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Education

- Ph.D. (Religious Studies) Boston University, 1996.
Dissertation: "Authority in the Theological Vision of C. S. Lewis"
- M.A.T.S. (Theological Studies) Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1989.
Division Award in Theology, 1989.
- B.A. (Religious Studies) University of South Carolina, 1983.

Teaching and Research Interests

General: Philosophical, Systematic, and Historical Theology and related disciplines.

Specific: Thought of C. S. Lewis; Nature of Authority and Hierarchy; Theological Cosmology; Trinitarian Theology; Perennial Philosophy; Religious Pluralism; Theology and Science Fiction.

Teaching Experience

Professor of Theological Studies, Eastern University, St. Davids, PA (1998 – present)

Teaching responsibilities include introductory courses in Biblical Studies and introductory and advanced courses in Theology, focusing especially on the modern period.

Tutor, Rose Hill College, Aiken, SC (1996 – 1998)

One of five full-time faculty, teaching in every division of a Great Books curriculum in an Orthodox Christian college.

Courses Taught

Theological Thinking; The Theology of C. S. Lewis; The Christian Doctrine of God; Catholics and Protestants in Conversation; Pluralism and Postmodernism; Theological Foundations of World Religions; Modern Theology; Introduction to the Old Testament; Introduction to the New Testament; classic texts in Western Civilization, history of Science, ancient Philosophy.

Administrative Experience

Chair, Christian Studies Department, College of Arts and Sciences: 2000-2007, 2011-2012

Chair, Humanities Division, College of Arts and Sciences: 2006-2012

Faculty Senate, member: 2007-2011

Faculty Senate, moderator (=president of the faculty): 2008-2011

Board of Trustees' Strategic Planning Subcommittee: 2010-2012

Various search committees (occasionally chair)

Various curricular subcommittees

Various accreditation committees

Presentations and Publications

The Mystery of God: Theology for Knowing the Unknowable (co-authored with Christopher A. Hall), Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012.

"Narnia Invaded: How the New Films Subvert Lewis's Hierarchical World," *Touchstone* 23, no. 6 (Nov/Dec 2010): 30-36.

"Placating God's Wrath and Other Misleading Bits of Theological Orthodoxy." A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA, November 18, 2010.

"Aslan Tamed: C. S. Lewis's Social Vision and the Spirit of the Age." A paper presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA, November 18, 2009.

"Articulating Order: Trinitarian Discourse in an Egalitarian Age," *Pro Ecclesia* 18, no. 3 (Summer 2009): 255-272.

"Is Trinitarian Order Significant for Church Leadership?: A Vigorous Yes and an Unexpected No." A paper presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, RI, November 20, 2008.

"A Kneeling and a Sceptred Love: Lewis's Perilous Passion for Inequality," in Michael Travers (ed.), *C. S. Lewis: Views from Wake Forest* (Zossima Press, 2008), pp. 125-136.

"Ontology, Equality and Order: Why Both Sides in the Debate Over Trinitarian Relations Make the Same Mistake (Though One Side Is More Mistaken Than the Other)." A paper presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA, November 16, 2007.

"A Kneeling and a Sceptred Love: Lewis's Perilous Passion for Inequality." A paper presented at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary's conference, "C. S. Lewis: the Man and His Work: A 21st Century Legacy," October 26, 2007.

Review of James Anderson, *Paradox in Christian Theology: An Analysis of Its Presence, Character, and Epistemic Status* (Waynesboro, GA: Paternoster, 2007). In *Religious*

Studies 44, no. 2 (June, 2008): 243-47.

Review of Gerald R. McDermott, *God's Rivals: Why Has God Allowed Different Religions?* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2007). In *Prism* 14, no. 6 (Nov/Dec 2007): 36.

"The Logic of Mystery," *Religious Studies* 43, no. 1 (March 2007): 89-102.

"The Logic of Mystery: A Taxonomy". A paper presented at the Midwest regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, April 21, 2006.

"Divine Sovereignty and Human Freedom: A New Look at an Old Dilemma". A lecture, sponsored by the Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, at Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, March 20, 2006.

"Christian Scripture and Transcendent Unity," *Sacred Web* 10 (January 2003): 109-132.

Review of Adam B. Seligman, *Modernity's Wager: Authority, the Self, and Transcendence* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000). In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 70, no. 3 (September 2002): 667-670.

"Hierarchical Babies and Authoritarian Bathwater: C. S. Lewis and the Challenge of Authoritarianism". A paper presented at Boston College's Christian Life and Thought conference, "Confronting Totalitarianism/Authoritarianism in the Twentieth Century", September 16-17, 1999.

Professional Associations

Evangelical Theological Society
Christian Theological Research Fellowship