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## Degrees

| Ph.D. Sy | ystematic 🛛 | Гheology,  | Princeton   | Theologica | al Seminary, | , 1986 |
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|          | Enteri      | ing Doctor | ral Fellows | ship       |              |        |

Th.M. Doctrinal Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1978

M.Div. (summa cum laude) Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1977

M.A. Church History (magna cum laude), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1977 T. B. Madsen Award for Master's Thesis

B.A. Philosophy (magna cum laude), Wheaton College, 1973

## **Academic Positions**

| 2003     | – Profes        | sor of Theology<br>Azusa Pacific University   |
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| 2006     | — Affilia       | te Professor<br>Fuller Theological Seminary   |
| 1989     | 2003 Profes     | sor of Theology<br>Wheaton College (IL)   |
| 1986     | -89 Assis       | tant Professor of Philosophy and Chaplain<br>Jamestown College (ND)                 |
| 1982     | -86 Instru      | ictor of Philosophy and Religion<br>Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green, KY) |
| 1979     | -81 Teach       | ing Fellow<br>Princeton Theological Seminary  |
| Ecclesia | stical Position | 15  |
| 2013     | – Canor         | n Theologian to Bishop Todd Hunter, C4SO Diocese, ACNA                              |
| 2009     | 10 Parish       | Associate<br>St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA                    |
| 2007     | 7-09 Design     | nated Co-Pastor Part-time<br>St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA    |
| 2003     | -07 Parish      | Associate<br>St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA                    |
| 1994     | -2003 Parish    | Associate<br>First Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellyn, IL                              |

| 1984-86 | Parish Associate                           |
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|         | The Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, KY |
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1980-82 Seminary Assistant Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, NJ

#### **Ordination to the Priesthood**

Anglican Church in North Americas, 12 August 2012

# Ordination to Transitional Deacon

Anglican Mission in the Americas, 21 August 2011

Ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments Presbyterian Church (USA), January 1, 1984 – July 2011

## **Oblation with the Order of St. Benedict**

Blue Cloud Abbey (Marvin, SD), April 30, 1989; now with St. Andrews (Valyermo, CA)

## **Professional Awards**

APU Undergraduate Scholarly Achievement Award for 2019

Templeton Grant (co-recepient) to team teach an interdisciplinary course (with Mark Amstutz and P.J. Hill) entitled "Freedom: Theory and Practice" during the Fall 1999 semester.

PEW Evangelical Scholars Research Grant, 1996-97 ("The seven deadly sins in early ascetic theology and its relevance for a Christian account of healthy living in today's therapeutic culture")

Junior Teacher of the Year, Wheaton College, 1991-92

## Publications

#### Books

- LEARNING THEOLOGY THROUGH THE CHURCH'S WORSHIP: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN BELIEF. Baker Academic, 2018.
- DANGEROUS PASSIONS, DEADLY SINS: LEARNING FROM THE PSYCHOLOGY OF ANCIENT MONKS. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2014. (Also published in Lithuanian, 2018.)
- MONK HABITS FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: BENEDICTINE SPIRITUALITY FOR PROTESTANTS. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2007. (Finalist in the 2007 ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Award.)
- EVANGELICALS AND SCRIPTURE: TRADITION, AUTHORITY, AND HERMENEUTICS. Coedited with Vincent Bacote and Laura Miguelez. InterVarsity Press, 2003.
- A FAMILY OF FAITH. Co-author with Timothy Phillips. Baker, 2001. [First edition entitled WELCOME TO THE FAMILY: AN INTRODUCTION TO EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY. Baker, 1996.]
- THE GOSPEL IN BLACK AND WHITE: THEOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR RACIAL RECONCILIATION. Editor. InterVarsity Press, 1998.
- THE NATURE OF CONFESSION: EVANGELICALS AND POST-LIBERALS IN CONVERSATION. Co-editor with Timothy Phillips. InterVarsity Press, 1996. [Selected by *Christianity Today* as one of the best 25 books of the year.]
- FOUR VIEWS ON SALVATION IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD. Co-editor with Timothy Phillips. Zondervan, 1996. [Originally entitled MORE THAN ONE WAY?]

- CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS IN A POSTMODERN WORLD. Co-editor with Timothy Phillips. InterVarsity, 1995. [Also published in Romanian, 2007.]
- INVITATION TO PHILOSOPHY: ISSUES AND OPTIONS. Co-author with Stanley Honer, Thomas Hunt, and John Safford. Tenth edition. Wadsworth Publishing Co., 2005. [Translated into Turkish and Chinese as well.]

#### Articles, chapters

- "The Dead Are Raised but How and Why? Conversations with the Church's Fathers and Mothers of the First Five Centuries" in Alonzo L. Gaskill and Robert L. Millet, eds., *Life Beyond the Grave: Christian Interfaith Perspectives*. Brigham Young University and Deseret Book Company, 2019.
- "What Is Christianity?" In J. Spencer Fluhman and Brent L. Top, eds., *Let Us Reason Together: Essays in Honor of the Life's Work of Robert L. Millet.* Provo and Salt Lake City: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, Neal A. Maxwell Institute for Religious Scholarship, and Deseret Book Company, 2016.
- "Apologetics as if People Matter." In *Talking Doctrine: The Mormon-Evangelical Dialogue After Fifteen Years*. Eds. Robert Millet and Richard Mouw. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2015.
- Articles for the ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport. Rowan and Littlefield, 2015.
- "Staying Put to Get Somewhere." Christian Reflection, October 2013.
- Articles for the DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY. Gen. Ed. Glen G. Scorgie. Zondervan, 2010.
- "Raising Issues in the Discussion of Pluralism." In EVANGELICAL INTERFAITH DIALOGUE. Spring 2010.
- "Reformed Ecclesiology: 'The Community of Christ.'" In THEOLOGY MATTERS. Jan/Feb 2009.
- "Augustine." In A RELIGION/SCIENCE PRIMER. Edited by Heidi A. Campbell and Heather Looy. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009.
- "Envy: The Silent Killer." In THE AMERICAN BENEDICTINE REVIEW. 59:2 (June 2008).
- "What's So Important about the Trinity." In THEOLOGY MATTERS. May/June 2007.
- "Postliberal Theology." In GLOBAL DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGY. Edited by William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2007.
- "Being Human." In THEOLOGICAL DRIFTS: CONFRONTING CLICHES THAT CRIPPLE THE CHURCH." Presbyterians for Renewal, 2007.
- "Church History: Surrounded by a Great Cloud of Witnesses." In CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: CHRISTIAN CALLING. Edited by Steven Wilkens, Paul Shier, and Ralph Martin. Lanham, MD: AltaMira Press, 2005.
- "The Fundamental Dispensation of Evangelical Ecclesiology." In THE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD. Edited by Mark Husbands and Dan Treier. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005.

- "The Uneasy Evangelical: Alister McGrath on Postliberalism." In ALISTER E. McGRATH AND EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY: A DYNAMIC ENGAGEMENT. Edited by Sung Wook Chung. Baker, 2003.
- "Robert Webber." In THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN: WORSHIP AND MINISTRY IN THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY. Edited by Todd E. Johnson. Brazos, 2002.
- "More Than One Way? Affirming the Uniqueness of Christ's Person and Word in a Pluralistic Culture." In THEOLOGY MATTERS, January/February 2002.

Articles for the DICTIONARY OF EVANGELICAL THEOLOGY. Baker, 2001.

"Rx for Gluttony." In CHRISTIANITY TODAY, 4 September 2000.

- "To Vent or Not to Vent: What Contemporary Psychology Can Learn about Anger from Ascetic Theology." In THE CARE OF THE SOUL. Edited by Timothy Phillips and Mark McMinn. InterVarsity Press, 2001.
- "I Don't Think We're in Kansas Anymore, Toto! Postmodernism in Our Everyday Lives." In THEOLOGY MATTERS, July/August 2000.
- "Being Stuffed and Being Fulfilled." In LIMNING THE PSYCHE: EXPLORATIONS IN CHRISTIAN PSYCHOLOGY. Edited by Robert C. Roberts and Mark R. Talbot. Eerdmans, 1998.
- "Gluttony: Thought for Food." AMERICAN BENEDICTINE REVIEW 49.1 (March 1998).
- Articles on prayer and spirituality in EVANGELICAL DICTIONARY OF BIBLICAL THEOLOGY. Baker, 1996.
- "On Gluttony: Only God Will Satisfy Our Hunger." THE BANNER. 11 December 1995.
- Articles for the TOPICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP, 7 volumes. Abbot-Martyn Press, 1994-95.
- Articles for the NEW DICTIONARY OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY Inter-Varsity Press, 1995.
- "Will the Bell Be Heard Above the Roar?" In THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN BENEDICTINE ACADEMY CONVENTION, AUGUST 8-11, 1990, YANKTON, SD. Edited by Renee Branigan, OSB. Mott, ND: Eido Printing, 1991.
- "Defending the Cause of the Christian Church: Karl Barth's Justification of War," CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS' REVIEW 16.2 (January, 1987).
- "Biblical Inspiration and Infallibility in the Writings of Archibald Alexander," TRINITY JOURNAL 5 (1976).

Occasional book reviews, such as in Books and Culture and VII: An Anglo-American Literary Review.

#### **Papers Presented**

"The Passionlessness that Makes Love Possible: Praying against the Demons with Evagrius of Pontus," Fuller Theological Seminary, 11 April 2016.

- "The Dead Are Raised But How and Why? Conversations with the Church's Fathers and Mothers of the First Five Centuries," BYU Conference: "Beyond the Grave," 18 March 2016.
- "Dangerous Passions and an *Authentic* Christian Psychology" and "The Virtues of Being a Christian: Patience, Humility, and Chastity," Point Loma Nazarene, 4 February 2016.
- "Dangerous Passions," "Liturgical Ophthalmology," "Getting into Character"; Distinguished Lecture Series, Bethel Seminary (San Diego), 19-20 April 2012.
- "Reformed Ecclesiology: 'The Community of Jesus,'" Presbyterian Coalition Gathering, October, 2008.
- "Confessing Christ in a Pluralistic World," Word and Spirit Conference, University of Dubuque, May 2001.
- "St. Benedict and Living in the World," Benedictine Oblate Directors' Conference at St. Meinrad's, 28 July 1997.
- "To Vent or Not to Vent: What Ascetic Theology Can Teach Contemporary Psychology About Anger," Wheaton Theology Conference, 13 April 1997. [to be published as a chapter in a book in 1999]
- Response to Gayle Gerber Koontz on "Peace and Religious Pluralism: Particularity in Perspective," Evanston meeting of the American Theological Society, 27 October 1995.
- Response to John Hesselink on "John Calvin on the Law and Christian Freedom," North Park Seminary, 14 October 1995.
- "Gluttony: Thought for Food," Wheaton College (PEW funded "think tank"), June 1994.
- "Culture against Christ," Evangelical Theological Society, San Francisco, November 1992.
- Address to faculty of Marmion Academy (Aurora) on a spirituality of education, 23 August 1991.
- "Learning to Listen: A Protestant Encounters the Way of Benedict," Marmion Abbey, 4 August 1991.
- Response to Colin Brown on "The Old Testament, Apologetics, and the Christian Faith," Wheaton College, 6 December 1990.
- "Will the Bell Be Heard above the Roar?" Response to Patrick G. Henry on "The Ground Swell's Bell over the Ebbing Sea's Roar: The Sound of Monasticism in Our Time," American Benedictine Academy, Mount Marty College (South Dakota), August, 1990.
- "St. Benedict: Seeker of God," Academic Dean's Convocation, William Penn College, January, 1989.
- "Defending the Cause of the Christian Church: Karl Barth's Justification of War," Conference on Religion and Political Activism, University of Southern Mississippi, April, 1984.
- Response to Mark Noll on "The Common Sense Tradition and American Evangelical Theology," Annual Philosophy Conference, Wheaton College, October, 1983.

## **Professional Associations**

Christian Scholar's Review (Associate editor, Theology, 2001-06) American Benedictine Academy (also Board member, 2000-04, 2010-14) American Academy of Religion

#### **College Courses Taught**

Liturgical Theology; Theology and the Christian Life; Systematic Theology; Advanced Systematic Theology (Calvin and Schleiermacher Seminars); The Nature and Ministry of the Church; Creation and Providence; Theological Anthropology; Theological Ethics; Theology of Culture; Christian Apologetics; Senior Seminar on "Friendship"; Introduction to Old Testament; Introduction to New Testament; History of Christianity; Church History Seminar in "Paleopsychology"; Christian Theology; The Christian Faith; Christian Thought; Religion in Contemporary America; "The Habit of Monks" (Western Monasticism); Monasticism and Medieval Theology; The Reformation; Freedom: Theory and Practice; Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Critical Thinking; Ancient and Medieval Philosophy; Modern Philosophy; Philosophical Ethics; "The Enlightenment"; "Wheaton in the Holy Lands."

## Other Courses Taught

"Christology and Soteriology" for Young Life Training Institute, Colorado Springs, CO each winter since 2015.

"Benedictine Spirituality" at Regent College, Vancouver, B.C.

"Systematic Theology" (ST 501, ST 502, ST 503); "Church History" (CH500) "Narrative Theology" (TH 521) at Fuller Theological Seminary, Irvine Campus.

Courses at Nile Theological College, Khartoum, Sudan (including "Ecclesiology and Eschatology," "Contextualized Theology," and "Christian Apologetics" – four separate summers).

Four-week post-graduate seminar (co-taught) on Christology and Soteriology at Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya.

One-week seminar on Prolegomena at Emanuel University, Oradea, Romania.

"The Non-negotiables" and "Introduction to the New Testament" at Harvest Bible Church (Rolling Meadows, IL).

"Christian Spirituality"; "Discovering our Religious Heritage: The Roots of Liberalism and Conservatism"; "Authority in the Church." (All for CHARIS, an ecumenical organization operating out of Concordia College, Moorhead, MN.)

"The Liberal Tradition" (at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School).

#### Service to the Church and World

Have taught in Sudan (four times), Kenya, and Romania. Serve the Anglican Church in North America Preach or teach many Sundays in area churches Speak to church youth, conferences, Young Life, etc.