

Curriculum Vitae
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2010-2017 **Visiting Fellow, Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies**
Victoria University, University of Toronto

ACADEMIC DEGREES

2006 **Ph.D. in Theology**
Special Interdisciplinary Studies, Advanced Degree Program
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology

Doctoral Thesis:

“On Hearing the ‘Inner Word of God’: The Appeal to the Common People in Reformation Germany” (St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, 2006)

1980 **M.A. in Religious Studies**
Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois

1977 **B.A. in Psychology and Biblical Studies**
Magna Cum Laude, Trinity College, Deerfield, Illinois

AREAS OF ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION: HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

Late Medieval/Early Modern (Reformation) History and Theology
Research on the formative influence of late medieval Rhineland German mysticism and spirituality, i.e., Marguerite Porete, Meister Eckhart and his Dominican disciples, Johannes Tauler and Henry Suso, and the *Theologia Germanica*, on the writings of radical reformers Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt and Thomas Müntzer and the “Revolution of the Common Man” (German Peasants' War).

Late Medieval/Early Modern Religious Conflict and Toleration
Research on the late medieval and early modern theological roots of intra-religious Christian conflict concurrent with Christian anti-Jewish and anti-Muslim polemic, with emphasis on the historical origins of the concept of universal salvation (universalism) espoused by radical reformers and Spiritualists, i.e., Thomas Müntzer, Hans Denck and Sebastian Franck.

Early Modern Historical Roots of Liberation Theology
Research on the historical and ecclesial origins of liberation theology in the New World and Latin America vis-à-vis the writings of the Spanish Dominican

missionary and theologian Bartolomé de las Casas, whom Gustavo Gutiérrez and other theologians consider the “Father of Liberation Theology.”

Early Modern Cosmologies and Theologies of the Natural World

Research on the historical, philosophical and theological perceptions of the environment, critiquing early modern European Christian interpretations of the natural world in the wake of the sixteenth-century European enclosure of common lands and the historical origins of capitalist agriculture in the New World.

ACADEMIC TEACHING:

SESSIONAL LECTURER—UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

- 2011** **Department of History, University of Toronto**
Society, Culture, and Religion in the Renaissance and Reformation
- 2010** **Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto**
Religious Ethics: The Environment
- 2008/09** **Department of History, University of Toronto**
Society, Culture, and Religion in Renaissance and Reformation Europe (twice)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Summary Entries in Books:

- 1) **Andreas Rudolff-Bodenstein von Karlstadt**; 2) **Thomas Müntzer**; and
- 3) **Toleration in the Reformation**, in *The New Westminster Dictionary of Church History. Volume One: The Early, Medieval and Reformation Eras*. Robert Benedetto, ed. (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox, 2008).

Books Reviewed:

- *Mysticism and Reform, 1400-1750*, ed. Sara S. Poor and Nigel Smith, University of Notre Dame, 2015, in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, vol. 47/3, 2016.
- *The German Reformation and the Peasants' War: A Brief History with Documents*, Michael G. Baylor, Bedford/St. Martin's, 2012, in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, vol. 44/2, 2013.
- *Saving Shame: Martyrs, Saints, and Other Abject Subjects*, Virginia Burrus, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008, in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, vol. 41/4, 2010.
- *Divided by Faith: Religious Conflict and the Practice of Toleration in Early Modern Europe*, by Benjamin J. Kaplan, Harvard University Press, 2007, in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, vol. 41/2, 2010.
- *The Reformation of Faith in the Context of Late Medieval Theology and Piety: Essays by Berndt Hamm*, ed. Robert J. Bast, Brill, 2004, in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*, vol. 37/1, 2006.
- *The German Peasants' War and Anabaptist Community of Goods*, James M. Stayer, McGill-Queen's University Press, 1991, in the *Toronto Journal of*

Theology, vol. 9/1, 1993.

- *The Land is Mine: Six Biblical Land Ideologies*, Norman C. Habel, Fortress Press, 1995, in the *Toronto Journal of Theology*, vol. 14/1, 1998.
- *The Spirit of the Soil: Agriculture and Environmental Ethics*, Paul B. Thompson, Routledge, 1995, in *Toronto Journal of Theology*, vol. 14/2, 1998.

Chapters in Books:

- **“Reluctant Feminists’: Rural Women and the Myth of the Farm Family”** in *Religion, Feminism and the Family*, ed. Anne Carr and Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996): 223-245.
- **“Bartolomé de las Casas’ Polemic on the Annihilation of the Indians in New Spain”** in *Liberation Theology and Sociopolitical Transformation: A Reader*, edited by Dr. Jorge Garcia Antezana (Burnaby, British Columbia: Institute for the Humanities, Simon Fraser University, 1992): 23-34.

Articles in Refereed Conference Proceedings and Journals:

- **“Reconciling Faith and Reason: Universalism as Theological Anomaly in Nineteenth and Twentieth-Century Rural Ontario”** in *Historical Papers: Canadian Society of Church History* (2002): 45-64.

ACADEMIC MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- 1) Monograph of my revised doctoral thesis entitled, *Hearing the Inner Word: Mysticism and the Common People in Reformation Germany*, contracted for Brill’s “Studies in the History of Christian Traditions.”
- 2) Editing monograph with chapters solicited from early modern historians and faculty, using critical role-play and experiential learning in the medieval and early modern history classroom. Proposed working title is: *History Reprised and Dramatized: Experiential Learning in Teaching Medieval and Early Modern Cross-Cultural Encounters.*”

Research-Related Panel Presentations:

- 2011** “Motions: Theologies in/of Exile,” Trinity College, University of Toronto.
- Member of panel presentation for one-day workshop I helped organize on *Location & Dislocation in Early Modern Religion*.
 - Hosted by the Exiles Working Group, sponsored by the Jackman Humanities Institute at the University of Toronto.
 - Based on my collegial participation in the Exiles Working Group (2010-12) and my own research, subsumed under the working title: *Exiles, Expulsion and Religious Refugees in the Early Modern Period*.

PAPERS DELIVERED AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Renaissance Society of America

- 2017 “‘They’ve Turned Christ into a Laughingstock’: Reform by Satiric Incendiary Storm in Müntzer’s *Fürstenpredigt*,” *The Language of Reform*. CRRS hosted Session: *Philology, Colloquy, and Polemic in Reformation Humanism and Religious Controversy*, Chicago, Illinois.

Toronto Renaissance and Reformation Colloquium

- 2016 “Beyond ‘Babel and Fable’: Jacob Boehme’s Spiritualist Censure of the *Mund-Christen* and ‘Historical Faith,’” *On the Peripheries of the Reformation: The View from Then and Now*, Victoria College, University of Toronto.

Renaissance Society of America Conference:

- 2015 “Servile and Vile: The Adamic Curse and Nixed Blessing of the Commoner’s Lot in (Early Modern) Life,” CRRS hosted Session: *Varieties of Service: From Courtly to Domestic*, Berlin, Germany.
- 2010 “Civilizing the Commoners and the Savages: The Archetypal Appropriation of the Old and New Worlds during the Renaissance,” *Being Human in the Renaissance*, Venice, Italy.

American Comparative Literature Association Conference:

- 2012 “Chris(t)-Crossing Cultural Boundaries, Oceans and Worlds,” *Teaching Medieval and Early Modern Cross-Cultural Encounters across Disciplines and Periods*, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island.

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference:

- 2014 “‘Not Me, Lord’: Thomas Müntzer’s Rhetorical Use of Moses and the Patriarchs as Progenitor and Prototype for the Elect,” New Orleans, Louisiana. Organized session for above paper, *Exile and Election in the Radical Reformation*.
- 2013 “From the Cornerstone to the Cattleshed: Thomas Müntzer’s Lament of the Lamponed Christ,” San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2010 “Fight or Flight: The Political Exigency of Earthly Exile for ‘Heavenly Prophets,’” Montreal, Quebec. Organized session for above paper, *Exile, Expulsion, and Religious Refugees in the Early Modern World*.
- 2008 “Feeding on the Word of God”: Thomas Müntzer’s Spiritualist Assimilation of Scripture,” St. Louis, Missouri.
- 2007 “The Breath or Death of Oral Utterance: ‘The Living Voice of God’ in Müntzer’s German Evangelical Mass,” Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2006 “In the Mouths of Dogs: Thomas Müntzer’s Mimesis of Henry Suso’s

- (Hagiographical) Doormat,” Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 2005** “Divine Election as Vindication of the Common Man: Was Thomas Müntzer’s Apocalyptic Vision Utopian?” Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2004** “Dispensing with the Saints and Priests: Karlstadt’s Proclamation of the ‘Godhood of all Believers,’” Toronto, Ontario. Organized session for above paper, *Heavenly Prophet or Brother Andy: Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt and the Common People*.
- 2003** “Thomas Müntzer: The Fiery Populism of a Parish Priest,” Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Organized session for above paper, *Pastor or Politician: Thomas Müntzer and the Common People*.
- 2001** “Thomas Müntzer’s Moral Exaltation of the Common People,” Denver, Colorado.
- 1998** “Baptism by Fire: Hans Hut’s Application of Alchemy,” Toronto, Ontario.
- 1991** “Hans Hut’s ‘Gospel of all Creatures,’” Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1990** “Theft as a Theological Motif in Thomas Müntzer’s Thought,” St. Louis, Missouri.
- 1988** “The *Judensau* (Jewish Sow) as a Medium of Christian Anti-Jewish Polemic,” St. Louis, Missouri.

Colloquium on Violence and Religion Conference:

- 2006** “In the Mouths of Dogs: The Creative Mimesis of Henry Suso’s (Hagiographical) Doormat,” Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario.

Seventh National Conference on Third World Studies:

- 1986** “Bartolomé de las Casas’ Polemic on the Annihilation of the Indians in New Spain,” Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia.

International Conference on Liberation Theology:

- 1984** “Bartolomé de las Casas’ Polemic on the Annihilation of the Indians in New Spain,” University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

FULL-TIME FACULTY—GRADUATE TEACHING:

- 2002-2005** **Visiting Instructor, Endowed Chair of Town and Country Ministries**
Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri

ADJUNCT FACULTY—GRADUATE TEACHING:

- 1987-2002** **Adjunct Faculty and Sessional Lecturer**
Numerous theological colleges and seminaries in Canada and the United States

Academic courses on Late Medieval and Early Modern History/Historical Theology:

- 2005 Late Medieval Mysticism Saint Paul School of Theology
 1992 Late Medieval Mysticism and the Roots of Dissent, Toronto School of Theology
 1990/91 Spiritual Forerunners of the Reformation, Toronto School of Theology (twice)
- 1989 Reformation (Early Modern) History, Teaching Assistant, Knox College, Toronto School of Theology
 1988 Early Church History, Interim Lecturer, Knox College, Toronto School of Theology
 1987 Luther, Sessional Lecturer, Knox College, Toronto School of Theology

Adult religious education courses on Late Medieval History/Historical Theology:

- 1999 Mysticism East and West: Mirabai and Marguerite Porete, Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto
 1999 Mysticism East and West: Kabir and Meister Eckhart, Unitarian Fellowship of Northwest Toronto
 1992 Late Medieval Mysticism and the Roots of Dissent, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto
 1991 Witches, Mystics and Free Spirits, First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

The Eckhart Society
 Renaissance Society of America
 Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
 Thomas Müntzer Society

References on request