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Education:

- Fordham University, Bronx, NY. Ph.D. Theology & Ethics
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- Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. M.A. Theological Studies
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- Eastern Mennonite College Harrisonburg, VA. B.A. Philosophy & Bible
1985

Experience:

- Executive Director, ACHE (Anabaptist Center for Health Care Ethics) August 2003 - Present
- Pastor, First Mennonite Church of Allentown June 93 - May 2003
- Adjunct Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Guest Lecturer, Summer 95, 98, 00) January 2002 - Present
- Ethics Committee, Lehigh Valley Hospital June 97 - May 2003
- Ecumenism Committee, Lehigh County Conference Churches June 94 - May 2003
- Chair, Peace & Social Concerns Committee, Eastern District (Mennonite Church) June 94 - June 99
- Lecturer in Philosophy, Dominican College Fall 91
- Lay Pastor, North Bronx Mennonite Church 1989-90

Awards:

- The Associated Church Press, Professional Resource Award of Merit for “The Christian Pastor’s Role in Medical Ethics” 2001
- Catholic Press Association, First Place, Pastoral Ministry for *Practice What You Preach* 2000
- Louisville Institute Research Grant for Religious Leaders 1998 (Summer)
- National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi 1990
- Presidential Scholarship, Fordham University 1988-91
- Loyola Fellowship, Fordham University 1988

Publications:

Books and Studies:

- *Healing Healthcare: A Study and Action Guide on Health Care Access in the United States.* Joseph J. Kotva Jr., editor. Scottdale: Faith & Life Resources, 2005.
- *Practice What You Preach: Virtues, Ethics, and Power in the Lives of Pastoral Ministers and Their Congregations.* James F. Keenan and Joseph Kotva, Jr. editors. Franklin, WI: Sheed & Ward, 1999.
- *The Christian Case for Virtue Ethics.* Washington: Georgetown University Press, 1996.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “The Question of Abortion: Christian Virtue and Government Legislation,” The Mennonite Quarterly Review (October 2005): 481-504
- “Pastoral Concerns: Parental Anxiety and Other Issues of Character,” in Roman J. Miller, Beryl H. Brubaker, and James C. Peterson ed. Viewing New Creations with Anabaptist Eyes: Ethics of Biotechnology (Cascadia Publishing House, 2005), 224-229.
- “Facing Biotechnology as an Alternative Community of Worship, Character, and Discernment,” in Roman J. Miller, Beryl H. Brubaker, and James C. Peterson ed. Viewing New Creations with Anabaptist Eyes: Ethics of Biotechnology (Cascadia Publishing House, 2005), 261-289.

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- “The Paradox of Pastoral Power,” Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology (Fall 2004): 38-46.
- “The Anabaptist Tradition: Religious Beliefs and Health Care Decisions,” Park Ridge Center Handbook Series, 2002.
- “The Christian Pastor’s Role in Medical Ethics,” Second Opinion (March 2001): 22-48.
- “Hospital Chaplaincy as Agapeic Intervention,” Christian Bioethics (December 1998):257-275.
- “Mutual Aid as ‘Practice,’” in Willard Swartley and Donald Kraybill, ed. Building Communities of Compassion (Pandora Press, 1998), pp. 57-79.
- “The Formation of Pastors, Parishioners, and Problems: A Virtue Reframing of Clergy Ethics,” The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics 1997, pp. 271-290.
- “A View from Two Sides: The Principle and Its Cases,” Christian Bioethics (August 1997):158-172.
- “Christian Virtue Ethics and the 'Sectarian Temptation',” The Heythrop Journal (January1994):35-52.
- “Welcoming the Mentally Handicapped: A Case Study in Christian Character,” Restoration Quarterly (Fourth Quarter 1992):223-237.
- “An Appeal for a Christian Virtue Ethic,” Thought (June 1992):158-180.
- “Scripture, Ethics, and the Local Church: Homosexuality as a Case Study,” The Conrad Grebel Review (Winter 1989): 41-61.

Other Articles:

- “Mediation over litigation,” with Timothy Jost, The Mennonite (October 4, 2005): 30.
- “Medical malpractice litigation,” with Timothy Jost, The Mennonite (September 6, 2005): 30.
- “Killing or letting die?” The Mennonite (August 5, 2005): 30.
- “An invitation to study and action,” The Mennonite (July 5, 2005): 30.
- “Grieving the Terri Schiavo case,” The Mennonite (June 7, 2005): 30.
- “The search for well-born children—2,” The Mennonite (May 3, 2005): 30.

Other Articles (continued):

- “The search for well-born children,” The Mennonite (April 5, 2005): 30.
- “We can learn from others and share the risk,” The Mennonite (January 4, 2005): 30.
- “Gina and 45 million others need a change,” The Mennonite (December 7, 2004): 30.
- “Don’t sweat the big stuff,” The Mennonite (November 2, 2004): 30.
- “Clergy Ethics as Modeling Vulnerability,” AMBS Alumni News (Fall 2000):1-2.
- “Was This Consent Informed?” with Carol Kotva, American Journal of Nursing (May 1997):23.
- “An Ethical Reading of The Gift of Presence: Nursing and the Relevance of Virtue,” Mennonite Medical Messenger (April-June1993):34-39.
- “The Authority of Scripture,” Gospel Herald 83/5 (January 1990):72-73.
- “Ordination--and Some of the Women Paul Knew,” Gospel Herald 81/10 (March 1988):164-165.
- “God with Us in Our Pain,” Gospel Herald 80/52 (December 1987):912-913.
- “Welcoming the Stranger,” Gospel Herald 80/17 (April 1987):286-287.

Book Reviews:

- Alan Verhey, *Reading the Bible in the Strange World of Medicine* (Eerdmans, 2003), in *The Christian Century*, August 10, 2004, p. 41.
- Craig A. Carter, *The Politics of the Cross: The Theology and Social Ethics of John Howard Yoder* (Brazos Press, 2001), in Direction: A Mennonite Brethren Forum, Spring 2003, pp. 131-132.
- Duane K. Friesen, *Artists, Citizens, and Philosophers: Seeking the Peace of the City* (Herald Press, 2000), in Theological Studies, June 2002, pp. 428-429.
- Stanley Hauerwas and Charles Pinches, *Christians Among the Virtues: Theological Conversations with Ancient and Modern Ethics* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1997), in Theological Studies, March 1998, p. 168.
- Stanley Hauerwas, *Dispatches from the Front: Theological Engagements with the Secular* (Duke University Press, 1994), in Theological Studies, June 1995, pp. 388-390.

Book Reviews (continued):

- Emmanuel Katongole, *Beyond Universal Reason: The Relation between Religion and Ethics in the Work of Stanley Hauerwas* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2000), in Theological Studies, June 2001, pp. 402-403.
- John Landis Ruth, *The Earth is the Lord's: A Narrative History of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference* (Herald Press, 2001), Theological Studies, March 2003, pp. 165-167.
- Edward J. Larson and Darrel W. Amundsen, *A Different Death: Euthanasia and the Christian Tradition* (University Press, 1998), in The Journal of Religion, January 2002, pp. 109-110.
- Mark Ledbetter, *Virtuous Intentions: The Religious Dimension of Narrative* (Scholars Press, 1989), in Thought, September 1991, pp. 333-334.
- Eduard Lohse, *Theological Ethics of the New Testament* (Fortress Press, 1991), in The Heythrop Journal, April 1995, pp. 215-216.
- James Wm. McClendon, Jr. *Systematic Theology: Doctrine* (Abingdon Press, 1994), in Mennonite Quarterly Review, July 1996, pp. 369-371.
- Gilbert Meilaender, *Bioethics: A Primer for Christians* (Eerdmans, 1996), in The Mennonite, April 8, 1997, p. 23.
- Louis S. Mudge, *The Church As Moral Community: Ecclesiology and Ethics in Ecumenical Debate* (Continuum, 1998), in Religious Studies Review, July 1999, p.274.
- Edmund Pellegrino and David Thomasma, *The Christian Virtues in Medical Practice* (Georgetown University Press), Theological Studies, September 1997, pp. 585-586
- Arne Rasmusson, *The Church as Polis: From Political Theology to Theological Politics as Exemplified by Jürgen Moltmann and Stanley Hauerwas* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1995), in Theological Studies, December 1996, pp. 771-773.
- Donald W. Shriver, *An Ethic for Enemies: Forgiveness in Politics* (Oxford University, 1995), in Theological Studies, June 1996, p. 386.

Presentations:

- “Wealth and Possessions in the New Testament: Themes, Texts, and Contemporary Implications,” (January 25 & 27, 2005, workshop for Pastor’s Week, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary)
- “Models of Access: Creativity, Commitment, and Community,” (March 25, 2004, Seminar, Mennonite Health Assembly, San Francisco & July 5 &7, 2005 workshop, Mennonite Church Assembly, Charlotte)

Presentations (continued):

- “Ministry in the age of Prenatal and Preimplantation Genetic Screening,” (March 9, 2004 guest lecture, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary & March 18, 2004 guest lecture, Goshen College Nursing Program)
- “Pastoral Concerns: Parental Anxiety and the Powers of Biotechnology” (November 15, 2003, November 15, 2003, at “Ethics of Biotechnology: Viewing New Creations with Anabaptist Eyes” conference, Eastern Mennonite University).
- “Clergy Ethics in Key of Virtue,” (November 21, 2002, Bethlehem Area Conference of Churches)
- “For or Against the Nations? John Howard Yoder vs. Stanley Hauerwas on the Nature of Christian Politics” (January 2001, annual meeting, Society of Christian Ethics)
- “Clergy Ethics without Eschatology?” (January 18-19, 2000, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, School for Leadership Training)
- “Moral Leadership and the Cultivation of Virtue” (December 14, 1999, Address to the Graduate School at Alvernia College)
- “A Virtue View of Pastors Who Pray: Prayer as Practice, Prayer as Friendship” (November 18, 1998, Faculty Forum, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary)
- “The Pastor's Role in Medical Ethics: In the Pew and At the Bedside” (March 27, 1998, Mennonite Health Assembly)
- “Pastors, Parishioners and Problems: A Virtue Reframing of Clergy Ethics” (January 1997, annual meeting, Society of Christian Ethics)
- “Mutual Aid as ‘Practice’: Definition and Ethical Analysis” (January 22-26, 1996, Conference on Mutual Aid, Elkhart, IN.)
- “Sanctity of Life and the Right to Die” (February 12-13, 1993, Eastern District Conference [GC Mennonite Church] Winter Peace Retreat)
- “Christian Virtue Ethics and the 'Sectarian Temptation'” (January 1992, annual meeting, Society of Christian Ethics)

Professional Organizations:

- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Christian Ethics

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