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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D.	University of Notre Dame	2000
	Major: History of Christianity	
	Specialty: Early Church and Reformation	
	Minors: Liturgy, New Testament, and Philosophy	
M.A.	University of Notre Dame	1997
M.Div.	Calvin Theological Seminary	1993
B.A.	Dordt College	1989

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE:****Calvin Theological Seminary (CTS):**

*Professor of the History of Christianity and Worship* 2008-

Courses taught:

Biblical Interpretation in the Early Church;  
 Church in Historical Context 1: Early and Medieval;  
 Church in Historical Context 2: Modern and American;  
 Church Leadership in Historical Perspective;  
 Conflict as Opportunity for Discipleship;  
 History of Christian Worship;  
 Worship and Formation for Ministry;  
 Theological Biographies;  
 Theological Education as Formation for Ministry;  
 Augustine (PhD seminar);  
 Faith Formation in the Early Church (PhD seminar);  
 Racism in the History of the Church (DMin seminar).

*Project Director of Prison Programs* 2014-2015

Architect of the Calvin Prison Initiative, accredited B.A., A.A., and Certificate degrees in the Michigan prison system: collaborated with CTS, Calvin College, the Michigan Department of Corrections, donors, and faculty at four colleges and seminaries to establish and accredit college degrees in Ministry Leadership.

*Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs* 2009-2011

Select accomplishments:

- Developed an extensive proposal for CTS to offer 6 distance education programs (M.Div., M.T.S., four Certificate programs) and helped to raise \$1.5 million to build these programs.
- Collaborated with a faculty member to establish the Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal.

- Established a consortium agreement with Kuyper College so that students can accomplish their B.A. and M.Div. degrees in six years rather than seven.
- Created evening M.Div. and M.T.S. programs.
- Created a Diploma for Ministry program, a flexible one-year program for Ministry Associates and students without a B.A. degree.
- Collaborated with Christian Leaders Institute (Chicago, IL) to develop resources for examining and training Ministry Associates in the Christian Reformed Church (CRC).
- Developed a plan with a prison inmate to offer a seminary certificate program at Handlon Correctional Facility (Ionia, MI), recruited faculty to teach courses, and guided the processes for receiving permission from the state of Michigan and for locating funding for the first class of 15 inmates.
- Co-developed, organized, and raised funds for the “Gospel Crossing Cultures” lecture series, which included twelve presenters and responders.
- Led and collaborated in five searches for staff and faculty members.
- Developed an “orderly exchange of students” agreement with Calvin College and Kuyper College so that college students can take seminary courses toward their B.A. degree and seminary students can take modified college courses to broaden their elective choices.
- Guided the development of Partner in Ministry professorships, a new category of faculty member with characteristics of both adjunct professors and tenure-track professors.
- Guided the faculty in all departments to develop an extensive pool of potential future faculty members and developed ongoing relationships with the top prospects.
- Co-developed a global network of superb Reformed church planters and renewers who could serve as CTS adjuncts, Partner in Ministry professors, internship supervisors, and consultants.
- Collaborated with administrators to develop a five-year Strategic Plan and successfully met annual goals.
- Administered the Academic Office, including academic program planning, developing the budget and approving expenditures, streamlining academic policies and procedures, hiring adjuncts, developing annual faculty workloads, conducting annual reviews of all faculty and academic staff, overseeing assessment, and partnering with the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee.

*Administrative duties* assigned by the President

2007-2009

Full-time duties centered on leading institutional renewal. Select accomplishments:

- Developed and built faculty consensus for the Top 10 Values that would guide renewal of the curriculum, pedagogy, organizational structure, yearly and daily calendars, assessment, and community culture.
- Developed and built faculty consensus for an institutional re-organization plan which was more aligned with the school’s identity and enabled it to accomplish its mission more effectively.
- Led the development of a new M.Div. curriculum which included designing and building consensus for a new fourfold curricular structure, degree program competencies, a new pedagogical paradigm, a new slate of courses and their sequencing, and specialized skill development courses.

- Partnered with program directors to develop new curriculums for the M.T.S., Th.M., and three M.A. programs.
- Collaborated with a faculty member to develop 11 new programs (nine Certificate and two M.A.).
- Collaborated with a faculty member to create a comprehensive institutional and curricular Assessment Plan, provided faculty and staff with the necessary training to adopt and implement the plan, hired a Director of Assessment, and prepared the institution for a focused accreditation visit by the Association of Theological Schools.
- Created and built consensus for a new annual calendar and successfully led the transition from quarters to semesters. Collaborated with the registrar in developing a new daily and weekly institutional schedule.
- Co-developed new initiatives in the Mentored Ministries Office, including a Vocational Mentor program, Mentoring Group program, a Service Learning course, Gateway to Seminary retreat, and a Poverty Simulation.
- Designed 11 new M.Div. concentrations which allowed for more specialized study related to a student's ministry interests or future studies.
- Collaborated with some faculty members to develop six Advanced Placement possibilities so that an increasingly diverse student body could have programs adapted to a student's real educational needs.
- Collaborated with some faculty members to craft a new faculty identity statement, clearer faculty development expectations, and higher forms of accountability and encouragement.
- Planned several faculty development events each year.

*Assistant and Associate Professor of Historical Theology, CTS* 2001-2008

**Missional Training Center in Phoenix:**

*Professor of Church History* 2016-

Courses:

History of the Ancient Church;  
Medieval and Reformation Church;  
Modern Church History.

**Calvin University:**

*Adjunct Instructor* 2004, 2016-

Courses:

Christian Formation (Handlon Prison campus, Ionia, MI);  
Christian Theology (Handlon Prison campus);  
Church in Historical Context (Handlon prison campus);  
Christian Worship.

**Reformed Evangelical Theological Seminary, Jakarta, Indonesia:**

Course: Leadership and Christian Formation in the Early Church. 2014

**Dordt College:**

*Assistant Professor of Theology* 1999-2001

Courses:

Biblical Greek I, II, III, and IV;

Calvin's *Institutes*;  
Introduction to Theology;  
Pauline Epistles.

**University of Notre Dame:**

*Graduate Teaching Fellow* 1998-1999

Courses:  
First Year Composition;  
Foundations of Theology Seminar.

*Instructor, Department of Theology* 1997

Course: Foundations of Theology.

*Research Assistant* for Dr. John Cavadini: 1997

Editorial assistant: *Miracles in Jewish and Christian Antiquity: Imagining Truth* (Notre Dame: Univ. of Notre Dame Press, 2000).

*Research Assistant* for Dr. J. Massyngbearde Ford: 1996

NEH Grant Project: Ancient Apocalypse Commentaries.  
Editorial assistant for *Redeemer—Friend and Mother: Salvation in Antiquity and in the Gospel of John* (Fortress Press, 1997).

*Graduate Assistant* for Dr. Bradley Malkovsky: 1995-1996

Editorial assistant: *New Perspectives on Advaita Vedanta. Studies in the History of Religions*, vol. 85 (Leiden/Boston: E.J. Brill, 2000).

**Kaplan Educational Services:**

*GRE and SAT Teacher*, South Bend, IN branch office: 1996-1998

Prepared students to take standardized tests and counseled them regarding application to colleges and graduate schools.

**Calvin Theological Seminary:**

*Theological Assistant* for Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, Jr.: 1992-1993

Research assistant for *Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995).

Editorial assistant: *A Chorus of Witnesses: Model Sermons for Today's Preacher* (Eerdmans, 1994).

**Smith Memorial Bible College, Nigeria, West Africa**

*Instructor of Theology* 1991-1992

Courses in theology, biblical studies, evangelism, and English.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

“Taking Christian Higher Education to Prison.” In *Modelling Christ's Love and Hope within Professional Practice*, pp. 10-24. Proceedings on the International Conference for Christian Educators. Eds. Alaster Gibson and Clement Chihota. Tauranga, New Zealand: Bethlehem Tertiary Institute Publishing, 2018.

“John Chrysostom on the Human and the Divine Teacher in Christianity.” In *Teachers in Late Antique Christianity*, pp. 111-128. Ed. Peter Gemeinhardt, Olga Lorgeoux and Maria Louise Munkholt Christensen. Studies in Education and Religion in Ancient and Pre-Modern History in the Mediterranean and Its Environs. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018.

“What Do Pastors Need to Know?” <http://collegevilleinstitute.org/bearings/what-do-pastors-need-to-know/>. *Bearings Online*, Collegeville Institute, 2017.

“Integrating Foci in a School’s Renewal Process.” In *Integrating Work in Theological Education*, pp. 41-52. Ed. Kathleen Cahalan, Edward Foley, and Gordon Mikoski. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2017.

“Overhauling the Curriculum: A Rhetorical Model of Integrating Work.” In *Integrating Work in Theological Education*, pp. 90-101. Ed. Kathleen Cahalan, Edward Foley, and Gordon Mikoski. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2017.

“Visiting God in Prison.” *Strengthening Your Spiritual Framework: Devotionals by Calvin Seminary Faculty*, p. 8. Calvin Theological Seminary, 2016.

*John Chrysostom on Divine Pedagogy: The Coherence of his Theology and Preaching*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Reviews:

*Church History and Religious Culture* 95.2-3 (2015): 315-317.

*Eirene: Studia Graeca et Latina* (2015): 373-375.

*Ephemerides theologicae Lovanienses* 91.4 (2015): 705-706.

*Theology* 118.4 (2015): 300-301.

*Church History* 85.4 (2016): 816-818.

*European Journal of Theology* 25.1 (2016): 89-90.

*Fides et Humilitas* 3 (2016): 152-155.

*Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 67.1 (2016): 154-155.

*Religion and Theology* 23.3 (2016): 371-373.

*Religious Studies and Theology* 35.1 (2016): 109-111.

*Theologia Reformata* 59.1 (2016): 63-65.

*Calvin Theological Journal* 52.2 (2017): 377-379.

*Journal of Early Christian Studies* 25.4 (2017): 635-637.

*Religious Studies Review* 43.3 (2017): 285-286.

*Scottish Journal of Theology* 70.1 (2017): 123-125.

*Phronema* 34.1 (2019): 131-134.

“Celebration of Baptism.” <http://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/celebration-of-baptism/>. 2012.

“On Earth as if in Heaven: John Chrysostom on Christ, Priests, and the Making of Angels.” *Studia Patristica* 47 (2010): 237-241.

“United, Separated, Re-united: The Story of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.” *Calvin Theological Seminary Forum*, Vol. 14.2 (Spring 2007), pp. 5-6.

“Painful Preaching: John Chrysostom and the Philosophical Tradition of Guiding Souls.”

*Studia Patristica* 41 (2006): 463-468.

“In Christ Alone: A Profession of Faith Service Using Font, Pulpit, and Table.” *Reformed Worship* 82 (December 2006): 36-37.

“Theological Reflection in Augustine’s *Confessions*.” In *For God So Loved the World: Essays in Honour of Roger S. Greenway*, pp. 199-210. Ed. Arie Leder. Belleville, ON: Essence, 2006.

“Interpretations of Paul in the Early Church.” In *Rereading Paul Together: Protestant and Catholic Perspectives on Justification*, pp. 146-168. Ed. David Aune. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006.

“You Shall Be My Witnesses: A Pentecost Service.” *Reformed Worship* 79 (March 2006): 36-37.

“Reconnecting Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, Sacraments of the Covenant Community,” 2005. [http://www.dereformatie.nl/content/files/Files/Bijlagen/86/86-14\\_Robert\\_Roth.pdf](http://www.dereformatie.nl/content/files/Files/Bijlagen/86/86-14_Robert_Roth.pdf). “Draft” because it was at variance with the official doctrine of the CRC in 2005.

“Christian Reformed Church in North America.” In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, vol. 1, pp. 402-403. Ed. Hans Hillerbrand. New York: Routledge, 2004.

“Who Seeks a Spring in the Mud?” *Calvin Theological Seminary Forum*, Vol. 10.2 (Spring 2003), p. 9.

“A Convocation Prayer for the Students of Calvin Seminary.” *Calvin Theological Seminary Forum*, Vol. 9.3 (Fall 2002), p. 10.

“A Teachable Teacher: *Docilitas* and the Vocation of John Calvin.” In *Marginal Resistance: Essays in Honor of John C. Vander Stelt*. Sioux Center, IA: Dordt College Press, 2001.

“The Wrestling Heart of God.” *Stromata* 37.1 (1993): 46-52.

## SELECT PRESENTATIONS:

“Faithful Presence: Monk Habits for Today.” Faith, Work and Rest Podcast. May 17, 2021.

“Learning about Worship from the Ancient Church.” Panel with Justo and Catherine Gonzalez. Calvin Symposium on Worship. January 2021.

“Spiritual Practices for Missional Living.” Ontario, Canada Church Planters Institute. Oct. 3, 2020.

“Teaching in Prison.” Panelist for “Loving Your Neighbor Conference: Forming Citizens of God’s Kingdom in Prison and Upon Reentry.” CTS. July 7, 2020.

“Christian Witness in a COVID-Shaped World.” Panelist, International Network for Christian Higher Education. June 23, 30, and July 7, 2020.

- “The Azusa Street Revival and COVID-19.” The Daniel Initiative, Global Church Leaders Network. Phoenix, AZ. Apr. 21, 2020.
- “Genesis and the Doctrine of Creation.” Missional Training Center, Phoenix, AZ. April 16, 2020.
- “Formation Practices in Scripture.” Ridgewood CRC. Feb. 11, 18, and 25, 2020.
- “Rhythms of Communal Life in the History of Christianity.” CTS Faculty Retreat, LaGrave CRC, Grand Rapids. Sep. 3, 2019.
- “The Gospel of Matthew.” Missional Training Center, Phoenix, AZ. March 26, 2019; Apr. 14, 2020.
- “Integrating Faith Practices and Leadership.” Staff Retreat, Caledonia CRC. March 18, 2019.
- “Rule of Life: Maintaining Personal Health and Integrity.” Jubilee Fellows, Calvin College. March 2019-2021.
- “Leadership Lessons from the Monastics.” Surge Network Leadership Gatherings. Three churches in Phoenix, AZ. March 5-6, 2019.
- “Priesthood of All Believers.” Ridgewood CRC. Jenison, MI. Feb. 19 and 26, 2019.
- “Baptized Children and the Lord’s Supper.” Presentations at “Calvin Symposium on Worship and the Arts” and congregations throughout the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), 2005-2019.
- “Early Catechumenate.” Guest lecture at Western Theological Seminary. Holland, MI. Oct. 25, 2018.
- “Spiritual Health for Spiritual Leaders.” Continuing Education for Pastor-Mentors.” Calvin Seminary. Oct. 10, 2018.
- “Why do Seminaries Need to Change?” Donor Council of Calvin Seminary. Sept. 20, 2018.
- “Taking Christian Higher Education to Prison.” International Conference for Christian Educators. Bethlehem Tertiary Institute, Tauranga, New Zealand. April 11, 2018.
- “Protestant-Catholic Learning at the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.” University of Notre Dame Liturgical Studies Colloquium. South Bend, IN. Oct. 23, 2017.
- “Resurgence: The Legacy of the Past, Mission in the Present.” Conference for Presbyterian Laity. Campinas, Brazil. September 2, 2017.
- “Training and Mobilizing the Laity for Church Renewal.” Seminar, IX Conferência de Plantação de Igrejas. Campinas, Brazil. August 30-31, 2017.
- “The Priesthood of All Believers.” Keynote address on the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. IX Conferência de Plantação de Igrejas. Campinas, Brazil. August 30, 2017.



“The Priestly Blessing.” Chacara Primavera Churches, Campinas, Brazil. Aug. 26-27, 2017.

“Character Formation in the Church.” Colloquium on “Virtuous Character: Common Values, Shared Visions.” Amsterdam, Netherlands. July 15, 2017.

Church History and a Missional Curriculum. Seminars for Reformed Pastors. Budapest, Hungary. May 8-13, 2017.

“The Psalms and Leadership Training.” Guest lecture at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. Oct. 18, 2016.

“John Chrysostom’s Theology and Ministry of Formation.” Notre Dame - Calvin Consultation: Academic Engagement of Liturgical Participation, Catechetical Formation, Pastoral Ministry. Oct. 17, 2016. Prince Conference Center, Calvin College.

“Baptism Identity in the Early Church.” Presbyterian Seminary of the South in Campinas, Campinas, Brazil. Sept. 7, 2016.

“*Ora et labora.*” Presbyterian Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Sept. 4, 2016.

“Making Disciples in the Early Church.” Conference for church leaders in Niterói, Brazil. Sept. 3, 2016.

“Leadership Training in the Early Church.” VIII Conferência de Plantação de Igrejas. Campinas, Brazil. Aug. 30-31, 2016.

“Early Christian Catechumenate.” Conference for leaders of the Lutheran churches in Florianopolis, Brazil. Aug. 27, 2016.

“The Human and the Divine Teacher according to John Chrysostom.” Teachers in Late Antique Christianity Conference, University of Göttingen, Germany. Aug. 11, 2016.

“Sending Calvin faculty and students to prison.” Presentation to Calvin College class, “Developing a Christian Mind.” Jan. 8, 2016.

“The Past and Future of Theological Education.” Living Scripture Missionally Conference. Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal, CTS. Nov. 19, 2015.

“Integration in Theological Education.” Seminar presentations at St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN. Nov. 10-12, 2010; Nov. 14-15, 2011; June 24-26, 2012; Nov. 11-13, 2012; June 23-25, 2013; Nov. 14-16, 2013; June 22-25, 2014; Nov. 7-8, 2015.

“College Education Behind Bars: The Status and Results of Higher Education in U.S. Prisons.” Presentation to Calvin College and Seminary faculty, Sept. 2, 2015.

“Worship and Education in Africa.” Panel discussion at the Theological Education for Africa Conference, Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda. Aug. 20, 2015.

“Preaching the Gospel of Luke.” Three workshops at the Theological Education for Africa Conference, Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda. Aug. 18-20, 2015.



“Ancient Wisdom for Preachers.” Plenary address at the Theological Education for Africa Conference, Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda. Aug. 18, 2015.

“The Priestly Blessing.” Theological Education for Africa Conference, Kampala, Uganda. Aug. 16, 2015.

“Baptism Identity.” Lectures at Handlon Correctional Facility, Ionia, MI. July 7 and 14, 2015.

“History of Leadership Formation.” Guest lecture at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. May 12, 2015.

“Theological Education and Curriculum Revision.” Stellenbosch University, South Africa. March 23, 2015.

“Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry.” Durbanville Gemeente, South Africa. March 22, 2015.

“Different Traditions, One Worship.” Workshop, Ekklesia Worship Conference, Cape Town, South Africa. March 19, 2015.

“History of Spiritual Formation.” Seminar, Ekklesia Worship Conference, Cape Town, South Africa. March 18, 2015.

“Worship and Faith Formation.” Seminar, Ekklesia Worship Conference, Cape Town, South Africa. March 18, 2015.

“Prayer.” Kuilsriver Congregational Church. Kuilsriver, South Africa. March 15, 2015.

“Transforming Prisons and Neighborhoods: Ministry Leadership programs in the Michigan Department of Corrections.” Address to the Regional Christian Community Development Conference, Calvin College. March 6, 2015.

“The Missional Leader: First Century Leadership Revisited.” Renewal Lab cohort of West Michigan pastors. Institute for Global Church Planting and Renewal, CTS. March 4, 2015.

“A Prison Seminary in the Michigan Department of Corrections.” Address to the Kuyper College Faculty, Grand Rapids, MI. Feb. 20, 2015.

“Ancient Wisdom for Preachers.” Presentations at “Calvin Symposium on Worship and the Arts.” Calvin College and Seminary, Jan. 30-31, 2015.

“Leadership, Church Office, and ‘Seminaries’ in the Early Church.” Consultation, “What Type of Leadership does the Western Church Need Today?” Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Nov. 15, 2014.

“Ancient Wisdom for Modern Leadership.” Seminar for the Sierra Leadership Network. Lincoln, CA. Oct. 25, 2014.

“Leadership and Christian Formation in the Early Church.” Calvin Summer Seminar, sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship with funding by Lilly Endowment. Calvin College, July 7-11, 2014.

“Reading the Bible with the Dead.” Worship Professors’ Day of Learning. Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, MI. Jan. 29, 2014.

“Quaestiones Quodlibetales cum Magistram David Rylaarsdam.” Schola Divinitatis Reformata Indonesiansis. Jan. 20, 2014.

“Reformed Perspective on the Unity of the Church.” Address and panel discussion at the ecumenical dialogue, “Ut Omnes Unum Sint: Orthodox, Anglican, and Reformed Perspectives.” Reformed Evangelical Theological Seminary, Jakarta, Indonesia. Jan. 22, 2014.

“Institutional Fruitfulness and Prayerful Strategic Planning.” Renovar9 Consultation on Spiritual Formation in Higher Education Settings: the Millennial Generation in a Multi-Cultural World. Grand Rapids, MI. Sept. 9-11, 2013.

“The History of Christian Worship.” Three workshops at the Theological Education for Africa Conference, Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda. Aug. 20-23, 2013.

“How the Bible shaped Worship in the Early Church.” Opening Plenary at the Theological Education for Africa Conference, Africa Bible University, Kampala, Uganda. Aug. 19, 2013.

“Prayer.” All Saints Cathedral. Kampala, Uganda. Aug. 18, 2013.

“Kids are Family Too: Welcoming the entire covenant community to Communion.” Seminar for the Church Connection Initiative at Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL, May 11, 2013.

“Praying the Psalms with our Older Siblings.” Plenary address at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Symposium in Hong Kong. April 28, 2013.

“The Emotions of the Psalms.” Workshop at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Symposium in Hong Kong. April 26, 2013.

“Baptism Identity in the Early Church” and “The Practice of Theological Reflection.” Presentations at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Angola Prison, Angola, Louisiana. Jan. 15 and 17, 2013.

“Theology of the Liturgical Year.” Course taught at Comunidad Teológica de México, Mexico City, Jan. 7-11, 2013.

“History of the Formation of the Christian Year.” Presentations at the 2<sup>o</sup> Simposium de Culto Cristiano, Comunidad Teológica de México, Mexico City, May 31-June 1, 2012.

“Introduction to Christian Worship.” Co-taught course at Comunidad Teológica de México, Mexico City, May 27-30, 2012.

“Teaching History in Context.” Presentation at “Theological Education for Life Abundant Conference.” Vanderbilt University, Feb. 26-28, 2009.

- “The Belhar Confession: History and Theology.” Presentations to the CRC Interchurch Relations Committee, Synodical Advisory Committee, Classis Grand Rapids East, Classis Pacific Northwest, and CRC congregations, 2007-2009.
- “Augustine’s Confessions.” Kuyper College Patristics Club, Grand Rapids, MI. Jan. 28, 2009.
- “Calling.” Discerning Your Calling Retreats at Dordt College, Kuyper College, and Calvin Seminary, 2006-2008.
- “Prayer.” Kiwanis, Grand Rapids, MI. May 10, 2008.
- “Ancient-Future Discipleship: Growing up in Jesus.” Conference with three presentations. Granite Springs Church, Lincoln, CA. Jan. 19-20, 2008.
- “Spiritual Formation.” Presentation to Kuyper College faculty, Grand Rapids, MI. Sept. 21, 2007.
- “John Chrysostom on the Incarnation and the Priesthood.” XV International Conference on Patristic Studies,” Oxford University, August 2007.
- “Formation for Ministry.” Presentation to Calvin Seminary Board of Trustees. Oct. 13, 2006.
- “What Really Happened in Worship in the Early Church.” Calvin Symposium on Worship and the Arts, Calvin College, January 2005 and 2006.
- “Theological Education as Formation for Ministry.” Theological Education Renewal Awards Colloquium, Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Yale Divinity School, September 23-24, 2005.
- “Characteristics of Theological Reflection in Augustine’s *Confessions*.” All-Seminary Retreat, CTS, September 2004.
- “Preaching as Psychagogy: Chrysostom’s Method of Guiding Souls.” XIV International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, August 2003.
- “Interpretations of Paul in the Early Church.” Lutheran-Roman Catholic Colloquium, “Rereading Paul Together.” University of Notre Dame, February 1, 2002.
- “On Being Reformed and Being Reformational.” Dordt College, October 31, 2000.
- “Reading the Bible as Literature in Antiquity.” Open Book and Scholarship Conference, Redeemer College, Ancaster, Ontario, August 15, 2000.
- “The Adaptability of Divine Pedagogy according to John Chrysostom.” North American Patristics Society, Loyola University, Chicago, May 27, 2000.
- “Becoming all things to theater-goers: John Chrysostom’s Imitation of Pauline Rhetoric.” Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, April 29, 2000.

**MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:**

<i>Associate Pastor</i> , Alger Park Christian Reformed Church (CRC), Grand Rapids, MI	2002-
<i>Pulpit supply</i> for Wabash Valley Presbytery, Presbyterian Church U.S.A.	1996-1999
<i>Interim Pastor</i> , Ann Arbor CRC.	1993-1994
<i>Intern Pastor</i> , West Sayville, NY, CRC.	1990
<i>Missionary training and internship</i> : Merida and Mexico City, Mexico.	1988

**SERVICE**

**Academic Service**

Faculty Status and Development Committee, CTS	2006-2011, 2020-
Start-up Director of 222Leadership Initiative, a competency-based MA degree	2020-
Referee for <i>Toronto Journal of Theology</i>	2019-
Academic and Programs Committee, CTS	2019-
Referee, <i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>	2018-
Next Steps for the Future of CTS Committee, CTS	2018-
Spiritual Care and Candidacy Committee, CTS	2017-
Referee, <i>Jurnal Teologi Reformed Indonesia</i>	2014-
Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Governing Board	2011-
Referee, <i>Vigiliae Christianae</i>	2005-
Calvin Seminary Liaison, International Network for Christian Higher Education	2004-
PhD Dissertation Committees: Mbunga (Paul) Mpindi, Yudha Thianto, Dariusz Brycko, Byung Soo Han, Thomas H. McCall, Andrew McGinnis, Peter Sinia (Theological University, Kampen), Daniel Eguiluz (director).	2003-
Referee, <i>Calvin Theological Journal</i>	2001-
CTS Grant Writing Team, Lilly’s Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative (Phase II)	2021
Curriculum Revision Committee, CTS	2019-2020
Admissions and Standards Committee, CTS	2016-2019
Faculty & Student Appeals Committee	2015-2019
DMin Dissertation Committee: Justin Carruthers (Fuller Seminary)	2019
Chair, Department of the History of Christianity, CTS	2009-2018
Next Steps for the Future of CTS Committee	2018
Calvin Prison Initiative Governing Committee	2014-2017
Committee on Teaching and Learning in Community, CTS	2016-2017
Search Team for COO (Chief Operating Officer), CTS	2017
Developed an Apprenticeship MDiv program, CTS	2015-2016
Committee on Church Relations, CTS	2012-2016
Search Committee for a Director of Mentored Ministries, CTS	2015
Distance Education Committee, CTS	2010-2012
Committee on Institutional Culture, CTS	2009-2011
Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, CTS	2009-2011

Committee on Curriculum and Pedagogy, CTS (chair, 2009-2011)	2008-2011
Assessment Committee, CTS (chair, 2008-2009)	2008-2011
Faculty Status and Development Committee, CTS	2006-2011
New Student Orientation Committee, CTS	2005-2011
Council of the Center for Excellence in Preaching, CTS	2004-2011
Lilly Making Connections Initiative Leadership Team, CTS	2004-2010
Mentored Ministries Committee, CTS	2008-2009
Culture, Pedagogy, and Curriculum Committee, CTS	2007-2008
Graduate Studies Committee, CTS	2003-2008
Historical Resources Committee, CTS	2001-2008
Dutch-American Historical Commission	2001-2007
Subcommittee on Ministry Practices and Formation for Ministry Groups, CTS	2004-2006
Secretary of the Theological Division, CTS	2002-2006
Subcommittee on Formation for Ministry Image Design, CTS	2004-2005
Freelance theological editor, Zondervan Publishing Company	2004
Lilly Connections Implementation Grant-Writing Committee	2004
Center for Excellence in Preaching subcommittee, Calvin Seminary	2003-2004
Information Services Advisory Committee, Dordt College	2000-2001
Subcommittee on Distance Education, Dordt College	2000-2001
Subcommittee on the General Education Program, Dordt College	2000-2001
Pre-seminary Program Advisor, Dordt College	1999-2001

**Ecclesiastical Service**

<i>Paideia</i> Council, an advisory board of a parachurch prison ministry	2020-
Consultant to The Colossian Forum	2014-
Mentor to inmates and parolees	2009-
Pulpit Supply for CRC congregations	2001-
Adult Sunday School teacher, congregations in West Michigan	2001-
Mentor to new CRC pastors	2016-2019
Trainer and Coach for the The Colossian Forum, Grand Rapids, MI	2017-2018
External Reviewer for Trinity Christian College’s Theology Department, Palos Heights, IL	2016
Faculty Advisor to the Synod of the CRC	2002, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2015
Prayer Coach for Congregational Renewal Labs in West Michigan	2013-2015
“Spiritual Formation and Technology,” Pastors Seminar, The Colossian Forum, Grand Rapids, MI	2013-2014
Founder and Supervisor of Matins (daily morning prayers), CTS	2002-2010
Mentor, Kids Hope USA, Grand Rapids, MI	2008-2010
Cadet Counselor, Alger Park CRC	2002-2005, 2008-2010
Volunteer, Food Pantry, Madison Square Church, Grand Rapids, MI	2008-2010
Interchurch Relations Committee of the CRC	2003-2009
CRC / RCA (Reformed Church of America) Dialogue Committee	2003-2008
Substitute Sunday School Teacher, Alger Park CRC	2003-2008
Teacher, “Two to Five Alive” children’s program, Alger Park CRC	2003-2008
Discussion Leader for “The Book of the Quarter Program,” sponsored by Lilly and CTS for ministry leaders	2002-2006
Chair, Worship Ministry Team, Alger Park Christian Ref. Church	2003-2004
Participant in the Institute for Reformed Theology Colloquy, “Reformed Worship, Reformed Theology: The Reciprocal Relationship”	2002-2004
Participant in the Faith-Based Institute for Healing Racism, Olivet United	

Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, MI	2002
Worship Committee, 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC, Sioux Center, IA	2001
Children and Worship Program, 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC, Sioux Center, IA	2000-2001
Adult Education Program, 1 <sup>st</sup> CRC, Sioux Center, IA	2000-2001
Elder, South Bend CRC, South Bend, IN	1997-1998
Liaison to Laotian congregation, South Bend CRC	1996-1999
Pulpit supply in Presbyterian, Methodist and CRC congregations	1994-1999

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