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Education: Ph.D. University of Virginia, May, 2000, Religious Ethics
Dissertation: *Warp and Woof: Pragmatism in 20th
Century Christian Ethics* (James F. Childress, Advisor)
Th. M. Princeton Theological Seminary, May, 1994, Ethics
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, May, 1993
B.A. The Colorado College, June, 1989, Biology/Pre-med

Publications:

Books: *Confessing Christ in the 21st Century.* Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2005.

Believing Aloud: Reflections on Being Religious in the Public Square. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2010.

Chapters in Books: "Theological Arguments and the Case Against Capital Punishment," *The Leviathan's Choice: Capital Punishment in the 21st Century*, William D. Richardson, J. Michael Martinez, and D. Brandon Hornsby, eds. (Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2002).

"Resistance, Affirmation, and the Sovereignty of God," *Resistance and Theological Ethics*, Ron Stone and Robert Stivers, eds. (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2004).

"The Passions of the Reviewers," *The Passion of the Christ: Biblical and Theological Perspectives*, Timothy Beale and Tod Linafelt, eds. (Chicago: Chicago UP, 2005).

"If the church accepts homosexuality . . .," *Frequently Asked Questions About Sexuality, the Bible and the Church: Plain Talk About Tough Issues*, Ted A. Smith, ed. (San Francisco: The Covenant Network, 2006).

"The Just War Tradition Faces the Remnants of War," *The Impact of 9-11: The Day that Changed Everything?* Matthew J. Morgan, ed. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals: "Integrated Social Contracts Theory: Hype and Hypernorms," *Journal of Business Ethics*. 26:2 (July, 2000), 101-110.

"Reinhold Niebuhr's Two Pragmatisms," *The American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* 22.3 (September, 2001)

"Changing the Rules: Just War Theory in the 21st Century," *Theology Today* 54.1 (January, 2003)

"Reformed Theology and Public Leadership", with Lewis Mudge and Jim Watkins. *Theological Education* (Fall, 2004)

"Democratic Structures and Democratic Cultures: A 'Response' to Paul Hanson and David Novak" *Cross Currents* 59.2 (June, 2009)

"The Relevance of Experience and the Experience of Relevance" *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28.1 (Spring, 2012).

"Theologies of Childhood and the Children of War" *The Journal of Childhood and Religion* 3 (2012) Available online at [http://www.childhoodandreligion.com/JCR/Volume_3_\(2012\)_files/Douglas%20Sept%202012.pdf](http://www.childhoodandreligion.com/JCR/Volume_3_(2012)_files/Douglas%20Sept%202012.pdf)

Editorial Work for Peer-Reviewed Journals Roundtable Discussion: "Valerie Saiving and Reinhold Niebuhr: 50 Years Later" *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 28.1 (Spring, 2012). Co-edited with Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty (A collection of nine essays plus an introductory essay and a bibliography)

Selected Articles in other Books and Journals: "Agreeing to Disagree," *The Journal for Preachers*. 22:4 (Pentecost, 2000), 33-38.

"Rethinking the "just war" tradition," *Presbyterians Today* (November, 2003)

"Searching for Stars" and "Finding Time: A Response to Bill Harkins and Kathleen O'Connor," *@ this point: theological investigations in church and culture* 1.1 (Spring, 2006).

Theological Exegesis Essays for fifteen passages, *Feasting on the Word: Lectionary Commentary Series*, David Bartlett & Barbara Brown Taylor, eds. (Louisville: WJKP, 2008-).

Theological Exegesis Essays for eleven passages,
Feasting on the Gospels, Cynthia Jarvis and Elizabeth Johnson,
eds., (Louisville: WJKP, 2012-2014).

Entries for "Anxiety," "Ends and Means," "Force (Use of),"
"Imperialism," "Security," "Tyranny," "Violence," "War," "Media
Ethics," *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, Joel B. Green, ed.
(Ada, MI: Baker Academic, 2011).

"Teaching after the End of the World" (with Chris DePree),
*SciTech: The Journal of the Presbyterian Association on
Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith*, 20.4 (Nov., 2011).

Entry for "Metaethics," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and
Ethics*, Robert Brawley, ed. (New York: Oxford UP), forthcoming

Plus over 75 occasional articles and a dozen book reviews for
various newspapers, journals, and denominational publications.

Work in Progress: *War in a Warming World* (A book, written for academic
communities, that theologically re-frames pacifism and the just
war tradition to address the impact climate change is likely to
have on war in the 21st Century.)

"Augustine in Grief: How Augustine's struggles with an absent
presence may help us grieve in a world of present absences"
(An article, written for Augustine scholars, challenging modern
wisdom about Augustine's failed grieving processes in
Confessions and postmodern notions of absence. Early stages.)

**Selected
Presentations:**

"Karl Barth's Use of *Grenzfall* Cases and Active Euthanasia,"
SECSOR Spring Conference; March, 1997

"Liberalism and the Problem of Religious Public Intellectuals."
The Working Group on Law, Culture and the Humanities
Wake Forest University, March, 1999

"The Two Pragmatisms of Reinhold Niebuhr"
AAR Annual Meeting; November, 2000.

"Loving Your Neighbor and Gifting Them"
SCE Annual Meeting; January, 2002

Invited Lecture: "A Just War for Hearts and Minds"
Georgia State U. Political Science Dept., March, 2005

Invited Respondent, "Political Formation(s) and the New Testament"
SBL Annual Meeting; Nov., 2005

Invited Lecture: "Was Cassius Right? Ethics and Astronomy"
Agnes Scott College; February, 2006

Invited Lecture: "A Theology to Die With"
In Life and in Death We Belong to God Conference, Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life; March, 2007.

Invited Lecture: "Just War in the 21st Century"
2008 Interfaith Luncheon of the National Council of Jewish Women; March, 2008.

Invited Lecture: "Religious Influences in International Affairs"
Atlanta Council on International Relations; June, 2008.

Invited Lecture: "Politics, Ethnography, and the Church"
Montreat Lecture Series, "The Role of Religion and Race in U.S. Politics: A Post-Election Conversation on Christian Faith and Public Life; July, 2013.

"Reshaping Theologies of Childhood in Light of War"
5th International Children of War Conference; June, 2013

Plus over 350 presentations for churches, seminary bodies, denominational agencies, academic conferences, and community groups since 2000.

Editorial and Guild Work:

Founding editor and current co-editor, *@ This Point: theological investigations in church and culture*. The online journal of Columbia Theological Seminary, 2005-present.

Editorial Board, *Communio Viatorum*, a journal of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University, Prague, CZ. 2014-.

Leadership Committee, "Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group" *Society of Biblical Literature* 2003-2007 (co-chair, 2006-2007).

Co-chair, "Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Consultation"
Society of Biblical Literature, 2007-2013.

Convener, *Social Ethics Network*, 2010-2013.

Editorial board, *Feasting on the Gospels*, 2011-2014.

Board member, *The Niebuhr Society*, 2011-present

Professional Conduct Committee, *The Society of Christian Ethics* (2013-2016).

Plus various blind review work for journals (*The Journal of Religious Ethics*, *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, etc.), coordinating and hosting work for the editorial board of *The Journal of Religious Ethics* and *Theological Educators for Presbyterian Social Witness*, blind assessments of academic work for promotions of scholars in the United States, Europe, and Africa, etc.

**Honors
and Grants**

Nominated Member, "The New Haven Theology Discussion Group (2011-present)

Nominated Participant, "Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty," *The Association of Theological Schools* (2010)

Invited Participant, *The Scandal of Particularity: A Jewish-Christian Conversation*, Co-Sponsored by the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies & Institute for Reformed Theology (2006-2008)

Invited Participant, *The Caux Roundtable Scholars Retreat on Abrahamic Faiths and the Financial Crisis* (2009)

Finalist, "In Character Prize for Editorial and Opinion Writing" (2007)

Columbia Theological Sem. Faculty Enhancement Grant (2002, 2005, 2009, 2013)

Invited Participant, Seminar on Holocaust Studies at the Holocaust Museum (2002)

Society for Values in Higher Education Fellowship (2000)

University of Virginia Academic Enhancement Fellowship (1994-1998)

Princeton Theological Seminary Th.M. Fellowship (1993-1994)

Lilly Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary (1990-1993)

B.A. with Distinction in Biology, The Colorado College (1989)

**Service to
the Church:**

Faculty Mentor, *Company of New Pastors* (2000-present)

Participant, *Consultation on Teaching for Public Ministry* (2001-2004)

Chair, *Committee on Representation*, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta (2002-2005).

Presbyteries Cooperative Committee (2004-2006)

General Assembly Task Force, "End of Life Issues and the Church" (2004-2007)

General Assembly Consultant, Task Group, *The Nature and Value of Human Life*" (2005-2006)
Founding Member and Board Member, *Earth Covenant Network* (2006-present)
Convener and Leader, *"Faithful Politics? A Montreat Summer Conference* (2010)
Invited member of a small working group for the PC(USA):
Prospects for a Just Peace in Israel and Palestine (2015)

Plus work on a variety of Presbytery committees and task forces

**Community
Service**

Board Member, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (2011-present, including as Board Chair (2013-present))
Various Advisory Committees, Southern Institute for Business and Professional Ethics (2002-2007)
Investigative Panel for the State Bar of Georgia (2005-present)
Institutional Review Board, Northside Hospital (2005-present)
Weekly editorial writer, *The Sunday Paper* (2006-2008).

**Work
Experience**

Professor of Christian Ethics
Columbia Theological Seminary (2013-present)
Director of the Master of Divinity Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary (2013-present)
Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Columbia Theological Seminary (2005-2013)
Director of the Master of the Arts in Theological Studies Degree
Columbia Theological Seminary (2002-present)
Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics,
Columbia Theological Seminary (1999-2005)
Co-Pastor,
Tabor Presbyterian Church, Crozet, VA (1997-1999)
Adjunct Faculty
Virginia Commonwealth University (1997)
Teaching Assistant,
The University of Virginia (1994-95 and 1995-96)
Clinical Internship,
University Hospital, Charlottesville, VA (1995)

**Teaching
Competencies:**

Primary: Protestant Ethics, Roman Catholic Moral Thought, Jewish Ethics, Medical Ethics, Business Ethics, Philosophical Ethics, Church-State Relations, Pragmatism and Neopragmatism, Neo-orthodox Theologies
Secondary: Political Philosophy, American Religious History, Contemporary Theologies, Science and Religion, Continental Philosophy

Professional Societies:

American Academy of Religion
Reinhold Niebuhr Society
Presbyterian Association for Science, Technology, and the
the Christian Faith
Social Ethics Network (formerly "Theological Educators for
Presbyterian Social Witness")
Society of Christian Ethics
Society of Biblical Literature
Society for Scriptural Reasoning

References:

Available upon Request.