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## Education

Princeton University, 1984-1989; M.A., Ph.D. (Religion, area: Religion in the Modern West)

Union Theological Seminary (NYC), 1980-1983; M.Div. (Church History)

The College of Wooster, 1976-1980; B.A. cum laude (History)

## Professional Experience

Dean of the Divinity School and Anne Potter Wilson Distinguished Professor of American Religious History, Vanderbilt University, 2000 -

Dean of Faculty, Executive Vice President and Professor of Religion and Culture (promoted from Associate Professor, 1998) Columbia Theological Seminary, 1993 - 2000

Program Associate, Religion Division, Lilly Endowment, Inc., 1991 - 1993

Administrative Director of the Undergraduate Program and Lecturer in Public and International Affairs, The Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, 1988-1991

Lecturer, Department of Religion, Princeton University, 1987-1988

Campus Ministry, Princeton University Chapel, 1986-1987

Consultant on Church History and Social Ethics Policy, Advisory Council on Church and Society, Presbyterian Church (USA), 1983-1985

Supply Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Worchester, New York, 1981-1982

Urban Ministry Intern, Montieth Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Detroit, 1981

## Selected Publications

### Books

In Pursuit of the Almighty's Dollar: A History of Money and American Protestantism (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2007).

The History of The Riverside Church in the City of New York (co-author with Peter Paris, Nora Tubbs Tisdale, John Cook, Lawrence Mamiya, and Judith Weisenfeld) (New York: NYU Press, 2004).

Generous Saints: Congregations Rethinking Ethics and Money (Bethesda, Md.: Alban Institute, 1999).

Looking for God in the Suburbs: The Religion of the American Dream and Its Critics, 1945-1965 (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1994).

### Articles, Monographs and Book Chapters

"Shock and Awe: Life in Mr. Rumsfeld's Neighborhood," in Anxious About Empire: Theological Essays on the New Global Realities, (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Brazos Press, 2004), pp. 49-55.

"More Evidence of a Leaking Ship," in How Much Should We Pay the Pastor? Pulpit & Pew Research Reports, Becky R. McMillan and Matthew J. Price, eds. (Winter 2003), pp. 28-29.

"Drug Policy and Moral Leadership," Let My People Go: Religious Leaders and Drug Policy, Edwin C. Sanders, ed. (Nashville: Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy, 2003), pp. 37-40.

"Before You Shake the Sand Off Your Sandals" in Pastoral Formation 4 (Spring 2002), pp. 4-5.

"Myths and Realities in the Financing of American Religion," The Financing of American Religion, Mark Chaves, and Sharon L. Miller, eds. (Walnut Creek, Calif.: Alta Mira Press, 1998), pp., 47-53..

"Religion and Suburbs," Encyclopedia of Urban America: The Cities and Suburbs. Santa Barbara, Ca.: ABC-Clio, 1998), pp. 640-644..

"Ecclesial Accountability in the Missional Church," The Gospel and Our Culture, 10:1 (March 1998), pp. 5-6.

"Creating a Commonwealth: The History, Ethics and Theology of Church Endowments," Congregations, (January/February 1997).

"A New Dean Meets a New Day in Theological Education," Theological Education, Autumn Supplement, 1996, pp. 13-20.

"The Tithes that Bind? Protestants and Giving," The Cultures of Giving, Dwight F. Burlingame, ed. (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1995).

"Religion and Philanthropy," The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis, David J. Bodenhamer and Robert G. Barrows, eds., (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1994), pp. 1107-1109.

"The American Churches and U.S. Interventionism," The Church's Public Role: Retrospect and Prospect, Dieter T. Hessell, ed. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1993), pp. 125-142.

"The Public Church in Retrospect and Prospect" (co-authored with Dieter T. Hessell) The Church's Public Role: Retrospect and Prospect, Dieter T. Hessell, ed. (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1993), pp. 296-309.

"The National Organizational Structure of Protestant Denominations: An Invitation to a Conversation" (co-authored with Craig Dykstra) The Organizational Revolution: Presbyterians and American Denominationalism, M.J. Coalter, J.M. Mulder, L. Weeks, eds. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992), pp. 306-30.

"Conscience and Justice: Interpreting the Social Teachings of the Presbyterian Church," Church and Society, (November/December, 1990), pp. 5-128.

The Riverside Church in the City of New York: A Brief History of its Founding, Leadership and Finances, (New York: The Trustees of the Riverside Church, 1990), 31pp.

"Tradition and Change: Curricular Trends in the Recent History of Theological Education" in Theological Education for Social Ministry, Dieter T. Hessell, ed. (New York: Pilgrim Press, 1988), pp.148-68.

"Church and State at the Turn of the Century: Missions and Imperialism, Bureaucratization, and War, 1898-1920," Church and State in America: A Bibliographic Guide, Volume 2: The Civil War to the Present Day, John F. Wilson, ed. (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1987), pp. 143-84.

"America Emerges as a World Power: Religion, Politics and Nationhood, 1940-1960," Church and State in America: A Bibliographic Guide, Volume 2: The Civil War to the Present Day, John F. Wilson, ed. (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1987), pp. 225-62.

"The Social Teachings of the Presbyterian Churches," Church and Society (November/December, 1984), pp. 3-102.

## Reviews

Review of Why Politics Needs Religion: The Place of Religious Arguments in the Public by Brendan Sweetman, in Journal of Church & State, 49:3 (Summer 2007), pp. 555-556.

Review of Episcopalians and Race: Civil War to Civil Rights by Gardiner H. Shattuck, Jr. in American Historical Review, (June 2001), pp. 1006-1007.

Review of Lived Religion in America: Toward a History of Practice, David D. Hall, editor, in The Journal of the American Academy of Religion, 67:4 (December 1999), pp. 900-902.

Review of Houses of God: Region, Religion and Architecture in the United States, by Peter W. Williams, in Fides et Historia, 31 (Winter-Spring 1999), p 177.

Review of The Fifties Spiritual Marketplace : American Religion in a Decade of Conflict, by Robert S. Ellwood in American Presbyterians: the Journal of Presbyterian History, 76 (Fall 1998), p 246.

Review of Behind the Stained Glass Window: Money Dynamics in the Church, by John and Sylvia Ronsvalle in Theology Today, 55:1 (April 1998), pp. 117-118.

Review of A Kingdom on Earth: Anglo-American Social Christianity, 1880-1940, by Paul T. Phillips in The Journal of American History, (March 1997), pp. 1433-1434.

Review of Grant Us Courage: Travels Along the Mainline of American Protestantism, by Randall Balmer in Theology Today, 54:1 (April 1997), p. 142.

Review of American Congregations, Volume 1: Portraits of Twelve Congregation and American Congregations, Volume 2: New Perspectives in the Study of Congregations, edited by James P. Wind and James W. Lewis in Journal for Preachers, XIX, no. 2 (Lent 1996), pp. 37-38

Review of Between Athens and Berlin: The Theological Education Debate, by David H. Kelsey, in Theology Today, 51 (April, 1994), pp. 182-186.

Review of Illusions of Innocence: Protestant Primitivism in America, 1630-1875, by Richard T. Hughes and C. Leonard Allen, in Religious Studies Review, 16 (April, 1990), p. 172.

Review of The United Synod of the South: The Southern New School Presbyterian Church, by Harold M. Parker, Jr., in Religious Studies Review, 16 (April, 1990), p. 174.

Review of Tradition and Transformation in Catholic Culture: The Priests of Saint Sulpice in the United States from 1791 to the Present, by Christopher J. Kauffman, in Religious Studies Review, 15 (January, 1989) p. 89.

## Select Papers

"Before You Shake the Dust from Your Sandals" and "Leadership as Confession," given as the Caldwell Lectures, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, March 13-14, 2006.

"The Many Mansions of God's House: The Religious Built Environment as Assimilation and Differentiation," paper given at American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 8, 1999.

"Material Religion," paper given at American Academy of Religion, November 1998.

"Creating a Commonwealth: The History, Theology, and Ethics of Endowments," paper given at the Annual Meeting of the National Association of Endowed Presbyterian Churches, Chicago, Illinois, October 18, 1996.

Response to Robert Wuthnow's *God and Mammon*, paper given at American Academy of Religion, November 1995.

"Alternative Futures for Mainline Protestant Denominations," paper given at Pheasant Run conference center for NCC denominational executives, September 22, 1995.

"The Tithes that Bind? Protestants and the Ideology of Giving," paper given at the Indiana University Center for Philanthropy, August 13, 1994.

"Francis Grimke and the Black Social Gospel," paper given at the American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Lehigh University, March 28, 1989.

Tollefson Lectures, at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa, October 29, 1995.

## Board Memberships

Association of Theological Schools, Board of Directors, 2006-2008

Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education, Research Board, 1997-2008

Visiting Committee, Princeton University Religion Department, 2002-2008

## Peer Review of Manuscripts

Columbia University Press

Greenwood Press

*Religion and American Culture*

Rutgers University Press

Westminster/John Knox

Westview Press

## Honors, Fellowships and Awards

Distinguished Faculty Member, Honor Conferred Vanderbilt Football Game, 2003

Associated Church Press, Best Professional Article, 1991

Princeton University Fellowship, 1984-87

Leopold Schepp Foundation Fellowship, 1981-83

Union Merit Scholarship, 1980-81

Fund for Theological Education Fellow, 1980-1983

Phi Beta Kappa, 1980

## Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

## University Committees and Task Forces

Faculty Senate, 2000-2008

Graduate Education Task Force, 2002-2003

Executive Committee for the Cal Turner Program in Moral Leadership in the Professions  
(chair) 2002-2008

Committee on Moral Reasoning (chair), 2004-2005

Dean of the Commons Search Committee (Chair), 2006

Campus Culture Sub-committee on Honor, Integrity, and Discipline (co-chair), 2006

University Ethics Center Board, 2006-2008

Chancellor Search Advisory Committee (chair), 2007-2008

## Personal

Born February 21, 1958, Detroit Michigan

Married to Heidi Hudnut-Beumler, July 17, 1987

Father of Julia, born May 18, 1991 and Adam, born June 25, 1994

References available upon request