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Education:

Ph.D., Harvard University, 1980
 A.M., Harvard University, 1970
 A.B., University of Missouri, 1969

Academic Positions:

2007- Tomorrow Foundation Professor of American Intellectual History, Boston University
 2001- Professor of History, Boston University
 1995-2001 Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 1988-95 Associate Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 1985-88 Assistant Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 1980-85 Assistant Professor of History, Harvard University

Concurrent Appointments:

2003-2004, 2005-2007 Director of Graduate Studies, Boston University
 2001- Core Faculty Member, Boston University Religion and Science Program, Division of Religion and Theological Studies
 1993 Visiting Associate Professor of History, University of Michigan (Winter, Spring Terms)
 1992 Visiting Scholar, University of Michigan (Fall Term)
 1990-1992 Director of the University Honors Program, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 1989 Visiting Associate Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Spring Term)
 1986-1988 Director of American Studies, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Books:

Darwinism and the Divine in America: Protestant Intellectuals and Organic Evolution, 1859-1900 (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1988). Recipient of the Frank S. and Elizabeth D. Brewer Prize from the American Society of Church History.

The Sacred and the Secular University (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000) (with James Turner). Named by Choice Magazine as one of its "Outstanding Academic Titles" for the year. Recipient of the Thomas Bonner Prize from Wayne State University.

Articles:

- “Darwinism,” in A Companion to American Thought, ed. James Kloppenberg and Richard Wightman Fox (Oxford: Blackwell, 1995), 167-168
- “The Human Mind and Personality,” Encyclopedia of the United States in the Twentieth Century, ed. Stanley I. Kutler, 4 vols. (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1996), II: 877-898
- “Religion, Secularization, and Cultural Spaces in America,” in American Catholic Traditions: Resources for Renewal, ed. Sandra Yocum Mize and William Portier (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1997), 185-205
- “Darwinism, American Protestant Thinkers, and the Puzzle of Motivation,” in Disseminating Darwinism: The Role of Place, Race, Religion, and Gender, ed. Ronald L. Numbers and John Stenhouse (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999), 142-172
- “Psychology in America,” The History of Science and Religion in the Western Tradition: An Encyclopedia, ed. Gary B. Ferngren (New York: Garland Publishing Company, 2000), 502-507
- “Charles Hodge” and “Psychotherapy,” The Oxford Companion to United States History, ed. Paul Boyer (New York: Oxford University Press, 2000), 342, 632-634
- “The Struggle Over Evolution,” Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History, ed. Mary Kupiec Cayton and Peter W. Williams, 3 vols. (New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2001), 1: 589-597
- “‘The Idea That Wouldn’t Die’: The Warfare Between Science and Christianity,” Historically Speaking 4 (February 2003), 21-24
- “Psychoanalysis and American Religion, 1900-45,” in When Science and Christianity Meet: From Augustine to Intelligent Design, ed. David C. Lindberg and Ronald L. Numbers (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003), 225-244
- “James H. Leuba,” in The Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers, ed. John R. Shook, 4 vols. (Bristol, UK: Thoemmes, 2005), 3: 1446-1447
- “Conservative Evangelicals and Science Education in American Colleges and Universities, 1890-1940,” Journal of the Historical Society 5 (2005), 297-329
- “Darwinism,” in Jonathan Hill, et al., Zondervan Handbook to the History of Christianity (Oxford: Lion Publishing Plc, 2006), 357
- “American Liberal Protestantism and the Concept of Progress, 1870-1930,” Historically Speaking 9 (September/October 2007), 15-17
- “That Darwin Destroyed Natural Theology,” in Galileo Goes to Jail and Other Myths about Science and Religion, ed. Ronald L. Numbers (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2009), 161-169

- “Louis Agassiz: Poligenismo, Transmutação e a Metodologia Científica. Uma Reavaliação” (“Louis Agassiz on Polygenism, Transmutation, and Scientific Methodology: A Reassessment”), in Darwinismo, Meio Ambiente, Sociedade, ed. Heloisa Domingues, et al. (Rio de Janeiro: Museu de Astronomia, 2009), 73-99
- “Religious Reactions to Darwin,” in The Cambridge Companion to Science and Religion, ed. Peter Harrison (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in press)
- “Science and Religion,” in Wrestling with Nature: From Omens to Science, ed. Peter Harrison, Ronald L. Numbers, and Michael Shank (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, in press)
- “Christianity and Science,” in American Christianities, ed. Catherine A. Brekus and Clark Gilpin (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, forthcoming)
- “American Liberal Protestantism and the Concept of Progress, 1870-1930” in British Abolitionism and the Question of Moral Progress in History, ed. Donald A. Yerxa (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, forthcoming)
- “Religious Responses to Philosophy in America, 1865-1945,” in The Cambridge History of Religions in America: Volume II: 1790 to 1945, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming)

Works in Progress:

Book-length manuscript: “The Inward Turn in American Protestantism, 1840-1940”

Long-term project: “Secularization in America”

Reviews:

Jacques Maritain: Antimodern or Ultramodern? An Historical Analysis of His Critics, His Thought, and His Life, by Brooke Williams Smith, Review of Books and Religion 5 (July-August, 1976)

Without God, Without Creed, by James Turner, Isis 78 (1987), 451-452

The Sciences and Theology in the Twentieth Century, ed. A. R. Peacocke, Isis 79 (1988), 511-512

Darwin’s Forgotten Defenders: The Encounter between Evangelical Theology and Evolutionary Thought, by David N. Livingstone, Isis 80 (1989), 715-716

J. W. De Forest and the Rise of American Gentility, by James A. Hijiya, American Historical Review 95 (1990), 1628-1629

The Transformation of Theology, 1830-1890: Positivism and Protestant Thought in Britain and America, by Charles D. Cashdollar, Isis 82 (1991), 584-585

The American Encounter with Buddhism, 1844-1912: Victorian Culture and the Limits of Dissent, by Thomas A. Tweed, Journal of American History 80 (1993), 269-270

B. F. Skinner: A Life, by Daniel W. Bjork, Isis 85 (1994), 733-734

Defending the Faith: J. Gresham Machen and the Crisis of Conservative Protestantism in Modern America, by D. G. Hart, American Historical Review 100 (1995), 1314

Evangelicalism: Comparative Studies of Popular Protestantism in North America, the British Isles, and Beyond, 1700-1990, ed. Mark A. Noll, et al., Comparative Studies in Society and History 40 (1998), 187-188

Social Darwinism in European and American Thought, 1860-1945, by Mike Hawkins, Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences 37 (2001), 174-175

Darwinism and Theology in America: 1850-1930, ed. Frank S. Ryan, 4 vols., Endeavour, 27, no. 1 (March 2003), 5-6

Preaching Eugenics: Religious Leaders and the American Eugenics Movement, by Christine Rosen, American Historical Review 110 (2005), 815

Before Darwin: Reconciling God and Science, by Keith Thomson, Journal of the Early Republic 26 (Winter 2006), 704-707

In the Beginning: Fundamentalism, the Scopes Trial, and the Making of the Antievolution Movement, by Michael Lienesch, Journal of Church and State 50 (2008), 383-384

Papers Presented:

“Science and American Protestant Theology, 1900-1950” (Craigville, Massachusetts Conference on the History of the American Protestant Establishment in the Twentieth Century, June 28-30, 1985)

“The Response of American Liberal Protestants to the Psychology of Religion, 1890-1930” (Northern Great Plains History Conference, October 17, 1987)

“Behaviorism and American Protestant Theology, 1913-1940” (History of Science Society Convention, October 28, 1989)

“James Leuba and the Psychology of Religious Belief: A Chapter in the ‘Warfare’ Between Science and Religion” (Northern Great Plains History Conference, October 6, 1990)

“Freudianism and American Christian Theology, 1910-1940” (American Historical Association, December 28, 1992)

- “Darwinism, American Protestant Thinkers and the Puzzle of Motivation” (National Science Foundation-sponsored conference on “Responses to Darwinism in the English-speaking World” in Dunedin, New Zealand, May, 1994)
- “The Psychologist as Heretic: James Leuba’s Campaign Against Religion” (CHEIRON Conference, Montreal, Canada, June 2, 1994)
- “Scientific Culture, Religion, and Higher Education in America, 1870-1930” (Princeton University, March 21, 1996, as part of The Princeton Conference on Higher Education, in celebration of Princeton’s 250th Anniversary)
- “Religion, Secularization, and Cultural Spaces in America” (plenary address to the College Theology Society, Dayton, Ohio, May 31, 1996)
- “Freud and American Religion, 1900-1940” (American Association for the Advancement of Science, January 23, 1999)
- “Freud and American Christianity, 1900-1945,” (Conference at Berkeley Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, March 26, 1999)
- “The Response of Conservative Evangelicals to Science Education in American Colleges and Universities, 1890-1940” (Organization of American Historians, April 22, 1999)
- “Intelligent Design, Nineteenth-Century Style” (National Conference, “Design and Its Critics,” Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin, June 24, 2000)
- “Science and Christianity” (Conference on “Wrestling with Nature: From Omens to Science,” in Madison, Wisconsin,” April 26-28, 2001)
- “God, Humanity, and the Emergence of the ‘New Psychology’” (Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy and History of Science, February 10, 2003)
- “Science, Liberal Protestantism, and Philosophical Idealism in America” (Annual Conference of The Historical Society, June 3, 2004)
- “Louis Agassiz on Polygenism, Transmutation, and Scientific Methodology: A Reassessment” (Third International Congress on the History of Darwinism in Europe and the Americas, Manaus, Brazil, September 29, 2004)
- “American Liberal Protestantism and the Concept of Progress, 1870-1930,” London Conference on British Abolitionism, Moral Progress, and Big Questions in History, co-sponsored by The Historical Society and The John Templeton Foundation, April 28, 2007
- “The Persistence of Natural Theology After Darwin,” Conference on “Mythbusting in Science and Religion,” Green College, University of British Columbia, August 25, 2007
- “The Argument from Design: A Brief History,” Conference on the History and Philosophy of Biology, Florida State University, April 16-18, 2010

Other Presentations:

- Commentator, session on "Intellectuals and American Culture" at the annual convention of the American Historical Association, December, 1985
- Commentator, session on "Psychology and Secularization" at a national conference on "Secularization of Science" held in Madison, Wisconsin, September 21-22, 1990
- Commentator, session on "The Victorian Era," conference on "The Evangelical Engagement with Science" held at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, March 31, 1995
- Workshop Director, "Science and Christian Millennialism," at the conference "Waiting in Fearful Hope: Approaching the New Millennium," Madison, Wisconsin, September 23, 1997
- Chair and Commentator, session on "Victorian Crisis of Objectivity: The Revolt Against Scientific Completeness" at the annual convention of the History of Science Society, November 3, 2000
- Chair and Commentator, session on "Reimagining Secularization in Twentieth-Century American Culture" at the meeting of the American Society of Church History, January 7, 2001
- Presentation, "The Emergence of the Modern Scholarly Ideal" at a conference sponsored by the Medical College of Wisconsin, September 20, 2003
- Presentation, "The Inward Turn in American Protestant Thought, 1870-1940," Eastern Nazarene College, Nov. 10, 2005
- Chair, session on "Contextualizing Catholic Doctrine: Biology, Psychology, and Papal Pronouncements in the Nineteenth Century," American Catholic Historical Society, January 6, 2006
- Presentation, "Darwinism and Intelligent Design: Deep Background and Recent History," symposium on "Evolution and Intelligent Design: Science, Religion and American Culture," co-sponsored by The Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University and the Metanexus Institute, January 22, 2006
- Chair, session on "Uncomfortable Bedfellows? Historians, Religion, and Other Awkward Subjects," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 5, 2007
- Presentation, "Varieties of Scientific Experience: Mary Baker Eddy, William James, and Other Honest Investigators of the Nineteenth Century," Mary Baker Eddy Library, October 9, 2008
- Presentation, "The Psychotherapeutic Gospel in America," Templeton Research Group, Center for the Study of Religion and Psychology, The Danielsen Institute at Boston University, January 26, 2008
- Plenary Address, "Changing Protestant Responses to Darwinism, 1859-1900," Symposium on "War and Peace: 150 Years of Christian Encounters with Darwin," Bryan College, Dayton, Tennessee, February 27, 2009

Presentation, "Social Darwinism and Religion," Conference on "The Science and Politics of Improving the Human Species: The Disastrous History of Social Darwinism and Eugenics," Boston Theological Institute, April 3, 2009

Presentation, "Darwin's Challenge to Religion," Boston Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science, April 24, 2009

Presentation, "God, Human Nature, and Religious Knowledge: The Response of American Protestant Thinkers to Darwinism, 1859-1920," Conference on "Religious Responses to Darwin, Oxford University, July 17, 2009

Commentator, session on "The Anointed: American Evangelical Experts," Conference on "The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind, Fifteen Years Later," October 2, 2009

Commentator, session on "Ellen White and the Self: Mind, Body, and Soul," Conference on "Ellen White: American Prophet," Portland, Maine, October 22-25, 2009

Chair and Commentator, session on "Psychology and the Spirit: Protestant Experiences of the Self in Twentieth-Century North America" American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, January 10, 2010

Professional Activities:

Member, International Society for Science and Religion, 2007-

Chair, Research Committee, American Society of Church History, 2003-2006

Member, Research Committee, American Society of Church History, 2001-2006

Advisory Editor, Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History, ed. Mary Kupiec Cayton and Peter W. Williams, 3 vols. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2001)

Consulting Editor, History of Psychology, 1997-2009

Member, Committee on Honors and Prizes, History of Science Society, 1998-2001

Co-Chair, Program Committee, American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, January 1999

Member, Council of the American Society of Church History, 1994-1996

Advisory Editor, Isis, 1993-1995

Member, National Subcommittee on Undergraduate Education in the History of Science, History of Science Society, 1994-1997

Teaching Experience:

Lecture Courses (Partial List):

Religious Thought in America
 American Intellectual History (2-semester sequence)
 Science and Christianity in Europe and America, 1500 to the Present
 Science and American Culture
 Evolution, Society, and Culture in Great Britain and the United States
 American History, 1607-Present (2-semester sequence)

Graduate Seminars:

American Intellectual History
 Science and Religion Since 1600 (University of Michigan)

Undergraduate Seminars and Colloquia:

History of Science
 Religion and American Culture
 Science and Religion Since 1600
 Science and Philosophy Since 1850
 The Cultural Impact of Scientific Revolutions in America
 Popular Culture in the United States
 American Intellectual History in the Nineteenth Century

Selected Awards and Honors:

Member, International Society for Science and Religion, 2007
 Recipient, University Scholar Award, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, 1996
 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grantee, 1995
 Templeton Foundation Science-Religion Course Prize, 1995
 System Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1993-94
 Honorary Faculty Member, Phi Eta Sigma, 1991
 Charles Warren Center Fellow, Harvard University, 1983-84
 Graduate Prize Fellow, Harvard University, 1969-70, 1972-76
 Woodrow Wilson Fellow, 1969
 Phi Beta Kappa, 1968