

CURRICULUM VITAE
ROGER E. OLSON

PRESENT POSITION AND ADDRESS

Foy Valentine Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University (1999-present); P.O. Box 97126, Waco, TX 76798.

BIOGRAPHY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born in Des Moines, Iowa February 2, 1952. Raised in Pastor's home. Graduated from High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1970. Married Becky Jeanne Sandahl in 1973. Two children: Sonja Kristen and Amanda Joy. Interested in geography and current events, amateur photography, bowling, gardening and gospel music.

EDUCATION

B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies, Open Bible College, Des Moines, Iowa, 1974 (magna cum laude)

M.A. in Religious Studies, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1978 (magna cum laude)

M.A. in Religious Studies, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1982 ("With Honor")

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1984

Courses in German language and culture: University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 1980; Goethe Institute, Munich, West Germany, 1981; University of Munich, 1981

Graduate courses in Theology: SHALOM (Center for Continuing Theological Studies), Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1975 and 1976; Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1985

Research and studies at the Institut für Ökumene und Fundamentaltheologie of the Evangelische Fakultät of the University of Munich (Prof. Dr. Wolfhart Pannenberg, Chairman), Munich, West Germany, 1981-1982

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Full Tuition Scholarships and Teaching Assistantships, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1978-1981

University Fellowship for Overseas Study, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1981-1982

Faculty Development Grant for research on nineteenth and twentieth century theology, 1988

Alumni Grant for research and development of companion volume of readings for book on 20th Century Theology, 1993

ORDINATION AND CHURCH AFFILIATION

Licensed to the Gospel Ministry, Open Bible Standard Churches, Des Moines, Iowa, 1974

Ordained to the Gospel Ministry, Open Bible Standard Churches, Des Moines, Iowa, 1975

Recognition of ordination and ministerial standing, American Baptist Churches of the U.S.A., 1983

Ministerial Credentials in good standing: Mid-American Baptist Churches of the ABCUSA, 1984 to 1988. (Presently listed as an inactive minister with the M-ABC while "on loan" to the Baptist General Conference)

Approved for recognition of ordination by the Minnesota Baptist Conference, June 10, 1988. Ordination recognized by Trinity Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1988 and by Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, 2002

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICES

Member, Calvary Baptist Church of Waco, Texas (BGCT, CBF); director of Calvary Adult Forum and Faith Stream elective class of the adult Sunday School; member of the Coordinating Council.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Pastor, Faith Temple, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1974-1978 (Primary responsibility for Christian Education)

Minister of Youth and Christian Education, Heights Presbyterian Church (UPCUSA), Houston, Texas, 1978-1981

Interim Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church (ABCUSA), St. Paul, Minnesota, 1985-1986

Pulpit supply for numerous churches in the Greater Twin Cities, Minnesota metropolitan area and occasional speaker at churches in and around Central Texas.

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POST-SECONDARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Religious Studies, Rice University, Houston, Texas, 1978-1981

Instructor and Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1982-1984

Associate Professor and Professor of Theology, Department of Biblical and Theological Studies, Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1984-1999

Part-time, Adjunct Instructor, Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1987, 1992 and 1994-1997

Professor of Theology, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1999-present

COURSES TAUGHT

Numerous courses in historical theology, systematic theology, philosophy of religion, cults and new religions, etc. Primary responsibility at Truett Theological Seminary in M.Div. courses "Christian Texts and Traditions" (three distinct courses) and D.Min. seminar "Research for Ministry and Spiritual Formation"

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Numerous series on various religious and theological subjects taught to adult forums, church related Christian training schools, adult retreats, Sunday School classes, etc. in a wide variety of churches over past twenty-six years (1981-2007) Also guest lectures on systematic theology and historical theology at a number of colleges, universities and seminaries including the Vineyard Leadership Institute, Columbus, Ohio, July, 2007.

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Curriculum Committee, Oral Roberts University, 1982-1984

Convocation Committee, Bethel College, 1986-1988 (Chair, 1987-1988)

Audience Relations Committee of the Eugene Johnson Art Gallery, Bethel College,

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1985-1988

Task-Force on Degree-Completion Program(s), Bethel College, 1988 (Participation in formation of "P.A.C.E." which is Bethel College's adult-education, degree-completion program

Acting Chairperson of the Biblical and Theological Studies Department, Bethel College, 1988

Chairperson of Academic Policy Committee, Bethel College, 1989

Representative of Bethel College to the editorial board of Christian Scholar's Review, 1989- present; elected trustee of the Christian Scholar's Review trust, 1991

Elected by Bethel College faculty to Academic Planning Committee, 1991

Member of Bethel PACE (Program in Adult Education) Committee and member of the "Organizational Studies Department," 1990-1999

Author and primary instructor of Bethel's degree completion program required course "Developing a Christian World View"

Consulting Editor, Christianity Today, 1993-2006

Contributing Editor, Christianity Today, 2006-

Editor, Christian Scholar's Review, 1994-1999

Member of various committees and task forces including Administrative Research Council, Baylor University, 1999Bpresent, Religious Affairs Committee, 2003-2005; University Tenure Committee, 2005-2008.

Primary authorship and leadership of evangelical statement "The Word Made Fresh: A Call for a Renewal of the Evangelical Spirit" (see Christianity Today June 10, 2002) and primary organizational responsibility and leadership of new evangelical scholarly/professional society (2003-2004) based on the statement; leader and organizer of annual Word Made Fresh Forum that meets in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Doctor of Ministry course on "Theology and Preaching" taught by Dr. Bernard Ramm, (audit), Bethel Theological Seminary, Summer, 1985

SPECTRUM (Course on Cognitive and Moral Development of College Students), Bethel College, 1986-1987

Teaching with Writing Workshop, Bethel College, 1987

Achieving Cultural Diversity at Bethel faculty workshop ("McKnight" workshop), 1993-1994.

New Faculty workshop on faith-learning integration, Baylor University, 1999.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Religion

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

American Theological Society (appointed to executive committee, 1991, President of the Society, 1993-1994, acting secretary of the society, 1996 to 1999)

Chair of Steering Committee, Pannenberg Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, 1989-1990

Member of steering committee, Evangelical Studies Group (program unit) of the American Academy of Religion, 1996 to 2000. Co-chair of the Steering Committee, 1998, 2000

PAPERS READ, SEMINARS CHAIRED

"The Human Self-Realization of God: Hegelian Elements in Pannenberg's Christology", Upper Midwest Region, American Academy of Religion, St. Paul, April 13, 1985

"Personal Reflections on Professor Wolfhart Pannenberg", Upper Midwest Region, American Academy of Religion, St. Paul, April 4, 1987

Chaired Seminar on the Resurrection of Christ, Society of Christian Philosophers Meeting, St. Paul, October, 1987

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Response to paper "Sacramental Spirituality, Ecumenism, and Mission to the World: Foundational Motifs of Pannenberg's Ecclesiology" by Stanley Grenz at American Theological Society, Midwest Division, November, 1989

Chaired Consultation of the Pannenberg Studies Group at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, California, November, 1989

"Christianity, Coherence, and the New Age Movement", The Minnesota Apologetics Society, Minneapolis, February 1, 1990

"Rudolf Steiner, Esoteric Christianity, and the New Age Movement", American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November, 1990

Response to paper "Behind Orthodoxy and Beyond It: Developments in Evangelical Christology", American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November, 1990

Served on steering committee and chaired sessions for conference on "Christianity and Sociobiology" at Bethel College, April, 1992.

"From 'Ancient Science of Soul Travel' to 'New Age Religion': Mutation or Maturation of ECKANKAR?," to American Academy of Religion, November, 1992

"Resurrection, Cosmic Liberation, and Christian Earth Keeping" to annual Symposium on Theological Interpretation of Scripture at North Park Theological Seminary, October, 1993

Presidential Address to the American Theological Society (Midwest Division): "Whales and Elephants: Both God's Creatures But Can They Meet? (Evangelicals and Liberals in Dialogue)," April 15, 1994, North Park Theological Seminary

Moderated panel discussion with theologian Jürgen Moltmann at annual national convention of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November, 1994

Invited panel member for plenary panel discussions on "Evangelicalism: Where We Have Been, Where We Are, and Where We Are Going" at Upper Midwest Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minnesota, March, 1995

"Evangelicals and Postliberals: Where Can They Meet?" Plenary address to Wheaton Theology Conference, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, April, 1995

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Responses to panel presentations on Evangelicalism and Postmodernity, Evangelical Studies Group session, national convention, American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November, 1996

"Locating Donald G. Bloesch in the Evangelical Landscape," American Theological Society (Midwest Division), Chicago, Illinois, October 31, 1997

"Confessions of an Arminian Evangelical, or Why "Arminian Evangelical" Is Not An Oxymoron," Salvation In Christ conference, Brigham Young University, April 11-13, 2002

Response to paper on "The Course of Liberal Theology in America: 1804-1955," American Theological Society (Midwest Division), Chicago, Illinois, April 26, 2002

Presentation and mentoring leadership on faith-learning integration and the Christian world view at new faculty conference sponsored by the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, Bethel College, St. Paul, MN, June 20-25, 2002

"Evangelical Spirituality and Free Church Ecclesiology: A Peculiar Fit," Regent Theology Conference ("The Evangelical Church: Illusion or Reality"), October 12, 2002, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., Canada. (Responses to other presenters' papers as well.)

Organized and chaired a special session on "The Word Made Fresh: Renewing the Evangelical Spirit" in conjunction with the American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, November 19-22, 2002, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

"The Role of Tradition in Post-Conservative Evangelical Theology," Houston Graduate School of Theology (public lecture), February 21, 2003

"Is Open Theism an Evangelical Option?," Wayland Baptist University, March 11, 2003

Panel participation on subject "Resurgent Calvinism on Baptist Campuses," National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Dallas, Texas, March 14, 2003

Response to presentations by professors Ralph Wood and Owen Lind, "The Baptist and Christian Character of Baylor: A Colloquy in Honor of Dr. Donald D. Schmeltekopf," April 11, 2003. (Published as "Baylor's Shared Vision" in volume of essays from the colloquium, Baylor Press, 2003)

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“Wesleyan Theology in the Postmodern Global Village” (plenary address to Wesley Tercentennial Conference at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore Kentucky, October 2, 2003)

Response to “The Role of Tradition in Evangelical Theology” at “The Word Made Fresh” (additional meeting at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion in Atlanta, Georgia) November 21, 2003

Response to “Open Bible Standard Churches: Forging Identity out of Conflict and Cooperation” by David Cole at the annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 13, 2004

“Chicken Soup for the Moderate Soul” and “Our Great Cloud of Witnesses: Rediscovering our Christian Heroes,” The Avery and Glad Lee Lectures, St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, October 17, 2004

Response to “No Place to Lay Our Heads: The Predicament of Open Theists in Contemporary Christian Theology” by John Sanders at the American Theological Society Fall 2004 meeting at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL October 29, 2004. Also participated on a panel on open theism with Clark Pinnock and other theologians.

“The Theological Method of Donald G. Bloesch” at the Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 18, 2004.

“Reformed and Always Reforming: The Postconservative Mood in Evangelical Theology,” the Hayward Lectures at Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, October 24-26, 2005.

“Divinization in Contemporary Theology,” at the Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November 17, 2005.

“A Postconservative Evangelical Approach to the Early Church Fathers” at the Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA, November 17, 2005.

“The Contribution of Stanley J. Grenz to Evangelical Theology” at the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion and the American Academy of Religion (New Projects in Systematic Theology Seminar), Philadelphia, PA, November 19, 2005.

“A New Kind of Evangelical” and “Tradition and Orthodoxy in Postconservative

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Evangelical Theology,” the first annual Grenz Memorial Lectures, Carey Theological College, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, March 12, 13, 2006.

“On Loving Truth More than Religion: Confessions of a Rebellious Christian Mind,” at “By what Authority: The Question for Religious Authority in Christianity,” Brigham Young University, April 8, 2006.

Presentations on “Being a Christ-Centered College/University” to Bethel University faculty, annual Bethel faculty retreat, August, 2006.

“Reformed and Always Reforming: The Postconservative Approach to Evangelical Theology” at The Word Made Fresh Forum (additional meeting), American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Washington, D.C., November 17, 2006.

“Beyond Equality to Interdependence,” plenary address to the annual convention of Christians for Biblical Equality, Denver, Colorado, Friday, August 10, 2007.

“How to Be Evangelical without Being Conservative,” “The Postconservative Approach to Evangelical Theology,” and “Issues and Movements in Contemporary Theology” (three workshops/panels) at the annual National Pastor’s Convention, San Diego, CA, February, 2008.

Panel participant (with significant presentation) discussing *The Cambridge Companion to Evangelical Theology* at the 2008 annual meeting of the Christian Theological Research Fellowship, Chicago, IL, November 1, 2008.

“Pietism: Myths and Realities,” plenary address at the regional Lilly-funded research conference “The Pietist Impulse in Christianity”, Bethel University, St. Paul, MN, March 20, 2009.

“Arminianism is God-centered Theology” and “Arminianism is Evangelical Theology,” plenary addresses at Arminianism conference at Andrews University, October, 2010.

“Reclaiming Pietism” and “Pietism and Postmodernism,” The Aus Memorial Lectures, Luther Theological Seminary, March, 2011.

“Clark Pinnock and Evangelical Theology,” The Word Made Fresh Forum (pre-conference scholarly group meeting at AAR/SBL annual meeting in San Francisco, November 18, 2011).

“Pietism and Pentecostalism: Spiritual Competitors or Cousins?” The J. Rodman

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Williams Lectures in Renewal Theology, Regent University, February, 2012.

“A Postconservative Response to Panentheisms Old and New,” American Academy of Religion Upper Midwest Region, March, 2012.

“Everyday Theology,” Midsouth Region Gathering of the Ekklesia Project, Austin, Texas, October 5, 2012.

“A Christian Humanist Manifesto,” The Woolsey Endowed Lecture, Houghton College, Houghton, NY, November 12, 2012.

“The Doctrine of God,” “Deeper” Program (lay continuing theological education), The Woodlands United Methodist Church, The Woodlands, Texas, October 27, 2012.

“The Future of Evangelicalism,” George Fox Evangelical Seminary, Portland, Oregon, March 11, 2013.

“Beyond Calvinism: the Relational Sovereignty of God,” Missio Alliance Annual Gathering, Alexandria, Virginia, April 12, 2013.

“Sin Boldly: Christian Ethics for a Broken World,” The Maston Lecture, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, November 6, 2013.

“Why Calvinism Is Not a ‘Transcript of the Gospel’,” Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, Missouri, November 11, 2013.

Response to *Power, Politics and the Fragmentation of Evangelicalism*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 24, 2013.

Response to *Arminius: Theologian of Grace*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, November 25, 2013.

"When Jesus Said 'Follow Me' Did He Mean 'On Twitter?'" Christian Ethics and Contemporary Social Networking Media," The Knudsen Lecture, University of Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, March 10, 2014.

“The Future of Evangelicalism and Evangelical Higher Education,” “Windows” (Annual Lecture) Eastern University, April 4, 2014.

“Should a Christian ever Act ‘As If God Does Not Exist?’” Response to Peter Berger: “Pluralism and the Future of Christianity,” Baylor University, November 18, 2014.

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“The Postconservative Evangelical Theology of Stanley J. Grenz,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 24, 2014.

“Soteriology: Calvinism and Arminianism,” Grindstone (event), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, March 26, 2015.

“Finding Common Ground around the Resurrection: Reformed and Arminian Hopes for Transformation” and “The Prevenient Grace of God and the Hope of the Resurrection,” MissioAlliance Gathering, Alexandria, Virginia, May 7-8, 2015.

“The Relational Sovereignty of God” and “Should a Christian Ever Act as if God Does Not Exist?” The Holley-Hull Lectures, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, October 7-8, 2015.

“In Defense of Denominations” and “How Denominations Can Survive (in a Postdenominational Age)” Annual Study Conference, The Sider Institute, Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, November 12-13, 2015.

“The Kingdom of God as Critical Principle for Examining the Church” and “The Kingdom of God as Critical Principle for Examining America,” The Maston Lectures, East Texas Baptist University, April 13, 2016.

Invited response to Nicholas Wolterstorff lecture “Further Thoughts about God Speaking in a Worship Service,” Symposium on the Nature and Function of Revelation, Truett Seminary, Baylor University, October 5, 2016.

“Do Christians Worship the Same God as Other Abrahamic Faiths?” American Academy of Religion (Constructive Theology and Evangelical Studies Group joint session), San Antonio, Texas, November 22, 2016.

Invited response to Thomas Jay Oord’s *The Uncontrolling Love of God*, American Academy of Religion (Open and Relational Theologies Group), San Antonio, Texas, November 19, 2016.

Invited response to two papers: “Kierkegaard’s Primitivism” and “While We Are Making Ships...”, American Society of Church Historians, Denver, Colorado, January 7, 2017.

Invited panel participation: “The Future of Evangelicalism in America,” American

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Society of Church Historians, Denver, Colorado, January 7, 2017.

“Both-And Ethics: Reconciling Niebuhr and Hauerwas,” the annual Currie-Strickland Distinguished Lectures in Christian Ethics, Howard Payne University, February 23-24, 2017.

“Arminianism is Grace-centered Theology,” the annual Martin McCullough Lecture, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, September 10, 2017.

“The Legacy of the Reformation in Contemporary Evangelicalism,” “Five Hundred Years of Luther,” Symposium at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, September 15, 2017.

“Calvinism and Arminianism,” “Theology in Question,” Symposium at Crista de Trindade, Sao Paulo, Brazil (by Skype), September 30, 2017.

“Billy Graham as Unofficial ‘Pope’ of Evangelicalism,” Billy Graham Symposium, Baylor University, November 7, 2018.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

20th Century Theology: God and the World in a Transitional Age coauthored with Stanley J. Grenz, InterVarsity Press, 1992. (Winner of "Critics' Choice Award" for best book in theology/biblical studies, 1992, Christianity Today, April 5, 1993)

Who Needs Theology? coauthored with Stanley J. Grenz (InterVarsity Press, 1996)

The Story of Christian Theology: Twenty Centuries of Tradition and Reform (InterVarsity Press, 1999)

The Trinity (coauthored with Christopher Hall) (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2002)

The Mosaic of Christian Belief: Twenty Centuries of Unity and Diversity (InterVarsity Press, 2002)

The Westminster Handbook to Evangelical Theology (Westminster John Knox Press, 2004)

The Pocket Guide to the History of Theology coauthored with Adam English (InterVarsity Press, 2006)

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Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities (InterVarsity Press, 2006) (nominated by InterVarsity Press for Christianity Today annual “best books” award for theology category)

Questions to All Your Answers: The Journey from Folk Religion to Examined Faith (Zondervan, 2007)

The Pocket History of Evangelical Theology (InterVarsity Press, 2007)

Reformed and Always Reforming: The Postconservative Approach to Evangelical Theology (Baker Academic, 2007).

How to Be Evangelical without Being Conservative (Zondervan, 2008).

Finding God in "The Shack": Seeking Truth in a Story of Evil and Redemption (InterVarsity Press, 2009).

God in Dispute: Conversations between Great Christian Thinkers of the Past and Present (Baker Academic, 2009).

Against Calvinism (Zondervan, 2011).

The Journey of Modern Theology: From Reconstruction to Deconstruction (InterVarsity Press, 2013).

Reclaiming Pietism: Retrieving an Evangelical Tradition (Eerdmans, 2015)

Counterfeit Christians: The Persistence of Errors in the Church (Abingdon, 2015)

The Mosaic of Christian Belief (2nd Edition) (InterVarsity Press, 2016)

NIV Understanding the Faith Study Bible (Contributing Editor) (Zondervan, 2015)

Essentials of Christian Thought: Seeing the Reality through the Biblical Story (Zondervan, 2017)

The Handbook of Denominations in the United States 14th Edition (editor and author) (Abingdon Press, 2018)

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PUBLICATIONS: BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

"Modern Thinking: The Context for the Modern Church," chapter in *God's Peoples: A Social History of Christians*, eds., Kevin Cragg and Paul Spickard, Baker Book House, 1995

Case Study on "Baptists, Pentecostals, and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit" for volume of case studies in ecumenical encounters for the World Council of Churches entitled *Twelve Tales Untold*, edited by Doris Swan, et al., Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1993)

Articles on "Pentecostalism," "ECKANKAR," and "Open Bible Standard Churches" in *Encyclopedia of America's Cults, Sects, and New Religions* (Facts on File, 1995)

Chapter on "ECKANKAR: From Ancient Science of Soul Travel to New Age Religion" in *America's Alternative Religions* edited by Timothy Miller (Albany: SUNY Press, 1995).

Chapter on "Carl F. H. Henry" in *Makers of the American Theological Mind* (Abingdon Press, 1997)

"Locating Donald G. Bloesch in the Evangelical Landscape" in *Evangelical Theology in Transition* (InterVarsity Press, 1998).

"Reforming Evangelical Theology" in *Evangelical Futures: A Conversation on Theological Method*, ed., John G. Stackhouse (Baker Books, 2000)

Chapter on "Donald G. Bloesch" in *A New Handbook of Theologians* (Abingdon, 1997)

Article on Eckankar (new religion) for *Religions of the World* (encyclopedia), ed., J. Gordon Melton (ABC-CLIO, 2002)

"Theology-20th Century-Global" for *the Encyclopedia of Protestantism* edited by Hans Hillerbrand (New York: Routledge, 2004)

"Evangelicalism:Theology" for the *Encyclopedia of Protestantism* edited by Hans Hillerbrand (New York: Routledge, 2004)

"Evangelical Spirituality and Free Church Ecclesiology: A Peculiar Fit," *Evangelical Ecclesiology: Reality or Illusion*, ed., John G. Stackhouse, Jr. (Baker, 2003)

"Postconservative Evangelical Theology and the Theological Pilgrimage of Clark

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Pinnock” for *Semper Reformatum: Studies in Honour of Clark H. Pinnock*, eds., Stanley E. Porter and Anthony R. Cross (Paternoster Press, 2003)

“Baylor’s Shared Baptist Vision,” *The Baptist and Christian Character of Baylor*, eds., Donald D. Schmeltekopf and Dianna M. Vitanza (with Bradley J. Toben) (Baylor University, 2004)

“Rudolf Steiner, Esoteric Christianity and the New Age Movement,” *The New Age Movement*, ed., James L. Lewis (Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Press, 2004)

“Confessions of an Arminian Evangelical,” *Salvation in Christ: Comparative Christian Views*, ed., Roger R. Keller and Robert L. Millet (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 2005)

“The Classical Free-Will Theist Model of God” and responses to three other chapters by other authors, *Perspectives on the Doctrine of God: 4 Views*, ed., Bruce Ware (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2008).

“The Baptist View of the Lord’s Supper” and responses to four other chapters by other authors, *The Lord’s Supper: Five Views* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2008).

“On Loving Truth More than Religion: Confessions of a Rebellious Christian Minds,” *By What Authority? The Vital Questions of Religious Authority in Christianity*, ed., Robert Millet (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2010).

“Postconservative Evangelicalism” in *The Spectrum of Evangelicalism: Four Views*, ed., Andy Nasselli and Collin Hansen (Zondervan, 2011).

“Pietism: Myths and Realities” in *The Pietist Impulse in Christianity* (Princeton Theological Monograph Series, Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2011).

“Evangelical Theology” in *The Routledge Companion to Modern Christian Thought* (Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2013).

“The Fragmentation of Evangelical Theology” in *The Future of Evangelicalism* (University of Columbia Press, 2016).

“Reconceiving the Christ-centered College: Convertive Piety and Life Together” in *Whole and Holy Persons* (InterVarsity Press, 2015).

“Arminianism” in *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Theology* (Cambridge

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University Press, 2011).

"Diverse Christian Beliefs about Life beyond Death" in *Rethinking Hell* (Wipf & Stock, 2014).

"Arminianism Is God-Centered Theology" in *Grace for All: The Arminian Dynamics of Salvation* (Wipf & Stock, 2015).

"Arminianism" in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology* (Cambridge University Press, 2014)

"Reconceiving the Christ-centered College: Convertive Piety and Life Together" in *The Pietist Vision of Christian Higher Education: Forming Whole and Holy Persons* (InterVarsity Press, 2014)

"Maintaining Christian Consistency in a Pluralist Context," *Faith in a Pluralist Age*, ed., K. V. Cook (forthcoming from Cascade Books, 2018).

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

Numerous book reviews and review articles in *Eternity*, *Christian Scholar's Review*, *Christianity Today*, *Journal of Religion*, *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *Christian Century*, *Books & Culture*, etc.

"Trinity and Eschatology: The Historical Being of God in Jürgen Moltmann and Wolfhart Pannenberg" in *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 36:2 (1983)

"Pannenberg's Theological Anthropology, A Review Article" in *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 13:2 (1986)

"The Human Self-Realization of God: Hegelian Elements in Pannenberg's Christology" in *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 13:3 (1986)

"The Gospel According to Liberation Theology" in *The Standard*, 77:1 (January, 1987)

"Liberation Theology: Prophetic and Imbalanced" in *The Standard*, 77:2 (February, 1987)

Response article to Wolfhart Pannenberg and James Hurd in *Christian Scholar's Review*, XVIII:3 (March, 1989)

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"Understanding the Occult" in *The Standard* (February, 1989)

"Responding to the Occult" in *The Standard* (March, 1989)

"Wolfhart Pannenberg's Doctrine of the Trinity" in *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 43 (1990)

"Christianity, Coherence, and the New Age Movement" in *Christian Scholar's Review* XX:4 (March, 1991)

Two-part article on "Recognizing and Responding to New Age Influence" in *The Standard*, December, 1991 & January, 1992

"Is Moltmann the Evangelicals' Ally?" in *Christianity Today* (January 11, 1993)

"Profile of Wolfhart Pannenberg" for *Catalyst*, 1993

"Rudolf Steiner, Esoteric Christianity & the New Age Movement," *SYZGY: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture*, 1993

"Resurrection, Cosmic Liberation, and Christian Earth Keeping," *Ex Auditu: An International Journal of Theological Interpretation of Scripture*, Volume 9 (1993)

"Whales and Elephants: Both God's Creatures, But Can They Meet. Evangelicals and Liberals in Dialogue" *Pro Ecclesia*, Spring, 1995

"Has God Been Held Hostage By Philosophy?" in *Christianity Today*, January, 1995

"Postconservative Evangelicals Greet the Postmodern Age" in *Christian Century*, May 4, 1995

"Back to the Bible, Almost," *Christianity Today*, May, 1996

"Is There An Evangelical Theology?" *Christianity Today*, February, 1998 (lead article of symposium on evangelical theology with responses by Clark Pinnock, Thomas Oden, and Timothy George)

"The Triumphs and Tragedies of Twentieth Century Theology" in *Christian Scholar's Review* XXIX:4 (Summer, 2000)

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“The Controversialist: Augustine’s five most distinctive teachings were forged in the heat of theological battles,” *Christian History* 66 (Summer, 2000)

“Why Theology Is More than Useful in Ministry” in *Theophilus* 2:2 (Fall, 2001)

“Theology for the post-Graham era” in *Christian Century* (August 25-September 1, 1999)

“The Reality of Evangelicalism: A Response to Michael S. Horton” in *Christian Scholar’s Review* XXXI:2 (Winter, 2001)

“Theology for the Rest of Us: Introductions to Theological Thinking Need Not Be Dry, Bloated or Inaccessible” (review article) in *Christianity Today*, April 22, 2002

“Preparing for Graduate Study in Theology Beyond Seminary,” *Catalyst* 29:1 (November, 2002)

Dialogue with Michael Horton on evangelicalism in *Modern Reformation* March/April, 2003

“Tensions in Evangelical Theology” (Theology Update), *Dialog* 42:1 (March, 2003)

“Man-made theology can be conduit for divine revelation,” *Baptist Standard*, February 17, 2003

“Reforming Evangelicalism,” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 30:1 (Spring, 2003)

“The Tradition Temptation: Why We Should Still Give Scripture Pride of Place,” *Christianity Today* (November, 2003)

“Where Community Really Matters,” *Christianity Today* (February 5, 2005)

“To Judge, or Not to Judge,” *Christianity Today* (July, 2005)

“A Wind that Swirls Everywhere: Pentecostal Scholar Amos Yong...,” *Christianity Today*, March, 2006.

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Chairman of the Pannenberg Seminar, a program unit of the American Academy of Religion, 1989-1990

Member of Executive Committee, The American Theological Society, 1991-1993. Vice President of the society, 1992; **President of the Society**, American Theological Society (Midwest Division), 1994

Member of steering committee, Evangelical Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, 1996-2000; co-chair of the Group 1998-2000

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Award for best book in theology/biblical studies of 1993 for *20th Century Theology: God & the World in a Transitional Age* (coauthored with Stanley J. Grenz) given by Christianity Today, April 5 issue, 1993

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