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Education

- 2003-July 2008, Ph.D., Systematic Theology
Calvin Theological Seminary, 3233 Burton St., S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49426.
- 1997-2002, Master of Theological Studies, Old Testament.
Calvin Theological Seminary, 3233 Burton St., S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
- 1977-1981, Bachelor of Science, Biology/Chemistry Group Major
Calvin College, 3201 Burton St. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Scholarships and Awards

- Kathleen Pietras Scholarship, Calvin Theological Seminary, Fall 2001 – Spring 2002
- Full Tuition Scholarship, Calvin Theological Seminary, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004
- Institutional Assistantship, Calvin Theological Seminary, Fall 2004 – Spring 2005
- Institutional Assistantship, Calvin Theological Seminary, Fall 2005 – Spring 2006
- Full Tuition Scholarship, Calvin Theological Seminary, Fall 2006 – Spring 2007

Areas of Professional Training and Teaching

Professional Appointments:

- Jean and Kenneth Baker Professor of Systematic Theology, July 1, 2015 – present, Calvin Theological Seminary.
- Associate Academic Dean, July 1, 2013 – July 1, 2017, Calvin Theological Seminary.
- Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, August 1, 2011 – present, Calvin Theological Seminary.
- Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, July 1, 2008 – August 1, 2011, Calvin Theological Seminary.

Fully Funded Research Fellowship

Fall, 2018, The Creation Project, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, The Henry Center.
<https://henrycenter.tiu.edu/evangelical-theology-and-the-doctrine-of-creation/>
-my project explored human uniqueness in the face of scientific inquiry through the lens of Scripture and Thomas Aquinas

Courses Taught:

- Old Testament Survey, Fall 2002 – Spring 2003, Cornerstone University.
- God, Creation, and Humanity, Fall 2006, 2007, 2008 Calvin Theological Seminary.
- New Testament Survey, Winter 2007, Kuyper College
- Narrative Art of the Pentateuch, Winter 2007, Western Theological Seminary
- Heidelberg Catechism, Fall 2009, 2011.
- Systematic Theology 1, Fall 2009, 2010, 2011.
- Ecumenical Creeds and Reformed Confessions, Fall 2008, 2010.
- Christian Faith in the Reformed Confessions, online, Spring 2010, May 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Summer 2014; in residence, Fall 2019.
- Intersections of Theology and Science, Spring 2010, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019 (team taught with Ralph Stearley).
- Th.M. Research Methods, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.
- Ph.D. Research Methods, Fall 2011, Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2022.
- Systematic Theology 2 residential only: Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014; Residential and distance: Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022
- Christ's Atonement: The Hope of Creation, January 2013, Reformed Evangelical Seminary of Indonesia, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Being Human: What's Wrong with Us; What's Right With Us, Spring 2018, Fall 2021.
- PhD seminar: Theological Anthropology in Historical Perspective: Sin, Spring 2019, Spring 2022.
- Death, Care for the Dying, and Christian Funerals: May term, 2022.

Degree Specialization:

- Ph.D. – Systematic Theology, atonement
- M.T.S. – Old Testament

Areas of Professional Interest:

- Theological Anthropology
 - Aging
 - Sin
 - Death
- Soteriology, especially as it relates to human and creational ends
- Sanctification
- Eschatology, particularly as it relates to the theology of hope
- Dialogue between science and the Christian faith

Related Professional Experience

Teaching assistance, 2000 – 2005:

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Dan Kroeze, Professor of Biblical Studies, Reformed Bible College, 2000 – 2002. Leading review sessions, grading, occasional teaching.

- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Lyle Bierma, Professor of Systematic Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary, Fall 2004. Grading.
- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Cornelius Plantinga, President and Professor of Systematic Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary, Winter 2004. Grading and occasional teaching.
- Teaching Assistant to Dr. Lyle Bierma, Professor of Systematic Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary, Spring and Fall, 2005. Grading and occasional teaching.

Other:

- Guest lecturer for pastors, El Menya, Egypt: “Covenant and Community”; “Where is God in Disappointment and Despair,” Jan. 18-19, 2020.
- Lecturer, Louisiana State Penitentiary, Angola, LA. “Knowledge of God in Ps. 139,” January 2015.
- Guest professor, STTRII (Reformed Evangelical Seminary of Indonesia), Jakarta, Indonesia, January 2013.
- Professor of Record, Poetry and Prophets: New Church Development, joint online MA course with Calvin Theological Seminary and Kuyper College, Dr. Michael Williams supervising, Winter 2005.

Publications

Scholarly Articles:

- “Shame, Guilt, and the Practice of Repentance: an intersection of modern psychology with the wisdom of Calvin,” refereed article in *Christian Scholars Review* L-3 (Spring 2021): 297-313.
- “Impact of a Gap in Existence on Christology and Soteriology: A Challenge for Physicalists,” in *Calvin Theological Journal*, 50, no. 2 (Nov. 2014):248-257.
- “Hope-Filled Sanctification: A Reformed Appropriation of the Theological Virtue of Hope,” refereed article in *Journal of Reformed Theology*, 6:2 (2012): 99-114.
- “Atonement,” in *Lexham Study Bible*, Logos Bible Software, Spring 2012.
- Theological contribution to articles for the *Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary*: Trinity Sunday, Proper 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Nashville: Abingdon, 2012.
- “What General Revelation Does (and Does Not) Tell Us,” refereed article in *Perspectives on Science and the Christian Faith*, vol. 62, no. 1 (Mar. 2010): 16-24.
- “Bonhoeffer’s *Discipleship*: Theology for the Purpose of Christian Formation,” refereed article in *Calvin Theological Journal*, 44, no. 2 (Nov. 2009): 333-349.
- “Redemptive Suffering . . . Christ’s Alone,” refereed article in *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 60, no. 4 (Nov. 2007): 394-411.
- “Guilt, Shame, and Repentance: Where Psychology and John Calvin Meet,” forthcoming, *Christian Scholar’s Review*, 2019.

Popular Studies and Books:

- “Dementia as Living Death and Defeated Enemy,” in *Christian Studies*, Forthcoming. Solicited.
- “Hospitality in the Doctrine of Election,” in *Calvin Theological Seminary Forum*, Forthcoming. Solicited.

- “Rachel,” a brief meditation on Edgar Boevé’s hanging depicting Rachel, a part of his series “Women of the Old Testament,” Fall, 2017.
- “Loving Your Neighbor with Dementia,” in *Calvin Theological Seminary Forum*, Fall 2016: 14-15. Solicited.
- “Blessed Are Those Who Hunger,” in *Beatitudes*, a devotional guide to the art of Edgar Boeve produced by Calvin Theological Seminary, 2011.
- “Technology: A New Tool for the Old Story,” in *APCE Advocate*, 35, no. 1 (Spring 2010): 6-7.
- *Stewardship: Keeping Faith With God’s Gifts*. Grand Rapids: CRC Publications, 2000.

Presentations:

- Online interview with Dr. Matthew Lundberg, on his book, *Christian Martyrdom and Christian Violence: On Suffering and Wielding the Sword*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021. For presentation at the Calvin Symposium on Worship and the Arts, Jan. 2022.
- “Shame and Guilt,” dialog with students, Chesterton House, Cornell University, Nov. 1, 2021.
- Online book symposium on Gijsbert van den Brink’s, *Reformed Theology and Evolutionary Theory* (Eerdmans, 2020), The Creation Project, TEDS. I participated by submitting a requested critique of Chapter 5 of that book.
- Paper respondent to R. Averbeck’s “Literary Expression for Divine Action in Genesis 1-11 and the Ancient Near East.” Dabar Conference, Divine Action in the World as it Relates to the Doctrine of Creation, June 12-15, 2019.
- CTS podcast with Scott Hoezee on Science and Theology, Spring 2019.
- Dementia, A Case Study, Stott Award for Pastoral Engagement, Jan. 17-19, 2019, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.
- Keynote Speaker at CRC Prayer Summit, Caledonia CRC, April 21, 2018. Title: Hearing God in a Noisy World.
- Calvin Symposium on Worship and the Arts, “Loving Your Neighbor with Dementia,” Jan. 26-28, 2017.
- AAR, Reformed Theology and History, “Guilt, It’s Good for You: Was Garrison Keillor right?,” Nov. 18-22, 2016.
- “Loving Your Neighbor With Dementia,” presentation at the Loving Your Neighbor conference at Calvin Theological Seminary, July 19-21, 2016.
- “Make Them Like Trees,” Convocation Address for Calvin Seminary, Sept. 9, 2015.
- “Incivility as Violation of God’s Law: The Heidelberg Catechism’s Exposition of the Commandments against Murder and False Witness,” invited paper presentation at Biola University Center For Christian Thought, 4th Annual Academic Conference: Exploring Intellectual Virtue and Civil Discourse, May 8-9, 2015.
- Plenary Address, “Covenant as the Foundation for Renewed Community,” at “Beyond Collaboration: Discovering the Communal Nature of Calling,” Center of Faith and Work, New York City, New York, Nov. 7, 2015.

- Keynote Speaker at CRC Prayer Summit, Lake View Terrace, CA, April 2013;
Title: Prayer As Honest Conversation

Book Reviews:

- Wilson, Jessica Hooten, *The Scandal of Holiness: Renewing Your Imagination in the Company of Literary Saints*. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2022. inAllthings epublication, May 16, 2022.
- Tuttle, Shea. *Exactly As You Are: The Life and Faith of Mr. Rogers*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2019. *Calvin Theological Journal* 56, 1 (2021): 212-13.
- Allen, Michael. *Sanctification*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2017. *Calvin Theological Journal*, forthcoming.
- “Blog tour” review for J. Todd Billings book, *Rejoicing In Lament: Wrestling with Incurable Cancer and Life in Christ*, Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2015.
- Solicited book review for *Scottish Journal of Theology*, Hans Schwartz, *The Human Being: A Theological Anthropology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013.
- Swinton, John. *Dementia: Living in the Memories of God*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012. *Calvin Theological Journal*, Nov. 2014, Vol. 48, no.2.
- Letham, Robert. *Union With Christ In Scripture, History, and Theology*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Pub., 2011. *Calvin Theological Journal*, April 2013, Vol. 48, no. 1.
- Plantinga, Richard J., Thomas R. Thompson, and Matthew D. Lundberg. *An Introduction to Christian Theology*. New York, N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 2010. *Calvin Theological Journal*, Nov. 2013, Vol. 48, no. 2.
- *A Little Book for New Theologians: Why and How to Study Theology*, by, Kelly M. Kopic. Downer’s Grove: IVP, 2012. *Calvin Theological Journal*, 48, no. 1 (April 2013): 165-66.
- *Union with Christ In Scripture, History, and Theology*, by, Robert Letham. Phillipsburg: P & R, 2011. *Calvin Theological Journal*, 48, no. 1 (April 2013): 166-68.
- *Drawn to Freedom: Christian Faith Today in Conversation with the Heidelberg Catechism*, by, Eberhard Busch. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010, *Reformed Theological Journal*, 2012.
- *Love Wins*, by Rob Bell. New York: Harper One, 2011. *Calvin Theological Journal*, 46, no. 2 (Nov. 2011): 385-89.
- *Numbers*, Theological Commentary on the Bible, by David Stubbs. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2009. *Calvin Theological Journal*, 46, no. 1 (April 2011): 179-80.
- *Jesus, The Final Days: What Really Happened* edited by Troy A. Miller. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2009. *Calvin Theological Journal*, forthcoming.
- *Against the Tide: Love in a Time of Petty Dreams and Persisting Enmities*, Miroslav Volf. *Calvin Theological Journal* 46, no. 2 (Nov. 2011): 428.
- *This Mortal Flesh: Incarnation and Bioethics*, by Brent Waters. *Calvin Theological Journal* 46, no. 2 (Nov. 2011): 405-6.
- *God the Peacemaker: How atonement brings shalom*, by Graham A. Cole. Edited by D. A. Carson. New Studies in Biblical Theology. Downer’s Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2009. *Themelios*, Fall 2010.

- *Justification: God's Plan and Paul's Vision*, by N. W. Wright. Downer's Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2009. *Calvin Theological Journal* 45, no. 1 (April 2010): 201-203.
- *The Cell's Design: How Chemistry Reveals the Creator's Artistry*, by Fazale Rana. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008. *Calvin Theological Journal* 44, no. 1 (April 2009): 178-180.
- *A Community Called Atonement*, by Scot McKnight. Nashville: Abingdon, 2007. *Calvin Theological Journal*, 43, no. 2 (Nov. 2008): 381-383.

Professional Societies

Evangelical Theological Society
American Academy of Religion

Other Service

- Co-leader, Regional Discussion Fellowship, part of The Creation Project at The Henry Center, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Fall, 2020-present.
- Keynote Speaker for the Christian Reformed Prayer Summit, Grand Rapids, MI, April 2018.
- Synodical Study Committee on Human Sexuality, June 2016-June 2022.
- Keynote Speaker for the Christian Reformed Church Prayer Summit, All Nations Church, Lake View Terrace, California, April 15-17, 2013. Title: Prayer as Honest Conversation.
- Speaker at Okiboji Bible Conference, Lake Okiboji, IA, August 5-10, 2012. Title: Living in Hope.
- Editorial Board for *Perspectives*, December 2011-2014
- Board Member, Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, December 2011-present.
- Synodical Task Force on Creation Care, August 2010-November 2011
- Board Member, Meeter Center, Sept. 2015- present.

References

- Lyle D. Bierma, Professor of Systematic Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary, lbierma@calvinseminary.edu, 616-957-6605.
- Rebecca Konyndyk-DeYoung, Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College, redeyoung@calvin.edu, 616-526-6418.
- John Bolt, Professor of Systematic Theology emeritus, Calvin Theological Seminary, bltj@calvinseminary.edu, 616-957-6010.
- Ronald Feenstra, Professor of Systematic Theology, Academic Dean, Calvin Theological Seminary, feenro@calvinseminary.edu, 616-957-7193.