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Education

- Ph.D., Vanderbilt University, History Department, 2002
Dissertation: “Confirmation, conversion, and catechizing: Patterns of incorporation in the early modern Church of England.” Supervisor: Margo Todd.
- M.A., Vanderbilt University, History Department, 1999
Thesis: “Confirmation Theory and Practice in the Early Modern Church of England.” Supervisor: Margo Todd.
- M.Div. *summa cum laude*, Yale University, 1996
Berkeley Divinity School, Diploma of Anglican Studies.
- B.A. *summa cum laude*, Yale University, History, with distinction in the major, 1991
Thesis: “Anglo-American Cooperation and the ULTRA Decryption Project in the Second World War.” Supervisor: Michael Howard.

Academic Appointments

- Professor of Liturgy, School of Theology, University of the South, 2014-present
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Theology, University of the South, 2008-present
- managed successful reaccreditation self-studies/reviews (ATS and SACS), 2014-15
 - oversight of degree programs, curriculum, academic policies and procedure
 - supervision of academic staff
- Norma and Olan Mills Professor of Divinity, School of Theology, University of the South, 2012-present [honorary named chair]
- Associate Professor of Liturgy, School of Theology, University of the South, 2008-2014
- Assistant Professor of Liturgics and the History of Liturgics, School of Theology, University of the South, 2002-2008
- Instructor, British Studies at Oxford, Rhodes College/The Associated Colleges of the South, summer 2007

Book

- Celebrating the Rites of Initiation* (Church Publishing Incorporated, 2013).

Articles

- “Episcopacy: An American Perspective,” *Scottish Episcopal Institute Journal* 2 (2018), 72-84.

- “The Baptismal Revolution of 1979” and “The 1979 Prayer Book's Baptismal Office and the Potential of Revision” in Robert Prichard, ed., *Issues in Prayer Book Revision* (Church Publishing Incorporated, 2018)
- “The Rites of Christian Initiation of 1979 and the Present-Day Episcopal Church,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 61 (2017), 162-91.
- “Anglican Theologies of the Eucharist,” and
 “Anglican Liturgical Practices” in Lee Palmer Wandel, ed., *Companion to the Eucharist in the Reformation* (Leiden: Brill, 2013).
- “Richard Baxter’s Attempt to Rehabilitate Confirmation,” *Studia Liturgica* 41 (2011).
- “A Dim Mirror: Archbishop Rowan Williams’s Reflections on the 2009 General Convention,” *Anglican Theological Review* 92 (2010), 481-97.
- “Uniformity and Common Prayer,” in Torrance J. Kirby, ed., *A Companion to Richard Hooker* (Leiden: Brill, 2008), 337-66.
- “Priest and People in the Anglican Tradition: Reflections on and a Modest Critique of *Enriching Our Worship 4: A Renewal of Ministry*” *Sewanee Theological Review* 51 (2008), 301-313.
- “Muddying the Waters of Baptism: The Theology Committee’s Report on Baptism, Confirmation, and Christian Formation,” *Anglican Theological Review* 88 (2006), 341-359.
- “Catechisms,” in Charles Hefling and Cynthia Shattuck, eds., *The Oxford Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: A Worldwide Survey* (Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 2006), 500-508.
- “‘Until Such Time as He Be Confirmed:’ The Laudians and Confirmation in the Seventeenth-Century Church of England,” *The Seventeenth Century* 20 (2005), 204-222.
- “Protestant Medievalisms: Confirmation in the Early Modern Church of England” in Susan J. Ridyard, ed., *Interpreting the Middle Ages: Essays on Medievalism* *Sewanee Medieval Studies* 13 (Sewanee, Tenn., 2005), 105-118.
- “A Response to Eugene Y. Lowe, ‘A Philadelphia Story: An Anglican Reinvention,’” *Anglican Theological Review* 85 (Winter 2003), 65-73.
- “The Ritual of Royal Healing: Scrofula, Liturgy, and Politics,” *Anglican and Episcopal History* 68 (March 1999), 3-36.

Conference Papers

- “Rejecting Cranmer and Reimagining Liturgy at the End of the Seventeenth Century: Edward Stephens and the Apostolic Constitutions,” Southern Conference on British Studies, November 8-9, 2019, Louisville, Kentucky.
- “Baptism and Prayer Book Revision,” Once and Future Prayer Book, October 9-10, 2017, Sewanee, TN.
- “Anglicans Eucharistic Theologies and Practices in the Reformation,” North American Academy of Liturgy, January 2-6, 2013, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- “Richard Baxter’s Attempt to Rehabilitate Confirmation,” North American Academy of Liturgy, January 7-10, 2010. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- “Uniformity and Common Prayer,” North American Academy of Liturgy, January 4-8, 2006. San Diego, California.
- “Richard Hooker on Uniformity and Common Prayer,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 20-23, 2005. Atlanta, Georgia.
- “The Early Modern Church of England and Christian Initiation: Word and Rite.” Southern Conference on British Studies, November 4-6, 2004. Memphis, Tennessee.
- “Reviving Confirmation in the Late Seventeenth-Century Church of England.” North American Academy of Liturgy, January 3-6, 2004. New York, New York.
- “The Restoration of Confirmation: the resurgence of confirmation in the Church of England in the 1660s.” Western Conference on British Studies, October 4-5, 2002. Little Rock, Arkansas.
- “Confirmation and Catechizing in Elizabethan and Jacobean England.” Center for Renaissance Studies Graduate Student Conference, June 7-8, 2002. Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Protestant Medievalisms: Confirmation in the Early Modern Church of England.” Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, April 12-13, 2002. University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.
- “‘Until such time as he be confirmed:’ Laudian Enforcement of Confirmation in the Church of England in the 1630s and 1640s.” Southern Conference on British Studies, November 9-11, 2000. Louisville, Kentucky.

Reviews

- The Oxford History of Anglicanism: Volume One: Reformation and Identity c.1520-1662* ed. by Anthony Milton, *Religious Studies Review* 45 (2019)
- Silence: A Christian History* by Diarmaid MacCulloch, *Sewanee Theological Review* (2014).
- Ambassadors for God: Envisioning Reconciliation Rites for the 21st Century* ed. by Jennifer M. Phillips, *Sewanee Theological Review* (2013).
- Liturgical Sense: The Logic of Rite* by Louis Weil, *Sewanee Theological Review* (2013).
- The Book of Common Prayer: The Texts of 1549, 1559, and 1662* ed. by Brian Cummings, *Catholic Historical Review* 99 (2013).
- Reforming the Scottish Parish: The Reformation in Fife, 1560-1640* by John McCallum, and *Narratives of the Religious Self in Early-Modern Scotland* by David George Mullan, *Church History* 82 (2013).
- Reforming the Liturgy: A Response to the Critics* by John Baldovin, *Sewanee Theological Review* 53 (2010).
- The Rites of Christian Initiation* 2nd edn, by Maxwell Johnson, *Catechumenate* 32 (2010).
- Baptism Today: Understanding, Practice, Ecumenical Implications* Edited by Thomas F. Best, *Catechumenate* 32 (2010).
- Modern Christianity to 1900: A People’s History of Christianity* (Volume 6) Edited by Amanda Porterfield, *Worship* 82 (2008).
- Foundations in Ritual Studies: A Reader for Students of Christian Worship* edited by Paul Bradshaw *Sewanee Theological Review* 51 (2008).
- The People’s Work: A Social History of the Liturgy* by Frank Senn, *Sewanee Theological Review* 49 (2006)

The Oxford History of Christian Worship by Geoffrey Wainwright and Karen B. Westerfield Tucker, eds., *Sewanee Theological Review* 49 (2006)
Same-Sex Unions: Stories and Rites by Paul V. Marshall, *Sewanee Theological Review* 49 (2006)
This Is the Night: Suffering, Salvation, and the Liturgies of Holy Week by James Farwell, *Sewanee Theological Review* 49 (2006)
God's Order and Natural Law: The Works of the Laudian Divines by Iain M. MacKenzie, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 55 (2004)
The Bibliography of the Book of Common Prayer, 1549-1999 by David N. Griffiths, *Sewanee Theological Review* 46 (2003)
Richard Hooker: Prophet of Anglicanism by Philip Secor, *Episcopal Life* (February 2000)

Book Projects

“Sanctifying Life, Time, and Space” revised, with Neil Alexander [under contract, Church Publishing Incorporated]
-a textbook on the history of Christian worship
“Confirmation, Catechizing, and Conversion in Early Modern England” [under revision]
-an examination of the processes of Christian education and ritual initiation in England, 1580-1725

Web-based Resource

episcopalliturgy.org: documenting worship in Episcopal parishes

Courses Taught

History of Christian Worship
Pastoral Liturgies: The Prayer Book in the Episcopal Church
Religion and Politics in Tudor and Stuart England
Ritual in the Long English Reformation, ca. 1530-ca. 1700
Medieval Liturgy
Christian Initiation
Ritualizing Relationships
Tudor England
Stuart England
English Puritanism
The Catechumenate in the Parish (D.Min. level)
Mapping Liturgical Structures (D.Min. level)
Liturgical Renewal Movements in Anglicanism, 1549 to 1979 (D.Min./S.T.M. level)

Research Interests

Early modern English religious ritual and liturgy; the Restoration Church of England; Christian initiation

Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

Honorary canon (lifetime appointment), Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem (PA), 2013
Conant Fund grant (Episcopal Church), 2007, 2016
Pre-tenure sabbatical (competitive), University of the South, 2007
Faculty development grant, University of the South, 2007, 2016

School of Theology faculty development grant (University of the South), summer 2003
Episcopal Church Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, 2001-2
University Graduate Fellowship, 1998-2002 (Vanderbilt University)
Sewanee Medieval Colloquium Prize for best paper by junior scholar, April 2002
Weaver Research Fellowship, 1999, 2001 (History Department, Vanderbilt University)
Binkley Travel Grant, 1999 (History Department, Vanderbilt University)
Thomas Phillips Memorial Award for the study of Anglican liturgy, 1996 (Berkeley
Divinity School at Yale/ Yale Divinity School)
John A. Wade Prize for expository preaching, 1995 (Yale Divinity School)
Carpenter Foundation scholarship, 1993-96 (Yale Divinity School)
John S. Bryan Foundation scholarship, 1993-96

Language Competencies

Reading competence in French, Ecclesiastical Latin, Koiné Greek

Professional Memberships

North American Academy of Liturgy (elected to membership 2005)
American Society of Church History
North American Conference on British Studies

Other Professional Activities

Member, Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, The Episcopal Church, 2015-present
Theologian-Member, Theology Committee of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church, 2013-15, 2016-present
President, *Anglican Theological Review*, 2019-present
Presenter, "Liturgy Lab," Sacred Design Lab and the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, October 31-November 2, 2019.
Presenter, Clergy Day, Diocese of East Tennessee, March 6, 2019.
Presenter, Military Chaplains' Conference, March 19-21, 2018.
Lecturer and Lenten preacher, St. John's Episcopal Church, Montgomery, AL, April 5, 2017
External reviewer, Program in Theology and Practice, Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, October 2016.
Presenter, Clergy retreat, Diocese of Bethlehem, October 19-21, 2014
Presenter, Celebration of Liturgical Ministries, Diocese of Tennessee, March 2014
Presenter, Colloquium on Confirmation, St John's, Charlotte, NC. October 11-12, 2012.
Seminar convener, "Historical Research, 16th century to the present," North American Academy of Liturgy, 2011-2013
Presenter, Clergy Conference on Communion, Diocese of Maryland. April 14, 2010.
Presenter, Clergy retreat "The Pilgrimage of Holy Week," Diocese of Western North Carolina. March 1-3, 2010
Consultant to the Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in diocesan property litigation, September 2009.
Presenter, Clergy Conference on Confirmation, Diocese of Maryland. April 15, 2009.
Leader/ Presenter, Clergy Conference: "Finding Ourselves in Deep Waters: Thoughts on Christian Initiation." Diocese of Nebraska, January 28-30, 2008
Leader/ Presenter, Clergy Day: "Christian Initiation." Diocese of Bethlehem (PA),

November 13, 2007

Chair/commentator, "The Practice and Politics of Prayer in Early Modern England," roundtable. Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 25-29, 2006. Salt Lake City, Utah.

Commentator, "Power and Patronage at the End of the Middle Age," panel. Sewanee Medieval Colloquium, April 7-8, 2006. University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

Lecturer and chaplain, Sewanee Church Music Conference, July 2005, July 2009

Commentator, "Covenant, Contract, and Commonweal: The Ordering of Community in a Litigious Age," panel. Episcopal Church Foundation Fellows' Forum, January 23-25, 2002. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Participant, Folger Institute faculty weekend seminar: "Religion, Culture, and Recreation in Shakespeare's England," led by Patrick Collinson, 1999. Folger Library, Washington, D.C.

University Service

University Faculty Council, 2013-present

Search committee for the university treasurer, 2014

Search committee for the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, 2013-14

Search committee for the director of Physical Plant Services, 2013

Search committee for the chaplain, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School, 2014

University Special Events Team, 2005-present

University Advisory Council, 2005-2006, 2009-2011

University Lectures Committee, 2006-2007

Sewanee Medieval Colloquium Committee, 2003-2011

University Library Task Force, 2004-2005

Search committee for the dean of the School of Theology, 2003-4

Steering committee, Lilly Theological Exploration of Vocation grant (University of the South), 2003-4

University Library Committee, 2003-4

Campus Information System Coordinating Committee, 2003

Ecclesiastical Service

Sub-dean for the Chapel, School of Theology, University of the South, 2008-present

Priest Associate, All Saints' Chapel, University of the South, 2003-present

-duties have included leading catechumenate, preaching and presiding in the liturgy

Acting University Chaplain, University of the South, June-July 2006

manager of day-to-day operations on behalf of the dean for the Chapel of the Apostles, School of Theology, University of the South, 2003-2008

Stated Supply Priest (part-time interim), Trinity Church, Clarksville, TN, 2000-1

Stated Supply Priest, St. John's Church, Mt. Juliet, TN, 1999-2000

Curate/Resident Intern, Cathedral Church of St. James, South Bend, IN, 1996-98