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## Denomination

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Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), 1998

## Education

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Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 2010

Area: Theology, Field: Ethics

Dissertation: "Developing a Moral Virtue Ethic within the Reformed Theological Tradition," directed by Peter Paris, Nancy Duff, and Mark Lewis Taylor

S.T.M., Andover Newton Theological School, 2004

Thesis: "Constructing a Religious Account: The Use of Indirect Language in the Brhadaranyaka Upaniṣad and the Gospel of Mark," directed by S. Mark Heim and Francis X. Clooney

M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1996

B.S.E., Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, 1989

## Teaching Experience

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Presbyterian College

Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy

2009 – present

*Courses in Theological Ethics:*

RELG 418 Bonhoeffer's Theology and Ethics

BADM 458/RELG 458 Christianity and Capitalism

PLSC 258/RELG 258 Religion and Politics in the U.S.

RELG 420 Virtue and Vice

*Courses in Theology:*

RELG 302 Christian Doctrine

RELG 458 Doctrine of God

*Courses in Comparative Theology:*

RELG 258 Eat, Pray, Love (Christianity and Hinduism)

RELG 220 International Mission

RELG 458 Religions of India (Maymester course)

RELG 310 World Religions (Maymester course)

*Courses in Biblical Studies:*

RELG 110 New Testament Survey

RELG 101 Old Testament Survey

## Teaching Experience (cont.)

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### *Other Courses at Presbyterian College:*

- BADM 316/PHIL 316 Business Ethics
- FRST 110 Freshman Studies
- RELG 440 Religion Capstone

Instructor, Villanova University:

Ethical Traditions and Contemporary Life (Fall 2007 and Spring 2008)

Instructor, New Brunswick Theological Seminary Certificate Program:

Christian Ethics (Spring 2007)

Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary:

- . Introduction to Systematic Theology (Fall 2006 and Fall 2007)
- . Theology and Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Spring 2006)
- . Issues in Biomedical Ethics (Fall 2004)

Teaching Fellow, Princeton University:

Introduction to Christian Ethics (Fall 2005)

Instructor & Associate Chaplain, Kodaikanal International School, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India

- . Introduction to Ethics (1998-2003)
- . Theory of Knowledge (2000-02)
- . Introduction to World Religions (Fall 1998)

## Books

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*Reformed Virtue After Barth: Developing Moral Virtue in the Reformed Tradition* (Fall 2014, Westminster John Knox Press)

## Presentations

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“Teaching for Intellectual Courage,” paper presented at the “Faith and Teaching: Virtue, Practice, Imagination” conference convened by the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning, Calvin College, October 2015

“Courage in the Classroom: Understanding Intellectual Courage as a Virtue,” paper presented at the Winthrop Conference on Teaching and Learning, Winthrop College, January 2015

“Incarnation or Avatar: What Difference Does Physical Presence Make in Teaching?” paper presented at the “Virtues, Vices, and Teaching” conference convened by the Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning, Calvin College, October 2013

“Sweet Disruption: Barthian modifications to Thomistic virtue ethics” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 2011

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## **Presentations (cont.)**

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“The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Frugality?” paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, March 2009

“Theological Politics and Political Theology: Racism as a Test Case,” paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 2008

“A Faithful Response to Global Warming,” panel discussion, Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, April 22, 2007

“Nietzsche and Bonhoeffer,” guest lecture presented at Princeton Theological Seminary, Theology and Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Instructor Dr. Nancy Duff), March 23, 2006

## **Short Reviews**

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*Beloved Community: Critical Dogmatics after Christendom* by Paul R. Hinlicky, *Interpretation*, (forthcoming)

*God's Almost Chosen Peoples*, by George C. Rable, *Theology Today*, vol. 69/1, 88-89 (2012)

*War, Peace, and God*, by Gary M. Simpson, *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, vol. 9/1 (2009)

*God, Truth, and Witness: Engaging Stanley Hauerwas*, edited by L. Gregory Jones, Reinhard Hütter, and C. Rosalee Velloso Ewell, *Koinonia*, XVIII (2006): 170-73

## **Research Interests**

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Virtue Ethics, Globalization, Business Ethics, Reformed Theology, Race, American Theological Ethics, Comparative Religious Ethics

## **Honors and Awards**

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Princeton Theological Seminary: Doctoral Fellowship, 2004-08

Andover Newton Theological School: Jonathan Edwards Honor Society, 2004

## **Department Service**

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Coordinator of Departmental Website, 2013-2016

Chair of History and Diversity of Religion Search Committee, 2013-2014

Departmental Representative, Academic Affairs Council, 2011-2014

## **College Service**

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Co-Chair of Policy Advisory Board on Faculty Governance: 2013-15

## **College Service (cont.)**

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General Education Committee: 2011-13

Honor Council: 2010-13

Multicultural Concerns Committee: 2010-12

## **Service to the Church**

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First Presbyterian Church, Fernandina Beach, FL, February 28-March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014: Theologian in Residence

Trinity Presbytery, Division of Mission: Committee Member, 2011-present

Savannah Presbytery: Instructor, School of the Laity, Reformed Theology and the Confessions, June 2011 and June 2013

South Carolina Presbyteries: Instructor, School of the Laity, Reformed Theology and the Confessions, Fall 2011, Spring and Fall 2012

Cornelson Center for the Exploration of Christian Practice, Presbyterian College: Co-director for the Mission Conference, October 2011 and 2012

First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, SC: Keynote Speaker, Church Retreat, May 2010

New Brunswick Presbytery: Organizing Committee Member for the “Who is My Neighbor?” Immigration Conference, May 2008

## **Other Service**

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- Princeton Theological Seminary: Co-Moderator, Koinonia Student Fellowship, 2005-2007
- . Coordinated orientation for incoming Ph.D. Students with the Office of the Dean of Students
  - . Organized and facilitated monthly fellowship meetings including invitations to guest speakers
  - . Non-voting member of the Ph.D. Studies Committee

## **Other Professional Experience**

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Editorial Assistant, *New Westminster Dictionary of Church History*, edited by Robert Benedetto (2008), 2005-2006

Kodaikanal International School, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, India: Acting Chaplain, 2002-03; Associate Chaplain, 1998-2002

First Presbyterian Church, Ramsey, NJ: Pastoral Intern, 1996-1998

Andersen Consulting: Computer Consultant, 1989-1991

## **Memberships**

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American Academy of Religion  
Karl Barth Society of North America  
Society of Christian Ethics

## **Research Languages**

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German, French, Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew

## **References**

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Kristen Herrington Professor of Bible  
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Princeton Theological Seminary  
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