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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Hood Theological Seminary 2007 —
(Salisbury NC)

Courses Taught:

Systematic Theology I & II; Systematic Theology Seminars: African American Theology, Christology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, Reformation Theology, Religious Plurality and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Soteriology, Theodicy, The Theology of James Cone, and Wesleyan Theology; Christian Ethics, Liberation Theology; Methodist Doctrine; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Religion Seminar: Faith and Reason; Core Seminar I: Re-visioning Ministry (D.Min. program).

Lecturer, Union Theological Seminary (New York NY) 2006-07

Courses Taught:

Foundations in Christian Thought I & II, Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Religion Seminar: Readings in Postmodern Theology, Reading and Writing in Seminary.

Adjunct Professor, Fordham University (Bronx NY) Spring 2007

Course: Faith and Critical Reason

Teaching Assistant, Union Theological Seminary, for Prof. James Cone

Course: Foundations in Christian Theology I Fall 2001, 2002, 2005

Teaching Assistant, Union Theological Seminary, for Prof. Christopher Morse

Course: Foundations in Christian Theology II Spring 2002, 2003; Fall 2004, Spring 2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary 2006

Title of Dissertation: *What is God Doing in Radical Orthodoxy? The Nature and Function of Divine Agency in the Theology of John Milbank.*

The dissertation argues that in the process of attempting to synthesize secular postmodernist theory with Christian Neo-Platonism, John Milbank blurs the distinction between divine and human agency and Christology and Ecclesiology. This results, I argue, in the unfortunate loss of a critical principle to ensure that the church remains the community that *waits* upon God's Word, rather than a community that attempts to manipulate and control it for its own ends.

Dissertation Committee: Euan Cameron, James Cone, Serene Jones, and Christopher Morse

Field Exams: (1) "The Theological Navigation of the Path toward Ideal Community in John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Immanuel Kant's *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*, and Delores Williams's *Sisters in the Wilderness* and *Black Theology in a New Key, Feminist Theology in a Different Voice*." (2) "The Tradition's 'Other' and the Tradition of 'Otherness': A Field Exam on Pauline Apocalyptic Eschatology." (3) "Victor Anderson's *Beyond Ontological Blackness* and James Cone's *Black Theology: A Discussion*." (4) "Understanding the Theological Social Theory of John Milbank: What Today's Students of Theology Should Know."

Professors studied with: James Cone, David Lotz, John McGuckin, Christopher Morse, Emilie Townes, Jace Weaver, Delores Williams

M.Div., Yale Divinity School (New Haven CT) 1999

Emphases: Systematic Theology, Philosophy of Religion

Professors studied with: Marilyn McCord Adams, David Kelsey, Serene Jones, Wayne Meeks, Christopher Morse, Nicholas Wolterstorff

B.A., Saint Olaf College (Northfield MN) 1995

Majors: Religion, Philosophy, English

Professors studied with: Robert Jenson, Edward Langerak, Douglas Schuurman, Gary Stansell

RELATED WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Academic Dean, Hood Theological Seminary	fall 2013 —
Co-Chair, Constructive Theology Section, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR)	fall 2013 —
Associate Academic Dean, Hood Theological Seminary	2012 — 2013
Acting Associate Academic Dean, Hood Theological Seminary	spring 2012
Co-Chair, Self-Study Committee, Hood Theological Seminary	2011 — 2013
Education Committee Member, Center for Faith and the Arts (Salisbury NC)	2011 — 2012
Director, M.T.S. Program, Hood Theological Seminary	2009 — 2012
Convener, Area III: Theology and Ethics, Hood Theological Seminary	2010 —
Elected Chair, Committee on the Faculty, Hood Theological Seminary	2010-2012

Selected Member, President's Cabinet, Hood Theological Seminary	2010 —
Elected Member, Committee on the Faculty, Hood Theological Seminary	2009 — 2012
Adult Education Instructor, First United Methodist Church (Salisbury NC), First Presbyterian Church (Salisbury NC), and St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Salisbury NC).	2008 —
Theologian in Residence, Christ and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (New York NY)	2006-2007
Special Assistant to the President, Union Theological Seminary	2005-2006
Duties have included preparing for the annual meeting of the International Peace Council, whose councilors include His Holiness Tenzin Gyatso the Fourteenth Dalai Lama and the Most Rev. Desmond M. Tutu, on the campus of Union Theological Seminary the week of September 26, 2005.	
Theological Consultant, Columbia University Center for the Study of Science and Religion (New York NY)	2006
Main responsibility was to assist CSSR's director, Dr. Robert Pollack, in bridging the theoretical gap between science and theology from the theological side of this divide.	
Editor, <i>Union Seminary Quarterly Review</i>	2001-2004
Developed the thematic content and copy edited eight issues of Union Theological Seminary's academic journal of religion (Vol. 55, Nos. 1-2 through Vol. 58, Nos. 3-4).	
Steering Committee, Northeast Colloquium on Teaching Theology	2002-2004
Co-coordinated a consortium of faculty and graduate students from Harvard University, Princeton Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, and Yale University who met twice annually, under a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, to discuss pedagogical issues related to the discipline of theology.	
Facilitator, Open Bible Study on the Book of Job ("Theological Issues In Job"), The Riverside Church in the City of New York	Summer 2002
Staff Associate, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (New York NY)	1999-2001
Areas worked on: Global Corporate Accountability, Energy and the Environment, Indigenous Equality, International Health, Militarism, Development, and the ICCR publication, <i>The Corporate Examiner</i> . The ICCR is an association of 275 faith-based institutional investors whose collective portfolio value is estimated to be \$110 billion. Each year ICCR-affiliated investors sponsor over 100 shareholder resolutions on major social and environmental issues.	

Essayist and Columnist, *The Christian Networks Online Journal*

2000-2001

Titles of contributions

"Abundance and the Christian Life: A Theological Perspective"
(August 2000)

"A Biblical Concept of the Church" (October 2000)

"Religion, Politics, and the Church of Jesus Christ" (November 2000)

"Running to Easter, Avoiding the Cross: A Reflection on Good Friday"
(April 2001)

"A Debate from the Past to Illuminate the Present: H. Richard Niebuhr
and Reinhold Niebuhr on Christianity, Militarism, and Pacifism"
(October 2001)

Research Assistant, Prof. Harold Bloom, Yale University

1998-1999

Assisted Prof. Bloom with the book that was to become *How to Read and Why*
(New York: Scribner, 2000), in addition to other responsibilities.

Seminary Intern, First and Summerfield United Methodist Church
(New Haven CT)

1998-1999

Responsibilities included directing campus ministry to Yale University students,
youth and adult education, delivering sermons, and assisting with Sunday
worship.

Student Representative, Yale Divinity School Curriculum and Faculty
Review Committee

1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS (SCHOLARLY AND POPULAR)

Article, "Testing the Spirits," in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 65, nos. 1-2 (2015).

Essay, "Fall Transformations," in *Rowan Magazine* 3 (2014).

Book Forum Essay on *The Difference Heaven Makes: Rehearing the Gospel as News* by
Christopher Morse (New York: Continuum, 2010) in *Theology Today* 68, no. 1 (2011).

Essay, "Liturgical time vs. newspaper time: Christians need both," *The Salisbury Post*,
December 19, 2010,
<http://www.salisburypost.com/Opinion/121910-insight-eppeheimer-qcd>.

Essays, Theological Perspectives on 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; and II
Kings 5:1-14 in David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, eds., *Feasting on the Word:
Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, Vol. 3* (Louisville: Westminster John
Knox Press, 2010).

Book, *Protestantism* (Tarrytown: Marshall Cavendish Benchmark, 2007).

Article, "Victor Anderson's *Beyond Ontological Blackness* and James Cone's Black Theology: A Discussion" in *Black Theology: An International Journal* (January 2006).

Book Review, *Saint Paul: The Foundation of Universalism* by Alain Badiou, trans. Ray Brassier (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2003) in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 59, nos. 3-4 (2005).

Book Review, *The Cambridge Companion to Postmodern Theology*, ed. Kevin J. Vanhoozer (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003) in *Union Seminary Quarterly Review* 58, nos. 3-4 (2004).

PAPERS, LECTURES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Lecture, "Resurrection as Promise in the Wilderness in the Letters of Paul," First United Church of Christ, Salisbury NC. March 15, 2015.

Presentation, "'My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?' The Fourth Last Word," First United Methodist Church, Salisbury NC. March 11, 2015.

Presenter and Panelist, "Scenarios for the Future of United Methodist Theological Education?" Conference on The Future of Theological Education in the United Methodist Church sponsored by Turner Center for Church Leadership, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville TN. February 28, 2015.

Presentation, "The Powers," First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury NC. February 22, 2015.

Presentations (3) on Paul's Letter to the Galatians, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury NC. February 1, 8, and 15, 2015.

Convocation Address, "Testing the Spirits," Hood Theological Seminary. May 16, 2014.

Presentations (5) on C.S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity*, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Salisbury NC. March 12-April 9, 2014 (Lenten Series).

Lecture, "Commerce without Morality," First United Church of Christ, Salisbury NC. April 6, 2014.

Presider, Constructive Theologies Panel ("Ecclesiology Today"), AAR Southeast Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA. March 8, 2014.

Presentation, "The Epistle of James and Methodist Christianity," First United Methodist Church, Salisbury NC. February 2, 2014.

Presentation, "The Theology of Advent," First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury NC. December 22, 2013.

Presider, Constructive Theologies Panel ("Christology Today"), AAR Southeast Annual Meeting, Greenville SC. March 15, 2013.

Paper, "Domestic Insurgency or Foreign Invasion? John Milbank and J. Louis Martyn on Redemption and the 'Third Actor,'" American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago IL. November 18, 2012.

Paper, "In Defense of Apocalyptic: The Implications of the Work of J. Christiaan Beker for Contemporary Christian Theology," American Academy of Religion Southeastern Regional Meeting, Atlanta GA. March 5, 2012. (This paper was also presented at the Hood Theological Seminary Faculty Colloquium, Salisbury, NC. March 13, 2012.)

Presenter and Panelist, "Why Are We Humans Selfish?" Catawba College Community Forum, Salisbury, NC. November 15, 2011. Paper Presented: "A Pauline Reflection on Selfishness/Original Sin."

Presider, Public Discussion with Christopher Morse on his book *The Difference Heaven Makes: Rehearing the Gospel as News*, Hood Theological Seminary. January 13, 2011. (My interview with Christopher Morse, "Thy Kingdom Come: A Noted Theologian Discusses Heaven," *The Salisbury Post*, January 9, 2011. <http://www.salisburypost.com/Opinion/010911-insight-heaven-pic-qcd>)

Lecture, "Theodicy in Advent," Salisbury Rotary Club, Salisbury NC. December 7, 2010.

Panelist, Public Discussion of Donald W. Haynes's *On the Threshold of Grace: Methodist Fundamentals* (UMR, 2010) Hood Theological Seminary. November 9, 2010.

Presenter and Panelist, Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic (Christopher Morse's *The Difference Heaven Makes: Rehearing the Gospel as News*), American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA. October 30, 2010.

Convocation Address, "'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' — On Theological Degrees, Mantles, and the Gift of Sight," Hood Theological Seminary. September 18, 2009.

Presentation, "First Century Christian Perspectives on Life After Death, Heaven, Resurrection, and New Creation," First United Methodist Church, Salisbury, NC. September 16, 2009.

Lenten Address, "The Scapegoat," First United Methodist Church, Salisbury, NC. April 3, 2009.

Lenten Address, "John Calvin on the Knowledge that Repentance Brings," First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, NC. March 11, 2009.

Respondent to Dr. André Resner's paper "On Why Persuasion May (Not) Be a Dirty Word: The Discipline of Homiletics," Hood Theological Seminary Faculty Colloquium, Salisbury, NC. November 13, 2008.

Panelist, Community Forum on Faith and Politics, Hood Theological Seminary, Salisbury, NC. October 28, 2008.

Adult Education Presentation, "Jewish Apocalyptic as Interpretive Context for Matthew

20:17-28," First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, NC. September 28, 2008.

Adult Education Presentation, "What Nehemiah can teach us about Faithful Leadership," First Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, NC. May 18, 2008.

Lecture, "Process Theology: An Introduction," Hood Theological Seminary Board of Trustees Meeting, Salisbury, NC. March 4, 2008.

Lenten Address, "The Flood," First United Methodist Church, Salisbury, NC. February 20, 2008.

Lecture, "'Then Who Can Be Saved?' Religious Pluralism and the Christian Doctrine of Salvation," Catawba College Community Forum, Salisbury, NC. November 20, 2007.

Paper, "The Worst of Both Worlds: Radical Orthodoxy's 'Third Way'," Hood Theological Seminary Faculty Colloquium, Salisbury, NC. November 8, 2007.

Panelist, Rethinking the Field Consultation ("The Role of Liberal Theology in the Discipline"), American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. November 19, 2006.

"Challenges and Tasks Facing Contemporary Christian Theology," St. Mary's Episcopal Church, New York, NY. June 17, 2006.

"The Future of Protestantism: A Response to Graham Ward," Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO. April 18, 2005.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Legal Researcher, Office of the Attorney General of Washington Summer 1997

Researched Documents in the case of State of Washington v. American Tobacco Company, et al.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest (Seattle WA) 1995-1996
Paralegal, Felony Division, King County Public Defender's Association

Interviewed and assisted in the legal defense of convicted felons arrested on alleged probation violations and co-coordinated the King County Sentence Reform Act Calendar with the King County Prosecuting Attorney. This was my placement in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Director, Saint Olaf College Community Tutoring Project 1994-1995

Coordinated and facilitated after school tutoring program between Saint Olaf College students and the Northfield, MN public school system.

Director, KSTO 590 AM (Saint Olaf Student Radio Station) 1994-1995

Intern, Office of the Governor of the State of Arizona Summer 1993

HONORS AND AWARDS

Daniel Day Williams Fellowship, Union Theological Seminary	2003
Day Fellowship, Yale Divinity School	1999
Marcelle Todd Runyan Memorial Scholar, Yale Divinity School	1996-1999

LANGUAGES STUDIED

German, Koinè Greek, Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Academy of Religion

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

United Methodist