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Education

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

Academic Appointments

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

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

Sustainability and Christian Ethics (manuscript in progress)

Articles

“Prophetic Environmental Pragmatism: Adaptive Management and Cultural Reform” [under review]

“Neighborhood Ethics: Christianity, Urbanism, and Homelessness,” *Anglican Theological Review*, 91.4 (Fall 2009).

“After Lynn White: Religious Ethics and Environmental Problems,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 37.2: 283-309 (2009).

“Global Ethics, Christian Theology, and Sustainability,” *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*, 12.2-3: 197-217 (2008).

“Missiology in Environmental Context: Tasks for an Ecology of Mission,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, 32.4: 176-84 (October 2008).

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

Edited Volumes

Editor, *The Spirit of Sustainability: Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy*, vol. 1 of *The Encyclopedia of Sustainability*, Berkshire Publishers, 2009.

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

Guest editor for special “Religion and Sustainability” issue of *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*; see “Introduction: Religion and Sustainability,” 12.2-3 (2008): 109-11

Guest co-editor for special “Creation and Salvation” issue of *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*; [forthcoming 2010]

Book Chapters and Volume Entries

“Sustainability and Religion”, in *Grounding Religion: Re-Thinking Nature: A Field Guide to the Study of Religion and Ecology*, ed.s Whitney Bauman, Kevin O’Brien, and Richard Bohannon, Routledge Publishers, (2010). [submitted]

“Theological Ethics and Environmental Studies: Teaching Sustainability” in *Sustainability and Ethics* (tentative title for BC anthology), ed.s James Keenan and T. Frank Kennedy. [submitted]

“Christian Social Thought After Bonhoeffer and King,” in *Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King: Receiving Their Legacies for Christian Social Thought*, ed.s Willis Jenkins and Jennifer McBride, [forthcoming].

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer” in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. Ian McFarland, Cambridge University Press, [accepted, forthcoming].

“Changing the Religious Discourse” in *The Coming Transformation: Creating a Society in Harmony with Nature*, ed.s James Gustave Speth and Stephen Kellert, [accepted, forthcoming].

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

Theological Perspective essays in *Feasting on the Word: Lectionary Commenary Series* volume VII, Westminster John Knox Press, [accepted, 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.”

Entries in *The Spirit of Sustainability*, ed. Willis Jenkins, vol. 1 of *The Encyclopedia of Sustainability*, Berkshire Publishers, 2009:

“Introduction,” “Anthropocentrism,” “Ecocentrism,” “Nature,” and “Sustainability Theories.”

Reviews and Review Essays

“Religion and Ecology: A Review of the Field,” in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 77.1 (March 2009): 187-97.

(Reviews *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature* edited by Bron Taylor; 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 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).

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

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

“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

“Mission as Reconciling Practice for the Anglican Communion.” 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 and Helena Mbele-Mbong, for the Standing Commission on World Mission), Morehouse Publications, 2003.

Conference Presentations

“Sustainability and Theological Ethics,” Templeton Award Lecture, Internationale Wissenschaftforum, University of Heidelberg, Germany, May 24, 2009.

“Teaching Theological Ethics as Pragmatic Analogical Reasoning,” *Sustainability and Ethics Conference*, The Jesuit Institute, Boston College, Feb 28, 2009.

“Environmental Racism and Sustainable Communities: The Problem of Place for Christian Social Thought,” *Society of Christian Ethics*, Chicago, Jan 9, 2009.

Convener, “Receiving Bonhoeffer and King,” joint meeting of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Group and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Consultation, *American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, Nov 1, 2008.

“Theology and New Urbanisms,” plenary lecture for the *Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians* at the *American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, Oct 31, 2008.

“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.

Invited Lectures, Homilies, and Papers

“Neighborhood Ethics: Churches Rediscover their Place,” *The Clergy Journal*, vol. 85, no. 6 (July/August 2009): 3-5.

“Creative Religious Strategies for Ministry in Environmental Era,” Harvard Divinity School, *Ministry and Ecology* conference, Apr 24, 2009.

“Ethical Analyses in Climate Choice Deliberations,” formal comment submitted to National Committee on American Climate Choices, April 17, 2009.

“Earth and Stone: Haunted by Catastrophe,” homily, Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. James, New Haven, CT, Apr 8, 2009.

“Same-Sex Marriage: An Initial Proposal,” Episcopal House of Bishops Theology Panel, Pasadena, May 3, 2009.

“Wilderness and WonderBread,” reflection, Marquand Chapel, Mar 30, 2009.

“Religion and Ecology: Inheriting the Field,” Inherited Land Colloquium, Florida International University (my paper read and discussed in absentia), Mar 1, 2009.

“Radiation Exposures and Nuclear Risks: Response to Kristen Shrader-Frechette,” Golden Faith and Science Fellowship, St. Thomas More Center, Yale University, Feb 19, 2009.

“Bioethics and Environmental Ethics,” Yale Bioethics Society, January 27, 2009.

“Remembering Martin Luther King,” Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, Jan 18, 2009.

“Breakfast with an Author” [small group discussion of Jenkins, *Ecologies of Grace*], *Society of Christian Ethics*, Chicago, Jan 10, 2009.

Convener, “Environmental Theology Colloquium,” (participants: Ernst Conradie, Norman Wirzba, Paul Santmire, Elizabeth Theokritoff, and Bella Mukonyora), Yale Divinity School, Dec 10-11, 2008.

“Christian Ethics and Environmental Problems,” Suter Science Seminar, Eastern Mennonite University, Nov 21, 2008.

“Christian Ethics and Environmental Problems,” University of Virginia, Nov 20, 2008.

“Sustainability and Religious Change in Africa,” Forum on Religion and Ecology Ten Year Anniversary, Yale Club, New York City, Nov 18th, 2008.

“Place, Ethics, and Sustainability,” First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich, CT, Nov 16, 2008.

“Ecologies of Grace: Church and the Environment,” First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich, CT, Nov 9, 2008.

“Greening the Church,” *Pastor’s Desk* (with Assoc. Dean Bill Goettler), YDS, Oct 22, 2008.

“Watershed,” homily, Grace Episcopal Church, New Bedford, MA, Oct 11, 2008.

“Repentance and Reparations for Slavery,” homily for The Episcopal Church’s Day of Repentance, St. Luke’s Chapel, Berkeley Divinity School, Oct 3, 2008.

Moderator, “Are We Safe Yet?” dialogue between Jonathan Schell and Jonathan Granoff, *Sarah Smith Memorial Conference*, Yale Divinity School, Sept 19, 2008.

“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 of 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

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

Research Fellowships

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

2002 – 5

Ecclesial and International Work Experience

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
Anglican & Global Relations, Episcopal Church Center

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 1999-2002
Ecumenical Training Program for Overseas Personnel
Diocese of Oklahoma Immersion and Exchange Program

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

Awards and Grants

Conant Fund Faculty Research Grant 2009
(research support for project on "Sustainability and Christian Ethics")
Templeton Award for Theological Promise 2009
(\$10,000 book award for *Ecologies of Grace* and travel grant)
Seminary Consultation on Mission Cross-Cultural Research Grant 2008
(research in South Africa on faith-based sustainability initiatives)
Initiative on Religion and Politics Course Development Grant 2007
(for "Scripture & Social Ethics, with Carolyn Sharp")
Hilles Publication Grant (Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University) 2006
(for manuscript completion of *Ecologies of Grace*)
Raven Society Award, U. Virginia 2004
(outstanding graduate student in scholarship and service)
Governor's Fellowship, U. Virginia 2002-3
Dupont Endowed Fellowship, U. Virginia 2001-2

Academic Service and Professional Memberships

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 (2007-9)
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)

International & Peer Review

Group Convener of "Christian Faith and the Earth" 2012 Project
Cambridge University Press manuscript referee (2009)
American Academy of Religion "Animals and Religion" program unit reviewer (2008)
Worldviews journal referee (2008-9)
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)

Memberships

Society of Christian Ethics
International Society for Environmental Ethics
American Academy of Religion
American Association of Environmental Studies