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Education: Ph.D. University of Virginia, May, 2000, Religious Ethics
Dissertation: *Warp and Woof: Pragmatism in 20th
Century Christian Ethics* (James F. Childress, Advisor)
Th. M. Princeton Theological Seminary, May, 1994, Ethics
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, May, 1993
B.A. The Colorado College, June, 1989, Biology/Pre-med

Publications:

Books: *Confessing Christ in the 21st Century.* Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005.

Chapters in Books: "Theological Arguments and the Case Against Capital Punishment," *The Leviathan's Choice: Capital Punishment in the 21st Century*, William D. Richardson, J. Michael Martinez, and D. Brandon Hornsby, eds. (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002).

"Resistance, Affirmation, and the Sovereignty of God," *Resistance and Theological Ethics*, Ron Stone and Robert Stivers, eds. (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2004).

"The Passions of the Reviewers," *The Passion of the Christ: Biblical and Theological Perspectives*, Timothy Beale and Tod Linafelt, eds. (Chicago: Chicago UP, 2005).

"If the church accepts homosexuality . . .," *Frequently Asked Questions About Sexuality, the Bible and the Church: Plain Talk About Tough Issues*, Ted A. Smith, ed. (San Francisco: The Covenant Network, 2006).

"The Just War Tradition Faces the Remnants of War," *The Impact of 9-11: The Day that Changed Everything?* Matthew J. Morgan, ed. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals: "Integrated Social Contracts Theory: Hype and Hypernorms," *Journal of Business Ethics*. 26:2 (July, 2000), 101-110.

"Reinhold Niebuhr's Two Pragmatisms," *The American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 22.3 (September, 2001)

"Changing the Rules: Just War Theory in the 21st Century," *Theology Today* 54.1 (January, 2003)

"Reformed Theology and Public Leadership", with Lewis Mudge and Jim Watkins. *Theological Education* (Fall, 2004)

"Democratic Structures and Democratic Cultures: A "Response" to Paul Hanson and David Novak" *Cross Currents* 59.2 (June, 2009)

Selected Articles in other Books and Journals:

"Agreeing to Disagree," *The Journal for Preachers*. 22:4 (Pentecost, 2000), 33-38.

"Rethinking the "just war" tradition," *Presbyterians Today* (November, 2003)

"Searching for Stars" and "Finding Time: A Response to Bill Harkins and Kathleen O'Connor," *@ this point: theological investigations in church and culture* 1.1 (Spring, 2006).

Theological Exegesis Essays for a dozen passages (thus far), *Feasting on the Word: Lectionary Commentary Series*, David Bartlett & Barbara Brown Taylor, eds. (Louisville: WJKP, 2008-).

Entries for "Anxiety," "Ends and Means," "Force (Use of)," "Imperialism," "Security," "Tyranny," "Violence," "War," *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, Joel B. Green, ed. (Ada, MI: Baker Academic, forthcoming).

Plus over 75 occasional articles and a dozen book reviews for various newspapers, journals, and denominational publications.

Work in Progress: *Believing Aloud: Reflections on Being Religious in the Public Square* (A book, written for a general audience, that explores the theology and practices of speaking and writing as a religious thinker in the public sphere.)

Just War Today? Theological Investigations into the Just War Tradition and Contemporary Warfare (A book, written for the academic community, that theologically re-frames the Just War tradition in light of contemporary theologies and historical changes in global politics and the practices of warfare.)

**Selected
Presentations:**

"Karl Barth's Use of *Grenzfall* Cases and Active Euthanasia,"
SECSOR Spring Conference; March, 1997

"Liberalism and the Problem of Religious Public Intellectuals."
The Working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities
Wake Forest University, March, 1999

"The Two Pragmatisms of Reinhold Niebuhr"
AAR Annual Meeting; November, 2000.

"Loving Your Neighbor and Gifting Them"
SCE Annual Meeting; January, 2002

Invited Lecture: "A Just War for Hearts and Minds"
Georgia State U. Political Science Dept., March, 2005

Invited Respondent, "Political Formation(s) and the New
Testament"
SBL Annual Meeting; Nov., 2005

Invited Lecture: "Was Cassius Right? Ethics and Astronomy"
Agnes Scott College; February, 2006

Invited Lecture: "A Theology to Die With"
In Life and in Death We Belong to God Conference,
Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life; March, 2007.

Invited Lecture: "Just War in the 21st Century"
2008 Interfaith Luncheon of the National Council of
Jewish Women; March, 2008.

Invited Lecture: "Religious Influences in International Affairs"
Atlanta Council on International Relations; June, 2008

Plus over 250 presentations for churches, seminary bodies,
denominational agencies, and academic conferences as well as
presiding several times yearly for various AAR, SBL, SCE, and
SECSOR conferences since 2000 and occasional presentations to
various community groups.

**Editorial and
Guild Work:**

Founding editor and current co-editor, *@ This Point: theological investigations in church and culture*. The online journal of Columbia Theological Seminary (2005-present)

Leadership Committee, "Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group" *Society of Biblical Literature* 2003-2007 (co-chair, 2006-2007).

Co-chair, "Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Consultation"
Society of Biblical Literature, 2007-present

**Honors
and Grants:**

Participant, *The Scandal of Particularity: A Jewish-Christian Conversation*, Co-Sponsored by the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies & Institute for Reformed Theology (2006-2008)
Finalist, "In Character Prize for Editorial and Opinion Writing" (2007)
Columbia Theological Sem. Faculty Enhancement Grant (2002, 2005, 2007)
Society for Values in Higher Education Fellowship (2000)
University of Virginia Academic Enhancement Fellowship (1994-1998)
Princeton Theological Seminary Th.M. Fellowship (1993-1994)
Lilly Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary (1990-1993)
B.A. with Distinction in Biology, The Colorado College (1989)

**Service to
the Church:**

Faculty Mentor, *Company of New Pastors* (2002-present)
Participant, *Consultation on Teaching for Public Ministry* (2001-2004)
Chair, *Committee on Representation*, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (2002-2005).
Presbyteries Cooperative Committee (2004-2006)
General Assembly Task Force, "*End of Life Issues and the Church*" (2004-2007)
General Assembly Consultant, Task Group, *The Nature and Value of Human Life*" (2005-2006)

Plus work on a variety of Presbytery committees and task forces

**Community
Service**

Various Advisory Committees, Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics (2002-2007)
Investigative Panel for the State Bar of Georgia (2005-present)
Institutional Review Board, Northside Hospital (2005-present)
Weekly editorial writer, *The Sunday Paper* (a secular weekly newspaper in the Atlanta area with a circulation of about 350,000) (2006-2008).

Work Experience: *Associate Professor of Christian Ethics*
Columbia Theological Seminary (2005-present)
Director of the Master of the Arts in Theological Studies Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary (2002-present)
Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics,
Columbia Theological Seminary (1999-2005)
Co-Pastor,
Tabor Presbyterian Church, Crozet, VA (1997-1999)
Adjunct Faculty
Virginia Commonwealth University (1997)
Teaching Assistant,
The University of Virginia (1994-95 and 1995-96)
Clinical Internship,
University Hospital, Charlottesville, VA (1995)

Teaching Competencies: *Primary:* Protestant Ethics, Roman Catholic Moral Thought, Jewish Ethics, Medical Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, Church-State Relations, Pragmatism and Neopragmatism, Neo-orthodox Theologies
Secondary: Political Philosophy, American Religious History, Contemporary Theologies, Science and Religion, Continental Philosophy

Professional Societies: American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
Society of Biblical Literature
Society for Scriptural Reasoning
Theological Educators for Presbyterian Social Witness

References: Available upon Request.