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1. EDUCATION

- 2018 Sauder Business School, University of British Columbia, **Certificate for Excellence in Leadership**
(Understanding Finance, Excellence in Administration, Coaching and Mentoring and Strategic Decision-Making)
- 2005 **Ph.D., Systematic Theology** (First-Class Standing)
Dissertation: *Revelation, Holy Scripture and Church in the Hermeneutic Thought of James Barr, Paul Ricoeur and Hans Frei*,
Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
School of Theology, University of Toronto
Dissertation Supervisor: Professor John B. Webster
- 1993 **One Year Diploma Course**, Knox College, Toronto School of
Theology, University of Toronto
- 1988 **M.A., Systematic Theology** (First-Class Standing)
Thesis: *'A Critical Appraisal of Evangelical Foundational Theology,'*
Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
School of Theology, University of Toronto
Thesis Director: Professor John B. Webster
- 1984 **B.A., Religious Studies** (Dean's Honor List), University of Waterloo,
Waterloo, Ontario

2. AWARDS

- 2018 **QS International University Rankings**, Vancouver School of Theology, Top
Ten Most Improved Theological Schools
(<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings-articles/university->

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[subject-rankings/10-most-improved-universities-theology-divinity-religious-studies-2018\)](#)

- 2018 Association of Theological Schools, Innovation Award-Expo, Sauder-Vancouver School of Theology Partnership
- 2017 Luce Grant for “The Teaching House that Moves Around” Indigenous Ministry
- 2012 Church Press Award of Merit for the Theology 101 Department of *The Presbyterian Record* (Co-Editor)
- 2006 Canadian Church Press Award for ‘*Delving into the Depths of Theology, An Appreciation of Mere Christianity*,’ by C.S. Lewis, in *The Presbyterian Record* (December, 2005).
- 1997 *Pulpit Digest* Preaching Award, First Place, Doctrinal/Theological Category, ‘*The Ascension*.’
- 1993 *Anglican Theological Review* Essay Contest, First Place, “Toward a Critical and Relevant Reading of the Bible as Holy Scripture of the Church.”
- 1991 Canadian Theological Society Graduate Student Essay Contest, First Place, “The Canon and the Truth: Brevard Childs and James Barr on the Canon and the Historical-Critical Method.”

3. MINISTRY/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

(i) Teaching/Administrative Appointments

- 2013-2019 Principal, Vancouver School of Theology
- 2017-2019 Vancouver School of Theology Foundation Board
- 2009-2019 Faculty Council, Faculty Association
- 2009-present Associate Professor, *The St. Andrew’s Hall Chair of Studies in the Reformed Tradition*, St. Andrew’s Hall, Vancouver School of Theology, University of British Columbia
- Tenure Granted 2012
- 2000-2008 Adjunct Faculty, Presbyterian College, McGill University

(ii) Congregational Service

- 2000-2009 Senior Minister, The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, Quebec www.standrewstpaul.com

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- 1997-1999 Assistant Minister, The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, Quebec
- 1993-1996 Minister, Knox and Zion Presbyterian Churches, Port Carling and Torrance, Ontario
- 1993 Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, Brampton, Ontario

(iii) *Denominational/College Appointments*

- 2013-2019 Minister-in-Association, Richmond Presbyterian Church
- 2011-2019 Chair of Visiting Distinguished Scholars Committee, VST
- 2016-2018 Research Degrees Committee, Vancouver School of Theology (VST)
- 2016-2017 Interim Moderator, Richmond Presbyterian Church,
- 2012-2013 Conversation Circle for the Development of A Theological Framework for Aboriginal Spirituality
- 2011-2012 Camp Douglas, Chaplain and Counselor Training
- 2011-2013 Summer School Coordinator, Vancouver School of Theology
- 2011-2012 Acting Dean of Studies, VST
- 2011-2013 Convenor, Doctrine Committee, Presbytery of Westminster
- 2011 Convenor, Search Committee for Presbyterian Director of Denominational Studies, St. Andrew's Hall and Vancouver School of Theology
- 2011 Interim Moderator, Calvin Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford
- 2010-2013 Coordinator, Extension Site Development and Administration, Vancouver School of Theology (Calgary and Victoria)
- 2009-2013 Church Doctrine Committee, Presbyterian Church in Canada
- 2009-2013 Co-Editor of *Theology 101 Series*, Presbyterian Record
- 2007-2009 Executive, Academic and D.D. Committees, Presbyterian College, Montreal School of Theology, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

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Helped to secure degree charter amendments through the National Assembly for the College

- 2006-2009 Board of Governors, Presbyterian College, Montreal
- 2005-2009 Mentor, Divinity Students, Presbyterian College
- 2000-2009 Convener, Ministry/Personnel/Candidates Committee, Presbytery of Montreal
- 2008 World Alliance of Reformed Churches Delegate to the 49th International Eucharistic Congress of the Roman Catholic Church, Quebec City, Canada
- 2007 PCC Delegate to World Alliance of Reformed Churches Pastor's Conference, Geneva, 'The Mission of the Presbyterian and Reformed Church Worldwide and You' and 'Preparations for the 500th Anniversary of Calvin's Birth
- 2005-2006 Moderator of the Presbytery of Montreal, Presbyterian Church
- 2005-2006 Moderator, Special Commission of the 131st General Assembly
- 2005/2008 In Ministry Year Supervisor, Presbyterian College, Montreal
- 2003-2007 Presbytery Representative, Christian-Jewish Dialogue
- 1998-2006 Member of the National Task Force for the Development of Catechisms for Children and Adults, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Convener: The Reverend Dr. William Klempa
- 1993-2003 Member of Task Force on the 'Theology and Practice of Ministry,' The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Convener: The Reverend Dr. James Thomson

(iv) Community Service

- 2018-2019 Strategic Advisor, Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries
- 2013-2019 Senate, University of British Columbia, Awards Committee
- 2011 DOXA Documentary Film Festival: Forum for Justice, Vancouver, Respondent
- 2006-2009 Chaplain, Canadian Armed Forces, The Black Watch (RHR) of Canada
Main work consisted of interviewing soldiers leaving for Afghanistan and interviewing them when they returned to

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civilian life and being a pastoral presence to the regiment. Sadly, had to organize with the Canadian Forces a service of burial of one of our soldiers

- 2005-2009 Vice-Chair of the Board, Trafalgar School for Girls, Montreal
Private Girl's School where I was involved in strategic planning and fund-raising for student bursaries
- 2000-2009 Governor, Trafalgar School for Girls, Montreal, Convenor of Bursary Committee
- 1997-1999 Member of the Board of Directors and Convenor of Christian Education Subcommittee, Tyndale-St. Georges' (A Presbyterian-Anglican inner-city educational mission to new immigrants, Montreal)
- 1997-2005 Associate Chaplain, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

4. PUBLICATIONS

(i) *Book*

Revelation, Holy Scripture and Church: Theological Hermeneutic Thought of James Barr, Paul Ricoeur and Hans Frei. New Critical Thinking in Religion, Theology and Biblical Studies (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2007).

Reviews:

- Harrower, Scott. *Journal of Theological Studies.* (April, 2010) 61/1: 456-459
- Le Grys, Alan. *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* (August, 2009) 31/5: 161.
- Madueme, Hans. 'Review Article: Theological Interpretation after Barth,' in *Journal of Theological Interpretation* (Spring, 2009) 3/1: 143-156.
- McFarland, Ian A. *Evangelical Quarterly* (October, 2008) 80/4: 364-365.
- Merrick, James. *Theology Forum* (February 9, 2009):
<http://theologyforum.wordpress.com/2009/02/09/review-of-toppings-revelation-scripture-and-church>
- Paddison, Angus. *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (April, 2009) 11/2: 232-235.
- Ream, Todd. *The Heythrop Journal* (January, 2009) 58/1: 129-130.
- Roberts, Kyle A. *Religious Studies Review* (March, 2011) 37/1: 38.
- Vissers, John. 'Reading Scripture Rightly,' in *Presbyterian Record* (June, 2008): 20-21.

(ii) *Edited Volumes*

Co-editor, *Calvin @500: Theology, History and Practice* (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2011).

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Guest Editor with Profs. John Webster and David Demson, 'Hans Frei and the Future of Theology,' papers from the 1990 meeting of the Karl Barth Society in *Modern Theology* 8/2 (April, 1992).

(iii) *ThM. Supervision/Outside Reviewer/Doctoral Examiner*

2016-2017 Lynn Mills, 'Reexamining Baptism: Historical Sources for Integral Renewal'

2015-2016 Roger Revell: 'A Theology of Sabbath: Retrieving an Enhanced Perspective on Its Meaning and Purposes'

2014-2015 Margaret Trim: 'Joy Comes in the Morning: The Eschatological Imagination and Trauma Healing'

2013-2014 Emma Pavey: 'Finding a Place for Solitude in Contemporary Trinitarian Theology and Christian Practice'

2018-2019 *International Journal for Systematic Theology*, Langham Global Library, Wipf and Stock Publishing, Wycliffe College – University of Toronto

2017 *Journal of Reformed Theology*, Westminster/John Knox Press, Wipf and Stock Publishing,

2011-2016 Routledge, IVP Academic, Pickwick, Palgrave-McMillan, The Toronto Journal of Theology

2013 Outside Examiner D.Min. Thesis, Mark Ward, 'Hearing and Listening: A Minister's Journey with a Congregation,' Knox College, Toronto School of Theology

2012 Outside Examiner Ph.D. Thesis, Peter D. Oulton, 'In Search of a Responsible Freedom in a Post-Christendom World: A Reconsideration of Karl Barth's Social and Political Thought,' Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology

(iv) *Articles/Chapters*

"Keeping it Odd: Theological Studies," *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, forthcoming, (Summer 2019).

"Does Biblical Interpretation Have a Prayer?," *Touchstone* 36/1 (February, 2018), 38-48.

"Troubling Context: Theological Education in Mainline Protestantism in Canada," *Encounter* (Spring, 2017), 39-57.

"Calling Leaders: Finding the Best and Urging Them Forward," Interview with Bishop William Willimon in *The Presbyterian Record* (November, 2016).

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“John Calvin and the Image of God: Creation, Regeneration, Remnants and Rights,” *Touchstone* 34/1 (February, 2016), 7-14.

“The College and Missional Leadership,” pp. 228-249. Edited by William Klempa, et., al. *Still Voices-Still Heard: Sermons, Addresses, Letters and Reports The Presbyterian College, 1865-2015* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2015).

“Creation, Calling and Care for the World,” in *The Presbyterian Record* (July, 2012).

“Theological Interpretation of Scripture,” in *Lexham Study Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2012).

Theological Commentary on Advent Lessons, pp. 1-20. Edited by Paul Scott Wilson. In *Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary: Preaching Year C* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012).

“Scripture Funded: Reforming Reformed Imagination, pp. 23-37.” In *Calvin@500: Theology, History and Practice*. Edited by Richard R. Topping and John A. Vissers. (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2011).

“A Spirited Life: John Calvin on the Holy Spirit,” E-Channels June 2010, January 2011 and November 2011. <http://renewalfellowship.presbyterian.ca/e-channels.html>

“Listening to Many for the Voice,” *Presbyterian Record* (February, 2011).

“Listening for God: Church Practice and Private Devotion,” *Glad Tidings* (January, 2011).

“Can You Imagine? On How the Gospels Can Make You Wonderfully Interesting and Somewhat Weird,” *Presbyterian Record* (January, 2011).

“God Spoke to Me: The Presence of God by Means of Scripture,” *Presbyterian Record* (April, 2010).

“John Calvin on the Sacraments,” *Presbyterian Record* (February, 2009).

“Transcendental Method and Private Language: Bernard Lonergan and Ludwig Wittgenstein on Religious Language and Experience,” *ARC: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies*, McGill University 21 (Spring, 1993): 11-26.

“The Canon and the Truth: James Barr and Brevard Childs on the Canon and the Historical-Critical Method,” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 8/2 (Fall, 1992): 239-260.

“The Anti-foundationalist Challenge to Evangelical Apologetics,” *The Evangelical Quarterly*, 63/1 (January, 1991): 45-60 (Identified as an important criticism of the apologetics of modernity in Timothy Phillips and Dennis Okholm, Editors, *Christian Apologetics in the Postmodern World* (Downers Grove: IVP, 1995), 231).

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“Hans Frei and the Future of Theology,” *Canadian Theological Society Newsletter*, 9/2 (November, 1990): 1-5.

“Epistemological Problems with Historical Apologetics,” *Prolegomena* 1/2 (December, 1989): 27-32.

(v) *Church Publications*

Contributing Author: “Theological Framework for Aboriginal Spirituality,” *Acts and Proceedings of the 139th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada*, 2013, 508-518.

Principal Author: “The Necessity, Sufficiency and Clarity of Scripture,” *Acts and Proceedings of the 136th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada*, 2010, 287-290.

Contributing author: *A Catechism for Today* (Montreal: Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2006)

Contributing author: *Together in Ministry: The Theology and Practice of Ministry in the Presbyterian Church in Canada* (Toronto: Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2004).

Principal author: ‘The Laity,’ *Acts and Proceedings of the 120th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada*, 1998, 342-348.

Principal author: ‘The Ruling Elder,’ *Acts and Proceedings of the 122nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada* (1996): 350-362.

“Sincere Work and Spiritual Improvement: Principal Caven's Emphases in Theological Education,” *Presbyterian History: A Newsletter of the Committee on History*, 40/1 (May, 1996): 1-4.

(vi) *Book Reviews*

Eschatology, Liturgy, and Christology: Toward Recovering an Eschatological Imagination by Thomas P Rausch in *Anglican Theological Review* 95/3 (Summer, 2013): 569-570.

Scripture: A Very Theological Proposal, by Angus Paddison, in *The International Journal of Systematic Theology* 14/3 (July, 2012): 356-359.

Calvin's Ladder: A Spiritual Theology of Ascent, by Julie Canlis, in *Crux* (Spring, 2011) and *eChannels* (January, 2011).

The Neo-Orthodox Theology of W.W. Bryden, by John Vissers, in *The Presbyterian Record* (October, 2006).

“Delving into the Depths of Theology, An Appreciation of *Mere Christianity*,” by C.S. Lewis, in *The Presbyterian Record* (December, 2005): 23.

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Hans Frei and Karl Barth: Different Ways of Reading Scripture, by David Demson, in the *Canadian Theological Society Newsletter* (March, 1998).

Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology, by Daniel Migliore, in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 10/1 (Spring, 1994): 107-109.

Insight (University of Toronto Edition, 1992), by Bernard Lonergan, in *ARC: The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies*, McGill University, 21 (Spring, 1993): 96-98.

God, Creation, and Providence in the Thought of Jacob Arminius by Richard A. Muller, in *The Baptist Review of Theology* 2/1 (Spring, 1992): 70-74

Aspects of Christian Integrity, by Alan P.F. Sell, in *The Baptist Review of Theology* 1/1 (Fall, 1991): 85-86.

Return to Reason, by Kelly James Clark, in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 7/1 (Spring, 1991): 146-150, and in *The Baptist Review of Theology* 1/1 (Fall, 1991): 55-57.

The Freedom of a Christian, by Eberhard Jüngel, in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 6/2 (Fall, 1990): 316-319.

(vii) *Sermons*

Preaching on the Lessons, *The Clergy Journal* 77/7 (May/June, 2001): 73-80.

Preaching on the Lessons, *The Clergy Journal* 76/7 (May/June, 2000): 47-54.

Preaching on the Lessons, *The Clergy Journal* 75/7 (May/June, 1999): 118-124.

Preaching on the Lessons, *The Clergy Journal* 75/1 (October, 1998): 41-50.

'*The Ascension*,' *Pulpit Digest* (July/August, 1997): 63-68.

5. INVITED LECTURES/ADDRESSES

I have not included sermons here. I preach nearly every Sunday by invitation, most often in Western Canada. However, I have received invitations to preach in every Canadian province and across the United States and the UK.

2019 "*Barth's Generative Theology*," "*Theological Education: Keeping it Odd*," and "*Postliberal Theology*," Indonesia Theological Seminary, Jakarta, Indonesia.

2019 "*The Bible and Imagination*," Bethel Theological Seminary, Jakarta, Indonesia.

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- 2019 *“Theological Education,”* Presentation to Synod, Diocese of New Westminster, Vancouver.
- 2019 Chair, Heads of Anglican Schools Conference, Montreal.
- 2019 *“Bonhoeffer and Christian Humanism,”* A Response to Jens Zimmerman, Regent College, Vancouver.
- 2019 *“Preaching and Imagination”*, Diocese of Edmonton Clergy Conference.
- 2019 Chair, Heads of Schools, United Church of Canada, Toronto.
- 2019 *“Tensive Proclamation,”* United Theological College, McGill University, Montreal.
- 2019 *“The Imaginative Authority of Scripture,”* George Goth Anniversary Lecturer/Preacher, Metropolitan UCC, London, Ontario.
- 2019 Chapel Preacher, Huron College, University of Western Ontario.
- 2018 *“Does Biblical Interpretation Have a Prayer?”* Asia Theological Seminary, Manila; St Andrew’s Seminary, Manila and Silliman University, Dumaguete, Philippines.
- 2018 *“Theology 101,”* VST Academy, Victoria, BC.
- 2018 Chair, Heads of Anglican Schools Conference, Waterloo, Ontario.
- 2018 Presentation at Innovation Expo, ATS Biennial Conference, Denver, CO.
“Truth and Reconciliation, Indigenous Theological Education in Canada,” Association of Theological Schools, Denver, CO.
- 2018 *“Spiritual Gifts for the Missional Church,”* Parksville Presbyterian Church, BC.
- 2018 Chair, Heads of United Church Schools Conference, Montreal.
- 2018 *“Ministry in Times of Transition”*, Keynote: Queen’s University Alumni, Kingston, ON.’ -
“The Bible: From Historical Artefact to Wine Cellar of the Holy Spirit”
“Mission: from Proxy and Project to Raison d’Etre”
“Theological Education: From Critical Distance to Reparative Engagement”
- 2018 *“Faith, God and Beauty: Scripture, God and the Arts,”* Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta.

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- 2018 *“Theology for Non-Theologians,”* VST Academy, Bellingham, WA.
- 2017 Association of Theological Schools’ Consultation for Canadian Schools, Calgary, Alberta.
- 2017 *“What if God Was One of Us?”* VST Academy, Courtenay-Comox, BC.
- 2017 Address at Solidarity Gathering after Bomb Threat, Jewish Community Centre, Vancouver.
- 2017 Heads of United Church Schools Conference, Vancouver.
- 2017 Keynote Speaker, West Point Grey ecumenical celebration of worship, Vancouver.
- 2017 Meeting of Church Leaders with Vancouver Mayor, Public Statement about Franklin Graham.
- 2017 *“Leadership in Transition,”* St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Prince George, BC.
- 2017 Seminar with Rowan Williams & Charles Taylor, Montreal.
- 2017 Chair, Heads of United Church Schools Conference, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.
- 2017 *“Theology: An Introduction,”* St. Andrew’s-Wesley United Church, Vancouver.
- 2017 *“The Reformation”*, Carver Christian High School, Burnaby, BC.
- 2017 Keynote, Panel on the Reformation, Oakridge Adventist Church, Vancouver.
- 2017 *“The Reformation”*, Brock House Lecture Society, Vancouver.
- 2017 Chair, Heads of Anglican Schools Conference, Kitchener, Ontario.
- 2016 *“Theology for Non-Theologians,”* Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, Alberta.
- 2016 Missional Leadership Consultation, Whistler, BC.
- 2016 *“Calvin”* lecture, Regent College, Vancouver.
- 2016 *“Refugees and the Gospel”*, Interreligious Panel, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Chilliwack.

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- 2016 *“Leadership, Friendship and Innovation,”* Anglican Clergy Conference, Whistler, BC.
- 2016 Heads of Anglican Schools Conference, St. John’s, Newfoundland.
- 2016 Keynote Speaker, *“Ministry ReCall,”* Edmonton, Alberta.
- 2016 Keynote Presbyterian, *“Acts and The Spirited Church,”* Synod of BC.
- 2016 *“Reformed Theology,”* Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta.
- 2016 Heads of United Church Theological Schools Conference, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 2015 *“Climate Change and Christian Conviction,”* Presbytery of Westminster, Vancouver.
- 2015 *“Faith: The Basics,”* VST Academy, Victoria, BC.
- 2015 *“Grace and Gratitude: The Ten Commandments for Life,”* Brentwood Presbyterian, Vancouver.
- 2015 *“Theological Education,”* United Church of Canada BC Conference, Whistler.
- 2015 Niblett Memorial Lecture, *“Troubling Context: Theological Education in Canada,”* Sarum College, Salisbury, United Kingdom.
- 2015 *“Theology for Non-Theologians,”* Trinity Anglican Church, Vancouver.
- 2014 *“Leadership in Church Now,”* United Church of Canada Presbytery, Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, Alberta.
- 2014 *“Theological Perspectives on Palliative Care,”* British Columbia Hospice and Palliative Care Association, Vancouver.
- 2014 Heads of United Church Theological Schools Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- 2014 *“Don’t Just Do Something, Sit There,”* Diocesan Synod, Victoria, BC.
- 2014 *“Troubling Context,”* Presbytery Retreat, University of Calgary, Alberta.
- 2012 *“How do we Know God?”* Ahmadiya Muslim Community Inter-Religious Colloquium, University of British Columbia, BC

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- 2012 “*Spiritual Gifts for the Missional Church*,” Richmond Presbyterian Church
- 2012 Westminster Presbyterian Church, “*Resurrection and the Body*,”
Westminster Ministerial Lenten Series
- 2012 “*Existence of God and Human Suffering*,” Ahmadiya Muslim Community
Inter-Religious Colloquium, University of Fraser Valley University,
Mission, BC
- 2011 Taiwanese Ministers of North America, Kerrisdale Presbyterian, “*The Holy
Spirit in Reformed Theology*”
- 2011 The Synod of Alberta and the North West, “*The Congregation- Listening to
Scripture Together*”
- 2011 Calvin Presbyterian Church, North Bay, Ontario, “*The Bible as Artifact,
Literature and Living Voice*”
- 2010 AAR Regional Meeting, University of Victoria, British Columbia,
Theological Division, “*Calvin and Ricoeur on Hermeneutics and
Imagination*”
- 2010 Friends of Vancouver School of Theology, “*Imagination in Recent
Theology*”
- 2010 University of Calgary, Presbyterian of Calgary-McLeod, “*A Theology of
Reformed Leadership*”
- 2009 John Calvin Today, Surrey, B.C., Renewal Fellowship Conference, “*The
Spirited Life: John Calvin and the Holy Spirit*”
- 2009 Presbyterian College, Montreal, Calvin and The Christian Faith Today
Conference, “*Scripture Stoked: Reforming Reformed Imagination?*”
- 2009 The Synod of British Columbia, White Rock, “*Calvin and the Venerable
Company of Preachers*”
- 2009 St. Andrew’s/Vancouver School of Theology, “*Does Biblical Interpretation
have a Prayer?*” Inaugural Lecture for The St. Andrew’s Hall Chair in
Reformed Studies
- 2009 Presbyterian Church in Canada, New Church Development, Continuing
Education: “*Worship, Preaching and Evangelism: Fear and Faithfulness*,”
Presbyterian College

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- 2008 Keynote Address: “*Biblical Interpretation: When Revelation and Hermeneutics Meet*,” Department of Theological Studies, Concordia University: Respondent: Dr. André Gagné, Assistant Professor
- 2008 Knox Summer Fellowship 2008, “*Great Nights of the Bible*,” Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto
- 2008 Keynote Address: “*Getting a Grip: Theology and Church Life*,” and “*Temptations for City Churches*,” St. Andrew’s Hall, Vancouver School of Theology, Best Practices Conference for Presbyterian Clergy and Church Leaders
- 2007 “*Ministry: Catching Up with What God is Doing*,” Student and Faculty Retreat, Presbyterian College, Montreal
- 2007 “*The Church in the 21st Century*,” Knox College/St. Andrew’s King Street, Toronto, Sponsored Lectures: “*The Church in the Present – Tense*” and “*The Gospel and our Situation*”
- 2004 “*War and Peace: Restraining Evil without Committing It*,” October Series of Lectures, The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal
- 2003 Graduate Lecture, “*The Perils of Relevance*,” and Convocation Address, Presbyterian College, Montreal, Quebec, McGill University
- 1998/1999 “*The Point of Preaching*,” Presbyterian, Anglican and United Church Colleges, McGill University
- 1998 “*Reading the Bible as Scripture*,” Student and Faculty Retreat, Presbyterian College, Montreal, Quebec
- 1991 “*The Canon and the Truth: Brevard Childs and James Barr on the Canon and the Historical-Critical Method*,” (Canadian Theological Society, Queen’s University)
- 1988 “*Is Intratextual Theology Fideistic?*” Canadian Evangelical Theological Association, Tyndale Theological Seminary

6. TEACHING EXPERIENCE (At the Vancouver School of Theology unless otherwise noted)

(i) *Courses Taught:* Advanced Degree (Th.M.)

Theological Aesthetics

A Secular Age: Charles Taylor’s on Secularity

Contemporary Trinitarian Theology

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Interpretation and Imagination in Post-liberal Theology
The Doctrine of God in Post-liberal Theology
Research Methods: Theological Research Methodologies

(ii) Courses Taught: Basic Degree (M.Div, MATS, MAPPL)

Christ and Culture: Barth and the Rise of National Socialism, Vancouver School of Theology
Theology and Practice of Prayer, Vancouver School of Theology
Lecturer in Church History with Donald Lewis, Regent College:
 John Calvin and the Geneva Project
 Schleiermacher and the Rise of Liberalism
 The Churches and Fascist Totalitarianism
Constructive Theology, Vancouver School of Theology
Reformation History, Vancouver School of Theology
Reformed Theology of the 19th and 20th Century, Vancouver School of Theology
Principles of Preaching, Montreal School of Theology, McGill University, Montreal
Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Presbyterian College, McGill University, Montreal
Worship in the Reformed Tradition, Presbyterian College, McGill University, Montreal
Orientation to Ministry, Presbyterian College, McGill University, Montreal
Introduction to Philosophy, Sheridan College, Brampton, ON.

(iii) Courses Taught: Lay Education (certificate)

Introduction to Biblical Interpretation
Theology for Non-Theologians
Who Says You Haven't Got A Prayer?
Scripture, Imagination and Preaching

(iv) *Teaching Assistant*

1990-1992	Teaching Assistant to Professor Reginald Stackhouse 'Basic Christian Ethics,' 'Theodicy,' 'Existential Concerns in Theology,' 'Religion and the Gospel,' and 'Eschatology' at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto
1990	Teaching Assistant to Professor David Demson 'Introduction to Systematic Theology' at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
1988-1990	Teaching Assistant to Professor John Webster 'Introduction to Systematic Theology,' 'Atonement and Sanctification' and 'Christology' at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

7. **RESEARCH INTERESTS/AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Systematic and Constructive Theology
Theological Hermeneutics/Biblical Theology

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History of Reformed Tradition
Theological Aesthetics

8. *SOCIETIES/ASSOCIATIONS*

American Academy of Religion
Association of Theological Schools
Calvin Studies Society of North America
Canadian Theological Society
Society of Biblical Literature
Karl Barth Reading Group, Vancouver (initiated)