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PERSONAL

Birthplace: Harbor City, California
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Marital Status: Married – to Lynn Richards Stubbs
Children: Connor Gray, 7/19/95
Anna Katherine, 5/6/97

EDUCATION

2001 Ph.D. Duke University
Theology & Ethics. Committee: Geoffrey Wainwright (chair), Stanley Hauerwas, Richard Hays, Reinhard Hütter, and David Steinmetz.

1995 M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary

1990 M.S. Stanford University
Construction Engineering & Management

1987 B.S. Stanford University
Civil Engineering

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2001 - present Professor of Ethics & Theology. Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan. (Associate in 2005; Professor with Tenure in 2009)

2001 Adjunct Professor. Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina.

2000-2001 Writing Tutor. Duke University Writing Studio, Durham, North Carolina.

1998-2000 Adjunct Professor. Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina.

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Chapters, Articles, and Book Reviews

2012 “Presbyterians at the Crossroads: Part Two.” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 27/4 (April 2012). <http://www.rca.org/Page.aspx?pid=3605>

“Presbyterians at the Crossroads: Part One.” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 27/3 (March 2012): 7-11.

- 2011 “Theocracy.” In *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, ed. Joel Green. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011.
- 2010 “Nourishing Directions for Eucharistic Theology and Practice.” Review Essay of George Hunsinger, *The Eucharist and Ecumenism*, and Martha Moore-Keish, *Do This in Remembrance of Me. Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 25/9 (Nov 2010).
- “Supernaturalizing the Natural.” *Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship* 6/1 supplement (Spring 2010): 1-3.
- 2009 *Numbers*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2009.
- *The Open Table: What Gospel Do We Practice?*, Theology and Worship Occasional Paper No. 22. Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 2009.
- “To Vote or Not to Vote.” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 19/7 (January 2009): 4.
- Interview Appearances in “John Calvin: His Life and Legacy.” Documentary Video by Witherspoon Publications and Umbrella Group Arts (Kansas City, MO).
- 2008 “Resurrection.” In *Global Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2008.
- “The Shape of Soteriology and the *Pistis Christou* Debate.” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 61/2 (2008): 137-157.
- 2006 *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*. Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 2006. Co-author of the chapters, “Scripture and Sacraments,” 18-28, and “Theology and Sacraments,” 39-50.
- 2005 “Ending of Worship ~ Ethics.” In *A More Profound Alleluia: Theology and Worship in Harmony*, ed. Leanne Van Dyk. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005, 133-155.
- 2004 “Liturgy and Ethics, or Liturgy Is Ethics.” *Reformed Review* 57/3 (Spring 2004): 1-12.
- “Practices, Core Practices, and the Work of the Holy Spirit.” *Journal for Christian Theological Research* 9 (2004): 15-28.
- “Risking Beauty at the AAR.” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 19/7 (Aug/Sept 2004): 4.

- Review of *The Word of God and the World of Culture: Sacred and Secular through the Theology of Karl Barth*, by Paul Louis Metzger. *Pro Ecclesia* 14/1 (Winter 2005): 112-114.
- 2003 “Obedience.” Co-authored with Alberto Bondolfi. In *The Encyclopedia of Christianity*, Vol. 3. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003, 806-809.
- “Showing Your True Colors.” *Journal for Case Teaching* 14 (Fall 2003): 23-28.
- Review of *Karl Barth on the Christian Life: The Practical Knowledge of God*, by Joseph L. Mangina. *Pro Ecclesia* 12/2 (Spring 2003): 234-235.
- 2002 Review of *Karl Barth’s Anthropology in Light of Modern Thought*, by Daniel J. Price. *Reformed Review* 56/1 (Autumn 2002): 85-86.
- 2001 Ph.D. Dissertation. *Sanctification as Participation in Christ: Working Through the Pauline and Kantian Legacies in Karl Barth’s Theology of Sanctification*. Duke University. Committee: Geoffrey Wainwright (chair), Richard Hays, Stanley Hauerwas, Reinhard Hütter, David Steinmetz.
- 1999 Review of *Barth’s Moral Theology: Human Action in Barth’s Thought*, by John Webster. *Theology Today* 56/2 (July 1999): 250-252.

Publications under Way

Book Project. *Remembrance, Communion, and Hope: The Temple and the Protestant Eucharistic Imagination*.

Work on Old Testament, Ignatius, and Irenaeus is in draft form.

Book Project. *Figures in the Wilderness*.

The book will include these articles as chapters: “Returning to the Wilderness: The Foundational Figure, its Effective History, and its Contemporary Relevance,” and “The Bronze Serpent, the Gospel of John, and the Cross.” Both articles are in draft form.

Article. “Changing the Paradigm of Church Discipline: The Contribution of Restorative Justice.” Draft completed.

COURSES TAUGHT

Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI (2001-present)

Present courses:

- Systematic Theology I (M.Div. core course)
- Christian Ethics (M.Div. core course)
- Theology and Its Contexts (Th.M. core seminar)
- Karl Barth: Life and Thought (M.Div. elective)
- 20th c. Theology: Figures and Currents (M.Div. elective)
- War, Peace, and Peacemaking (M.Div. elective)
- Intercultural Immersion (M. Div. core course)

Past courses:

Introduction to Theology and Worship (M.Div. core course)
 Reformed Theologies: Calvin, Edwards, Schleiermacher, Barth (M. Div. elective)
 God and Mammon (M. Div. elective)
 Ecclesiology, Politics, and Economics (M.Div. elective)

Hope College, Holland, MI (2008)

The Sacred and the Profane (May-term; co-taught)

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC (2001)

Reformed Theologies: Calvin, Edwards, Schleiermacher, Barth

Duke University, Durham, NC (2000-2001)

Writing Tutor at the D.U. Writing Studio

Meredith College, Raleigh, NC (1998-2000)

Ethics and the Christian Tradition
 Introduction to Biblical Literature & History

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Academy of Religion. Co-chair of the Christian Systematic Theology Section
 Member, Society of Christian Ethics
 Member, Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship
 Member, Karl Barth Society of North America
 Member, Holland Restorative Circles
 Contributing Editor, *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2012-2009 Member of Special Committee on the Heidelberg Catechism; Office of the General Assembly of the PC(USA).
 Selected as Chair of Translation Sub-Committee.
 Selected as Representative of the PC(USA) in talks with representatives of the CRC(NA) and the RCA.
 Selected as Representative of the Special Committee to the General Assembly, Summer 2012.

2012 Select Ongoing Responsibilities at WTS:
 Chair, Th.M. Degree Committee (2007-present)
 Faculty Liaison to the Board of Trustees (2008-present)
 Faculty Marshal (2011-present)

--- “Changing the Paradigm of Church Discipline: The Contribution of Restorative Justice and Restorative Circles.” Plenary Address at the 2012 Philosophy Conference, *The Politics of Discipleship*. Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI. April 21.

- “The Bronze Serpent and the Cross of Christ.” Presentation to the WTS/Hope Theology Colloquy. March 14.
- Respondent to Richard Bauckham, “The ‘Individualism’ of the Gospel of John.” 2012 Osterhaven Lectures. Western Theological Seminary. January 15.
- 2011 Respondent to Ron Nydam, “Spectrums of Sexualities.” Ryan Ende Memorial Lectures on Human Sexuality. Western Theological Seminary. November 28.
- Presided at the “Jewish Jesus, Cosmic Christ” session of the *Christian Systematic Theology Section*. AAR Annual Meeting.
- 2010 “The Temple and the Protestant Eucharistic Imagination.” Western Theological Seminary/Hope College Theology Colloquy. November 4.
- Visiting Scholar. University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. Researched “Temple and Eucharist” book project. January – July.
- “The Temple and the Protestant Eucharistic Imagination.” University Open Lecture, Department of Theology and Religion. University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. May 20.
- “The Calling and Testing of the People of God: The Theological Structure of Numbers.” Presentation for the Biblical Studies Seminar, Univ. of Otago Department of Theology and Religion. March 19.
- “Jewish Roots and Emerging Expressions of Christian Worship.” Workshop for the Knox Centre for Leadership and Ministry, Dunedin, New Zealand. June 28.
- “The Belhar Confession.” Presentation for the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. Nov. 13.
- “The Heidelberg Translation Project.” Presentation for the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. November 13.
- Presided at the “Unveiling Barth on Revelation” session of the *Christian Systematic Theology Section*. AAR Annual Meeting. November.
- “Being Called to Seminary.” Presentation at the Hope College Seminary Day. October.
- Respondant to the film, “For the Bible Tells Me So.” Park Theatre, Holland, MI. October 1.

- "The Liturgical Year." Guest Lecture in MIN 321 Theology of Music and Worship. Hope College, Holland, MI. November 2010.
- 2009 "From Melting Pot to Patchwork Quilt." Keynote address, for the *Mayor's Round Table for Youth and Adults*. Holland, MI. January.
- Book Review Editor for *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* (2005-2009).
- 2008 Co-taught *The Sacred and the Profane*. Hope College May-term class in England with Brad Richmond, Director of Choral Activities, Hope College.
- "How Do I Know I Am Called to Seminary?" Presentation at the Hope College Seminary Day. October.
- 2007 "The 'Gospels' behind the Arguments for and against Allowing Communion before Baptism." Paper presented to the *Reformed Theology and History Group* of the American Academy of Religion.
- Presided at the "Nature and Grace" session of the *Christian Systematic Theology Section*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. November.
- 2006-2007 Visiting Scholar. St. Mary's College of St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland. Researched *Numbers* commentary.
- 2006 Worship Task Force Member. Presbytery of Lake Michigan.
- "Theological Theses for Sacramental Ethics." Presentation at PC(USA) Sacramental Ethics Initiative meeting, Portland, Oregon. March.
- 2005 Co-drafted Biblical and Theological portions of the report "Invitation to Christ" by the Sacramental Study Group, a group formed by the Office of Theology and Worship of the PC(USA)
- Member of the *PC(USA) Sacramental Study Group*. Office of Theology and Worship (2003-2005).
- "How Do I Know I Am Called to Seminary?" Presentation at Hope College Seminary Day.
- Mentor for *Engineers Without Borders* student chapter at Hope College.
- "The Ethical Life for Scientists and Engineers." Series of Lectures sponsored by the National Science Foundation for Hope College's National Science Foundation Summer Research Program. July 2005.
- Received Wabash Summer Fellowship Grant for Research: "Development of Book Manuscript: Recontextualizing Barth's Gospel of Participation."

- Selected for and Participated in Wabash Center Workshop for Theological School Faculty. July 2004, Jan 2005, July 2005.
- Board of Editors of *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* (2002-2005).
- “A More Profound Alleluia.” Presentation at Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. Grand Rapids, MI. February.
- 2004 “Salvation as Union with Christ.” Open Lecture at Whitworth College, Spokane, WA.
- “The Ethical Life for Scientists and Engineers.” Series of Lectures sponsored by the National Science Foundation for Hope College’s National Science Foundation Summer Research Program. July.
- “Biblical Arguments Concerning Open Table Practice.” Presentation to the *PC(USA) Sacramental Study Group*. Austin, TX. September.
- “Opening Presentation” to the *Sacramental Ethics Initiative* of the PC(USA). San Francisco, CA. Invited to be an ongoing member.
- 2003 Invited member of the colloquy on “Reformed Worship and Reformed Theology: The Reciprocal Relationship.” Institute of Reformed Theology.
- Response to and Panel Discussion of Paper Presented by Robin Klay and John Lunn (Economics, Hope College), “The Providence of God in Relationship to Market Economies and Economic Theory.” Western Theological Seminary.
- “Beyond Orientation.” Presentation and Panel Discussion at the “Beyond Sexuality” Forum, Western Theological Seminary.
- Invited Participant at the “Practicing Theology” Conference. Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT.
- “Dialogue on the Moral Dilemma of War and Peace.” With Allen Verhey (Religion, Hope College), sponsored by Holland Peacemakers. Herrick District Library, Holland, MI.
- “A Tale of Two Churches,” Presentation on the missional identity of the church, with George Hunsinger. Presbytery of Lake Michigan. Sept 9.
- 2002 “Practices, Core Practices, and the Work of the Holy Spirit.” Institute of Reformed Theology Public Lecture. Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI.

- “Exploring Issues of Faith and Vocation in the Technical Professions.” Public Forum and Panel Discussion. Hope College, Holland, MI.
- Participant in the *PC(USA) Catechumenate Study Group*, Office of Theology and Worship.
- 2000 “Trinitarian Causality: In What Ways Should the Triune Nature of God Matter in Discussions of the God-World Relation?” Paper delivered to the *Systematic Theology Group*. AAR Annual Meeting. November.
- 1999 “Sacramental Participation in Christ: Roadblocks and New Paths to Convergence Between Barthian and Palamite Understandings of Participation.” Paper delivered to the *Eastern Orthodoxy* and *Evangelical Theology* Groups. AAR Annual Meeting. November.
- “Thickening Protestant Notions of Divine Action in Sanctification.” Paper delivered to the *Philosophy of Religion and Theology* section of the SECSOR.
- 1998 “The Articulacy and Inarticulacy of Taylorian Selves and Its Implications for Moral Training.” Paper delivered to the *Philosophy of Religion Section*. AAR Annual Meeting. November.
- “Story-shaped Communities and Narrative Truth: Explorations in the Thought of Hans Frei and Recent Responses.” Paper delivered to the *Philosophy of Religion and Theology* section of the SECSOR.

CHURCH RELATED ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

- 2012 Member, Presbytery of Lake Michigan
Member, Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI
Sermons and Worship Leadership, Western Seminary Chapel (2001-present).
Regular Worship Leadership, Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI (2004-present).
- Leading Two-year long “Crossways” Bible overview series for high school students and adults. Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI.
- 2011 “The Calling and Temptations of the People of God.” Two-week series. 1st Reformed Church, Holland, MI
- “How to Read the Bible Ethically.” Three-week series. 3rd Reformed Church, Holland, MI.
- “A Taste of Numbers.” Four-week series. St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, MI.
- “War, Peace, and Peacemaking.” Calvary Reformed Church, Holland, MI.
- “Restorative Circles.” Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI.

- 2009 “The Book of Numbers: The People of God, Their Calling and Temptations.” Four-week series. Christ Memorial Church, Holland, MI. October.
- “How Then Should We Live? Biblical Decision-Making and Ethical Living in a Relativistic World.” Three-week series. Mars Hill Church, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2008 “From Swords to Shalom: War and Peace in the Book of Numbers.” Four-week series. 3rd Reformed Church, Holland, MI.
- Presented a four-week series on N. T. Wright, *Simply Christian*. Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI.
- “Just War, Pacifism, and Just Peacemaking” Two-week series. Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI.
- 2007 Preached at All Saint’s Episcopal Church, St. Andrews, Scotland.
- Preached and led Eucharist at St. Mary’s College Chapel, St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 2006 “John Calvin and his Theology,” Two-week series, First Reformed Church, Grandville, MI.
- “Ethics and Worship.” Three-week series. Trinity Reformed, Grand Rapids, MI.
- “Sacraments and the Christian Life.” Grace Episcopal Church, Holland, MI.
- Member of the *Committee on the Preparation for Ministry*. Lake Michigan Presbytery (2004-2006).
- 2005 “Ancient-Future Faith.” 3-week series. Third Reformed, Holland, MI.
- Developed curriculum and led Affirmation of Faith class and process for high-school students. Crossroads Chapel, Holland, MI.
- 2004 Regular Worship Leadership. Crossroads Chapel, Holland, MI (2001-2004).
- 2003 “United with Christ.” Christ Memorial Church, Holland, MI.
- “A Good Meal is a Glorious Thing.” Sermon at Crossroads Chapel, Holland, MI.

- "Christian Responses to War." Two-week series. Third Reformed, Holland, MI.
- "Christian Responses to War." Two-week series. Central Reformed, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2002 Ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament, PC(USA).
- "Everyday Ethics." Two-week series. Hope Church, Holland, MI.
- "Why Was the Rich Fool Foolish?" Sermon at First Presbyterian Church, Holland, MI.
- 2001 "Ethics of Life & Death." Two-week sermon series. Crosswinds Church, Saugatuck, MI.