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EDUCATION

A.B. Bethel College (Kansas), 1947
M.A. Northwestern University, 1948 (sociology)
B.D. Yale Divinity School, 1951
Ph.D. Yale University, 1955 (in philosophical theology)
 Dissertation: The Problem of Relativism and the
 Possibility of Metaphysics
M.A. (Hon.), Harvard, 1963
L.H.D. Bethel College, 1973

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Fellow (Tübingen, Germany), 1961-62
Guggenheim Fellow (Oxford, England), 1969-70
Association of Theological Schools Fellow (Bangalore, India), 1976-77
Japan Foundation Fellow (Kyoto, Japan), Fall 1983
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow, 1990-91

CHURCH

Minister, General Conference Mennonite Church (Ordained, 1953)
Sometime Pastor, Mennonite Congregation of Boston
Member, Bethel College Board of Directors, 1964-1976
Member, Mennonite Biblical Seminary Board of Trustees, 1977-1980

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Edward Mallinckrodt, Jr. Professor of Divinity, Emeritus, Harvard Divinity School,
1995-
Edward Mallinckrodt, Jr. Professor of Divinity, Harvard Divinity School,
1969-1995
Professor of Theology, Harvard Divinity School, 1963-69
Associate Professor of Theology, Vanderbilt University, 1958-63
Assistant Professor of Religion, Pomona College (California), 1953-58
Visiting Professor, United Theological College, Bangalore, India, 1976-77
Visiting Professor, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan, Fall 1983
Visiting Professor, University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa, Spring 1984
Visiting Lecturer, University of Oxford, England, Fall 1986
Visiting Lecturer and Resource Person, Institute for Teachers of Systematic
Theology in India, Bangalore, India, June 1988
Visiting Professor, Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Spring
1991

Convenor of Working Group on "The Brain in the Sociocultural World" (1993-1995)
(in connection with the Harvard University Mind-Brain Behavior [MBB]
Initiative).

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion
President, 1981-82
President, New England Region, 1979-80
American Theological Society
President, 1979-80
Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

LECTURESHIPS

Asilomar Conference (California) Lectures, 1955
Menno Simons Lectures, Bethel College (Kansas), 1959 (publ. in
The Context of Decision)
David S. Schaff Lectures, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1967
Andrew C. Zenos Lectures, McCormick Theological Seminary, 1970
Lyman Lectures, Sweetbriar College (Virginia), 1979
Ferguson Lectures, University of Manchester (England), 1984 (publ. in Theology for
a Nuclear Age)
Sarum Lectures, University of Oxford (England), 1986 (publ. in
In Face of Mystery)
Willson Lectures, Southwestern University (Texas), 1987
Gates Lectures, Grinnell College (Iowa), 1987
Lectures in Beijing University, Fudan University (Shanghai), and Nanjing Theological
Seminary, 1991
Potter Lecture, Washington State University, 1992
Oen Lecturer, Luther College, 1994
Nathaniel W. Taylor Lectures, Yale Divinity School, 1995 (publ. in
God -- Mystery -- Diversity)
Pinecrest Lectures, South Florida Center for Theological Studies, 1996
Nobel Lecturer, Gustavus-Adolphus College, 1996
Bricker Memorial Lecture, Tulane University, 1998
Didier Lectures, House of Hope Presbyterian Church (St. Paul, MN), 2003.
Smale Lectures, Claremont California Presbyterian Church, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Relativism, Knowledge and Faith (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1960).
The Context of Decision (New York: Abingdon Press, 1961).
Systematic Theology: A Historicist Perspective (New York: Scribners, 1968; with a
new Preface, 1978).

- God the Problem (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1972), Translated into French: La Question de Dieu Aujourd'hui (Paris: Cerf, 1975).
- An Essay on Theological Method (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1975; Second Edition, 1979; translated into Japanese along with "God and Emptiness: An Experimental Essay" [1989], Tokyo: Jordan Press, 1994; Third Edition, revised and with a new Preface, New York: Oxford University Press (1995); Korean translation (1998).
- Nonresistance and Responsibility, and Other Mennonite Essays (Newton, Kansas: Faith and Life Press, 1979).
- The Theological Imagination: Constructing the Concept of God (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1981).
- Theology for a Nuclear Age (Manchester, England: University of Manchester Press, and Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1985); translated into German: Theologie für das Nuklearzeitalter (München: Chr. Kaiser, 1987); translated into Italian: Una teologia per l'era nucleare (Brescia: Editrice Queriniana, 1988); translated into Japanese (Tokyo: Jordan Press, 1989).
- In Face of Mystery: A Constructive Theology (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1993). This book won in 1995 the American Academy of Religion Award for "Excellence" in the "Constructive-Reflective" category of scholarly books on Religion.
- God--Mystery--Diversity: Christian Theology in a Pluralistic World (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1996).
- In the beginning....Creativity, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004.)

Autobiographical Reflections

- "Apologia Pro Vita Sua." In Why I Am A Mennonite: Essays on Mennonite Identity. Edited by Harry Loewen. Scottdale: Herald Press, 1988: 126-38.
- "The Influence of Feminist Theory on My Theological Work." Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion 7, no. 1 (1991): 112-15.
- "Some Reflections on a Theological Pilgrimage." Religious Studies Review 20, no. 3 (1994): 177-81.
- "The Mennonite Roots of My Theological Perspective," in Mennonite Theology in Face of Modernity: Essays in Honor of Gordon D. Kaufman. Edited by Alain Epp Weaver (No. Newton, KS: Bethel College, 1996), pp. 1-19.
- "My Life and My Theological Reflection: Two Central Themes," American Journal of Theology and Philosophy 22, no. 1 (2001): 3-32. Also published (with numerous errors) in Dialog 40, No. 1 (2001): 43-60.

Festschriften

- Theology at the End of Modernity: Essays in Honor of Gordon D. Kaufman (with a Forward by G.D.K.), ed. Sheila Greeve Devaney (Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1991) presented at the annual AAR meeting, 1991.
- Mennonite Theology in Face of Modernity: Essays in Honor of Gordon D. Kaufman (incl. a bibliography of the writings of G.D.K.), ed. Alain Epp Weaver (North Newton, KS: Bethel College, 1996).

Professor Kaufman has also written numerous articles and book reviews.