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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.

Believing Aloud: Reflections on Being Religious in the Public Square. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010.

Christian Pacifism for an Environmental Age. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

Modernity, the Environment, and the Christian Just War Tradition. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022.

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).

"Law, Religion, Refugees, and the Modern Self," *Religion, Gender, Violence, and Human Rights*, Wanderley P. da Rosa and Reginaldo Braga, eds. (Vitoria, Brazil: Editora Unida, 2019).

"The History of Presbyterian Ethics," *Oxford Handbook of Presbyterianism*, Gary Scott Smith and P.C. Kemeny, eds. (New York: Oxford UP, 2019).

"The Paradoxes of Virtue: Agape in the Work of Reinhold Niebuhr," *Reinhold Niebuhr and Virtue Ethics*, Kevin Carnahan and David True, eds. (London: Routledge Press, 2019).

"Global Migrations and Climate Refugees," *Global Migration and Christian Faith*, M. Daniel Carroll R. and Vincent Bagote, eds. (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022).

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

"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).

"The Relevance of Experience and the Experience of Relevance" *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28.1 (Spring, 2012).

"Theologies of Childhood and the Children of War" *The Journal of Childhood and Religion* 3 (2012). Available online at <http://childhoodandreligion.com/>.

"Challenging Titles: Reflections on Ted Smith's *Weird John Brown*. *Syndicate* (2016).

"Affirmations and Complications about the use of Sexual Media Over Time from a Religious Perspective" (with Martha Moore-Keish). *Archives of Sexual Behavior* 42.6 (January, 2019).

- Editorial Work for Peer-Reviewed Journals* Roundtable Discussion: "Valerie Saiving and Reinhold Niebuhr: 50 Years Later" *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28.1 (Spring, 2012). Co-edited with Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty (A collection of nine essays plus an introductory essay and a bibliography).
- Selected Articles in other Books and Journals:*
- "Agreeing to Disagree," *The Journal for Preachers*. 22:4 (Pentecost, 2000).
- "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 fifteen passages, *Feasting on the Word: Lectionary Commentary Series*, David Bartlett & Barbara Brown Taylor, eds. (Louisville: WJKP, 2008-).
- Theological Exegesis Essays for eleven passages, *Feasting on the Gospels*, Cynthia Jarvis and Elizabeth Johnson, eds., (Louisville: WJKP, 2012-2014).
- Entries for "Anxiety," "Ends and Means," "Force (Use of)," "Imperialism," "Security," "Tyranny," "Violence," "War," "Media Ethics," *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, Joel B. Green, ed. (Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2011).
- "Teaching after the End of the World" (with Chris DePree), *SciTech: The Journal of the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith*, 20.4 (Nov., 2011).
- Entry for "Metaethics," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Ethics*, Robert Brawley, ed. (New York: Oxford UP, 2015).
- Entry for "Revelation in Religious Ethics," *The Encyclopedia of Religious Ethics*, William Schweiker et al, eds. (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2019).
- Plus over 120 occasional articles and book reviews for various newspapers, journals, and other publications.
- Works in Progress**
- Wars in a Warming World: Religion, Resources, and Refugees* (monograph)
- "Public Theology in the 21st Century" (featured theme for the journal *Religions*, co-editor and contributor, due 2024)
- "Augustine in Grief: Augustine's struggles with an absent Presence in a world of present absences" (refereed article)

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

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.

Invited Lecture: "Politics, Ethnography, and the Church"
Montreat Lecture Series, "The Role of Religion and Race in
U.S. Politics: A Post-Election Conversation on Christian
Faith and Public Life; July, 2013.

"Reshaping Theologies of Childhood in Light of War"
5th International Children of War Conference; June, 2013.

"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Religious Traditions in the
Anthropocene" *International Society for the Study of*
Religion, Culture, and Nature Conference; June, 2019.

Plus invited presentations at Agnes Scott College, Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Clayton State University, Candler School of Theology, Stellenbosch University (South Africa), Arizona State University, Earlham School of Religion, Faculdade Unida de Vitoria (Brazil), and most of the PC(USA)-related seminaries in the United States as well as over 400 presentations for churches, seminary bodies, denominational agencies, academic conferences, and community groups in the U.S. and around the world.

**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.

Editorial Board, *Communio Viatorum*, a journal of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University, Prague, CZ. 2014-.

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*, 2007-2013.

Convener, *Social Ethics Network*, 2010-2015.

Editorial board, *Feasting on the Gospels*, 2011-2014.

Board member, *The Niebuhr Society*, 2011-2017; 2022-.

Professional Conduct Committee, *The Society of Christian Ethics* (2013-2016).

BEINGS Working Group on "Ethical Principles for the Use of Human Cellular Biotechnologies," published in *Nature Biotechnology* 35.11 (Nov., 2017): 1050-1058.

Steering Committee, *Political Theology Network* Conferences (2017, 2019).

Board member, *The Presbyterian Association for Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith* (2018-present).

Steering Committee, *Ending Mass Incarceration Project* (2019-).

Co-chair, Climate Justice Interest Group, *The Society of Christian Ethics* (2022-).

Plus various blind review work for journals (*The Journal of Religious Ethics*, *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, etc.), blind assessments of academic work for promotions of scholars in the United States, Europe, and Africa, etc.

Conference Leadership

"Torture, Terror, and the Church" (Decatur, GA, 2008).

"Faithful Politics" (Montreat, NC, 2010)

Social Ethics Network Gatherings (Atlanta, 2010; San Francisco, 2011; New York, 2012; Winston-Salem, 2013; Pittsburgh, 2014; Louisville, 2015).

"BEINGS Conference" (Atlanta, 2014).

"Race, Religion, and Politics" (Montreat, NC, 2016).

"The Church in Polarized Times" (Decatur, GA, 2016).

Presbyterian Church (USA)-Evangelical Church of the Czech Brethren Gatherings: (Prague, 2016; Atlanta, 2019).

Political Theology Network Conferences (Atlanta, 2017; New York, 2019).

Southeastern Symposium on Ecologically-Informed Theological Education (Decatur, GA, 2018).

"Migration and Border Crossings" (Decatur, GA, 2019).

"Talking Politics During Turbulent Times" (Decatur, GA, 2020).

"Just Creation: Shalom for Our Common Home"
(Decatur, GA 2023).

**Honors
and Grants**

Center of Theological Inquiry Research Fellow (2021-2022)

\$70,000 Nohria Family Charitable Fund Grant to provide relief for writing *Climate Change and the Just War Tradition* (2018).

Lead, \$15,000 *Association of Theological Schools* Faculty Enhancement Grant (2017).

Elected Participant, "Agency in the Anthropocene" Workshop *Humanities without Walls* Project at the University of Chicago (2017).

Steering Committee, "Science for Seminarians" \$200,000 Grant, *American Association for the Advancement of the Sciences* (2014-2017).

Nominated Member, "The New Haven Theology Discussion Group (2011-present).

Nominated Participant, "Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty," *The Association of Theological Schools* (2010).

Invited 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).

Invited Participant, *The Caux Roundtable Scholars Retreat on Abrahamic Faiths and the Financial Crisis* (2009).

Finalist, "In Character Prize for Editorial and Opinion Writing" (2007).

Columbia Theological Sem. Faculty Enhancement Grant (2002, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2019).

Invited Participant, Seminar on Holocaust Studies at the Holocaust Museum (2002).

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*
(2000-2018).

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).

Founding Member and Board Member, *Earth Covenant Network*
(2006-present).

Invited member of a PC(USA) task force for the 2016 GA:
Prospects for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine (2015).

General Assembly task force member, *Teaching the Humanities
in PCUSA-related Colleges and Universities* (2018-2020).

Board member, *The Presbyterian Association for Science,
Technology, and the Christian Faith* (2019-2025; Vice
President, 2022-2025).

Member of leadership team, *Czech Mission Network* (2018-)

Member, *Advisory Committee for Social Witness Policy of
the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.* (2020-).

Member, *Mission Responsibility Through Investment Committee
of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.* (2020-).

Plus work on a range of Presbyterian, ecumenical, and
interreligious committees and task forces.

**Community
Service**

City of Decatur Ethics Commission (2016-).

City of Decatur Climate Resilience Plan Task Force (2022-).

Board Member, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
(2011-2016, including as Board Chair (2013-2016)).

Various Advisory Committees, Southern Institute for Business
and Professional Ethics (2002-2007).

Investigative Panel for the State Bar of Georgia
(2005-2015).

Institutional Review Board, Northside Hospital
(2005-present).

Weekly editorial writer, *The Sunday Paper*
(2006-2008).

**Work
Experience**

Professor of Christian Ethics
Columbia Theological Seminary (2013-present).

Director of the Master of Theology Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary (2020-present).

Director of the Master of Divinity Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary (2013-2020).

Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Columbia Theological Seminary (2005-2013).

Director of the Master of the Arts in Theological Studies Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary (2002-2013).

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, Science and
Religion, Environmental Ethics, Neo-orthodox Theologies

Secondary: Political Philosophy, American Religious History,
Contemporary Theologies, Theology and Sexuality,
Continental Philosophy

Professional Societies: American Academy of Religion
Presbyterian Association for Science, Technology, and the
the Christian Faith
Reinhold Niebuhr Society
Social Ethics Network (formerly "Theological Educators for
Presbyterian Social Witness")
Society of Biblical Literature
Society of Christian Ethics
Society for Scriptural Reasoning

References: Available upon Request.