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### Personal Data

Born: 1945, California  
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### Education

A.B. Stanford University, 1967, History (Honors Thesis in Humanities: "The Spiritual World of T.S. Eliot as Seen in His Plays")  
B.D. Fuller Theological Seminary, 1970  
North Park Theological Seminary, 1970-71  
Ph.D. Duke University, 1974 (Thesis: "Theology and Play")

### Honors, Awards, Grants and Fellowships

Phi Beta Kappa  
Graduated with Great Distinction and with Honors in Humanities, Stanford University, 1967  
Middler Preaching Prize, Fuller Theological Seminary, 1969  
James B. Duke Fellow, Duke University, 1971-74  
Faculty Research Grants, Western Kentucky University, Summer, 1977, Summer, 1978  
Listed Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 17th Edition, 1980-81; Directory of American Scholars, 7th Edition, 1978; Contemporary Authors, 1982; Who's Who in the Midwest, 20th, 22nd, 24th Editions, 1985, 1989, 1994; Who's Who in Religion, 4th Edition, 1991; Who's Who Among Human Services Professionals, 3rd Edition, 1991; Who's Who in the World, 12th Edition, 1994. Who's Who in the West, 26th Edition, 1998. Who's Who in American Education, 5th Edition. Dictionary of International Biography, 25th Edition; 26th Edition, 1998; Who's Who among America's Teachers, 11th Edition  
The 2002 Spiritus Award (for outstanding writing in the field of theology and film), presented at the City of Angels Film Festival, Hollywood, CA, November 1, 2002  
President, The American Theological Society, 2003-2004  
Grant, The Henry Luce Foundation, Research in Theology and Film, 2004-2006  
Grant, The Henry Luce Foundation, Research in "The Role of God's Spirit in Religious Expressions of Worship and the Arts," 2009-2010  
Grant, \$50,000 Rivendell Stewards' Trust, for start-up costs for my leadership in beginning a new Ph.D. program in Christian Studies at Sam Higginbottom Institute for Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad, India, 2011. Follow-up grants of \$20,000 in 2012, 2013, and 2014 for a total of \$110,000.  
Grant, \$50,000 Peterson Trust, for start-up costs for new Ph.D. program at Sam Higginbottom Institute for Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad, India, 2011.

C. Davis Weyerhaeuser Award for Excellence, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 13, 2015 for  
“teacher of the year.”

### **Experience and Employment**

1967 Stanford University, Teaching Assistant in History  
1970 Fuller Theological Seminary, Teaching Fellow in Theology and in Homiletics  
1972 Meiron, Israel, Member, Archeological Expedition (Summer)  
1973 Duke University, Instructor of Religion  
1974-78 Western Kentucky University, Assistant Professor of Religion  
1979-80 St. Mark's Seminary-School of Theology, Faculty, Auburn, Kentucky  
1980-81 New College, Berkeley, Visiting Professor of Theology and Old Testament  
1978-82 Western Kentucky University, Associate Professor of Religion  
1982-88 North Park Theological Seminary, Dean and Professor of Theology and Culture  
1988-92 North Park College and Theological Seminary, Provost, Dean of the Seminary, and  
Professor of Theology and Culture  
1992-93 North Park College and Theological Seminary, Seminary Provost, Dean and  
Professor of Theology and Culture  
1993-95 Fuller Theological Seminary, Provost, Senior Vice President, and Professor of  
Theology and Culture  
1994 Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos del Pacto Evangélico, Bell Gardens, CA,  
Instructor  
1995- Fuller Theological Seminary, Professor of Theology and Culture  
1996-2003 St. Petersburg Academy, St. Petersburg, Russia, Instructor  
1996-2003 North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, Adjunct Professor  
2005 Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., Visiting Professor  
2006 Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, Visiting Professor  
2011 Pacific Rim Christian College, Honolulu, HI, Visiting Professor  
2011- Sam Higginbottom Institute for Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad,  
U.P., India, Professor of Christian Studies  
2013, 2016 Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Visiting Professor

### **Church Relations**

Ordained, Evangelical Covenant Church, 1975  
Youth Minister, Pasadena Covenant Church, California, 1967-69  
Assistant Minister, Edgebrook Covenant Church, Chicago, IL, 1970-71  
Pulpit Supply, Franklin Presbyterian Church, Franklin, KY, 1977-78  
Pulpit Supply, Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn, KY, 1979  
Pulpit Supply, Cecelia Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, KY, 1981-82  
Pulpit Supply, Hillside Covenant Church, Walnut Creek, CA, 1995, 1996

### **Community Service**

Member, Wilmette School Board, District 39; 1987-1991  
Member, North Suburban Special Education District Governing Board; 1987-1989  
Member, Board of Directors, Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos del Pacto Evangélico, Los  
Angeles, California; 1988-93. (Founding board member of Bible school and seminary that  
teaches in the Spanish language and has over 500 students/year.)

- Member, Board of Directors, LifeCenter on the Green Fitness Center/Wellness Program, Chicago, Illinois; 1990-93. (Founding board member of award-winning fitness/wellness center.)
- Member, Board of Directors, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, The Evangelical Covenant Church (2000-2005; 2006-2011; Secretary, 2003-2005; Chair, 2007-2011). (This board oversees hospitals, retirement centers, homes for adults with special needs, low income housing, subsidized housing for elderly, and justice ministries with assets of \$2 billion.)
- Member, Executive Committee, City of Angels Film Festival, Hollywood, CA; 1998-2011
- Member, Board of Directors, Latin American Christian Ministries, 2002- (Founding board member of organization that has set up a Ph.D. program in Latin America for Evangelical students/scholars based on a cohort model and assigned mentors. Now a member of the governing board of PRODOLA, the PhD program.)
- Member, Board of Directors, William Carey Heritage Foundation, 2003- (Founding board member of foundation set up (1) to strengthen Serampore College, India, and the 50+ Christian institutions of higher education in India which it accredits and (2) to begin a Ph.D. program in Christian Studies at Sam Higgenbottom Institute for Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad, India. I serve as principle initiator of and advisor to the program, which launched in May 2012. Now a member of faculty senate for the PhD program.)
- Member, Board of Directors, Covenant International Insurance Company, 2008-2011.

### **Administrative, Ecclesiastical, and Academic Experience**

- 1969-70 Assistant to the President, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 1974-80 Faculty Advisor, Graduate Program in Humanities, Western Kentucky University
- 1974-80 Director (1980), Administrative Assistant (1976-78), Secretary (1975-76), Member (1974), University Honors Committee, Western Kentucky University
- 1976-78 Member, University Humanities Council, Western Kentucky University
- 1978-79 Participant, Revolving Faculty Exchange Program (With Western Kentucky University, Shippensburg State College, Pennsylvania, and Winthrop College, South Carolina)
- 1978-79 Member, Teacher Education Committee, Western Kentucky University
- 1980-86 Member, Steering Committee, Consultation on Evangelical Theology, American Academy of Religion
- 1982-93 Member, Pastoral Relations Commission, The Evangelical Covenant Church
- 1982-93 Member, Board of the Ministry, The Evangelical Covenant Church
- 1982-93 Member, Executive Committee of the Ministerium, The Evangelical Covenant Church
- 1986-90 Co-chairman, Evangelical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion
- 1988-93 Member, Commission on Accrediting, The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada
- 1988 Accrediting Team Member, Andover Newton Theological School, for A.T.S.
- 1990 Accrediting Team Member, Oral Roberts University School of Theology, for A.T.S.
- 1991 Chair of Accrediting Team, Boston University School of Theology, for A.T.S.
- 1991 Curriculum and accreditation consultant, Westminster Theological Seminary in California, Escondido, California
- 1991 Accreditation team member, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, for A.T.S.
- 1993-2001 Member Curriculum Committee, Centro Hispano de Estudios Teologicos, Bell Gardens, CA
- 1994 Chair of Accreditation Team, St. Thomas Theological Seminary, for A.T.S.
- 1994-95 Member, Task Force on Accreditation Standards, The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada

- 1995-98 Chair, National Task Force on Orientation for Staff of Covenant Institutions, The Evangelical Covenant Church
- 1996 Chair of Accreditation Team, Lincoln Christian Seminary, for A.T.S.
- 1996-97 Curriculum and Accreditation Consultant, Truett Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- 1997 Member, National Committee of Evangelical Covenant Church Ministerium on "Calling the 'Godly and Gifted' into Ministry."
- 1997 Chair of Accreditation Team, Houston Graduate School of Theology, for A.T.S.
- 1998 Chair of Accreditation Team, Regent University, for A.T.S.
- 1998 Curriculum Consultant, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas
- 1998-2002 Consultant on Strategic Planning, Centro Hispano de Estudios Teologicos, Bell Gardens, CA
- 1998- Co-Director, Reel Spirituality Institute, Fuller Theological Seminary
- 1998- Member, Steering Committee, Brehm Center for Worship, Theology and the Arts, Fuller Theological Seminary.
- 1998 Consultant to Association of Theological Schools (A.T.S.). Part of team discussing the "Goals of the Theological Curriculum," Pittsburgh, PA, October 8, 1999
- 1999-2012 Co-Producer, annual Reel Spirituality Conferences, Directors' Guild of America (and other locations), Hollywood, CA.
- 2000 Consultant to Association of Theological Schools (A.T.S.). Led a continuing education daylong workshop for A.T.S. staff on "The Nature of Evangelical Seminaries," Pittsburgh, PA, May 11, 2000
- 2002 Accreditation team member, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities for A.T.S.

### **Other Experiences**

- Accredited visitor, the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Vancouver, Canada, July 24 - August 10, 1983
- Participant, Warren Deem Institute for Theological Education Management, Harriman, New York, July 14 - August 2, 1985
- Accredited observer, European Area Council, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Vienna, Austria, August 24-30, 1987
- Delegate, Lausanne II in Manila, International Congress on World Evangelization, July 11-20, 1989
- Member, Lilly Consultation, Evangelical Perspectives on the Aims and Purposes of Theological Education, 1990-1998
- Delegated observer, the Seventh Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Canberra, Australia, February 7-20, 1991
- Member, Advisory Group for Church and Ecumenical Relations, World Council of Churches, 1992-98
- Press, the Eighth Assembly of the World Council of Churches, Harare, Zimbabwe, December 3-14, 1998.
- Delegate, Christian Churches Together Annual Meeting, Pasadena, CA (signee of original charter), February 6-9, 2007

### **Current Teaching Interests**

Constructive Theology; Theology and Culture; Theology and Literature; Theology and Film; Old Testament Wisdom Literature; Systematic Theology

### **Professional Organizations**

American Academy of Religion

Bonhoeffer Society

American Theological Society (Treasurer, 1994-1999; President-Elect, 2003; President, 2004)

### **Editorial Boards and Boards of Reference**

Advisory Editor (formerly corresponding editor), *Christianity Today*, 1985-2012.

Editorial Consultant, *ex auditu*, 1989-

Fellow, *The Wilburforce Forum*, 2001-

Contributing Editor, *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for Theology and Culture*, 2003-

Editorial Board, *Sehnsucht*, 2008-

Judge, Video Competition, *Outreach Magazine*, 2008.

Advisory Board, Imago Film Festival, 2013-

Editorial Board, *International Journal of sports and Christianity*, 2015-

### Student Theses Supervised

- Laura K. Simmons "Theology Made Interesting: Dorothy L. Sayers as a Lay Theologian," (Ph.D.), 1999 (Second Reader). Published as *Creed without Chaos: Exploring Theology in the Writings of Dorothy L Sayers* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005). Faculty member, Western Theological Seminary, Portland, OR.
- Chris Yaw "Holiness and the Holidays" (Th.M.), 2001. Episcopal pastor.
- Beth Jones "I Take the Side of Truth: Vaclav Havel's Pursuit of Truth in the Language of His Plays, Dissident Writings, and Presidential Addresses" (Th.M.), 2002.
- Mossai T. Sanguma "Toward a Mission Theology of Reconciliation in a Context of Ethnic Conflict: The Case of the D. R. Congo" (Ph.D), 2003 (second reader). Former President, CEUM and president of university in Gemena, DRC.
- Nancy Mockros "Projecting Jesus: Reception and Reflection of Culture in Jesus Movies, 1977-2004" (Ph.D.), 2004. Presbyterian pastor.
- Steven L. Wiebe "Christian Theology in a Pluralistic Context: A Methodological and Constructive Inquiry in the Doctrine of Creation" (Ph.D.), 2005. Published as *Christian Theology in a Pluralistic Context: A Methodological and Constructive Inquiry in the Doctrine of Creation* (New York: Peter Lang, 2007). Adjunct faculty, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA..
- Alex Hernandez "Literary Theory and Post-Secularism" – Thesis for M.A. in Theology and the Arts, 2007.
- Charles Slocum "The Incarnation and the Moving Image" -- Thesis for M.A. in Theology and the Arts, 2007.
- Craig Detweiler "Into the Dark: Contemporary Cinema and General Revelation" (Ph.D.), 2007. Published as *Into the Dark: Seeing the Sacred in the Top Films of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008). President and Professor of Theology and Culture, Seattle School of Psychology and Theology, Seattle, WA.
- Timothy Basselin "The Face of Mary: Flannery O'Connor, Disability and Theology" (Ph.D.), 2010. Published as *Flannery O'Connor, God, and the Grotesque* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2013). Assistant Professor, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX.
- Petronella Bosshardt "Spiritual Humanism: Spirituality in Practice, A Case Study in Dutch Film, 2000-2005" (Ph.D.), 2011.
- Kutter Callaway "Hearing Images: The Theological and Religious Significance of Music in Film" (Ph.D.), 2011. Published as *Scoring Transcendence: Contemporary Film Music as Religious Experience* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2013). Assistant Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.
- Tony Mills "From Rugged to Real: Stan Lee and the Subversion of the American Monomyth in Theological Anthropology and Marvel Superhero Comics and Films" (Ph.D.), 2011. Published as *American Theology, Superhero Comics, and Cinema* (New York: Routledge, 2013).
- Michael M. Bruner "In the Bleeding Stinking Mad Shadow of Jesus: Flannery O'Connor and a Gospel of Subversion" (Ph.D.), 2015. Published as *A Subversive Gospel: Flannery O'Connor and the Reimagining of Beauty, Goodness, and Truth* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2017). Assistant Professor, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA.

Mathew John

“Cultural Exegesis of Film: The Elements Trilogy as a Case Study”  
(Ph.D.), 2015 (Second Reader). Published as *Film as Cultural Artifact:  
Religious Criticism of World Cinema* ( Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- Evangelicals at an Impasse: Biblical Authority in Practice*. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1979.
- Psalms for God's People*. Ventura, CA: Regal Books, 1982.
- The Christian at Play*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1983.
- The Use of the Bible in Theology: Evangelical Options*, editor. Atlanta: John Knox Press, 1985.
- The Variety of American Evangelicalism*, co-editor with Donald W. Dayton. Knoxville: The University of Tennessee Press, 1991. Paperback edition printed simultaneously by InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 1991.
- Studies in Old Testament Theology: Historical and Contemporary Images of God and God's People*, co-editor with Robert Hubbard and Robert Meyers. Waco, TX: Word Publishers, 1992.
- Servant Leadership, Volume One: Authority and Governance in The Evangelical Covenant Church*, co-editor with James Hawkinson. Chicago: Covenant Publications, 1993.
- Servant Leadership, Volume Two: Contemporary Models and the Emerging Challenge*, co-editor with James Hawkinson. Chicago: Covenant Publications, 1993.
- Grace Upon Grace*, co-editor with Jonathan R. Wilson and L. Gregory Jones. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1999.
- Reel Spirituality: Theology and Film in Dialogue*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2000. Korean Translation (Seoul: Korea Intersity Press, 2003). Bulgarian Translation (Sophia: BCSU Publishing, 2003). Second Edition (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006).
- Life is not Work/Work is Not Life: Simple Reminders for Finding Balance in a 24/7 World*, co-author with J. Walker Smith. Berkeley, CA: Wildcat Canyon Press, 2001. Italian translation: *La Vita non è Lavoro e il Lavoro non è Vita* (Rome: Gruppo Editoriale Armenia, 2002). Portuguese Translation: *a vida não é o trabalho, o trabalho não é a vida* (São Paulo: Editora Best Seller, 2003). Korean translation (Seoul: Hwanggum-Ginul Publishing Co., 2004). Indian Publication: (Delhi, India: Jaico Publishing House, 2008). [Chosen one of the ten best reads for work/life advice, *The Wall Street Journal* (2001)]
- Finding God in the Movies: 33 Films of Reel Faith*, co-author with Catherine M. Barsotti. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004.
- Useless Beauty: Ecclesiastes through the Lens of Contemporary Film*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2004. Korean translation (Seoul, InterVarsity, 2005).
- Reframing Theology & Film: New Focus for an Emerging Discipline*, editor. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007.
- Don't Stop Believin': Pop Culture and Religion from Ben Hur to Zombies*, co-editor with Craig Detweiler and Barry Taylor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.
- God's Wider Presence: Reconsidering General Revelation*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.
- God in the Movies: A Guide for Exploring Four Decades of Film*, co-editor with Catherine M. Barsotti. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2017.

### Chapters and Pamphlets

- "Evangelicals and Experiential Theology," The American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, October 31, 1976, St. Louis, Missouri. Printed in *Philosophy of Religion and Theology: 1976 Proceedings*, Peter Slater, ed. (Missoula, Montana: Scholars Press).
- "The Role of Women in the Church and Home: An Evangelical Testcase in Hermeneutics," in *Scripture, Tradition, and Interpretation*, W. Ward Gasque and William Sanford LaSor, ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1978): 234-259; reprinted in *Women and Men in Ministry*, R. Hestenes, ed. (Pasadena: Fuller Theological Seminary, 1980, 1985).
- "Biblical Authority and Interpretation," in *Women, Authority and the Bible*, Alvera Mickelsen, ed. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1986): 30-41.
- A Biblical and Theological Basis for Women in Ministry*. Co-authored with David Scholer, Klyne Snodgrass and Jean Lambert. An Occasional Paper, No. 1. (Chicago: Covenant Publications, 1987.)
- "Wisdom Literature and Its Contribution to a Biblical Environmental Ethic," in *Tending the Garden*, Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987): 66-82.
- "Acculturation or Inculturation? A Contemporary Evangelical Theology of the Atonement," in *Amicus Dei*, Philip J. Anderson, ed. (Chicago: Covenant Publications, 1988): 200-214; simultaneously printed in *The Covenant Quarterly* 46, (May--August 1988): 200-214.
- "A Lesson in Constructive Theology," in *Prophetic Visions and Economic Realities: Protestants, Jews, and Catholics Confront The Bishops' Letter on the Economy*, Charles R. Strain, ed. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988): 35-47.
- "Biblical Interpretation and Theology: Bringing the Bible to Life," in *The Proceedings of the Conference on Biblical Interpretation*, 1988 (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1988): 169-182.
- "Biblical Interpretation and Literary Criticism: How We Interpret the Bible," in *The Proceedings of the Conference on Biblical Interpretation*, 1988, (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1988): 51-64.
- "Christian Theology and Literature: Correlation or Co-Relation?," in *Collection of Papers Celebrating Professor Hiromu Shimizu's Retirement*, Sachika Yoshida, ed. (Kyoto, Japan: Apollon Inc., 1991): 12-22.
- "American Evangelicalism: An Extended Family," in *The Variety of American Evangelicalism*, Donald W. Dayton and Robert K. Johnston, eds. (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, 1991): 252-272.
- "Images for Today: Learning from Old Testament Wisdom," in *Studies in Old Testament Theology*, Robert L. Hubbard, Robert K. Johnston, Robert P. Meye, eds. (Waco, TX: Word Publishers, 1992): 223-239.
- "Set Aside to Serve: Ordination in the Covenant," in *Servant Leadership*, vol.1, Robert K. Johnston and James Hawkinson, eds. (Chicago: Covenant Publications, 1993): 158-176.
- "The Varieties of American Evangelicalism," in *Southern Baptists and American Evangelicals: The Conversation Continues*, David S. Dockery, ed. (Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1993): 40-51.
- "Work and Play: A Biblical Perspective," in *Christianity and Leisure: Issues in a Pluralistic Society*, Paul Heintzman, Glen E. Van Andel, and Thomas L. Visker, eds. (Sioux Center, IA: Dordt College Press, 1994): 7-16. Revised Edition, 2006, pp. 3-13.

- "'Confessions of a Workaholic': A Reappraisal of Qoheleth," in *Reflecting with Solomon: Selected Studies on the Book of Ecclesiastes*, Roy Zuck, ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1994): 133-149.
- "Bibeln inytt perspektiv: Teologi kontra kultur med utgangspunkt fran den amerikanska evangelikalismen" ("Rereading the Biblical Text: Insights into a Theology of Culture with Reference to American Evangelicalism"), in *Levande: om församling, teologi och samhalle*, Lennart Molin, ed. (Stockholm: Verbum, 1996): 211-223.
- "The Fireside Chat," (Dialogue with Roland E. Murphy), in *Master of the Sacred Page*, Keith Egan and Craig Morrison, eds. (Washington D.C.: The Carmelite Institute, 1997): 35-46.
- "Practicing the Presence of God: The Wisdom Psalms as Prayer," in *Hear and Obey*, Bradley J. Bergfalk and Paul E. Koptak, eds. (Chicago: Covenant Publications, 1997): 20-41.
- "F. Burton Nelson: Theologian of the Church," in *Reflections on Bonhoeffer*, Geoffrey B. Kelly and C. John Weborg, eds. (Chicago: Covenant Publications, 1999): 9-22.
- "Rethinking Common Grace: Toward a Theology of Co-Relation," in *Grace Upon Grace*, Robert K. Johnston, L. Gregory Jones, and Jonathan R. Wilson, eds. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1999): 153-168.
- "It Takes Wisdom to Use Wisdom Wisely," in *Understanding Wisdom*. Warren Brown, ed. (PA: Templeton Foundation Press, 2000): 135-150.
- "A Theology of Grace," Forward to *What Does the Bible Really Say About Hell?* by Randy Klassen. (Pandora Press/Herald Press, 2001): 11-13.
- "Visual Christianity: The Peril of Pleasure and the Value of the Experience," in *The Conviction of Things Not Seen: Worship and Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Todd Johnson, ed. (Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2002): 165-182.
- "The Passion As Dynamic Icon: Some Theological Reflections," in *Re-Viewing the Passion: Mel Gibson's Film and its Critics*. S. Brent Platte, ed. (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2004): 55-70.
- "Seeing God in the Movies: Monster's Ball and the Book of Ecclesiastes," in *The Bible and the Business of Life*. Simon Holt & Gordon Preece, eds. (Adelaide, Australia: ATF Press, 2004): 229-241.
- "Beyond Futility: American Beauty and the Book of Ecclesiastes," in *The Gift of Story: Narrative Hope in a Postmodern World*. Emily Griesinger & Mark Eaton, eds. (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2006): 85-96. (Finalist for Arlin G. Meyer Prize in Humanities, 2007).
- "Evangelical Studies," in *From The Margins: A Celebration of the Theological Work of Donald W. Dayton*, Christian T. Collins Winn, ed. (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2007): 281-284.
- "Introduction: Reframing the Discussion," in *Reframing Theology & Film*, Robert K. Johnston, ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007): 15-26.
- "Transformative Viewing: Penetrating the Story's Surface," in *Reframing Theology & Film*, Robert K. Johnston, ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007): 304-321.
- "Rated 'R' for Mystery: Worship Lessons Learned from the Movies," in *Worship that Changes Lives: Multidisciplinary and Congregational Perspectives on Spiritual Transformation*, Alexis Abernathy, ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008): 165-188.
- "The Illogic of Grace," Foreword to Randy and Joyce Klassen, *Loving Enemies: A Manual for Ordinary People* (Telford, PA: Cascadia, 2008): 8-10.

- "Theological Approaches: Academic Approaches to the Study of Religion and Film," in *The Routledge Companion to Religion and Film*, John Lyden, ed. (New York: Routledge, 2009): 310-328.
- "Kan biobesökare lara sig något av bibellasare? En ny form av lectio divina," in *Pa spaning...: fran svenska kyrkans forskardagar 2009*, Hanna Stenstrom, ed. (Stockholm: Verbum, 2010): 311-324. ("Can Moviegoers Learn from Bible Readers? Recasting *Lectio Divina*").
- "The Mystery Discerning Business," in *Don't Stop Believin': Pop Culture and Religion from Ben Hur to Zombies*, Robert K. Johnston, Craig Detweiler and Barry Taylor, eds. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012): 207-215.
- "Norman Vincent Peale," "John Updike," in *Don't Stop Believin': Pop Culture and Religion from Ben Hur to Zombies*, Robert K. Johnston, Craig Detweiler and Barry Taylor, eds. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012): 24-25, 57-59.
- "Evangelicals and Film: What Moviegoers Can Learn from the Bible," in *Evangelical Christians and Popular Culture: Pop Goes the Gospel, Vol. 1*, Robert H. Wood Jr., ed. (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Publishing, 2013): 52-70.
- "Theology and Culture," in *Routledge Companion to Modern Christian Thought*, Chad Meister and James Beilby, eds. (New York: Routledge, 2013): 795-805.
- "The Film Viewer and Natural Theology: God's 'Presence' at the Movies," in *Oxford Handbook of Natural Theology*, Russell Re Manning, ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013): 595-610.
- "Film and Video as Ways of Being Religious," Chapter 14 in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and the Arts*, Frank Birch Brown, ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), 238-254.
- "Art and the Spiritual," in *Interdisciplinary and Religio-Cultural Discourses on a Spirit-filled World: Loosing the Spirits*, Amos Yong, Velli-Matti Kärkkäinen and Kirsteen Kim, eds. (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), 85-96.
- "Introduction," in *Dreams, Doubt, and Dread: The Spiritual in Film*, Taylor Worley and Zachery Thomas Settle, eds. (Salem, OR: Cascade, Wipf & Stock, 2016): .
- "Retelling the Biblical Story of Noah: Jewish and Christian Perspectives," in *Noah as Antihero*, Rhonda Burnette-Bletsch and Jon Morgan, eds. (New York: Routledge, 2017): 49-68.
- "Can Watching a Movie Be a Spiritual Experience," in *Religion and Popular Culture in America*, Third Edition, Jeffrey Mahan and Bruce Forbes, eds. (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2017): 373-389.
- "Foreword," to Mathew P. John, *Film as Cultural Artifact: Religious Criticism of World Cinema* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017): ix-xi.

### Editorial Work

General Editor (with Robert L. Hubbard), *New International Biblical Commentary Series, Old Testament*. (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson; London: Paternoster); renamed in 2010, *Understanding the Bible Commentary Series* (Grand Rapids: Baker Books):

- Ian Provan, *1 & 2 Kings*, Volume 7, 1995.
- Christopher Wright, *Deuteronomy*, Volume 4, 1996.
- Elizabeth Achtemier, *Minor Prophets*, Volume 17, 1996.
- Roland Murphy and Elizabeth Huwiler, *Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs*, Volume 12, 1999.
- Craig Broyles, *Psalms*, Volume 11, 2000.
- John Hartley, *Genesis*, Volume 1, 2000.
- J. Gordon Harris, Cheryl Brown, Michael Moore, *Joshua, Judges, Ruth*, Volume 5, 2000.
- Mary Evans, *1 & 2 Samuel*, Volume 6, 2000.
- John Goldingay, *Isaiah*, Volume 13, 2001.
- William Bellinger, *Leviticus, Numbers*, Volume 3, 2001.
- Leslie Allen and Timothy Laniak, *Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther*, Volume 9, 2003.
- Gerald Wilson, *Job*, Volume 10, 2007.
- Tremper Longman III, *Jeremiah, Lamentations*, Volume 14, 2008.
- James K. Bruckner *Exodus*, Volume 2, 2008.
- Steven Tuell, *Ezekiel*, Volume 15, 2009.
- Pamela Scalise and John Goldingay, *Minor Prophets II*, Volume 18, 2009.
- William B. Nelson, *Daniel*, Volume 16, 2012.
- Louis C. Jonker, *1&2 Chronicles*, Volume 8, 2013.

General Editor (with William A. Dyrness), *Engaging Culture Series* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic):

- Robert Johnston, *Reel Spirituality*, 2000, 2006.
- Steven Bouma-Prediger, *For the Beauty of the Earth*, 2001, 2010.
- William A. Dyrness, *Visual Faith*, 2001.
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- "Rooting for the underdog," *The Covenant Companion* 98, no. 2 (February 2009): 28-29. Review of *Slumdog Millionaire*. (with Catherine Barsotti). Reprinted in *Philo Trust Magazine* (Spring 2009): 22-23 and *Lumunos* 122, no. 1 (Spring 2009): 19.
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- "The Coen Brothers: Modern Sages," *The Covenant Companion* 99, no. 9 (September 2010): 26-27. (with Catherine Barsotti)
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- "Confessing Our Sin," *The Covenant Companion* 100, no. 3 (March 2011): 26-27. Review of *Get Low*. (with Catherine Barsotti)

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- "Frames of Faith," *The Covenant Companion* 100, no. 7 (July 2011): 24–25. Review of *Soul Surfer* and *Of Gods & Men*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "A Foreigner in Our Midst," *The Covenant Companion* 100, no. 9 (September 2011): 24–25. Review of *Mao's Last Dancer*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "The Gift of Life," *The Covenant Companion* 100, no. 11 (November 2011): 28–29. Review of *The Tree of Life*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Adapting to New Realities," *The Covenant Companion* 101, no. 1 (January 2012): 22–23. Review of *Moneyball*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Three Beautiful Minds, Three Devoted Hearts," *The Semi* (February 13-26, 2012): 18-20. Review of *A Beautiful Mind*, *I Am Sam*, and *Iris*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Thinking About Our Descendants," *The Covenant Companion* 101, no. 3 (March 2012): 22–23. Review of *The Descendants*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Hugo," *The Covenant Companion* 101, no. 5 (May 2012): 24–25. Review of *Hugo*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Fishing and Faith," *The Covenant Companion* 101, no. 7 (July 2012): 22–23. Review of *Salmon Fishing in the Yemen*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Travelers on the Way," *The Covenant Companion* 101, no. 9 (September 2012): 29–30. Review of *The Way*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Wonder amidst the Pain," *The Covenant Companion* 101, no. 11 (November 2012): 28–29. Review of *Midnight in Paris*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "A Story of Sacrifice," *The Covenant Companion* 102, no. 1 (January 2013): 19–20. Review of *The Flowers of War*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Truth Stranger than Fiction," *The Covenant Companion* 102, no. 3 (March 2013): 22–23. Reviews of *Skyfall* and *Argo*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Community, Courage, and Faith," *The Covenant Companion* 102, no. 5 (May 2013): 20–21. Review of *42*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Restless Souls," *The Covenant Companion* 102, no. 8 (August 2013): 22-23. Review of *To the Wonder*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Remembering the Dream and Moving Forward," *The Covenant Companion* 102, no. 10 (October 2013): 17-18. Review of *The Butler*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Small Films You Might Have Missed," *The Covenant Companion* 102, no. 12 (December 2013): 20-21. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Telling the Truth: The Stories of Two Women," *The Covenant Companion* 103, no. 2 (March 2014): 21-22. Review of *Philomena* and *Saving Mr. Banks*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Brilliant, Tough, and Necessary Viewing," *The Covenant Companion* 103, no. 4 (May 2014): 20-21. Review of *12 Years a Slave*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Lost and Found," *The Covenant Companion* 103, no. 7 (August 2014): 23-24. Review of *All Is Lost*. (with Catherine Barsotti)
- "Suggestions for a Fall Evening with Film," *The Covenant Companion* 103, no. 9 (October 2014): 30-31. (with Catherine Barsotti)



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### Academic

- “Confessions of a Workaholic’: A Reappraisal of Ecclesiastes,” The Society of Biblical Literature, Southern Section, March, 1974, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- “Image and Content: The Tension of Narnia,” Evangelical Theological Society, Southern Section, March, 1975, Montreat, North Carolina.
- “In God We Trust?: Literary Transformations of Our Religious Heritage,” University Lecture Series (“Reflections: A Seventy-Six Series”), Western Kentucky University, October 21, 1976.
- “Evangelicals and Social Ethics,” N.I.C.M. Evangelical-Ecumenical Consultation, March, 1977, Memphis, Tennessee.
- “The ‘Wisdom’ of John Updike,” The American Academy of Religion, Southern Section, March, 1978, Columbia, South Carolina.
- “The Fiction of Robert Coover,” The American Academy of Religion, Southern Section, March, 1979, Atlanta, Georgia (with G. Nutter).
- Respondent for Consultation on Evangelical Theology, The American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, November 18, 1979, New York.
- “Curing Homosexuals: Impossible and Inappropriate?” Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 20, 1980.
- “The Evangelical Church Today,” Florissant Valley Community College, St. Louis, Missouri, April 21, 1980.
- “Our Omnipotent God,” Convocation, New College, Berkeley, California, September, 1980.
- “Some Current Misconceptions About ‘Wisdom’,” Faculty Colloquium, New College, Berkeley, California, October, 1980.
- “The Future of Evangelical Theology,” The American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, November 8, 1980, Dallas, Texas.
- “Homosexuality,” The American Scientific Affiliation, Northern California Chapter, Redwood City, California, January 31, 1981.
- “Play and Work,” Faculty Colloquium, New College, Berkeley, California, March 11, 1981; Covenant Circle, Berkeley, California, April 3, 1981.
- “Interpreting Scripture: Literary Criticism and Evangelical Hermeneutics,” Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto, Ontario, June 26, 1981 (Consultation on “Interpreting an Authoritative Scripture”).
- “New Directions in Evangelical Biblical Interpretation,” Summer Lecture Series, New College, Berkeley, California, July 9, 1981; Scholars in Ministry Week, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, February 17, 1982.
- “Being a Committed Christian in the Academic World,” InterVarsity Faculty Conference, Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 3, 1981.
- “Play and Work: A Biblical Model,” Faculty Colloquium, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, California, February 4, 1982.
- “The Christian at Play” (Lecture one: “Play: A Problem in Society,”; Lecture two: “Play: A Possibility Within Theology”; Lecture three: “Play: A Paradigm from Scripture”), The Day-

Higginbotham Lectures, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, February 18-19, 1982. Central Conference Ministers' Ashram, Evangelical Covenant Church, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, October, 1982.

"The Word of God and the Mind of Man," Evangelical Theological Society, Thirty-Fourth Annual Meeting, Essex Falls, New Jersey, December 17, 1982.

"Work and Play," Pastors' Colloquium, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois, February 24, 1983.

"Play: The Complement to Our Work," Corporate Wellness Seminar, North Park College, Chicago, Illinois, March 28, 1983.

Respondent to Mark A. Noll and David F. Wells, "The Faith: Evangelical Christianity and Modern America, 1930-1980," Billy Graham Conference Center, Wheaton, Illinois, April 13-15, 1983.

"The Christian at Play," Wheaton Graduate School Theological Society, Wheaton, Illinois, September 22, 1983.

"Pentecostalism and Theological Hermeneutics: Evangelical Options," Thirteenth Annual Conference, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Cleveland, Tennessee, November 4, 1983.

"Wisdom Literature and Its Contribution to An Environmental Ethics," 1984 Ausable Forum, Ausable Trails Institute for Environmental Studies, Mancelona, Michigan, June 20, 1984.

"Biblical Hermeneutics: American Options"; "Theological Hermeneutics: American Options," Teologiska Seminariet, Lidingö, Sweden, August 23-24, 1984.

"Biblical Authority and Interpretation: The Testcase of Women's Role in the Church and Home Updated," Evangelical Colloquium on Women and the Bible, Oakbrook, Illinois, October 9, 1984.

"The Minister's Temptation," Commencement Address, Calvin Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea, February 18, 1985.

"The Work Ethic: American, Christian or Neither?," The School of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Missouri, April 18, 1985.

"An Evangelical - Ecumenical Theology" (Lecture one: "The Vocation of the Theologian"; Lecture two: "A Reader-oriented Biblical Hermeneutic"; Lecture three: "An Evangelical Theological Hermeneutic"; Lecture four: "Issues Facing Theology Today"), Evangelical Student Union Lectureship, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, October 30--November 1, 1986.

Respondent for the Consultation on the Limits of Evangelicalism, The American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, November 22, 1986, Atlanta, Georgia.

"American Theology in the 80's," University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden, November 5, 1987; Teologiska Seminariet, Lidingö, Sweden, September 23, 1987; Orebro Missionskoga, Orebro, Sweden, November 30, 1987.

"Biblical Interpretation and Literary Criticism: How We Interpret the Bible", "Biblical Interpretation and Theology: Bringing the Bible to Life," the Conference in Biblical Interpretation (the second of three national conferences convened by the presidents of the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention), Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, April 25-27, 1988.

"Achievement at Any Price?," Commencement Address, Covenant Bible College, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, April 30, 1988.

- Lecture, "Old Testament Wisdom Literature," George Fox College, Newburg, Oregon, February 27, 1989.
- "Recent Developments in Seminary Education," Faculty Retreat, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, August 17-18, 1989.
- "Evangelicals and the Miraculous," Chair of Panel Discussion, American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, California, November 21, 1989.
- "Constructive Evangelical Theology" (Lecture One: "Constructive Evangelical Theology: Is This an Oxymoron?"; Lecture Two: "The Atonement: An Initial Case Study"; Lecture Three: "Women in Ministry: The Evangelical Test Case") Annual Lectureship, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California, February 27-28, 1990.
- Lecture, "The Varieties of American Evangelicalism," Denominational Heritage Week, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, April 11, 1990.
- Lecture, "Leisure, Play and Re-creation in God's Image," Newman Lectures, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, March 19, 1991.
- Panelist, "Theological Faculty for the Future," Lilly consultation for seminary deans and presidents, Auburn Seminary, New York, June, 1992.
- Respondent to Roland Murphy, "The Psalms and Worship," Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, October 9, 1992.
- "Being Theologically Capacitated," Teologiska Seminariet, Lidingö, Sweden, December 3, 1992.
- "A Lifestyle for the Year 2000: Developing a Contemporary Theology of Work and Play," Founders' Day Lectures, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, January 19-20, 1993.
- "Relocating the Crossroads Hamlet: A Response to David H. Kelsey's *To Understand God Truly*," at a conference on David Kelsey's book *To Understand God Truly*, an issues research program of the Association of Theological Schools, Chicago, Illinois, January 22-24, 1993.
- Interviewer, fireside chat with Roland E. Murphy, Society of Biblical Literature, Washington D.C., November 21, 1993.
- Respondent to Richard A. Muller, James E. Bradley, Anthony Gregg Roeber, "Themes in Evangelical Theological Education," Theological Education in the Evangelical Tradition, Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals, Wheaton, IL, December 4, 1993.
- "Fuller's Third Generation," Installation Address as Provost, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, March 7, 1994.
- "Orthodoxy and Heresy: A Problem for Modern Evangelicalism," The American Theological Society, Princeton, New Jersey, April 7, 1995.
- "The Fictive World of Chaim Potok," Conference on Christianity and Literature, 1996 Western Regional Meeting, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California, June 15-16, 1996.
- "God in the Midst of Life: The spirit and the Spirit," North Park Symposium for the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, Chicago, October, 1996.
- "The Issue of Theological Capacitation," "The Issue of Spiritual Formation," The Lilly Conference on the Aims and Purposes of Evangelical Theological Higher Education, San Juan Capistrano, CA, July 10-13, 1997.

Respondent to Roland E. Murphy, "Old Testament Wisdom Literature," The Payton Lectures, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, October, 1997.

"A Conversation on Contextually Based Hermeneutics and Theologies," Chair of Dialogue with Margo Houts and William Myers, Summer Seminar, Fuller Theological Seminary, August 5, 1998.

"Convener and Discussant, Section One: The Sources of Wisdom," The Science of Wisdom and the Laws of Life: A Research Symposium, The John Templeton Foundation, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, October 5, 1998.

November 2002, at Directors' Guild of America, Hollywood, CA, "Reel Spirituality 101"

Respondent to Stephen L. Carter, "Parallel Institutions and Other Alternatives to Politics," The Payton Lectures, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, May 18, 2000. [Acknowledged in S. Carter, *God's Name in Vain*]

Respondent to Kwame Bediako, "Africa in the New World Christian Order," The Payton Lectures, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, October 12, 2000.

Lecture/Panel member, "Pilgrim on Planet Hollywood," Conference on Christian Scholarship... for what?, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, September 28, 2001.

"God's 'Yes'," Covenant Seminary, Tokyo, Japan, November 22, 2001.

Plenary Lecture, "Useless Beauty," Western Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 16, 2002.

Mead-Swing Lectures, "Experiencing the Spirit: Hollywood Style," and "American Beauty and Ecclesiastes: Strange Bedfellows," Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, February 26, 2002.

Erasmus Lecture, "Useless Beauty," Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, March 20, 2002.

"How to Respond to Hollywood: Five Faith Options," Regent College Conference, "Through a Lens Darkly," Vancouver, British Columbia, CA, September 28, 2002.

"Faith and Film Dialogue," "American Beauty and the Book of Ecclesiastes," Taylor University, Upland, IN, October 7, 2002.

"Proclaiming Christ on Mars Hill," 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture, Covenant Seminary, Tokyo, Japan, October 14, 2002.

"How to Respond to Hollywood," "Experiencing the Spirit: Hollywood Style," University Lectures, "Faith and Contemporary Film in Dialogue," Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, FL, February 6-7, 2003.

Panelist, "Authoring Book's on Film," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlantic, GA, November 24, 2003.

"Useless Beauty," Presidential Address, American Theological Society, Princeton, NJ, April 2, 2004.

Panelist on *Cinema & Sentiment* by Clive Marsh, American Academy of Religion, November 2005.

"Reel Spirituality: An Introduction," at "Reel Spirituality 101," Pepperdine University, October 21, 2006.

Panelist/Presenter. "SBL Night at the Movies," Plenary Session, SBL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 20, 2006.

"Morality Bites: Movies Beyond the Ratings System," Taylor University, Upland, IN, March 8, 2007.

"Cinema Divina," Plenary Address, Imago Film Festival, Judson College, Elgin, IL, March 30, 2007.

"Gospel, Culture, and Film," Prodola, Lima, Peru, August 6, 2007.

"Discerning the Spirit in Culture," Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 28, 2007.

"Theology & Film Reconsidered: Re-Framing the Discipline," Responder, Film & Visual Culture Group, AAR Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 20, 2007 [the session focused on Robert K. Johnston, editor, *Reframing Theology and Film*]

"Reframing Theology and Film," Woods Lectureship in Religion and Culture, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, March 25-27, 2008.

Speaker, Valedictory Service, Serampore College, Theology Department, India, April 19, 2009.

"Discerning Mystery," Honors Convocation Lecture, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton, TX, October 14, 2009.

"'Thick' Viewings: Theological Explorations in Film," Svenska kyrkans Forskardagar, Teologiska hogskolan Stockholm, Bremsa, Sweden, December 3, 2009.

Speaker, The Installation of David P. Nystrom as Provost of Biola University, La Mirada, CA November 5, 2010.

"The Film Viewer and Natural Theology," Cinema Studies Conference, The Los Angeles Film Studies Center, Los Angeles, CA, April 1, 2011.

"Theology of Film," Act One retreat for screenwriters and producers, Serra Retreat Center, Malibu, CA, June 13, 2011.

Panelist, "Kieslowski's Decalogue 1," CIVA's 2011 Biennial Conference, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, June 17, 2011.

Convener and interviewer, Screening of *A Beautiful Mind*, followed by Q & A with John and Alicia Nash, Frederick Frese, and David Augsburg, Plenary session for 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Integration Symposium, "Schizophrenia and Human Flourishing: Science, Service, Community and Church," Fuller Theological Seminary, February 15, 2012.

"Is Reel Spirituality a Real Spirituality," Plenary address, Society of Biblical Literature Western Regional Meeting, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, March 25, 2012.

"Reconciliation through Film: A Case Study, Rwanda," International Conference on Peace and Reconciliation, "Mediating Peace: Reconciliation through Art, Music & Film," The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, November 6, 2012.

Respondent to Ellen F. Davis, "The Covenant Triangle: Prophetic Perspectives on the Created Order," The Payton Lectures, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, April 24, 2013.

"Responding to God's Initiative: Noah, Darren Aronofsky's Film *Noah*, and Viewer Response to *Noah*," North Park Theological Seminary Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, Chicago, IL, September 26, 2014.

"Image of the invisible: Reconsidering General Revelation," Arts Week Lectures. Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX, October 21-24, 2014. Four lectures: "Taking the Testimony of Others Seriously"; "Reading the Bible, Again"; "Learning from the Medieval Church: Cinema Divina"; "Learning from the Contemporary Worldwide Church: From Spirit to Word")

"Creating Space to Breathe: Faith, Spirituality, and Public Theology at the Sundance Film Festival," Panelist at the Baylor Symposium on Faith and Film, Baylor University, Waco, TX, October 25, 2014.

"God's Wider Presence: Reconsidering General Revelation," The Pack Lecture, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, January 15, 2015.

Sawatsky Visiting Scholar, Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ontario, CA, February 3-6, 2015. Lectures: (1) "Noah: the Movie"; (2) "'If you have eyes to see...': God's presence at the Movies"; (3) "The Film viewer and Natural Theology."

Plenary Speaker, "Meeting God at the Movies: a Forum on Faith and Contemporary Film," Imago Conference, Toronto, Ontario, CA, September 19, 2015.

Plenary Speaker, "Reel Aging," (with Catherine Barsotti), 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality, Hollywood, CA, October 4, 2015.

Respondent, Evangelical Theology Group. Session devoted to "Robert K. Johnston's *God's Wider Presence*," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Ga, November 21, 2015.

Plenary Speaker, "How Might a Theology of Play Inform a Theology of Sport," Inaugural Global Congress on Sports and Christianity, York St. John University, UK, August 25, 2016.

Panel moderator and host, screening of *An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story*, Fuller Theological Seminary, April 13, 2017. (Martin Doblmeier, documentarian)

Panel moderator and host, screening of *The Promise*, Fuller Theological Seminary, April 18, 2017. (Ralph Winter, Executive Producer).

Panel Moderator and Host for Screening of *Silence*, American Society of Missiology, Wheaton, IL, June 16-17, 2017.

### **Church and Community**

"Contemporary Evangelical Hermeneutics," Sacramento Ministerial Cluster, Evangelical Covenant Church, Davis, California, March 16, 1981; East Bay Ministerial Cluster, Evangelical Covenant Church, Berkeley, California, April 9, 1981.

"Being Human in An Inhuman Age" (Lecture one: "The Person as 'Body-Spirit'"; Lecture two: "Being Male and/or Female"; Lecture three: "Being in the 'Image of God'"; Lecture four: "The Person at Work and Play"), Bethlehem Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 5-6, 1983. Bethany Covenant Church, Lyndhurst, Ohio, March 16-18, 1984. Northbrook Covenant Church, November 16-18, 1984. First Covenant Church, Willmar, Minnesota, April 12-14, 1985.

"Confessions of a Workaholic" (sermon), Annual Meeting of the Ministerium, Evangelical Covenant Church, Phoenix, Arizona, June 20, 1983.

"The Psalms: Celebration, Praise and Gratitude," The Last Chautauqua Family Conference, Chautauqua, New York, September 1-4, 1983. Iowa Family Conference, Twin Lakes, Iowa, September 30 - October 2, 1983.

- "Evangelical Hermeneutics," East Coast Conference Ministerium Fall Convocation, Evangelical Covenant Church, West Hartford, Connecticut, September 26-27, 1983. Midwest Pastors' Conference, Evangelical Covenant Church, McPherson, Kansas, April 25-26, 1984.
- "Stress: The Other Side of Leisure"; "How Evangelicals Read the Bible," Hillcrest Covenant Church, Prairie Village, Kansas, October 22-23, 1983.
- "Women in Ministry," Bellingham Covenant Church, Bellingham, Washington, January 26, 1983.
- "Resources for Ministry," Midwinter Pastors' Conference, Evangelical Covenant Church, Dearborn, Michigan, February 9-11, 1984.
- "Thinking About Ministry," Pacific Southwest Conference Pastors and Spouses Retreat, Evangelical Covenant Church, Santa Cruz, California, April 30 - May 3, 1984.
- "The Lordship of Christ and Human Relationships," Theological Conference, International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches, Eutin, West Germany, August 29, 1984.
- "Facing Contemporary Issues," Great Lakes Conference Ministers' Ashram, Evangelical Covenant Church, Pontiac, Michigan, October 2-4, 1984.
- "The Christian in Sports and Play," Jubilee 1985, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1985.
- "Old Testament Wisdom Literature", First Covenant Church, Peoria, Illinois, May 3-5, 1985 (four lectures); Men's Retreat, Pilgrim Pines, New Hampshire, October 4-6, 1985 (four lectures); Northwest Conference Ministers' Ashram, The Evangelical Covenant Church, St. Cloud, Minnesota, October 15-17, 1985 (two lectures).
- "Hermeneutics" (Lecture one: "The Use of Scripture in Theology"; Lecture two: "The Use of Scripture in Preaching"), East Coast Conference Ministerium Annual Meeting, Evangelical Covenant Church, North Easton, Massachusetts, May 1-2, 1986.
- Respondent to Johannes Aagaard, "Christianity in the Secularized Society," International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches Theological Conference, Saint-Prix, France, September 6, 1988.
- "Ecclesiastes" (Lecture one: "Work: Our Continuing Problem"; Lecture two: "Introduction to Ecclesiastes"; Lecture three: "When Life Bottoms Out"; Lecture four: "Hearing God's Word amidst Pain"; Lecture five: "A Human Lifestyle"), Christ Community Covenant Church, Arvada, Colorado, January 15-17, 1989; McMinnville Covenant Church, McMinnville, Oregon, February 26-28, 1989.
- "Reading our Culture into the 90's" (Three Lectures), 1989 Midwinter Pastors' Conference, Evangelical Covenant Church, Denver, Colorado, February 14-16, 1989.
- Lecture, "Tending the Garden," Evanston Ecumenical Action Council Annual Awards Dinner, February 2, 1990.
- Respondent to Ulrich Betz, "Believing in God in a Christian Way," International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches Theological Conference, Northbrook, Illinois, September 22, 1992.
- "Psalms," Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska Pastors' Conference, Anchorage, Alaska, October 10-14, 1992.
- "Ordination" (with C. John Weborg), Midwinter Pastors' Conference, Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, IL, January 31-February 2, 1994.
- "Distinctives in Covenant Theology," Pastor's Orientation Program, The Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois, February 4-5, 1996; Pasadena, CA, June 14-17, 1997; Chicago, IL,

February 1998; Green Lake, Wisconsin, June 17-19, 1999, and yearly up to the present, February, Chicago, IL.

Panelist, "Moral Compasses for Modern Leaders," "Spiritual Life in a Secular Society;"  
Presenter, "Evangelicals and Politics," "The Christian at Play," Renaissance Institute, Hilton  
Head, South Carolina, March 20-23, 1997.

"Play and Work for the Christian," Christian Management Association, Los Angeles Chapter,  
September 11, 1997.

Panelist/Respondent to Film "Year of Living Dangerously," City of Angels Film Festival,  
November 9, 1997.

"Christians and Play," Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Western Region, San  
Francisco and Monterey Bay Area, May 1, 1998.

"The Shape of Human Life," Fall Lecture Series, The Samarkand, Santa Barbara, CA, September  
22-23, 1998.

Co-Chair, "Reel Spirituality" Conferences (for pastors film writers, and directors):  
November 6, 1998 at Hollywood, CA, "The Power of Story."

November 1999, at CBS Studios, Burbank, CA, "From Word to Image."

September 2000, at Cambridge University, Cambridge, England: "Cinematic Wisdom and  
the Book of Ecclesiastes."

November 2000, at Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, CA, "Christian Filmmaking: Too Little? Too  
Much? Too Late?"

November 2001, at Directors' Guild of America, Hollywood, CA, "Touches of Evil:  
Wrestling with Judas."

Panelist/Respondent to Film "Jesus of Montreal," City of Angels Film Festival, November 8,  
1998.

Panelist, "First Person, Last Work," "Profiles," "Entertainment, the New Media and the Moral  
Questions They Raise," "Spiritual Life in a Secular Society," and "Stirring the Waters of  
Belief," Renaissance Weekend, Beaver Creek, Colorado, September 2-6, 1999.

"A Lifestyle for the Year 2000," Hillcrest Covenant Church, Prairie Village, Kansas, September  
19, 1999.

Panelist, "What the Hebrew Prophets and Jesus Might Say on Major Issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Christianity and Judaism," "What I've Learned About Love," "Ethics, Morals and Faith –  
How Will the Center Hold in the New Century," "What's Right? – Ethics and Politics of  
Science in the New Century," Renaissance Weekend, Kiawah Island, SC, March 22-26, 2000.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Fred W. Moeckel Memorial Lecture, "Reel Spirituality: The Theological Relevance of  
Film," Naugatuck, CT, May 6, 2000.

Panelist, "The Role of Character in an Age of Image – Heroism, Private Virtue and the Public  
Interest in Leadership and Management," Renaissance Weekend, Aspen, CO, August 30-  
September 3, 2001.

"The Concern for the Visible Unity of the Church and the Churches' Mission Among  
Evangelicals," invited paper for the Notre Dame Consultation, Conference on Faith and  
Order in North America, Notre Dame, October 7-9, 2001.

"The Church and Culture Lectureship," "Reel Spirituality," Church Lectureship, Eugene, OR,  
October 19-21, 2001.

Presentation, "Distinguished Theologians Reflect on America's Search for the Common Good,"  
Panelist, "Where Is God Amidst Violence & Terrorism? – Good & Evil and Free Choice" and

- "Filling the Void in an Era of International & Economic Trauma – Faith, Personal Renewal & New Patterns of Public & Private Life," Renaissance Institute, Beaver Creek, CO, August 29-September 2, 2002.
- Advisory Board Member and Panelist, "Imagination Convergence: Hollywood and the Moral Imagination," "Cine & Media" Conference, Los Angeles, October 17, 2002.
- Presentations, "Whoops! – Mistakes, Their Lessons and Consequences," and "Navigating the Storm – Life of the Spirit in a Time of Evil and Suffering," Renaissance Weekend, Beaver Creek, CO, August 29 – September 1, 2003.
- Keynote Speaker (with Catherine Barsotti), Journeys In Faith Series, La Jolla Presbyterian Church, January 23-24, 2004.
- "The Church and Hollywood," (with Catherine Barsotti) Asilmar Clergy Spouse Retreat, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Pacific Grove, CA, February 15-17, 2004.
- Panelist, "Mediators of Hope: Fostering a Culture of Hope in the Media Acts of Television and Film," A Focolare Event, Los Angeles, CA, April 25, 2004.
- "The Church and Hollywood," Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church, February 9, 2005.
- "The Mystery Discerning Business," Fuller Theological Seminary Forum at Presidential Prayer Breakfast, Washington, D.C., February 2, 2005.
- "The Church's Response to Hollywood," Workshop for the San Fernando Presbytery, February 25, 2006.
- Seminar for Christian Filmmakers, La Fonderie, Paris, France (with Catherine Barsotti), March 26, 2006.
- "Theology and Film: The Rise of a Discipline," Academy of Christian Editors, Encino, CA, September 16, 2006.
- Fall Lecture Series, "Faith and Film," Co-speaker with Catherine Barsotti, The Samarkand, Santa Barbara, CA, September 20-22, 2006.
- "Adventures in Reel Faith," East Coast Ministers' Ashram, The Evangelical Covenant Church, Pilgrim Pines, NH, November 5-7, 2006.
- "The Faith of the Outsider," Thought Bar, Alumni Gathering of Los Angeles Film Studies Center, Los Angeles, ca, November 16, 2006.
- "Faith and Film," All Saints Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, CA, December 8, 2006.
- "Reel Spirituality: Finding God in Surprising Places," Plenary Address, Association of Professional Chaplains Annual Conference, Burlingame, CA, May 1, 2007.
- "Morality Bites," "Cinema Divina," For Charles Colson, Centurion Project, Washington, D.C., July 13-15, 2007. "Cinema Divina," July 13, 2008.
- "Adventures in Reel Faith," Workshop, Worship Summit, Pt. Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, October 17, 2007.
- "The Most Surprising Word in the Bible," Chapel Sermon in honor of David Allan Hubbard, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, January 25, 2008.
- "Reel Care," Co-speaker with Catherine Barsotti, Spiritual Care Department Retreat, Christus Spahn Health System, Corpus Christi, TX, February 27, 2008.
- "Reel Spirituality," Co-speaker with Catherine Barsotti, Community Clergy Gathering, Corpus Christi, TX, February 28, 2008.

"Cinema Divina: Viewing Movies Through the Lens of Faith," St. John's UMC, Corpus Christi, TX, February 28, 2008.

"Kieslowski's Decalogue 1," Plenary Session and "Cinema Divina," Workshop, Christians in the Theatre Arts Annual Conference, Azusa, CA, June 12, 2008.

"Just Entertainment? What Can the Church Learn from Hollywood?" New Year's at Fuller, December 30, 2008.

Panelist/Respondent to Film "Chop Shop," d. Bahrani, City of Angels Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA, February 28, 2009.

"The Church and Hollywood: Five Approaches," and "Cinema Divina," West Coast Worship Conference, Southern California Conference, Seventh Day Adventists, Semi Valley, CA, March 6, 2009.

"Adventures in Reel Faith," St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, October 8, 15, 22, 2009. Palm Desert Presbyterian Church, Palm Desert, February 7, March 7, 2010.

"Ecclesiastes, Hollywood, and Hope," Re-Imagine: Hope, Ecclesia, Pacific Warner Theater, Hollywood, CA, March 12, 2011.

"Reel Spirituality: Can Movies Be Theologically Important?" Fuller Alumni Association, Portland, OR, October 19, 2011.

"Faith and Film," Southern California cluster, Evangelical Covenant Church pastors, Pasadena, CA, January 18, 2012.

"Reel Spirituality: What Do We Mean?" Fuller Alumni Association, Seattle, WA, October 20, 2011; Menlo Park, CA, October 21, 2011; Park City, UT, January 25, 2012.

Theology and film workshop (with Ralph Winter), Fuller Alumni Association, Redwood City, CA, March 7, 2012.

"Watching Movies as a Viewer, Christian, Pastor" (with Ralph Winter), Fuller Alumni Association, Mountain View, CA, March 8, 2012.

"The Academy Awards, Two Weeks Later: Engaging Movies as Christians," Fuller Alumni Association, Mountain View, CA, March 8, 2012.

"Meeting God in the Movies," Symposium, InterVarsity Press, Seoul, Korea, March 3, 2014.

"The Christian in Hollywood," leader of pastor's panel followed by the screening of and moderating a discussion of *The Good Lie*, *The Summons*: Hollywood 2014, sponsored by the National Day of Prayer, Hollywood, CA, October 2, 2014.

"Reel Spirituality" (co-speaker with Catherine Barsotti), Lecture series (three lectures), The Samarkand, Santa Barbara, CA, June 18-19, 2015.

"Reel Aging," (with Catherine Barsotti), Executive Retreat, Front Porch Retirement Communities, April 12, 2017.

Panel Moderator and Host for Screening of *Silence*, American Society of Missiology, Wheaton, IL, June 16-17, 2017.