

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

B.A. 1987  
The University of Chicago  
English Literature and Creative Writing (with General Honors and Special Honors)

M.A.R. 1990  
Yale University Divinity School  
Philosophical Theology (summa cum laude)

Ph.D. 1997  
The University of Chicago Divinity School  
Theology

Doctoral Examinations  
(completed 'with distinction'):

1. The History of Christian Thought Through the Reformation
2. Modern and Contemporary Religious Thought: Enlightenment to the 20th Century
3. Selected topic: Hermeneutics and Dialectical Theology
4. History and Methods of the History of Religions
5. Theological Concepts in Biblical Literature: Biblical Theology

Doctoral Thesis  
(accepted 'with distinction'):  
"Divine Simplicity: Theistic Reconstruction in Eberhard Jüngel's Trinitarian *Glaubenslehre*."  
Thesis Advisor: David Tracy  
Thesis Readers: Kathryn Tanner and Bernard McGinn

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago: Junior Fellow, 1994-1995.

Basic Program of Liberal Education, University of Chicago: Instructor, 1995-1996.

Vanderbilt University, Divinity School and Graduate School:  
Assistant Professor of Theology, 1997-2005.  
Associate Professor of Theology, 2005-present.  
(Area Director of Graduate Studies for Theology, 2000-2004, 2007-8)

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

John Billings Fiske Poetry Prize, 1986.

Academy of American Poets Prize, 1986.

Elected Phi Beta Kappa, Junior Year, University of Chicago, 1986.

Mary Cady Tew Prize ('for exceptional ability in philosophy, literature, ethics or history'), Yale University, 1990.

Oliver Ellsworth Daggett Scholarship Prize, Yale Divinity School, 1990.

Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1990-1994.

William Rainey Harper Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1996-1997.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

*The nature and history of Christian theology.* The self-understanding of theology, its structure and procedures, and its relationships to trends in metaphysics, epistemology, historical thought and the broader culture of the academy. The contemporary situation in conversation with the tradition of the discipline, especially the periods of the Reformation, early modernity, and the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Landmark figures: Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, Schleiermacher, Kierkegaard, Troeltsch, Barth, etc. National traditions: Germany, England, America, France.

*The identity of Christianity.* How the persistent patterns of Christian faith and its communal life have been discerned in their complex interplay with cultural change. Faithfulness and change as theological problems. The question of the 'modern'. Ecumenical issues, Catholic and Protestant theology.

*The problem of God.* The fundamental challenges of conceiving the divine, with varied conceptual resources and under varied cultural conditions. Possibilities and problems of trinitarian thinking today. Debates concerning divine action in the world.

*The Bible and theology.* The nature of scriptural authority, relationship between theological exegesis and historical judgement. Use of scriptures as theological warrant, its relation to their genesis and development. Portrayal of Jesus Christ, interpreting the witness to the incarnation and resurrection.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Theology of Martin Luther

The Doctrine of the Trinity in Contemporary Theology

Calvin as Systematician: *The Institutes*

Kierkegaard the Theologian

Schleiermacher

Seminar: Recent Works in Theological Method

God in the Western Tradition

Introduction to Constructive Christian Theology I & II

Postliberalism in Theology

Contemporary Theology: Twentieth Century Survey

Readings in Theological Postmodernism

Protestant Theology in the Nineteenth Century

Seminar: The Thought of John Milbank

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **a) Books**

*Beyond the Necessary God: Trinitarian Faith and Philosophy in the Thought of Eberhard Jüngel* (Oxford University Press / American Academy of Religion, 1999).

*The Trial of the Witnesses: The Rise and Fall of Postliberal Theology* (Blackwell Publishers, "Challenges in Contemporary Theology" series, 2006).

#### **b) Articles in Refereed Journals**

"Eberhard Jüngel on the Structure of Theology," *Theological Studies* 57 (1996), 46-64.

"Doctrine of Creation, Creation of Doctrine," *Anglican Theological Review* 83 no 2 (Spring 2001), 297-306 [Commissioned Review Article].

"The Ambiguous Infinite: Jüngel, Marion and the God of Descartes," *Journal of Religion* 82 (Jan 2002), 75-96.

#### **c) Articles in Books**

"Absolute Dependence or Infinite Desire? Comparing Soteriological Themes in Schleiermacher and Kierkegaard" (in *Schleiermacher und Kierkegaard: Subjektivität und Wahrheit / Subjectivity and Truth*, edited by Niels Jørgen Cappelørn, Richard Crouter, Theodor Jørgensen and Claus-Dieter Osthövener, Walter de Gruyter, 2006).

#### **d) Book Reviews**

Review of Roland Zimany, *Vehicle for God*, in *Journal of Religion* 77 (1997), 480-1.

Review of Eberhard Jüngel, *Theological Essays II*, in *Anglican Theological Review* 79 (1997), 280-1.

Review of Eberhard Jüngel, *God's Being is in Becoming*, in *Bulletin of the Institute for Reformed Theology* 2 (2002), 11-2.

Review of Eberhard Jüngel, *Justification: The Heart of the Christian Faith*, in *Theological Studies* 63 (2002), 625-7.

#### **e) Forthcoming or in Progress**

"Response" [to William Placher, Review of *The Trial of the Witnesses*] (forthcoming in *Conversations in Religion and Theology*)

"The keystone of the arch: the logic of incarnation at the heart of Schleiermacher's Trinitarian doctrine"

"Non anglicus, non angelicus: questions for John Milbank's arcane Aquinas"

"'The passage from mind to heart is so long': the Leibnizian intimation of Kierkegaard's 'repetition'"

#### **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion (Nashville, November 2000):  
Invited Respondent on "Schleiermacher's Theory of Subjectivity", Schleiermacher Group.

Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion (Toronto, November 2002):  
Invited Respondent on "Troeltsch and Tillich", Nineteenth Century Theology and Tillich Groups Joint Session.

Schleiermacher Kierkegaard Congress (Copenhagen, October 2003):  
Invited Speaker on Redemption in Schleiermacher and Kierkegaard.

Annual Meeting, Southeastern Conference on the Study of Religion (Nashville, March 2007):  
Invited Author Respondent to Theology Session devoted to responses to *The Trial of the Witnesses*