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POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy: King's College London (U.K.), 1994
- Master of Theology: Regent College, Vancouver, 1986
- Master of Divinity: Grace Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, 1980
- Bachelor of Religious Education: Providence College, Winnipeg, 1975

CURRENT APPOINTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Professor of Christian Thought, McGill University
- Research member, Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR)
- *Great Theologians* Series Editor, with John Webster and Trevor Hart (Ashgate)
- Editorial Board member, *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (Blackwell)
- Project Director, Pluralism, Religion & Public Policy
- Consultant, Institute for the Study of Marriage, Law and Culture

PREVIOUS TEACHING POSTS

- Lecturer in Theology (1994-1997), King's College London
- Research and Teaching Fellow (1992-94), Regent College, Vancouver

PUBLICATIONS

♣ Books

Author

- *The Word of Truth and Disputes about Words*. Eisenbrauns 1987 (234 pp.)

A theological consideration of the function of scripture as an authority for Christian faith and ecclesial communities, in which an attempt is made to offer a hermeneutical resolution to an unnecessarily polarized debate among traditional protestants.

- *Ascension and Ecclesia: On the significance of the doctrine of the ascension for ecclesiology and Christian cosmology.* T. & T. Clark/Eerdmans 1999 (xi + 340 pp.)

The first major treatise on the subject since the 19th century, and the first ever to explore its relation to the history of ideas. Described by Professor Ellen Charry of Princeton Theological Seminary as ‘nothing less than a theological breakthrough’, *Ascension and Ecclesia* was winner of the Canadian Christian Writing Award for 2000 in the theological/cultural criticism category. It is also published in a searchable electronic version by Logos Bible Software, Theology and Doctrine Collection, 2007.

- *Nation of Bastards: Essays on the End of Marriage.* BPS Books 2007 (132 pp.)

A theopolitical work, including both scholarly and journalistic pieces, examining the history and implications, especially for political freedom, of the loss of marriage as an institution fundamental to Canadian society. Attention is also paid to the problem of secularism and to a positive interpretation of marriage. *Nation of Bastards* was given a 2008 Word Guild Award.

- *Ascension Theology.* T & T Clark 2011 (192 pp.)

This book revises and extends the line of thought in *Ascension and Ecclesia*, further treating eucharistic theology, the heavenly session with its earthly ramifications, and eschatology. While intended for a broad ecumenical readership, it is nonetheless described by one scholarly reviewer as ‘an absolutely first-rate addition to the body of Catholic systematics’.

Editor & Contributing Author

- *Recognizing Religion in a Secular Society: Essays in Pluralism, Religion and Public Policy.* McGill-Queen’s University Press 2004 (xx + 201 pp.)

A volume of essays in law, bioethics, politics and religion by leading theorists and practitioners, including HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal and Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin. *Recognizing Religion* has provided required or recommended reading for political science courses at McGill and elsewhere.

Co-editor & Contributing Author

- *Divorcing Marriage: Unveiling the Dangers in Canada’s New Social Experiment* McGill-Queen’s University Press 2004 (xii + 193 pp.)

A volume of essays on the contemporary debate about re-defining marriage, in cooperation with Daniel Cere, director of the Institute for the Study of Marriage, Law and Culture, and several prominent law and culture critics. *Divorcing Marriage* was for a time on the Amazon.ca top 20 list.

- *Le Mariage Attaqué* Editions des oliviers 2005 (xvi + 204 pp.)

Co-edited with Daniel Cere, Jacques Henripin, and Ernest Caparros, containing a translation of *Divorcing Marriage* and contributions from Claude Ryan and Professor Henripin.

Co-editor: ‘Great Theologians’ Series

- *Thomas Aquinas: Theologian of the Christian Life.* Nicholas M. Healy (Ashgate 2003)
- *Karl Barth: Theologian of Christian Witness.* Joseph L. Mangina (Ashgate 2004)
- *Anselm: The Beauty of Theology.* David S. Hogg (Ashgate 2004)
- *Athanasius: A Theological Introduction.* Thomas G. Weinandy (Ashgate 2007)

- *John Owen: Reformed Catholic, Renaissance Man.* Carl R. Trueman (Ashgate 2007)
- *Thomas F. Torrance: Theologian of the Trinity.* Paul D. Molnar (Ashgate 2009)

Contributing Author

- *A Matter of Conscience.* John Haas, Douglas Farrow, Maria Kraw, and François Pouliot. Justin Press 2009 (117 pp.)

These essays deal with historical, practical and theological aspects of the defence of rights of conscience. They originated in the first annual meeting of the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians' Societies.

- *Canadian Converts: The path to Rome.* Conrad Black, Kathy Clark, Douglas Farrow, *et al.* Justin Press 2009 (286 pp.)

The first collection of conversion stories in Canadian literature.

♣ Journal Articles & Book Chapters

'Showdown: The Message of 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 and the Riddle of the Restrainer'
Crux 25.1, 1989, 23-26

'On the Sterility of Sexual Theology'
Crux 29.1, 1993, 33-36

'St. Irenaeus of Lyons: The Church and the World'
Pro Ecclesia 4.3, 1995, 333-355

'In the End is the Beginning: A Review of Jürgen Moltmann's Systematic Contributions'
Modern Theology 14.3, 1998, 425-447

'The Doctrine of the Ascension in Irenaeus and Origen'
ARC 26, 1998, 31-50 (Presented to the Patristics & Byzantine Society, Oxford)

'A Response to Robert Jenson's Systematic Theology'
International Journal of Systematic Theology 1.1, 1999, 89-95

'Eucharist, Eschatology, and Ethics'
The Future as God's Gift, ed. D. Fergusson & M. Sarot, T. & T. Clark 2000, 199-215

'Karl Barth on the Ascension'
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'Is Theological Education Possible?'
Pro Ecclesia 9.4, 2000, 404-413

'A Modest Proposal for Improving Darwin's Dangerous Idea'
The Newman Rambler 4.2, 2000, 26-32 *

'Between the Rock and a Hard Place: In Support of (something like) a Reformed View of the Eucharist': *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 3.2, 2001, 167-186

Also in: *Reformed Theology: Identity and Ecumenicity*, ed. Wallace M. Alston Jr. and Michael Welker (Eerdmans 2003), 351-371

'Confessing Christ Coming'
Nicene Christianity, ed. C. Seitz (Brazos Press 2001), 133-148

'Ascension and Atonement'

The Theology of Reconciliation, ed. C. Gunton (T. & T. Clark/Continuum 2003), 67-91

'Three Meanings of Secular'

First Things, no. 133, May 2003, 20-23

'Beyond Nature, Shy of Grace'

International Journal of Systematic Theology 5.3, 2003, 261-286

'Of Secularity and Civil Religion'

Recognizing Religion in a Secular Society, ed. D. Farrow (McGill-Queen's 2004) 140-182

'Canada's Romantic Mistake'

Divorcing Marriage, ed. D. Cere and D. Farrow (McGill-Queen's 2004) 1-6

'Rights and Recognition'

Divorcing Marriage, ed. D. Cere and D. Farrow (McGill-Queen's 2004) 97-119

'Facing Reality'

Divorcing Marriage, ed. D. Cere and D. Farrow (McGill-Queen's 2004) 155-173

'Person and Nature: A Critique of the Necessity-Freedom Dialectic in John Zizioulas'

The Person of Christ, ed. M. Rae & S. Holmes (T. & T. Clark/Continuum 2005) 87-104

Also in: *The Theology of John Zizioulas: Personhood and the Church*,
ed. Douglas Knight (Ashgate 2007)

'À quel sécularisme nous vouer?'

La Religion dans la sphère publique

ed. Solange LeFebvre (Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal 2005) 329-354

'Resurrection and Immortality'

The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology, chap. 12 (212-235)

ed. John Webster, Kathryn Tanner, Iain Torrance (Oxford University Press 2007)

'Church, Ecumenism, and Eschatology'

The Oxford Handbook of Eschatology, chap. 19 (347-364)

ed. Jerry Walls (Oxford University Press, 2007)

'Melchizedek and Modernity'

The Epistle to the Hebrews and Christian Theology

ed. R. J. Bauckham, D. R. Driver, T. A. Hart, N. MacDonald (Eerdmans 2009) 281-301

'Charity and Unity' (analysis of *Caritas in veritate*)

First Things, October 2009, 37-40

'Are you Catholic?'

in Conrad Black, Kathy Clark, et al., *Canadian Converts: The path to Rome* (Justin Press 2009) 59-109

'Doctors without borders: excising the conscience, emasculating medicine'

A Matter of Conscience (Justin Press 2009) 36-74

'The Audacity of the State'

Touchstone 23.1 (January/February 2010) 28-35

'Baking Bricks for Babel?'

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'The (Lost) Idea of the University'

forthcoming in *Nova et Vetera* 9.1 (2011)

♣ Dictionary and Encyclopaedia Articles

'Apophatic Theology'

Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, 4th ed., vol 1. (J. C. B. Mohr 1998)

Also in: *Religion Past and Present*, vol. 1 (Brill 2006): Encyclopedia of Theology and Religion
Ed. Hans Dieter Betz, Don S. Browning, Bernd Janowski and Eberhard Jüngel

'Henosis'

Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, 4th ed., vol 2. (J. C. B. Mohr 1999)

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'Irenaeus of Lyons'

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'The Fall'

Oxford Companion to Christian Thought, ed. A. Hastings, et al. (2000), 233-235

'Heaven' (Christian tradition: Catholicism)

Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, 4th ed., vol 3. (J. C. B. Mohr 2000)

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'Ascension of Jesus Christ' (Catholic Theology)

Die Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart, 4th ed., vol 3. (J. C. B. Mohr 2000)

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'Doctrine of the Church'

Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible
ed. Kevin Vanhoozer (Baker Academic 2005) 115-119

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Religious Studies, 31.4, 1995, 542-544

Thomas Weinandy's *The Father's Spirit of Sonship*
The Expository Times 107.7, 1996, 220

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- Griffiths, Paul J. 'The Very Idea of Religion.' *First Things*, May 2000, 30-35.
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- Jamros, Daniel P. 'Hegel on the Incarnation: Unique or Universal?' *TS* 56, 1995, 276-300
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- Woodhead, Linda. 'Spiritualising the Sacred: A Critique of Feminist Theology.' *MT* 13.2, 1997, 191-212
- Yeago, David S. 'Martin Luther on Grace, Law, and Moral Life: Prolegomena to an Ecumenical Discussion of *Veritatis Splendor*.' *Thomist* 62.2, 1998, 163-191

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♣ Web Publications

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- *Different Gods*, 6 June 2004
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- *Why and How Canadians Should Refuse to Recognize C-38*, 29 June 2005
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♣ Comment Articles

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- *Sexual politics and language*, National Post, 31 August 2001
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- *Let's have a responsible vote on same-sex marriage*. National Post, 17 June 2006.
- *The Marriage Trap*, Western Standard, 12 February 2007, 29-30
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