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ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:

U.C.L.A., BA, History, 1972

Fuller Theological Seminary, MA, Biblical Studies, 1977

Regent College (Vancouver, B.C.), Th.M., Theology, 1987

Drew University, Ph.D., Theological and Religious Studies, 1991

HONORS AND AWARDS:

1. Board of Governors Prize for Proficiency in the Th.M. program, Regent College, 1987.
2. Will Herberg Merit Scholar, Drew University, 1987-1991.
3. Graduate Student Association Convener, Drew University, 1989-1990.
4. Doctoral Dissertation: "John Chrysostom's *On Providence*: A Translation and Theological Interpretation" -- Awarded "With Distinction" by Drew University.
5. Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1990.
6. Templeton Fellow, 1991.
7. Professor of the Year, Eastern College, 1992-1993.

8. Evangelical Press Association Higher Goals in Christian Journalism Award -- Interview Category -- *Christianity Today* -- 1992 -- 4th place.

10. Consulting Editor -- *Christianity Today*.

11. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching, Eastern College, 1994.

Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: The Gospel of Mark, edited by Thomas C. Oden and Christopher A. Hall, *Christianity Today* 1999 Book Award Winner.

Senior Editor – *Christianity Today*.

Editor at Large – *Christianity Today*.

Editorial Council – *Christianity Today*.

Professor of the Year, Eastern University, 2002-2003.

Elected to the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance, 2007.

Howard Thurman Leadership Award for Promoting University Diversity, 2009.

The Lamplight Society at Eastern University Award, 2009.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Instructor in New Testament, Christian Associates Seminary, 1978-1980.

Associate Pastor, Crossroads Evangelical Church, Ferney-Voltaire, France, 1980-1985.

Pastoral Staff, Granville Chapel, Vancouver, BC, 1985-1987.

Chaplain, Hagedorn Center for Geriatrics (State Psychiatric Hospital), Glen Gardner, NJ, 1987-1989.

Director of Pastoral Care, Hagedorn Center for Geriatrics (State Psychiatric Hospital), Glen Gardner, NJ, 1989-1991.

Research Associate, Department of Biblical and Theological Studies, Eastern College, St.

Davids, PA, 1991-1992.

Assistant Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, 1992--1998

Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, 1998—2003

Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, Eastern University, St. Davids, PA., 2003 —present.

Chair, Department of Biblical and Theological Studies, Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, 1994—1997

Dean, Templeton Honors College at Eastern University, 2004 – 2011.

Provost, Eastern University, 2006-2008.

Chancellor, Eastern University, 2008 – July, 2013.

Dean, Palmer Theological Seminary, July, 2010 – July, 2013.

Distinguished Professor of Theology and University Director of Academic Spiritual Formation, July, 2013 to present.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

American Academy of Religion

Christian Theological Research Fellowship

North American Patristics Society

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Reviews

“That You May Believe: Miracles and Faith Then and Now,” by Colin Brown, Crux, Vol. XXIV, No. 2, June, 1988.

“The New England Soul,” by Harry Stout, “Under the Cope of Heaven,” by Patricia

Bonomi, and "Jonathan Edwards and the American Experience," eds., Nathan Hatch and Harry Stout, CruX, Vol. XXV, No. 4, December, 1989.

"The Theology of the Reformers," by Timothy George, CruX, Vol. XXVI, No. 3, September, 1990.

"Surprised by Suffering," by R.C. Sproul, "On Suffering, Guilt and God," by A. Van de Beek, and "Disappointment with God," by Philip Yancey, CruX, Vol. XXVII, No. 3, September, 1991.

"To Pray and to Love," by Roberta C. Bondi, Christianity Today, Vol. 36, No. 15, December 14, 1992.

"20th Century Theology," by Stanley Grenz and Roger Olson, and "A Handbook of Contemporary Theology," by David L. Smith, Christianity Today, Vol. 36, No. 13, November 9, 1992.

"Ecumenical Faith in Evangelical Perspective," by Gabriel Fackre, Modern Theology, Vol. 10, No. 4, October, 1994.

"When God Doesn't Make Sense," by James Dobson, Christianity Today, Vol. 38, No. 7, June 20, 1994.

"Theology for the Community of God," by Stanley Grenz, Christian Scholars Review, Vol. XXV:3, March 1996.

"A Pathway into the Holy Scripture," Philip E. Satterthwaite and David F. Wright, eds., Books and Culture, January/February, 1996.

"The Trivialization of God," by Donald W. McCullough, Christianity Today, January 28, 1996.

"Golden Mouth: The Story of John Chrysostom -- Ascetic, Preacher, Bishop," by J.N.D. Kelly, Books and Culture, July/August, 1996.

"Remembering the Christian Past," by Robert Wilken, Christianity Today, December 9, 1996.

"A Grace Disguised: How the Soul Grows Through Loss," by Gerald L. Sittser, Christianity Today, March 3, 1997.

"Bible Background Commentary: New Testament," by Craig S. Keener, inMinistry, Summer, 1997.

"The Bible in Greek Christian Antiquity," edited and translated by Paul M. Blowers, Christianity Today, May 18, 1998.

"Most Moved Mover: A Theology of God's Openness," by Clark Pinnock and "Satan and the Problem of Evil," by Gregory A. Boyd, Christianity Today, February, 2003.

"The Angry Christian: A Theology for Care and Counseling," by Andrew D. Lester, Christianity Today, January, 2004.

"Whose Bible is It? A History of the Scriptures Through the Ages," by Jaroslav Pelikan, Christianity Today, September, 2006.

"An Introduction to the Desert Fathers," by Jason Byassee, Evangelical Review of Theology, July, 2009.

"Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes: Removing Cultural Blinders to Better Understand the Bible," by E. Randolph Richards and Brandon J. O'Brien, Christianity Today, November, 2012.

"A Grace Revealed: How God Redeems the Story of Your Life," by Jerry Sittser, Christianity Today, January/February 2013.

Articles (Popular)

"Back to the Fathers," Christianity Today, Vol. 34, No. 13, September 24, 1990.

"Holy Health," Christianity Today, Vol. 36, No. 14, November 23, 1992.

"Stubborn Hope," Christianity Today, Vol. 37, No. 1, January 11, 1993.

"The Passions of Mayor Goode," Christianity Today, Vol. 37, No. 4, April 5, 1993.

"Overcoming the Leviticus Syndrome," Christianity Today, Vol. 37, No. 4, April 5, 1993.

"Holy Health," Navac, Vol. XIII, No. 3, August, 1993 (also appeared in Christianity Today).

"A Long Journey Home: A Profile of Thomas C. Oden," Catalyst, Vol. 20, No. 1, November, 1993.

“Letters From a Lonely Exile,” Christian History, Issue 44 (Vol. XIII, No. 4).

“Adding Up the Trinity,” Christianity Today, Volume 41, No. 5, April 28, 1997.

“Taking Inventory,” YouthMinistry Now, September, 1998.

“The Heart of the Matter,” YouthMinistry Now, October, 1998.

“The Call to Follow, Listen, and Obey,” YouthMinistry Now, November, 1998.

“Rejecting the Prodigal,” Christianity Today, Volume 42, No. 12, October 26, 1998.

“The Call to Honesty,” YouthMinistry Now, December, 1998.

“Breaking Free From a Foreign Mold,” YouthMinistry Now, January, 1999.

“Rejecting the Prodigal,” Ministry and Theology, February, 1999 (also appeared in Christianity Today).

“What Hal Lindsey Taught Me About the Second Coming,” Christianity Today, Volume 43, No. 12, October 25, 1999.

“Does God Know Your Next Move?” with John Sanders, Christianity Today, Volume 45, No. 7, May 21, 2001.

“Does God Know Your Next Move? Openness Theology, Part 2, with John Sanders, Christianity Today, Volume 45, No. 8, June 11, 2001.

“The Needle’s Eye: Reflections from the Church Fathers on Wealth and Possessions,” Prism, Volume 8, Number 5, September/October 2001.

“Christ’s Kingdom and Paradise,” Christianity Today, Volume 47, No. 11, November, 2003.

“Don’t Read the Bible ‘Alone’” (interview), Christianity Today, Volume 47, No. 11, November, 2003.

“The Habits of Highly Effective Early Bible Readers” (interview), Christian History, November, 2003.

“Classical Ear-Training,” Christian History, November, 2003.

“Spiritual Formation and Christian Leadership,” in Duffy Robbins, *This Way to Youth*

Ministry: An Introduction to the Adventure, Zondervan, 2004.

“Let’s Live Well Our Gift of Years,” *Spirit: The Eastern University Magazine*, Fall, 2004.

“How Arianism Almost Won,” Christian History & Biography, Issue 85, Winter, 2005.

“Walking with Hope,” in “Traveling Unfamiliar Pathways: An Advent, Christmastide, and Epiphany Devotional,” *Renovare*, 2013.

Articles (Academic)

“Gregory Nazianzus and the Mysterious Wonder of the Trinity,” *The Spirit and Church*, Volume 4, Number 1, May 2002.

“Nature Wild and Tame in St. John Chrysostom’s *On the Providence of God*,” in *Ancient & Postmodern Christianity: Paleo-Orthodoxy in the 21st Century*, Edited by Kenneth Tanner & Christopher A. Hall, (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2002).

“Truth, Pluralism, and Religious Diplomacy: A Christian Dialogical Perspective,” in *Religion and Security: The New Nexus in International Relations*, edited by Robert A. Seiple and Dennis R. Hoover, Rowman & Littlefield, 2004.

The Renovare Bible, Richard Foster and Eugene Peterson, editors; *1-2 Peter, Jude*, HarperSanFrancisco, 2004.

“John Chrysostom on Romans” in *Reading Romans through the Centuries: From the Early Church to Karl Barth*, Jeffrey P. Greenman and Timothy Larsen, editors, Brazos, 2005.

“What Evangelicals and Liberals Can Learn From the Church Fathers,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 49/1 (March 2006) 81-95.

“Eusebius of Caesarea,” in the *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, (Leicester: InterVarsity Press, 2006).

“Athanasius,” in the *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, (Leicester: InterVarsity Press, 2006).

“Tradition, Authority, Magisterium: Dead End or New Horizon?,” in *Ancient Faith for the Church’s Future*, edited by Mark Husbands and Jeffrey P. Greenman, InterVarsity Press, 2008.

“Reading Christ into the Heart: The Theological Foundations of *Lectio Divina*, in *Life in the Spirit: Spiritual Formation in Theological Perspective*, edited by Jeffrey P. Greenman and George Kalantzis, InterVarsity Press, 2010.

“Ancient Christian Spirituality,” chapter three in *The Zondervan Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Glen Scorgie, Zondervan, 2010.

“Chrysostom,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Paul*, Blackwell, 2011.

“Evangelical Inattentiveness to Ancient Voices: An Overview, Explanation, and Proposal,” in *Evangelicals and the Early Church: Recovery, Reform, and Renewal*, edited by George Kalantzis and Andrew Tooley, Cascade Books, 2011.

“Moses and the Church Fathers,” in *Illuminating Moses: A History of Reception from Exodus to the Renaissance*, ed., Jane Beal, (*Commentaria*, Volume 4, Brill, 2014).

Books

Making Room for God: Spiritual Formation for Christian Leaders, with David Fraser, (The Center for Organizational Excellence, Eastern College, 1997).

Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: The Gospel of Mark, with Thomas C. Oden, InterVarsity Press, July, 1998 (*Christianity Today* 1999 Book of the Year award winner).

Reading Scripture with the Church Fathers, InterVarsity Press, August, 1998.

Realized Religion: Research on the Relationship Between Religion and Health, with Theodore Chamberlain, Templeton Foundation Press, 2000.

The Trinity, with Roger Olson, Eerdmans, April, 2002.

Ancient and Postmodern Christianity, ed., with Kenneth Tanner, InterVarsity Press, May, 2002.

Learning Theology with the Church Fathers, InterVarsity Press, August, 2002.

Does God Have a Future?: A Debate on Divine Providence, with John Sanders, Baker Academic, February, 2003.

Ancient Christian Texts: Origen, Homilies on Numbers, translated by Thomas P. Scheck, ed., Christopher A. Hall, InterVarsity Press, November, 2009.

Worshiping with the Church Fathers, InterVarsity Press, December, 2009.

The Mystery of God: Theology for Knowing the Unknowable, with Stephen Boyer, Baker Academic, November, 2012; *Christianity Today* 2014 Book of the Year award winner.

Ancient Christian Texts: Jerome's Commentary on Jeremiah, translated by Michael Graves, ed., Christopher A. Hall, InterVarsity Press, 2012.

Living Ethically with the Church Fathers, InterVarsity Press, in process.

Associate editor of the *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* (IVP).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS:

La Biblia Comentada Por Los Padres de La Iglesia: Evangelio Segun San Marcos, y Thomas C. Oden, Ciudad Nueva, 2000.

Lendo As Escrituras Com Os Pais Da Igreja, **Ultimato** – Editora, 2000.

La Bibbia Commentata Dai Padri, Nuovo Testamento 2: Marco.

Ancient Christian Commentary on Mark has also appeared in Russian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, and Arabic.

PAPERS/PRESENTATIONS/DIALOGUES:

"Ethics and the Elderly Client," New Jersey Psychological Association, November, 1989.

"Thomas C. Oden: An Historical Perspective," Plenary Session, Invited Guest, Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, Louisiana, November, 1990.

"Disposition and Hermeneutics in St. John Chrysostom's *On Providence*," New College Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 1990.

"Nature Wild and Tame as the Arena of God's Ineffable Goodness to Humanity in Chrysostom's *On Providence*," American Academy of Religion, Eastern Orthodoxy Studies Group, Orlando, Florida, November, 1998.

"St. John Chrysostom on Providence and Human Suffering," Simeon Lectures, Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA., October, 2000.

“A Response to Eastern Baptist Seminary’s Theology of Technology,” Eastern Baptist Seminary, November, 2001.

“An Openness Debate”, with John Sanders, Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, November, 2001.

"John Chrysostom on the Epistle to the Romans," Reading Romans: Encounters with the Epistle to the Romans through the Centuries, sponsored by Tyndale Seminary at the University of Toronto, May, 2002.

"Chrysostom on Human Freedom," Alliance for Confessing Evangelicals Scholars' Colloquium, June, 2002, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

“Religious Diplomacy, The Dialogical Virtues, and the Quest for Security,” The Brandywine Forum, Institute for Global Engagement, St. Davids, Pa., May, 2003.

“Wealth and Poverty: Can Ancient Voices Provide Guidance for the Modern Christian?,” Evangelicals for Social Action’s 30th Anniversary Celebration-Challenge, July, 2003, Eastern University.

“The Role of Tradition in Evangelical Theology,” *The Word Made Fresh* Session, American Academy of Religion Meetings, Atlanta, November, 2003.

“How has Tom Oden Affected Me as a Scholar?”, Drew University Retirement Colloquium, Drew University, October, 2004.

“The Historic Roots of Evangelicalism,” The National Association of Evangelicals and Christianity Today, Inc., The National Press Club, Washington, DC, March, 2005.

“What Can the Church Fathers Teach Liberals and Conservatives?”, Plenary Address, Invited Guest, The Evangelical Theological Society, Valley Forge, PA, November, 2005.

“The Urgent and the Important,” Christian Association for Psychological Studies,” Valley Forge, PA, March, 2007.

“Authority, Tradition, Magisterium: Dead End or New Horizon?”, Plenary Address, Wheaton Theology Conference, April, 2007.

“Entering the World of the Church Fathers,” Bay Area Theological Library, Menlo Park, California, April, 2007.

“John Chrysostom on Providence,” Peking University, Beijing, China, May, 2007.

“In a Glass Darkly: Theology and the Mystery of God,” Evening Summer Lecture Series, Regent College, Vancouver, BC, July, 2007.

“The World of the Early Church: Insights and Misconceptions,” Christians for Biblical Equality, Plenary Address, Denver, Colorado, August, 2007.

“An Evangelical Understanding of Tradition: A Response to John Behr,” Westminster College, Cambridge, England, September, 2008.

“Reading Christ into the Heart: the Theological Foundations of *Lectio Divina*,” plenary address, Wheaton Theology Conference, April, 2009.

“Studying with the Heart in the Mind: Patristic Insights for Holistic Honors Education,” Hearts and Minds II: Honors Education in a Christian Context, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marian, Indiana, July, 2009.

“The Shack,” a panel discussion with W. Paul Young, American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Canada, Nov., 2009.

“Ancient Wisdom Reconsidered,” National Student Dialogue Conference III – LDS-Evangelical Dialogue, Biola, CA, Nov., 2009.

“Evangelical Inattentiveness to Ancient Voices: an Explanation, Analysis, and Proposal,” Wheaton Center for Early Christian Studies, March, 2010.

“Academic Witness to the Church,” Panel and Paper, Georgetown College, January, 2011.

“The Sacramental Realism of the Early Church,” Calvin Seminary, January, 2011.

“The World of Early African Christianity,” African-American Pastors Preaching Conference, Palmer Theological Seminary, June, 2011.

“The Beauty of the Trinity,” Regent College Evening Summer Lecture Series, July, 2011.

“Worship in the Desert: the Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers,” Calvin Seminary, January, 2012.

“The Influence of the African Fathers on the Early Church,” presented to the Theologians Network of the European Leadership Forum, Eger, Hungary, May, 2012.

“Evangelical-Mormon Dialogue,” Brigham Young University, June, 2012.

Commencement Address, Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Jacksonville, Florida, June, 2012.

“Worshiping God in Your Body,” Calvin College, January, 2013.

“Creedal Hermeneutics: How the Creeds Can Help Us Read the Bible,” Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, June, 2013.

“Jewish-Evangelical Dialogue,” Washington, DC., June, 2013.

“Creedal Hermeneutics: How the Church and the Creeds Can Help Us Read the Bible,” Regent College Evening Lecture, July, 2013.

“Adam, Eve, and the Fall: A Response to Six Papers,” Invited Guest to the Patristics Section, Evangelical Theological Society, November, 2013.

COURSES/RETREATS OFF SITE:

“Spirituality in the Teachings and Life of the Church Fathers,” Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, Canada, July, 2000.

“Making Room for God: Spiritual Formation for Christian Leaders,” (South Africa, Oct. 1999; Cyprus, Dec., 1999; Sri Lanka, Jan., 2000; Thailand, 2002).

“Rekindling the Flame,” World Vision Development Foundation, Baguio City, Philippines, June, 2001.

“Spirituality in the Teachings and Life of the Church Fathers,” Regent College, Vancouver, BC, July, 2001.

“Intimacy with God,” World Vision MERO National Directors, Vienna, Austria, September, 2001.

“Intimacy with God,” World Vision, Lima, Peru, October, 2001.

“Intimacy with God,” World Vision, Antipolo City, Philippines, June, 2002.

“Intimacy with God,” World Vision Day of Prayer, Seattle, WA., October, 2002.

“Intimacy with God,” World Vision International Asia Network and Interregional Forum, Bangkok, Thailand, June, 2003.

“Intimacy with God,” World Vision Conference on Christ-centered Spirituality and Prayer, Bangkok, Thailand, June, 2003.

“Journeying Into the Culture and Cultivating the Inner Journey,” with Duffy Robbins, A Critical Concerns Seminar, National Youth Workers Convention, Phoenix, Arizona, September, 2003; Charlotte, North Carolina, October, 2003; St. Louis, Missouri, November, 2003; Anaheim, September, 2004; Dallas, October, 2004, Atlanta, November, 2004.

“The Spirituality of the Church Fathers,” Regent College, Vancouver, BC, July, 2004.

“The Spirituality of the Church Fathers,” Regent College, Vancouver, BC, May, 2005.

“The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers,” Renovare Conference, Denver, Colorado, June, 2005.

“Foundations of Christian Spirituality,” Regent College, Vancouver, BC, July, 2006.

“Christian Spirituality in the Life and Thought of the Church Fathers,” Regent College, Vancouver, BC, July, 2007.

“Being a Christian in your Body: on Temptation, Growing in Christ, and Everything in Between,” Calvin College, January, 2011.

“Spirituality in the Life and Thought of the Church Fathers,” Regent College, summer, 2011.

“The Basics of Christian Living: Using Our Bodies and Our Bibles to Mature in Christ,” with N.T. Wright, Calvin College, January, 2012.

“The Spirituality and Theology of the Church Fathers,” Ambrose University College, Calgary, Alberta, June, 2012.

“The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers,” Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, Jacksonville, Florida, 2012.

“The Desert Fathers and Mothers,” Renovare Retreat, San Diego, California, July, 2012.

“The Basics of Christian Living: Using Our Bodies and Our Bibles to Mature in Christ,” Calvin College, January, 2013.

“The Spirituality of the Church Fathers,” Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry,
Pittsburgh, PA., June, 2013.

“The Spirituality of the Church Fathers,” Regent College, Vancouver, BC, July, 2013.