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### Education

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University of Virginia, M.A., Ph.D., Religious Studies, May 2006  
Wheaton College, B.A., Biblical and Theological Studies, May 1997

### Academic Appointments

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2006- Yale Divinity School  
Margaret Farley Assistant Professor of Social Ethics  
(Secondary appointment at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies)

2004-6 University of Virginia  
Sara Shallenberger Brown Fellow in Environmental Literature

### Books

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*Ecologies of Grace: Environmental Ethics and Christian Theology*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

(Editor) *The Spirit of Sustainability: Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy*, vol. 3 of *The Encyclopedia of Sustainability*, Berkshire Publishers, [forthcoming 2009].

(Co-editor) *Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King: Receiving Their Legacies for Christian Social Thought*, Fortress Press, [forthcoming 2010].

### Articles

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“After Lynn White: Religious Ethics and Environmental Problems,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* [accepted].

“Global Ethics, Christian Theology, and Sustainability,” *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* [accepted, forthcoming, Fall 2008]

“Stewardship after the End of Nature: Karl Barth and Environmental Ethics,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* [accepted, forthcoming Spring 2009].

“Missiology in Environmental Context: Tasks for an Ecology of Mission,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* [accepted, forthcoming 2008].

“Islamic Law and Environmental Ethics: How Jurisprudence (*usul al-fiqh*) Mobilizes Practical Reform,” *Worldviews: Environment, Culture, and Religion*, 9.3: 338-64 (Fall 2005).

“Assessing Metaphors of Agency: Intervention, Perfection, and Care as Models of Environmental Practice,” *Environmental Ethics*, 27.2: 135-54 (Summer 2005).

“Kenosis and Resistance: Protest Ecclesiology in Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 5.1 (January 2005).

“Episcopalians, Homosexuality, and World Mission,” *Anglican Theological Review*, 86.2: 293-316 (Spring 2004).

“Biodiversity and Salvation: Thomistic Roots for Environmental Ethics,” *Journal of Religion*, 83.3: 401-20 (July 2003).

“Ethnohomophobia?” *Anglican Theological Review*, 82.3: 551-63 (Summer 2000).

### **Book Chapters and Volume Entries**

Entries in *The Spirit of Sustainability*, ed. Willis Jenkins, vol. III of *The Encyclopedia of Sustainability*, Berkshire Publishing [forthcoming]:

“Introduction,” “Nature,” and “Sustainability.”

“Changing the Religious Discourse” in *Toward a New Consciousness*, eds Gus Speth and Stephen Kellert [forthcoming]

“The Moral Assignment of Our Time: Reclaiming Nature and Grace for Theological Ethics,” in [accepted, National Council of Churches anthology, forthcoming]

“Theological Perspective” essays in *Feasting on the Word: Lectionary Commentary Series* volume VII, Westminster John Knox Press, [forthcoming].

Proper 10 Amos 7.7-17

Proper 11 Amos 8.1-12

Proper 12 Hosea 1.2-10

Entries in *The Westminster Dictionary of Christian Ethics*, James Childress (ed.), Westminster John Knox Press [accepted, forthcoming]:

“Agriculture,” “Anthropocentrism,” “Environmental Ethics,” “Energy,” “Nature,” “Stewardship,” and “Sustainability.”

### **Reviews and Review Essays**

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“Religion and Ecology: A Review of the Field,” in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* [forthcoming].

(Reviews the “Religions of the World and Ecology” series edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim, including *Christianity and Ecology* edited by Rosemary Radford Ruether & Dieter Hessel; *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature* edited by Bron Taylor; *The Oxford*

*Handbook of Religion and Ecology* edited by Roger Gottlieb; and *Ecospirit: Religions and Philosophies for the Earth* edited by Laurel Kearns & Catherine Keller.)

Review of Ben Minteer, *The Landscape of Reform* in *Environmental Ethics*, 29.4 (Winter 2007): 427-30.

Review of Deotis Roberts, *Bonhoeffer and King: Speaking Truth to Power*, in *The Christian Century*, December 11, 2007, 47-8.

“Global Ethics and the Global Market,” *Christian Reflection*, v. 24: 88-93 (2007).

Review of Roger Gottlieb, *A Greener Faith: Religious Environmentalism and Our Planet’s Future*, in *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 75.1: 188-91 (March 2007).

“Environmental Letters and Environmental Law: Introduction,” in *Virginia Environmental Law Journal*, Fall 2005 (co-written with Jon Cannon).

Review of Stanley Hauerwas, *Performing the Faith*, in *The Scottish Journal of Theology*, 59.3: 372-4 (October 2006).

“Writing Home: Books on Home and Exile”, *The Hedgehog Review*, Fall 2005, 79-84.

Review of David Bentley Hart, *The Doors of the Sea*, in *The Christian Century*, October 5, 2005.

### **Church Documents**

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“Mission as Reconciling Practice.” Plenary Address to the Episcopal House of Bishops, March 22, 2004, Camp Allen, Texas. [Later published in two parts in *The Witness*, May 2004.]

*Companions in Transformation* (contributing co-editor, with Titus Presler), Morehouse Publications, 2003.

### **Conference Presentations**

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“Local and Global: the Problem of Place for Christian Ethics,” plenary lecture, *Theological Society of South Africa Annual Conference*, Grahamstown, South Africa, June 2008.

“Christian Environmental Ethics Forty Years after Lynn White: The Historic Roots of a Theological Crisis,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*, San Diego, November, 2007.

“Kenosis and Resistance: Protest Ecclesiology in Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King”, presented to *American Academy of Religion Annual Conference*, Atlanta, November, 2003.

“AIDS and Environmentalism: missiology from the groaning earth”, presented to *Boston Theological Institute: Costas Consultation in Global Mission*, Harvard Divinity School, February 2003.

“Excess and Kenosis: Sergei Bulgakov and the Humanization of the World”, presented to *Illumination: Theology and Revelation*, conference, Oxford University, June 2002

“Biodiversity and Salvation: Notes for an Eco-Thomism”, presented to *Ecology and Theology: Judeo-Christian Environmental Ethics*, conference, University of Notre Dame, April 2002

“Integrity and International Mission”, presentation to *General Convention of the Episcopal Church*, Denver, Colorado, July 2000.

### **Other Invited Lectures, Workshops, and Popular Articles**

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“Bioethics: Connections of Medical Ethics and Environmental Ethics,” Yale Bioethics Center summer internship program, July 16, 2008.

“Environmental Justice,” Diakonia Council of Churches, Durban, South Africa, June 10, 2008.

“Inconvenient Ethics,” workshop discussion for YDS *Interfaith Solidarity on Climate Change*, April 25, 2008.

“The Church and the Environment,” Adult Forum, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Darien, CT, April 20, 2008.

“Religion and Environmental Politics,” YDS Student Faith and Politics Group, April 16, 2008.

Convenor, Yale Divinity School *Sustainability Summit*, April 1, 2008.

“Covenant and Communion,” faculty panel on *The Virginia Report*, Berkeley Divinity School, March 28, 2008.

Respondent to *Renewal* documentary; *Renewing Hope* conference, Yale Divinity School, March 1, 2008.

“Ecologies of Grace for the Neighborhood Church,” Annual Conference of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, St. Louis, February 22, 2008.

NPR talk-show guest; *Where We Live*, WNPR, February 21, 2008.

“Ecological Missiology: Sustaining Mission in an Era of Environmental Crises” OMSC Winter Conference, Mercy Center, Madison, CT, Jan 17, 2008.

“The Church and the Environment,” Adult Forum, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Southington, CT, Oct 18, 2007.

“Nature and Grace,” Adult Forum, Trinity Episcopal Church, Southport, CT, Oct 4, 2007.

“The Church and the Environment,” Rector’s Forum, St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, New York City, Sept 24, 2007.

“Nature and Grace: Making Environmental Issues Matter for Christian Life,” *Reflections*, Spring 2007: 19-24 (adapted excerpt from *Ecologies of Grace*).

“Sustainable Living and the Sustaining Covenant” sermon at Rhinebeck Reformed Church, April 29, 2007. [Podcasted in September 2007 by “Yale Religion”; available on iTunes, as “Civic Restlessness, Sustainable Communities, and the Land.”]

“Ecological Missiology: Sustaining Mission in an Era of Environmental Crises” Overseas Ministry Study Center, April 10, 2007.

Black History Month panel participant, Yale Divinity School, Feb 19, 2007

“Environment, Religion, and Ethics” panel participant, Yale Divinity School, Feb 7, 2007

“The Environment and Human Dignity” Presentation at Slifka Center, Yale University, Feb 6, 2007

“Stewardship and Reconciliation: Environment and Justice in Christian Theology,” Memphis Theological Seminary, March 15, 2006.

“Environment and Theology;” Response to Jurgen Moltmann, *Spring Institute on Lived Theology*, Charlottesville, April 27, 2005

“A New Earth Day: Emerging Anglican Environmentalisms,” *The Witness Magazine*, April 20, 2005

“Reclaiming the Language of Grace,” *The Witness Magazine*, Feb 13, 2005

“Ideology, Ecology, and Bonhoeffer,” *The Witness Magazine*, Nov 19, 2004.

“Religious Dimensions to Environmental Problems,” guest lecture for ethics course at UVA School of Law, Nov 9, 2004.

“Waging Reconciliation,” keynote address to Diocese of Virginia Missions Committee, Trinity Episcopal Church, Fredericksburg, October 2, 2004

“Holy, Holy, Holy?: Invited into the Pattern of God’s Life,” homily for St. John’s Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Trinity Sunday, 2004.

“Contemporary Anglican Mission,” presentation to the *Convention of the Diocese of West Virginia*, May 15, 2004

“Mission as Reconciling Practice,” *The Witness Magazine*, May 2004.

“Progressive Missiology? AIDS, Biodiversity, and Evangelism,” *The Witness Magazine*, February 2004.

Pneumatology workshop participant – World Council of Churches *Young Missiologists Consultation*, Rome, Italy, January 17-24, 2005

“Christian Ministry as Care for the Earth,” lecture to joint session of *Education for Ministry*, Diocese of Texas and *Cross-Cultural Missionary Orientation*, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, January 14, 2004.

“Anglican Communion and Sexuality” panel participant at Episcopal Theological Seminary, January, 2004 with Rev. Jane Butterfield, Bp. Ted Daniels, and Bp. Mano Rumalshaw

“Perfecting Nature? Metaphors of Environmental Agency,” presentation to the Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Policy, UVA, Oct 17, 2003.

“Episcopalians, Homosexuality, and World Mission,” presentation to *Distinctively Christian: Forum on Tensions in the Anglican Communion*, Trinity Episcopal Church, October 11, 2003, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Moderator for United Thank Offering presentations, *General Convention of the Episcopal Church*, Minneapolis, July 2003.

“Environmental Dimensions to Healing and Healing the Environment,” Response to Nalini Nadkarni, *Medical Center Hour*, April 30, 2003.

“Justice and Environmentalism,” presentation to *Earth Day Forum*, University of Virginia, April 21, 2003.

“Strategic Inadequacy in the Rhetoric of Intrinsic Value,” presented at *EcoCriticism and Epistemology* panel, English Department Conference, University of Virginia, April 11, 2003.

“Mission and the Groaning Earth,” seminar led for Episcopal Personnel Cross-Cultural Training, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, January 2003. (Repeated May 2003 at General Theological Seminary, New York City)

"Inadequacy and Vision: the (anticipated) Rise of a Christian Environmentalism," presentation to Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, December 2002

Integrity, Mission, and the Future of the Church,” presentation for *Future of the Church Series* at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Charlottesville, Virginia, November 2002.

Response to Michael Hardt, *Ontologies in Practice*, conference, University of Virginia, September 2002

“Youth, Young People, and Church Practice,” presented to Diocese of Virginia Mission Conference, April 2002.

“Ugandan Companionship Stories,” presented to *Convention of the Diocese of Oklahoma*, November 1998.

### **Research Fellowships**

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**Sara Shallenberger Brown Fellow in Environmental Literature**

University of Virginia

2004-6

**Research Fellow in Environmental Ethics**

Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Policy, University of Virginia

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## **Ecclesial and International Work Experience**

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**Co-Founder and Associate Coordinator, Episcopal Young Adult Service Corps** 2000 – 2003  
Anglican and Global Relations Office, Episcopal Church Center, New York City

**Community Development Consultant** 1998 – 2006  
Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma  
The International Small-Group Tree-Planting Organization (TIST), Uganda & Tanzania  
Kyogyera Women’s Micro-Credit Cooperative  
Consultant to Episcopal Church Center for International Missions Programs

**Standing Commission on World Mission** 2000-2006  
(Appointed Member by General Convention of the Episcopal Church)  
Delegate to the U.N. *World Summit on Sustainable Development* and inaugural meeting of the  
*Anglican Communion Environmental Council* (Johannesburg, South Africa, August 2002)

**Cross-Cultural Facilitator**  
Ecumenical Training Program for Overseas Personnel 1999-2002  
Diocese of Oklahoma Immersion and Exchange Program

**Visiting Instructor** 1997-8  
Bishop McAllister Tertiary College, Bushenyi (Uganda)

## **Awards and Grants**

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Seminary Consultation on Mission grant	2008
Initiative on Religion and Politics Course Development Grant	2007
Hilles Publication Grant (Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University)	2006
Raven Society Award, U. Virginia (outstanding graduate student in scholarship and service)	2004
Governor’s Fellowship, U. Virginia (Dean’s award)	2002-3
Dupont Endowed Fellowship, U. Virginia (Religious Studies departmental award)	2001-2

## **Academic Service and Professional Memberships**

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### Yale University

Co-Director, Initiative in Religion, Science, and Technology (2007-8)  
Faculty Trustee, Berkeley Divinity School Board (2008-9)  
Search Committee for Director of Anglican Studies, Berkeley Divinity School (2007-8)  
Admissions Committee, YDS (2007-9)  
YDS Representative to Lexington Seminar (June 2007)  
FES/YDS Joint Degree Program Ad Hoc Committee (2007-8)  
Representative to Seminary Consultation on Mission, Berkeley Divinity School (2006-8)  
Professional Studies Committee, YDS (2006-7)

Faculty Organizer, “Sustainability Summit,” April 1, 2008  
Faculty Organizer, “Interfaith Climate Change Gathering,” April 21, 2007

Faculty Guest Editor, *Reflections*, Summer 2007 issue (winner of 2008 Associated Church Press Award for Excellence)

Peer Review

American Academy of Religion “Animals and Religion” Program Unit reviewer (2008)

Worldviews journal referee (2008)

Society of Christian Ethics conference & journal referee (2008)

Austrian Science Fund project referee (2007)

Palgrave-MacMillan manuscript referee (2007)

University of Virginia

Co-Organizer and Moderator, *Environmental Letters, Environmental Law*, UVA Law School, Oct 2005

- Sponsored jointly with UVA School of Law, Southern Environmental Law Center, and the Piedmont Environmental Council. Essays published in the *Virginia Environmental Law Journal* (Fall 2005)

Curriculum development for new academic major, *Environmental Thought and Practice*, UVA 2003-5

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of American Academy of Religion* (2004-5)

Convener, Brown College *Visiting Environmental Writers Series* (2004-6)

Member, Society of Christian Ethics

Member, International Society for Environmental Ethics

Member, American Academy of Religion