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**EDUCATION:**

Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.  
Ph.D., Christian Spirituality, 1988

Oxford University  
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University of California, Santa Cruz  
B.A. Religious Studies; B.A. Psychology, 1977.

**EMPLOYMENT:**

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Chair, Department of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles

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Professor (Spirituality): Department of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount  
University, Los Angeles.

2002-2005  
Graduate Director, Department of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount University,  
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1998-2003  
Associate Professor (Spirituality): Department of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount  
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1994-1998  
Assistant Professor (Spirituality): Department of Theological Studies, Loyola Marymount  
University, Los Angeles.

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2015            LMU Faith and Justice Research Grant:

- 2011 Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts (LMU) College Fellowship
- 2008-09 Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theological Studies
- 2004 Summer Research Grant, Loyola Marymount University
- 2002 Faith and Justice Research Grant, Loyola Marymount University
- 1999 Summer Research Grant, Loyola Marymount University.
- 1997 Lilly Foundation Grant (Louisville Institute "Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grant").
- NEH Summer Institute—"The Environmental Imagination," Vassar College.
- 1996 Summer Research Grant, Loyola Marymount University.
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- 1994 College Theology Society Annual Book Award for *The Word in the Desert* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993).
- John M. Templeton Foundation Award for "A Feeling for the Natural World: Spirituality and Contemporary Nature Writing," *Continuum* 2: 2-3 (Spring, 1993).
- 1986 More-Maritain Fellowship.
- 1977 Graduated *cum laude* in Religious Studies, U.C. Santa Cruz.

**PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS PRESENTED:**

BOOKS:

*The Blue Sapphire of the Mind: Notes for a Contemplative Ecology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).

*The Word in the Desert: Scripture and the Quest for Holiness in Early Christian Monasticism* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1993).

EDITORIAL WORK:

2001-2015

*Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality* (Journal of the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality): Founding editor.

1993-2000

*The Christian Spirituality Bulletin*: Founding editor.

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“‘The Joy of Feeling Close to God’: The Practice of Prayer and the Work of Accompaniment” *Anglican Theological Review* 95:4 (Fall, 2013): 585-606.

“The Eternal Present: Slow Knowledge and the Renewal of Time,” *Journal of Buddhist-Christian Studies* 33 (2013): 13-21.

“Things that used to be Familiar . . . Become Strange”: Certeau and the *Possession at Loudun*.” *Spiritus* 12:2 (2012): 190-97.

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"The Gift of Tears: Loss, Mourning and the Work of Ecological Restoration," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 15:1 (2011).

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"The Life of Antony," in *Christian Spirituality: The Classics*, ed. Arthur Holder (Oxford: Blackwell, 2009), 13-24.

"Place-Making as Contemplative Practice," *Anglican Theological Review* 91:3 (Summer, 2009): 347-372.

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"The Birth of the Word in the Soul," *Weavings* (Jan/Feb. 2008).

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