

Dennis N. Voskuil

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth: May 21, 1944
Spouse's name: Betty Trahms Voskuil
Children: Derek Christian, Karsten Trahms,
Elizabeth Anne
Citizenship: U.S.A.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin (Madison), B.S., History, 1966 (Honors)
Western Theological Seminary, B.D., 1969
Harvard University, Ph.D., Study of Religion, 1974

POSITIONS AT WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

President, 1994-2008
Marvin and Jerene DeWitt Professor of Church History, 1994-present

POSITIONS AT HOPE COLLEGE

August, 1977, Assistant Professor of Religion
Promoted: May, 1982, Associate Professor of Religion
Tenure: January, 1983
Promoted: January, 1988, Professor of Religion
Chair: The Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professorship (October 1992)
Adjunct: The Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Adjunct Professorship (May, 1994)

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Religion, Western Michigan University, 1975
Teaching Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School, 1972-73

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Pastor, St. John's United Methodist Church, Watertown,
Massachusetts, 1970-73
Pastor, Trinity Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 1974-77
Senior Pastor, Third Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan, 1990-92

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
American Society of Church History (Council Member, 1987-90)
The Conference on Faith and History

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of Wisconsin Academic Scholarship, 1962-63
Honors Graduate, University of Wisconsin, 1966
Osterhaven Graduate School Fellowship, 1969
Harvard University Scholarship, 1969-70
Teaching Fellowship, Harvard University, 1972-74
Charles Warren Thesis Scholarship, Harvard University, 1973-74
Baccalaureate Speaker, Hope College, 1980
Commencement Speaker, Hope College, 1985
H.O.P.E. Award (Hope's Outstanding Professor-Educator), 1981
The Evert J. and Hattie E. Blekkink Professor of Religion, 1992

COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS AT HOPE COLLEGE

Sculpture Review Committee, Chairman, (college), 1978-83
Seminary Liaison (Religion Department), 1978-82
Curriculum Committee (Religion Department), 1978-79
Student Affairs Committee (Religion Department), 1978-80
Secretary (Religion Department), 1981-83
Presidential Advisory Committee, 1980-82, 1984-85
Arts and Humanities Fair Committee, 1981-1982
Committee on the Status of Women at Hope College, 1981-83
Christian Scholar's Review, Liaison from Hope College, 1981-84
Faculty Advisor, Mortar Board, 1979-82
Critical Issues (1982 Committee), 1981-82
Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Hiring, 1983
Board of Trustees, Hope College, 1983-84; 1989-91
Teaching Consultant Group, 1983-87 (Chair 1986-87)
Ad Hoc Committee on Presidential Hiring Procedures, 1984
Provost Search Committee, 1984
Alcohol Abuse Committee, 1984
Chairperson, Department of Religion, 1984-90, 1992-94
Presidential Search Committee, 1985-86
Athletic Committee (Chair and MIAA Representative), 1987-91
Financial Advisory Committee, 1989-91
Hope in the Future: Strategic Planning (sub-committee chair and member of the Steering Committee), 1989-90
Sexual Harrassment Committee, 1992-94
Facilities Planning Steering Committee (Chapel/Performing Arts Facilities), 1992
Critical Issues Symposium Committee, 1993
Appeals and Grievances Panel, 1993-94

OTHER COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Third Reformed Church, Holland, Michigan (member)
Ordained minister in Classis of Holland (RCA)
Campus Ministry Committee, Synod of Michigan, RCA, 1975-1988
Commission on History, RCA, 1983-89
Delegate, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1983-89
Ad Hoc Committee on Ecclesiastical Office and Ministry, Chair, RCA, 1985-89
Committee on Publications, Western Theological Seminary, 1987-

Theological Commission, RCA, 1989-92
Scholar-Educator Group, Lilly Foundation, 1997-2002
Leadership Advisory Team, RCA, 1998-
Ministerial Formation Coordinating Agency, ex officio, RCA, 1999-
DePree Leadership Center (Fuller Theological Seminary) Mentoring Task Force

GRANTS

Lilly Foundation Summer Grant (\$1050), 1978, for research and writing—"Walter Marshall Horton: The Morphology of a Neo-Orthodox Conversion Experience."
Lilly Foundation Summer Grant (\$1000), 1979, for researching and outlining a monograph on American Neo-Orthodoxy.
Reimold Summer Grant (\$950), 1980, for researching and writing a book on the ministry of Robert Schuller.
Wilson Summer Grant (\$1030), 1981, for completing and rewriting the manuscript, "Robert Schuller and the Gospel of Success."
Reimold Summer Grant (\$500), 1982, "Piety and Patriotism: Civil Religion in the Reformed Church."
Wilson Summer Grant (\$1000), 1983, "Piety and Patriotism: Civil Religion in the Reformed Church."
Northrup Fellowship (\$1200), Summer, 1984, "The Emergence of American Neo-Orthodoxy."
Exxon Grant for Internationalizing the Curriculum, (\$2700), Summer 1985, "Islam and Coptic Christianity, Bamako, Mali and Cairo, Egypt."
Northrup Fellowship (\$1300), Summer, 1986, "An Anthology of American Neo-Orthodoxy."
Brookstra Travel Grant (\$2400), Summer, 1988, "A Thousand Years of Christianity in Russia."
Knight Fellowship (\$1800), Summer, 1990, "Positive Thinkers in American Religion."

PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation Abstract, "From Liberalism to Neo-Orthodoxy: The History of a Theological Transition, 1925-1939," *Harvard Theological Review*, 67 (October, 1974), pp. 478-79.
"Let's Not Forget the Covenant," *The Church Herald*, 33 (March 19, 1976), pp. 35-38.
"The Emergence of American Neo-Orthodoxy," *Reformed Review*, 30 (Fall, 1976), pp. 478-79.
Book review, James Van Hoeven, ed., *Piety and Patriotism*, *Reformed Review*, 30 (Winter, 1977), pp. 143, 146.
Study Guide for History and Theology cycle of the "Heritage and Hope" curriculum (with Betty Trahms Voskuil), *Reformed Church in America*, 1978.
Study Guide for Worship cycle of the "Heritage and Hope" curriculum (with Betty Trahms Voskuil), *Reformed Church in America*, 1979.

- "America Encounters Karl Barth, 1919-1939," *Fides et Historia*, Vol. XII (Spring, 1980), pp. 61-74.
- "Crisis in the Ministry," *The Church Herald*, Vol. XXXVII (June 11, 1980), pp. 16-17.
- "Mountains into Goldmines: Robert Schuller's Gospel of Success," *Reformed Journal*, Vol. 31 (May, 1981), pp. 8-14.
- "The Theology of Self-Esteem: An Analysis" in Craig W. Ellison, ed., *Your Better Self: Christianity, Psychology, and Self-Esteem* (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1983), pp. 50-59.
- Mountains into Goldmines: Robert Schuller and the Gospel of Success*, Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1983.
- Book Review, Herbert Schlossberg, *Idols for Destruction: Christian Faith and Its Confrontation with American Society*, *Church History*, Vol. 53 (December, 1984), pp. 566-67.
- "American Protestant Neo-Orthodoxy and Its Search for Realism," *Ultimate Reality and Meaning*, Vol. 8 (Dec. 1985), pp. 277-87.
- "Neo-Orthodoxy" in *Reformed Theology in America*, ed. David Wells (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1985), pp. 246-62.
- "The Reformed Roots of American Neo-Orthodoxy," *Reformed Review*, Vol. 39 (Spring, 1986), pp. 271-280.
- Book Review of *Harry Emerson Fosdick*, Robert Moats Miller, *Church History*, Vol. 55 (June, 1986), pp. 248-49.
- "Piety and Patriotism: Reformed Theology and Civil Religion," in *Word and World: Reformed Theology in America*, edited by James W. Van Hoeven (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986), pp. 119-139, 158-61.
- "Individualism and Evangelism in America," *Reformed Review*, Vol. 41 (Autumn, 1987), pp. 21-28.
- "The Demonic in the Thought of Reinhold Niebuhr," *Perspectives*, Vol. 3 (March, 1988), pp. 4-5.
- "Neo-Orthodoxy," in *Encyclopedia of the American Religious Experience*, Vol. III, edited by Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1988), pp. 1147-57.
- "Robert H. Schuller," in *Twentieth Century Shapers of American Popular Religion*, edited by Charles H. Lippy (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1989), pp. 364-71.
- "Reaching Out: Mainline Protestantism and the Media," in *Between the Times: The Travail of the Protestant Establishment in America, 1900-1960*, edited by William R. Hutchison (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1989), pp. 72-92.
- "The Power of the Air: Evangelicals and the Rise of Religious Broadcasting," Quentin Schultze, ed., *American Evangelicals and the Mass Media: Perspectives on the Relationship Between American Evangelicals and the Mass Media* (Grand Rapids, MI: Academie, 1990), pp. 69-95.

- "William Adams Brown," "Walter Marshall Horton," "Norman Vincent Peale," "Robert Harold Schuller," in *Encyclopedia of Reformed Faith*, ed. By Donald D. McKim (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992), pp. 40, 180-81, 274, and 342-343.
- "Loving a Hungry World," *The Church Herald*, Vol. 49 (November, 1992), pp. 26-29.
- "Divided We Fall," *The Church Herald*, Vol. 50 (October, 1993), pp. 22-25.
- "Creative Tensions in Theological Education," *Perspectives*, Vol. 9, No. 8 (October, 1994), pp. 13-14.
- "Strangers in Their Own Land: Calvinists in an Arminian Culture," in *Rethinking Secularization: Reformed Reactions to Modernity*, edited by Gerard Dekker, Donald Luidens, and Rodger R. Rice, New York: University Press of America, Inc., 1997.
- Book review of *A Cautious Patriotism: The American Churches and the Second World War*, Gerald L. Sittser, *Perspectives*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (February, 1998), p. 23.
- "Christian Leadership: A Seminary President's Perspective," *APEC Advocate*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (February, 1999), p. 10.
- "A Community of Fools," *Perspectives*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (February, 1999).
- "Beyond Modernism: The Emergence of American Neo-Orthodoxy," unpublished book-length manuscript.
- "The Hospitable Seminary," *Reformed Review*, Vol. 57, No. 2 (Winter, 2003-04), pp. 1-9
- "The Vexed Question: Hope College and Theological Education in the West," in *A Goodly Heritage: Essays in Honor of the Reverend Dr. Elton J. Bruins at Eighty*, edited by Jacob E. Nyenhuis, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2007
- "When East Meets West: Theological Education and the Unity of the Reformed Church in America," in *Tools for Understanding: Essays in Honor of Donald Bruggink*, edited by James Hart Brumm, Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2008, pages 201-228.

