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Drew University
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2002

Emory University, Theological Studies

Dissertation: "Respecting Difference, Risking Proclamation: Faith, Responsibility, and the Tragic Structure of Overcoming Supersessionism"

Graduate Diploma in Jewish Studies, 1998

University of Oxford, England

Diploma with distinction

M.T.S., 1995

Candler School of Theology

Summa cum laude

B.A., 1984

Westmont College

Fine Arts, magna cum laude

TEACHING

Associate Professor of Christian Theology, Drew University, 2002 –

Courses Taught

Drew Theological School

Systematic Theology; Doctrines of Revelation; Christology in the Jewish-Christian Context; Doctrine of God and the Trinity; Election, Salvation and the Other; Liberation Theologies; Religion and Incarceration; Reformed Theology: Reading the Confessions; Kierkegaard: The Offense of Christianity in Modernity and Postmodernity (cross-listed with the GDR); The Theology of Karl Barth (cross-listed with the GDR)

PREP Courses (Partnership for Religion and Education in Prison), taught at Northern State Prison, Newark, New Jersey:

Letters and Sermons from Prison (Barth, Bonhoeffer, MLK, Malcom X); Jesus and Justice: Progressive Evangelicalism?; Reconciliation and Liberation; Doctrines of Revelation: Scripture; Religion and Incarceration

Graduate Division of Religion

Theories and Methods in Philosophical and Theological Studies; Theology and Deconstruction

Other Experience, 1998 –

Guest Lecturer, “The Colonial Realities of Christian Mission,” in Religion and the Social Process (Dr. Tanya Bennett), Drew Theological School, spring 2007

Guest Lecturer, “The Role of ‘Jesus is Victor’ in Barth’s Doctrine of Reconciliation,” in Reformed Theology (Dr. Peter Heltzel), NYTS, spring, 2007

Instructor, Theology after the Holocaust, Emory University, spring 2001

Graduate of the *Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity* Program (TATTO), Emory University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1998

Additional Areas of Teaching Competence

Feminist, Womanist, and Liberation Theologies; Theodicy, Evil and Suffering; Post-Holocaust Theology; Continental Philosophy; Western Metaphysics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Co-editor with Wesley Ariarajah, *Divine Multiplicity: Trinities, Diversities, and the Nature of Relation* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2014)

Co-editor with Catherine Keller, *Apophatic Bodies: Negative Theology, Incarnation, and Relationality* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2009)

Risking Proclamation, Respecting Difference: Christian Faith, Imperialistic Discourse, and Abraham (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2008)

Editor, *Where Once We Feared Enemies: Inclusive Membership, Prophetic Vision, and the American Church*, sermons by Gibson Stroupe (Lima, OH: CSS Publishing, 2005)

Articles and Chapters

“Faith as Immunity to History? Rethinking a Rethinking of Barth in Light of Fackenheim after Rethinking Fackenheim in Light of Berkovits and Soloveitchik,” in *Karl Barth and Comparative Theology*, Martha Moore-Keish and Christian Collins Winn, eds. (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, forthcoming)

“Editor’s Forward,” and “Editor’s Afterword,” in *Deeper Waters: Sermons for a New Vision*, sermons by Nibs Stroupe, Collin Cornell, ed., (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2017), reprinted by permission from, *Where Once We Feared Enemies: Inclusive Membership, Prophetic Vision, and the American Church*, sermons by Gibson Stroupe, Chris Boesel ed. (Lima, OH: CSS Publishing, 2005).

“Greater News Hath No Evangelical than This: Barth, Election, and the Recovery of the Gospel from Evangelicalism’s Territorial Disputes,” in *Karl Barth and the Future of Evangelical Theology*, Christian Collins Winn and John L. Drury, eds. (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2014)

“Divine Relationality and (the Methodological Constraints of) the Gospel as Piece of News: Tracing the Limits of Trinitarian Ethics,” in *Divine Multiplicity: Trinities, Diversities, and the Nature of Relation*, Chris Boesel and Wesley Ariarajah, eds. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2014)

“News,” in *Prophetic Evangelicals: Envisioning a Just and Peaceable Kingdom*, Bruce Ellis Benson, Malinda Elizabeth Berry, and Peter Goodwin Heltzel, eds. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2012)

“Theological Themes: Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 9:14” in *Lectionary Homiletics*, volume XXII, no. 1, December 2010

“The Apophasis of Divine Freedom: Saving ‘the Name’ and the Neighbor from Human Mastery,” in *Apophatic Bodies*, Chris Boesel and Catherine Keller, eds. (New York: Fordham University Press, 2009)

“Rupture and Context: The Ethical Dimensions of a Post-Holocaust Biblical Hermeneutic,” in *Strange Fire: Reading the Bible after the Holocaust*, Tod Linafelt, ed. (New York: NYU Press; Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Academic Press Ltd., 2000)

Book Reviews

The Spirit of God and the Christian Life: Reconstructing Karl Barth’s Pneumatology, JinHyok Kim (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2014), in *Interpretation: a Journal of Bible and Theology*, volume 71, issue 1, January 2017

Engaging Karl Barth: Contemporary Evangelical Critiques, David Griffin and Daniel Strange, eds. (New York and London: T&T Clark, Continuum International Publishing Group, Inc, 2008), in *Dialogue: A Journal of Theology*, volume 53, no. 2, Summer 2014

Another Reformation: Postliberal Christianity and the Jews, by Peter Ochs (Grand Rapids, MI:

Baker Academic, 2011), in *Interpretation: a Journal of Bible and Theology*, volume 66, issue 4, October 2012

Perspectives on Our Father Abraham: Essays in Honor of Marvin R. Wilson, Steven A. Hunt, ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2010), in *Studies in Christian Jewish Relations*, volume 7, no. 1, 2012

Crossover Queries: Dwelling with Negatives, Embodying Philosophy's Others, Edith Wyschogrod (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, Perspectives in Continental Philosophy Series 2006), in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, volume 15, issue 4, September 2008

The Experience of God: a Postmodern Response, Kevin Hart and Barbara Eileen Wall, eds. (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, 2005), in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, volume 14, issue 2, March 2007

"Losing My Deconstruction: The 'Turn' to Religion as Return of Modernity?" a review of *Religion with/out Religion: The Prayers and Tears of John D. Caputo*, James H. Olthuis, ed. (London and New York: Routledge, 2001), in *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology and Ethics*, Volume 46, no. 2, July 2007

SCHOLARLY LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"Christian Faith, Determinate Religion, and Abridged Versions of Deconstruction: A Response," American Catholic Philosophy Association annual meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November, 2013.

"The Perils of a Divine Aesthete after the Holocaust," Theology and Religious Reflection Section, AAR Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2010

"The Risk of Forgiveness: A Christian Theological Perspective," Forgiveness: Interfaith and Interdisciplinary Perspectives, a panel sponsored by the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2008

"Contextualizing that by which We are Contextualized: The Aporetic Predicament of a Systematic Treatment of Sin," Systematic Theology Section, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2007

"The Apophasis of Divine Freedom: Saving 'the Name' and the Neighbor from Human Mastery," Alexander Robertson Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK, 2007

"But What if God Wants to Be Known? The Freedom and Mystery of Divine Self-giving," Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Apophatic Bodies, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2006

"'Thus Sayeth the Lord...': Prophetic Voice, Evangelical Theology and Social Change," co-written/presented with Christian Collins Winn, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, AAR Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

“Standing Again at ‘Lessing’s Ditch’,” Matriculation Address, Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ, 2005

Respondent to Richard Kearney, Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Eros, Drew University, Madison, NJ

“(Re)Drawing Lines in the Sands of Ambiguity: Deconstruction and Theology, Provisionality and Sacrifice,” Theology and Religious Reflection Section, AAR Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, 2000

Panel Moderator, Theology and Continental Philosophy Section, AAR Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 1998

“Derrida and Deconstruction: Remedy or Poison for the Church-Related College in a Postmodern Age?,” The Church-Related Conferences Postmodern Opportunity, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, 1997

“Heidegger, Levinas, and Walker Percy: The Future Possibility of Christian Existentialist Fiction in a Postmodern World,” The Trace of the Other, Westminster College, Oxford, UK, 1996

“Can Barth’s ‘Word’ Be Mended? Following Fackenheim into a Confrontation with the Holocaust,” International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Utrecht, Netherlands, 1996

“Reading Schüssler Fiorenza Reading Williams: A Model of Difference, Positionality, and the Distribution of Theological Labor,” Philosophy of Religion Section, AAR Regional Meeting (Southeast), Columbia, SC, 1996

CHURCH AND SEMINARY LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Incarceration: Before, During, After,” a panel discussion, St. James Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, October, 2017

“Religious Extremism: From One Religious Extremist to Another” The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, Chatham, NJ, October, 2017

“Karl Barth: Why the News Is Good and How It Changes Everything,” Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, October, 2016

“Being in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter: Christian and Wesleyan Resources,” UMC, Capital District, Black Lives Matter rally in Trenton, NJ, November, 2016

“Karl Barth: Reformed Theologian and Doctrinal Innovator,” Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, NJ, October, 2010

“Theology and the Symbolic,” Annual Lecture Series, United Methodist Church, Demarest, NJ, 2005

“I’m not Spiritual, but I’m Really into Organized Religion:’ Religion and Spirituality,” co-presented with Dr. Terry Todd, Tipple-Vosburg Lectures: Workshop, Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ, 2003

SERVICE

Academy

- External reviewer for faculty contract renewal review, New York Theological Seminary, 2015
- Blind outside reviewer for *Theology Today*, for article, "Ruptured Romans: Karl Barth's *Der Romerbrief*, KRISIS, and the Impossible Possible," 2016
- Outside reviewer for book proposal, *Becoming Sin: A Political Theology*, by Anna Mercedes, for Bloomsbury/T&T Clark, 2016

University

Leadership/Special Service:

Chair of Committee on Faculty, Drew Theological School, 2017-2018; 2014-2015
Faculty Coordinator for the PREP (Partnership for Religion and Education in Prison)
Faculty Committee, Drew Theological School, 2014-2016

Chair of the Contextual Learning Constellation, Drew Theological School, spring 2011-
fall 2012

Faculty Coordinator for the Cross-Cultural Program, Drew Theological School, fall
2011-2013

Academic Operations Committee, University Organizational Review, 2011-2012

Chair of the Dean's Council, Drew Theological School, fall 2010-spring 2011

Convener of the Theological and Philosophical Studies Area, Graduate Division of
Religion, DTS, 2004-2011

Acting Chair of the Graduate Division of Religion, DTS, fall 2007

Planning Committee, Dupont Grant for Prophetic Leadership, DTS 2006-2007

Chair of the University Senate, Drew University, 2004-2006

Faculty advisor to the Drew Community for Social Justice, DTS, 2005-2007

Service on Standing Committees:

Drew Theological School: Curriculum Transformation Committee, Contextual Learning
Constellation, Committee on Faculty, Dean's Council, PREP (Partnership for Religion and
Education in Prison), Academic Standing Committee, Admissions Committee,
Cross-cultural Committee, Chapel Committee, Search Committees, Lectures and
Continuing Education

Graduate Division of Religion (DTS): Steering Committee, Academic Standing
Committee, Prospectus Committee

Drew University: University Senate, University Budget Committee, University
Technology Committee, Technology Search Committee

Church

Ruling Elder, St. James Presbyterian Church (USA), New York, NY, 2014 –

Moderator, Christian Education/Scholarship Fund, 2015 –

President, St. James Men's Group, 2015-1016

Ruling Elder, Old Bergen Church, Reformed Church of America/Presbyterian Church
(USA), Jersey City, NJ, 2006-2007

Trustee, Old Bergen Church, 2005-2007

Nominating Committee, Old Bergen Church, 2006-2007

Substitute Preacher, Old Bergen Church, 2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

LANGUAGES

German, French, Biblical Hebrew

AWARDS AND HONORS

Teacher of the Year, Drew Theological School, 2016-2017

Alexander Robertson Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, University of Glasgow, spring 2007

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Emory University, 1995-2000

Graduate Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford University,
UK, 1997-1998

M.T.S. Class Marshal/Valedictorian, Candler School of Theology, 1995