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FORMAL EDUCATION

- 2007 PhD, Religion (Person, Community and Religious Life) Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Concentration in Religious Practices and Practical Theology; Certificate in Human Rights
- 2002 ThM, History and Theology Union-PSCE, Richmond, VA
- 2000 MDiv, MA (Christian Education) Union-PSCE, Richmond, VA
- 1994 BA, Political Science University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Present Associate Professor of Religious Education Candler School of Theology
Faculty, Graduate Division of Religion Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Director of the Program in Religious Education
- 2011-2016 Assistant Professor of Religious Education Candler School of Theology
Faculty, Graduate Division of Religion (2013) Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Director of the Program in Religious Education
- 2007-2011 Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics McCormick Theological Seminary
Chicago, IL

ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS

- Teaching Elder, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “Cultivating the ‘Unquiet Heart’: Ecology, Education, and Christian Faith,” in *Theology Today*, April 2017.
Guest Editor, *Liturgy* (Vol, 32, No. 2, February 2017), issue on “Liturgy and Food Culture.”
- “Learning on the Ground: Ecology, Engagement, and Embodiment,” in *Teaching Theology and Religion*, July 2014.
- The Church and Social Issues*. Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding. Donald K. McKim, ed.
Louisville, KY: PC(USA) Congregational Ministries Publishing, 2014.
- Good Food: Grounded Practical Theology*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2013.
- “Lives Worth Living: Religious Education and Social Movements,” in *Religious Education*, October 2013.
- Waiting for a Glacier to Move: Practicing Social Witness*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2011.

GRANTS AWARDED

- 2014-2016 Louisville Institute Collaborative Research Grant: “Cultivating Ecological Faith”
- 2014-2015 Emory University Research Committee Grant

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- 2016 “Cultivating the ‘Unquiet Heart’: Ecology, Education, and Christian Faith,” Candler School of
Theology Unfinished Worlds Conference, Atlanta, GA
- “Cultivating Resilient Faith: Theology and Education for an Ecological Age,” Columbia
Theological Seminary Forum Series, Decatur, GA
- 2015 “Come to the Table: Faith and Our Food System,” Christian Brothers University and Memphis
Center for Food and Faith, Memphis, TN