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Academic Curriculum Vitae
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Present posts and address: Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2N 1N4.
University of Calgary, 2007-present
Adjunct Professor, Liverpool Hope University, 2005-present

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Qualifications:

Ph.D., History, University of Bristol, 1975
M.A. "with commendation," Theology and Religious Studies, University of Bristol, 1972
B.A. (Hons.), Religious Studies, University of Lancaster, 1970
University Matriculation, by correspondence study, five British "A" levels, 1967
Lecturing and teaching course, North Western Gas Board, 1966
Management training course, North Western Gas Board, 1964
Advanced Diploma, Industrial Gas Technology, 1964
Intermediate Diploma, Domestic Gas Technology, 1963
City & Guilds, Certificate, Gas Fitting, 1962

Academic Honors and Recognition:

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, 2010 – present.
Fellow of the Centre for Military and Strategic Studies, University of Calgary, 2007 - present.
Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute, 1975 - present.

Festschrift: *Border Crossings: The Explorations of an Inter-disciplinary Historian*, edited by Ulrich van der Heyden and Andreas Feldtkeller, Stuttgart, Franz Steiner Verlag, 2008. Presented at the Humboldt University in Berlin, May 23, 2008.

One of the few Religious Studies professors listed in *Who's Who in Canada*, 1995-present.
Visiting Professor, Humboldt University, Berlin, Spring Semester, 2003.
Academic consultant to: the Canadian Government's Department of Canadian Heritage, 2002.
Academic consultant to: the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2002.
Academic consultant with the *CBC, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation*, since 1989.
Academic consultant to: the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, 1982.

Current research:

My ongoing research concerns attempts to rehabilitate National Socialism by a group of European intellectuals who identify as "neo-Pagans." In their writings they distance themselves from Hitler and the Holocaust while envisioning a meta-political cultural transformation based on a new religious consciousness. Not to be confused with popular forms of Anglo-Saxon neo-paganism, like Wicca, this group finds its intellectual roots in the writings of Ludwig Feuerbach, Alfred Rosenberg, and various 20th century writers. Evidence suggests that they are growing in numbers, influence, and general acceptance. Among other things they have contributed to the

development of what is sometimes called the “new anti-Semitism.” Although some studies look at them from a social and political viewpoint so far no one has examined the interaction between their religious and political views which is the focus of my research.

Academic Interests:

Religion and Politics, Political Religions; Nationalism and Religion; Afrikaner Nationalism; National Socialism; New Religious Movements; World Christianity and Christian Missions, African Initiated/Independent Churches; Modern Religious Thought, Academic Fraud.

Pre-University Education:

University matriculation qualifications: *five British “A” levels*: Ancient History, Economics, Logic, Politics, and Religion, by correspondence study, 1964-1967.

Teaching and Instruction Course, NWGB, Mere College, May 1965.

Management Leadership Training Course, NWGB, Mere College, Cheshire, May 1964.

Six-year apprenticeship, North Western Gas Board (NWGB), Stockport, England, 1958-1964.

Intermediate and Advanced Diplomas in Gas Technology. This was equivalent to the British Higher National Certificate, or a one year university certificate in engineering, 1962-1964.

City and Guilds Certificate in Gas Fitting, 1958-1961.

Undergraduate Education

B.A. (Hons.) Religious Studies - with *concentrations in History and Philosophy*: courses included: Reformation History; History of Science; History of Religion; Phenomenology of Religion; Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam; Modern Religious and Atheistic Thought; Modern Theology; Old and New Testament; Church History; Philosophy of Religion; Political Philosophy; Philosophy of History; and the Sociology of Religion. Tutors: Ninian Smart, Edward Conze, James Richmond, Robert Morgan, and James Dickie (Yakub Zaki), among others, Department of Religious Studies, University of Lancaster.

Graduate Education

M.A. Religious Studies and Theology: *concentration in Anthropology*: courses included African Religions, Contemporary Religions, and Social Anthropology with Fred Welbourn, Michael Banton and Ian Hamnett. Using participant observation and life history interviews the thesis which westernized forms of Indian religions, of theosophical origin, supported by a rich eclectic mythology, in the town of Glastonbury. Supervisor: F.B. Welbourn, Department of Religious Studies and Theology, University of Bristol. Thesis title: *Some Aspects of the Contemporary Search for an Alternative Society* (1972).

Ph.D. History and Theology - *concentration in History*: the thesis was based on participant observation in an Afrikaner Nationalist community and archival research in Britain, the Netherlands, and South Africa. The dissertation dealt with the origins of the ideology of apartheid and the relationship between Calvinism and Afrikaner Nationalism prior to 1920. Supervisor: Kenneth Ingham, Department of History, University of Bristol. Elaine Botha, Department of Philosophy, Potchefstroom University, was my local supervisor in South Africa. Thesis title: *Totalitarian Calvinism: The Reformed (“Dopper”) Community in South Africa, 1902-1919*.

Post-doctoral education:

Goethe Institute, Berlin, Germany, two months, 1995.

Graduate seminar on Buddhism with Prof. Michael Hahn (Marburg), University of Calgary, 1992.

Management Seminar, University of Calgary, 13 November, 1991.
Effective Lectures and Presentations, Three Day Workshop, Shipley Associates, Shell
Canada Training Centre, 14-16 June, 1991.
Survey Research Workshop, University of Manitoba, 1983.

Participation in Academic Research Seminars:

Wissenschaftliche Konferenz mit internationaler Beteiligung, Berlin, "Mission und Macht"
2003.
Wissenschaftliche Konferenz mit internationaler Beteiligung, Berlin, "Mission und Gewalt,"
1999.
Wissenschaftliche Konferenz mit internationaler Beteiligung, Berlin, "Missionsgeschichte-
Kirchengeschichte-Weltgeschichte," 1994.
Workshop on "The Future of Religious Studies", University of Manitoba, 1989.
Colloquium on "New Directions in Religious Research", University of Lethbridge, 1983.
Workshop on "Modernity and Religion", University of British Columbia, 1981.
Bi-weekly research seminar on Southern African history organized by Terrance Ranger at
the University of Manchester, 1974 - 1977.
Workshop on "Spirit Possession and Ecstatic Religion", Royal Anthropological Institute,
1977.
Conference/Workshop on "Christianity and 'Primitive' Religions" Royal Anthropological
Institute, 1976.
Colloquium on "The Psychology of Religion" at the University of Lancaster, 1976.
Workshop on "The Problems of Developing Societies," Department of Sociology,
University of Manchester, 13-15 May 1975.
Colloquium on "Max Weber and Religion" at the University of Lancaster, 1974.
Colloquium on "A Comparative Approach to Hermeneutics in Religion", University of
Lancaster, 1972.
Colloquium on "Methodology in the Study of Religion", University of Lancaster, 1970.
Colloquium on "The Concept of Religion", University of Lancaster, 1969.

Fellowships and Grants:

Industrial Awards:

1962 North Western Gas Board Apprentice Scholarship to visit Berlin

British Research Grants and Awards

1967-1970 Cheshire Council, Undergraduate (BA) Student Award
1969 Lancaster University Travel Scholarship to research "Afrikaner Nationalism"
1972 British-South African Travel Award for research in South Africa
1972-1974 Department of Education and Science, Postgraduate (PhD) Scholarship

University of Manitoba Research Grants and Awards:

1981 University of Manitoba Travel Scholarship: "Zulu religion2
1982 University of Manitoba, Research Grant: "The Moral Majority in Manitoba"
1983 University of Manitoba, Research Grant, "Religious Groups in Winnipeg"

University of Calgary Research Grants and Awards

1985	Research Grant: "Ploughs and Polygamy in 19 th Century Zulu Society"
1986	Special Publication Grant for <i>Texts on Zulu Religion</i>
1987	Research Grant: "Afri-Trends: Survey of South African Christians,"
1989-1990	Calgary Institute for the Humanities, Research Fellowship
1990	Research Grant: "Neo-Calvinism in North America."
1991	Travel Grant for British Conference on Charismatic Christianity
1992	Research Grant: "The Impact of Christian Missions in Trans-Oranjia"
1993	Research Grant: "Religion in an Officially Atheist German Community"
1994	Research Grant: "German Missions and African Independent Churches"
1997	Travel Grant: Berlin Conference on "Missions and the State"
1998	Research Grant: "German Criticisms of New Religions"
1999	Killam Resident Fellowship to edit African religious texts
2002	Travel Grant: Berlin Conference on "Missions and Social Change in Africa"

Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities (SSHRC) Standard Research Grants:

1981	"Afrikaner Folk Religion;"
1983	"The Unification Church in Canada;"
1987	"Religion and Reconciliation in South Africa;"
1999	"The Theologies of Isaiah Shembe and the amaNazarites;"
2006	"Ancestral Neo-Paganism and the Spirit of National Socialism"

German Academic Awards:

2003	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): "Religion and neo-Fascism"
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Sabbatical Leaves

None: 1974-1990.

Sabbatical leave: September 1, 1991-August, 31, 1992.

Sabbatical leave: January 1-June 31, 1995.

Sabbatical leave: July 1-December 31, 1998.

Sabbatical leave: January 1-June 30, 2003.

Research Leave: July 1-December 31, 2005.

Sabbatical leave: 1 July to 31 January 2006.

Sabbatical leave: 1 July to 31 August 2008 – cut short due to serious illness.

Sabbatical leave: 1 July to 31 December, 2010.

Overseas Experience - Field Research and Study:

One month "apprentice exchange" in Berlin, German, 1962 and 1963.

Three months in Switzerland: 1967.

One month in The Netherlands: 1971.

Two years in South Africa: 1972-1974.

One week in South Korea: 1981.

One year's research in South Africa between 1981 and 1989.

Over two years research in Germany between 1991 and 2008.

Pre-University employment:

Six-year apprenticeship with the North Western Gas Board, Stockport, England (1958-1964)

Manager North Western Gas Board, Ashton-Under-Lyne, Stalybridge District (1964-1966).

Lecturer in Gas Technology, Stretford Technical College (1966-1967).

Full time university employment:

Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Bishop Lonsdale College, England (1974-1977)
Assistant Professor, Religion, Regent College (Graduate School), Vancouver, (1977-1980)
Assistant to Associate Professor, Religion, University of Manitoba, (1980-1984)
Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, University of Calgary (1984-1988)
Associate Professor, Religious Studies, University of Calgary (1988-1992)
Full Professor, Religious Studies, University of Calgary (1992-present)

Courses taught at other academic institutions:

Adjunct Professor Liverpool Hope University (2005 to present).
Visiting Professor, Humboldt University, Berlin (2003).
Vancouver School of Theology, Summer School (1982 and 1993).
Rocky Mountain College, Calgary, evening course, 1994.
North American Baptist Seminary, Edmonton, Summer School (1991).
University of Lethbridge, Summer School (1984 and 1985).
Providence College, Otterburne, Manitoba, Spring Session, 1983.
Trinity Western University College, Langley, B.C., evening course, (1979).
Course Tutor, British Open University (1970-1977).

Memberships:

Royal Historical Society, 2010-present.
Evangelical Theological Society, 1977-present.
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1984-present.
Berliner Gesellschaft für Missionsgeschichte, founding member, 1994-present.
Deutsche Vereinigung für Religionsgeschichte, 2000 – 2009.
South African Institute of Race Relations, 1969-2001.
American Academy of Religion, 1977-2000.
Canadian Society for the Study of Religion – 1977-2000.
Royal Anthropological Institute, 1972-present.
The Christian Institute of Southern Africa, 1969 until it was banned in 1977.

Editorships:

Editorial Board, *Missionsgeschichtliches Archiv*, Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart, 2003-present.
Editorial Board, *Sacred Tribes: A Journal of New and Emerging Religions*, 2007-present.
Editorial Board, *Koers*, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 1986- 2011.
NUREL-L, electronic discussion group, 1992-2000.
Editorial Board, *Studies in Religion*, Waterloo, Canada, 1994-2000.
Editorial Board, *Religion*, Lancaster and Santa Barbara, 1994-2000.
Contributing Editor, *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, Cape Town, 1981-1993.
Editorial Board, *LOOG*, Potchefstroom, South Africa, 1972-1973.

Administrative experience:

Appropriate service on various University, Faculty, and Departmental Committees.
Internal Reviewer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Calgary: 2002.
External Reviewer, Department of Religious Studies, University of Otago, New Zealand, 2002.
Regent College, Inter-disciplinary studies and “inter-term program” coordinator, 1977-1980.

Member: English Schools' Council, North-West Task Force, on Teaching World Religions in Schools, 1974-1977.

Manager, North Western Gas Board, England, 1964-1966.

Conferences Organized:

Global Culture: Charismatic Pentecostal Movements Worldwide, with Karla Poewe, 1991.

Christians and Economic Crisis, University of Manitoba, 1983.

Contemporary African Religions, with Fred Welbourn, University of Bristol, 1978.

Undergraduate teaching:

Introduction to Religious Studies; History of Religions; Modern Atheistic and Religious Thought; American Religious Movements; Cults, Sects and New Religions; Millenarian Movements; Social Issues and Religion; Religion and Society in Southern Africa; Christianity in Southern Africa; African Religions; Christian Missions and World Christianity; Missions and the Transformation of Religion in Africa; Nationalism and Religion, Religion and Politics.

Graduate Teaching:

Internet Seminar on New Religions; Method and Theory in the Study of Religion; Christianity and Western Thought; Christianity and Culture; Theology and Politics; History of Religions; Cults, Sects and New Religions; Missions and Society in a Global Perspective; Religion and Society in Africa; Primal Religions; Fundamentalism and Charismatic Christianity.

Graduate Examinations:

Since 1974 I have served on around 100 MA and PhD thesis examination committees, many in Political Science and History.

Graduate supervision

Since supervision alone says very little I have included details about the subsequent careers of my students. A "P" after their name indicates that they have published at least one academic book.

M.A. students:

- 1) Wallace R. Johnson (P), *An Analysis of a Christian Development Project in Belize* (1979).
Founder of the Religious Studies Department at Clackamas Community College, Portland Oregon.
- 2) Mark Mullins (P), *Zen Buddhism in North America: Towards a Christian Understanding* (1980)
PhD, McMaster University, Professor, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan.
- 3) Donald Goertz (P), *Making a Bible Belt: Religion in Alberta in the 1920's and 1930's* (1980).
PhD. University of Toronto, Pastor and Assistant Professor, Tyndale University College.
- 4) Russ Horton (P), *Christian Development in Africa*, 1980.
PhD, University of Toronto, Research Scientist with British Columbia Ministry of Forests.
- 4) Harry D. Ayer (P), *A Study of the Christian Labor Association of Canada*, 1980.
Head Librarian Ambrose University College.
- 5) John Lee (P), *A Study of Min Jung Theology in Korea* (1985).
PhD University of Toronto, former President of the Anglican University of South Korea, later a South Korean Senator and the Chairman of the Unification Commission for the Government of South Korea.

- 6) John Dyke (P), *Values Clarification and f Religious Education* (1986).
Baptist minister.
- 7) Jeanie Hunter, *An Analysis of the "Prosperity Gospel* (1993).
School teacher.
- 8) Angela Lewis, *Kabalarian Philosophy as a New Religion* (1994).
This is the one student with whom I have lost touch.
- 9) Ann White (P), *Contemporary Revivalism* (1994).
PhD, University of Calgary, Senior Lecturer, University of Calgary.
- 10) Kurt Widmar (P), *Aspects of Early Mormon History and Dogma* (1994).
PhD, Humboldt University Berlin, adjunct lecturer University of Lethbridge.
- 11) Paula Holmes, *The Victory Church Movement in Alberta* (1995).
PhD, McMaster University. Unfortunately her promising career was abandoned due to serious illness.
- 12) Carson Pue (P), *Religion in Prairie City* (1999).
D. Min., Director of Arrow Leadership Ministries.
- 13) Rebecca Aechtner (P), *Religion and the German Green Party* (2007).
PhD., University of Edinburgh.
- 14) Tom Aechtner, *African Churches in Calgary*, (2008).
Graduate student and Peacock Fellow, University of Oxford.
- 15) Jutta Kirsch, *The Monuments of Berlin*, Liverpool Hope University, (2010).

Ph.D. supervision with comments on the student's academic progress:

- 1) Douglas Cowan (P), *An Analysis of Christian anti-Cult Propaganda* (1999).
Professor University of Waterloo.
- 2) Chang-Han Kim, *Korean Fundamentalism and the Anti-Cult Movement* (2007).
United Church Minister.
- 3) Jay Richardson, *The Concept of Revelation in Early Mormon Theology and History* (2008)
Faculty position with the Church of Latter – Day Saints.

Other graduate advising:

- 1) Tim Callaway, *American Religion in Canada: The History of Prairie Bible College* (2010).
Informal advising for his University of South Africa, PhD.

Public Service:

I frequently speak in local churches and service clubs and make regular radio and television appearances on both local stations and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).