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**Education:**

BA: Western Washington State 1971  
MA: University of Massachusetts 1974  
Ph.D.: University of Massachusetts 1975

**Grants include:**

NSF LOCI  
Sloan Foundation  
NEH Summer Seminar  
AAAS Chautauqua  
Pew Foundation  
Calvin Alumni Assn.  
Calvin Research Fellowship  
Metanexus  
Templeton/SCP China project (seminar co-director)

**Books:**

*Philosophy of Science: the natural sciences in Christian perspective*  
1986: InterVarsity. (Translated into Korean.)  
*The Battle of Beginnings: why neither side is winning the creation/evolution debate.*  
1996: InterVarsity. (Translated into Chinese)  
*Science and Its Limits*  
2000: InterVarsity. (Translated into Hungarian, Chinese, Korean and Macedonian. An electronic edition is also available.)  
*Nature, Design and Science.*  
SUNY Press, 2001, in the "Philosophy and Biology" Series

**Articles:**

"Nomo(theo)logical Necessity".  
*Faith and Philosophy*, 1987. 4:383-402. Reprinted in *Christian Theism and the Problems of Philosophy* ed. Michael Beatty, Notre Dame, 1990, p. 184-207.  
"Space Travel and Challenges to Religion".  
*Monist*, 1987. 4:101-113.  
"Quantified Subjunctives, Modality and Natural Law"  
in *Philosophical Analysis*. ed. David Austin. 1988: Kluwer. 323-347.  
"Explanation, Subjunctives and Statistical Theories".  
*International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*. 1988. 1:80-96.  
"Abraham Kuyper's Philosophy of Science".  
*Calvin Theological Journal*. 1992,27:  
"Science" in *New Dictionary of Christian Ethics and Pastoral Theology*. ed D. Atkinson and D. Field. InterVarsity. 1995: Leicester, England and Downers Grove. 761-764.  
"Tightening Some (Loose) Screws: prospects for a Christian natural science"  
in *Facets of Faith and Science*. ed J. vander Meer. 1996: Pascal Centre/UPA  
"Design, Chance, and Theistic Evolution"  
in *Mere Creation*. (ed.) W. Dembski, InterVarsity. 1998: Downers Grove. 289-312.

- "Recapitulations" Reply to Bajema,  
*Reports of the NCSE* Vol 18 #5, Sep/Oct 1998, p. 34
- "Cradled Science"  
*Journal of Adventist Education*, Vol 64 #5, Summer 2002.
- "Design and its Critics: monologues passing in the night" Essay review of Robert Pennock  
*Intelligent Design Creationism and its Critics. Ars Disputandi*, vol 2, 2002,
- "Science, Worldview, and Rational Justification"  
*Proceedings of the Sixth Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religion*
- "Perceiving Design"  
 in *God and Design: The Teleological Argument and Modern Science*,  
 ed: Neil Manson. Routledge, 2003, p. 124-144
- "The Demise of Religion: greatly exaggerated reports from the science/religion 'wars'"  
 in *Contemporary Debates in the Philosophy of Religion*, ed; Michael Peterson and  
 Raymond VanArragon. Blackwell, 2004, p. 72-87
- "Reply to Worrall"  
 in *Contemporary Debates in the Philosophy of Religion*, ed; Michael Peterson and  
 Raymond VanArragon. Blackwell, 2004, p. 90-94
- "Design: What scientific difference could it make?"  
*Perspectives: Journal of the ASA*, Vol 56 #1, March, 2004, p. 14-25.
- "Stenmark, Plantinga, and Scientific Neutrality"  
*Faith and Philosophy*, Vol 21 #3, July 2004, p. 353-364.
- "Natural Theology, Methodological Naturalism, and 'Turtles all the way down' "  
*Faith and Philosophy*, Vol 21 #4, October 2004, p. 436-455.
- "Teleological Arguments for God's Existence"  
*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (approx 13,000 words)  
 online at: <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/teleological-arguments/>
- "How Not to Critique Intelligent Design Theory"  
*Ars Disputandi* (8,000 words) online at: <http://www.arsdisputandi.org/>
- "Intelligent Design: What does the history of science really tell us?"  
 in *Scientific Explanation and Religious Belief* ed. Michael G. Parker and  
 Thomas M. Schmidt, (Tubingen, Germany: Mohr Siebeck, 2005)  
 Chapter 8, p. 126-149.
- "Saturation, World Ensembles, and Design"  
*Faith and Philosophy* Vol 22 No. 5 Special Issue 2005 (Proceedings of the Russian-  
 Anglo American Conference on Cosmology and Theology, Notre Dame), p. 667-686
- "On Reducing Everything to Reductionism"  
*Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, Vol 58 #1 March 2006, 20-22
- "Materialism"  
*New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, p. 425-427  
 ed: Campbell Campbell-Jack, and Gavin McGrath, InterVarsity, 2006

All three of the following are in 科学与宗教的对话 (*Science and Religion in Dialogue: Papers from the 2005 Wuhan Lecture Series*). Eds. Melville Y. Stewart and 郝焜 (Chanchi Hao). Peking University Press, 2007, and forthcoming (2009) from Blackwell:

- "The Nature of Science: past and present conceptions" p. 39-58
- "The Religious Roots of Science: what science owes to theology" p. 59-82
- "The Alleged Demise of Religion: greatly exaggerated reports from the  
 science-religion 'wars'" p. 83-107

- "Design in Nature: What is science *properly* permitted to think?"  
in Curry, Janel and Wells, Ronald (eds), *Faithful Imagination in the Academy*.  
Rowman and Littlefield, 2008.
- "The Quine-Duhem Thesis"  
forthcoming in Campbell, Heidi and Looy, Heather (eds) *The Science and Religion  
Primer* (Baker Academic)
- "Humanness in Their Hearts: where science and religion fuse"  
forthcoming as Chapter 9 in *The Believing Primate: Scientific, Philosophical and  
Theological Reflections on the Origin of Religion* eds. Jeffrey Schloss and  
Michael Murray, Oxford.
- "Science, Religion and (Nearly) Everything Else"  
forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Theology*)
- "Intelligent Design in Biology: some legitimate roles"  
forthcoming in *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Biology*  
Francisco Ayala and Robert Arp (eds). Blackwell
- "Reply to Prof. Ayala"  
forthcoming in *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Biology*  
Francisco Ayala and Robert Arp (eds). Blackwell

Other work published in *International Logic Review*, *International Journal of Philosophy of Religion*, and *Avian Diseases*.

### Reviews

concerning professional philosophy of science, science/religion, and other issues in *Nous*, *Fides et Historia*, *Teaching Philosophy*, *Books and Religion*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Christian Scholars Review*, and elsewhere.

### Lectures

(and lecture series - including Staley Lectures, Templeton Lectures, Calvin Lectureship) given at colleges, universities and conferences in the US, Canada, England, the former Yugoslavia (the building where I spoke was subsequently blown up, but my story - and I'm sticking to it - is that there was no connection), France, China (four times), Hong Kong, Switzerland, Romania, and Germany.

### Teaching

Primary specialties:  
logic; philosophy of science; science and religion

Other:  
Sherlock Holmes  
Creation/evolution trials  
Design and science

### Other:

Part of Gordon College online course in Christian philosophy  
The International Society for Complexity, Information and Design recently conducted a month-long electronic reading group/discussion of my *Nature, Design and Science*, culminating in an online Q and A session with me.  
An online interview on the Galilean Library website at:  
<http://www.galilean-library.org/ratzsch.html>  
Outside member for Ph.D. dissertations - Andrews University, Notre Dame, North-West University (Potchefstroom)