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| Area | Christian Theology | Religious Affiliation: Presbyterian (PCUSA) |
| Education | Ph.D., Emory University, 2000 Dissertation: "Toward a Holistic Theological Anthropology: Jonathan Edwards and Friedrich Schleiermacher on Religious Affection" (Director: E. Brooks Holifield; Readers: Don Saliers, Wendy Farley) M.Div., Candler School of Theology at Emory University, 1992 Honor's Thesis: "On the Metaphysical Foundations of the Aesthetic and Ethical in the Theology of Jonathan Edwards" (Director: Rebecca Chopp) B.A., Calvin College, 1989 | |
| Teaching and Research Experience | Theologian-in Residence, Church Health Center, Memphis, Tennessee (2010-present) The Edward G. Humphreys Associate Professor of Theology, Memphis Theological Seminary (2008-present) Associate Professor of Theology, Memphis Theological Seminary (2007-present) Assistant Professor of Theology, Memphis Theological Seminary (2005-07) Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, Calvin College (2000- 2005) Instructor, Department of Religion, Calvin College (1998- 2000) Facilitator, "Fostering an Effective Learning Environment," Emory University (Summer 1997) Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religion, Emory University (Spring 1996, Spring 1997) Adjunct Instructor, Candler School of Theology (Fall 1996) Teaching Associate, Candler School of Theology (1993-94) Graduate Research Assistant to Steven Tipton, Emory University (Summer 1994) Teaching Assistant, Candler School of Theology (1992-93) | |
| Courses Taught | Memphis Theological Seminary Christian Beliefs Major Themes in Reformed Theology Theology Since the Reformation Affections, Emotions, and the Christian Life: A Conversation with Jonathan Edwards The Theology of John Calvin The Legacy of H. Richard Niebuhr Christology Theology in America Feminist Theology Male and Female God Made Them: A Theology of Gender and Sexuality Through A Glass Darkly: Spirituality and Photography Calvin College: Kuiper Seminar for New Calvin Faculty (co-leader, January 2004) | |

Christian Theology (Rel 131)
 Basic Christian Theology (Rel 201)
 General Church History (Rel 241)
 Christianity in America (Rel 242)
 History of Christian Theology II (Rel 244)
 The Many Voices of Feminist Theology (Rel W10/W43)

Emory University:

Revivalism in America
 Reinhold Niebuhr: Human Nature and Human Destiny (co-taught with E. Brooks Holifield)
 Christianity Since the Reformation

**Grants,
 Awards, and
 Fellowships**

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Co-Recipient/Co-Author with Dr. Virginia Lee of the \$2000 Participation Follow-up Grant from Educating Clergy Conference for use in Faculty Development for MTS faculty, 2007.
 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Co-Recipient/Co-Author with Dr. Virginia Lee of the Wabash Consultant Grant to sponsor MTS faculty retreat with Dr. Jack Seymour in January 2007.
 Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Faith As A Way of Life Initiative, Theological Education Renewal Award. Co-Author/Co-Recipient with Dr. Valerie Bridgeman Davis of the \$5000 award for our collaborative teaching of TH01528: Feminist Theology and WP01610: Feminist/Womanist Theology for Preaching and Worship, July 2006.
 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, "The Shape of the Religious Affections." \$7,000 research grant to write a chapter for the book manuscript entitled *Worship and the Religious Affections* discussed below (summer 2004)
 Louisville Institute, *Worship and the Religious Affections*. \$47,000 sabbatical grant to produce a book by the same title. Grant and book co-authored with Kendra G. Hotz (2004-2005)
 Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, "Reading the Christian Tradition Critically and Constructively: A Project in Feminist Theology." \$2,750 Course Development Award (2003-04)
 Dean's Teaching Fellowship (Emory University, 1996-97)
 Graduate Fellowship in Religion (Emory University, 1992-96)
 Robert W. Woodruff Fellowship (Candler School of Theology, 1989-92)

**Professional
 Societies**

American Academy of Religion
 American Society of Church History

**Professional
 Papers and
 Presentations**

"Shaping the Christian Life," Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Lecture, January 13, 2009

"Jonathan Edwards on Predestination," (invited presentation to new Calvin College Faculty, November 13, 2003)

"Teaching the One-Semester History of Christianity Course" (invited presenter and panelist at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, January 3, 2003)

"Preaching and the Religious Affections in the Theology of Friedrich

Schleiermacher” (paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters, March 9, 2001)

“Religious Emotion and the Comparative Study of Religion in Schleiermacher’s Fifth Speech” (paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters, March 10, 1999 – revised and expanded edition of the paper with the same title listed below)

“Religious Emotion and the Comparative Study of Religion in Schleiermacher’s Fifth Speech” (paper presented at the Conference on Emotion and Religious Discourse, Santa Clara University, May 2, 1998)

“Prayer and the Religious Affections in Friedrich Schleiermacher’s Sermons” (paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Southeast Regional Meeting, March 21, 1998)

“Religious Discourse and Religious Meanings in Jürgen Habermas’s Critical Theory and Discourse Ethics” (paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, January 16, 1998 -- revised edition of the paper with the same title listed below)

“The Theological Framework of Josiah Royce’s *The Problem of Christianity*” (paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Religious Studies Association, October 3, 1997)

“Religious Discourse and Religious Meanings in Jürgen Habermas’s Critical Theory and Discourse Ethics” (paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Southeast Regional Meeting, March 15, 1997)

**Presentations
for a General
Audience
(selected)**

“Faith and Health at the Foot of the Cross, Keynote Address co-delivered with Kendra G. Hotz at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Church Health Center, April 2013

Guest Speaker, “Introduction to the Reformed Creeds and Confessions,” Idlewild Presbyterian Church New Officer Orientation, November 23, 2009 and November 21, 2010

Presenter/Panelist, Annual Conference of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, Idlewild Presbyterian Church (USA), “Developing Good Congregational Processes as We Struggle Toward a More Inclusive Church,” November 4, 2005

Guest Lecturer, Annual Retreat for Ministerial Candidates and the Members of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Lake Michigan Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA), DeWitt, Michigan, August 18, 2003. Title: “The Nature of the Reformed Confessional Tradition and Its Implications for Parish Ministry.”

Guest Lecturer, Leaderfest 2003, Annual Continuing Education Conference for Pastors, Elders, and Christian Educators in the Florida Presbytery of the PCUSA, Marianna, Florida, January 17-18, 2003. Title: “Exploring Our Language and Imagery for God”

Guest Lecturer, Gender Studies Minor Capstone Course, April 26, 2001. Title: "Introducing Feminist Theology: Sin as a Case Study"

Panelist, Calvin Panel on Masculinity (April 27, 2000)

Guest Speaker, Calvin Students for Christian Feminism, February 29, 2000. Title: "Contours of a Christian Feminist Vision of Marriage and Family" (co-speaker with Professor Kendra G. Hotz)

Publications

"*Gluttony*," *Church Health Reader* Vol. 4, No. 3 (co-authored with Kendra G. Hotz, Fall 2014)

Dust and Breath (co-authored with Kendra G. Hotz, 2012)

"Theological Themes: Mark 7, 1-8, 14-15, 21-23," *Lectionary Homiletics* Vol. 20, No. 5 (August-September 2009): 34-35.

"Theological Themes: John 6:56-69," *Lectionary Homiletics* Vol. 20, No. 5 (August-September 2009): 28.

"Theological Themes: John 6:51-58," *Lectionary Homiletics* Vol. 20, No. 5 (August-September 2009): 22.

"Theological Themes: John 6:35, 41-51," *Lectionary Homiletics* Vol. 20, No. 5 (August-September 2009): 15-16

"Theological Themes: John 6:24-35," *Lectionary Homiletics* Vol. 20, No. 5 (August-September 2009): 8.

"Violence, Beauty, and the Eucharist," *Call to Worship*, Vol. 42.3 (Spring 2009): 15-23 (co-authored with Dr. Kendra G. Hotz).

Shaping the Christian Life: Worship and the Religious Affections, Westminster John Knox Press, 2006 (co-authored with Dr. Kendra G. Hotz).

"The Hideous Beauty of the Cross," Lenten Meditation in *Vision* (The Monthly Newsletter of Robert Donnell Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church), Vol. XIII, No. 3, March 2006.

"The Persistence of Religious Meaning in the Critical Theory of Jürgen Habermas," *Soundings* 82, no. 3-4 (fall 2000): 383-99.

"The Theological Framework of Josiah Royce's *The Problem of Christianity*," *American Journal of Theology & Philosophy* 19, no. 3 (September 1998): 275-291.

Current Research and Writing Project

Toward a Spirituality of Seeing and the Arts

Other Research Activities

Member of the Agricultural Biotechnology Reading Group sponsored by the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, October 2001-May 2002

**Professional
Service and
Activities**

Memphis Theological Seminary

Chair of the Faculty (2013-15)
 Chair, Department of Religious Heritage (2012-present)
 Chair, Department of Church History, Theology, and Ethics, (2008-09, 2010-11)
 Chair, Search Committee for Wesleyan Studies Position, (2007-09)
 Technology Committee (2009-10)
 Planning and Evaluation Committee (2008-09)
 Co-facilitator of MTS Faculty Retreats (forthcoming January 2007, August 2007)
 Assistant Accreditation Coordinator for MTS SACS and ATS Reaccreditation Review (2007)
 Accreditation Self-Study Steering Committee (2006-07)
 Accreditation Subcommittee on Purpose, Integrity, and Governance (2006-07, Chair)
 Curriculum Committee (2006-07, 2007-08, 2010-11, 2014-16)
 Educational Development Committee (2005-06, 2008-09)
 Teacher of Sample Class for Inquirer's Day (February 2006, February 2008)
 Faculty Representative/Participant at Educating Clergy Conference sponsored by the Wabash Center and Association of Theological Schools, Chicago, February 20-21, 2006
 Preacher and Liturgist, Sermon: "Day Laborers," Worship Service for MTS Board of Trustees (February 10, 2006)
 Liturgist, MTS Chapel, (November 15, 2005)

Calvin College Department of Religion:

Curriculum Committee (2002-2004, chair 2003-04)
 Seminar Committee (2000-02, chair 2001-02)
 Publicity Committee (2000-01)
 Beets Calvinism Committee (1998-2000)
 Spring Conference Committee (1998-2000)

Calvin College:

Co-Leader of the Kuiper Seminar for New Calvin Faculty (January 2004)
 College Representative/Participant in the Lilly Endowment Workshop on Faculty Development Entitled "Mentoring for Mission" (April 8, 2003)
 Library Committee (2002-04)
 Gender Studies Minor Committee (2000-present)
 Secretary, Calvin Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (2000-01)
 Passport Faculty Advisor (June 29, 1999, July 28, 2000)
 Taught Model Classes for Passport "The Arian Controversy" (July 6 & 27, 2000, July 1 & 18, 2002, June 30 & November 2, 2003)
 Faculty Participant in Bolt-Heyns-Timmer Dormitory Program, "Coffee with Calvin Professors" (November 16, 1999)
 Faculty Representative to Fridays At Calvin (February 26, 1999, October 8, 1999, February 18, 2000, October 6, 2000, April 27, 2001, November 16, 2001)
 Co-Presenter, Calvin College Faculty Development Luncheon, "Lunchbytes: Using Technology in the Classroom" (December 2, 1998, co-presented with Professor Kendra G. Hotz)
 Participant in Professional Development Teaching Workshop Sponsored by

the Office of the Dean for Instruction (August 24, 1998)

Broader Academic Community and Professional Societies

Secretary, American Association of University Professors, Calvin College Chapter, (2002-2003)
 Chair, Religious Studies Section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters (2000-2001)
 Vice-Chair, Religious Studies Section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters (1999-2000)

Church and Wider Community (selected):

Chair, Adult Ministries Committee, Idlewild Presbyterian Church (2010-11)
 Adult Ministries Committee Member, Idlewild Presbyterian Church (2008-9)
 Ordained Elder, Idlewild Prebyterian Church (2008-present)
 Worship and Music Committee Member, Idlewild Presbyterian Church (2007-08)
 Adult Education Teacher, Idlewild Presbyterian Church (USA), regular teaching in various classes (2006-10)
 Adult Education Teacher, Idlewild Presbyterian Church (USA), “Who is Jesus Christ?” and “What Do We Believe about the Church and Sacraments?,” two six-week adult education classes being co-taught with Dr. Kendra G. Hotz (September--December 2006)
 Guest Speaker, Bartlett United Methodist Church, “What Do Presbyterians Believe?” (June 18, 2006)
 Liturgist, Buntyn Presbyterian Church (USA), (June 4, 11, 25 & July 2, 2006)
 Appointed as Consulting Theologian at Westminster PCUSA, (June 2002-July 2004)
 Adult Education Committee, Westminster Presbyterian Church (2000-2003)
 Chair, Religious Studies Section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters (2000-2002)
 Guest Speaker, Kirk Academy, Westminster Presbyterian Church, “Christ in the Creeds” (Two-Part Series: January 27 and February 2, 2002)
 Guest Speaker, Kirk Academy, Westminster Presbyterian Church, “Comparative Themes in Reformed Theology” (Three-Part Series: October 15, 22, 29, 2000)
 Guest Speaker, Christian Businessmen’s Lunch, Westminster Presbyterian Church, “Faith in the Public Sphere” (October 11, 2000)
 Guest Speaker, Hope Reformed Church, “Theological Responses to Pluralism” (Four-Part Series: April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, 2000)
 Vice-Chair, Religious Studies Section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters (1999-2000)
 Guest Speaker, Hope Reformed Church, Advent Meditation, “Waiting” December 17, 1999)
 Treasurer, Trinity Chapel, Reformed Church in America (1999)
 Webmaster, Trinity Chapel, Reformed Church in America (1999)
 Organizing Committee for Trinity Chapel, Reformed Church in America (1998-1999)

References

Available Upon Request