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**EDUCATION:** 1972-76 MA (1973); M. Phil. (1974); Ph.D. (1976), Yale University, New Haven, CT.  
1974-75 Eberhard-Karls Universität, Tübingen, Germany.  
1968-72 M.Div., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO (1972).  
1966-68 BA, *magna cum laude*, Concordia Senior College, Ft. Wayne, IN (1968).  
1964-66 Concordia College, River Forest, IL.

**HONORARY DEGREES:** 1998 D.D. (honorary), Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio.  
1998 L.L.D. (honorary), Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana

**DISSERTATION:** "A Conflict of Perspectives: the Debate between Karl Barth and Werner Elert," Yale University, 1976.

**EMPLOYMENT:** Benjamin Bussey Professor of Theology, Harvard University, 2006 – present (the Bussey Professorship is Harvard's oldest endowed chair in theology)  
Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University 2006 – present.  
Professor of Theology and Professor of Religion & Society, Harvard Divinity School, 1998 – 2005.  
Faculty Affiliate, The Center for Public Leadership, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2002-present.  
Faculty Fellow, Hauser Center for Non-Profit Organizations, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1999 – present.  
John Lord O'Brian Professor of Divinity and Dean, Harvard Divinity School, 1986 – 1998  
Religion Department, Haverford College, Haverford PA.  
Professor, 1985-86  
Associate Professor, 1982-85  
Department Chairman, 1978-84  
Visiting Professor, Honors Program, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, Spring 1981.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Graduate School, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, Summer 1977.

Acting Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, 1975-76.

**PROFESSIONAL  
ACTIVITIES:**

Member, World Advisory Council, Caux Round Table, 2008-present

Director, Harvard Seminars on Business Across Religious Traditions, New York City, 2006-present.

Member, Advisory Board, Project Interchange, American Jewish Committee, 2007 - present

Distinguished Lecturer, American and Iranian National Academies of Sciences, Islamic Republic of Iran, January, 2006.

Consultant, Center for Comparative Spiritualities, The Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, 2006.

Consultant, Center for the Study of Religion and International Conflict, Arizona State University, 2003.

Member, Advisory Board, *Res Publica*, 2000 – present

Director, Lutheran Academy of Scholars, Harvard University, 1999 - present

Consultant, Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond, 1999 - 2000

Consultant, Center for Religious Inquiry, St. Bartholomew's Church, New York City, 1998-2000

Member, Steering Committee, Project on Faith-Based Non-Profit Institutions, The Hauser Center, JFK Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1998 - present

Member, Board of Directors, Call to Renewal, 1998 - present

Member, Executive Committee, Association of Theological Schools, 1994 - 2000

Member, Board of Governors, Trinity Press International, New York, NY, 1992 - 2006

Member, Board of Directors, Harvard AIDs Institute, 1992 - 2000

Member, Advisory Board, Harvard Theological Review, 1986 – 2002

Member, Editorial Board, *dialog*, St. Paul, MN, 1987 - present.

Member, Cultural Diversity Committee, Handel and Hayden Society, Boston, MA, 1992 - 1995.

Member, Board of Directors, Trinity Press International, New York, NY, 1989 - 1992.

Member, Task Force on Theological Education, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1989 - 1991.

Member, Board of Trustees, Buckingham, Browne and Nichols School, 1989 - 1993.

Member, Task Force on Lutheran-Reformed Theological Conversations, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1988 - 1994.

Member, International Consultation on Civil Religion, Bossey, Switzerland, 1987.

Member, Advisory Board, Project on Theological Reflection in a Pluralistic Setting, National Council of Christians and Jews, New York, NY, 1986 - 1992.

Member, Consultation on the Problem of the "Common Good," USA National Committee, Lutheran World Federation, 1985 - 1992.

Member, Consultation on Civil Religion, USA National Committee, Lutheran World Federation, 1983-86.

Chairperson, Narrative Interpretation and Christian Theology Research Group, American Academy of Religion, 1982-86.

Member, International Consultation on Civil Religion, Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland, 1981.

Member, Consultation on Christianity and Marxism, USA National Committee, Lutheran World Federation, 1979-83.

Member, Steering Committee, Scandinavian Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, 1978-1981.

Examiner, Swarthmore College Honors Program, 1978.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXPERIENCE:**

Director, Harvard Seminars on Business Across Religious Traditions 2006-present

Dean, Harvard Divinity School, 1986 - 1998.

Director, Center for the Study of Values in Public Life, Harvard University, 1992 - 1998

Director, Harvard Seminar on the Renewal of Democracy, 1995 - 1998.

Haverford College:

Acting President, January - June, 1986.

Acting Provost, January - June, 1985.

Department Chair, 1978-84.

Member, Academic Council, 1983-85 (Faculty Personnel Committee - appointments, tenure, promotions).

Faculty Representative to the Board of Managers, 1983-85.

Chair, Committee on Diversity, 1981-82.

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Minority Affairs, 1982.

Member, Educational Policy Committee, 1978-79.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

**Books:**

*Sacramental Realism: Literary Art as Social Critique* (forthcoming)

*Doing Theology in Public: Essays Theoretical and Practical* (forthcoming)

*Who Will Provide? The Changing Role of Religion in American Social Welfare.* (co-editor and author). Westview Press, 2001.

*Where Shall My Wandering Soul Begin: The Landscape of Evangelical Piety and Thought* (co-editor). Eerdmans Publishing House, 2000

*Why Are We Here: Everyday Questions and the Christian Life.* (co-editor and author). Trinity Press International, 1998.

*Religion in Public Life: A Dilemma for Democracy.* Georgetown: Georgetown University Press/The Century Fund, 1996.

*Constructing a Public Theology: The Church in a Pluralistic Culture.* Louisville: Westminster-John Knox Press, 1991.

*The Legacy of H. Richard Niebuhr.* (editor). Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991.

*Revelation and Theology: The Gospel As Narrated Promise.* Notre Dame: The University of Notre Dame Press, 1985. Reissued in 2005 by Wipf and Stock..

**Articles:**

“On Giraffes and Bank Accounts: Rethinking Discovery, Creation, and Religious Imagination,” *Leadership and Discovery* New York: McMillan/Palgrave, 2009

“The Public Theologian as Connected Critic: The Case of the Central European Churches,” *A Report from the Front Lines: Conversations on Public Theology* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008

“Luther’s Theology of the Cross: Resource for a Theology of Religions?” *The Global Luther: Reconsidering the Contributions of Martin Luther* Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 2008

“Montesquieu and the Future of Liberalism” *Modernity in Question: Montesquieu and His Legacy* Albany: SUNY Press, 2008, 271-278,

“Behind the Intellectual Lines: A Report on Iran’s Crisis of Piety and Mind,” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin*, 34:3 (Autumn, 2006), 20-27.

“Beyond Exclusivism and Relativism: A Trinitarian Theology of the Cross,” *God’s Life in the Trinity*, Miroslav Wolf and Michael Welker (eds.), Fortress Press, 2006, 118-129.

“What’s Faith Go To Do With It? Lutheran Social Ministry in Transition,” in *Taking Religion Seriously*, Harvard University Press, 2005, 177-209.

“The Public Intellectual as Connected Critic: George Orwell on Religion,” in *George Orwell into the Twenty-First Century*, Paradigm Publishers, 2004, 96-110.

“Toward a Christian Theology of Religions: Some Philosophical and Theological Reflections,” *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, Volume 56: Numbers 3-4, 2003, 157-166.

“Faith and the Public Intellectual,” *Walk in the Ways of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza*, Trinity Press International, 2003, 88-105.

“Waiting for God’s Own Time: Dietrich Bonhoeffer as Public Intellectual,” *Religion im Erbe: Dietrich Bonhoeffer und die Zukunftsfähigkeit des Christentum* Hrg. von Christian Gremmels und Wolfgang Huber. Guertersloher Verlagshaus, 2002, 92-111.

“Prisoners of Conscience: Faith and the Public Intellectual” *Religion, Values and Public Life* 7: 2 (Spring, 2001)

"Risks and Responsibilities for Faith-Based Organizations," *Who Will Provide? The Changing Role of Religion in American Social Welfare*. Westview Press, 2001.

"The Constitutional Tradition: A Perplexing Legacy," *Law and Religion: A Critical Anthology*, edited by Stephen M. Feldman, New York: New York University Press, 2001.

"Public Religion: Bane or Blessing for Democracy?" Obligations of Citizenship and Demands of Faith: Religious Accommodation in Pluralist Democracies, ed., Nancy L. Rosenblum. Princeton University Press, 2001.

"Religious Strife and the Culture Wars," Religion, Politics and Peace, ed., Leroy S. Rouner. University of Notre Dame Press, 1998.

"Public Theology: The Moral Dimension of Religion in a Pluralistic Society," Zeitschrift für Evangelische Ethik, 42. Jahrgang. Heft 3 (Juli bis September 1998), 176-190.

"Religion and Legal Discourse: An Indirect Relation," Marquette Law Review, 81:2 (Winter, 1998), 289-301.

"Political Liberalism: Religion and Public Reason (symposium, Harvard University)," Religion and Values in Public Life (Harvard Divinity Bulletin), Supplement 3 (summer, 1995), pp. 1-11.

"Beyond the Separation of Church and State: Public Religion and Constitutional Values," New York State Bar Journal, 66:4 (May/June, 1994), 48-51.

"A Legacy of Learning, a Vocation of Hope (Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16; sermon, 175th anniversary of Harvard Divinity School)," Harvard Divinity Bulletin, 22:2 (1992), pp. 10-112.

"Toward the Integrated Study of Religion: A Case for the University Divinity School," Harvard Divinity Bulletin, 21:4 (1992), pp. 15, 18-19.

"Diversity's Grace Notes," Op-ed article, Christian Science Monitor, ( August, 1992), p. 24.

"University Divinity Schools: Communities of Connected Critics" (address at installation of T. W. Ogletree as dean of Yale Divinity School), Harvard Divinity Bulletin, 20:4 (1990-1991), pp. 9-10.

"Discerning the Call of God in the Cries of God's People," LWF Report, no. 28-29 (December, 1990), pp. 19-26.

"The Future of an Illusion: an Inquiry into the Contrast between Theological and Religious Studies (cultural-linguistic approach)," Theological Education, 26 (Spring, 1990), pp. 66-85.

"On Speaking of God: The Divisive Issue for Schleiermacher and Barth," Friedrich Schleiermacher and Karl Barth: Beyond the Impasse? (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1988).

"The Scholarly Vocation: Its Future Challenges and Threats," Theological Education, XXIV:1 (August, 1987), 86-101.

"Radiance and Obscurity in Biblical Narrative," Scriptural Authority and Narrative Interpretation (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987), 21-41.

"Review Symposium on Revelation and Theology: Five Perspectives and a Reply by the Author," dialog, 26:1 (Winter, 1987), pp. 71-73.

Making Theology Central in Theological Education," Christian Century, 104: (Fall, 1987), pp. 106-108.

"Toward an American Public Theology: Religion in a Pluralistic Democracy," Harvard Divinity Bulletin, 18: (October/November, 1987), 4-6, 10.

"The Unnamed Woman at Bethany: A Model for Discipleship," Theology Today, XLIV:2 (July, 1987), 179-188.

"Toward A Critical Theological Education," Harvard Theological Review, 80:1 (January 1987), 1-13.

"Challenges to the Common Good," The Church and American Civil Religion, (New York: Lutheran World Ministries, 1986), 140-146.

"Intratextuality and Speaking of God: A Response to George Lindbeck," Theology Today XLIII:3 (October, 1986), 377-382.

"The Significance of Karl Barth for Contemporary Theology," The Thomist, 50:4 (Fall, 1986), 512-539.

"Christian Dogmatics in Lutheran Perspective," Interpretation XL:2 (April, 1986), 191-193.

"Praxis: The Practical Atheism of Karl Marx," The Journal of Ecumenical Studies 22:3 (Summer, 1985), 544-548.

"Marx's Thought: Human Nature and Destiny" and "Marx's Thought: Critique of Religion," Christianity and the Many Faces of Marxism (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1984).

"Thanksgiving Day: A Case Study in American Civil Religion," Resource 12:3 (November, 1984) (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House).

"From Twilight to Darkness: Theology and the New Pluralism," Trinity Seminary Review 6:2 (Fall, 1984), 12-24.

"Piety, Narrative, and Christian Identity," Word and World, III:2 (Spring, 1983), 148-159.

"The Gospel and American Civil Religion" Lutheran World Federation Documentation No. 12, Stuttgart: Kreuz Verlag, 1982, 1-14. German Translation: "Evangelium und Civil Religion in Amerika" LWB-Dokumentation, 12, Stuttgart: Kreuz Verlag, 1982, 27-40. Reprinted in Evangelischer Pressedienst Dokumentation 85:1 (January, 1985), 63-75. Reprinted in The Church and American Civil Religion (New York: Lutheran World Ministries, 1986), 63-72.

"Toward a Theology of Creation: A Response to Gustaf Wingren," Creation and Method: Critical Essays on Christocentric Theology, Washington, DC: University Press of America, 1981.

"Gotthold Ephraim Lessing: An Enlightened View of Judaism," The Journal of Ecumenical Studies, XVIII:3 (Summer, 1981), 401-422.

"Revelation and Imaginative Construction," The Journal of Religion, 61:3 (July, 1981), 242-263.

"Matthew's Christology: Resource for Systematic Theology," Currents in Theology and Mission, IV:6 (December, 1977), 350-362.

"Law and Gospel in the Thought of Thomas Muentzer," Lutheran Quarterly, XXVII:4 (November, 1975) 347-363.

"What is Dogma?" Clergy, 3:12 (December, 1973) St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House.

"Evangelical Theology for a Secular Age," Lutheran Education, 105:7 (March, 1970), 320-332.

**Reviews:**

Reviews of current literature have appeared in the following journals:

Currents in Theology and Mission  
dialog  
Interpretation  
The Journal of Religion  
Modern Theology  
Religious Studies Review  
The Thomist  
Word and World

**LECTURES  
DELIVERED:**

"Anthropological Models in the Study of Religion: Further Reflections" Moral Worlds and Religious Subjectivities, Center for the Study of World Religion, May 19, 2009

"Cruciform Images as Sacramental Realism," Images of the Divine Conference, University of Chicago, May 8, 2009

"Faith-Based Initiatives and Public Health," Conference on Religion and Health, Harvard Divinity School and Harvard School of Public Health, March 12, 2009

"Karl Barth's Theological Aesthetic," The Legacy of John Calvin and Karl Barth, Harvard Divinity School, March 6, 2009

"The Future of Religion in a Post-Secular Age," Presidential Convocation Lecture, Augustana College, January 29, 2009

"Anthropological Models in the Study of Religion: Some Cautionary Comments" Moral Worlds and Religious Subjectivities, Center for the Study of World Religions, September 25, 2008

"Christianity on Wealth and Poverty," Business Across Religious Traditions Seminar, Harvard Club of New York City, May 8, 2008

"Rethinking Religion's Public Role," Conference on Religion and Law, Harvard Law School, February 29, 2008

“Luther’s Theology of the Cross: Resource for a Theology of Religions?” The Global Luther: Reconsidering the Contributions of Martin Luther, Northwestern University, February 22, 2008

“On Giraffes and Bank Accounts: Rethinking Discovery, Creation, and Literary Imagination,” The Jepson School of Leadership, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA September 7, 2007

“Public Theology in Central Europe: A Challenge to Young Leaders,” The Bible College, Martin, Slovakia, August 18, 2006

“Can Lutherans Be Public Intellectuals?” The Swope Lecture, Gettysburg Seminary, Gettysburg, PA, April 25-26, 2006

“Public Religion: Democracy’s Dilemma,” Temple Isaiah, Lexington, MA, February 4, 2006

“Pluralism, Consensus, and Ethics” and “Public Reason and Ethical Decision-Making,” Lectures delivered at the Iranian National Academy of Sciences (Tehran), the Institute of Philosophy (Tehran), the Institute for Ethics in Science and Technology (Tehran), Shahid-Behesthi University (Tehran), and Mofid University (Qom), on a visit sponsored by the US National Academies of Science, January 13-19, 2006

“Lutheran Theology and Public Life,” A series of lectures presented to the Lutheran Academic of Ethics, Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale Arizona, January 5-6, 2006

“Democratic Social Criticism: Public Intellectuals and the Literary Arts,” Figures of Democracy: Rhetoric, Authority, and Civic Culture, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, October 21, 2005.

“Montesquieu and the Future of Liberalism,” The Chancellor Jackman Symposium on “Modernity in Question: Montesquieu and his Legacy,” University of Toronto, September 10, 2005.

“Religious Leadership in the New Democracies: A Challenge to Public Theology,” Evanjelicka bohoslovecka fakulta, Univerzita Komenskeho, Bratislava, Slovakia, July 1, 2005

“Religion and Foreign Policy: Challenges for the New World Order,” World Boston Symposium on Religion and Foreign Policy, Boston Public Library, June 2, 2005

“Beyond Universalism and Relativism: A Pragmatist Understanding of Moral Truth-Claims,” A Dialogue for a New Moral Agenda, The Communitarian Institute, George Washington University, Washington, DC, May 24, 2005

“New Models for Social Engagement: A Response to Robert Wuthnow,” Alonzao McDonald Conference on Evangelical Theology, Harvard Divinity School, May 6, 2005

“Religion and Public Life: New Theoretical Approaches,” Connecticut College, New London, CT, April 29, 2005

“Jeffrey Stout’s *Democracy and Tradition*: A Critical Assessment,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20, 2004

“Prisoners of Conscience: Public Intellectuals in a Time of Crisis,” Yale-Princeton Theology Group, Princeton, NJ, June 4-5, 2004

“Public Ministry After 9/11,” The St. John Lectures, Yale Divinity School, April 24-25, 2004.

"Radical Democracy: A Model for Churches in Central Europe?" Conference on Public Theology in Central Europe, March 30, 2004.

"Literary Arts and Social Criticism," Conference on the Arts and Politics, Brown University, Providence, RI, March 4, 2004.

"Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza as Public Intellectual and Democratic Theorist," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 23, 2003, Atlanta, Georgia.

"Citizen Empowerment: Faith and Community Organizing, A View From Below," Executive Session, The Hauser Center, The Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA, October 3, 2003.

"Social Criticism as Narrative Art: George Orwell on Poverty," Annual Meeting, European Consortium for Political Research, Marburg, Germany, September 19, 2003.

"Can Lutherans Be Public Intellectuals?" Keynote Address, The Lutheran Academy, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, July 10, 2003

"The Public Theologian as Connected Critic" Conference on Public Theology in Central Europe, Prague, the Czech Republic, June 1, 2003

"The Public Intellectual as Connected Critic: George Orwell and Religion" George Orwell Centenary Conference, Wellesley College, May 1, 2003.

"Just War Theory and the Challenge of Terror," National Lutheran Ministerial Conference, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Woburn, MA, December 12, 2002.

"Leadership and the Public Intellectual," The Center for Public Leadership, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, November 19, 2002.

"The Crisis of the Public Intellectual," *Res Publica*, Aspen, CO, October 25, 2002.

"In God We Trust: Religion and American Public Life" The Lexington Political Forum, Museum of Our National Heritage, Lexington, MA, October 17, 2002.

"Lutheran Heritage and the Religious Intellectual," The Lutheran Academy for Scholars in Higher Education, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, August 6, 2002.

"Trinitarian Theology and the Logic of Monotheism," Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Ruprecht-Karls Universität, Heidelberg, Germany, July 12, 2002.

"Jewish and Christian Themes in Mahler's Second Symphony (*Resurrection*)," Berkshire Institute for Theology and the Arts, Stockbridge, MA, July 6, 2002

"Criminal Justice and Public Theology," Doing Justice and Mercy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 13, 2002.

"Prophetic Leadership in a Time of Crisis," Chief of Chaplains Senior Leaders Training Conference, U.S. Army Chaplaincy, Hilton Head Island, March 7, 2002

"Faith Based Initiatives and Public Life." *Uniting America: Collaborating to Make Democracy Work*, The American Assembly, Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, California, November 29-December 2, 2001

“Theological Curricula and Public Life,” *Pew Forum on Religion*. Conference on the First Amendment and Theological Education,” November 10, 2001

“Faith and Public Life,” *Res Publica*, Aspen, Colorado, November 16, 2001

“Under God...The Pledge of Allegiance and the Separation of Church and State,” *Action Speaks, Rhode Island Public Radio*, October 23, 2001

“Anna Akhmatova in Poetry, Paintings, and Psalms,” Harvard Divinity School, October 10, 2001

“Staying the Course: Social Justice and the Life of Prayer,” Keynote address at the opening of the Eastern College Center for Urban Ministry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 15, 2001

“The Unquiet Heart: George Orwell’s Quest for Meaning,” Lutheran Church of the Newtons, February 18, 2001.

“Faith and Politics” Christ Church, Cambridge, MA, November 11, 2000

“Waiting for God’s Own Time: Dietrich Bonhoeffer as Public Intellectual,” lecture delivered at the International Bonhoeffer Society Congress, Berlin, Germany, August 21, 2000

“Social Criticism and Religious Vision,” lecture delivered at Jepson School of Leadership Studies, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, November 3, 1999

“Prisoners of Conscience: Faith and the Public Intellectual, Inaugural Address, Center for Religious Inquiry, St. Bartholomew’s Church, New York City, New York, October 26, 1999

“Religion and Public Life: The Continuing Issues,” lecture delivered at Oklahoma State University, March 18, 1999.

“The Public Intellectual and the Study of Religion,” Keynote Address delivered at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, November 20, 1998

“A Too Familiar Story,” sermon delivered at St. John’s Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C., October 25, 1998.

Respondent to “Virtue and Vice in American Life” at the University Professors Program, Boston University, Boston, MA, September 25, 1998.

“The Churches and the Moral Renewal of Democracy,” Keynote Address to conference for Rectors of Large Episcopal Parishes, Trinity Church, New Orleans, LA, June 8-10, 1998.

Commencement Address, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH, June 6, 1998.

“Culture Wars and Lutheran Public Theology,” address to the New England Lutheran Clergy Association, Worcester, MA, April 22, 1998.

“Repairers of the Breach: Culture Wars and the Common Good,” presented at The Good Shepherd Symposium on *The Church, The State & The Family*, Concordia College, New York, April 17-18, 1998.

“The Common Good and American Culture: Issues and Challenges,” Keynote Address to Catholic Health Association’s Twelfth Annual Invitational *Theology and Ethics Colloquium*, San Diego, CA, March 20-22, 1998.

“Religious Strife and the Culture Wars,” *Religion, Politics and Peace Series*, Boston University Institute for Philosophy and Religion, Boston, MA, February 11, 1998.

Live-television discussion/viewer call-in on *Tocqueville, Religion and Civil Society*, with Professor Michael Sandel, hosted by Connie Brod on C-SPAN, December 16, 1998.

The William Weber Lectures in Government and Society: "Public Religion and the Moral Renewal of Democracy" and "Public Religion at the End of Welfare," Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 13-14, 1997.

Panel Moderator “The Democratic Soul, Toqueville, Religion and Civil Society,” for C-SPAN series on Alexis de Tocqueville, October 28, 1997.

Lead Commentator for Mother Therea’s Funeral in Calcutta, India, ABC-TV with Peter Jennings, September 13, 1997.

“Religion and Public Morality,” Inaugural lecture at the Cathedral Center for Theological Studies, Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, TX, August, 1997.

“Religion, Values, and the Future of Democracy,” lecture delivered at the Aspen Institute, Aspen, CO, July, 1997.

“Public Theology: The Moral Dimension of Religion in a Pluralistic Society,” lecture delivered at Philipps-University of Marburg, Marburg, Germany, June, 1997.

“Public Religion: Bane or Blessing for Democracy,” lecture delivered at the “Law and Religion: Obligations of Democratic Citizenship and Demands of Faith Conference,” at Brown University, Providence, RI, April, 1997.

“Legal Discourse and the De Facto Disestablishment,” respondent at the “Religion and the Judicial Process: Legal, Ethical, and Empirical Dimensions” conference at Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI, April, 1997.

“Religion in American Public Life,” lecture delivered at the Cambridge Forum, Cambridge, MA, March, 1997.

“Take it on Faith? Religion and Public Policy in Contemporary America,” lecturer , Society of Fellows Conference at The Aspen Institute, Aspen, CO, February, 1997.

“What Constitutes Patriotism at the End of the Twentieth Century?” Lecture delivered at Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK, January, 1997.

“Public Religion and the Churches,” lecture at the Lutheran Church of the Newtons, Newton, MA, January, 1997.

“Religious Faith and the Challenge of Pluralism,” lecture delivered at American Jewish Committee / Fuller Seminary conference: “Religious Convictions in the Public Arena: How People of Faith Can Be Citizens of a Pluralistic Republic”. Pasadena, CA, January, 1997.

“Values in American Public Life,” “Moral Compasses for Modern Leaders,” and “Spiritual Life in a Secular Society,” presentations at the Renaissance Weekend, Hilton Head, SC, December, 1996.

“Religion in Public Life: A Dilemma for Democracy,” lecture and book symposium at the Kennedy Library, Boston, MA, November, 1996.

“Genesis: A Living Conversation,” panel participant for WGBH Public Television, Boston, MA, October, 1996.

“Religion: Blessing or Curse for Democracy?” lecture delivered at Trinity Church Wall Street, New York City, NY, October, 1996.

“Public Religion and the Future of Democracy,” lecture delivered at Bates College, Lewiston, ME, October, 1996.

“Religion in Public Life: A Dilemma for Democracy,” book symposium at Law and Religion Conference, Hamline University Law School, St. Paul, MN, October, 1996.

“The Church in the City,” lecture delivered at a forum at Trinity Church, Boston, MA, May, 1996

“Christian Discipleship and Public Leadership,” sermon delivered at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, April, 1996.

“Public Religion: Bane or Blessing?” lecture delivered at the Boston Research Center for the 21st Century, Boston, MA, April, 1996.

“New Directions in Theological Education,” address given to the Harvard Business School Club of Boston, Boston, MA, April, 1996.

“Religion in Public Life: A Dilemma for Democracy,” symposium in honor of Dean Thiemann’s book at Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April, 1996.

“Religious Pluralism in America,” lecture delivered at Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, January, 1996.

“Christian Identity and Public Life,” *Yost Lectures* delivered at Lutheran Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC, May, 1995.

“Religious Studies and Communal Traditions,” panel participant at Yale University, New Haven, CT, April, 1995.

“Religion and Public Life in Israel and the United States,” lecture delivered at the Osher Center for Religious Tolerance in Jerusalem, Israel, March, 1995.

“Islam and Democracy,” lecture delivered to Harvard Alumni Association groups in Oman, Dubai, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan, March, 1995.

“Religion in American Public Life,” excerpts from Dean Thiemann’s book presented at the Boston Theological Society, Boston, MA, February, 1995.

“Lutheran Identity in a Pluralistic Culture,” inaugural *Bayliss Lecture* delivered at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Woburn, MA, February, 1995.

“Lutheran Confession and Public Life”, address given to the Lutherans in Diaspora Conference, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, February, 1995.

“The Obligations of Christian Leadership,” sermon preached at the inauguration of Mark Edwards, President of St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, October, 1994.

"Catholicism and the Future of Liberalism," conference panel participant at Boston College, Boston, MA, May, 1994.

"Learning--Devotion--Action," conference participant at the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, March, 1994.

"Religion in American Public life: The Challenge of Pluralism," lecture delivered at the University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, March, 1993.

"The Pluralist Citizen and the Art of Conversation," lecture delivered at Trinity Institute Forum, New York, NY, February, 1993.

"The Study of Religion and the Secular University," lecture delivered at Stanford University, Stanford, CA, January, 1993.

"Living Faithfully in a Pluralistic Culture," St. Augustine Lecture, University of California, Davis, CA January, 1993.

"Values in American Life" and "Building a Spiritual Life," presentations at the Renaissance Weekend, Hilton Head, SC, December, 1993.

Main commentator on tragedy at Branch Davidian Compound for ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings and for ABC News News Special with Tom Jarrel, April 20, 1993.

"Accounting for our Hope," sermon delivered at the National Cathedral, Washington, DC, December, 1992.

"A Legacy of Learning, A Vocation of Hope," sermon delivered in the Memorial Church, Harvard University in observation of the 175th anniversary of Harvard Divinity School, October, 1992.

"The Fate of Lutheran-Reformed Dialogue," address to New England Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in American, Worcester, MA, September, 1992.

"What Should We Do About Religion? A Question for Education and Public Life," lecture while serving as reviewer of Wabash College Department of Religion, September, 1991.

"A Generation of Hope," Baccalaureate Address, Muhlenberg College, Muhlenberg, PA, May, 1991.

"Interpreting the Faith in a Pluralistic Culture," a series of five lectures, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA, July, 1990.

"In Quest of the Common Good: The Contemporary Crisis of Community," Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Boston University, April, 1990.

"I Have Heard the Cry of My People: Discerning the Call of God in the Cries of God's People," Keynote Address, Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Curitiba, Brazil, January, 1990.

"Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Democracy," Macalester College Convocation Address, St. Paul, MN, February, 1989.

Distinguished Visiting Theologian, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, October, 1988.

"Christian Worship and Public Responsibility," Liturgical Conference, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Philadelphia, PA, October, 1988.

"Jews and Christians in American Public Life," Annual Meeting, American Jewish Conference, New York, NY, May, 1988.

"The Christian Gospel and Public Responsibility," Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL, February, 1988.

"Toward An American Public Theology: The Challenge of Pluralism," *O.P. Kretzmann Lecture*, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, January, 1988.

"Religion, Law, and the Common Good: The Quest for Justice in American Public Life," Plenary Address, Annual Meeting of the Kansas Bar and Bench, Kansas City, MO, October, 1987.

"Toward an American Public Theology: Religion in a Pluralistic Democracy," Alumni/ae Day Address, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, June, 1987.

"The Scholarly Vocation: Its Future Challenges and Threats," Plenary Address, Conference of Deans, Association of Theological Schools, St. Louis, MO, April, 1987.

"Toward a Critical Theological Education," Inaugural Address, Opening Convocation, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, October, 1986.

"Intratextuality and Speaking of God: A Response to George Lindbeck," Centennial Conference on Karl Barth, Princeton Theological Seminary, April, 1986.

"The Gospel of Matthew: A Promising Tale," Oberlin College, January, 1986.

"Theology and the Challenge of Pluralism: Some Remarks on the Future of a Discipline," Princeton University, December, 1985.

"The Significance of Karl Barth for Contemporary Theology," Conference on Karl Barth and the Barmen Declaration, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, June, 1984.

"From Twilight to Darkness: Theology and the New Pluralism," *The Fendt Lecture*, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, February, 1984.

"Theological Issues in the Christian-Marxist Encounter," Conference on Christian-Marxist Dialogue, USA National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation, Techny, IL, April, 1983.

"The Significance of Narrative for Contemporary Theology," Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, January, 1983.

"Revelation and Authority: Unresolved Issues in the Interpretation of Narrative," Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, New York, December, 1982.

"The Church and American Civil Religion," International Consultation on Civil Religion, Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland, November, 1981.

"Revelation and Imaginative Construction," Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, April, 1981. Also delivered at Eastern Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, May, 1981.

"Revelation, Authority, and Interpretation," Gest Seminar on Interpretation in Religion, the Arts and Sciences, Haverford College, Haverford, PA, January, 1981.

"The Development of Praxis: Hegel, Feuerbach, and Marx," Consultation on Marxism and Christianity, New York, 1980.

"Toward a Theology of Creation: A Response to Gustaf Wingren," Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, New York, 1979.

"Gotthold Ephraim Lessing: A Case Study in Enlightenment Humanism," Scholars Conference sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Villanova, PA, May, 1979.

"Problems in Epistemology," An essay in response to a lecture delivered by Gustaf Wingren at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, February, 1979.

"Creation, Law, and Gospel," Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA, November, 1978.

"Continuity and Change in the Christian Tradition," a series of three lectures delivered to the pastoral conference of the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, March, 1977.

"What is Dogma?" Pastoral Conference, New England District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, November 14, 1975.

**HONORS:**

Distinguished Visitor, American and Iranian National Academies of Science, Tehran and Qom, Iran, January, 2006  
Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2006 - present  
Faculty Fellowship, Hauser Center for the Study of Non-Profit Organizations, Harvard University, 2006-2007  
Faculty Fellowship, Center for Public Leadership, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, 2002-2003.  
Faculty Fellowship, DuBois Institute for African American Research, Harvard University, 2002-03.  
Lilly Faculty Fellow, 1999-2000  
Faculty Fellow, Hauser Center for Non-Profit Organizations, JFK School of Government, Harvard University. 1999-present  
The Martin Foss Award, Haverford College, 1985.  
Mellon Humanities Fellowship, 1982-83.  
Member, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, 1982-83.  
Fellow, Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship, Grand Rapids, MI, 1982-83 (declined).  
Christian and Mary Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching, 1981-82.  
Whitehead Research Grant, Haverford College, 1979.  
Doctoral Dissertation Grant, Institute for International and Area Studies, Yale University, 1975-76.  
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Fellowship for Dissertation Research, 1974-75.