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### **Education**

2005	ThD (Theology)	University of Toronto and Victoria University (conjoint)
1999	MLitt (New Testament)	University of St Andrews
1994	MDiv	University of Toronto and Victoria University (conjoint)
1991	BA (English)	University of Winnipeg

### **Employment**

2011-current	Associate Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology, AST
2017-2023	Academic Dean, Atlantic School of Theology (AST), Halifax, Canada
2006-11	Assistant Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology, AST
1994-2006	Congregational Minister, The United Church of Canada
1998-2003	Teaching Assistant, Emmanuel College in the University of Toronto
1998	Tutor in Practical Theology, University of St Andrews

### **Visiting Appointments**

2022	Sessional faculty, “Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Spirituality of Confessing Christ and Resisting Tyranny,” Vancouver School of Theology Summer School
2021	Durham Residential Research Library Fellow, Durham University, UK
2011	Seminar co-instructor, “Becoming Intercultural,” Vancouver School of Theology

### **Professional Affiliations**

Ordained Minister	The United Church of Canada (1994-current)
Member	Canadian Theological Society (2006-current; President, 2015-16)
Member	Canadian Company of Pilgrims (2017-current)
Member	American Academic of Religion (1998-current)
Member	International Bonhoeffer Society (2019-current)
Member	PEN Canada (2019-current)

### **Honours**

1994	The Sanford Gold Medal in Divinity, Victoria University, Toronto
1999	Distinction in the Dissertation, University of St Andrews
2017	Medal for Good Service, Scouts Canada

## Publications

### Books – sole author

- 2018            *The Rule of Faith and Biblical Interpretation: Reform, Resistance, and Renewal.* Eugene, OR: Cascade.
- 2023            *Camino Close to Home: The Transformative Gifts of Local Pilgrimage.* Toronto: Novalis.

### Books – co-author

- 2021            (with Russell Daye) *Turning Ourselves Inside Out: Thriving Christian Communities.* Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press.

### Books – editor or co-editor

- 2008            (with David J.C. Zub) *Love and Freedom: Systematic and Liberation Theology in the Canadian Context: Essays in Honour of Harold G. Wells.* Toronto Journal of Theology Supplement 1, 2008. Toronto and Waterloo, ON: TJT and Wilfred Laurier Press, 2008.
- 2010            (with Ross Lockhart) *Three Ways of Grace: Drawing Closer to the Trinity.* Toronto, ON: United Church Publishing House.  
<http://www.ucrdstore.ca/three-ways-of-grace-drawing-closer-to-the-trinity.html>
- 2012            *Intercultural Visions: Called to Be the Church.* Toronto, ON: United Church Publishing House.  
<http://www.ucrdstore.ca/intercultural-visions-called-to-be-the-church.html>
- 2015            *Both Sides of the Wardrobe: C.S. Lewis, Theological Imagination, and Everyday Discipleship.* Eugene, OR: Resource Publications/Wipf&Stock.  
<http://wipfandstock.com/both-sides-of-the-wardrobe.html>
- 2019            (with Don Schweitzer and Michael Bourgeois) *The Theology of The United Church of Canada.* Waterloo, ON: Wilfred Laurier University Press.  
<https://www.wlupress.wlu.ca/Books/T/The-Theology-of-The-United-Church-of-Canada>
- 2019            (with Kimberlynn McNabb) *Living Traditions: Half a Millennium of Re-Forming Christianity.* Eugene, OR: Resource Publications/Wipf&Stock.  
<https://wipfandstock.com/living-traditions.html>

### Book Chapters

- 2002            (with Sally A. Shaw) “John 6:1-14.” In *Celebrating Covenant: A Resource for Worship*, edited by Linda McKiernan-Allen, 105-112. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press.
- 2003            “Jeremiah 18:1-11.” In *Celebrating Justice and Liberation: A Resource for Worship*, edited by Linda McKiernan-Allen, 27-32. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press.
- 2008            “Renewing the Social Gospel through the Doctrine of Passibility.” In *Love and Freedom: Systematic and Liberation Theology in the Canadian Context: Essays in Honour of Harold G. Wells*, edited by David J.C. Zub and Robert C. Fennell, 125-42. Toronto Journal of Theology Supplement 1, 2008. Toronto and Waterloo, ON: TJT and Wilfred Laurier Press, 2008.
- 2010            “In the Bosom of the Beloved Disciple: The Fourth Gospel’s Narrative Openness to Readers.” In *The Bible as a Human Witness to Divine Revelation: Hearing the Word of God Through Historically Dissimilar Traditions*, edited by Randall Heskett and Brian Irwin, 322-336. New York and London: T&T Clark/Continuum

- 2010 “Reading the Bible for Life and Love” and “What about the Sacraments?” In *Three Ways of Grace: Drawing Closer to the Trinity*, 44-50, 83-88. Toronto, ON: United Church Publishing House.
- 2012 (with Robert Brewer) “Proper 27 Year C: Trinity”; “Proper 28 Year C: Christian Hope”; “Proper 29/Reign of Christ Year C: Jesus Christ as Sovereign”; “All Saints Day: Communal and Personal Calling”; “Thanksgiving Day: The Nature and Will of God.” In *The New Interpreter’s Theological Companion to the Lectionary*, edited by Paul Scott Wilson, 275-299. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press. <http://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781426729775#.VpQeARE6Ri4>
- 2013 “Canada’s Ever-Changing Contexts: Mission in a Radically Pluralistic Society.” In *Green Shoots Out of Dry Ground: Growing a New Future for the Church in Canada*, edited by John P. Bowen, 21-34. Eugene, OR: Wipf&Stock <http://wipfandstock.com/green-shoots-out-of-dry-ground.html>
- 2013 “The Social Gospel and the Social Sciences.” In *Theology and the Crisis of Engagement: Essays on the Relationship between Theology and the Social Sciences*, edited by Jeff Nowers and Néstor Medina, 41-57. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications <http://wipfandstock.com/theology-and-the-crisis-of-engagement.html>
- 2015 “Invitation to the Reader.” In *Both Sides of the Wardrobe: C.S. Lewis, Theological Imagination, and Everyday Discipleship*, edited by Rob Fennell, ix-x. Eugene, OR: Resource Publications/Wipf&Stock.
- 2019 “Scripture and Revelation in The United Church of Canada.” In *The Theology of The United Church of Canada*, edited by Don Schweitzer, Michael Bourgeois, and Robert C. Fennell, 51-76. Waterloo, ON: Wilfred Laurier University Press.
- 2019 “Luther, the Bible, and the Rule of Faith.” In *Living Traditions: Half a Millennium of Re-Forming Christianity*, edited by Kimberlynn McNabb and Robert C. Fennell, 86-101. Eugene, OR: Resource Publications/Wipf&Stock.
- 2021 “Racism is a Heresy.” In *Reflections on Emancipation and Anti-Black Racism for Canada*, edited by Rick Chaba *et al.*, 62-66. Fort Saskatchewan, AB: First United Church.

#### Articles

- 2008 “How Does the United Church Interpret the Bible? Part I: 1904 - 1940s: Tradition and Resistance.” *Touchstone* 26, no.2 (May 2008): 13-22. [http://touchstonecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Article2\\_2008-051.pdf](http://touchstonecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Article2_2008-051.pdf)
- 2008 “How Does the United Church Interpret the Bible? Part II: 1950s - 1990s: Tradition and Liberation.” *Touchstone* 26, no.3 (Sept 2008): 31-42. [http://touchstonecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/3rdArticle\\_2008-09.pdf](http://touchstonecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/3rdArticle_2008-09.pdf)
- 2010 “‘A Sinner of Your Redeeming’: Articulating Hope at the Time of Death.” *Touchstone* 28, no.1 (Jan 2010): 8-18. <http://touchstonecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Jan-2010-article2.pdf>
- 2010 “Response to Hugh Heclo’s *On Thinking Institutionally*.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 13, no.3 (July 2010): 272-273.
- 2011 “On Ordained Ministry.” *Touchstone* 29, no.1 (Jan 2011): 8-17. <http://touchstonecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/TouchstoneJan2011.pdf>
- 2011 “How Does the United Church Interpret the Bible? Part III: A Song of Faith.” *Touchstone* 29, no. 2 (May 2011): 21-29. <http://touchstonecanada.ca/may-2011/>
- 2012 “Fundamentally Eccentric: Reflections on What it Means to be Human in Our Time.” *Touchstone* 30, no. 1 (Jan 2012): 44-50.

- 2013 “‘The Bible will bring us to Christ’: C.S. Lewis as an Interpreter of Scripture.” *Touchstone* 31, no. 3 (Nov 2013): 14-21.  
<http://touchstonecanada.ca/october-2013-c-s-lewis-commemorative/>
- 2014 “To Will One Thing.” Guest editorial. *Touchstone* 32, no.3 (Oct 2014): 3-6.
- 2014 “Covert Racism in the Canadian Context: Racism, the Teacher, and the Classroom.” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies online blog, *Race Matters in the Classroom*, 5 December 2014. [http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism\\_pedagogy/2014/12/covert-racism-in-the-canadian-context-racism-the-teacher-and-the-classroom.html](http://wabashcenter.typepad.com/antiracism_pedagogy/2014/12/covert-racism-in-the-canadian-context-racism-the-teacher-and-the-classroom.html)
- 2015 “The Theological Foundations of Social Justice.” *Touchstone* 33, no. 2 (June 2015): 5-12.
- 2017 “*Deus Absconditus*: Luther and the Hiddenness of God.” *Touchstone* 35, no. 2 (June 2017).
- 2019 “Radical Alignment with God’s Purposes: A Christian View of the Golden Rule.” *United Church Observer* 82, no.7 (Feb 2019): 32-33.

#### *Encyclopedia Entries*

- 2017 “Commentary on Galatians [Luther],” “German Peasants’ War,” and “On the Councils and the Church [Luther]” in *Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, edited by Mark Lamport. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

#### *Scholarly Presentations*

- 1998 “Intersections: The Fourth Gospel and the Cruciform Church.” Bible and Theology Seminar, Society for the Study of Theology Annual Conference, Hulme Hall, Manchester, UK (31 March 1998)
- 1999 “Martin Kähler as Critic of the Jesus Seminar.” The Future of Christian Theology Conference, York, UK
- 2006 “Pastoral and Ecclesiological Implications of Anselm’s Doctrine of Atonement.” Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS (March 2006)
- 2007 “Sacramental Ministry in The United Church of Canada.” Anglican/United Church National Dialogue, Halifax, NS (20 April 2007)
- 2007 “Renewing the Social Gospel Through the Doctrine of Passibility.” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Theological Society, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK (29 May 2007)
- 2008 “The Problem of ‘Perspicuity’: Luther’s (Unspoken) Reliance on *Regula Fidei* for Biblical Understanding.” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Theological Society, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC (4 June 2008)
- 2009 “Thorstein Veblen and the Social Gospel Critique of Capitalism.” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Theological Society, Carleton University, Ottawa, ON (25 May 2009)
- 2010 (with Russell Daye), “The Death and Resurrection of The United Church of Canada.” *More Franchises: A Second Cup* Conference of The United Church of Canada, Toronto, ON (19 June 2010)
- 2014 “Shifting Theology in a Changing Church.” Queen’s School of Religion, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON (20-22 Oct 2014)
- 2014 “Evangelism in a Postmodern Liberal Mainline Christian Denomination: Four Paradoxes and Tensions.” United Church of Canada Symposium on Evangelism, Alliston, ON (4 Nov 2014)
- 2015 “Seven Sinful Sentences” and “Five Faithful Facts.” Presbyterian College Annual Continuing Education Event, Montreal, QC (21-22 May 2015)

- 2015 “The Theological Foundations of Social Justice.” Presidential Address to the Canadian Theological Society, Ottawa, ON (2 June 2015)
- 2017 “The Perspicuity of Scripture and the Rule of Faith: Luther’s Approach to the Bible.” Living Traditions: 500 Years of Re-Forming Christianity Symposium, Halifax, NS (13 Oct 2017);
- 2017 “The Perspicuity of Scripture and the Rule of Faith: Luther’s Approach to the Bible.” Luther’s Legacies Conference, Paris, ON (30 Oct 2017)
- 2018 “Five Interrogatives for Mission in the Twenty-First Century” and “Theological Reflection as a Spiritual Discipline.” ReVITALize Conference, London, ON (27-28 April 2018)
- 2019 “Will Christianity Collapse?” ReVITALize Conference, London, ON (26-27 April 2019)
- 2019 “The Thriving Christian Communities Project.” ReVITALize Conference, Edmonton, AB (26-27 September 2019)
- 2020 “Problematizing Pilgrimage: A Theological Reconsideration of Contemporary Spiritual Tourism.” Ushaw Lectures (via webinar), Durham University, UK (13 Oct 2020)
- 2021 “Problematizing Pilgrimage: A Theological Reconsideration of Contemporary Spiritual Tourism.” Canadian Theological Society (via webinar), Edmonton, AB (2 June 2021)

*Other Presentations and Public Talks*

- 2008 “Hospital, Restaurant, or Orchard? Exploring Models of the Church.” Halifax Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, Halifax, NS and Fall River, NS (March 2008)
- 2009 “Suffering and Hope: Theological and Pastoral Responses.” The United Church Formation Group, Halifax, NS (14 October 2009)
- 2010 “Counterpoint: The shared counter-cultural role of musicians and clergy in producing and performing the liturgy.” Royal Canadian College of Organists, Dartmouth, NS (19 April 2010)
- 2010 “It’s the End of the Church as We Know It: The Church in the Post-Christian Age.” ShoreLight Ministries Centre, East Chezzetcook, NS (20 October 2010)
- 2011 “Theology for Camp Leadership.” Maritime Conference (United Church of Canada) Outdoor Ministries Training Event for Camp Directors, Halifax, NS (June 2011). Repeated for *Connections*, United Church of Canada National Camping Conference, Camp Abegweit, PEI (Oct 2011)
- 2012 “Who Are You? .... For God’s Sake.” Keynote addresses to Maritime Conference United Church Men’s Rally, Amherst, NS (28 April 2012)
- 2014 “Theological and Biblical Sources and Norms for Discerning Issues Related to Same-Sex Marriage.” Fairview United Church, Halifax, NS (26 January 2014). Previous iterations at St Andrew’s United Church, Halifax, NS; Woodlawn United Church, Dartmouth, NS; and Rockingham United Church, Halifax, NS
- 2014 “What’s Up with the Church?” Chignecto Presbytery, Sackville, NB (15 March 2014)
- 2014 (with Ross Bartlett), “Theological Notes on *Fishing on the Other Side*.” Halifax Presbytery, Halifax, NS (1 April 2014)
- 2014 “If Not Us, Then Who?” Sermon and two addresses. East District, Newfoundland and Labrador Conference, The United Church of Canada, St. John’s, NL (23-25 May 2014)
- 2015 “The Seven Key Functions of the Church.” St. Peter’s Parish, Dartmouth, NS (20 January 2015). Previous iteration at Cruxifusion Conference, Toronto

- (28 April 2014). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebPNBH7rzRs>
- 2015 “The Stewarding Self.” Maritime Conference of the United Church, Tatamagouche Centre (28 Sept 2015)
- 2015 “Pilgrimage and Spirituality.” Canadian Company of Pilgrims (Halifax Chapter), Halifax Public Library (15 Nov 2015)
- 2016 “Social Media and Ministry.” United Church and Anglican Formation Joint Program, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS (30 March 2016)
- 2016 “Dreadless: Finding Courage in the Storm,” “Waiting on God: Leading in Dangerous Times,” and “Leadership Through the Lens of Bonhoeffer.” Ministry in Motion Conference, Wellington Square United Church, Burlington, ON (15-16 Nov 2016) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jD2MEtLZr6k>
- 2020 “Dream Interpretation in a Time of Pandemic.” AST Faculty & Friends Webinar Series. Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS (28 May 2020)
- 2021 “What Does the United Church Actually Believe?” Four-part series for St. John’s United Church, Fall River NS (May 2021)
- 2021 “Pilgrims and Pandemics: Our Journey Toward God in an Era of Distress and Hardship.” Barat Spirituality Centre (via webinar), Halifax, NS (11 Jan 2021)
- 2021 “Reconnecting,” “Remembering,” Reimagining.” Three sermons for the Berwick United Church Camp Meeting Association, Berwick, NS (July 2021)
- 2022 “Turning Ourselves Inside Out: Thriving Christian Communities.” Barat Spirituality Centre (via webinar), Halifax, NS (18 Jan 2022)
- 2022 “Turning Ourselves Inside Out.” A Cup of Hope Conference (via webinar), *Leadershift*, Pacific Mountain Regional Council, British Columbia (4 Feb 2022)
- 2023 “Fair Taxation: Toward a Moral Economy.” Basic Income Conference, Halifax Central Library, Halifax, NS (1 April 2023)

#### Media

- 2006 Interview with John Vennavally-Rao, “CTV [Canadian National] News: John Vennavally-Rao looks at the ads [The United Church of Canada Emerging Spirit Media Campaign]” (7 November 2006). Television.
- 2008 Interview with Jackie Foster, “CTV News: Do Religion and Politics Mix?” (8 October 2008). Television.
- 2009 “Atheist ads promote debate, understanding.” *Metronews*, Halifax, NS (5 February 2009): 6. Newspaper.
- 2009 (with Russell Daye) “*Church in the Gospel*”: *Exploring our Ecclesiology DVD*. Gospel, Ecumenism, and Theology Committee of Halifax Presbytery (United Church of Canada), Halifax, NS.
- 2013 Interview with CBC Radio One Halifax, “The C.S. Lewis Symposium at Atlantic School of Theology” (22 November 2013). Radio.
- 2013 Interview with CTV Television Halifax, “The C.S. Lewis Symposium at Atlantic School of Theology” (22 November 2013). Television.
- 2015 “The Stewarding Self.” Webinar for Philanthropy Department, The United Church of Canada (5 Feb 2015). Online.
- 2016 “The Trinity and Everyday Spirituality.” Three audio recordings for *The Prayer Bench – Lent 2016* (1 Jan 2016). Online.
- 2016 <http://prayerbench.ca/product/the-trinity-everyday-spirituality/>
- 2016 “AST Podcast, 5 Feb 2016.” <http://astpodcast.podbean.com>
- 2016 “Essential C.S. Lewis Podcast, 14 March 2016”
- 2016 <http://allaboutjack.podbean.com/e/both-sides-of-the-wardrobe-rob-fennell/>
- 2016 Interview with John Allemang, “Christian Unity is resurrected in rural Nova Scotia town.” *The Globe and Mail* (25 March 2016). Newspaper.



- <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/christian-unity-is-resurrected-in-rural-nova-scotia-town/article29396327/>
- 2017 Interview with Heidi Petracek, CTV Morning Live. "Getting Through Writer's Block/Better Grades Series" (20 Nov 2017). Television.  
<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1234535&binId=1.1145745&playlistPageNum=1>
- 2017 "Giving as a Spiritual Practice" and "Living Thankfully." Philanthropy Unit, The United Church of Canada. DVD and online.
- 2018 "The Cultural Influence of Billy Graham." Interview with Wendy Bergfelt, CBC Cape Breton (21 February 2018). Radio.
- 2018 "The Theological Significance of War." AST Podcast (7 Nov 2018).
- 2018 "Advent and Apocalypse." AST Podcast (17 Dec 2018).
- 2020 "Sacraments in The United Church of Canada." AST Podcast (12 Feb 2020).
- 2020 "The Theology of The United Church of Canada." AST Podcast (3 Dec 2020).
- 2020 "Giving is an expression of our gratitude." Philanthropy Unit, The United Church of Canada. DVD.
- 2021 "Sticking Needles in our Eyes: Stewardship vs. Fundraising." Philanthropy Unit, The United Church of Canada: YouTube.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7XCokNn1Zw>
- 2021 "Giving as a Spiritual Practice: How to Talk about Money in Church [for ministry leaders]." Philanthropy Unit, The United Church of Canada: YouTube.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsvoebtBMgE>
- 2023 "Spirituality in Everyday Life." Chinook Winds Regional Town Hall (25 January 2023). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=93ItMbi8zic>
- Forthcoming "Why is the Bible important?", "Did all the stories in the Bible really happen?" and "Is there a final judgement on our lives?" Faith Formation Unit, The United Church of Canada.
- Book Reviews*
- 2000 "The Gospel of John: In the Light of the Old Testament by Claus Westermann." *Interpretation* 54, no. 1:88.
- 2001 "A Passion for God's Reign by Jürgen Moltmann et al." *Touchstone* 19, no.1: 60-61.
- 2006 "The Gospels for All Christians: Rethinking the Gospel Audiences by Richard Bauckham." *AST Magazine* (October 2006)
- 2008 "Lord, Giver of Life: Toward a Pneumatological Complement to George Lindbeck's Theory of Doctrine by Jane Barter Moulaison." *Touchstone* 26, no.2 (May 2008): 66-68.
- 2010 "Teaching Preaching as a Christian Practice: A New Approach to Homiletical Pedagogy, edited by Thomas G. Long and Leonora Tubbs Tisdale." *Teaching Theology and Religion* 13, no. 1 (Jan 2010): 71-72.
- 2011 "Teaching for Understanding at University: Deep Approaches and Distinctive Ways of Thinking by Noel Entwistle." *Teaching Theology and Religion* 14, no.3 (July 2011): 287-288.
- 2012 "From Logos to Christos: Essays on Christology in Honour of Joanne McWilliam edited by Ellen M. Leonard and Kate Merriman." *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford) NS 63, no. 2 (October 2012): 801-803.
- 2013 "Captive to the Word of God: Engaging the Scriptures for Contemporary Theological Reflection by Miroslav Volf." *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 42, no.3 (Sept 2013): 421-422.
- 2013 "Awe and Expectation by Allen Jorgenson." *Touchstone* 31, no. 3 (Nov 2013)

- 2014 "Calvin, Classical Trinitarianism, and the Aseity of the Son by Brannon Ellis." *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford) NS 65, no.1 (Feb 2014)
- 2014 "The United Church of Canada: A History ed. Don Schweitzer." *Touchstone* 32, no. 1 (Feb 2014): 70-72.
- 2016 "Waiting at the Foot of the Cross: Towards a Theology of Hope for Today, by Pamela McCarroll." *Toronto Journal of Theology* 32, no.1 (Fall 2016), 170-71.
- 2016 "Calvin's Salvation in Writing: A Confessional Academic Theology by William A. Wright." *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford) NS 67, no.2 (Oct 2016): 847-849
- 2017 "Theology and the Mirror of Scripture: A Mere Evangelical Theology by Kevin Vanhoozer and Daniel J. Treier." *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford) NS 68, no. 1 (Apr 2017): 481-484.
- 2018 "The Authority and Interpretation of Scripture in The United Church of Canada: An Intercultural Adventure Part II by HyeRan Kim-Cragg and Don Schweitzer." *Touchstone* 36, no. 1 (Feb 2018): 63-65.
- 2018 "The Word Enfleshed: Exploring the Person and Work of Christ by Oliver Crisp." *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford) NS 69, no. 1 (Jul 2018).
- 2020 "Retrieving Eternal Generation edited by Fred Sanders and Scott R Swain." *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford) NS 71, no. 2 (Aug 2020).
- 2022 "The Marks of Scripture: Rethinking the Nature of the Bible by Daniel Castelo and Robert W. Wall." *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 84, no.4 (2022): 686-687.
- 2022 "God in Himself: Scripture, Metaphysics and the Task of Christian Theology by Steven J. Duby." *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford) (21 March 2023).
- 2023 "He Will Save You from the Deadly Pestilence: The Many Lives of Psalm 91 by Philip Jenkins." *The Christian Century* (10 January 2023)  
[www.christiancentury.org/review/books/biography-psalm-91](http://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/biography-psalm-91)

#### *Commissioned Studies*

- 2002 *Theological, Historical, and Contextual Considerations Regarding Presidency at the Sacraments*. Toronto, ON: The United Church of Canada.

#### *Popular Press*

- 2016 "Meditation on Isaiah 49:15-16." *Upper Room Magazine* (Sept-Oct 2016)
- 2017 *Writing Prompts: 99 Karate Chops to Writer's Block*. E-book. New York: Pronoun/MacMillan.
- 2019 (with Peter Wyatt) "Can God Write Straight with a Crooked Pen? An Exchange of Letters on Prayer." *Touchstone* 37, no. 2 (June 2019): 55-63.
- 2020 "Blazing New Trails in Atlantic Canada: How the ancient spiritual practice of pilgrimage meets modern needs." *Faith Today* (12 March 2020)
- 2020 *Sarpedon: The Secret of the Sand*. E-book. Robert C. Fennell: Halifax, NS.
- 2020 "Theological Education During a Pandemic." *AST News* (Fall 2020): 2
- 2021 "East Cost Pilgrimages," "Helping Hands and Hearts," and "From Syria to Taizé." In Julie McGonegal (ed.), *Faith on the Move: Daily Reflections on Hope and Change*. Toronto: UCPH, 2021.
- 2021 "Scripture and Revelation in The United Church of Canada." *Gathering* (Pentecost 2021). Forthcoming.
- 2021 *31 Short Spiritual Practices: Getting (re)started in a daily spirituality of gratitude and contentment*. Book and e-book. Robert C. Fennell: Halifax, NS.
- 2023 *Editor, Following Jesus Today*. E-book. Robert C. Fennell: Halifax, NS.



## *Blogs*

2013-current    Co-curator of Creedalandlovingit.  
<https://creedalandlovingit.wordpress.com/>

### *Sole author:*

A Non-Creedal Church? (Apr 2013)  
Turkey Day (Oct 2013)  
Serving Cheerfully? Not on my own I'm not (Nov 2013)  
Lent is for Losers (Mar 2014)  
Easter Triduum (Apr 2014)  
Lukewarm is a Laundry Setting, Not a Vocation (Sept 2014)  
Fresh Pie with Jesus (Oct 2014)  
An Open Letter to the General Council Executive (Nov 2014)  
Evangelism in The United Church of Canada (Jan 2015)  
The Litmus Test of Mission (Feb 2015)  
On Prizing One's Own Views (Feb 2015)  
Lord, Have Mercy (June 2015)  
Does Orthodoxy Matter? (Aug 2015)  
Advent (Nov 2015)  
If the War Goes On (Nov 2015)  
The Baptism of Jesus (Jan 2016)  
A Prayer for Holy Week (Mar 2016)  
John 12:1-12 (Mar 2016)  
Does Jesus Care if Young Adults Come to Your Sunday Morning Service?  
(May 2016)  
Should There be Religious Education in Public Schools? (May 2016)  
Almost There (Dec 2016)  
In Search of Civility: A Time for Tricksters? (Feb 2017)  
Jesus, Interrupted (Apr 2017)  
Canada 150 and the Call to be Reconciled (June 2017)  
Consumerism: What's the Alternative? (Nov 2017)  
A Moral Challenge to Pantheism (Nov 2017)  
The Good Friday Conundrum (Mar 2018)  
Cultivating Depth (July 2018)  
Why the Murders at Tree of Life Synagogue were not "just another mass  
shooting" (Nov 2018)  
Grief First: Response to the Christchurch Massacre (Mar 2019)  
COVID-19, Frozen 2, and "This Strange Time" (Mar 2020)  
On Unlearning Racism (June 2020)  
"Filling my soul at a time of despair": Can Communion Truly Happen Online?  
(Oct 2020)  
A Modest Proposal: Why Universal Basic Income is a Terrible Idea (by J. Swift)  
(Apr 2021) [*note to the reader: this is satire*]

### *Back Cover Endorsements*

- 2015 Catherine Faith MacLean and John H. Young, *Preaching the Big Questions: Doctrine Isn't Dusty*. United Church Publishing House.
- 2016 Ross Lockhart, *Lessons from Laodicea: Missional Leadership in a Culture of Affluence*. Cascade.
- 2016 Ross Bartlett, *On Holy Ground: You and Your Faith Story*. Wipf&Stock.
- 2017 Peter Andrew Smith, *Lectionary Stories for Preaching and Teaching: Series I, Cycle B*. CSS Publishing.
- 2020 Edited by Patricia G. Kirkpatrick and Pamela R. McCarroll, *Christian Theology After Christendom: Engaging the Thought of Douglas John Hall*. Fortress Press.
- 2021 John Bowen, *The Unfolding Gospel: How the Good News Makes Sense of Discipleship, Church, Mission, and Everything Else*. Fortress Press.
- 2022 G. Travis Novell, *Church on the Move: A Practical Guide for Ministry in the Community*. Judson Press.
- 2023 Sue Campbell, *Spirit Refresh: Reflections to Comfort, Challenge, and Deepen Your Relationship with God Throughout the Year*.

### **Graduate Supervisions**

- 2007 Gerald Gabriel  
MTS Thesis: "Towards Right Relationship: Exploring Trinitarian Theology as a Pathway to Communion"
- 2008 Maya Bevan  
MDiv thesis: "Waiting for God in (self-emerging) places: Martin Heidegger and faithful thinking"
- 2009 Susan King  
MTS thesis: "'Who do you say that I am?': The Experience of Family Caregivers as Individuals and as Members in a Congregation"
- 2009 Heather Rogers  
MDiv thesis: "The Christology of Athanasius"
- 2012 Derek Mitchell  
MTS thesis: "God's Commandment to Judge: A Description of a Christian Hermeneutic and Praxis for the Judgement of Others from a Co-Determinant Reading of Scriptural and Secular Narratives"
- 2012 Janice Frame  
MDiv thesis: "Proclaiming the Beauty of the Sea Glass: The Challenges of a White Woman Preaching Womanist Theology to a White Congregation"
- 2014 L.J. Roche  
MA thesis: "Walking with Justice: Liberation Theology in Occupied Palestine"
- 2015 Matthew Heesing  
MA thesis: "A Denomination's Dealings with Difference: Considering Recategorization and Mutual Intergruop Differentiation in the Context of The United Church of Canada"
- 2016 Elizabeth Hogan  
MA Thesis: "The United Church of Canada in Canadian Literature"
- 2021 Keith Gale  
MA Thesis: "Stairway to Heaven or Highway to Hell? : The Potential Missiological Efficacy of Liturgical Rock Music in Canada"

## Grants and Funding

1997	Andrew Moore Traveling Fellowship, University of Winnipeg (\$10,000)
2000	McLeod Scholarship, The United Church of Canada (\$8,000)
2001	Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Province of Ontario (\$8,000)
2003	Russell Graduate Fellowship, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto (\$8,000)
2007-2017	Pine Hill Divinity Hall/Atlantic School of Theology grants for research assistance ( <i>seven iterations</i> ) (\$7,000)
2009	Research Grant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies (\$3,000)
2009	Research Grant, Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada (\$5,000)
2010	Strategic Initiatives Grant, The United Church of Canada, for <i>Youth Ministry Diploma Program</i> (\$25,000)
2011	Strategic Initiatives Grant, The United Church of Canada, for <i>Becoming Intercultural Course</i> (\$7,000)
2013	Project Grant, The United Church of Canada Foundation, for <i>Camino Nova Scotia</i> (\$25,000)
2015	(with Russell Daye) Rowntree Scholarship, The United Church of Canada Foundation, for <i>The Thriving Christian Communities Project</i> (\$30,000)
2018	Research Grant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies, for <i>Online Pedagogy Retreat for Faculty</i> (\$5,000)
2019	Program Grant, United Church of Canada Foundation, for <i>Diploma in Missional Leadership</i> (\$12,500)
2020	Research and Program Grant, Office of Gaelic Affairs (Province of Nova Scotia), for <i>Camino Nova Scotia: The Gaels' Trail</i> (\$5,000)
2021	Program Grant, United Church of Canada Communities in Mission, for <i>Diploma in Missional Leadership</i> (\$12,500)
2022	Program Grant, Department of Community, Culture, Tourism, and Heritage (Province of Nova Scotia) for <i>Camino Nova Scotia: The Gaels' Trail</i> (\$100,000)
2022	McGeachy Fellowship, The United Church of Canada Foundation (\$50,000)

## Academic and Community Service

2019-current	Member, Basic Income advocacy group, Nova Scotia
2013-current	Founding Director, <i>Camino Nova Scotia</i> pilgrimage program, Atlantic School of Theology
2009-current	Editorial Board, <i>Touchstone Journal</i> (Board Chair, 2011-2022)
2006-current	United Church Faculty Group, Atlantic School of Theology
2006-current	Senate, Atlantic School of Theology
1999-current	External assessor for publishers and journals (Wiley/Blackwell; Routledge Press; United Church Publishing House; <i>Toronto Journal of Theology</i> ; <i>Teaching Theology and Religion</i> ; <i>Humanities</i> )
2021-23	Provincial Microcredentials Standards Working Group, Nova Scotia
2010-19	Youth Leader and Administrator, Scouts Canada
2014-17	Board Member, Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion
2006-17	Board of Governors and Subcommittees, Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, NS

2010-16	Canadian Theological Society (Secretary, Vice-President, President, Past President)
2007-16	Gospel, Faith, and Ecumenism Committee, Halifax Presbytery
2014-15	Pastoral Charge Supervisor, United Memorial Church, Halifax, NS
2012, 2015	Doctoral Theses External Examiner, Toronto School of Theology
2009-15	Intercultural Theological Education Collective (United Church of Canada)
2012-13	Consultant, St Andrew's United Church, Halifax, NS
2011-13	Chaplain, Royal Canadian College of Organists, Halifax, NS
2008-09, 2011-13	Board of Governors, Atlantic School of Theology
2011	Proxy Faculty assessor, Doctor of Ministry program, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia
2009-10	Convener, Diploma in Youth Ministry, Atlantic School of Theology
2009-10	Volunteer tutor, Bedford-Sackville Literacy Network
2008-10	Instructor, Religion in Life Program for Scouts and Guides
2009	Theological education delegate of The United Church of Canada to <i>Communitas Contextual Education Conference</i> , United Theological College, Sydney, Australia
2006-07	Chair, Senate Committee on Chaplaincy, Atlantic School of Theology
1999-2002	Policy Consultant (Worship and Sacraments), The United Church of Canada
1988-current	Guest presenter, preacher, or liturgist on more than 200 occasions