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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012-present	Dean, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute Professor of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary & University
2012 (Jan.-June)	Associate Dean of Academic Operations (interim), North Park Theological Seminary
2010-2011	Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Programs, North Park Theological Seminary
2008-2012	Professor of Theology and Ethics, North Park Theological Seminary
2004-2008	Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics, North Park Theological Seminary
2001-2004	Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics, North Park Theological Seminary
1999-2001	Assistant Professor of Religion, Lambuth University
1995-99	Pastor, Brookland-Brooksdale United Methodist Charge, Roxboro, North Carolina (served on Conference Commission for Christian Unity)
1993-95	Pastor, Efland United Methodist Church, Efland, North Carolina
1991-93	Assistant Pastor, Orange United Methodist Church (half time), Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Ordained Elder, North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Course of Study School Instructor, Duke, Candler, Garrett, 1991-2004, 2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion, 1999
M.Div.	Nazarene Theological Seminary, <i>summa cum laude</i> , 1988
B.A.	MidAmerica Nazarene College, <i>summa cum laude</i> , 1984

Institute for Management and Leadership in Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education (2017)

HONORS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Fellow of the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning

John Wesley Fellow, A Foundation for Theological Education, 1993

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Series advisory editor, *From the Side of Christ: A Biblical Theology of the Sacraments* (Baker Academic)

Comprehensive Evaluation Visitor, Association of Theological Schools Commission on Accrediting (2016, 2019)

Society of Biblical Literature

Society of Christian Ethics

Co-convenor of Liturgy and Ethics Interest Group (2010-present)

Co-convenor of Scripture and Ethics Interest Group (2005-2010)

Co-editor of Wesleyan Doctrine Series (Cascade Press)

The Ekklesia Project Coordinator (2004–2015)

Board Member, The Liturgical Conference (2009-2015)

Full Communion Partner representative (United Methodist Church) to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Ethicists Meetings (2 year term, 2011-12)

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books:

1. *I Pod, YouTube, Wii Play: Theological Engagements with Entertainment*, (Cascade Press, 2012).
2. *God Does Not* (Brazos Press, 2009). Conceived and edited this collection, and wrote the chapters “God Does All Things Well” and “God Does Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”
3. *God Is Not* (Brazos Press, 2004). Conceived and edited this collection, and wrote the Introduction and “God Is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic.”

B. Essays in Journals (Refereed or Invited):

1. “‘But If ... by the Spirit of God’: Reading Matthew’s Lord’s Prayer as Spirit Christology,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 12.1 (2018): 24-38.
2. “Worship and Ethics: A Selected Bibliography,” with David Bjorlin, *Studia Liturgica* 43.1 (2013): 169-88.
3. “Liturgy and Entertainment,” *Liturgy* 28.3 (2013): 1-6. Guest editor for this special issue focused on “Worship and Entertainment.”
4. “We Won! Figuring Jabbok as Liturgy,” *Liturgy* 28.2 (2013): 31-38.

5. "Can Worship Be Ethics, or Will Only Liturgy Do?" *Doxology* 27 (2010): 56-76.
6. "Let Us Pray: Classroom Worship in Theological Education," *Teaching Theology and Religion* 13.2 (April, 2010): 110-24.
7. "You Can Do It: The Fantasy of Self-Creation and Redemption in *Pleasantville*," *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture* 5.1 (Winter, 2009): 33-51.
8. "Protecting God," *Ex Auditu* 24 (2008): 192-95.
9. "'So As Not to Be Estranged': Creation Spirituality and Wendell Berry," *The Covenant Quarterly* 66.1 (February, 2008): 38-47. Originally published at *The Other Journal.com: An Intersection of Theology and Culture* (online) issue 8 (October, 2006).
10. "Interpretation on the Way to Emmaus: Jesus Performs His Story," *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 1.1 (2007): 101-15.
11. "'Not Sven and Ole Stories': In Communion We Tell and Indwell God's Story," *Covenant Quarterly*, 64.1-3 (Feb-Aug, 2006): 29-46.
12. "God's Politics Is (the Politics of) Jesus," *Covenant Quarterly* 63.3 (August, 2005): 30-33.
13. "Theology Goes to the Movies: Screening *Billy Elliot*," *Covenant Quarterly* 63.2 (May, 2005): 3-15.
14. "Worshiping the Decalogue's God," *Liturgy* 20.1 (2005): 61-66.
15. "The Narrative Shape of Scriptural Authority: Plotting Pentecost," *Ex Auditu* 19 (2003): 97-119.
16. "Response to Green," *Ex Auditu* 18 (2002): 24-28.

C. Chapters in Books and Dictionary Articles:

1. "Introduction," co-authored with Pat Fosarelli, in Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson, Christopher W. Skinner, and Drew J. Strait, eds., *Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission* (Eerdmans, 2021).
2. "Scripture and Christian Ethics: Embodying Pentecost," in Michael Gorman, ed., *Scripture and Its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible* (Baker, 2017), 353-64.
3. "Risking Grace: The Wesleyan Gamble on Scripture," in Joel Green and David Watson, eds., *The Word Written on Our Hearts: Wesley and Wesleyans on Scripture* (Baylor University Press, 2012), 179-93.
4. "Narrative Ethics – Contemporary," in Joel Green, Jacqueline Lapsley, Rebekah Miles, and Allen Verhey, eds., *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics* (Baker Academic, 2011).
5. "The Church as Fellowship of Believers," Paul Koptak, et al, *Covenant Affirmations* (Covenant Publications, 2010).
6. "The Membership Includes the Dead: Wendell Berry's Membership as *Communio Sanctorum*," in Joel Shuman and Roger Owens, eds., *Wendell Berry and Religion: Heaven's Earthly Life*, (University of Kentucky Press, 2009), 173-89.
7. "Stephen's Storied Witness to Jesus," in *The Courage to Bear Witness*, ed. L. Ed Phillips (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2009).
8. "Time for Hope: *The Sixth Sense*, *American Beauty*, *Memento*, and *Twelve Monkeys*," in Emily Griesinger and Mark Eaton, eds., *The Gift of Story: Narrating Hope in a Postmodern World* (Baylor University Press, 2006), 69-83.

D. Selected Popular Publications:

1. "Living by the Word," *Christian Century* 134.11 (May 24, 2017): 20-21.
2. "Clothe the Naked," in Nadia Stefkó, et al., *Embodying Care: The Works of Mercy and Care of Creation* [Pamphlet 21 in the Renewing Radical Discipleship series of Ekklesia Pamphlets, edited by Joel Shuman] (Eugene, 2015).
3. Bimonthly blogger for "Conversations" section of Catalystresources.org. (2013-2015)
4. "Membered and Remembered," *Christian Reflection* 51 (Baylor, 2014): 27-34.
5. *The Taste of Discipleship: Cultivating the Flavor of Faithfulness* [Pamphlet 17 in the Renewing Radical Discipleship series of Ekklesia Pamphlets, edited by Joel Shuman] (Eugene, 2012).
6. "Living by the Word," *Christian Century* (November 30, 2010), 20-21.
7. "Loyalty Oath," *Christian Century* 122: 14 (July 12, 2005): 9-10.

E. Recent Reviews:

1. *Being Human in God's World: An Old Testament Theology of Humanity*, J. Gordon McConville. *Interpretation* 72.4 (2018): 451.
2. *Field Hospital: The Church's Engagement with a Wounded World*, William Cavanaugh. *Interpretation* 72.1 (2018): 97.
3. *No More Irrelevant Jesus*, Gerhard Lohfink. *Pro Ecclesia* 25.4 (Fall, 2016): 498-502.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

1. "The 'Since' of an Ending: The Substance of Things Hoped For in Hebrews 11-12 and the 25 Articles of Religion," Wesley Theological Society, March 16, 2019.
2. "Is Spirit Christology in 2 Corinthians Orthodox?" Nov. 3, 2016, Luther Theological Southern Seminary.
3. "From Strangers to Friends: Celebrating the Spirit of Vatican II," Open Windows Festival, St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, October 25, 2015
4. "Food Systems, Food Justice," Awake and Arise: Congregations Restoring Creation Retreat of the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council, October 22, 2015
5. "Online Communion: Theological and Ecclesial Considerations," Wesleyan/Methodist Ethics Group, Society of Christian Ethics, January 9, 2015
6. "iPod, YouTube, We Pray? Pop Culture Meets Christian Formation," the Betenbough Homes Lectures on Youth & Family Ministry, Lubbock Christian University, November 6-7, 2014
7. "Post-Tenure Adjustments: Service," Association of Theological Schools Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty, March 14-16, 2014
8. "WWJD on Facebook?" World Catholicism Week 2013, DePaul University, April 18, 2013.
9. "Go and Do Likewise: Best Teaching Practices Relating Worship and Ethics in Introductory Ethics Courses," presentation and workshop for the Liturgy and Ethics interest group, Society of Christian Ethics, January 7, 2011.
10. "Four Complimentary Complaints about *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas's 70th Birthday*," panel presentation, Society of Christian Ethics, January 7, 2011.
11. "Wrestling Jacob for Joseph's Britches: Whose Story Are We Singing?" Liturgy and

Ethics Conference, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, April 13, 2010.

12. "Teaching Theology through Film," Marquette University, March 9, 2010.
13. "Honor Codes and Virtue Ethics," presentation to the Faculty Development Seminar on Moral Formation across the Curriculum at King's College, October 13, 2008.
14. Panelist for screening of "Bonhoeffer" (Doblemeier), sponsored by *The Christian*
15. "Community of the Commandments: Ten Words of Life against a Culture of Death," Church and Culture Conference, Eugene, Oregon, February 20-22, 2004.

CURRENT PROJECTS

2 Corinthians. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible series, Brazos Press.

COURSES TAUGHT

Christian Theology	Virtue and Digital Discipleship
Christian Ethics	Food and Faith (co-taught, Jewish-Christian Studies)
Christian Worship	Thought of Wendell Berry
Survey of Christian Doctrine	Theological Anthropology
Theological Method	Thought of Stanley Hauerwas
Christian Tradition	Theology and Film
Contemporary Theology	Ten Commandments
Modern Theology	Triune God of Scripture
Person and Sacrament	Reading Scripture
Church and Sacrament	Theological Interpretation of Scripture
Ecclesiology	Judaism and Islam
Church as Missional Minority	Religion and Film
N.T. Wright on the Cross	Virtue and Vice
Lord's Prayer	United Methodist Theology and Doctrine
Early and Medieval Church History	
Entertainment and Theology	
God	

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Gardening, Movies, Woodworking, Cooking