

**Short Curriculum Vitae
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Education

1982 - 87: Ph.D. (philosophy of religion)
McGill University, Faculty of Religious Studies

1976 - 79: M.Phil. (philosophical theology)
Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto

1972 - 76: B.A. (philosophy and religious studies)
University of Toronto

Current Academic and Educational Appointments

2004 - Visiting Fellow, University of St. Michael's College, University of Toronto
[Christianity and Culture Program]

1996 - Christian Reformed Campus Minister, University of Toronto

1996 - Adjunct Professor of Theology of Culture, Wycliffe College,
Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto

2001 - Professor, Creation Care Studies Program,
San Ignatio, Belize and Auckland, New Zealand

Awards

- 2008 Priscilla and Stanford Reid Trust Grant
- 2000 Priscilla and Stanford Reid Trust Grant
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- 1995 Best Books List: *Christianity Today* listed *Truth is Stranger than it Used to be* as the tenth best book of 1995
- 1993 The Ted Ward Writing Award:
awarded by *Faculty Dialogue* for a paper on “The Christian Mission in Higher Education”
- 1987 Dean’s Honour List, McGill University
- 1983 - 86 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship
- 1982 - 86 Assorted Bursaries from McGill’s Faculty of Religious Studies
- 1984 McGill Graduate Faculty Research and Travel Grant
- 1983 McGill Summer Fellowship
- 1983 McGill McConnell Fellowship (declined)

Church Membership

Lindsay Christian Reformed Church, Lindsay, Ontario
(lay preacher)

Wine Before Breakfast, University of Toronto
(pastor of this campus worship community)

Select Publications

1. Books

Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement. Co-authored with Steve Bouma-Prediger. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008.

Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire. Co-authored with Sylvia C. Keesmaat. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2004.

Truth is Stranger Than it Used to Be: Biblical Faith in a Postmodern Age. Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1995, and London: SPCK, 1995.

An Ethos of Compassion and the Integrity of Creation. Edited with Hendrik Hart and Robert Vandervennen. Lanham, New York and London: University Press of America, 1995.

Subversive Christianity. Bristol, UK: The Regius Press, 1992. Reprinted Medina Washington: Alta Visa College Press, 1994. Chapters three and four engage Cockburn in some depth.

The Advent of Justice: A Book of Meditations. Jointly authored with J. Richard Middleton, Sylvia C. Keesmaat and Mark Vandervennen. Toronto: CJL Foundation, 1993. Revised edition, Sioux Center, Iowa: Dordt College Press, 1994.

Langdon Gilkey: Theologian for a Culture in Decline. Christian Studies Today. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1991.

Who Turned Out the Lights? The Light of the Gospel in a Post-Enlightenment Culture. An Inaugural Address. Toronto: Institute for Christian Studies, 1989.

The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian Worldview. Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1984. Translated into Korean, French, Indonesian, and Spanish.

Futurity and Creation: Explorations in the Eschatological Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg. Published MPhil Thesis. Toronto: Institute for Christian Studies, 1979.

2. Academic Articles and Book Chapters

“Thinking Christianly.” *Catalyst* 33.4 (April 2007).

“‘At Home in the Darkness, But Hungry for Dawn’ – Global Homelessness and a Passion for Homecoming in the Music of Bruce Cockburn.” *Cultural Encounters* 1,2 (Summer 2005).

“With and Without Boundaries: Christian Homemaking amidst Postmodern Homelessness.” Coauthored with Steve Bouma-Prediger. *The Hermeneutics of Charity: Interpretation, Selfhood, and Postmodern Faith.* Edited by James K.A. Smith and Henry I. Venema. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2004.

“Education for Homelessness or Homemaking? The Christian College in a Postmodern Culture.” Coauthored with Steve Bouma-Prediger. *Christian Scholar’s Review* 32.3 (Spring 2003).

“Transformation: Dynamic Worldview or Repressive Ideology.” *Journal of Education and Christian Belief* 4.2 (Autumn 2000).

“Where is Society Going? Education, Tall Tales and the End of an Era.” *Christian Teacher’s Journal* 8.2 (May 2000).

“ Rehearing Colossians 1.1-14.” *Christian Teacher’s Journal* 8.2 (May 2000).

“Commentary on Colossians 1.15-20.” *Third Way* 23.3 (April 2000).

“One Day I Shall Be Home: Homecoming in the Lyrics of Bruce Cockburn.” *Christianity and the Arts* 7.1 (Winter 2000).

“Regimes of Truth and the Rhetoric of Deceit: Colossians 2 in Postmodern Context.” *Interface: A Forum for Theology in the World* 2,1 (May, 1999). Reprinted in *Pro Rege* 28.3 (March 2000)

“Exegesis–*Pro Rege* in Communion.” *Pro Rege* 28.3 (March 2000).

“Late/Post Modernity and Idolatry: A Contextual Reading of Colossians 2.8-3.4” *Ex Auditu* 15 (1999).

“Derrida and the Messiah: The Spiritual Face of Postmodernity.” *Re:Generation Quarterly* 5.1 (Spring 1999).

“History, Society, Politics: Gilkey’s Theology of Culture.” In *The Theology of Langdon Gilkey*. Edited by Kyle Pasewark and Jeff Pool. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1999.

“Jubilee or Idolatry: A Radical Antithesis.” In *Making a New Beginning: Biblical Reflections on Jubilee*. Toronto: Canadian Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative, 1998.

“Homemaking in Exile: Homelessness, Postmodernity and Theological Reflection.” In *Reminding: Renewing the Mind in Learning*. Edited by Doug Blomberg and Ian Lambert. Sydney: Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, 1998.

“Education in Precarious Times: Postmodernity and a Christian World View.” In *The Crumbling Walls of Certainty: Towards a Christian Critique of Postmodernity and Education*.

Edited by Ian Lambert and Suzanne Mitchell. Sydney: Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity, 1997. [Reprinted in *The Christian Educator's Journal* 8.1 (January 2000)]

"Worldviews." In *An Encyclopedia of Everyday Life*. Edited by Robert Banks and Don Stevens. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1997.

"Reimagining Biblical Authority," *Christian Scholar's Review* 26,2 (Winter 1996).

"Of Kingdoms, Seeds and Politics." *Canadian Theological Society Newsletter* 16,1 (October 1996).

"On Reading Texts in a Postmodern Time: A Response to Doug Harink." Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton. *Canadian Evangelical Review* 13 (Fall, 1996).

"An Ethos of Compassion and the Integrity of Creation: Setting the Table." An introductory chapter to a book entitled *An Ethos of Compassion and the Integrity of Creation*. Christian Studies Today Series. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1995.

"Facing the Postmodern Scalpel: Can the Christian Faith Withstand Deconstruction?" Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton. In *Christian Apologetics in the Postmodern World*. Edited by Timothy R. Phillips and Dennis L. Okholm. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

"Trees, Forestry and the Responsiveness of Creation." Jointly-authored with Marianne Karsh and Nik Ansell. *Cross Currents* 44,2 (Summer 1994). This article is also included in *This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature, Environment*. Edited by Roger S. Gottlieb. New York and London: Routledge, 1995.

"Trees—An Exchange: Author's Response." *Cross Currents* 44,4 (Winter 1994/95).

"Based on Creation." Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton. In *The Transforming Vision: Living and Learning in Community*. Edited by Laurie A. Schreiner. Acton, MA: Tapestry Press, 1994. [This is a reprint of a chapter from *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian Worldview*.]

"Theology at the Rim of a Broken Wheel: Bruce Cockburn and Christian Faith in a Postmodern World." Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton. *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal* 9, 2 (June 1993).

"Introduction." The introductory article for a symposium on Wolfhart Pannenberg's *Systematic Theology, vol. 1*. *Calvin Theological Journal* 27 (Fall, 1992).

“Worldviews, Modernity and the Task of Christian College Education.” *Faculty Dialogue* 18 (Fall 1992). [This article was the co-recipient of the “Ted Ward Writing Award.”]

“Liberal Tyranny.” *Third Way*, 15, 6 (Summer 1992).

“Dancing in the Dragon’s Jaws: Imaging God at the end of the Twentieth Century.” Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton. *The Crucible*, 2, 3 (Spring 1992).

“Reflections on the Ascension.” Co-authored with Sylvia C. Keesmaat. *Theology* XCV, no. 765 (May/June 1992). Also published in *Touchstone* 10, 1 (Winter, 1992).

“Langdon B. Gilkey.” In *Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Edited by D. G. Reid, R. D. Linder, B. L. Shelly and H. S. Stout. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 1990.

“Who Turned Out the Lights? The Light of the Gospel in a Post-Enlightenment Culture.” *Faculty Dialogue* 33 (Winter 1990).

“The Transformation of Culture: A Review Article.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 7, 3 (Fall 1989).

“The Christian Worldview of Bruce Cockburn: Prophetic Art in a Dangerous Time.” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 5, 2 (Fall 1989).

“The Dimension of Ultimacy and the Theology of Culture: An Evaluation of Langdon Gilkey.” *Calvin Theological Journal* 24, 1 (April 1989).

“Theology of Hope and the Doctrine of Creation: An Appraisal of Jürgen Moltmann.” *Evangelical Quarterly* LIX, 1 (January 1987).

“Religious Studies and the Crisis of Modernity.” *Anakainosis* (July 1986).

“A Critical Review of Wolfhart Pannenberg’s *Anthropology in Theological Perspective*.” *Christian Scholar’s Review* XV, 8 (1986).

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“Pannenberg’s Eschatological Ontology.” *Christian Scholar’s Review* XI, 3 (1982).

3. Popular Articles (only recent publications are listed here)

“Hope in Exile: Messenger Wind Blows Through Bruce Cockburn.” *Catholic New Times* (June 29, 2003). Review of *You’ve Never Seen Everything*.

“Thinking About Eternity,” *The Other Side* 38.3 (May/June 2002): a review of Bruce Cockburn’s cd *Anything Anytime Anywhere*. Also published as “Bruce Cockburn: Creation Theologian,” *Catholic New Times* 26.5 (March 17, 2002).

“How will the Kingdom Come?,” *Catholic New Times* 26.1 (Jan. 6, 2002).

“Derailed and Desperate: Campus Ministry in Exile,” *Christian Courier* #2680 (December 24, 2001).

“Mary Magdalene's Story,” *Christian Courier* #2660 (March 19, 2001).

“John's Story,” *Christian Courier* #2661 (April 2, 2001).

“Terrorism and Mythology,” *The Varsity* (Sept. 17, 2001).
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“Would You Like Fries With That Faith?” *The Varsity* (March 7, 2000).

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“Caffeine Fiends Jeer Prayers.” *The Varsity* (Sept. 22, 1998).

“Headed for Hope or Destruction? How God Turns World Events Inside Out.” *The Banner* (June 23, 1997).

“Do Great Minds Guarantee a Great Future?” *The Varsity* (Oct. 8, 1997).

“On the Move Again” (review of Bruce Cockburn’s c.d. *The Charity of Night*). *re.generation quarterly* 3,2 (Spring, 1997). Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton.

“Bruce Cockburn - Minstrel of a Propheptic Spirituality.” *Catholic New Times* 21,12 (August 1997). Co-authored with J. Richard Middleton.

“Stadium Space Could Help Homeless.” *The Varsity* (Nov. 25 1996).

“Postmodernity and the Church: Ten Things you need to know.” *Good Idea* 3,4 (Winter 1996).

“Are Our Politicians Shepherds of Justice?” *The Catalyst* 19,6 (Oct. 1996).

“Ready or Not.” *The Catalyst* 19,7 (Nov. 1996).

“Rufus Remembers Pentecost.” *The Christian Courier* (May 24, 1996).

“Christian + University = ???” *Cue: The Signal to Begin*. (Preview Issue, 1995). This article has appeared in various other publications including *His Magazine* in 1982, an ICS brochure in 1981, and a book of articles published in Korean in the mid-eighties.

“The Visit of the Magi: A Narrative.” *Christian Courier* (Dec. 3, 1993).

“Coca Cola: a god in a bottle.” *Faith Today* 11,5 (Sept./Oct., 1993).

“Singing the Post-election Blues.” *Christian Courier* (Nov. 12, 1993).

“An Apology for Michael Jackson.” *Calvinist Contact* (June 26, 1992).

“The Resurrection and Locked Doors.” *Calvinist Contact* (April 17, 1992).

“Covenantal Memory or Amnesia in a Pluralist Culture: A Meditation on Deuteronomy 8.” *Perspective* 25, 5 (October 1991).

“The Kingdom of God in a Desert Storm.” *Christian Week* (Feb. 18, 1991).