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**Education:**

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| Indiana University, Bloomington       | 2004        | Ph.D. in religious studies; philosophy minor     |
| Vanderbilt University Divinity School | 1973        | D. Min., church, ethics, and society             |
| Clinical Pastoral Education           | Summer 1973 | Strong Memorial Hospital, Univ. of Rochester, NY |
| Vanderbilt University Divinity School | 1969-73     | M. Div., biblical studies                        |
| Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa      | 1965-69     | B.A., economics (Phi Beta Kappa)                 |

**Work Experience:**

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| Independent Research Scholar; Ethics Consultant  | 2007-     |
| Research Associate, The Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, I.U. | 2004-2007 |
| Instructor, Dept. of Religious Studies, Indiana University                                     | 2004      |
| Evaluator/Consultant, Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Program, Lilly Endowment                  | 2004      |
| Associate Instructor, Dept. of Religious Studies, Indiana University                           | 2000-2002 |
| Pastor (Head of Staff), First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, IN                             | 1985-2000 |
| Minister, First Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, MI (transitional position)                          | 1984      |
| Pastor, Judson Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, MI   | 1978-1984 |
| Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Hinton, WV   | 1974-1978 |

**Honors and Awards:**

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| Wilbur F. Tillett Prize for best work in theology, philosophy of religion, and ethics | 1973      |
| Vanderbilt Divinity School Honor Scholarship  | 1969-1973 |
| Woodrow Wilson Fellowship nominee; Danforth Fellowship Honorable Mention              | 1969      |
| Grinnell Honor Scholarship  | 1965-1966 |

**Research and Publications:**

- 1979 "Abortion: Social and Ethical Issues. Invitation to Responsibility and Moral Discourse," in *Foundations* (Vol. 22, No. 3), pp. 198-217
- 1987 Presentation, "A Protestant Christian Perspective on Judaism and Islam," for "Politics and Religion in the Middle East" seminar, Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, Indiana University
- 1993 "A Case for Campus Ministry," *The Presbyterian Outlook* (Vol. 175, No. 23), pp. 6, 7, 12
- 1993 "A Case for Campus Ministry," *Presbyterian Survey* (Vol. 83, No. 7), pp. 23-25
- 1994 "When Not-So-Good Things Happen to Not-So-Bad People," *Quarterly Review*, pp. 197-206
- 1996 "Why Owls Matter, Mosquitoes Bite, and Existence Remains a Mystery," *Quarterly Review*, pp. 415-425
- 2001 "In Life and in Death," excerpted in *Reading the Bible in Faith*, ed. William H. Lazareth (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), pp. 15-21
- 2002 "Christian Eschatology: Prescription for Life," excerpted in *Hope for Your Future*, ed. William H. Lazareth (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), pp. 113-117
- 2004 "Theological Anthropology in a New Day," excerpted from "Until All the Women Are Strong, All the Men Are Good Looking, and All the Children Are Above Average: Theological Anthropology in Light and Promise of a New Day," in *Persons in Community*, ed. William H. Lazareth (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), pp. 60-68
- 2004 "Toward a Naturalistic, Theocentric, Theological Ethics: An Examination, Critique, and Appropriation of Three Contemporary Protestant Approaches," dissertation for Ph. D., Indiana University, July 2004
- 2005 "Moral Issues and Motivations in Medical Philanthropy" (monograph published by The Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions, Bloomington, Indiana, December 2005)
- 2006 Presentation, "Moral Issues and Motivations in Medical Philanthropy by Physicians," Association of Practical and Professional Ethics annual meeting, Jacksonville, Florida
- 2006 Presentation, "Dissent as Christian Vocation," at "Dissent: An Interdisciplinary Symposium," University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky
- 2006 *Consenting to God and Nature: Toward a Theocentric, Naturalistic, Theological Ethics* (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2006)
- 2006 Presentation, "Heart of Darkness: Torture in Essence and Manifestation," at World's Religions after September 11: A Global Congress, Montreal, Canada
- 2007 Presentation, "The Evolution-ID Controversy and Same-Sex Unions Viewed in Theocentric, Naturalistic,

- Ethical Perspective,” Annual Meeting, Association of Practical and Professional Ethics, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2008 Presentation “Disturbing Evidences, Comforting Illusions,” public meeting, Monroe County Public Library, Bloomington, Indiana
- 2010 “What Does God Require of Us?” – Chapter 4 in volume edited by David H. Smith titled *Religious Giving: For Love of God* (Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2010), pp. 65-84.
- 2012 Presentation “9/11: Act of War, or Monstrous Crime?” at the January annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “Bill Breeden as Theologian,” *Festschrift for Reverend Bill Breeden*, pp. 3-10
- 2016 “No Need to Abandon a Realist, Theistic Conception of God,” *The Fourth R*, Vol. 29:2, 19-24, 26

Various articles and sermons published in *The Christian Century*, *The Christian Ministry*, *Pulpit Digest*, and *Best Sermons 4*; monthly column in the Bloomington *Herald-Times* the past ten years

### **Professional Activities:**

Co-coordinator, “Extreme Politics: Provoking the Body Politic to War” colloquium series, sponsored by College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, as part of 2011 Themester program on “Making War, Making Peace”

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Indiana University, 2006-2013

Association of Practical and Professional Ethics, 2004 -

Society of Christian Ethics, 2002-

American Academy of Religion, 2002-2010

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, 1987 - present; Committee on Ministry (incl. clergy compensation task force); Personnel Committee (moderator and member); Coordinating Council; Budget and Validation Committee (moderator); Human Sexuality Task Force (chair); Social Justice and Mission and Stewardship Committees

Pastor-Theologian Program, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, 1998-2001

Religious Liberty Seminar, Indiana University School of Law, 1997-99

Conference on Theological Diversity in the Presbyterian Church, Montreat Conference Center, NC, 1995

Higher Education Committee, Synod of Lincoln Trails, 1991-94

Indiana Commission of United Ministries in Higher Education, 1987-94--Board Chair; Consultation and Review Committee Chair, Finance Committee Chair

Center for University Ministry, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 1986-90--I.C.U.M.H.E. representative; Personnel Committee Chair

Monroe County Religious Leaders (and its earlier incarnations), 1985- present; co-convener 2009-2010

### **Community Service:**

Ecumenical Campus Ministry Fund Advisory Board, 2013- present; current convener

Monroe County United Ministries, board member, 2013-present; member, Personnel and Search Committees

Monroe County Human Rights Commission, 2011-

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Bloomington, Treasurer, 2010-

Bloomington 9/11 Working Group, 2006-

Bloomington Hospital Institutional Review Board, 2004-

Bloomington Human Rights Commission, 1997-present; Chair 2000-2003, 2012-

Community Justice and Mediation Center board, executive committee, 1995-2009 – President 2005-2008

Bloomington Rotary Club, 1985-present; Scholarship Committee Chair, 2012-

Management of Nonprofit Organizations Advisory Board, I. U. School of Business, 1994-96

United Way of Monroe County, 1990-96--Board President; Agency Relations Committee Chair; Board Secretary; member agency liaison

South Central Community Mental Health Center--Advisory Committee, 1993-95

Hospice of Bloomington--Board/Advisory Council, 1987-92

Monroe County Red Cross--board and committee member, 1986-89

### **Other Professional Activities**

- 1992 Sabbatical; six weeks in residence at St. George's Church, Barcelona, Spain, with Sunday preaching and other minor duties; additional two weeks travel in Europe
- 1988 National Council of Churches Travel Seminar to the U.S.S.R.

Participant in various workshops, seminars, conferences on Islam, restorative justice, science and religion, monetary policy, peace and justice, Buddhist-Christian dialogue, theology, worship and music, bioethics, euthanasia and assisted suicide, preaching, biblical studies, and “Christianity & Crisis” at Ghost Ranch Conference Center, Princeton Theological Seminary, Syracuse University, Chautauqua, Pacific School of Religion, Montreat Conference Center, University of Western Ontario, PCUSA Theology and Worship Ministry Unit, Union Theol. Seminary in Virginia, Claremont School of Theol., Vanderbilt Divinity School