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## Education

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Ph.D., History of Christian Life and Thought, Graduate Theological Union	2002
Th.M, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology	1997
M.Div., Yale Divinity School	1994
B.A., Wesleyan University	1991

## Experience

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Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Sandwich, MA, 2016-present. Parish priest of pastoral sized congregation of approximately 150 average Sunday attendance.

Academic Dean Bexley Seabury Seminary Federation, Columbus, OH, 2011-2016. Chief academic officer and Associate Professor of Church History. Helped to oversee successful federated partnership with Seabury Western Theological Seminary. Chaired process for re-accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools and Ohio Board of Regents, serve as Dean of the Chapel and coordinate worship. Provide pastoral care and counseling to students, teach courses in history and theology.

The Episcopal Church: Associate Deputy to the Presiding Bishop for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, 2001-2009; Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Officer, 2009-2011. Coordinated partnerships with The United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Roman Catholic Church, Orthodox Churches, and Moravian Church in America. Served on National Council of Churches Interfaith Relations Commission. Named to the International Anglican-Orthodox Dialogue by the Archbishop of Canterbury; represented the Episcopal Church at the Network for Interfaith Concerns (NIFCON) of the Anglican Communion.

Chaplain, 2009-2011, St Francis House, Madison, WI. Campus chaplain to Episcopal community at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Coordinated worship, formation, and service projects with Student Peer Ministers; rebuilt connections with university community; worked collaboratively with chaplains from other faith traditions.

Adjunct Professor of Anglican Studies, Claremont School of Theology, 2003-2006. Taught survey courses in church history and historical theology and required sequence in History Theology, and Polity of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion.

Adjunct faculty, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2002-present. Adjunct faculty for online courses in Early, Medieval, Reformation, and Anglican History for course credit through Center for Anglican Leadership and Learning.

Bogart Teaching Fellow, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2000-2001. Faculty appointment, taught required survey History and Theology of the Early Church.

Assistant for Worship and Education, Emmanuel Church, Boston, 1995-1997. Half-time position in parish ministry. Duties included leading worship, preaching, pastoral counseling, designing programs of adult formation.

Chaplain Intern, 1995-1996, Miriam Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island. Full-time, year-long hospital chaplaincy internship. Completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education.

### **Service to the Broader Church**

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Co-Chair, Bishop's Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 2016-present.

General Board of Examining Chaplains, 2016-present. Elected to a six-year term by 2015 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers Network, 2016-present. Appointed by President of EDEIO to Executive Committee.

Episcopal Church-United Methodist Church Bilateral Dialogue, 2015-present. Appointed by Presiding Bishop to serve on bilateral theological dialogue seeking full communion between The Episcopal Church and The United Methodist Church.

### **Honors, Fellowships, and Scholarships**

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Bogart Teaching Fellow, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, 2000-2001

Doctoral examinations passed with Distinction, 2000

Newhall Fellow, Graduate Theological Union, 1999-2000

Presidential Endowment Award Winner, Graduate Theological Union, 1997-1998

Master of Theology with Highest Distinction, 1997

Downes Prize for Reading of Scripture, Yale Divinity School, 1994

Graduated with Honors, Wesleyan University, 1991

Ford Foundation Undergraduate Research Grant, 1990

### **Teaching Competencies**

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Early, Medieval, and Reformation Church History

Anglican/Episcopal History and Theology

Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations

### **Publications and Papers Presented**

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"Finding Constantine's Walls: the Future of Theological Education," published in Episcopal New Yorker, September, 2016.

Book review for Martin Camroux, Ecumenism in Retreat, for Anglican Theological Review. To be published in Fall, Winter, 2017 issue.

The Episcopal Story: Birth and Rebirth. History of Christianity and The Episcopal Church from the New Testament to the present. Church Publishing, 2015.

Book review for Mitzi Budde and Don Thorsen, eds., Unity in Mission: Theological Reflections on the Pilgrimage of Mission, Anglican Theological Review, Fall 2014.

“Caught in the Parent Trap: Anglicans and Methodists in the USA,” published in That We May Be One? The Episcopal-United Methodist Dialogue, Church Publishing, 2014.

“Restructuring Theological Education: Back to the Future,” published in What Shall We Become? The Future and Structure of The Episcopal Church, Church Publishing, 2013.

“What is the Message of the Mission? The Missiology of the Proposed Triennial Budget,” The Living Church, May 20, 2012 issue.

Book review for Le Groupe des Dombes, One Teacher: Doctrinal Authority in the Church. The Living Church, March 11, 2012 issue.

Editor and primary drafter, “A Theological Foundation for Full Communion Between the Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church,” produced by The United Methodist-Episcopal Church bilateral dialogue, 2010.

Editor and primary drafter, “Statement on Interreligious Relations,” approved by the 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Editor and primary drafter, “Finding Our Delight in the Lord: a Proposal for Full Communion between the Episcopal Church and the Moravian Church, Northern and Southern Provinces,” approved by 2009 General Convention of the Episcopal Church and 2010 Synods of the Moravian Church.

Presenter at conference on “Catholicity and Globalization,” involving the Episcopal Church, Iglesia Filipina Independiente, and the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht, held in New York City, November, 2007.

“Recognition and Reconciliation of Ministries in the Church of North India: Implications for Ecumenical Dialogues of the Episcopal Church,” The Anglican, Fall, 2007.

Book review for J. Warren Smith’s Passion and Paradise: the Mystical Theology of Gregory of Nyssa, Anglican Theological Review, 2006.

Book review for Walter Cardinal Kasper’s, That They All May Be One: the Call to Unity Today, Anglican Theological Review, 2006.

The Past is Prologue: the Revolution of Nicene Historiography. Brill Academic Publishers, 2005. Revised version of dissertation presented to the Graduate Theological Union in 2002, published in series Supplements to Vigiliae Christianae, Volume 75.

Book Review for Paul Avis' Anglicanism and the Christian Church, Journal of Anglican Studies, 2005.

"Engaging the New Models of Ecumenism," paper delivered to the Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Partnership, Fall 2004.

"Authority and Communio in Anglican-Roman Catholic and Anglican-Lutheran Relations," The Anglican, Fall 2003. Originally delivered to the West Virginia Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic (LARC) Partnership, Spring 2003.

"The Enthralling Heretical Power: History and Heresy in John Henry Newman," Anglican Theological Review 85 (2003), 641-662.

"The Past Is Prologue: Book X of the Ecclesiastical History," Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum 7 (2003), 99-112.

"The Moravian Episcopate and the Episcopal Church," Anglican and Episcopal History 71 (2002), 498-518.

"The Rule of Truth and Irenaeus Rhetoric in Book 1 of Against Heresies," Vigiliae Christianae 55 (2001), 356-375.

"Anti-Judaism and Anti-heretical Discourse in Chrysostom," delivered at "Orthodoxies and Heresies in Late Antiquity," conference held at the University of California at Davis, May, 2000.

"The Council of Florence," St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly 43 (1999), 55-78.

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