faculty Member of the Year, Trevecca Nazarene University, 1986.

Conference Award for Excellence in Teaching, Trevecca Nazarene University, 1986.

Faculty Merit Award, Trevecca Nazarene University, 1985.

Claremont Graduate University, University Fellowship, 1976 – 1977.

M.Div. *summa cum laude*, Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1975.

Recipient of the President's Academic Award, Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1975.

M.A. *summa cum laude*, Southern Nazarene University, 1975.

Teaching Experience:

2003 – Professor of Systematic Theology: Azusa Pacific University; Azusa, California.

Extended contract granted: 2008.

1989, 1998, 2006 Adjunct Professor of Theology: Nazarene Theological Seminary; Kansas City, Missouri.

1994 – 2003 Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy: Olivet Nazarene University; Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Extended contract granted 1998.

1991 – 1992 Adjunct Professor: Vanderbilt Divinity School; Nashville, Tennessee.

1981 – 1994 Professor of Philosophy and Theology: Trevecca Nazarene University; Nashville, Tennessee.

Tenure granted: 1988.

1977 – 1979 Professor of Philosophy and Theology: Point Loma Nazarene University; San Diego, California (undergraduate and graduate courses in philosophy and theology).

1974 – 1975 Assistant to Dr. J. Kenneth Grider, Professor of Theology: Nazarene Theological Seminary; Kansas City, Missouri.

1973 – 1975 Teaching Internship: Nazarene Theological Seminary; Kansas City, Missouri.

University Courses Taught in the Last Five Years:

Syllabi available upon request.

Christian Ethics from a Wesleyan Perspective
Contemporary Christian Thought
Senior Seminar: Theology and Social Issues
Systematic Theology I
Systematic Theology II
Theology and the Christian Life—Honors
The Theology of John Wesley
Theologies of Liberation
Topics in Theology: The Theology of Karl Barth
Topics in Theology: Kierkegaard

Professional Organizations and Activities:

I am a member of the American Academy of Religion, the International Søren Kierkegaard Society, the North American Karl Barth Society, the Wesleyan Philosophical Society, and the Wesleyan Theological Society. I presented an “invited paper” at the 2010 annual meeting of the Wesleyan Philosophical Society. I have served as Promotional Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Wesleyan Theological Society. I planned and helped implement the 2005 annual meeting of the WTS, held in Seattle, Washington. I was invited to be one of two respondents to the full range of papers and discussions at a three day conference chiefly of graduate students on the relationship between theology and the church, held at Vanderbilt Divinity School, January 2005. I am a participant in the Wesleyan Holiness Study Project, a group of scholars and other leaders of major Wesleyan Holiness denominations, whose mission is to promote the concerns of the movement. I was one of eight members of a committee that envisaged, planned and implemented the first Global Theology Conference of the Church of the Nazarene, held April 4 – 7, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala; a conference of 300 participants from North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. I am a member of “Theological Dialogue,” composed of two dozen academics, pastors, and administrators of the Church of the Nazarene who gather periodically to address matters of importance for the future of the church. I have been and will continue to be a member of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, a two week conference held every five years at Oxford University, Oxford, England. I was co-chair of the Systematic Theology Working Group at the 2007 Oxford Institute.

Scholarly Publications and Professional Papers:

Sanctity: Standing Up to the Coming of God. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

After Crucifixion: The Promise of Theology. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

Response to “Panel Discussion [Peter Kline, Bruce McCormack, Christina Smerick] of Craig Keen, *The Transgression of the Integrity of God and Other Essays.*” Wesleyan Theological Society, Nashville, Tennessee, March 3, 2012.

The Transgression of the Integrity of God and Other Essays. Edited by Thomas Bridges and Nathan Kerr. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2012. [Click here to view the book.](#)

“Wade in the Water: Improper Performances.” Explorations in Theology and the Apocalyptic: The Gospel of Mark. American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, California, November 19, 2011.

“Jean-Luc Marion.” Article for the *New Dictionary of Theology.* Westmont, Illinois: Intervarsity Press, forthcoming.

“Arianism,” “Anthropology, Theological,” “Creeds, the (Nicene, Chalcedon, Apostle’s, Athanasian),” and “Incarnation.” In *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology.* Edited by Al Truesdale, et al. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press. Expected publication date: 2011.

“Say Whatever Is Given You at that Time: The Impropriety of the Church as Body and Witness.” Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination, San Diego, California, March 26, 2010.

Panel Discussion: A Response to Michael Eric Dyson, with Maria Pilar Aquino, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of San Diego, San Diego, California; William T. Cavanaugh, School of Theology, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota; Emmanuel Katongole, Center for Reconciliation, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina; and, of course, Michael Eric Dyson, University Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University. Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination, San Diego, California, March 26, 2010.

“On Teaching the Dead to Praise God.” With Nathan Kerr. Wesleyan Theological Society, Azusa, California, March 5, 2010.

“Prelude to the Resurrection of the Flesh: Speaking of Bodies.” Wesleyan Philosophical Society, Azusa, California, March 4, 2010.

“What Becomes of Community, the Neighbor, and the Dispossessed [in Process Theism: A Critical Response]?” In *The Promise and Peril of Process Theism* (working title). Edited by Al Truesdale. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2010.

“Deferral: A Response to John D. Caputo’s *The Weakness of God.*” In *I More Than Others: Responses to Evil and Suffering.* Edited by Eric Severson. Newcastle on Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010.

“‘I am the Lord and There Is No Other’: The Allure of ‘Faith Integration’ and ‘My Lord and My God’: The Allure of ‘Excellence.’” Gould Holiness Lectures. Eastern Nazarene College. Quincy, Massachusetts, March 31 – April 3, 2009.

“Spiritual Idolatry” and “Assurance.” In the *Wesley Study Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.

“Deferral: A Response to John D. Caputo’s *The Weakness of God*.” Wesleyan Philosophical Society, Anderson, Indiana, March 5, 2009.

“Holy, Holy, Holy: The World Need Not Have Been.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 44, Number 1 (Spring, 2009).

“Do Not Fear What They Fear: The Logos of the Hope That Is in You.” The Grandeur of Reason: Religion, Tradition, and Universalism, a Conference sponsored by Nottingham University’s Centre of Theology and Philosophy, Rome, Italy, September 1 – 4, 2008.

“Working Out the Body and Blood of Christ on the Eighth Day of Creation: Toward a Martyr-Ecclesiology.” 12th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Christ Church College, Oxford University, 2007.

“Thinking the Wounds of the Lamb.” Wesleyan Theological Society, 2007.

“The Root from Which They Spring: Presidential Address.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 42, Number 1 (Spring, 2007).

“After Crucifixion: Unhanding Metaphysics in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.” Belief and Metaphysics, a Conference sponsored by Nottingham University’s Centre of Theology and Philosophy, Granada, Spain, September 15 – 18, 2006.

Presidential Address. Wesleyan Theological Society, Kansas City, Missouri, March 4, 2006.

“Toward a Theology of Work.” Faith, Hope, and Work Conference, San Diego, February 9 – 11, 2006.

“The Resurrection of the Body: Martyrdom and the Hallowing of the Flesh.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 40, Number 1 (Spring, 2005).

“The Holy Spirit.” In *Articles of Faith: What Nazarenes Believe and Why*. Edited by Gay Leonard. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2005.

“Tribute to H. Ray Dunning.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 39, Number 2 (Fall 2004).

Respondent to John Milbank, *Being Reconciled*. American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

“The Resurrection of the Body: Martyrdom and the Hallowing of the Flesh.” Wesleyan Theological Society, 2004.

“Tribute to H. Ray Dunning,” Wesleyan Theological Society, 2004.

Respondent to John Milbank, “The Gift of Ruling: Secularization and Political Authority,” Azusa Pacific University, 2003.

“Toward a Theology of Nature.” 11th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Christ Church College, Oxford University, 2002.

“Whom Shall I Send? The Nature of Power and the Nature of Love.” Wesleyan Theological Society, 2002.

“The Transgression of the Integrity of God: The Trinity and the Hallowing of the Flesh.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 36, Number 1 (Spring, 2001).

“The Transgression of the Integrity of God: The Trinity and the Hallowing of the Flesh.” Wesleyan Theological Society, 2000.

“The Human Person as Intercessory Prayer.” In *Embodied Holiness: Toward a Corporate Theology of Spiritual Growth*. Edited by Samuel M. Powell and Michael E. Lodahl. Intervarsity Press, 1999.

“Late Again: A Little Exposition of the Labors of Jackie Derrida.” Wesleyan Theological Society, 1999.

“*Homo Precarius*: Prayer in the Image and Likeness of God.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 33 (Spring, 1998).

“The Theological Meaning of Humanness.” A Consultation on . . . the Wesleyan Tradition and the Natural Sciences, 1998.

“The Human Person As Communal Prayer.” 10th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Somerville College, Oxford University, 1997.

“Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise: A Trinitarian Eschatology of the Human Person.” What Happens to “Person” in a Postmodern Era, a conference presented by The Wesleyan Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, 1997.

“Stanley Hauerwas’s “The Sanctified Body: Why Perfection Does Not Require a ‘Self: A Response to His Keynote Address.” What Happens to “Person” in a Postmodern Era, a conference presented by The Wesleyan Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, 1997.

“*Homo Precarius*.” Wesleyan Theological Society, 1996.

“Is Thine Heart Right, As My Heart Is With Thy Heart? If It Be, Give Me Thine Hand.” Faith, Learning, and Living Conference, 1996.

“Education As the Sanctification of the Mind: An Excursus From Mark 12:30 and Back Again” in a Festschrift to Rob Staples, forthcoming.

“A Review of Wolfhart Pannenberg’s *Systematic Theology*.” Wesleyan Theological Society, 1993.

“The Wind’s Eye.” Nazarene Theology Conference, 1992.

“Method.” A Consultation on . . . the Wesleyan Tradition and the Natural Sciences, 1991.

“They Also Serve Who Only Stand and Wait.” Breckenridge Consultation on Ministerial Preparation, 1990.

“(The) Church and (the) Culture. A Little Reflection on the *Assumptio Carnis*.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 24 (1989).

Other Presentations in the Last Five Years:

Speaker, Senior Chapel, Azusa Pacific University, November 2012.

Panel Member, Common Day of Learning, Azusa Pacific University, March 2010.

Speaker, Chapel, Justice Week, Azusa Pacific University, September 2009.

Speaker, Senior Chapel, Azusa Pacific University, April 2009.

Address, Senior Convocation, Azusa Pacific University, May 2008.

Speaker, Liturgical Chapel, Azusa Pacific University, April 2008.

Religious Affiliation:

Church of the Nazarene
Member, Mountainside Communion, Monrovia, California
Pastor: Josh Smith
Ordained: June 15, 1995

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