

curriculum vitae

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Education:

B.A., 1964, Greenville College, Greenville, IL

Major: Philosophy and Religion

Minor: Greek, Psychology, Physical Education

M.Div., 1967, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

Major Emphases: Theology, Old Testament Studies

M.A., 1969, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

Major Emphasis: Theology

Minor Emphasis: New Testament Studies

Ph.D., 1978, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, CA

Dissertation: The Actuality of the World in the God/

World Relation: Augustine and Whitehead

Director: John B. Cobb, Jr

Area of Specialization: Theology/Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competency: History of Christian Thought,
Philosophy

Post-Doctoral, Summer, 1980, University of Virginia

Seminar: Theological Uses of History

Director: Julian Hartt

Sabbatical research, Fall, 1991, at the Borthwick Institute for

Historical Research, York, England

Sabbatical research, Spring 2006, Visiting Research Scholar at University of
Manchester, Manchester, England

Teaching Experience

1968-1972 Assistant Professor, Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN

1975-1976 Guest Lecturer with rank of Assistant Professor, Azusa Pacific
University, Azusa, CA

1978-1984 Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Olivet Nazarene
College, Kankakee, IL

1984-present Professor of Philosophy and Theology, Azusa Pacific University,
Azusa, CA

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion

Wesleyan Theological Society

Scholarly Activities and Awards

- "The Notion of Ideas in Augustine and Whitehead" read at the 1978 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- "A Dialog with the Process Theology of John B. Cobb, Jr." at the 1979 Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society.
- Abstracts of *Philosophy East and West* in *Religious and Theological Abstracts*, 1981-1987.
- Recipient of National Endowment for Humanities Summer Seminar: Theological Uses of History, directed by Julian Hartt, University of Virginia, 1980.
- "Experience as a Resource for Theology: Can Whitehead Help?" read at the 1981 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion.
- Recipient of a Title III grant to attend the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, April 1-3, 1982.
- Abstracts of *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* in *Religious and Theological Abstracts* from 1986 to 1998.
- Abstracts of *Union Theological Seminary Quarterly Review* in *Religious and Theological Abstracts* from 1986 to present.
- "Two Concepts of Divine Power," presented at the 1987 Fall Colloquium for the School of Theology, Azusa Pacific University.
- Recipient of a Creative Educational Research Project grant from Azusa Pacific University to attend conference on "Philosophical Theology and Biblical Exegesis," March 15-17, 1990, at University of Notre Dame.
- Recipient of the American Academy of Religion 1991 Awards for Excellence in Religious Studies.
- Moderator and Panelist, Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, 1993.
- Respondent to David S. Cunningham, *Faithful Persuasion: In Aid of a Rhetoric of Christian Theology*, Christian Theological Research Fellowship, at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 1993.
- "Divine Presence: The Doctrines of the Supernatural and Sanctification," Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, 1995.
- Panelist on *World Views and Perceiving God* by Joseph Runzo, American Academy of Religion/Western Region, 1996.
- Participated in planning sessions for "The Enlightenment in Evangelical and Process Perspectives."
- Co-chair for Philosophy of Religion/Theology section of the American Academy of Religion/Western Region, 1996-1997.
- Referee for *Christian Scholar's Review*, 1996.
- Moderated panel on "Broadening the Sources for Theology," at the American Academy of Religion/Western Region meeting Mar. 23-25, 1997 at Berkeley, CA.
- Responded to David Wheeler at the conference, "The Enlightenment in Evangelical and Process Perspectives," Mar. 20-22, 1997 at Claremont, CA.
- Chair for Philosophy of Religion/Theology section of the American Academy of Religion/Western Region, 1997-1998.

- Participated in panel “The Open God In Classical Trinitarian & Process Theologies” at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Azusa Pacific University.
- Respondent to H. Peter Steves, “Cezanne’s Out” at the first annual meeting of the Wesleyan Philosophical Society, February 28, 2002 in West Palm Beach, FL.
- Presented “Eighteenth-Century Internal Senses” at the 2002 Western Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 25, 2001 at St Mary’s College, Morega, CA.
- Moderated panel “Recent Postmodern Theology” at the 2002 Western Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 26, 2001 at St Mary’s College, Morega, CA.
- Presented “‘First perceived in the Senses:’ Wesley’s Spiritual Senses in Relation to Morality and Beauty” at the “John Wesley: Life, Legend & Legacy: An International Conference at the University of Manchester” June 15-18, 2003.
- Presented “A Sketch of Three Christian Responses to Postmodernity: Knowing God,” at the Wesleyan Philosophical Society annual meeting, March 3, 2005, Seattle Pacific University.
- Presented “I Know Who Holds the Future, but Not the Future,” at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting, November 19, 2006, Washington, D.C.
- Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Arts, Histories and Cultures within the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Manchester, January 2006-June 2006.
- Chaired Plenary session of the Western Region Society of Christian Philosophers at Azusa Pacific University, February 23, 2007.
- Participant in Open Theology and Science Seminar sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation, Eastern Nazarene College, June 18-July 6, 2007.
- Participant in “God and the Laws of Nature,” The Venice Summer School on Science and Religion sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation and istituo di scienze lettere ed arti, Venice, Italy, May 26-June 1, 2008.
- Presented “Possibilities for Mutual Transformation: Postmodern, Evangelical, and Process Theologies,” at Highlands Institute for American Theology and Philosophy in Highlands, NC, June 16, 2009.
- Presented “Laws of Nature and the Intelligibility of Scripture: A Proposal for Science and Theology,” at the Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting, March 6, 2010, Azusa Pacific University

Publications

- “A Dialog with the Process Theology of John B. Cobb, Jr.,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 15 (Fall 1980), 33-44.
- “Review of John Dixon, *The Physiology of Faith*,” *Theological Students Fellowship Bulletin* 5 (Jan-Feb 1982), 20.

- “The Impact of Modern Thought upon Biblical Interpretation,” in *Interpreting God’s Word for Today*, Warner Press, Anderson, IN, 1982, 111-134.
- “Review of Delwin Brown, *To Set at Liberty*,” *Theological Students Fellowship Bulletin* 6 (Nov-Dec 1982), 18.
- “Review of Jurgen Moltmann, *The Power of the Powerless*, *Theological Students Fellowship Bulletin* 7 (Mar-April 1984), 30.
- Contributor to *A Dictionary of the Bible and Christian Doctrine in Everyday English*, Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1985.
- “Review of George Lucas, *The Genesis of Modern Process Thought*,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*,
- “Review of Royce Gruenler, *The Inexhaustible God*, and Charles Hartshorne, *Omnipotence and Other Theological Mistakes*,” *Theological Students Fellowship Bulletin* 9 (Mar-April 1986), 28.
- “Review of Sheila Davaney, *Divine Power*,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 17:2 (Dec 1987), 216.
- with John E. Hartley, “Notes on Job,” *Wesleyan Study Bible*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990, 706-761.
- “Review of David Basinger, *Divine Power in Process Theism*,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 20:3 (Feb 1991), 301-303.
- “Review of Sharon Welch, *A Feminist Ethic of Risk*,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 20:4 (Mar 1991), 420-421.
- “Modern Thought Challenges Christian Theology: Process Philosophy and Anglican Theologian Lionel Thornton.” *Anglican Theological Review* 76:3 (Summer 1994), 329-351.
- “Review of J.P. Moreland, *Christianity and the Nature of Science: A Philosophical Investigation*, and John Polkinghorne, *Reason and Reality: The Relationship Between Science and Theology*,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 24:3 (Mar 1995), 325-327.
- “Supernatural and Sanctification: Comparison of Roman Catholic and Wesleyan Views,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 31:2 (Fall 1996), 147-166.
- “Review of John M. Haas, ed., *Crisis of Conscience*,” *Asbury Theological Seminary Journal* 1998 (Summer).
- “Review of Robert Hutchin’s *The Higher Learning in America*,” in *The Liberal Arts in Higher Education: Challenging Assumptions, Exploring Possibilities*,” eds., David Weeks and Diana Glycer, University Press of America, Inc., 1998, 91-96.
- “More than Esoteric Passwords: What Process Means to Me,” *Process Perspectives* 23:2 (Fall 2000), 8-9.
- “A Wesleyan Contribution to Contemporary Epistemological Discussions,” in *Thy Nature and Thy Name is Love: Process and Wesleyan Theologies in Dialogue*, eds., Bryan P. Stone and Thomas Jay Oord, Kingswood Books, Abingdon Press, 2001
- “From Criticism to Mutual Transformation? The Dialogue Between Process and Evangelical Theologies,” *Process Studies* 30:1 (Spring-Summer 2001), 132-146.
- “Review of Clark Pinnock, *Most Moved Mover: A Theology of God’s Openness*,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 31:3 (Spring 2002), 339-341.

- “Review of David K. Naugle, *Worldview: The History of a Concept*,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 32:4 (Fall, 2003), 145-147.
- ““Phi-LOST-Ophy” or “Love of Wisdom,”” in *Christian College, Christian Calling: Higher Education in the Service of the Church*, ed. by Steve Wilkens, Paul Shrier, and Ralph Martin, Alta Mira Press, 2005.
- “The Doctrine of Salvation in Process Thought,” in *Handbook of Process Theology*, ed. by Jay McDaniels and Donna Bowman, Chalice Press, 2005.
- ““first perceived in the senses’: Wesley’s Spiritual Senses in Relation to Morality and Beauty,” in *Holiness as a Root of Morality: Essays on Wesleyan Ethics*, ed. By John S. Park, The Edwin Mellen Press, 2006.
- Edited “Special Focus Section: Process and Evangelical Dialogue,” *Process Studies* 37:1 (Spring-Summer, 2008), 104-183.
- “Is Mutual Dialogue Possible? The Dialogue between Process and Evangelical Theologies,” *Process Studies* 37:1 (Spring-Summer, 2008), 104-113.
- “Another Participant in the Discussion: Who and Why,” *Process Studies* 37:1 (Spring-Summer, 2008), 128-144.
- "Panentheism", The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Winter 2008 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2008/entries/panentheism/>.
- Review of Christensen, Michael J. and Wittung, Jeffery A., eds. *Partakers of the Divine Nature: The History and Development of Deification in the Christian Traditions*, *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 44:1, 249-252.
- "Panentheism", The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2009 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2009/entries/panentheism/>. Summer 2009 (substantive content change).
- Review of Keller, Catherine, *On the Mystery: Discerning God in Process*, in *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 45:1 (Spring 2010), 271-275.
- Review of Chris Armstrong, *Patron Saints for Postmoderns: From the Past Who Speak to Our Future*, in *Religious Studies Review*, forthcoming.