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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D. in Theological Studies, Ethics Minor

Dissertation: "Take and Eat: Substantiating the Body of Christ as a Holistic Way-of-Life-Together"

Dissertation Readers: M. Douglas Meeks, Paul DeHart, Ellen Armour, Melissa Snarr, Robin Jensen

Qualifying Exams: Constructive Christian Theology, Ethics, John Wesley, Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
passed with honors

M.Div., May 2000

Senior Project: "Christian Self-Definition in an Age of Disorientation," honors

Study Trip to England: British Methodism in its Social Context, May 2001

Ecovillage Training Center, Summertown, TN

Permaculture Design Certificate, June 2007

Ecovillage Design Practicum, July 2007

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

B.A. *magna cum laude* in Religion, May 1995

Study Abroad Program: Term in the Middle East, Fall 1993

HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Vanderbilt University, 2007-08

Dissertation Writers Group Program, Center for Ethics, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2007

Dempster Graduate Fellowship, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, 2005 and 2007, *award given to graduate students selected for their intellectual competence, academic achievement, promise of usefulness in teaching careers, personal qualities, clarity of spiritual purpose, and commitment to christian ministry and preparation of pastoral leadership for the church*

University Tuition Scholarship, Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion, 2003-2007

Graduate Fellowship in Religion, Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion, 2003-2007

Academic Achievement Award, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2000, *given to the graduating student selected by the faculty who has achieved a high standard of academic excellence*

American Bible Society Award, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2000, *awarded to a student who has made outstanding progress in biblical studies*

William A. Newcomb Prize, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2000, *awarded to the student in the master of divinity graduating class who, in the judgment of the faculty, best represents the idea of minister-theologian and who has received a grade of honors on his or her senior project*

Brandon Honor Scholar, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1997-2000, *awarded annually on a competitive basis to applicants with superior academic records and promise of unusual professional achievement*

Phi Beta Kappa, St. Olaf College, May 1995

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt Divinity School, Teaching Fellow

God, Economy, and Poverty, with M. Douglas Meeks, Fall 2007
Constructive Christian Theology, with M. Douglas Meeks, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2006
Theology of Religious Pluralism, with John Thatamanil, Spring 2005

Dakota Wesleyan University, Adjunct Professor of Religion/Philosophy

Contemporary Christian Thought, Spring 2003
Classics in Christian Thought, Fall 2002
Theology of John Wesley, Spring 2002
Introduction to Christian Thought, Fall 2001

PAPERS/PUBLICATIONS

Paper, "A Plain Account of Daily Bread: Christian Perfection and the Politics of Food," Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford University, August 2007
Week of Meditations, Holy Week, *The Upper Room Disciplines 2008* (Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2007)
Paper, "Just Care for the Sick: TennCare and the Disappearance of Ecclesial Justice," Graduate Theological Society, Vanderbilt University, March 2005
Paper, "An Education Divided: The Separation of Body and Soul in Vanderbilt Divinity School's 'Minister as Theologian,'" Theology Area Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, October 2005
Paper, "John Milbank's Radical Heterodoxy," Theology Seminar, Vanderbilt University, November 2004
Month of Devotions in Sally Sharpe (ed.) *365 Daily Meditations for Couples* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003)

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

"Homosexuality and the United Methodist Church," Genesis Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, April-May 2007
"The Way of Spiritual Discipline," Genesis Class, Belmont UMC, Lent 2007
"The Church's Politics of Peace," Genesis Sunday School Class, Belmont UMC, October-November 2006
"Teaching the Good Way: Theological Instruction in(to) the Body," Dempster Scholars Banquet, AAR, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005
"Contemporary Approaches to Justification and Sanctification," for "Constructive Christian Theology," M. Douglas Meeks, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, November 2005
"The Church and Theological Education," United Methodist Student Association Wednesday Luncheon, Panel Discussion, October 2005
"Saints and Citizens: Exploring Approaches to Church and State," Graham Inquirer's Sunday School Class, Belmont UMC, July-August 2005
"Paul Knitter and Jacques Dupuis on Ecclesial Mission in an Age of Religious Pluralism," for "Theology of World Religions," John Thatamanil, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, March 2005
"The Deep Theological Structures in Theologies of Religions," for "Theology of World Religions," John Thatamanil, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, February 2005
"Chaplaincy in the United Methodist Church," United Methodist Student Association, Panel Discussion, September 2003
"Generation X: Reaching the Unchurched Generation," Ecumenical Assembly of the South Dakota Council of Churches, Sioux Falls, SD, June 2000

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Vanderbilt University

Research Assistant, M. Douglas Meeks, June 2006-
Coordinator, United Methodist Student Association, June 2006-
Vice-President, Student Government Association, 1998-2000
Student Representative, Curriculum Revision Committee, 1999-2000

Dakota Wesleyan University

Christian Identity Taskforce, 2001-2003
Service Learning Taskforce, 2002-2003
George and Eleanor McGovern Center for Public Service Committee, 2001-2003
Campus Master Planning Task Force, 2000-2003
Wagner Chapel Building Committee, 2000-2003
Campus Character Representative for the NAIA Champions of Character Program, 2001-2003

CHURCH SERVICE

Ordained Elder, United Methodist Church, Dakotas Conference, 2003-
Member, Advocacy Committee, Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007-
Member, Committee on Discipleship, Belmont United Methodist Church, 2006-
Facilitator, Small Group Youth Study of Bonhoeffer's 'Cost of Discipleship,' Belmont UMC, Spring 2007
Facilitator, Wednesday Evening Study on 'Simpler Living, Compassionate Life,' Belmont UMC, Fall 2006
Member, Committee on Persons with Special Needs, Belmont United Methodist Church, Fall 2005-
Young Adult Representative, Curriculum Resource Committee, General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, 2000-2004
Leader, Volunteer In Missions, Methodist Day School, Chinchu, Peru, August 2002 and May 2003
Leader, Dakotas Conference United Nations Seminar Program, New York City and Washington, D.C., 2001-2003
Member, Evangelism Committee, First United Methodist Church of Mitchell, SD, 2001-2003
Dean, United Methodist Summer Church Camps, 2001-2003
Facilitator, Young Adult Bible Study, First United Methodist Church, Mitchell, SD, 2000-2003
Member, Dakotas Conference Council on Mission Personnel, 2000-2003
Young Adult Representative, North Central Jurisdictional Conference Council on Ministries, 1996-2000
Member and Chairperson, South Dakota Conference Council on Youth Ministries, 1993-1995

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ADVOCACY/ACTIVISM

Auditor, The Non-Violent Struggle, Rev. James Lawson, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2006
Organizer, Vanderbilt Students Against Cuts to TennCare, Nashville, TN, 2005
Author, "An Open Letter to Tennessee's United Methodists Concerning Cuts to TennCare," Tennessee Annual Conference, April 2005
Organizer, Witness Against War in Iraq, Mitchell, SD, April 2003
Member, Board of Directors, Mitchell Area Safehouse for Women and Children, 2001-2003
Organizer, Witness Against the Death Penalty, Nashville, TN, April 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Campus Chaplain, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD, 2000-2003

Youth Director, Andrew Price Memorial United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN, 1998-2000
Intern, Office of Spiritual Formation and the Liturgical Arts, Scarritt Bennett Center, Nashville, TN, 1998-1999
Local Pastor, United Methodist Church, Doland and Frankfort, SD, 1996-1997
Staff Assistant to the Leader, United States Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle, Washington, DC, 1995-1996

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion
Graduate Theological Society

LANGUAGES

Research: German, Spanish, Classical Greek, Hebrew