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Education

Ph.D. The Divinity School, The University of Chicago (12/'83)
M.Div. The Chicago Theological Seminary (6/'73)
B.A. Boston University - College of Liberal Arts (5/'69)

Dissertation

“On the Soteriological Significance of the Symbol of the Kingdom of God in the Language of the Historical Jesus”

Adviser: Prof. Paul Ricoeur

M.Div. Thesis

“Language and the New Headnotes: A Shift from Rudolf Bultmann Perceived from the Philosophy of Martin Heidegger”

Advisers: Profs. Theodore Jennings and Robin Scroggs

Honors

2012 Corresponding Member of Prof. Otfried Höffe's *Forschungsstelle Politische Philosophie* at the Eberhard-Karl University in Tübingen
2008 Volkswagen Foundation funding for translation of *Lebenskunst und Moral oder Macht Tugend Glücklich?*
2008 Lawrence D. Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship at Willamette University
2006 Wissenschaftlicher Preis (Forschungsinstitut für Philosophie - Hannover): “Braucht Werterziehung Religion?” (2,000 Euro third prize)
2005-2011 Executive Secretary of Pacific Northwest Region of AAR/SBL/ASOR and member of the national Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion; serving on Regions Task Force Committee
2004-2005 President of Pacific Northwest Region of AAR/SBL/ASOR
2003 Teaching Excellence Achievement Award at Willamette University
2002 Willamette University Release Study Time Grant Recipient (Fall Semester)
1998 John Templeton Foundation Science and Religion Course winner
1992 - 1993 Fulbright Research Scholar (Tübingen, Germany)
1991 Oregon Council for the Humanities Summer Fellowship Recipient
Ten time Atkinson Summer Grant recipient at Willamette University
1990 Panhellenic “Professor of the Year” at Willamette University
1987 Greensboro College Sesquicentennial Scholar
“1984 Outstanding Faculty Award” at Greensboro College
M.Div. awarded summa cum laude
Phi Alpha Theta at Boston University

<u>Foreign Language and Study Abroad</u>	
2015	As of August living in Tübingen, Germany
2014	January, February, June, July in Tübingen – Research, Writing
2012	June, July, August in Tübingen – Research, Writing
2011	June, July, August in Tübingen – Research, Writing
2010	Meßkirch, Germany, Seminar on Heidegger and National Socialism, June 16-18
2007	May – August in Tübingen translating <i>Lebenskunst und Moral oder Macht Tugen Glückliche?</i>
2006-2007	Sabbatical year at the Eberhard Karl's University in Tübingen, Germany
1997 - 1998	Sabbatical year at the Eberhard Karl's University in Tübingen, Germany
1992 - 1993	Fulbright Research Grant at the Institut für Spätmittelalter und Reformation in Tübingen, Germany
1987 - 1988	Research at the University of Constance in Germany
1985	Summer in Tübingen, Germany
1979 - 1983	Researched and wrote the Ph.D. dissertation in Tübingen, Germany
Fall of 1989	Goethe Institut (Mittelsstufe II) in Göttingen, Germany
1978 and 1979	German Summer Language School at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont
Fluent in German	

Research Interests

Non-Sectarian Religious Studies; Spirit in supersensible sense, not mysticism; Kant's philosophical theology and practical reason (moral theory); contemporary hermeneutic theory; post-metaphysical thought; Classical Greek religions and philosophy; history of Early Christian thought; 18th, 19th and 20th century German biblical, philosophical, and systematic theology.

Current Projects

Manuscript Completed: *Theology and Revolution – The 1839 Zurich Revolution: A Reader in the History of Theology for the Theology of History*

Manuscript Completed: *Promoting Life: Animism and Ancestor Veneration in a Cybernetic Age*

Manuscript Completed: Dialogues presenting Kant's Philosophical Theology as an Interreligious Project – *Religion? Naturally, but Above Nature!*

Manuscript in Process: *No Choice but Freedom: On the Moral Compass of Sustainability, Social Justice, and Cosmopolitanism*

Publications

Books:

The Human Spirit: Groundwork, co-authored with James R. Cochrane, Emeritus Professor, The University of Cape Town (Stellenbosch: AFRICAN SUN MeDIA under the SUN PReSS imprint, 2017)

Translation of Otfried Höffe's *Lebenskunst und Moral oder Macht Tugend Glückliche? (Can Virtue Make Us Happy? The Art of Living and Morality)* Northwestern University Press (Spring 2010)

Religion Before Dogma: Groundwork in Practical Theology (New York. T&T Clark International, 2006) [actually, January 2007]

From Biblical Interpretation to Human Transformation: Reopening the Past to Actualize New Possibilities for the Future. A Festschrift Honoring Herman C. Waetjen, ed. By Douglas R. McGaughey and David Waetjen (Salem, OR: Chora-Strangers, 2006)

Christianity for the Third Millennium: Faith in an Age of Fundamentalism and Skepticism (International Scholars Publications, 1998) [Paperback revised edition 2001]

Strangers and Pilgrims: On the Role of Aporiai in Theology (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter & Co., 1997)

Articles:

“Freedom on This and the Other Side of Kant” *Natur und Freiheit, Akten des XII. Internationalen Kant-Kongresses*, hrsrg. v. Violetta L. Waibel, Margit Ruffing und David Wagner (Berlin/Boston, 2018: 1959-1966 – Proceedings of the International Kant Society Meeting at the University of Vienna, Austria (September 21-25, 2015)

„What is Enlightenment? A Response to Balcomb’s Call for a Retrieval of ‚Participation’” in the *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa* (December 2013): 50-72

„Historical and Pure Religion: A Response to Stephen Palmquist“ in *The Journal of Religion* 93/2 (April 2013): 151-176

“Kants theologischer Kontext” in *Immanuel Kant: Die Religion innerhalb der Grenzen der bloßen Vernunft*, Otfried Höffe ed. (Berlin: Akademie Verlag, 2010): 271-282

“Freedom of Expression” in *The Role of Freedom of Expression in a Multicultural and Democratic Society* (Salem, OR: Willamette University, 2008): 149-168

“Über die Rolle der Religion in der moralischen Entwicklung” in *Braucht Werterziehung Religion?*, Hans Joas, ed. (Göttingen: Wallstein Verlag, 2007): 101-135

“Kant on Religion and Science: Independence or Integration?” in *Zygon: Journal for Religion and Science*, 41/3 (September 2006): 727-746

“More than Right: A Theological Contribution to a Discussion of Cultural Pluralism” in *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, 104 (July 1999): 69-73.

“Coming to Terms with Darwin and the 19th Century Paradigm Revolution” in *The Willamette Journal of the Liberal Arts*, 6 (Fall 1991): 65-90.

“Ricoeur’s Metaphor Theory as a Foundation for a Theory of Symbol” in *Religious Studies*, 24 (December 1988): 415-437.

“Through Myth to Imagination: On the Collapse of the Separation Between Myth and History” in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, LVI/1 (Spring, 1988): 51-76.

“The Paradox of a Theologian - Weltanschauungen and Conviction: The Problem of Evil” in *Explorations: Journal for Adventurous Thought*, 4/2 (Winter, 1985/86): 39-58.

“Husserl and Heidegger on Plato’s Cave Allegory: A Study in Philosophical Influence” in *The International Philosophical Quarterly*, 16/3 (Sept. 1976): 331-348.

Book Review:

Kevin J. Vanhoozer *Biblical Narrative in the Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur: A Study in Hermeneutics and Theology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990) in *Religious Studies*, 27/3 (September 1991): 426-428.

Articles on the Internet:

On Critical Idealism Web Site
(<http://www.criticalidealism.org>):

On the Pacific Coast Theological Society (GTU, Berkeley, CA) Web Site
(<http://www.pcts.org/pastprograms.html>):

Paper Presentations

“Religion and Morality” presented at the conference “Moral and Ethical Frameworks and Performances in Religion” sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Cape Town, 27 February – 1 March 2019

“Yes, God is Necessary to be Good!” (On the presupposition of God for Kant’s notions of Autonomous Freedom, Categorical Necessity, and Hypothetical Necessity) presented at the Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies, Ioannou Centre, Oxford (August 2, 2018)

“The Petri Dish Only Confirms that Kant was Correct: Or Technical, Teleological, and Practical ‘Purposiveness’ in Science and Morality” at the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion Conference at St. Anne’s College Oxford (July 19, 2017)

Day-Long “Freedom Day” Workshop for Leading Causes of Life Fellows at the Community Development Resource Association in Cape Town. Themes: Freedom, Dignity, Culture, and Spirit, 27 April 2017

“Religion and the Limits to Reason, with a note on Kant’s Purported Racism” at the Theology Faculty of Stellenbosch University, 25 April 2017

“Conditions of Possibility: Reason and Enlightenment” at the Theology Faculty of Stellenbosch University, 25 April 2017

“With Feeling: Does Reason Suppress Feeling? On the central function of Feeling in Kant’s Notion of Reason” in the Philosophy Department of Stellenbosch University, 24 April, 2017

Leading Causes of Life Fellows Session Leader (Cape Town) and colloquia on Kant’s “racism,” freedom and religion in Kant, and Kant on natural, civic, and moral law (his philosophy of history, political and cosmopolitan philosophy, and pedagogy) at Stellenbosch University and the University of Cape Town, October 18 – 28, 2015

“Freedom on This and the Other Side of Kant” at the International Kant Society Meeting at the University of Vienna, Austria, September 21-25, 2015

“Intellectual Autobiography” Keynote Address at the Pacific Coast Theological Society Meeting in Berkeley, CA, April 17, 2015

“Studying Religion: More and Less than Mapping Territories” at the Pacific Coast Theological Society Meeting in Berkeley, CA, April 17, 2015

Paper Respondent: "History and Faith: A Response to Andrew Porter's 'Christianity in History, Then and Now'" at the Pacific Coast Theological Society Meeting in Berkeley, CA, November 7, 2014

"Divine Intervention: Undeniable – But What Difference Does It Make?" at the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion Conference at St. Anne's College Oxford (July 13-17, 2014)

"Religious Studies as a Non-Sectarian Discipline That Respects Religious Confessions" at the PNW regional AAR/SBL/ASOR meeting at the University of Calgary (May 9-11, 2014)

"What is 'Radical Evil'? A reading of Ricoeur on Kant and Religion" at the Society for Ricoeur Studies at the University of Oregon, October 27, 2013

Consultant for the consultation group "Leading Causes of Life Initiative II" at the Graylyn International Conference Center of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC, May 25-29, 2013

"Höffe's Cosmopolitanism: A Critique of Habermas" at the symposium celebrating Otfried Höffe's 70th birthday at the University of Pécs in Pécs, Hungary, May 12-14, 2013

"Spirit, Dignity, and Healthworld Transformation" in the session "Spiritual Capacities, Causes of Life, and Public Health: Religion as an Asset in the Context of Male Violence" sponsored by the International Development and Religion Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group at the national AAR Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012

"Theodicy, Skepticism, and Superstition in the Enlightenment" in the session "Leibniz and His Legacy in the Philosophy of Religion" sponsored by the Philosophy of Religion Section at the national AAR Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, November 17, 2012

"A Hermeneutics of Disclosure and Justice: A Reading of Herman Waetjen's *The Letter to the Romans: Salvation as Justice and the Deconstruction of the Law* at the Pacific Coast Theological Society Meeting in Berkeley, CA, November 2, 2012

"Persons and Their Minds: Höffe's Action Theory and Differentiation Between Dogmatic and Methodological Determinism" at the conference Persons and Their Brains sponsored by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at St. Anne's College, Oxford, July 12, 2012

"Morality in Spite of Interest: Absolute Principles Grounded in Skepticism's Necessities or Re-examining Evolution and Epigenesis" at the conference The Evolution of Morality and the Morality of Evolution sponsored by the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion at St. Anne's College, Oxford, July 10, 2011

Respondent to Wendy Farley's *Gathering Those Driven Away: A Theology of Incarnation* at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL/ASOR at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA, May 14, 2011

"Kant's Theological Context: A Sampling" at Victoria, BC, PNW regional meeting of the AAR, SBL, and ASOR (May 10, 2010)

"Kants theologischer Kontext: Eine Stichprobe" (paper presented in German) at Tübingen conference (invitation only) on Kant's *Religion within the Boundaries of mere Reason* (February 10-12, 2010)

"Causality as Construction: Spirit Matters" at Stellenbosch University (South Africa), June 23, 2009, as part of the joint Conference of Academic Societies in the Fields of Religion and Theology, June 22-26, 2009

- “On the Unity of Personhood” at Baptist University in Hong Kong, May 21, 2009, as part of the “Kant in Asia: The Unity of Human Personhood,” May 20-23, 2009
- “Design: A Heuristic Strategy, not Metaphysical Doctrine” at the Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion in Oxford University, July 11, 2008, as part of the conference “God, Nature, and Design: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” July 10-13, 2008, at St. Anne’s College
- “Die unvollendete kopernikanische Wende und die Grenzen der sozialen Konstruktion der Realität” in Prof. Otfried Höffe’s Oberseminar at the Eberhard-Karls University in Tübingen, Germany, May 12, 2007
- “The Incomplete Copernican Revolution: On the Limits to Social Construction of Reality” at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL/ASOR at Lethbridge University, Lethbridge, AB, Canada, May 5, 2007
- “Christianity, Morality, and the End of All Things: Kant and the Incarnation” at the Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology V conference in Leuven, Belgium, November 2-5, 2005
- Presidential Address: “On the Death of Morality” at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL/ASOR at Seattle University, Seattle, WA: April 29, 2005
- “Kant on Religion and Science: Independence or Integration?” in the Interreligious Dialogue with the Natural Sciences section at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL/ASOR at Seattle University, Seattle, WA: April 29, 2005
- “Logical Positivism and Continental Philosophy: Some Theological Consequences from Examining Their Common Roots in Neo-Kantianism” at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL/ASOR at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC: May 7, 2004
- “Everything After Kant Depends Upon the Imagination” at the Pacific Coast Theological Society Meeting at the GTU in Berkeley, CA: April 16, 2004
- “Autobiography” at the Pacific Coast Theological Society Meeting at the GTU in Berkeley, CA: November 1, 2002
- “Action Situates” at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL at the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR: May 5, 2002
- “Beyond Actuality to Possibilities: Religion and Science as an Odyssey of Faith Seeking Understanding” at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, CA: May 11, 2001
- “History and Faith: On the Relationship Between Fact and Possibilities” at the Pacific Coast Theological Society Meeting at the GTU in Berkeley, CA: April 20, 2001
- “On the Oneness of God” at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL at Gonzaga Univ. in Spokane, WA: April 28, 2000
- “Heidegger’s Ontological Difference in Light of Aristotle’s Dynamis and Energeia: Some Theological Implications” at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the AAR/SBL: May 9, 1999
- “If Heidegger is a Re-Reading of Aristotle, Why Bother?” at St. Xavier University, Chicago, Ill.: April 21, 1999
- Co-Chair of the Religious Plurality and Identity in Civil Society workshop and paper presenter at the academic conference in Cape Town, SA, planning the February, 1999, conference “Multi-Event 1999: Religion in the Making of Cultural Values and Public Policy.” Paper title:

- “More than Right: A Theological Contribution to a Discussion of Cultural Pluralism,” Cape Town, SA: September 30 - October 2, 1998
- “Spirit (Not Mysticism) in an Age of Fundamentalism and Materialistic Skepticism” at the Brain, Soul, and Moral Agency workshop sponsored by the Berkeley Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences and the John Templeton Foundation at George Fox University in Newburg, Oregon: September 19, 1998
- Respondent: Prof. William Spohn, “Can We Replace Ethics with Spirituality?” Pacific Coast Theological Society meeting at the GTU in Berkeley, CA: April 12, 1996
- Respondent: Prof. John Quiring, “Ideological Polarization, Communitarianism, and Process Thought” at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting in Seattle, WA: April 4, 1996
- “Reason and Faith: A Post-Metaphysical Option” at the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Lacey, Washington: April 27, 1995
- “Faith in a Post-Metaphysical Context” at the Pacific Coast Theological Society meeting held at the GTU in Berkeley, CA: March 31, 1995
- “On Non-Foundationalist Spirituality: The People of God as an Odyssey of Faith Seeking Understanding” at the 4th Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas held at Karl-Franzens University in Graz, Austria: August 22-27, 1994.
- “David Friedrich Strauss and the 1839 Revolution in Zürich” at the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon: April 30, 1994
- “Alois Emanuel Biedermann: Revolution und Theologie im 19. Jahrhundert” at the Evangelische-Methodistisches Seminar in Reutlingen: July 8, 1993
- “Alois Emanuel Biedermann: A 19th Century Post-Modern Theologian” at the Institut zur Erforschung des Urchristentums at the University in Tübingen: June 21, 1993
- “Glaube in der Schrift oder an die Schrift? Geist, Vernunft und Vorstellung bei Alois Emanuel Biedermann” at the Institut für Spätmittelalter und Reformation at the University in Tübingen: January 22, 1993
- “George Lindbeck’s Cultural-Linguistic Theological Model: A New Heteronomy” at the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Walla Walla, Washington: May 2, 1992
- “Strangers and Pilgrims: An Introduction to Aporetic Theology” at the University of Oregon Religious Studies Department/ Oregon Council for the Humanities: February 11, 1992
- “Strangers and Pilgrims: Theology and Paradox” at the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington: May 3, 1991
- “Science and Religion: Beyond Fact and Meaning” at the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon: May 4, 1990
- “Hermeneutics of Myth, Symbol, and Narrative” at the Religious Studies Faculty Development Seminar of Western Oregon State College: March 8, 1990
- “From Absolutes to Pluralism in Epistemology” at the Philosophy Club of Western Oregon State College: January 24, 1990

“Arguments for Referentiality: Answers to Deconstructionism and Reader Response Criticism” at the Pacific Northwest Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Vancouver, B.C.: May 6, 1989

“Reading as a Model for Ethical Action: On Ricoeur’s Narrative Theory” at the Philosophy Club of Western Oregon State College: February 1, 1989

“Jacobi and the Early Fichte: On the Origin of the Concept of Nihilism” at the Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL in Boston, Mass., 1987

“An Argument for God as the Being-of Beings” at the Southeastern Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, 1987

“Ricoeur’s Metaphor Theory as a Foundation for a Theory of Symbol” at the Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL in Atlanta, GA, 1986

“The Paradox of a Theologian - Weltanschauungen and Conviction: The Problem of Evil” at the Southeastern Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Athens, GA, 1985

“Through Myth to Imagination: A Retrieval of Linguisticity in the Event of Meaning in Experience” at the Southeastern Regional AAR/SBL Annual Meeting in Williamsburg, Va., 1984

Organizations

Executive Secretary PNW Region AAR, SBL, and ASOR (2005-2011)
Member of national Board of Directors of the AAR (2005-2011)
Korrespondierendes Mitglied der Forschungsstelle Politische Philosophie Tübingen
Martin-Heidegger-Gesellschaft e.V. Meßkirch
Kant Society of North America
Pacific Coast Theological Society Berkeley

Family

Spouse: Margit Mayr-McGaughey, Ph.D.
Children: Sarah, Hanna, Kerstin