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### POSITION

Professor of Ethics and Peace Studies, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science (international relations), Harvard University, 1985  
A.M. in Political Science (international relations), Harvard University, 1980  
Master of Divinity (ethics), Harvard Divinity School, 1972  
B.A. (history), Bethel College (Kansas), 1969

### HONORS

1985 Sumner Prize for the best student work at Harvard on "the prevention of war and the establishment of universal peace" (for the dissertation)  
1982 International Studies Association's Carl Beck Award for the best graduate student paper presented at an Annual Convention  
1981 Co-recipient of Bethel College Outstanding Young Alumnus Award  
1980-81 Hubert H. Humphrey Doctoral Fellowship in Arms Control and Disarmament, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency  
1972 Master of Divinity, magna cum laude  
1971-72 Hopkins Share Honor Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School  
1969-70 Fund for Theological Education Fellowship  
1969 B.A. "with highest distinction"

THESIS The SALT II Debate: An Analysis of Senatorial Decision Making  
Advisers: Michael Walzer and Stanley Hoffmann

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1982- Assistant Professor (1982-88), Associate Professor (1988-95), and Professor of Ethics and Peace Studies, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Director of Peace Studies, 1986-1995, 2004-. On sabbatical leave and leave of absence July 1988-July 1990, January-June 1996, January-June 2002, January-June 2008.

- Courses: Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace, and Revolution; Issues in Peace Research and Nonviolence; Christians and the Political Order; Economic Justice and Christian Conscience; International Politics in Christian Perspective; Ethics for Church Institutions; Personal Ethics; Christian Spirituality and Peacemaking; Ethics Seminar; supervision of several M.A. Peace Studies theses and independent studies; Growth in Ministry Seminar; M.A. Seminar; Peace Colloquium
- 1988-90 Adjunct Professor of Ethics, Silliman University Divinity School, Dumaguete, Philippines, under sponsorship of Mennonite Central Committee
- 1983-86 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Government, University of Notre Dame  
Courses: International Relations; Introduction to Peace Studies; The Nuclear Dilemma
- 1982-84 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana  
Courses: Introduction to Political Science; International Politics
- 1978-80 Teaching Fellow in Government, Harvard University  
Courses: Sophomore Tutorial on American political thought; Junior Tutorial on War and Morality in the Nuclear Age  
Teaching Fellow in: The History of Political Thought, II (Michael Walzer); War (Stanley Hoffmann); The Theory of the Just War (Michael Walzer)

#### OTHER EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Member of Mennonite Central Committee educators' delegation exploring educational exchanges in Iran, October
- 2008 Six week sabbatical learning trip to Ethiopia, with Meserete Kristos Church
- 2004 Two months of teaching in theological schools, Burundi and Rwanda under Mennonite Central Committee sponsorship
- 2002 One month of sabbatical travel and teaching in Kenya, Burundi, and Rwanda under Mennonite Central Committee sponsorship
- 1999 Several weeks in Iraq with an MCC delegation
- 1996 One month in Kenya under MCC sponsorship
- 1996 One month in Colombia, Commission on Overseas Mission (General Conference Mennonite Church) delegation
- 1993- Member of Inter-societal Relations Committee of the Ethikon Institute
- 1993-94 Member of Congregational Elders, Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen
- 1993 Travel in Israel and West Bank, Ethikon Institute conference
- 1992-01 Member of the Peace Committee of Mennonite Central Committee
- 1992-93 Member of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Mennonite Church
- 1991-94 Member of the Executive Committee, Institute of Mennonite Studies
- 1991-94 Member of the Board of Directors, Mennonite Mutual Aid
- 1988-90 While living in the Philippines, MCC/AMBS sponsored travel for study and teaching in Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and China
- 1988- Member of the Board of Editors, Mennonite Quarterly Review
- 1987 Participant in a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar for College and University Teachers on the topic "The Quest for Peace: Three Moral Traditions in Western Cultural History," led by James Turner Johnson

- 1985-87 Consultant for Mennonite Central Committee on a "Listening Post" at NATO Headquarters, Brussels
- 1980-81 Dissertation research at The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, employed as a Research Assistant for Michael Walzer
- 1979-80 Graduate Student Associate, Center for International Affairs, Harvard
- 1979-80 Non-resident Tutor in Government, Lowell House, Harvard
- 1972-76 Associate Executive Secretary, then Executive Secretary, Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section, Akron, Pennsylvania.
- 1968-69 Pastor, Deer Creek, Oklahoma, Mennonite Church
- 1967-68 Youth worker, General Conference Mennonite Church, Newton, Kansas

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion  
 Society of Christian Ethics  
 Peace and Justice Studies Association

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- Co-editor with Andy Alexis-Baker of Christian Attitudes to War, Peace, and Revolution by John Howard Yoder. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2009.
- Review of Seeking Peace in Africa: Stories from African Peacemakers, edited by Donald E. Miller, Scott Holland, Lon Fendall, and Dean Johnson. Telford, PA: Cascadia Publishing House, 2007. Conrad Grebel Review, Fall 2008, pp. 107-109.
- Review of Must Christianity Be Violent? Reflections on History, Practice, and Theology, edited by Kenneth R. Chase and Alan Jacobs. Grand Rapids MI, Brazos Press, 2003. Mennonite Quarterly Review, October 2005.
- Review of Klippenstein, Lawrence, and Jacob Dick. Mennonite Alternative Service in Russia: The Story of Abram Dück and His Colleagues, 1911–1917, and Redekop, Calvin W. The Pax Story: Service in the Name of Christ, 1951–1976. Conrad Grebel Review Winter 2004, pp.94-97 .
- “Questions for George Weigel in response to his ‘Moral Clarity in a Time of War,’” Mennonite Life, June 2003.
- “A Just Peacemaking Bibliography,” Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, Spring/Summer 2003, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 269-284. With Michael Westmoreland-White.
- “Shaping the Christian Male: A Weekend Retreat for Men,” in Soul Care: How to Plan and guide Inspirational Retreats, compiled and edited by Rose Mary Stutzman. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 2003).
- “Beginnings,” MCC Women’s Concerns Report, January-February 2003, pp. 4-5.
- “Thinking Theologically about War against Iraq,” Mennonite Quarterly Review, January 2003, pp. 93-108.
- “Pastors and the Church’s Witness in Society,” in The Heart of the Matter: Pastoral Ministry in Anabaptist Perspective. Telford, Pa: Cascadia Pub. House, 2004.
- “Mennonite Education Administration: An Outside View,” in Mennonite Education in a Post-Christian World, ed. by Harry Huebner. Winnipeg, Manitoba: CMBC Publications, 1998.
- “The Peacekeeper Debate in Perspective,” MCC Peace Office Newsletter, May-October, 1997, pp. 2-5.

- "Allow us to find a way that honors life and embraces death," Gospel Herald, July 29, 1997, pp. 1-3.
- Review of Harvey L. Dyck, ed., The Pacifist Impulse in History, Mennonite Quarterly Review, July 1998, pp. 465-467.
- "Noncombatant Immunity in Michael Walzer's Just and Unjust Wars," Ethics and International Affairs, Volume 11, 1997, pp. 55-82.
- "Peace Churches and the Ecumenical Movement," lecture at the All Africa Conference of Churches, Nairobi, Kenya, February, 1996, forthcoming in a book to be produced by the AACC.
- Review of The Men We Long to Be by Stephen B. Boyd, Conrad Grebel Review, Fall 1996.
- "Church-Related Institutions: Signs of God's Reign?" Paper for the Conference on Church Related Institutions, Elizabethtown College, June 1996, published in Mennonite Quarterly Review, July 1997.
- Godward: Personal Stories of Grace, (editor and contributor) Herald Press, 1996.
- "Being Born Again Is Possible Even for a Stodgy, Middle-aged Seminary Professor," Gospel Herald, February 13, 1996, pp. 1-4, 10.
- "Christian Nonviolence: An Interpretation," in The Ethics of War and Peace, Terry Nardin, editor, Princeton University Press, 1996. Reprinted in Christian Political Ethics, ed. John A. Coleman, S.J. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2008.
- "The Gift of Administration Must Not Be Taken For Granted," Gospel Herald, April 23, 1996, pp. 6-8.
- "Commitments and Complications in Doing Good," Mennonite Quarterly Review, January 1996, pp. 59-80. Also in Unity Amidst Diversity: Mennonite Central Committee at 75. Akron, PA: Mennonite Central Committee, 1996, pp. 91-107.
- "Pacifism, Just War, and Realism," in Proclaim Peace: Christian Pacifism from Unexpected Quarters, edited by Theron F. Schlabach and Richard T. Hughes, University of Illinois Press, 1997, pp. 217-227.
- "Nonresistance and Responsibility: A Review and an Assessment," in Mennonite Theology in the Face of Modernity: Essays in Honor of Gordon Kaufman, edited by Alain Epp Weaver, Volume 9 in the Cornelius H. Wedel Historical Series, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, 1996.
- "Grace to You and Peace: Nonresistance as Piety," in Mennonite Quarterly Review, July 1995, pp. 354-368, and in Refocusing a Vision, edited by John D. Roth (Goshen, Ind.: Mennonite Historical Society, 1995), pp. 82-96.
- "Are Human Rights Universal? A Response," MCC Peace Office Newsletter, July-September, 1995, pp. 3-5.
- "An Open Letter on a Hard Question to a Jewish Friend," Conrad Grebel Review (Winter 1994): 79-86.
- "Can Women and Men Be Friends?" With Carolyn Holderread Heggen and Gayle Gerber Koontz. Gospel Herald (June 21, 1994): 1-3, 8.
- "The History of the 'Renunciation of War' to 1914," a review essay of three books by Peter Brock, in Mennonite Historical Bulletin, January 1994.
- "Why Did God Come to Us as a Baby?" Gospel Herald, December 21, 1993.
- "Goshen College, Not China: Challenges to Mennonite Ethics," in The Limits of Perfection: A Conversation with J. Lawrence Burkholder, Institute of Anabaptist and Mennonite Studies, Conrad Grebel College, 1993.

With J.R. Burkholder, "Keeping Our Calling Clear" (on a pacifist response to the military intervention for humanitarian purposes in Somalia), printed under different titles in Mennonite Weekly Review, The Mennonite, Mennonite Reporter and Gospel Herald, early January, 1993.

"I Met the Risen Christ in Colorado," Gospel Herald, August 4, 1992, pp. 6-8. Also used in Mennonite Reporter with the title "Encounter With Grace," September 7, 1992, p. 9.

Response essay, Nonviolent America: History Through the Eyes of Peace in the C.H. Wedel series, Bethel College, Kansas, 1992.

"A Dark Cloud of our Life is Lifting," Gospel Herald, November 19, 1991, pp. 1-3.

"Noncombatant Immunity in Michael Walzer's Just and Unjust Wars," a paper presented at the American Academy of Religion Meeting, November, 1991.

"Where is the alternative to armed struggle?" The Mennonite, July 24, 1990.

"Church-State Relations," an article for The Mennonite Encyclopedia, Volume V, 1990.

"Disarmament," an article for The Mennonite Encyclopedia, Vol. V, 1990.

"Mennonites and 'Postmodernity'," in Mennonite Quarterly Review (October 1989).

"A Public Policy Case for Permitting Selective Conscientious Objection," in Public Affairs Quarterly (Vol. 3, No. 1. 1989).

"Mennonites and the State: Preliminary Reflections," in Essays on Peace Theology and Witness, Occasional Papers No. 12, ed. by Willard M. Swartley, (Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 1988)

Review of Paul Peachey, ed., Peace, Politics, and the People of God, Mennonite Quarterly Review, (April 1988).

Review of Duane Friesen, Christian Peacemaking and International Conflict, Mennonite Life, September 1987, pp. 36-38. An abridged version appeared in AMBS Window, Fall 1987.

A bi-monthly series of articles for The Mennonite on Christians and world events, running from March to December 1987. Topics included arms control negotiations and Christian Peacemaker Teams, especially nonviolent direct action.

Review of Hans Morgenthau, Politics Among Nations, Conrad Grebel Review, Spring 1986.

Several "Book Notices" for Religious Studies Review, October 1983.

Review of Jonathan Schell's The Fate of the Earth, Conrad Grebel Review, Winter 1983.

"Reflections on American Mennonites and Politics," The Window, October 1982.

"Four Minutes to Midnight: Morality and the Bomb," Global Citizen's Fund lecture at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, January 1982.

"An Ethical Analysis of the SALT II Debate," a paper presented at The Society for Christian Ethics Meeting, January 1982.

"Vocational Christian Pacifism," a paper which was the subject of a special one day meeting of the faculty of Conrad Grebel College, Waterloo, Ontario, June 1981.

"Religion and Political Cohesion: Locke and Rousseau," Journal of Church and State, Winter 1981.

Regular columns on "Christians and World Events," The Mennonite, March 1980 through 1983. Topics included registration and the draft, the hostage rescue attempt in Iran, Cuban refugees, U.S.-Soviet relations after Afghanistan, foreign policy issues in the 1980 election, nuclear strategy, U.S. policy toward El Salvador, nuclear proliferation, and arms control policy under Reagan.

"Has SALT II Lost Its Savor?" The Mennonite, December 4, 1979.

"The Moral Dimensions of War," Harvard International Review, March 1979, a review of Michael Walzer's Just and Unjust Wars.

"Two Political Realisms and Christian Faith," The Mennonite, April 24, 1979.

"Christian Ethics and Political Ethics: An Irreducible Conflict?" a paper presented to the Mennonite Graduate Seminar, August 1978.

"Hard Choices: Abortion and War," The Mennonite, February 28, 1978.

"The Military's Invasion of Schools," Christian Century, January 22, 1975.

"Abortion--The Least Bad of Bad Options?" in Life and Values, ed. Edwin and Helen Alderfer (Scottsdale, Pennsylvania: Mennonite Publishing House, 1974). An abridged version of "Abortion: Some Social Considerations," a paper presented at the Mennonite Medical Association Conference on Life and Human Values, October 1973.

#### PERSONAL

Born: March 26, 1946 in Beatrice, Nebraska, USA

Married to Gayle Gerber Koontz on March 8, 1969

Father of Rachel, born February 24, 1980, Timothy, born April 4, 1983, and Peter, born December 2, 1985

Member of the Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana