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Education:

B.S., Portland State University, 1958
B.D. Augustana Theological Seminary (Summa cum laude), 1960
S.T.M. Yale Divinity School, 1961
M.A. Yale University, 1963
Ph.D. Yale University, 1965
Post-doctoral research, The Warburg Institute, University of London, 1968-69
Post-doctoral research, Oxford University, 1971

Employment:

Assistant-in-Instruction, Yale University, 1963-64
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1964-69
Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1969-73
Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1973 to present
Director, Institute of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1971-77
Associate, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 1977-1979
Program Director, The Robert Maynard Hutchins Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 1979
Director, The Robert Maynard Hutchins Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 1980-81

Membership, Professional Societies, Councils, Board of Directors, Related Activities:

Member, Board of Directors, La Casa de Maria Retreat and Conference Center, Montecito, California, 1966 to present
Chairman, Board of Directors, La Casa de Maria Retreat and Conference Center, Montecito, California, 1979 to present
Member, Board of Directors, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, California, 1966-81
President, Council on the Study of Religion (the "umbrella agency" for the major professional societies in religious studies and theology in North America), 1976 to present
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Member, Board of Directors, La Casa de Maria Retreat and Conference Center,
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Member, The Collegium, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington,
1977 to present
Chairman, Committee on Humanities, The Collegium, Pacific Lutheran University,
Tacoma, Washington, 1977 to present

Membership (cont.):

Member, Advisory Committee, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 1977 to present
Member, Board of Directors, Program for the Study of New Religious Movements in America, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, 1977 to present
Senior Advisor, Center for Contemplative Studies, University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, 1977-1979
Member of Review Panels, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1974-80
Member, American Academy of Religion, 1964 to present
Member, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1964 to present
Member, American Association for the Advancement of the Humanities, 1980 to present
Consultant to administrations of Marylhurst College (Portland, Oregon); Arizona State University (Department of Religious Studies); University of California, Santa Cruz (Religious Studies Program); University of California, San Diego (Religious Studies Committee); San Francisco State University (Religious Studies Committee); University of Colorado (Department of Religious Studies); University of Washington (Committee on Religious Studies); University of Dallas (Center for Contemplative Studies); University of Southern Illinois (Religious Studies Department); University of Nevada-Reno (Religious Studies Committee); Western Michigan University-Kalamazoo (Religious Studies Committee); Pembroke State University (Department of Philosophy and Religion)
Member, California Council for the Humanities, 1981 to present

Extra-Mural Grants:

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar for College Teachers, 1976 and 1977, Director
National Endowment for the Humanities, Seminar in Residence for College Teachers, 1978-79, Director
National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar for College Teachers, 1981, Director
Lilly Endowment, "The Influence of Religious Studies upon Religion, Research Project, 1976-79, Principal Investigator
Laucks Foundation, "The Impact of the Vietnam War upon American Religious Consciousness," co-sponsor, Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, 1978-80, Principal Investigator
Johnson Foundation, "Research Needs in Religious Studies," co-sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Council on the Study of Religion, 1977, Principal Investigator

Scholarships, Fellowships, Awards:

Rockefeller Doctoral Fellow, Yale University, 1962-63 and 1963-64
Summer Fellowship, University of California, 1966
Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Cross-Disciplinary Study, Society for Values in Higher Education, 1968-69
Fellow, Humanities Institute, University of California, 1971-72
Fellow, Creative Arts Institute, University of California, 1972-73
Recipient of University Grant, Innovative Projects in University Instruction, University of California, 1972-73
Effective Teaching Award, Society for Values in Higher Education, 1972
"Distinguished Alumnus" Award, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, 1973

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Professional Activities (Published Books):

- Editor and Author, The Future of Hope (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1970)
- Editor, The Religious Personality (Belmont: Wadsworth, 1970)
- Editor and Author, Ways of Understanding Religion (New York: Macmillan, 1972)
- Author, Time Invades the Cathedral (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1972)
- Co-Author and Co-Editor, Encounter with Erikson: Historical Interpretation and Religious Biography (Missoula: Scholars Press, 1976)
- Author, Hope Against Hope. From Moltmann to Merton in One Theological Decade (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1976)
- Editor and Co-Author, Seeing with a Native Eye. Essays on Native American Religion (New York: Harper and Row, 1976)
- Co-Editor and Co-Author, Silent Fire. An Invitation to Western Mysticism (New York: Harper and Row, 1978)

Professional Activities (Articles, Papers, Addresses -- partial list):

- "Being and Becoming and God and the World. An Analysis of Whitehead's Account of their Early Association," in Revue Philosophique de Louvain. No. LXIII (1965), 572-90.
- "Two Contrasting Approaches to Christology," in The Heythrop Journal. Vol. VI, No. 2 (1965), 133-44
- "Plurality of Theologies: A Paradigmatic Sketch," in Religious Studies. Vol. III, No. 1 (1967), 355-67
- "A Via Positiva in Kant," in The Journal of Religion. Vol. XLVII, No. 4 (1968), 351-75
- "The Meaning of Secular, Secularism, and Secularization," in Lutheran World. Vol. XVI, No. 3 (1969), 263-70
- "Nathan Soderblom: Homo Religiosus?" in Lutheran Quarterly. Vol. XXI, No. 4 (1969), 392-96
- "A Revolution in Theology," in The Journal of Religion. Vol. LI, No. 1 (1971), 67-74
- "Segerstedt on We-Feeling: A Refinement of Comfort-Challenge," in Acta Sociologica. Vol. XIV, No. 3 (1971), 162-68
- "Comparative Motif-Research in Irenaeus, Thomas Aquinas, and Luther," in Studia Theologica. Vol. XXI, No. 1 (1971), 133-59
- "Scholarly Approaches to Religion," in Teaching Religion to Undergraduates: Ideas and Approaches from Teachers to Teachers (New Haven: Society for Values in Higher Education, 1973).
- "Geo Widengren on Syncretism: On Parsing Uppsala Methodological Tendencies," in Numen (Journal of the International Association for the History of Religions). Vol. XX, No. 3 (1973), 1963-85

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Professional Activities (cont.):

- "On Clearing the Ground in the Science of Religion," in Science of Religious Studies in Methodology (Proceedings of the Study Conference of the International Association for the History of Religions, Turku University, Finland, August, 1973. The Hague: Mouton Publishers, 1979)
- "On Religious Studies, In Lieu of an Overview," in Journal of the American Academy of Religion. Vol. XLII, No. 4 (1974), 727-33
- "Origins of the Theology of Hope," in Interpretation. Vol. XXIX, No. 1 (1975), 84-86
- "First Impression--and Second Thoughts," in The Bulletin of the Council on the Study of Religion. Vol. 8, No. 2 (April, 1977), 37-40
- "On Religious Renewal," in The Center Magazine (March/April, 1977)
- "The Interpenetration of New Religion and Religious Studies," in Understanding the New Religions, eds., Jacob Needleman and George Baker (New York: Seabury Press, 1978), 101-5
- "Humanities at Large," in The Center Magazine (March/April), 1978
- "The Vocational Crisis: Symptom of a Deeper Illness," in The Bulletin of the Council on the Study of Religion. Vol. 9, No. 3 (June, 1978), 65-68
- "The War's Transformation," in The Center Magazine (July/August, 1978)
- "Thomas Merton's Legacy," in The Center Magazine (March/April, 1979) also published in Dialogue (Quarterly Journal of Opinion and Analysis, published by the International Communication Agency, Washington, D.C.), Vol. 12, No. 3 (1979), 26-32
- "Religious Context: A World of Broken Pieces," Part II of Report on the Project on the Impact of Vietnam, in The Center Magazine (September/October, 1979)
- "The Contemplative Era -- Prospects and Perils," address given to founding meeting of Center for Contemplative Studies, University of Dallas, May 13, 1979
- "Bullish Aspirations in Bearish Market Conditions: The Job Crisis in Religious Studies," in The Bulletin of the Council on the Study of Religion (December, 1979)
- "A Time for Renewal at the Center," in The Center Magazine (March, 1980)
- "Motherhood of God in the Writings of Hildegard of Bingen," paper given for "In Her Image" Symposium, University of California, Santa Barbara, March, 1980

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Professional Activities (cont.):

- "Contemporary Monastic Life," paper given in Monasticism and the Arts Symposium, Yale University, March, 1980
- "A Look at Christopher Lasch's Look at America," in The Center Magazine (July/August 1980)
- "Toward a Christian Theology of the World's Religions," in Cross Currents. Vol. XXIX, No. 2 (Summer, 1979), 156-68
- "Celebrating 450 Years of Protestantism," address given in colloquium, Franciscan Mission, Santa Barbara, June 25, 1980
- "Paradigms of Change in the Study of Religion," paper prepared for XIVth Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, Winnipeg, Canada, August 19, 1980
- "The Place of Tradition within a World of Change," address to west-coast chapters of American Scandinavian Foundation, September 29, 1980
- "Religious Studies as a Source of Cultural Wisdom," lecture given at Syracuse University, October 14, 1980
- "Analysis of the Global 2000 Report to the President," address given to Santa Barbara Chapter of the United Nations Association, October 22, 1980
- "John Anderson from Two Vantage Points," article on Op/Ed Page, Sunday Edition, Santa Barbara News-Press, October 26, 1980
- "Theology as an Art Form," paper given at Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Dallas, Texas (November, 1980)
- "Liberalism: The Next Four Years," article on Op/Ed Page, Sunday edition, Santa Barbara News-Press, November 16, 1980
- "Contemporary Trends in American Religion," series of lectures given at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington, December, 1980
- "Contemporary Socio-Political Change and the Work of Religious Studies," paper given at American Academy of Religion meetings, Western Region, Pasadena, California. March 28 1981
- "Vietnam and the Collective Healing Process," paper given at the Hutchins Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, April 22, 1981
- "The Role of an Independent Think-Tank in Times like These," public address, University of California, Santa Barbara, April 29, 1981

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Professional Activities (cont.):

"The Life of Learning in Times Like These," address given at plenary session, Colloquium of Scholars, California Lutheran College, May 8, 1981

"History and Controversies of the Teaching of Religious Studies on University of California Campuses," paper given at San Francisco State University, May 15, 1981

Professional Activities, Work in Process:

A Monastic Pilgrimage (book manuscript, nearly completed)

"Theology as Art Form," article scheduled for publication, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Winter, 1982

Paper on "religion and revolution," being prepared for Conference on Religion and Revolution, sponsored by the University of Minnesota, November 6, 1981

Paper, "Geertz' Theory of Religion," to be given during plenary session, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, December, 1981

Paper, "The Authority of Theology as Art," to be given at Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, December, 1981

"Contemporary Socio-Political Change and the Work of Religious Studies," paper to be published in The Bulletin of the Council on the Study of Religion, October, 1981

The Unfinished War: Vietnam and the American Conscience (book forthcoming from Beacon Press, winter, 1982)

"Contemporary Monastic Life," to be included in collection of papers from Monasticism and the Arts Symposium, sponsored by Yale University

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