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**Provost Distinguished Professor of the History of Christianity**  
**Department of Religious Studies**  
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**Degrees Earned:**

B.A. in Religious Studies and English Literature. University of Winnipeg. May 1971.

M.A. in the History of Christianity. University of St. Michael's College, Toronto.  
 September 1974. Advisor: Harry McSorley.

Ph.D. in the History of Christianity. University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. May 1979. Advisors: Harry McSorley and James Weisheipl.

**Academic Appointments:**

University of Toronto, Part time instructor, 1977-78.

College of St. Francis, New Orleans, Part time instructor, 1980.

Loyola University, New Orleans: Assistant Professor, 1979-1983; Associate Professor, 1983-1988; Professor, 1988- . Provost Distinguished Professor, 1998- (endowed professorship).

University of Louvain: Visiting Professor, Spring 1997.

University of Pristina, Kosovo: Visiting Professor, Summer 2001.

**Editorial, Organizational, Administrative, and Advisory Positions:**

Consulting Editor for European Christianity, Fortress Press, March 2, 2010-.

Area Editor for the History of Christianity, *Religious Studies Review*, 1988-2005.

Advisory Editorial Board, *Chinese Edition of Luther's Works*, General Editor: Lei Yutian. Vols. 1 and 2 appeared in 2004. A total of 15 volumes are planned.

Co-Director, Annual Symposium on the Future of Religion. Dubrovnik, Croatia. 2003- .

Seminar Coordinator, International Congress for Luther Research, 1993.

Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Loyola University, 1992-1994.

Director, Graduate Program in Religious Studies, Loyola University, 1997-1999. Acting Director, 2007-2008.

### **Publications:**

#### **(a) Books:**

Editor, *Three Reformation Catechisms: Catholic, Anabaptist, Lutheran*. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1982.

Author, *Luther and Late Medieval Thomism: A Study in Theological Anthropology*. Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1983.

Author, *Luther on Thomas Aquinas: The Angelic Doctor in the Thought of the Reformer*. Veröffentlichungen des Instituts für Europäische Geschichte Mainz, vol. 140. Wiesbaden: Steiner Verlag, 1989.

Author, *World Christianity and Marxism*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Editor, *A Reformation Reader: Primary Texts with Introductions*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1999. Second revised edition, 2008.

General Editor, *A People's History of Christianity*. 7 Volumes. Minneapolis: Fortress Press. (For an overview of this entire project, see [www.peopleshistoryofchristianity.org](http://www.peopleshistoryofchristianity.org))

Vol. 1: *Christian Origins*. Edited by Richard A. Horsley. 2005.

Vol. 2: *Late Ancient Christianity*. Edited by Virginia Burrus. 2005.

Vol. 3: *Byzantine Christianity*. Edited by Derek Krueger. 2006.

Vol. 4: *Medieval Christianity*. Edited by Daniel Bornstein. 2008.

Vol. 5: *Reformation Christianity*. Edited by Peter Matheson. 2006.

Vol. 6: *Modern Christianity to 1900*. Edited by Amanda Porterfield. 2007.

Vol. 7: *Twentieth Century Global Christianity*. Edited by Mary Bednarowski. 2008.

German translation: *Sozialgeschichte des Christentums*. Gütersloher Verlagshaus. (Volumes began to appear in 2007).

Paperback Edition (Vols.1-7), February 2010.

Author, *The Westminster Handbook to Martin Luther*. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010).

**(b) Articles (recent):**

“Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, and the Origins of the Protestant Reformation,” in R. James Long, ed., *Philosophy and the God of Abraham: Essays in Memory of James A. Weisheipl O.P.*, (Toronto: Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, 1991), pp. 71-83.

“Marxism Without Atheism? An Analysis of the Recent Debate,” in James Reimer, ed., *The Influence of the Frankfurt School on Contemporary Theology: Critical Theory and the Future of Religion. Dubrovnik Papers in Honor of Rudolf J. Siebert*, (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1992), pp. 125-135.

“Thomism,” “Catechisms,” and “Confirmation,” in Hans J. Hillerbrand, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Reformation*, (New York: Oxford University Press, 1966).

“Reflections on the Religionless Society: The Case of Albania,” in *Religion in Eastern Europe*, 16 (1996), 1-11.

“Luther and Late Medieval Albertism,” in *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovaniensis*, 72 (1996), 338-348.

“Syllogism and Paradox: Aquinas and Luther on Theological Method,” in *Theological Studies*, 59 (1998), 3-21.

“Teaching Comparative Religions in Kosovo: What I Learned,” in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 70 (2002), 389-396.

“What Did Luther Understand by ‘Faith’?” in I. Breward, ed., *Reforming the Reformation: Essays in Honour of Principal Peter Matheson*, (Melbourne: Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2004), pp. 69-80.

“Late Medieval Theology,” in D. Bagchi and D. Steinmetz, eds., *The Cambridge Companion to Reformation Theology*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2004), pp. 5-14.

“Political/Social Ethics and War in the Theology of Martin Luther,” in J.M. Bergen, P.G. Doerksen, K. Koop, eds., *Creed and Conscience: Essays in Honour of A. James Reimer*, (Kitchener, Ontario: Pandora Press, 2007), pp. 239-255.

“Christianity and the Concept of National Guilt,” in Michael Ott, ed., *The Future of Religion: Toward a Reconciled Society*, (Leiden: Brill, 2007), pp. 91-106.

“World Christianity and Marxism,” in *Philosophical Alternatives*, 17 (2008), 5-29. [A Bulgarian language translation of Ch. 1 of my book *World Christianity and Marxism*, by Nonka Bogomilova.]

“Eine neue Agenda für Kirchengeschichte,” in *Religion als Lebensmacht: Eine Festgabe für Gottfried Küenzlen*, eds. Jochen Bohn and Thomas Bohrmann, (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2010), pp. 21-34.

“To Hell (and Back) With Luther: The Dialectic of Anfechtung and Faith,” in *Seminary Ridge Review*, 13 (2011), 41-55.

“Whore or Handmaid? Luther and Aquinas on the Function of Reason in Theology,” in *The Devil’s Whore: Reason and Philosophy in the Lutheran Tradition*, ed. Jennifer H. Dragseth, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2011), pp. 47-52.

### **(c) Reviews:**

During my tenure as Area Editor (History of Christianity) for *Religious Studies Review* from 1988 to 2005, I wrote 163 reviews, mainly in the areas of medieval and Reformation Christianity. For a complete listing, contact me, or see these issues of the journal.

### **Conference Papers, Invited Lectures, Panels, Etc. (recent):**

Nov. 15, 2001: “Teaching Comparative Religions in Kosovo: What I Learned”. Power Point lecture for the Loyola Religious Studies Faculty Seminar.

Mar. 25, 2002: “The Pedagogy of Guilt”. Lecture for the scholars in residence, Bellagio Center (Rockefeller Foundation), Bellagio, Italy.

Apr. 24, 2002: “No Peace Among the Nations Without Peace Among the Religions: Testing the Küng Thesis in Kosovo”. Paper for the Conference on the Future of Religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Aug. 6, 2002: “Fear, Fascination, and Loathing: Luther and the Medieval Demonization of Islam in the West”. Paper for the Tenth International Congress for Luther Research, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Nov. 10, 2002: Chaired panel of respondents to filmmaker Avni Abazi’s “Life in a Land”. Loyola Univ. New Orleans.

Apr. 23, 2003: “Prolegomena to A People’s History of Christianity”. Paper for the Conference on the Future of Religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Oct. 10, 2003: Times-Picayune Interview on the movie “Luther”.

Oct. 26, 2003: “Luther the Writer”. Lecture for Adult Class at Grace Lutheran Church, New Orleans.

Feb. 6, 2004: “Luther on Women;” “Luther on Marriage and Divorce;” “Luther on Human Sexuality.” Three lectures for the Mid-West Association of Lutheran Campus Ministers, meeting in New Orleans.

Apr. 20, 2004: Lecture to faculty and doctoral students, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, “Constructing the New ‘People’s History of Christianity’”

Apr. 26, 2004: Chaired two sessions at the Conference on the Future of Religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Apr. 27, 2005: “Proto-Christianity and the Ideology of Empire.” Paper for the Conference on the Future of Religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Oct. 20, 2005: “Introduction to A People’s History of the Reformation.” Paper for the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Atlanta.

April 26, 2006: “Invitation to the New Church History.” Paper for the Conference on the Future of Religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Dec. 15, 2006: “The Janz/Drancolli Kosovo Textbook Project: A Report.” Paper for the International Study of Religion in Eastern and Central Europe Association conference, Budapest, Hungary.

April 26, 2007: “Terror in the Foundational Texts: Qur’an, Tanakh, New Testament.” Paper for the Conference on the Future of Religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Nov. 18, 2007: Organizer and Chair: Panel discussion on *A People’s History of Christianity*. Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego.

Nov. 20, 2007: Panelist for session on “Teaching with Texts in the History of Christianity: Textbooks and General Histories for a Changing Field.” American Academy of Religion, San Diego.

Feb. 18, 2008: “Writing *A People’s History of Christianity*.” Introducing and chairing a panel on this publication, at Washington University in St. Louis. Panelists: Richard Horsley, Daniel Bornstein, Mark Pegg, and Jonathan Schwiebert.

Jan. 4, 2009: Introduced and chaired a joint session of the American Society of Church History and the American Historical Association on “The ‘People’s History of Christianity’ Project” at their annual meeting in New York City.

Apr. 28, 2009: “Luther’s View of Non-Christian Religions.” Paper for the conference on The Future of Religion, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Oct. 27, 2010: “To Hell (and Back) With Luther: The Dialectic of *Anfechtung* and Faith.” Fortieth Anniversary Luther Colloquy, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.

### **Other:**

Writer in Residence Grant, Rockefeller Foundation (Bellagio Center). March 2001.  
Valued at ca. \$10,000.

Catholic Studies Institute Grant: \$744 for initial stage of textbook development for one of my courses (June 2003).

Louisville Institute (Lilly Foundation) Grant: \$6988 for organizational meeting of volume editors for the new seven volume *People's History of Christianity*. November 2002.  
(With Michael West, Editor in Chief, Fortress Press.)

Appraisal Consultant, New Graduate Program, Ontario Council on Graduate Studies.  
Site visit: St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, Ontario. 6-10 October 2004.

Expert Witness Report for Federal Case Mazen S. Hamdan, Plaintiff v. Charles C. Foti, et al., Defendants. 1 August 2004.

Chosen for Loyola University College of Arts and Sciences “Excellence in Research Award.” April 13, 2005.

Volunteer coordinator for local arrangements (New Orleans), Mennonite Disaster Service, Fall 2005-.

Grant Application to the United States Institute for Peace. July 26, 2006.

*A People's History of Christianity* named “Reference Book of 2005” by the Academy of Parish Clergy.

*A People's History of Christianity*, vol. 1 (*Christian Origins*) and vol. 2 (*Late Ancient Christianity*) named “Outstanding Academic Titles for 2006” by the American Library Association.

Bobet Faculty Research Fellowship, Loyola University. \$5000. Summer 2008.

Marquette Faculty Research Fellowship, Loyola University. \$7500. Summer 2009.

Appointed “Consulting Editor for European Christianity,” Fortress Press. March 2010-.

Appointed “Scholar in Residence,” Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies, Jerusalem. Summer, 2011.