

CURRICULUM VITAE
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Current Position

Professor of Theology and Liturgy
Director of Anglican Studies
Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

Education

Ph.D. Emory University, 2001, Religion (Christian Theological Studies, Buddhism, Ethics)
M.Div. The General Theological Seminary, *with honors*, 1989
B.A. Catholic University of America, 1984 (Philosophy)

Honors, Grants

Conant Grant: Travel-Research on monastic houses and “new monasticism,” 2018.
Conant Grant: Travel-Research on Zen and Shingon Buddhism (Koyasan, Nara, Kyoto), 2013.
Luce Fellowship in Comparative Theology/Theologies of Religious Pluralism. 2010-2011.
Installed Thomas W. Phillips Chair of Religious Studies, Bethany College, Fall 2008.

Teaching Competencies

Christian Liturgical and Sacramental Theology, Ritual Theory, Inter-rituality.
Constructive, Comparative and Interreligious Theology, Theologies of Religious Plurality.
Comparative Religions.
Philosophy of Religion.

Publications and Writing Projects

Current Projects

The Eucharist. New York University Press, under contract, projected 2022.
Handbook on the Sacraments and Sacramentality. Co-edited with Martha Moore-Keish. New York: T&T Clark, under contract, projected 2022.
Sacraments and the Pandemic. Guest editor. *Anglican Theological Review*, Special Issue projected Spring 2022.
Practice Going Nowhere: A Christian Account of Sacraments in Dialogue with Dōgen Zenji.

Books

The Liturgy Explained. New York: Morehouse, 2013.
This Is the Night: Suffering, Salvation, and the Liturgies of Holy Week. New York: T. and T. Clark Int'l, 2005.

Book Chapters

What Episcopalians Can Learn from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America about Composing Eucharistic Prayers.” In *In Spirit and In Truth: A Vision of Episcopal Worship*. Church Publishing, 2020.

- “Taking the Liturgical Turn in Comparative Theology: Monastic Interreligious Dialogue as a Supporting Case.” In *Interreligious Relations and the Negotiation of Religious Boundaries: Explorations in Interrituality*. Marianne Moyaert, ed. Palgrave, 2019.
- Response to “Interrituality in Contemporary China as a Field of Tension between Abstention and Polytypy.” In *Interreligious Relations and the Negotiation of Religious Boundaries* (op. cit.)
- “Barth’s Theology of Religion and Dōgen’s Nondualism.” In *Karl Barth, Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology*. Martha Moore-Keish and Christian Collins Winn, eds. Fordham University Press, 2019.
- “Liturgy and Ministry.” In *The Study of Ministry: A Comprehensive Survey of Theory and Best Practice*. Martyn Percy et al., eds. SPCK, 2019.
- “A Reflection on the Eucharistic Prayer in Light of the Possible Revision of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.” In *Issues in Prayer Book Revision*. Vol 1. Robert Prichard, ed. Church Publishing, 2018.
- “Theorizing Ritual for Inter-religious Practice.” In *Ritual Participation and Interreligious Dialogue: Boundaries, Transgressions, and Innovations*. Marianne Moyaert and Joris Geldof, eds. London: Bloomsbury, 2015, 166-177.

Articles, Published Addresses, Encyclopedia Entries

- “Liturgy and Public Theology.” Special issue on Public Theology, *Anglican Theological Review* 102:2 (Spring 2020), 219-229.
- “The Nature of Liturgy and the Planning of the Liturgical Year” and theological matter in “Preparing for” sections of *Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship, Year C 2018-2019*. New York: Church Publishing, 2018.
- “On Whether Christians Should Participate in Buddhist Practice: A Critical Autobiographical Reflection.” *Journal of Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology* I:2 (2017), 243-256.
- “Proper Liturgies for Special Days’ in the 1979 Prayer Book: Considerations in the Light of Possible Revision.” *Sewanee Theological Review* 61:1 (2017), 193-212.
- “Salvation, the Life of Jesus, and the Eucharistic Prayer: An Anglican Reflection and Proposal.” *Liturgy*, 31.3 (April 2016), 19-27.
- “Developments and Hopes for Interreligious Dialogue.” *Ecumenical Trends* 43:6 (2014), 10-11, 14.
- “Theological Themes: Matthew 25:31-46.” *Lectionary Homiletics/GoodPreacher.com*, June 2014.
- “Theological Themes: Mark 13:24-37.” *Lectionary Homiletics/GoodPreacher.com*, June 2014.
- “The Study of Liturgy and Postmodernism: Conceptual Maps and Possible Lines of Inquiry.” *Proceedings of the North American Academy of Liturgy*, 2005.
- “A Brief Reflection on Kathryn Tanner’s Response to ‘Baptism, Eucharist, and the Hospitality of Jesus.’” *Anglican Theological Review* 87: 2 (Spring 2005), 303-310.
- “Baptism, Eucharist, and the Hospitality of Jesus.” *Anglican Theological Review* 86: 2 (Spring 2004), 215-238.
- “Salvation.” In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. Hans Hillerbrand, ed. 4 vols. New York: Routledge (2003), 1643-1646.
- “F.D. Maurice.” In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. Hans Hillerbrand, ed. 4 vols. New York: Routledge (2003), 1185-1186.
- “Bishop/Episcopacy.” In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. Hans Hillerbrand, ed. 4 vols. New York: Routledge (2003), 252-255.
- “The Paschal Mystery and the ‘Problem’ of Human Suffering: Toward a Counter-Modern Soteriology.” *Sewanee Theological Review* (Winter 1999), 7-15.

Reviews

- Material Eucharist* by David Grummett. Oxford, 2016. *Anglican Theological Review* 101.4 (Fall 2019), 742-744.
- Reformed Sacramentality* by Graham Hughes, Liturgical Press, 2017. *Anglican Theological Review* 102:1 (Winter 2020), 146-148.

- Evangelical versus Liturgical: Defying a Dichotomy*, by Melanie Ross (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2014). In *Anglican Theological Review*, 98.2 (Spring 2016), 427-429.
- Reading the Liturgy*, by Juliette Day (London: Bloomsbury, 2014). In *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 70(2) (April 2016), 236-237.
- Ways of Meeting and the Theology of Religions*, by David Cheetham (Ashgate, 2013). In *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*, 53(3) (September 2014), 411-412.
- Welcome to Sunday: An Introduction to Worship in the Episcopal Church*, by Christopher L. Webber (Morehouse, 2003). In *Anglican Theological Review* 88:1 (Winter 2006), 141-143.
- The Creativity of God: World, Eucharist, Reason*, by Oliver Davies (Cambridge, 2004). In *Anglican Theological Review* 87:4 (Fall 2005), 686-687.
- Worship as Meaning: A Liturgical Theology for Late Modernity*, by Graham Hughes (Cambridge, 2003). In *Anglican Theological Review* 87: 2 (Spring 2005), 345-347.

Peer Reviews

Anglican Theological Review, *Acta Theologica*, *The Journal of Anglican Studies*, and *Religions*.

Academic Conference Papers and Presentations

- Barth's Theology of Religion and Dōgen's Nondualism." Paper for session on Karl Barth and Comparative Theology: An Unexpected Dialogue, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting. (Nov 2019)
- "How and Why Rituals Matter in Monastic Interreligious Dialogue," International Symposium on *Crossing Ritual Borders: Opportunities, Limits, Obstacles*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. (Oct 2017)
- "Holy Week Rites," *The Once and Future Prayer Book* (Liturgical Consultation on possible revision of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer), School of Theology, University of the South. (Oct 2017)
- "Not-Two with Christ: Toward a Comparative Theological Account of the Eucharist with the Help of Dōgen." Paper for Session on The Liturgical Turn in Comparative Theology, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting. (Nov 2015)
- "Theorizing Ritual for Inter-religious Practice." North American Academy of Liturgy, *ad hoc* working group on intersections between liturgical and comparative theology, Annual Meeting. (Jan 2014)
- "Regina Schwartz's *Sacramental Poetics* in Context." North American Academy of Liturgy, Annual Meeting. (Jan 2013)
- "The Way, the Truth, and...Other Religions: Comparative Theology Today." Buffalo Seminary (Continuing Education Arm of Bethany College). (Mar 2011)
- "Marion's Apophatic-Kenotic Phenomenology of Faith in Relation to the Nature of Liturgical Action." North American Academy of Liturgy, Annual Meeting. (Jan 2010)
- "Refiguring the Christian Imagination: Eucharist, Atonement Theory, and Resistance to Violence." *International Conference on Terrorism, Pacifism, and the Culture of War*. Bethany College. (Nov 2007)
- "Trauma Theory's 'Other' and Its Significance for Liturgy." North American Academy of Liturgy, Annual Meeting. (Jan 2007)
- "Cathy Caruth's *Unclaimed Experience: Trauma, Narrative, and History*. Implications for the Study of Liturgy?" North American Academy of Liturgy, Annual Meeting. (Jan 2006)
- "Conceptual and Methodological Clarity in the Study of Liturgy and Postmodernism." North American Academy of Liturgy, Annual Meeting. (Jan 2005)
- "The Enacted Soteriology of the Triduum Liturgies and the Philosophical Critique of Modernity." American Academy of Religion, Southeast Regional Meeting. (Mar 1999)
- "Dharma, Gospel, and Suffering: Toward a Joint Christian-Buddhist Critique of Modernity." North Carolina Religious Studies Association Annual Meeting. (Oct 1998)

Public Academic Addresses

- “Saving the Incarnation: Reflections on Eucharistic Praying.” Inaugural Lecture upon promotion to Full Professor, Virginia Theological Seminary. (Nov 2015)
- “Liturgy and Ethics.” Lecture to Alumni Annual Meeting, Virginia Theological Seminary. (Oct 2014)
- “Of Monks, Mandalas, and Mystery: Tibetan Buddhism in America.” Public lecture in conjunction with the visit of the monks of Drepung Loseling to Bethany College. (Feb 2010)
- “The Revision of Initiation Rites in the 20th Century Liturgical Movement as Culture Critique: Past Judgments, Future Directions.” Zabriskie Lecture, Virginia Theological Seminary. (Sep 2009)
- “The Eucharist and the Return of the Problem of Sacrifice.” Inaugural Bard Thompson Lecture, Drew University. (Mar 2007)
- “Ritual at the Roadside: What Do Highway Shrines Teach Us About Spirituality in America?” Bethany College Center for Spirituality, Ethics, and Global Awareness. (Oct 2007)
- “Atonement and the Rhetoric of the Eucharistic Prayer.” Yale Divinity School/ISM. (Oct 2006)
- “Prayers to Offer, Gifts to Bless: The Holy Spirit in the Work of the Eucharistic Assembly.” *Thursdays at General* series, The General Theological Seminary. (Mar 2005)
- “What Has Bodhgaya to Do With Jerusalem?” *Thursdays at General*, The General Theological Seminary. (Apr 2003)
- “Suffering is Not the Enemy.” Second Parliament of the World’s Religions, Capetown, South Africa. (Dec 1999)

Select Courses Taught

Virginia Theological Seminary

Introduction to Anglican Worship
Liturgical Theology, Planning and Performance
The Mission of God (team-taught with Robert Heaney and Kate Sonderegger)
Monastic Interfaith Encounters
Theologies of Religious Pluralism
Comparative Theology
Liturgy, Suffering, and Trauma
The Eucharist
Proper Liturgies of the 1979 Prayer Book

Bethany College

Introduction to Religion: Texts, Contexts, Practices
World Religions
Jewish and Christian Theology after the Holocaust
The Faces of Jesus in Theology, Art and Literature
Ritual, Myth and Symbol
Hinduism and Buddhism
Philosophy of Religion

Bexley Hall

Liturgics II (History of Liturgy)

The General Theological Seminary and Drew University

Christian Liturgy: Theology, History, and Contemporary Issues
Christian Ethics
The Eucharist in Contemporary Philosophy and Theology (GTS STM/ThD)
Theology of Salvation and the Eucharistic Prayer (GTS STM.ThD)

Postmodernism and Sacramental Theology (GTS STM/ThD)
Theology of Liturgy (Drew PhD)
The Eucharist (Drew PhD)

Hunter College / City University of New York (Adjunct 2006-2007)

Buddhism
Buddhism and Christianity: Inter-religious Dialogue

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia (Adjunct, 1994-2001)

Candler School of Theology
Systematic Theology
Public Worship
Emory College
Early/Medieval Christianity: Classic Texts
Christian Ethics (teaching associate, Fall 1994)

Berry College, Rome, Georgia

East Asian Philosophies

Other Teaching Activities (Representative)

Extensive Resourcing of Church liturgies during the SARS-2 pandemic.

- Webinars for VTS Center for Lifelong Learning, “Triduum under Quarantine” and “Sundays and Major Feasts Under Quarantine,” “Hope Incarnate,
- “Ritual” ChurchNext video on ritual at home
- Diocese of Denver, Diocese of Western Massachusetts, multiple consultations with bishops and other clergy

Continuing Education Events for Clergy in the period from 2004-2019

- Dioceses of Central New York, Rochester, Upper South Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Arizona, Central Gulf Coast, Long Island, Lexington, Georgia, Delaware, Western Massachusetts

Conferences, Parishes and Other Educational Events

- Dharma Talks on ritual, interreligious learning, Puget Sound Zen Center (2020)
- Christ Church Georgetown, Adult forum lecturer (multiple, 2016-2020)
- Keynote, West Coast In-Service, Chaplains to the Armed Forces (Sep 2018)
- Yearlong Teaching consultant, Ascension and St. Agnes, DC (2016-17)
- “The Eucharist and Human Flourishing.” Faith in the World, Annual Lecture Series: S. Paul’s Rochester/Diocese of Rochester (Oct 2017)
- “Table, Cross, and Tomb: The Practice and Meaning of the Christian Paschal Liturgies.” Trinity on the Hill, Los Alamos (Mar 2016)
- “Advent as the Key to Christian Liturgy and Life.” St. Peter’s in the Woods Fairfax, and St. Mary’s Arlington (Dec 2015)
- “Bread and Wine in Religion and Culture.” Grace-St. Luke’s, Memphis, TN (Oct 2014)
- Vestry Retreat, Church of the Good Shepherd, Baltimore (Sep 2014)
- Parish Retreat, St. Peter’s in the Woods, Fairfax, VA (May 2014)
- “Liturgy and our Life in the World.” St Thomas, Chesapeake, VA (Nov 2013)
- “From 1662 to 2062: Our Past in the Future.” St. Paul’s Church, Alexandria (Oct 2013)
- “The Liturgies of Holy Week.” Grace-St. Luke’s Church, Memphis, TN (Mar 2013)
- “Epiphany: Fleshing Out the Incarnation.” St. Alban’s Church, DC (Jan 2013)
- “What Is the Meaning of My Neighbor’s Faith For My Own?” St. Columba’s, DC (2013)
- Keynote, Diocesan Conference on Liturgy and Music, Diocese of Ohio (Jan 2011)

- “Buddhism and Pastoral Care,” for Symposium on Diversity Issues in Health and Human Services, Bethany College (Nov 2009)
- Chaplain and Principal Lecturer, Sewanee Church Music Conference (Jul 2008)
- “Excellence in the Liturgical Arts.” Keynote, Conference on Parish Leadership, Diocese of Alabama (Mar 2007)
- “Sacred Space: The Changing Geography of Christian Faith.” Church of the Epiphany, NYC (May 2006)
- “Dying, We Live: Christian Approaches to Suffering and Death in a Culture of Progress.” Annual Peggy Kai Memorial Lecture, St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Honolulu, Hawaii (Oct 2005)
- “Baptism and Eucharist,” St. Chrysostom’s, Chicago (Sep 05)
- “The Winter Pascha: Christmas and the Cross.” St. James Episcopal Church, NYC (Jan 2004)
- Theologian-in Residence. Christ Church, Wilmington, Delaware (Nov 2004)
- “Christian Ethics.” Deacon Training Program, Diocese of NJ (Spring 2004)
- “Liturgics.” Deacon Training Program, Diocese of Connecticut (April 2003, April 2007)

Service to the Academy

North American Academy of Liturgy

Founding Convener, Seminar on Liturgy and Comparative Theology, 2017-2021.
 Co-Founder, Seminar on Liturgy and Postmodernism, 2005.

Virginia Theological Seminary

Director of Anglican Studies (Diploma program)
 Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, January to July 2018
 Chair, Masters Committee, 2015-2017
 Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees, 2017-2019
 Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees’ Committee on Institutional Advancement
 Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees Committee on Honorary Degrees
 Worship Committee
 GOE Review Committee
 Faculty Consultant, Liturgy, Center for Lifelong Learning
Ad hoc advisory group on formation of liturgical customary

Bethany College

Curriculum Committee
 Interdisciplinary Studies Committee (Chair)
 Task Force on Institutional Review / Academic Affairs
 Delegate to ACA Conference on Curriculum Integration and Information Literacy
 Search Committee for Professor of Religion (Chair), Communications Department (Chair),
 Professor of English

The General Theological Seminary

Advanced Degrees Committee
 Search Committee for Professor of Ethics, Chaplain
Ad hoc Committee for development of position in Church and Society
 Director of seminary chapel

Boards, Consultations

- Consultant on liturgical space construction or renovation: Epiphany Church NYC; Advent Lutheran Church and Broadway United Church of Christ, NYC; Christ Church, Greenwich, CT (Murphy, Burnham, and Buttrick)
- Consultant to Episcopal-Presbyterian bilateral dialogue
- Consultant to Parks, Chesin and Wolbert, Attorneys-at-Law, on the theology and practice of Christian prayer with reference to the case of Marsh v. Chambers (Cobb County, Georgia)
- Board of Directors, Church Publishing Incorporated (Morehouse, Seabury, CP)
- East coast consultant to NBC's "The Book of Daniel"
- Various consultations with clergy on liturgical practice and liturgical change

Previous Academic Employment

Associate Professor of Theology and Liturgy
Virginia Theological Seminary
2012-2014

Thomas W. Phillips Chair of Religious Studies (installed 2008)
Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy
Chair of Humanities (Religious Studies, Philosophy, English, World Literature and Languages)
Bethany College
2010 – 2012

Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Philosophy
Chair of Religious Studies and Philosophy
Bethany College
2007 – 2010

Visiting Professor of Liturgics
Bexley Hall
2009-2012

Associate Professor in the H. Boone Porter Chair of Liturgics
The General Theological Seminary
2005-2007

Assistant Professor in the H. Boone Porter Chair of Liturgics
The General Theological Seminary
2002-2005

Affiliate Professor
Graduate Program in Liturgics
Drew University
2003 – 2012
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Religion
Hunter College / City University of New York
2006-2007

Adjunct Instructor
College of Arts and Sciences and School of Theology, Emory University
1994-2002

Parish Ministry

Priest in Charge or *Locum tenens*: St. Paul's, Sistersville, WV, 2009-2010; St. Thomas, Morgantown, WV, 2007-2008; Grace Church, Massapequa, LI, 2006-2007; Ascension Church, Rockville Centre, LI, 2005-2006

Canon Theologian
Cathedral of St. Philip, Atlanta
1999-2002

Assistant to the Rector
St. Bartholomew's Church, Atlanta
1993-1998

Rector's Associate and Chaplain to the Day School
St. Stephen's Church, Coconut Grove (Miami)
1990-1993

Assistant to the Rector
St. Andrew's Church, Jacksonville
1989-1990

Academic Affiliations, Current

American Academy of Religion
North American Academy of Liturgy
Society for Comparative Theology

Religious / Ecclesial Affiliation

Episcopal Church (Ordained priest, December 1989)

References

Available on request.

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