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**Current employment:**

On the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary, 2004-present.

Assistant Professor of Theology, 2004-2010

Associate Professor of Theology, 2010-2017

J. B. Green Associate Professor of Theology, 2017-2019

J.B. Green Professor of Theology, 2019-present

**Past employment:**

Assistant Professor of Liturgical Studies, Yale Divinity School and Yale Institute of Sacred Music, 2003-2004.

Taught North American Protestant Worship Traditions, Baptism and Eucharist in Contemporary Ecumenical Conversation, and Foundations of Christian Worship.

Associate for Worship, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA), 2000-2003.

Teaching assistant and associate, Candler School of Theology, 1994-1996 (during doctoral program).

Instructor, Early and Medieval Christianity, Emory College, Fall 1996.

**Education:**

Ph.D., Theological Studies, Graduate Division of Religion, Emory University, 2000.

Faculty advisors: Rebecca Chopp and Don Saliers.

**Dissertation:** “*Do This in Remembrance of Me: A Ritual Approach to Reformed Eucharistic Theology*”

M.Div., Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 1994

One year of study, Ancient Indian History and Culture, Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal, India, 1989-90

A.B., Comparative Study of Religion, Harvard College, 1989

**Books:**

*Karl Barth and Comparative Theology* (co-edited with Christian Collins Winn). Fordham University Press, 2019.

*James. In Belief: Theological Commentary on the Bible.* Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming in 2019.

*Christian Prayer for Today.* Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

*Do This in Remembrance of Me: A Ritual Approach to Reformed Eucharistic Theology.* Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2008.

[With Robert Benedetto.] *John Calvin and Reformed Protestantism: A Catalogue of Sixteenth and Early Seventeenth Century Imprints in the Library of Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.* Richmond: Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 1994.

**In process:**

*Research Perspectives on Reformed Theology*, a volume in the Brill series *Research Perspectives in Theological Traditions*. Philip Ziegler, editor-in-chief. Anticipated completion and publication in 2019.

**Under contract:**

*T&T Clark Handbook of Sacraments and Sacramentality* (co-edited with James Farwell). T & T Clark (an imprint of Bloomsbury Publishing), anticipated publication in 2022.

**Articles and Book Chapters:**

“Karl Barth’s View of the Lord’s Supper,” in the *Wiley Blackwell Companion to Karl Barth*, ed. George Hunsinger and Keith L. Johnson. Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming in 2020.

“Sacraments,” in *Oxford Handbook of Reformed Theology*, ed. Michael Allen and Scott Swain. Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

“Presbyterians, Religions, and Religious Diversity.” In *Oxford Handbook of Presbyterianism*, ed. Paul C. Kemeny and Gary Scott Smith. Oxford University Press, 2019.

(With Mark Douglas) “Affirmations and Complications about the Uses of Sexual Media Over Time from a Religious Perspective.” *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (January 2019). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-018-1375-4>

"Divine Freedom and Human Religions: A Reformed Theologian Approaches Comparative Theology." Revised version of the address on the occasion of inauguration to the J. B. Green Chair in Theology at Columbia Theological

Seminary. *Theology Today* Volume 75, Issue 3 (fall 2018): 281-296.  
<http://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/6yTsCFaHpntRbWDdF8rv/full>

“Full Unity of Word and Table: The Centerpiece of Harold Daniels’ Liturgical Reform.”  
Special edition of *Call to Worship* in honor of Harold Daniels, spring 2018.

“Reformierte Liturgische Theologie: Was uns Calvin und seine Erben heute über  
Liturgische Theologie lehren können” and “Zehn Thesen zur reformierten  
eucharistischen Theologie” in *Nordamerikanische Liturgische Theologie*, papers  
from the Liturgischen Konferenz 2014, ed. by Klaus Raschzok (Gütersloher  
Publishers, 2017).

A response to Brian Gerrish: *Christian Faith: Dogmatics in Outline*. In *International  
Journal of Systematic Theology*, vol. 18, no. 3 (July 2016): 321-328.

“Baptism: The Already and the Not Yet.” In *Liturgical-Missional: Perspectives on a  
Reformed Ecclesiology*, edited by Neal D. Presa. Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick  
Publications, 2016.

“Common Waters: Global water crises and Christian baptism.” @ this Point. Columbia  
Theological Seminary (Spring 2015). [https://www.ctsnet.edu/at-this-  
point/common-waters-global-water-crises-christian-baptism/](https://www.ctsnet.edu/at-this-point/common-waters-global-water-crises-christian-baptism/)

[With George Hunsinger.] “20<sup>th</sup> Century and Contemporary Protestant Sacramental  
Theology,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology*, ed. Matthew  
Levering and Hans Boersma. Oxford University Press, 2015.

“Interreligious ritual participation: Insights from inter-Christian ritual participation.” In  
*Ritual Participation and Interreligious Dialogue: Boundaries, Transgressions,  
and Innovations*, edited by Marianne Moyaert and Joris Geldhof. Bloomsbury  
Publishing, 2015.

“Eucharist: The Table that Unites and Divides the Church.” In *What Does it Mean to “Do  
This”? Supper, Mass, Eucharist*, edited by Michael Root and James J. Buckley.  
Pro Ecclesia series. Wipf and Stock, 2014.

“The One, Wounded, Baptized Body: A Memoir of Participation in the U.S. Reformed-  
Roman Catholic Dialogue (2003-2010),” in *Worship and Culture: Foreign  
Country or Homeland?* edited by Glaucia Vasconcelos Wilkey. Eerdmans  
Publishing Company, 2014.

“Karl Barth and John Thatamanil: Two Theologians against Religion.” *Bangalore  
Theological Forum*, June 2014. Reprinted in *Always Being Reformed*, edited by  
David Jenson. Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2016.

- “Starting with Epiclesis: The Holy Spirit in Recent Reformed-Roman Catholic Dialogue.” *Call to Worship* 45.3 (2011): 1-7.
- “Resurrection and Religious Otherness.” *Presbyterian Outlook*, Easter 2011.
- “The Grace and Ambiguity of Worship: What Can Catholics Learn from Protestant Liturgy?” *Liturgical Ministry*, Summer 2010.
- “A Christian Ordo? Presentation for the Scandal of Particularity: A Jewish-Christian Conversation.” *Interpretation*, July 2010.
- “What Does the Lord Require? Do Justice.” In *Journal for Preachers* (Pentecost 2010).
- “Calvin as Liturgical Theologian: What the Reformer Might Teach Us about Doing Theology and Doing Worship Today.” *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts* (September 2009).
- “Pentecost in India: What Does the Birthday of the Church Mean for Churchless Christians?” *Journal for Preachers*, Pentecost 2009.
- “Creation and New Creation in Baptism.” In *Theology in Service of the Church: Essays in Honor of Joseph D. Small, III*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.
- “Baptism in the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition.” In *Baptism Today: Understanding, Practice, Ecumenical Implications*, edited by Thomas F. Best. WCC Faith and Order Paper no. 207. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2008.
- “Marriage: A New Way of Life?” In *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts* 41.3 (February 2008).
- “Death in the Midst of Life, Life in the Midst of Death: Preaching and Worship in the Easter Season.” In *Journal for Preachers*, Winter 2007.
- “The Importance of Worship that Centers on the Ordo.” *Liturgy* 21:2 (2006): 15-23.
- Co-authored with Neal Presa, “Finding a theology of ordination and vocation in baptism.” Guest Viewpoint in *Presbyterian Outlook* (June 19, 2006).
- “Eucharist ≈ Eschatology,” in *A More Profound Alleluia: Theology and Worship in Harmony*, edited by Leanne Van Dyk. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2005.
- “How Shall We Worship?” in *Conversations with the Confessions: Dialogue in the Reformed Tradition*, edited by Joseph D. Small. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2005.

Sermons for Baptism of the Lord and Christ the King Sundays in *Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual* (Series 3, Year A), edited by Beverly Zink-Sawyer. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2004.

"Common Worship in the Presbyterian Church (USA)". *Liturgy* 18:4 (2003).

"Calvin, Sacraments, and Ecclesiology: What Makes a Church a Church?" In *Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts* 36:1 (2002-03): 25-41. Also published in *Proceedings of the North American Academy of Liturgy*, 2002.

With Brant Copeland, "'The Lord Be With You': Reflections on Worship at First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee." In *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary* (Spring 2001).

"Washing Before Supper?" In *Reformed Liturgy and Music* 34.4 (2000): 15-21.

"Good News for New Parents: What Do New Parents Need in Worship?" In *Reformed Liturgy and Music* XXXI, no. 4 (Winter 1997): 242-245.

"Interfaith Conversation and Cooperation." In *Religions of Atlanta: Religious Diversity in the Centennial Olympic City*, ed. Gary Laderman. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996.

### **Commentaries:**

Contributor, *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series* (Westminster John Knox, forthcoming)

Contributor, *Feasting on the Word* (Westminster John Knox, 2008-2011).

Essays on "Theological Themes" for *Lectionary Homiletics* (December 2006).

"Between Text and Sermon." *Interpretation* (October 2006).

### **Book reviews:**

Book review of David Grumett, *Material Eucharist* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). *Scottish Journal of Theology* 71 (3), 364-367.

Book review of *Reconstructing Early Christian Worship* by Paul Bradshaw. *Scottish Journal of Theology* (2012).

Book review of *The Eucharist and Ecumenism: Let Us Keep the Feast* by George Hunsinger. *Theology Today* (2011).

Book review of *Ritual and Its Consequences: An Essay on the Limits of Sincerity* by Adam B. Seligman, Robert P. Weller, Michael J. Puett, and Bennett Simon. *Theology Today* Vol. 66 No. 3 (October 2009).

Book review of *Credo: Historical and Theological Guide to the Creeds and Confessions of Faith in the Christian Tradition* by Jaroslav Pelikan. *The Bulletin of the Institute for Reformed Theology*, 2007.

Book note, *A Holy Meal: The Lord's Supper in the Life of the Church* by Gordon T. Smith. In *Theology Today* (Winter 2006).

Additional book reviews for *Reformed Liturgy & Music*, *Presbyterian Outlook*, *Call to Worship*, and *Family Ministry*.

### **Selected conferences and presentations:**

Book panel on Brian Gerrish, *Christian Faith: Dogmatics in Outline*. American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 2015.

“Reformed Liturgical Theology: What Calvin and his heirs can teach us about liturgical theology today” and “Ten theses on Reformed eucharistic theology.” For the Liturgische Konferenz of the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD). Hanover, Germany, September 22-24, 2014.

“Baptism: The Already and the Not Yet.” [Presbyterian Church (USA)] Moderator’s Colloquium on Ecclesiology, Princeton Theological Seminary. December 9-11, 2013.

“Eucharist: The Table that Unites and Divides the Church.” Pro Ecclesia Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, June 11-13, 2012.

McPherson lectures: “The Table That Divides and Unites Us.” First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC. February 26-27, 2012.

Participant, Calvin Jubilee, Montreat, NC, July 2009.

“Liturgical and Educational Reforms in Calvin’s Geneva: Seeking a Union of *Lex Orandi* and *Lex Credendi*.” Paper presented at the conference “Calvin and His Influence, 1509-2009”, May 2009, Geneva, Switzerland.

“Calvin as Liturgical Theologian: What the Reformer Might Teach Us about Doing Theology and Doing Worship Today.” Colloquium presentation, Columbia Theological Seminary, April 21, 2009.

Plenary speaker, “Gifts of Finest Wheat” conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico, May

2005.

Liturgist, Montreat Music and Worship Conference, June 2003, 2007, 2011, and 2016.

Lectures on sacraments and ecclesiology, "Interpreting the Faith", Union Theological Seminary-Presbyterian School of Christian Education, June 2001. Also presented at Presbyterian Association of Musicians' Worship and Music Conference, Albuquerque, NM, July 2002.

"Calvin, Sacraments, and Ecclesiology: What Makes a Church a Church?" Lecture, Institute for Reformed Theology, November 5, 2001; also presented at the North American Academy of Liturgy, Liturgical Theology Seminar, January 2002.

"Washing Before Supper?: The Baptismal Requirement for Eucharistic Participation in Calvin, Edwards, and Nevin," paper presented at the Reformed Theology and History Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2000.

" 'Do This in Remembrance of Me' : A Ritual Approach to Reformed Eucharistic Theology," paper presented at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 14, 1999.

"Eucharist as Ritual in Reformed Theology," paper presented at the North Carolina Religious Studies Association meeting, Fayetteville State University, October 2, 1998.

Program committee, American Society of Church History meeting, Florida State University, April 2-4, 1998.

### **Ecumenical engagement:**

Reformed co-chair, Fourth Phase of the International Dialogue between the World Communion of Reformed Churches and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (2011-2017). Contributor to final report "Justification and Sacramentality: The Christian Community as an Agent for Justice."

Participant, 7<sup>th</sup> round of U.S. Reformed-Roman Catholic dialogue, focusing on baptism and eucharist (2003-2010). Contributor to final reports "These Living Waters" and "This Bread of Life."

### **Editorial experience:**

Guest editor of *Liturgy*, issue entitled *The Lord's Supper in a Changing World* (2016).

Member of the editorial board, *Feasting on the Gospels*, Westminster/John Knox, 2011-2015.

Member of the editorial board, *Reformed Liturgy and Music*, February 1997 to February 2000.

Consultant, *Historical Dictionary of Reformed Churches*, edited by Robert Benedetto, Donald McKim, and Darrell Guder. Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press, 1999.

**Grants:**

Theological scholars grant, Association for Theological Schools, 2008. Funded sabbatical research on Eucharistic theology and practice in south India.

Worship renewal grant, Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, 2002. Funded catechumenate pilot project for the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, 1999-2000. Funded final year of dissertation work.

Rotary Fellowship, 1989-90. Funded year of study at Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal.

Ford Program for Undergraduate Research, Harvard University, 1988. Funded thesis research on fourteenth century English mystics.

NEH Younger Scholars grant, 1987. Funded summer research on a Latin treatise by John Eck.

**Church affiliation:**

Ordained minister of Word and Sacrament, Presbyterian Church (USA)

**Professional affiliations:**

American Academy of Religion, 1994- present. Member of the Steering Committee of the Reformed Theology and History Group, 2004-2014.

North American Academy of Liturgy, 2002-present. Member of Liturgical Theology Seminar. Convener of Liturgical Theology Seminar, 2007-2011. Delegate for membership, 2011-2013.

**References available upon request**