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**Professor of Reformation Studies**  
**Department of Theology**  
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### **Education**

#### **University of Chicago**

Marc Perry Galler Prize, 1991  
Ph.D. *with distinction*, 1990  
University Fellow, 1984-1985  
Junior Fellow, Institute for the  
Advanced Study of Religion,  
1984-1985

Ph. D. Thesis: *The Testimony of the Conscience in the Theology of Martin Luther and John Calvin: A Comparative Study*

Advisor: Brian A. Gerrish

Readers: Langdon Gilkey and James M. Gustafson

#### **Yale Divinity School**

M.Div. *cum laude*, 1980  
Mary Cady Tew Prize for scholastic  
Excellence, 1977-1978

#### **Colgate University**

B.A. *cum laude*, 1975

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Professor of Reformation Studies**

University of Notre Dame, 1991-

#### **Assistant Professor of Reformation Church History**

Colgate Rochester/Crozer/Bexley, 1987-1990

#### **Instructor of Systematic Theology**

Luther Theological Seminary, 1985-1987

### **Professional Appointments**

**President, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, 2011-2012.**

**Co-Editor, *Archive for Reformation History*, North America**  
2009-

**iyEngage – Christians Engaging Israel**, A Project of the Shalom Hartman  
Institute in cooperation with Muhlenberg College

**President of the Calvin Studies Society**  
Calvin Studies Society, 2003-2005

**Invited Professional Affiliations**

The International Congress of Calvin Research

The International Congress of Luther Research

**Publications**

**Books**

*Reconsidering John Calvin* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

*Image and Word in the Theology of John Calvin* (Notre Dame, IN: University of  
Notre Dame Press, 2007).

*John Calvin as Teacher, Pastor, and Theologian: The Shape of his Writings and  
Thought* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2006).

*The Assurance of Faith: Conscience in the Theology of Martin Luther and John  
Calvin* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993).

**Edited books**

*John Calvin and Roman Catholicism*. Edited by Randall C. Zachman (Grand  
Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2008).

*Conciliation and Confession: The Struggle for Unity in the Age of Reform, 1415-  
1648*. Edited by Howard P. Louthian and Randall C. Zachman (Notre  
Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2004).

**Reissued Books**

*The Assurance of Faith: Conscience in the Theology of Martin Luther and John  
Calvin* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005).

**Articles, Refereed**

“Revising the Reform: What Calvin Learned from Dialogue with the Roman  
Catholics.” In *John Calvin and Roman Catholicism*, edited by Randall C.  
Zachman (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2008).

“The Conciliating Theology of John Calvin.” In *Conciliation and Confession: The Struggle for Unity in the Age of Reform, 1415-1648*, edited by Howard Louthan and Randall Zachman (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2004).

“Expounding Scripture and Applying It to Our Use: Calvin’s Sermons on Ephesians,” *The Scottish Journal of Theology* 56:4, 2003.

“Gathering Meaning From The Context: Calvin’s Exegetical Method,” *The Journal of Religion*, January, 2002.

“Do You Understand What You Are Reading?’ Calvin’s Guidance for the Reading of Scripture” *The Scottish Journal of Theology* 54:1, 2001.

“What Kind of Book Is Calvin’s Institutes?” *Calvin Theological Journal*, Winter, 2000.

“The Meaning of Biblical Miracles in Light of the Modern Quest for Truth.” In *Imagining Truth: Miracles in Jewish and Christian Antiquity*, edited by John Cavadini (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1999).

“Calvin as Analogical Theologian” *The Scottish Journal of Theology* 51:2, 1998.

“The Universe as the Living Image of God: Calvin’s Doctrine of Creation Reconsidered” *Concordia Theological Quarterly* 61:4, 1997.

“The Awareness of Divinity and the Knowledge of God in the Theology of Calvin and Schleiermacher.” In *Revisioing the Past*, edited by Walter Wyman, Jr. and Mary Potter Engel (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993).

“Jesus Christ as the Image of God in Calvin’s Theology” *Calvin Theological Journal*, April, 1990.

### **Articles, Invited**

“‘Astronomy is the Alphabet of Theology:’ Calvin and the Natural Sciences,” *Uniting Church Studies: Calvin Quincentenary*, Volume 17, Number 1, June, 2011.

“Conscience in the Theology of Martin Luther and Soren Kierkegaard,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, Volume 10, Issue 12, December, 2010.

“‘Deny Yourself and Take Up Your Cross:’ John Calvin on the Christian Life,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Volume 11, Issue 4, 2009.

- “Das Lebendige Bild Gottes in der Schöpfung betrachten,” in *Calvin Heute: Impulse der Reformierten Theologie fuer die Zukunft der Kirche*, edited by Michael Weinrich and Ulrich Moeller, Neukirchener Verlag, October, 2009.
- “Oracles, Visions, and Oral Tradition: Calvin on the Foundation of Scripture,” *Interpretation* Volume 63, Issue 2, April 2, 2009, pp. 117-129.
- “God’s Gift of Creation,” *The Register of the Company of Pastors*, 2009.
- “*Communio cum Christo*.” In *The Calvin Handbook*, edited by Herman J. Selderhuis and Henry J. Baron (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm Eerdmans, 2009).
- “The Radical Insecurity of Idolatry? Or of Faith?” In *Ex Auditu: An International Journal of Theological Interpretation of Scripture* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2009).
- “The Generosity of God: The Witness of the Reformed Tradition,” *Institute of Reformed Theology Bulletin*, Spring, 2006)
- “Medieval and Reformation Readings of Paul.” In *Rereading Paul Together*, edited by David Aune (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic Books, 2007).
- “Calvin’s Commentary on Genesis.” In *Calvin and the Bible*, edited by Don McKim (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006).
- “God Manifested in God’s Works: The Knowledge of God in the Reformed Tradition” In *The Death of Metaphysics; The Death of Culture: Epistemology, Metaphysics, and Morality (Philosophical Studies in Contemporary Culture)*, edited by Mark J. Cherry (Netherlands: Springer, 2006).
- “John Calvin on the Authority and Use of Scripture.” In *Mapping Theologies of Scripture: An Introduction to Interpretation in the Christian Tradition*, edited by Justin S. Holcomb (New York: NYU Press, 2006).
- “The Unity of Judgment and Love.” In *Ex Auditu: An International Journal of Theological Interpretation of Scripture* (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2005), 148-161.
- Response to “I See Something You Don’t See: Barth’s Doctrine of Providence.” In *For the Sake of the World: Karl Barth and the Future of Ecclesial Theology*, edited by George Hunsinger (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. Eerdmans, 2004), 136-142.

- “The Challenge of Teaching Theology to Those who Believe,” Fostering Student Development through Faculty Development, Loyola University Chicago, May, 2004, <http://www.luc.edu/projectfaculty/pdf/teachingtheology.pdf>.
- “Crying Out to God on the Brink of Despair: The Assurance of Faith in Calvin Reconsidered.” In *Calvinus Praeceptor Ecclesiae*, edited by Herman Selderhuis (Geneva: Librairie Droz, 2004).
- “Protestant Theology in German Speaking Lands.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Protestant Theology*, edited by Alistair McGrath and Darren Marks, (Oxford: Blackwell Press, 2003).
- “John Calvin,” in *The Reformation Theologians*, edited by Carter Lindberg, (Oxford: Blackwell, 2002).
- “What Do Theologians Mean By ‘The Law’?” *Word and World*, July, 2001.
- “The Challenge and Promise of Reformed Theology,” *Institute for Reformed Theology Bulletin*, June, 2001.
- Response to Thomas Davis, “Preaching and Presence: Constructing Calvin’s Homiletic Legacy.” In *The Legacy of John Calvin: Calvin Studies Society Papers 1999*.
- “Theologian in the Service of Piety: A New Portrait of Calvin,” *The Christian Century*, April, 1997.
- “Restoring Access to the Fountain: Calvin and Melancthon on the Task of Evangelical Theology.” In *Calvin Studies Society Papers, 1995, 1997*, edited by David Foxgrover (Grand Rapids, Michigan: CRC Product Services, 1998).

### Invited Lectures

- “The King James Bible at 400,” Michigan Avenue Forum, Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois, October 18, 2011.
- “Let us contemplate God in this most beautiful image:’ John Calvin on the Self- Manifestation of God,” **The 2009 L.W. Anderson Lecture**, The Presbyterian College, McGill University, Montreal, October 29, 2009.
- “For how can Pastors teach others unless they themselves are able to learn?’: John Calvin on Teachable Teachers in the School of Christ,” October Series, The Church of Saint Andrew and Saint Paul, Montreal, October 30, 2009.

**The Warfield Lectures**, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 19-22, 2009

“The Beauty and Terror of the Universe: John Calvin and Blaise Pascal”

“The Bond and Critique of All Social Union: John Calvin and Soren Kierkegaard”

“The One Elect People among All Nations: John Calvin and Karl Barth”

“The Restoration of Israel by Gospel and Law: John Calvin and Ezra the Scribe”

“The Comfort and Challenge of Love: John Calvin and Soren Kierkegaard”

“Hoping for All Others, Fearing for Myself: John Calvin and Julian of Norwich”

“Scripture Is Not Enough: John Calvin’s Vision of the Pastor as Interpreter,” The Newberry Library/Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL, October 15, 2009.

**The Schmiechen Lectures**, Eden Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO, October 14, 2009:

“‘The Appearance of Invisible Things’: The Universe as the Image of God in Calvin’s Theology”

“‘God Portrayed as in a Painting’: Humanity as the Image of God in Calvin’s Theology”

“Restoring Access to the Fountain: Reflections on the Legacy of John Calvin,” University of Northern Illinois, September 22, 2009.

**William Evans Visiting Fellow University Lectures**, University of Otago.

“Calvin on the Creation of Humanity in the Image of God,” September 10, 2009.

“Calvin on the Interpretation of Scripture,” September 9, 2009.

“God’s Care for All of God’s Creatures: Explorations in the Ecological Theology of John Calvin,” August 22, 2009.

“The Knowledge of God in Calvin’s Theology,” Calvin Rediscovered, Knox College, University of Otago, August 24, 2009.

“The Knowledge of Ourselves in Calvin’s Theology,” Calvin Rediscovered, Knox College, University of Otago, August 25, 2009.

“‘Astronomy is the Alphabet of Theology’: John Calvin on the Natural Sciences,” Calvin 500: Calvin Goes Public, United Theological College, Sydney, Australia, August 28, 2009.

“Calvin’s Doctrine of Providence: The Special Care of God for All Creation,” The Calvin Jubilee at Montreat, July 10, 2009.

- “The Reformed Theological Tradition,” *Making Sense of the Reformation*, NEH Seminar, Calvin Theological Seminary, July 5, 2009.
- “‘For the Gifts and the Calling of God are Irrevocable:’ The Jews in the Theology of John Calvin and Karl Barth,” *Calvin and his Influence, 1509-2009*, University of Geneva, May 26, 2009.
- “What Roman Catholics Can Teach Us About John Calvin,” Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington, May 2, 2009.
- Westminster Lectures in Contemporary Theology**, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, VA, April 25, 2009.  
 “God’s Love for All Humanity: The Image of God in Calvin’s Theology.”  
 “God’s Love for Israel: The Restoration of the Jews in Calvin’s Theology.”
- “Proclamation and Transformation,” **Schaff Lectures**, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, March 31, 2009.
- “John Calvin on the Contemplation of Creation,” *Calvin Today: Impulses of Reformed Theology for the Future of the Church*, International Symposium, Evangelical Church of Westphalia, Haus-Villigst, March 16, 19, 2009.
- “The Radical Insecurity of Idolatry? Or of Faith?” North Park Theological Seminary Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, September 25, 2008.
- “Representing Christ Crucified: The Suffering of the Faithful in the Theology of John Calvin,” Faculty of Divinity Seminar, Cambridge University, November 29, 2006.
- “The Unity of Love and Judgment,” North Park Theological Seminary Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, September 23-25, 2004.
- “Protestant Reformation” (with Martin Marty), Extension 720, March 29, 2004, <http://wgnradio.com/shows/ex720/audio/index.html>.
- “What Is New in Calvin Research?” *Theologian in Residence*, Second Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO, September 8, 2002.
- “Crying Out To God on the Brink of Despair: The Assurance of Faith Revisited,” The International Congress of Calvin Research, Princeton Theological Seminary, August 23, 2002.

- “The Recovery of Greek and Hebrew Literature and the Reform of the Church,”  
The Feltre School, Chicago, IL, June 4, 2002.
- “Expounding Scripture and Applying It to our Use: Calvin’s Sermons on  
Ephesians,” Calvin Society, Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta,  
GA, March 1, 2002.
- “Believing Is Seeing: Proclamation and Manifestation in the Reformed  
Tradition,” The Institute for Reformed Theology, Union-PSCE,  
Richmond, VA, February 9, 2002.
- “Medieval and Reformation Readings of Paul,” Re-Reading Paul Together,  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, February 1, 2002.
- “Can We Speak Any More of ‘The Theology of Martin Luther?’” The Sixteenth  
Century Studies Conference, Denver, CO, October 26, 2001.
- “What Do We Mean By The Word of God?” Colloquy Sponsored by The Institute  
for Reformed Theology, Union-PSCE, Richmond, VA, September,  
2001-April, 2002.
- “Gathering Meaning from the Context: Calvin’s Exegetical Method,” University  
of Notre Dame Summer MA Lecture Series, June 25, 2001.
- “Remembering the Face in the Mirror: Christian Theology After the Holocaust,”  
Department of Theology Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, October  
19, 2000.
- Response to Carolyn Schroeder, “I See Something That You Don’t See: Barth’s  
Doctrine of Providence,” Karl Barth and the Future of Theology,  
Princeton Theological Seminary, June 4, 1999.
- Response to Thomas Davis, “Preaching and Presence: Constructing Calvin’s  
Homiletic Legacy,” Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, Union-PSCE,  
Richmond, VA, April 20, 1999.
- “Restoring Access to the Fountain: Calvin and Melancthon on the Task of  
Evangelical Theology,” Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, Louisville  
Seminary, Louisville, KY, April 26, 1997.
- “The Universe as the Living Image of God: Calvin’s Doctrine of Creation  
Reconsidered,” Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, March  
15, 1995.
- “The Meaning of Biblical Miracles in Light of the Modern Quest for Truth,” CJA  
Seminar, University of Notre Dame, September 7, 1994.

“Adolph von Harnack: The Origin, Development, and Dissolution of Dogma,”  
Department of Theology Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, March  
21, 1992.

“Karl Barth: Secondary Witness to Jesus Christ,” Barth Anniversary Conference,  
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, June 25, 1986.

### **Papers Presented**

“Response to Belden Lane, *Ravished by Beauty: The Surprising Legacy of  
Reformed Spirituality*,” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco,  
California, November 20, 2011.

“‘Happiness is the Inward Blessing of a Good Conscience:’ The Good Conscience  
and the Providence of God in Calvin’s Commentary on the Psalms,”  
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, October  
30, 2011.

“Luther and Calvin on the Ordinary and Extraordinary Ministry of the Church,”  
International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 5, 2011.

“‘Kiss the Son’: Calvin on Christ the King and the Kings of the Earth,” Sixteenth  
Century Studies Conference, Geneva, May 30, 2009.

“Revising the Reform: What John Calvin Learned from Dialogue with the Roman  
Catholics,” John Calvin and Roman Catholicism, Calvin Studies Society  
Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, April 14, 2007.

“Truth in the Service of Goodness and Beauty: A Response to Christian  
Fundamentalism,” International Theology Conference of the Osher Center  
for Religious Pluralism at the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel,  
February, 2007.

“The Role of the Commentaries in the Development of Calvin’s *Institutes*:  
Creation as a Test Case,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta,  
GA, October 25, 2005.

“‘Let Them All Grow Until the Harvest:’ Roger Williams on Ruling over the  
Religiously Other,” International Theology Conference of the Osher  
Center for Religious Pluralism at the Shalom Hartman Institute,  
Jerusalem, Israel, February, 2005.

“Representing Christ Crucified: Suffering in the Theology of John Calvin,”  
American Society of Church History, Seattle, Washington, January 7,  
2005.

- “The Living Icons of God: Report on Research,” Henry Luce III Fellows in Theology, Pittsburgh, PA, November 5-7, 2004.
- “The Signs of Election and Reprobation in Calvin’s Theology,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, October 30, 2004.
- “The Highest Work of Faith: Prayer in the Theology of John Calvin,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, October 30, 2003.
- “Manifestation and Proclamation in the Theology of John Calvin,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 26, 2002.
- “Instructing the Young in the Rudiments of Doctrine: Calvin’s Catechisms,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Denver, CO, October 25, 2001.
- “Can We Speak Any More about the Theology of Martin Luther?” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Denver, CO, October 25, 2001.
- “Calvin’s Sermons on Ephesians,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Cleveland, OH, November 3, 2000.
- “The Ecumenical Theology of John Calvin,” Sixteenth Century Studies Society Conference, Cleveland, OH, November 4, 2000.
- “Karl Barth as a Reader of Augustine,” Colloquium of the History of Christianity Area, Department of Theology, November 30, 2000.
- “What Kind of Book Is Calvin’s Institutes?” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 18, 1999.
- “The Contextual Exegesis of John Calvin,” The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Toronto, Ontario, October 24, 1998.
- “Do You Understand What You Are Reading? Calvin’s Curriculum for the School of Christ,” The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 25, 1997.
- “The Ecumenical Theology of John Calvin,” The Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 25, 1997.
- “Pious Meditation: The Role of Contemplation in the Theology of John Calvin,” The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 26, 1996.

“The Children of God in the School of Christ: Teaching and Piety in the Theology of Calvin,” History of Christianity Colloquium, September, 1996.

“Calvin as Analogical Theologian,” The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Francisco, CA, October 29, 1995.

“Calvin’s Interpretation of Hebrews,” History of Christianity Colloquium, November, 1994.

“The Influence of Nicholas Ludwig, Count von Zinzendorf, on the Hymns of Charles Wesley,” History of Christianity and Liturgical Studies Colloquium, March, 1994.

“Word and Image in the Theology of Luther and Calvin,” The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO, December 10, 1993.

“Luther’s Interpretation of Genesis 22,” History of Christianity Colloquium, October, 1993.

“Jesus Christ as the Image of God in the Theology of John Calvin,” Colgate Rochester/Bexley/Crozer, March 17, 1989.

### **Grants**

William Evans Fellow in Theology, University of Otago, August 15-September 13, 2009.

The Louisville Institute, August, 2009-May, 2010, *Ravished with Wonder: John Calvin and the God Who Is Love*.

Henry Luce III Fellow, Association of Theological Schools, August, 2003-May, 2004, for *The Living Icons of God: Manifestation and Proclamation in the Theology of John Calvin*.

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame, \$2500 Summer Research Stipend, Summer, 1994, for *The True Witness: Self-Representation in the Theology of Calvin, Schleiermacher, and Barth*

### **Dissertations Directed**

Darlene Flaming, *The Appeal to the Apostles: The Place of the Apostolic Church in the Thought of Calvin*, with John Cavadini, Co-Director

### **Conferences**

Coordinator of conference, *John Calvin and Roman Catholicism*, University of

Notre Dame, April 12-14, 2007.

Coordinator of conference, *John Calvin and the Company of Pastors*, University of Notre Dame, May 22-24, 2003.

Co-coordinator of conference, *From Conciliarism to Confessional Church, 1415-1600*, University of Notre Dame, September 29-October 1, 2000.

### **Professional Activities/University Service**

MTS Director, Department of Theology, 1997-2008.

MTS Committee, Department of Theology, 2011-

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Theology, 2010-2011; 2005-6.

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference Council, 2007-2010.

College Council, College of Arts and Letters, University of Notre Dame, 2005-2008

Invited participant to the Theology Conference of the Osher Jerusalem Center for Religious Pluralism at the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, February, 2004-

Invited member of Colloquy of Institute for Reformed Theology, "What Do We Mean By The Word of God?" 2001-2002

Member of Focus Group, *The Next Generation: A Study of Catholic High School Religion Teachers*, Creighton University, August 4-5, 2000.

Faculty Senate, University of Notre Dame, 1994-1997, 2003.

College Council, University of Notre Dame, 1994-1997.

MA Committee, Department of Theology, 1995-1997.

Secretary to Departmental Meetings, Department of Theology, 1993-1994.

Collegiate Committee, Department of Theology, 1993-1994.

Assistant Director, Collegiate Committee, Department of Theology, Spring, 1993.

Library Committee, Department of Theology, 1991-1993, 1994-1997.

**Courses Taught****Undergraduate Service Courses**

Foundations of Theology: The Eclipse of Israel

Why God Became Human

Prayer in the Christian Tradition

**Theology Major Courses**

Christian Theological Traditions II

Thomas Aquinas and Martin Luther (with John Jenkins) (Spring, 1997).

God and the Problem of Human Suffering

**Masters Level Courses**

Calvin's Commentary on the Psalms

Luther's Final Biblical Commentaries.

The Theology of John Calvin.

Calvin's Biblical Commentaries.

Christian Theology from the Reformation through the Enlightenment.

Reformation Theology: A Survey.

**Doctoral Seminars**

The Theology of Soren Kierkegaard.

Calvin's Commentaries on Hebrew Scriptures.

The Theology of Philip Melanchthon.

Luther's Interpretation of Scripture.