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EDUCATION:

Emory University, Atlanta, GA (1984-88). Doctor of Philosophy in Theological Studies, 1988.
Dissertation: "Shekhinah/Spirit: A Process Pneumatology Founded in Jewish-Christian Conversation";
subsequently published by Paulist Press (Stimulus Books series) as *Shekhinah/Spirit: Divine Presence in Jewish
and Christian Religion* (1992).
Specialization: Jewish-Christian dialogue with concentrated work in theodicy and pneumatology.

Held Emory Graduate School of Arts and Sciences teaching fellowship, 1984-87.
Teaching assistant for John Fenton in World Religions, Emory University Department of Religion, 1986-87.

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO (1977-81).
Master of Divinity, *summa cum laude*, 1981. Areas of concentration: theology, philosophy of religion.

Editor of *The Seminarian* journal, 1978-79.
Teaching assistant to Albert Truesdale in philosophy of religion, 1980-81.

Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, ID (1973-77). Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, 1977.
Teaching assistant to C.S. Cowles in theology, 1976-77.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS (listed chronologically):

Received grants from the Joe Glenn Memorial Fund of the Atlanta Jewish Federation and from the Dorot
Foundation of New York to study the Holocaust at Yad Vashem Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, July 1986.

Received full fellowship from the National Conference of Christians and Jews to participate in a month-long
theological seminar on "Christians, Jews, and the Covenant" (David Hartman and Paul M. van Buren, seminar
directors) at the Center for Contemporary Theology, Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies,
Jerusalem, Israel, January 1987.

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GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS, cont'd.

Received full scholarship from the Executive Committee of "Remembering for the Future" to attend the International Scholars' Conference on "The Impact of the Holocaust and Genocide on Jews and Christians" at Oxford University, July 1988.

Received \$2,400.00 plus one-half travel expenses from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion to participate in a three-year Consultation on Teaching about World Religions in Theological Schools and Theology Departments, during August of 1997, 1998 and 1999.

Received \$3,000 Wesley Center Fellow grant from Point Loma Nazarene University's Wesley Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, Summer 2001, for further development of a book manuscript *God of Nature and of Grace: Reading the World in a Wesleyan Way*. (Book published by Abingdon Press in 2004.)

Received full travel and accommodations grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the U.S. Department of State, for Council of Independent Colleges program "Teaching about Islam and Middle Eastern Culture" at the American Center for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, December 2004 – January 2005.

Received full travel, accommodations and stipend grant to participate in the Open Theology and Science Seminar, funded by the John Templeton Foundation, at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA, June/July 2007, and at Azusa Pacific University, April 2008.

PROFESSORIAL EXPERIENCE:

1999- . Professor of Theology and World Religions, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, in both undergraduate and master's levels of study.

Pertinent undergraduate courses: Christian Tradition, Asian Philosophical Traditions; Religions of the West; Alternative American Religious Movements.

Pertinent graduate courses: History of Christian Thought I, History of Christian Thought II; Contemporary Theology & Ethics; Jewish and Muslim Theologies; Theology of John Wesley.

1988-1999 . Professor of Theology, Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, ID.

Named *Alumni Association Professor of the Year* for 1997 at NNC.

Primary teaching responsibilities in systematic and philosophical theology.

GUEST OR VISITING PROFESSOR EXPERIENCES:

January 2020 - . Theologian-in-Residence, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Coronado, CA.

Fall 2019 . Guest Professor in Theology, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England.

Theological Exploration of Jesus and the Islamic Tradition.

Summer 2014 . Guest Professor in Doctor of Ministry Program, Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya.

Readings in Theology (Religious Pluralism; Contemporary Theology)

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PASTORAL EXPERIENCE:

2015- Teaching Pastor (part-time), St. Timothy Lutheran Church, San Diego, CA.

2016-2017. Interim Pastor, Hemet Church of the Nazarene, Hemet, CA.

2000- 2001. Interim Pastor, Spring Valley Church of the Nazarene, San Diego, CA.

1996-1999. Pastor (part-time), Franklin Community (Presbyterian) Church, Nampa, ID.

1988-89, 90-91. Interim Pastor, Overland Church of the Nazarene, Boise, ID.

1986-87. Pastor, Crest Church of the Nazarene, Thomaston, GA.

1981-84. Pastor, English-speaking congregation of the La Puente, CA, Church of the Nazarene, Los Angeles District. (Membership included Hispanic and Korean congregations.) Ordained on Los Angeles District, 1983.

1979-80. Youth pastor, Broadway United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO.

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Academy of Religion

Wesleyan Theological Society (President of the WTS 2012-2013)

INTERESTS:

My primary area of teaching interest is Christian theology, with special attention to the complex relationships among Jewish, Muslim and Christian traditions of faith and practice. I pursue the theological task with complementary interests in world religions and religious pluralism, the science/religion relationship, eco-theologies, and American philosophical and religious empiricism.

Areas in which I anticipate doing further research and writing include:

*Islamic Theologies and Qur'anic Exegesis

*The Doctrine of Prevenient Grace and a Christian Theology of Religions

*History of Interpretation of Parable of 'the Good Samaritan'

PUBLICATIONS:

Books (arranged chronologically):

Shekhinah/Spirit: Divine Presence in Jewish and Christian Religion. Paulist Press, 1992.
(This book was re-released by Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2012)

The Story of God: Wesleyan Theology and Biblical Narrative. Beacon Hill Press, 1994.

(Released in second edition as *The Story of God: A Narrative Theology*, November 2008; additionally, this text has been translated into Russian, Amharic [Ethiopian], Japanese and Spanish.)

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Books, cont'd. (arranged chronologically)

Embodied Holiness: Toward a Corporate Spirituality, co-editor (with Samuel Powell) and essay contributor. InterVarsity Press, 2001.

(This book was re-released by Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2012.)

God of Nature and of Grace: Reading the World in a Wesleyan Way. Kingswood Books / Abingdon Press, 2003.

'All Things Necessary to Our Salvation': The Hermeneutical and Theological Implications of the Article on the Holy Scriptures in the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene. Point Loma Press, 2004.

Relational Holiness: Responding to the Call of Love, with Thomas Jay Oord. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2005.

When Love Bends Down: Portraits of the Christ Who Meets Us Where We Are. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2006. (This text has been translated into Dutch and Russian.)

Claiming Abraham: Reading the Bible and the Qur'an Side by Side. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2010.
(Shortlisted finalist title for the 2013 Michael Ramsey Prize for Theological Writing.)

Renewal in Love: Living Holy Lives in God's Good Creation, with April Cordero Masciewicz. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2014.

Matthew Matters: The Yoke of Wisdom and the Church of Tomorrow. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming 2021.

Praying with Jesus: Meditations on the Lord's Prayer. Kansas City, MO: Foundry Publishing, forthcoming 2021.

Articles and Book Chapters (arranged chronologically):

"Kierkegaard's Contribution to Interreligious Dialogue."
Church Divinity 1985: 68-82.

"Against the Fusion of Horizons: Rupturing the 'Judeo-Christian Tradition'."
Emory Studies in the Holocaust, Vol. II, ed. David Blumenthal, 1988.

"'The Witness of the Spirit': Clarifying Questions for Wesley's Doctrine of Assurance."
Wesleyan Theological Journal, Vol. 23, No. 1 (Spring-Fall 1988).

"Jews and Christians in a Conflict of Interpretations."

Christian Scholar's Review, Vol. XIX: 4 (June 1990): 332-344.

"Anti-Judaism in Christian Theology: A Critical Response to H. Ray Dunning's *Grace, Faith, and Holiness*." *The Asbury Theological Journal*, Fall 1990.

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Articles and Book Chapters, cont'd. (arranged chronologically)

"Sabbath Observance as a Theological Issue in Jewish-Christian Relations."

In *The Sabbath in Jewish and Christian Traditions*, eds. Tamara Eskenazi, Daniel Harrington, and William Shea (New York: Crossroad, 1991).

"Christo-Praxis: Toward a Post-Holocaust Ethical Christology."

The Journal of Ecumenical Studies, Spring 1993.

"Wesleyan Reservations about Eschatological 'Enthusiasm.'"

Wesleyan Theological Journal, Vol. 29, Nos. 1 and 2 (Spring-Fall, 1994).

"The Cosmological Basis for John Wesley's 'Gradualism.'"

Wesleyan Theological Journal, Volume 32, Number 1 (Spring 1997).

"All of Creation is Groaning: Is There a Distinctively Wesleyan Contribution to an Environmental Ethic?"

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences Bulletin, Volume 18, Number 2 (Spring 1998).

"'And He Felt Compassion': Holiness Beyond the Bounds of Community." In *Embodied Holiness*,

eds. Samuel M. Powell and Michael Lodahl (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1999).

"Arguing 'According to the Scriptures': A Path toward Christian Affirmation of God's People Israel."

Quarterly Review Volume 20, Number 3 (Fall 2000).

"*Una Natura Divina, Tres Nescio Quid*: What Sorts of *Personae* are Divine *Personae*?"

Wesleyan Theological Journal, Volume 36, No. 1 (Spring, 2001).

"Creation Out of Nothing? Or is *Next* to Nothing Enough?"

In *Thy Nature and Thy Name is Love: Wesleyan and Process Theologies in Dialogue*,

eds. Bryan P. Stone and Thomas Jay Oord (Nashville: Kingswood Books, 2001).

"Divine Holiness."

In *Philosophy of Religion: Introductory Essays*, ed. Thomas Jay Oord (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2003).

"Theology on the Rough Road to Emmaus: Questioning the Quadrilateral."

In *It's All About Grace: Wesleyan Essays in Honor of Herbert L. Prince*, ed. Samuel M. Powell

(San Diego: Point Loma University Press, 2004).

"To Whom Belong the Covenants? Wesley, Whitehead, and Wildly Diverse Religious Traditions."

In *Deep Religious Pluralism*, ed. David Griffin (Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005).

"The New Creation as Creative Transformation." *Creative Transformation* Vol. 14:3 (Summer 2005).

“Disputing over Abraham Disputing with God: An Exercise in Intertextual Reasoning.”
Christian Scholar’s Review, Vol. XXXIV: 4 (Summer 2005).

“Methodism.”

The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature, eds. Bron Taylor and Jeffrey Kaplan (New York: Continuum, 2005).

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Articles and Book Chapters, cont’d. (arranged chronologically)

“Looking for the End without Using the Means’: John Wesley’s ‘Practical Divinity’ and Today’s Local Church.” In *The Wise Shepherd: Biblical and Theological Resources for the Pastoral Task*, ed. Brad E. Kelle (San Diego: Point Loma Press, 2006).

“Responsible Grace in Christology? John Wesley’s Rendering of Jesus in the Epistle to the Hebrews” (co-authored with MA thesis advisee Matthew Hambrick).
Wesleyan Theological Journal, Volume 43, No. 1 (Spring, 2008).

“Divine Sovereignty in the Process Theological Tradition (With a Little Help from John Wesley).”
In *The Sovereignty of God Debate*,
eds. D. Stephen Long and George Kalantzis (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2008).

“Theological Perspective” essays on Psalms 2, 4, 22:25-31, 23, 51 and 118 for *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, Year B, Vol. 2, and Year A, Vols. 1 and 2, eds. David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008-2009).

“‘We Cannot Know Much, But We May Love Much’:
Mystery and Humility in John Wesley’s Narrative Ecology” (co-authored with MA thesis advisee Marc Otto).
Wesleyan Theological Journal, Volume 44, No. 1 (Spring 2009). Republished under the same title
in *Divine Grace and Emerging Creation: Wesleyan Forays in Science and Theology of Creation*,
ed. Thomas Jay Oord (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2009).

“Postmodern Christians in God’s Creation.”

In *Postmodern and Wesleyan? Exploring Boundaries and Possibilities*, eds. Jay Richard Akkerman,
Thomas Jay Oord and Brent D. Peterson (Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2009).

“The (Brief) Openness Debate in Islamic Theology: And Why that Debate Should be Different
among Contemporary Christians.” In *Creation Made Free: Open Theology Engaging Science*,
ed. Thomas Jay Oord (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2009).

“Wesleyan Core Term” entries on “Holiness” and “Practical Divinity” for *The Wesley Study Bible*,
eds. Joel B. Green and William H. Willimon (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

“Wesley and Nature.”

In *Wesleyan Theology and Social Science: The Dance of Practical Divinity and Discovery*,
eds. M. Kathryn Armistead, Brad D. Strawn and Ronald W. Wright (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010).

“Dreams and Visions,” “Holy War,” “Illumination of Scripture” and “War and Spirituality.”
The Dictionary of Christian Spirituality, general ed. Glen Scorgie (Zondervan Press, 2011).

“Interfaith Dialogue” and “Islam” for *The Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology*, ed. Albert Truesdale (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2012).

“Catherine Keller” for *Creation and Salvation: A Companion on Essays on Recent Theological Movements*, ed. Ernest M. Conradie (Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2012).

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Articles and Book Chapters, cont’d. (arranged chronologically)

“Theological Perspective” essays on Mark 10:46-52 and Mark 11:1-10 for *Feasting on the Gospels*, eds. Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

“Spirit / Shekhinah / Sakina: ‘No Holiness but Social Holiness.’” Wesleyan Theological Society Presidential Address, *Wesleyan Theological Journal* Volume 49, Number 1 (Spring 2014).

“Afterword” in *Embracing the Past – Forging the Future: A New Generation of Wesleyan Theology*, eds. William Andrew Schwartz and John M. Bechtold; Foreword by John B. Cobb, Jr. (Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2015).

“Creatio ex Amore!” in *Theologies of Creation: Creatio ex Nihilo and its New Rivals*, ed. Thomas Jay Oord (New York: Routledge, 2015).

“Was There Room in Wesley’s Anthropology for Anybody, Particularly That of the Lowly Jesus?” In *This is My Body: Philosophical Reflections on Embodiment in a Wesleyan Spirit*, eds. John Thomas Brittingham and Christina Smerick (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2016).

“Reading Paul on Idolatry (Romans 1:18-32) Alongside the Qur’an: A Theology of Divine Signs.” In *Reading the Bible in Islamic Contexts: Qur’anic Conversations*, eds. Daniel J Crowther, Shirin Shafaie, Ida Glaser and Shabbir Akhtar (London: Routledge Press, 2017).

“The Christology of John B. Cobb, Jr.” In *Methodist Christology: From the Wesleys to the Twenty-First Century*, eds. Jason E. Vickers and Jerome Van Kuiken (Nashville: Wesley’s Foundry Books, 2020).

SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS (arranged chronologically):

"Thou Shalt Have No Other Gods Behind Me." Presented April 15, 1986 as response paper to Lewis Ford's "Can Trinitarian Thought Provide a Bridge for Jewish-Christian Reflection?" at the Conference for Jewish Theology and Process Thought, Hebrew Union College, New York.

"Re-Reading Paul after van Buren."

Presented January 6, 1987 as response to Paul van Buren's *A Christian Theology of the People Israel* at the Center for Contemporary Theology, Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, Jerusalem.

"Against the Fusion of Horizons: Rupturing the 'Judeo-Christian Tradition'."

Presented March 19, 1987 at the Southeastern Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia. Won that year's regional student paper award.

"*Krystallnacht* and the Church." Presented November 9, 1988 at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, ID, on the 50th anniversary of *Krystallnacht*.

"Frontier Apocalyptic and the Quest for New Being:

A Tillichian Look at the Ghost Dance Movement, 1889-91." Presented April 19, 1989 at the Great Plains-Rocky Mountain Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Billings, Montana.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont'd (arranged chronologically):

"Sabbath Observance as an Issue in Jewish-Christian Conversation."

Presented May 25, 1989 at the Symposium on the Sabbath, co-sponsored by the General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists and the Center for Judaic Studies, at Denver University, Denver, Colorado.

"The Theological Vision of Martin Luther King, Jr."

Presented January 15, 1990 at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, ID, in observance of ML King Day.

"The Invisible Core Text in Nazarene Liturgy."

Presented March 15, 1991 to the annual meeting of the Fellows of the Center for Religious Pluralism of the Shalom Hartman Institute, Berkeley, California.

"Kabbalistic Undercurrents in Martin Buber's *I and Thou*." Presented May 4, 1991

at the Northwest Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, University of Washington, Seattle.

"To Believe in God, Maker of (a Fifteen Billion Year-Old) Heaven and (a Five Billion Year-Old) Earth."

Presented October 19, 1991 at the Consultation on the Relationship Between the Wesleyan Tradition and the Natural Sciences, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

"Eschatological Reserve (re/serving the future age) or

Reservations about Eschatology (pre/serving the present age)? Loosely Wesleyan Reflections on Last Things."

Presented November 6, 1993 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society

(Theme: Wesleyan Theology and Eschatology), Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma.

"Christo-Praxis: Biblical Foundations for a Post-Holocaust Ethical Christology."

Presented in March 1994 at the second "Remembering for the Future" International Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust, Berlin.

"Why We Must Remember." Presented April 8, 1994

for the Voices of Faith for Human Rights memorial service for victims of the Holocaust, Boise, Idaho.

"The *Witness* of the Spirit: The Role of Experience in the Life of Faith."

Presented June 14-15, 1994 in plenary and workshop settings at the Convocation on Wesleyan Studies, Castro Valley United Methodist Church, Castro Valley, California.

"Ruach, Pneuma, Shekhinah: The Divine Presence."

Presented December 20, 1994 at the Institute for Theological Studies, Seattle University, Washington.

"Religious Faith and Religious Fears: An Open Letter to Our Children."

Presented February 22, 1995 as part of "Anne Frank in the World 1929-1945," the Idaho Exhibit, at First Congregational Church (UCC), Boise, Idaho.

"Religious Pluralism and Religious Convictions."

Presented March 17, 1995 at the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs
1995 Spring Conference on Issues of Diversity, Boise State University, Idaho.

"Eschatology and Process Theology."

Presented June 20, 1995 at the Institute for Theological Studies, Seattle University, Washington.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont'd (arranged chronologically):

"New Creation and (Good) Old Creation."

Presented November 2, 1995 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society
(theme: The New Creation), Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

"Covenant Character: The Role of Scripture in Ethical Reflection and Decision."

Presented February 8, 1997 at the Festival of Faith Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America,
Albertson College of Idaho, Caldwell, Idaho. Also presented March 8, 1997 for the 97th Regional Assembly
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of South Idaho, Red Rock Christian Church, Boise Idaho.

"All of Creation is Groaning': Does the Wesleyan Tradition Make a Contribution to an Ecological Ethic?"

Presented April 24, 1997 as the Northwest Nazarene College Faculty Award Lectureship for 1996-1997.

"Science and Religion: Can We Live Them Both?"

Theologian-in-residence for October-November, 1997 series of science/religion dialogues
at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Palo Alto, CA.

"World Without End': Might This Universe Be Resurrected?"

Presented October 14, 1997 as that month's Public Forum of The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences,
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.

"The Whiteheadian Wesley and the Evangelical Wesley: Can They Give Each Other Their Hands?"

Presented February 24, 1998 for the Center for Process Studies, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA.

"Beginnings: God's Activity in the Origins of the Universe."

Presented March 27, 1998 at Nazarene Theological Seminary for the Consultation on Science and Religion
for Professors of Nazarene Colleges and Universities, March 26-28, 1998, Kansas City, MO.

"The Strangest Sentence in the History of Western Philosophy."

Presented May 9, 1998 at the University of Portland for the Pacific Northwest regional meeting
of the American Academy of Religion, May 8-10, Portland, OR.

"Giving Our Stories Some Bend: A Response to Michael Goldberg as an Exercise in Jewish-Christian
Conversation." Presented May 9, 1999 at Pacific Lutheran University

for the Pacific Northwest regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, May 7-9, Tacoma, WA.

"Spirit of God, Spirit of Christ – Spirit of Creation? (Who and What is the Holy Spirit?)"

Presented March 5, 2000 at Azusa Pacific University

for the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, March 5-6, Azusa, CA.

“The Witness of the Spirit,’ Revisited: Is the Putatively Therapeutic Function of Wesley’s Doctrine of Assurance Actually Feasible?” Presented March 31, 2000 at Asbury Theological Seminary for the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Wilmore, KY.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont’d (arranged chronologically):

“Perceived Evils of Evolution and Probable Problems for Providence: Why the Creation-Evolution Conversation is so Utterly Difficult.” Presented June 12, 2000 for the Science and Religion Course Program’s advanced workshop (Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences) on the theme “Evolution and Providence,” Oakland, CA.

Four-part lecture series sponsored by the Wesleyan Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, during the academic year 2000-2001:

God of Nature and of Grace: Why the World Matters to Wesleyans –

Lecture One: “Making: ‘The Creatures All Thy Breath Receive.’” Presented September 7, 2000.

Lecture Two: “Mending: ‘The Bondage of Corruption Break.’” Presented November 2, 2000.

Lecture Three: “Molding: ‘Thou Art the Universal Soul.’” Presented February 8, 2001.

Lecture Four: “Meeting: ‘And All We Taste Be God.’” Presented April 5, 2001.

“God of Nature and of Grace’: John Wesley’s Vision of a Salved World.” Presented September 29, 2001 at the 125th Anniversary Celebration conference, “Christian Scholarship – For What?” at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.

“Creating Symbolic Space: Point Loma Nazarene University Past and Present.” Presented with faculty colleague Duane Little (History Department) February 8, 2002 at Point Loma Nazarene University’s Centennial Conference, “The Creative Imagination: Space, Time and Form,” San Diego CA.

“Reading Genesis in a Wesleyan Way.” Presented April 12, 2002 at Point Loma Nazarene University for the God of Nature and of Grace conference, co-hosted by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (Berkeley, CA) and PLNU, San Diego, CA.

“To Whom Belong the Covenants? Whitehead, Wesley and Wildly Diverse Religious Traditions.” Presented March 27, 2003 at Claremont School of Theology for an international conference hosted by the Center for Process Studies, “Whitehead’s Philosophy and Genuine Religious Pluralism,” Claremont, CA.

Distinguished Lecturer for the Gould Lectures on Holiness at Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, MA, April 16-17, 2003:

Lecture One: “The Witness of the Spirit as a Sharing in the Triune Life of God”

Lecture Two: “The Witness of the Spirit as a Sharing in Ecclesial Koinonia”

Lecture Three: “The Witness of the Spirit as a Sharing in Creation’s Pains”

“Contemporary Theology and the Ministry of the Local Church.” Presented February 11, 2004 at Point Loma Nazarene University for Continuing Education Seminar Series for Pastors, “Christianity in the 21st Century” (in conjunction with 2004 Wiley Lecturer Rebecca Chopp), San

Diego, CA.

“The Bible and the Qur’an: Adam, Abraham, Moses and Jesus.”
Presented March 15, 22 and 29, 2004 at San Diego School for Christian Studies
 (“Living with Our Deepest Differences” series), First United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA.

“The Story of *The Story of God*.” Presented August 17, 2004, at Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont’d (arranged chronologically):

“No Holiness but Social Holiness’: Implications for Institutions of Higher Learning within the Wesleyan Tradition.” Presented August 21, 2004 to the Faculty of Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya.

“From God to Creation’: Pursuing the Trinitarian Reflections of Gregory of Nyssa as a Critique of *Creatio ex Nihilo*.” Presented November 21, 2004 in the Open and Relational Theologies Consultation of the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX.

Distinguished Lecturer for the Rothwell Lectures in Theology at Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK, February 22-24, 2005. (In celebration of the centenary of Nazarene theologian Mildred Bangs Wynkoop’s birth:)
Lecture One:

“The New Wine of Wynkoop’s Relational Reading of Wesley: Refreshing? – or Bursting the Old Skins?”

Lecture Two: “www.theology.com: Wynkoop’s Debt to Wiley and Williams”

Lecture Three: “Wynkoop’s Whiteheadian Wesley?”

“The Church as the Community of New Creation.” Presented March 5, 2005 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA.

“Gather Up the Fragments, That Nothing Be Wasted.”
Presented April 16, 2005 for conference on Lifestyles for a Sustainable World:
A Gathering of Local Practices for Sustainability, Mid-City Church of the Nazarene, San Diego, CA.

“The Bible and the Qur’an, Side by Side.” Four lectures presented January 20, 2006,
for Continuing Education for Pastors (interdenominational), Eureka Church of the Nazarene, Eureka, CA.

“Teaching Our Tongues to Say ‘I Do Not Know.’”
Commencement address presented May 13, 2006 at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.

“The Human’s Naming of the Creatures as the World’s (and God’s) Open Future: A Conflict of Interpretations among Jews, Muslims and Mormons.” Presented November 20, 2006 in the Open and Relational Theologies Consultation at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C.

“Divine Sovereignty in the Process Theological Tradition.” Presented February 8, 2007 in the Forum for Evangelical Theology on Divine Sovereignty at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL.

“Responsible Grace in Christology? John Wesley’s Rendering of Jesus in the Epistle to the Hebrews.”
Co-written and co-presented with graduate student Matthew Hambrick March 3, 2007
at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee, IL.

“Capable of God’: John Wesley’s Thinking as a Resource for an Even More Holistic Theology.” Presented April 2, 2007 as a response to Jorge Julca, “Wesleyan Theology: A Holistic Theology,” for the Second Global Theology Conference of the Church of the Nazarene, The Netherlands.

“Made to Be God’s Image; Called to Become God’s Likeness: A Christian Theological Rationale for Creation Care.” Presented October 4, 2007 at the Creation Care Pastors’ Workshop, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont’d (arranged chronologically):

“We Cannot Know Much, But We May Love Much’: Mystery and Humility in John Wesley’s Narrative Ecology.” Co-written and co-presented with graduate student Marc Otto March 15, 2008 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC.

“The Spirit as the Outpoured Present from God’s Future,” in response to James K.A. Smith, “Is the Universe Open for Surprise? Pentecostal Ontology and the Spirit of Naturalism.” Presented March 15, 2008 for a plenary session of the joint annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society with the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Duke University Divinity School, Durham, NC.

“Cain and Abel in Genesis and the Qur’an.” Presented April 7, 2008 for the Didache Lecture Series at Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN.

“Christianity in the Neighborhood of World Religions.” Presented April 8, 2008 for “Living in the Neighborhood” chapel series at Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN.

“The (Brief) Openness Debate in Islamic Theology – and Why that Debate Should be Different among Contemporary Christians.” Presented April 11, 2008 at the Conference on Open and Relational Theology Engaging Science, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA.

“Divine Desire and Human Violence: Cain and Abel in Genesis and the Qur’an.” Presented February 3, 2009 at the College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID.

“On Being the Neighbor: How John Wesley’s Reading of the Parable of the Good Samaritan May Cultivate Loving People.” Presented February 5, 2009 as the first annual Edwin Crawford Lecture, plenary address for the Conference on Christian Love: Theory and Practice, Wesley Center for Applied Theology, Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID.

“Rethinking ‘The General Spread of the Gospel’: Critical Retrieval of a Classic Wesley Sermon.” Presented October 30, 2009 at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL.

“For Each People an Open Road’: Matthew’s Gospel and Muhammad’s Recitings in Our Religiously Plural World.” Presented March 5, 2010 at the Global Christianity and World Religions Conference, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL.

“Prophetic Imagination in the Gospel of Matthew.” Presented March 18, 2010 at the Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination Conference, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA.

“To Save a Life is to Save the World: Cain and Abel in the Bible and the Qur’an.”
Presented April 23, 2011 at California State University, Northridge, CA.

“Bent-Down Theology: Jesus and the Church in the Johannine Tradition.” Four-part series of talks presented August 22-24, 2011 for annual retreat of RIM (Residents in Ministry/ordination candidates), California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Santa Cruz, CA.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont’d (arranged chronologically):

“Ecclesiology Beyond Borders: Churches and the Challenges of Immigration.” Presented September 14, 2011 at Strangers in this World: A Dialogue on Immigration and the Church, Tecate Seminario Mexicano, Tecate, Baja California.

“The Creative Eschatological Tension in John Wesley’s Sermon, ‘The General Spread of the Gospel.’” Presented November 19, 2011 in a Wesleyan Studies section of the national meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA.

“The ‘Great Gulf’ in John Wesley’s Anthropology.” Presented March 3, 2012 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN.

“Is Henrietta Lacks Really Immortal? A Christian Perspective on Life, Death and Immortality in Conversation with Rebecca Skloot’s *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.” Presented April 4, 2012 for the San Diego Center for Ethics in Science and Technology, Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, San Diego, CA.

“What Does it Mean to be Human? Reading the Story of Humanity’s Naming the Other Living Creatures in the Bible and the Qur’an, Side by Side.” Presented August 23, 2012 at Asbury United Methodist Church, Livermore, CA.

“Renewal in Love: Living Holy Lives in God’s Good Creation.” Presented August 26 and Sept. 2, 2012 at Grace United Methodist Church, San Ramon, CA.

“The Apostle Paul and Renewal of the Church.”
Four-part series presented August 27-31, 2012 for annual retreat of RIM (Residents in Ministry / ordination candidates), California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Santa Cruz, CA.

“Renewal in the Image of God.” Presented October 15, 2012 at Yodobashi Church, Tokyo, for the annual lecture series of the Japan Holiness Association.

“The Image of God in Genesis.” Presented October 15, 2012 at Yodobashi Church, Tokyo, JHA Lectures.

“The Renewed Image of God: ‘No Male and Female.’” Presented October 16, 2012 at Yodobashi Church, Tokyo, JHA Lectures.

“The Story of *The Story of God*.” Presented October 23, 2012 for area pastors at Jesus Christ Church of Japan, Fukuoka, Japan, JHA Lectures.

“The Human Vocation as the Image of God: Reading Adam in the Bible and the Qur’an.” Presented October 25, 2012 at Kansai Bible College, Kobe, Japan, JHA Lectures.

“The Fall from our Vocation as God’s Image: Reading Cain and Abel in the Bible and the Qur’an.” Presented October 25, 2012 at Kansai Bible College, Kobe, Japan, JHA Lectures.

“Renewal in Love: Living Holy Lives in God’s Good Creation.” Presented November 9, 2012 at the Wesleyan Theology Conference, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, Manila, the Philippines.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont’d (arranged chronologically):

“Humanity in God’s Image and the Future of Creation: A Critical Retrieval of John Wesley’s ‘The General Spread of the Gospel.’” Presented November 10, 2012 at the Wesleyan Theology Conference, Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary, Manila.

“Humanity in God’s Image as Interpreted in Recent Wesleyan Theologies.” Presented November 13, 2012 at Korea Nazarene University, Cheondan, South Korea.

“God is Love: The Wesleyan-Nazarene Heritage of Korea Nazarene University.” Presented November 14, 2012 at Korea Nazarene University.

“Spirit / Shekhinah / Sakina: Perhaps There Really *is* No Holiness But Social Holiness.” Presented March 22, 2013 as the Presidential Address for the 2013 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting at Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA.

“The Church as God’s Peaceful People in a Violent World: An Argument from the Wesleyan Tradition’s Proclamation of Holiness.” Co-written and co-presented with graduate student Curtis Piatt March 23, 2013 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA.

“Torah, Talmud and Qur’an on the Exodus: A Lecture for the Observance of Passover.” Presented March 26, 2013 at Pacific Beach United Methodist Church, San Diego, CA.

“Renewal in God’s Image: Living New Lives in Good Ol’ Creation.” Presented April 2, 2013 at Mid-America Nazarene University, Olathe, KS.

“How Shall We Live with the Religious Stranger? (As Answered in the Qur’an and the Bible).” Presented May 29, 2013, as the 2013 Sydney Martin Memorial Lecture, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England.

“The Incarnate Word: Washing Feet and Frying Fish.” Presented June 12, 2013 for the Seventh-day Adventist University Deans’ Conference, La Sierra University, Riverside, CA.

“‘The Word Became Flesh’: The Church’s Confession of Jesus Christ as the Heart of a Holistic Pedagogy.” Presented August 26, 2013 at the Faculty Institute of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, OH.

“Was There Room in Wesley’s Anthropology for *Any* Body, Particularly that of the Lowly Jesus? No, Not Much; No, Not Much.” Presented March 6, 2014 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Philosophical Society,

Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID.

“John Cobb at 90: God and the Worlds of Whitehead and Wesley.” Presented November 22, 2014 at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA.

“The Nature and Authority of Holy Scripture.” Presented January 31, 2015 for the ministers of the Central California District of the Church of the Nazarene, Fresno, CA.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont'd (arranged chronologically):

“Renewal in Love: Living Holy Lives in God’s Good Creation.” Presented March 14, 2015 at the Spring Forum for Continuing Pastoral Education, Native American District of the Church of the Nazarene, Kinlani (Navajo) Church of the Nazarene, Flagstaff, AZ.

“Bent-Down Theology in the Gospel of John.” Presented April 1-4, 2015 for Holy Week Preaching Series at Iglesia La Palapa, Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur, Mexico.

“Salient Theological Themes in *La Historia de Dios*.” Presented April 17, 2015 at Tecate Seminario Mexicano, Tecate, Baja California.

“Renewal in the Image of God.” Presented as continuing education seminars for ministers in the Wesleyan tradition May 28, 2015 at Calvary United Methodist Church and May 30, 2015 at Evergreen Valley United Methodist Church, San Jose, CA.

“Divine Sovereignty and Human Agency in the Qur’an: Posing a Problematic Encounter with the Whiteheadian Tradition.” Presented June 6, 2015 at Pomona College for the “Seizing an Alternative: Toward an Ecological Civilization” conference, Claremont, CA.

“Theological Reflection in, and for, the Vocation of Christian Pastoral Ministry.” Presented June 12, 2015 at Tecate Seminario Mexicano for the Ministerio y Reflexion Teologica, Tecate, Baja California.

“Reading Paul on Idolatry (Romans 1:18-32) in Conversation with the Qur’an: A Theology of Divine Signs.” Presented September 3, 2015 at St. Stephens House, Oxford, for the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies, Oxford University for the “Biblical Interpretation in Islamic Contexts” conference, Oxford, England.

“‘Essentially a Social Religion’: A Wesleyan Theology of Evangelistic Engagement with Muslim People.” Presented January 8, 2016 at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, for the Manchester Centre for the Study of Christianity and Islam conference “Evangelical Responses to Islamic Revival,” Manchester, England.

“Christology and the Healing of Creation.” Presented January 13, 2016 as continuing education seminars for ministers in the Ukraine District Church of the Nazarene, Kiev, Ukraine.

“Humanity in the Image of God: Promise or Peril for Our Planet?” Presented November 15, 2016 at University of Sioux Falls for its annual Conversations in Theology and Science, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

“On Loving the (Religious) Stranger as Ourselves: Readers of the Bible and the Qur’an, Side by Side.” Presented February 9, 2017 at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.

“Besides Uncontrolling, What is It that Oord’s God is Doing? – and How?” Presented November 19, 2017 for the Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology, annual meeting for the American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Why on Earth are We Humans Here? Answers in Genesis 1!” Presented April 19, 2018 at La Jolla Presbyterian Church for its “Conversations on Science and Faith” series (Science & Theology for Emerging Adult Ministries), La Jolla, CA.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont’d (arranged chronologically):

“Sacramental Theology, John Wesley, and the Church of the Nazarene.” Presented July 31, 2018 at PLNU for the regional Pastors and Leaders Conference of the Church of the Nazarene, San Diego, CA.

“‘The Knot We Are Unable to Untie’: Eschatological Paradox in John Wesley’s ‘General Spread of the Gospel.’” Presented March 16, 2019 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society (conference theme: eschatology), Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

“Grounded in God’s Story: How Protestants Interpret and Apply Scripture.” Four-session seminar presented July / August 2019 at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Coronado, CA.

“The Story of God: from Christology to Eschatology.” Lecture sessions for Hawaii District Church of the Nazarene, pastoral continuing education series, August 14-15, 2019 at Honolulu First Church of the Nazarene.

Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series, October 7-11, 2019:

Lecture 1: “Wisdom’s Desire” (Matthean Christology)

Lecture 2: “Arguing over Abraham Arguing with God: Reading the Bible and the Qur’an Side by Side”

Lecture 3: “Bent-Down Theology” (Johannine Christology)

Lecture 4: “Loving the (Religious) Stranger as Ourselves:

Toward a Christian Theology of Friendly Engagement with Muslims”

Lecture 5: “Preaching Peace to Those Near and Far” (Ephesians’ Christology)

Distinguished Lecturer for the Didsbury Lectures, 2019, at Nazarene Theological College, an affiliated partner of Manchester University, October 21-24.

Lecture series title: “Matthew Matters: The Yoke of Jesus and the Church of Tomorrow.”

Lecture 1: Wisdom’s Invitation

Lecture 2: Wisdom’s Commands

Lecture 3: Wisdom’s Desire

Lecture 4: Wisdom’s Commission

Lecture 5: Wisdom’s Community

“John Wesley’s Contribution to a Contemporary Ecological Theology.” Presented November 28, 2019 at Centralkirken (Central Methodist Church), Oslo, Norway.

“Does ‘Humanity in God’s Image’ Help, or Hinder, Ecological Theology?” Presented November 29, 2019 at Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society.

“Theological Observations of Randy Maddox’s *Responsible Grace* on its 25th Anniversary.” Presented March 5, 2020 at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Historical Society, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

“Philippians.” Four-week Bible study for San Dieguito United Methodist Church, June-July, 2020.

“Why Matthew Matters.” Three-week Bible study for Tracy and San Ramon, CA, United Methodist Churches, July 2020.

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SELECTED ACADEMIC & ECCLESIASTICAL PRESENTATIONS, cont’d (arranged chronologically):

“The Lord’s Prayer.” Five-week Bible study for San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Sept-October 2020.