

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

1973-77	B.A.	Calvin College (majors: history [with honors], Greek, philosophy)
1977-80	M.Div.	Calvin Theological Seminary
1980-84	Ph.D.	Yale University (Department of Religious Studies) Dissertation: "Pre-existence, Kenosis, and the Incarnation of Jesus Christ" (Director: David H. Kelsey)

Professional Experience

1984-92	Instructor and Assistant Professor of Theology, Marquette University
1990-92	Assistant Chairperson, Department of Theology, Marquette University
1992-95	Associate Professor of Systematic and Philosophical Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary
1992-2013	Director of Doctoral Studies, Calvin Theological Seminary
2011-13	Dean of Academic Programs, Calvin Theological Seminary
2013-19	Academic Dean, Calvin Theological Seminary
1995-	Professor of Systematic and Philosophical Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary
2021-	Director of PhD Studies, Calvin Theological Seminary

Areas of Professional Training and Teaching

General: Systematic and philosophical theology
Special: Theological prolegomena; doctrines of God, Christ, and salvation; contemporary theology; Anglo-American philosophical theology; the theology of Karl Barth; forgiveness and reconciliation; pedagogy

Selected Publications

1988	"Natural Theology, Epistemic Parity, and Unbelief." <i>Modern Theology</i> 5 (October 1988): 1-12.
1988	"Reassessing the Thought of Reinhold Niebuhr." <i>Calvin Theological Journal</i> 23 (November 1988): 142-60.

- 1989 *Trinity, Incarnation, and Atonement: Philosophical and Theological Essays*. Edited by Ronald J. Feenstra and Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. Library of Religious Philosophy, vol. 1. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1989.
- 1989 “Reconsidering Kenotic Christology.” In *Trinity, Incarnation, and Atonement: Philosophical and Theological Essays*, 128-52.
- 1990 “Pre-existence and Personal Identity.” *Logos: Philosophic Issues in Christian Perspective* 11 (1990): 127-42.
- 1991 “God and the Moral Community.” In *Ethics Across the Curriculum: The Marquette Experience*, ed. Robert B. Ashmore and William C. Starr, 145-56. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 1991.
- 1994 “Christianity and Racism.” In *Breaking Down the Barriers: A Conference on Racism*, 7-14. Conference Report for the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada, 1994.
- 1997 “Incarnation.” In *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Philip L. Quinn and Charles Taliaferro, 532-40. Blackwell Companions to Philosophy. Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1997.
- 1998 “Calvin, John.” In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward Craig. London and New York: Routledge, 1998.
- 1998 “Reprobation.” In *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward Craig. London and New York: Routledge, 1998.
- 2000 “Barth, Karl.” In *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians*, ed. Patrick W. Carey and Joseph T. Lienhard, 52-56. Westport, CT and London: Greenwood Press, 2000.
- 2000 “Calvin, John.” In *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Theologians*, ed. Patrick W. Carey and Joseph T. Lienhard, 109-13. Westport, CT and London: Greenwood Press, 2000.
- 2006 “A Kenotic Christological Method for Understanding the Divine Attributes.” In *Exploring Kenotic Christology: The Self-Emptying of God*, ed. C. Stephen Evans, 139-64. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.
- 2007 “The Trinity.” In *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Paul Copan and Chad Meister, 535-44. London and New York: Routledge, 2007.

- 2010 “Trinity.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Philosophical Theology*, ed. Charles Taliaferro and Chad Meister, 3-14. Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- 2016 “Christian Engagement with Muslims: Don’t Compare Our Best with Their Worst,” *Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue*, Fall 2016, 38.
- 2017 “Learning about the Lord’s Supper from Roman Catholics,” *Calvin Theological Seminary Forum*, Fall 2017, 7-9.
- 2019 “Baptism Holds Together the Body of Christ,” *Christian Courier*, Feb. 25, 2019, p. 7.
- 2020 Primary author, “What Is Heresy and When Should this Term Be Used?” *Agenda for Synod 2020* (CRCNA), 68-77.

Other Scholarly Activities:

- 1986- Referee for articles in *Calvin Theological Journal*, *Philosophy and Theology*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Journal of Education and Christian Belief*, and *Modern Theology*; and for manuscripts from Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
- 1986 Participant in the NEH-sponsored Institute in the Philosophy of Religion, directed by William P. Alston and Alvin Plantinga, Western Washington University, Summer 1986.
- 1989-90 Participant in NEH-sponsored Summer Institute in Ethics, directed by Robert Ashmore and William Starr, Marquette University, Summer 1989 and Summer 1990.
- 1990-92 Participant in Pew-sponsored colloquium on “Modern Consciousness and Theology,” Rockport, MA, and Winter Park, CO, June 1990, June 1991, and June 1992.
- 1993 Keynote address on “Christianity and Racism” at the “Breaking Down the Barriers” Pre-Council Conference of the Christian Reformed Churches in Canada, St. Catharine’s, Ontario, November 19, 1993.
- 1993, 1994 Referee for grant proposals in theology for 1993-94 and 1994-95 awards by the Pew Evangelical Scholars Program.
- 1998 Participant in Calvin College Faculty Summer Seminar on “Anselm: Faith Seeking Understanding,” directed by Eleonore Stump, Summer 1998.

- 2002 Participant in Kenotic Christology Workshop led by C. Stephen Evans, Calvin College, Summer 2002.
- 2003 Organized sessions for faculty and Ph.D. students on Parker Palmer, *The Courage to Teach*, Calvin Seminary, January-April 2003.
- 2004 Participant in summer seminar, "Imaginative Reading for Creative Preaching," led by Cornelius Plantinga, Jr., Calvin Theological Seminary, Summer 2004.
- 2004-05 Participant in Anabaptist-Reformed Reading Group, Calvin College, Sept. 2004-May 2005.
- 2005 Participant in discussion group on Ken Bain, *What the Best College Teachers Do*, Calvin College, June 2005.
- 2005-06 Participant in World Christianity Reading Group, Calvin College, Sept. 2005-May 2006.
- 2006 Moderator of Calvin Seminary board-faculty discussion of L. Gregory Jones and Kevin R. Armstrong, *Resurrecting Excellence: Shaping Faithful Christian Ministry*, October 2006.
- 2007 Participant in reading retreat on *Desiring the Kingdom*, by James K. A. Smith, Calvin College, November 2007.
- 2008 Participant in sessions on multiculturalism at Calvin Seminary, January, March, and May, 2008.
- 2009 Participant in reading group on Craig Dykstra, *Growing in the Life of Faith*, Calvin College, March-April 2009.
- 2009-10 Participant in reading group on J. Kameron Carter, *Race: A Theological Account*, Calvin College, Sept. 2009-May 2010.
- 2010-11 Led sessions on John C. Bean, *Engaging Ideas*, for Calvin Seminary faculty, September 2010 and March 2011.
- 2011 Participant in a two-week seminar on "Reflective Pedagogy and Christian Practices," led by David I. Smith, Calvin College, June-July 2011.
- 2013-14 Participant in a Wabash Center Colloquy for Theological School Deans, June 2013, January 2014, June 2014, and January 2015.

- 2014 Participant in a one-week seminar on “The Next Generation: World Christianity, Immigration, and the Transmission of Faith,” led by Mark Gornik, Janice McLean-Farrell and Maria Liu Wong, Calvin College, July 2014.
- 2015 Participant in consultation on interfaith education, led by Richard Mouw, Fuller Theological Seminary, January 2015.
- 2015 Presentation on the multiple cultures of the academy, ATS Chief Academic Officer Society, Chicago, March 2015.
- 2015 Attended Biologos conference on “Evolution and Christian Faith,” Grand Rapids, June-July 2015.
- 2015 Attended consultation on Worship and Urban Ministry, Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, October 2015.
- 2015 Attended conference on living Scripture missionally, Calvin Seminary, Grand Rapids, November 2015.
- 2016-17 Participated in an ATS Educational Models Peer Group in Pittsburgh, PA, February 2016, New Orleans & Angola, LA, September 2016, and Pittsburgh, PA, April 2017.
- 2017 Convocation address, Calvin Prison Initiative, Ionia, MI, February 10, 2017.
- 2017 Participated in consultation on American Evangelicals and Islam, Calvin Seminary, August 2017.
- 2017 Presentation at ecumenical event, “What Can Protestants and Catholics Learn from One Another Today?” Calvin Seminary, October 2017.
- 2017 Traveled with course, “Pastoral Care at the Margins,” led by Danjuma Gibson, Washington, DC, October 2017.
- 2019 Participated in the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship seminar on “African American Religious Autobiography,” at CTS, Jul. 7-12, 2019.
- 2020 Served on a task force for the de Vries Institute for Global Faculty Development at Calvin University to develop faculty development units on “Scripture” and “Shalom,” Feb.-Jun., 2020.

- 2021 Worked with Profs. Young Ahn Kang and Karin Maag to lead a project on “Reformed Identity” for Calvin Seminary faculty during 2021, including a three-day faculty workshop, Aug. 10-12, 2021.
- 2021- Member of the Advisory Council of the de Vries Institute for Global Faculty Development at Calvin University, Nov. 2021.

Denominational and Local Service

- 1983-84 Deacon, Manhattan Christian Reformed Church, New York, N.Y.
- 1995-98 Elder, Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1998-99 Member of a study committee (a subcommittee of the CRC Interchurch Relations Committee) on Christ’s descent into hell, July 1998 - November 1999.
- 1998-07 Member of a study committee (a subcommittee of the CRC Interchurch Relations Committee) on Heidelberg Catechism Q. and A. 80 and Roman Catholic teaching on the Mass, September 1998 - June 2007.
- 1999-05 Member of the Sylvan Christian School Board (1999-2004), the Grand Rapids Christian Middle School Board (2004-2005), the Grand Rapids Christian Schools Education Committee (2000-2005; chair, 2001-2005); and the Grand Rapids Christian School Board (2002-2005).
- 2003-11 Representative of the Christian Reformed Church in the Seventh Round of the U.S. Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue (on the topics of baptism and Eucharist) and member of the drafting team on baptism.
- 2010-13 Elder, Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2013-20 Representative of the Christian Reformed Church in the Eighth Round of the U.S. Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue (on the topic of ecclesiology).
- 2014-16 Member of the Continuing Education Committee of the Christian Reformed Church on continuing education for pastors.
- 2021- Representative and ecumenical staff officer for the Christian Reformed Church in the Ninth Round of the U.S. Roman Catholic-Reformed Dialogue (on justification and justice).