

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
**The Rev. James W. Farwell, Ph.D.**  
3737 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304

**Current Position**

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

H. Boone Porter Chair of Liturgics  
The General Theological Seminary  
New York City

**Education**

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Cert. Institute of Buddhist Studies, Graduate Theological Union, 2023 (Soto Zen)  
Ph.D. Emory University, 2001, Religion (Constructive Theology, Buddhism, Ethics)  
M.Div. The General Theological Seminary, *with honors*, 1989  
B.A. Catholic University of America, 1984 (Philosophy)

**Honors, Grants**

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Suzanne F. Thomas Award for Faculty Research, 2023.  
Conant Grant: Travel research on Soto Zen, Eiheiiji Temple, 2022.  
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**

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

**Publications and Writing Projects**

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**In progress**

*Here the Way Unfolds: A Christian Commentary on Dōgen’s Shobogenzo.* For *Christian Commentaries on Non-Christian Sacred Texts*. Leuven: Peeter’s Press, expected Spring 2025.  
*The Eucharist: Understanding Christianity through the Lens of Its Ritual.* New York University Press, expected 2025.

**Forthcoming**

“The Triduum.” For *Oxford Handbook of the Book of Common Prayer*. Oxford University Press, expected 2024.

## Books

- T&T Clark Handbook on Sacraments and Sacramentality*. Co-edited with Martha Moore-Keish. London: T&T Clark, 2023.
- Ritual Excellence: Best Practices for Leading and Planning Liturgy*. New York: Seabury, 2023.
- 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, 2005.

## Book Chapters

- “The Theology and Art of Intercession.” In *Conversations about Divine Mystery: Engagements with the Work of Gail Ramshaw*. Fortress Academic, 2023.
- “The Assembly and Eucharist.” In *Eucharistic Practice and Sacramental Theology in Pandemic Times*. Eileen Scully, ed. General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, 2021.
- “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*. Stephanie Budway, et. al., eds. 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 Polytrophy.” 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.
- “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*. Church Publishing, 2018.
- “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. Bloomsbury, 2015, 166-177.

## Articles, Published Addresses, Encyclopedia Entries

- “Revisiting Sacramental Theology in the Wake of a Pandemic.” Guest Editor. Special focus issue of *Anglican Theological Review* (Winter 2022).
- “Liturgy and Public Theology.” *Anglican Theological Review* 102:2 (Spring 2020), 219-229.
- “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.” *Sevane 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. Routledge (2003), 1643-1646.
- “F.D. Maurice.” In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. Hans Hillerbrand, ed. 4 vols. Routledge (2003), 1185-1186.
- “Bishop/Episcopacy.” In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. Hans Hillerbrand, ed. 4 vols. 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

- Historical Foundations of Worship: Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant Perspectives* ed. by Melanie C. Ross and Ross A. Lamport. Theology Today (2023).
- Eucharistic Shaping and Hebert’s Liturgy and Society*, by Andrew Bishop. *Anglican Theological Review* 104:1 (Winter 2022), 113-119.
- Reformed Sacramentality* by Graham Hughes, Liturgical Press, 2017. *Anglican Theological Review* 102:1 (Winter 2020), 146-148.
- Material Eucharist* by David Grummett. Oxford, 2016. *Anglican Theological Review* 101.4 (Fall 2019), 742-744.
- 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, The Journal of Anglican Studies, Harvard Theological Review, Religions, Ecclesiology, Acta Theologica.*

## Academic Conference Papers and Presentations

- “Here the Way Unfolds – Christian Commentary on Dōgen.” North American Academy of Liturgy, Seminar on Liturgy and Comparative Theology. (Jan 2023)
- “Liturgy and the Pandemic.” North American Academy of Liturgy, panel presentation for local Chapter. (Oct 2020)
- 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**

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- “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 20<sup>th</sup> 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**

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#### **Virginia Theological Seminary**

*Liturgical Theology, Planning and Performance*

*The Mission of God (team-taught with Robert Heaney and Kate Sonderegger)*  
*Monastic Interfaith Encounters*  
*Christian Mission and Many Religions*  
*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)**

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

- Webinars for VTS Center for Lifelong Learning, “Triduum under Quarantine,” “Sundays and Major Feasts Under Quarantine,” “Hope Incarnate.”
- “Ritual” ChurchNext video on ritual at home.
- Introductory Text and Voice over for Digital Stations of the Cross.
- Multiple formal and informal consultations with Bishop, diocesan clergy, parishes.

### **Continuing Education Events for Clergy (Recent)**

- Dioceses of Central New York, Rochester, Arizona, Western Massachusetts, Newark, Pittsburgh, Colorado

### **Conferences, Parishes and Other Educational Events**

- Parish Quiet Day, Grace and St. Peters, Baltimore. (Apr 2022)
- Parish Quiet Day, Ascension and St. Agnes, DC. (Mar 2022)
- Lecturer for Karen Episcopal Ministry Education Program. (Jan 2022)
- Christ Church Georgetown, Adult forum lecturer. (Multiple, 2016-2022)
- Dharma Talks, ritual, interspirituality, Puget Sound Zen Center. (Nov 2019/Feb 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**

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#### **North American Academy of Liturgy**

Founding Convener, Seminar on Liturgy and Comparative Theology, 2017-2023.

Co-Founder, Seminar on Liturgy and Postmodernism, 2005.

### **Virginia Theological Seminary**

Director of Anglican Studies (Diploma program)  
Admissions Committee.  
Worship Committee.  
Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, January to July 2018.  
Chair, Masters Committee, 2015-2017, 2020-2022.  
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.  
GOE Review Committee.  
*Ad hoc* advisory group on formation of liturgical customary.  
Various search committees.

### **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, Service to the Church**

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- Dreamers Committee, Liturgy Planning for the 80<sup>th</sup> General Convention.
- “Incarnation and the Digital Age” with Dr. Lisa Kimball, Society of St John the Evangelist.
- “Eucharist and COVID,” with Dr. Ruth Meyers, for the Diocese of Denver.
- 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**

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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**

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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**

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

**Religious / Ecclesial Affiliation**

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Episcopal Church (Ordained priest, December 1989)

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