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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Wabash College	Professor	5/02-present
	Associate Professor	6/94-5/02
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#### EDUCATION

Ph.D awarded with distinction from the Divinity School, University of Chicago, June 1989

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B.A. from Wabash College, *Summa cum Laude*, May 1983

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Review of Aidan Nichols, A Grammar of Consent, in Theology Today (July, 1992): 286.

Review of William C. Placher, Unapologetic Theology, in Journal of Religion 70 (April 1990): 271-2.

Review of Larry D. Bouchard, Tragic Method and Tragic Theology, in Christian Century, February 21, 1990, 190-191.

Review of Clifford Green, Karl Barth, Theologian of Freedom, in Christian Century, April 4, 1990, 341-342.

Review of Warren Copeland, Economic Justice, the Social Ethics of U.S. Economic Policy, in

Disciple Divinity House Bulletin 60 (Spring 1989): 6-7.

Regular reviewer for CHOICE, 1989-2004

#### SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PAPERS

Add Hope College lecture

“Can Vegetarianism Be Christian?” Annual endowed Kretzmann Lecture, Valparaiso University, Sept. 22, 2008

AAR Talk, “The Chicken and the Bathwater,” Chicago, Nov. 2008

Liberty Fund meeting on Indiana Literature, Nov. 2008

Presented First Inaugural Lecture in “Animals and the Kingdom” Series at Calvin College, Jan. 18, 2008

Invited lecture on “From Prudentius to President Bush: Providence, Empire, and Paranoia,” at International Conference on the Career and Prospects of Providence in Modern Theology, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, Jan. 7-9, 2008

Faculty Seminar on *American Providence*, Wheaton College. May 9, 2007

Presentation and discussion with Pastor-Theologian Group at Bangor ME, Feb. 4-5, 2007

Invited paper on Religion and Violence at Conference at Arizona State University, Center for Study of Religion and Violence, Oct. 11-13, 2007

Liberty Fund conference on Freedom and the Founding Fathers, Sept. 27-30, Montana, 2007

Panel Talk on and Presentation of Commendation to John Updike at MLA, Dec. 27-29, 2006

“Spirituality and Suffering,” Continuing Education event at University of Southern Indiana, Nov. 14, 2006

Panel Talk on Animals and Theology, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Conference on Modernity, Dec. 2, 2006

Response to panel devoted to *The Divine Voice* at Christian Scholars Conference, Pepperdine University, June 2005

"Why I wrote American Providence," Discussion with faculty at Hartford Seminary, Feb. 16, 2005

"Christianity, Liberalism, and Terrorism." Invited lecture at Creighton University, April 21, 2004.

Workshop Director, Faculty Seminar on Religion and Education, Butler University, 2003-2004; workshop leader through 2005

"Is the teaching of religion inherently theological?" Invited keynote address at conference of religion and education at Wilfrid Laurier University, Feb. 5, 2004.

Invited to lead a discussion of my work for the Religion and Liberal Education faculty group at Hope College, May 18-19, 2004

"Evangelical Theology and Animal Welfare." Presentation at AAR, Atlanta, Nov. 24, 2003.

"What Would St. Francis Eat Today?" Invited lecture at Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland, Oct. 20, 2003.

Baccalaureate Address at Wabash College, May 2001.

Keynote Address: "Beyond Politics: Possibilities for Transformation in the Post-Secular University." Invited lecture at the Eleventh Annual Conference of the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, Rivier College, Nashua NH, Oct. 19-21, 2001.

"Animals and the Afterlife." Invited lecture at Kalamazoo College, April 14, 2000.

"Theology and Companion Animals." Invited lecture for the Center for the Study of the Human-Animal Bond, Purdue University, October 14, 1999.

"John Updike and Theology," presented at Midwest AAR, St. Louis, March 20, 1999.

Participant in the AAR/Lilly Conference on Teaching Religion, Santa Fe, April 1997.

Participant in Wabash Theology Consultation, July 1996, 1997, and 1998.

Participation in the Lilly Workshop on Teaching Religion, directed by Raymond Williams, Crawfordsville Indiana, summer and fall 1991 and spring and summer 1992.

"At the Crossroads of Christology." North American Karl Barth Society, Elmhurst College, June 1992. Exchange with Bruce Marshall.

"Liberation and the Complete Critique: Hyperbole in Karl Barth." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 1989.

"Rhetoric and Karl Barth." Central States Speech Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 1988.

Various articles and op-ed pieces in newspapers.

Associate Editor of Reviews in Religion and Theology (Blackwell Publishers)

#### COURSES TAUGHT (at Wabash College)

History of Christianity (two semester sequence), nineteenth century theology, contemporary theology, religion and literature, theological ethics, problem of evil: the Holocaust, ethics seminar on animal rights, senior seminar in religion, existentialism, aesthetics, philosophy of literature, philosophy of religion, theology of sex and marriage, theology of evolution, Cultures and Traditions (sophomore 'great books' course), theories of sacrifice, criticism and reconstruction of Christianity, the Senior Humanities Colloquium (a 'Great Books' course), Catholic Social Thought, the Musical Theology of Bob Dylan, and freshman tutorial on Christianity in the new millennium.

Co-Founder of Christian Vegetarian Association (ChristianVeg.com)