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## Education

### **PH.D.**

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO (2000)

DISSERTATION: "Reason and Democracy: Kant, Arendt, Rawls, and Habermas on the Public Use of Reason."

DIRECTOR: David Ingram

### **M.A.**

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (1993)

### **B.A. (*Cum Laude*)**

WHEATON COLLEGE (1991)

Major: Philosophy; Minors: Mathematics, Theology

## Teaching Experience

### **CALVIN COLLEGE (2000 - PRESENT)**

- ☐ PHIL 153: Fundamental Questions in Philosophy
- ☐ PHIL 215: Business Ethics
- ☐ PHIL 252: History of Philosophy II
- ☐ PHIL 333: Kierkegaard
- ☐ PHIL 334: Marx and Marxism
- ☐ IDIS W10: Christian Perspectives on Learning

### **GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY (1998-2000)**

### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (1996-1998)**

(Other classes taught in addition to those at Calvin include Ethics, Ethics in the Professions; Contemporary Moral Issues, and Logic)

## Research

### **CHAPTER IN EDITED VOLUME**

- ☐ "Nativity or Advent: Hannah Arendt and Jürgen Moltmann on Hope and Politics," in Miroslav Volf and William Katerberg, eds., *The Future of Hope: Essays on Christian Tradition Amid Modernity and Postmodernity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2004), 125-147.

**RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

- "Kant, reason and enlightenment: is there a place for community?," Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers: "The Enlightenment Project, Revisited," Houghton College (Houghton, New York), May 2006.
- "Horkheimer and the Prospect of Post-Secularism," Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference titled "Secularity and Globalization: What Comes After Modernity?," Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Michigan), November 2005.
- "Grounding Human Rights: Two Christian Models," Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference titled "Christianity and Human Rights," Samford University (Birmingham, Alabama), November 2004.
- "Postmetaphysical Justice: A Critical Assessment of Habermas," Conference titled "Faces of Justice: Defining Justice in a Complex World," Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, Arizona), October 2003.
- "Kantian Objections to a World State," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Cleveland, April 2003.
- Response to Yong Huang, "Confucian Love and Global Ethics," Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (Atlanta), December 2001.
- "Public Reason and Christian Scholarship," Christian Scholarship Conference, Calvin College, September 2001.
- "The Birth of Hope: Natality as an Eschatological Concept," Conference titled "Modernity, Postmodernity, and the Future of Hope," Calvin College, May 2001. The conference presented the research from a seminar I participated in during the summer of 2000.

**Professional Membership**

- AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION
- ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL THEORY
- NORTH AMERICAN KANT SOCIETY