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CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Married with Theodora van Gaal in 1994. My wife currently works as Director of Faith Formation in Northwest Baltimore, and is a PhD student in mission and immigration studies at the Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
- We live in Baltimore, Maryland with three children; my two oldest children live in the Netherlands.

FORMAL ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- B.A. in theology and religious studies, Utrecht State University, 1976
- M.A. in theology, Catholic Theological University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, 1980
- M.Div. in pastoral studies, Catholic Theological University of Utrecht, 1981
- Research Fellow, Catholic Theological University of Utrecht, 1982-1987
- Ph.D. in theology, Catholic Theological University of Utrecht, March 1990
- Assistant Professor of Dogmatic Theology, Catholic University of Nijmegen, the Netherlands, 1987-2001
- Associate Professor of Dogmatic Theology and Theology of Religions, Catholic University of Nijmegen (renamed 2006: Radboud University Nijmegen), 2001-2007
- Associate Dean of Education, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University of Nijmegen, 1999-2004
- Visiting Professor of Theology, Loyola College in Maryland, Baltimore, 2006-2007
- Associate Professor of Theology, Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, 2007-2011
- Ordinary Professor, Religion and Culture, The Catholic University of America, 2011-

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books Authored and Books Edited

- *Renewing Islam by Service: A Christian View of Fethullah Gülen and the Hizmet Movement* (Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2015)
- *World Religions: A Comparative Theological Approach* (Winona MN: Anselm Academic, 2013) Alternate edition under contract for 2017.
- *Islam in Nederland: theologische bijdragen in tijden van secularisering*, Amsterdam: Boom, 2011.
- *Fethullah Gülen & de Vrijwilligersbeweging*, Budel: Damon, 2010.

- *Sharing Lights on the Way to God: Muslim-Christian Dialogue and Theology in the Context of Abrahamic Partnership* (Currents of Encounter, 26), Amsterdam – New York NY: Editions Rodopi, 2006.
- *Islam and Enlightenment: New Issues* (Concilium 2005/5), London: SCM Press, 2005.
- *Voorlopers in de vrede*, Budel: Uitgeverij DAMON, 2005.
- *The Three Rings: Textual Studies in the Historical Trialogue of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (Publications of the Thomas Instituut Utrecht, New Series vol. 11), Leuven – Dudley MA: Peeters, 2005.
- *In de voetsporen van Abraham*, Budel: Uitgeverij DAMON, 2004.
- *God en geweld*, Budel: Uitgeverij DAMON, 2002.
- *Words of the Living God: Place and Function of Holy Scripture in the Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Publications of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, New Series, vol. 6), Leuven: Peeters, 2000.
- *Begaanbare wegen: Christologie en dialoog*, Kampen: uitgeverij Kok, 1998.
- *The Polemical Dialogue: Research into Dialogue, Truth, and Truthfulness* (Nijmegen Studies in Development and Cultural Change, 24), Saarbrücken: Verlag für Entwicklungspolitik, 1997.
- *Leeswijzer bij 'Mensen als verhaal van God' van Edward Schillebeeckx*, Baarn: Uitgeverij H. Nelissen – Nijmegen: Stichting Edward Schillebeeckx.
- *Did Not Our Heart Burn? Place and Function of Holy Scripture in the Theology of St. Thomas Aquinas* (dissertation Cath. Theol. Univ. Utrecht), Utrecht 1990.

Selected articles:

- “Una Religio in Rituum Varietate: Religious Pluralism, the Qur’an, and Nicholas of Cusa,” in: *Nicholas of Cusa and Islam: Polemic and Dialogue in the Late Middle Ages* (Studies in Medieval and Reformation Traditions, 183) eds. Ian Christopher Levy, Rita George-Tvrtković & Donald F. Duclow, Leiden – Boston: Brill, 2014, 30-48
- “Can We Talk Theologically? Thomas Aquinas and Nicholas of Cusa on the Possibility of a Theological Understanding of Islam,” in: *Rethinking the Medieval Legacy for Contemporary Theology*, edited by Anselm K. Min, Notre Dame IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2014, 131-166
- “Foreword” in: Matthew A. Tapie, *Aquinas on Israel and the Church: the Question of Supersessionism in the Theology of Thomas Aquinas*, Eugene OR: Pickwick Publications, 2014, ix-xii
- “How Others Bear Witness To Our Faith: Aquinas and *Lumen Gentium*,” *Jaarboek 2013 Thomas Instituut Utrecht*, Henk Schoot, ed., Utrecht: Thomas Instituut, 2014, 55-75
- “One Faith, Different Rites: Nicholas of Cusa’s Awareness of Religious Pluralism,” in: *Understanding Religious Pluralism: Perspectives from Religious Studies and Theology*, edited by Peter C. Phan and Jonathan S. Ray, Eugene OR: Pickwick Publications, 2014, 192-208.
- “Navigating Neuralgic Issues: The Art of David B. Burrell, C.S.C.,” *Modern Theology* 30/1 (January 2014) 146-152
- “Gids tot vrede. Franciscus als voorbeeld in de hedendaagse interreligieuze dialoog,” in: *De volgeling die voorgaat: Leiderschap in het licht van Franciscus van Assisi*, red. Krijn Pansters, Nijmegen: Valkhof pers, 2014, 77-89.
- “Learning With and From Religious Others,” in: *Teaching Theology and Religion* 16/4 (October 2013) 391

- “Introduction: Exploring World Religions through Dialogue,” and “Conclusion: Learning World Religions by Encountering Religious Others,” in: *World Religions: A Comparative Theological Approach*, Pim Valkenberg, ed. (Winona MN: Anselm Academic, 2013) pp. 7-14 and 249-261
- “Fethullah Gülen and Peace as Horizon of Tolerance and Dialogue,” in: *Preventing Violence and Achieving World Peace: The Contributions of the Gülen Movement*, edited by Ori Z Soltes and Margaret A. Johnson (Washington College Studies in Religion, Politics, and Culture, vol. 4), New York: Peter Lang, 2013, pp. 41-53
- “The Hizmet Movement in the Dialogue between Muslim and Christian Religious Traditions” in: *The Gülen Hizmet Movement and its Transnational Activities: Case Studies of Altruistic Activism in Contemporary Islam*, eds. Sophia Pandya, Nancy Gallagher, Boca Raton FL: Brown Walker Press, 2012, pp. 35-54.
- “Learned Ignorance and Faithful Interpretation of the Qur’an in Nicholas of Cusa (1401-1464), in: *Learned Ignorance: Intellectual Humility among Jews, Christians, and Muslims*, eds. James L. Heft, S.M., Reuven Firestone, and Omid Safi, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 34-52
- “Sifting the Qur’an: Two Forms of Interreligious Hermeneutics in Nicholas of Cusa,” in: *Interreligious Hermeneutics in Pluralistic Europe*, eds. David Cheetham, Ulrich Winkler, Oddbjorn Leirvik, Judith Gruber (Currents of Encounter, 40) Amsterdam – New York: Editions Rodopi, 2011, pp. 27-48
- “Die Schrift mit der Kirche lesen: Joseph Ratzinger, die Tradition der Geheimnisse des Lebens Jesu und ‘theologische Exegese’ in Amerika,” in: *Der Jesus des Papstes: Passion, Tod und Auferstehung im Disput*, Hermann Häring (Hg.), Berlin: Litt Verlag, 2011, S. 37-54.
- “Abraham: Conflicting Interpretations and Symbol of Peaceful Cooperation”, in: *Encounters of the Children of Abraham from Ancient to Modern Times*, eds. Antti Laato, Pekka Lindqvist, Leiden: Brill, 2010, pp. 313-326.
- “Das Konzept der Offenbarung im Islam aus der Perspektive Komparativer Theologie”, in: Reinhold Bernhardt, Klaus von Stosch (Hg.), *Komparative Theologie: Interreligiöse Vergleiche als Weg der Religionstheologie* (Beiträge zu einer Theologie der Religionen, 7), Zürich: Theologischer Verlag, 2009, pp. 123-145.
- “Fethullah Gülen’s Contribution to Muslim-Christian Dialogue in the Context of Abrahamic Cooperation”, in: *Islam in the Contemporary World 1: the Fethullah Gülen Movement in Thought and Practice. Conference Proceedings November 12-13, 2005, Rice University, Houston, Texas*. Somerset N.J.: Tughra Books, 2009, pp. 1-10.
- “De Dialoog tussen moslims en christenen – een theologisch perspectief”, in: Marianne Moyaert en Paul Kevers (red.), *Wanneer alteriteit realiteit wordt: Christendom en islam, Bijbel en Koran*, Leuven – Voorburg: Acco, 2008, 213-230.
- (with Harm Goris) “‘In Hem is Gods volheid lijfelijk aanwezig’: Jezus en de religies”, *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* 48 (2008) 403-421
- “Towards ‘Abrahamic Learning Communities’: How to Learn from Violence and Prejudices in Interreligious Polemics on Abraham and his Family”, in: *Your Heritage and Mine: Teaching in a Multi-Religious Classroom*, eds. Lena Roos & Jenny Berglund (Studies on Inter-Religious Relations, 43) Uppsala: Swedish Science Press, 2008, pp. 154-162
- (with Gürkan Celik), “Gülen’s Approach to Dialogue and Peace: Its Theoretical Background and Some Practical Perspectives”, *The International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations* 7/1 (2007) 29-38
- “Being Found while Seeking: In Search of a Basic Structure of Root Metaphors in Muslim Spirituality”, *Studies in Spirituality* 16 (2006): 39-58.

- “Does the Concept of ‘Abrahamic Religions’ have a Future?”, in: *Islam and Enlightenment: New Issues* (Concilium 2005/5), eds. Erik Borgman, Pim Valkenberg, London: SCM Press, 2005, pp. 103-11
- “Aquinas and Christ’s Resurrection: the Influence of the *Lectura super Ioannem* 20-21 on the *Summa theologiae*”, in: *Reading John with St. Thomas Aquinas: Theological Exegesis and Speculative Theology*, eds. Michael Dauphinais, Matthew Levering, Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2005, pp. 277-89.
- (with Marcel Poorthuis, Barbara Roggema) “Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Three Related but Discordant Voices”, in: *The Three Rings: Textual Studies in the Historical Dialogue of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, eds. Barbara Roggema, Marcel Poorthuis, Pim Valkenberg, Leuven: Peeters, 2005, pp. ix-xxii.
- (with Adelbert Davids) “John of Damascus: the Heresy of the Ishmaelites”, in: *The Three Rings: Textual Studies in the Historical Dialogue of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, eds. Barbara Roggema, Marcel Poorthuis, Pim Valkenberg, Leuven: Peeters, 2005, pp. 71-90.
- “Polemics, Apologetics, and Dialogue as Forms of Interreligious Communication between Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Middle Ages”, in: *Religious Polemics in Context*, eds. T.L. Hettema, A. van der Kooij (Studies in Theology And Religion, vol. 11), Assen: Van Gorcum, 2004, pp. 376-83.
- “Interreligious Dialogue as Polemical Conversation”, in: *Theology and Conversation: Towards a Relational Theology*, eds. Jacques Hears, Peter De Mey (Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium, 172), Leuven: University Press / Uitgeverij Peeters, 2004, pp. 475-85.
- “The Future of Religion: From Interreligious Dialogue to Multiple Religious Identity?”, *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 14 (2004) 95-107.
- (with H.J.M. Schoot) “Thomas Aquinas and Judaism”, *Modern Theology* 20 (2004) /1, 51-70. Also in: *Aquinas in Dialogue: Thomas for the twenty-first century*, eds. Jim Fodor, Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, Malden MA / Oxford: Blackwell Publishing 2004, pp. 47-66.
- “Christian Identity and Theology of the Trinity”, in: *Identity and Religion: A Multi-disciplinary Approach*, eds. Ad Borsboom, Frans Jespers (Nijmegen Studies in Development and Cultural Change, 42), Saarbrücken: Verlag für Entwicklungspolitik, 2003, pp. 267-90.
- “Jacques Dupuis as a Theologian with a Reversed Mission: some remarks on his controversial theology of religious pluralism”, in: *Mission is a Must: Intercultural Theology an the Mission of the Church*, eds. Frans Wijzen, Peter Nissen (Church and Theology in Context, vol. 40), Amsterdam – New York: Editions Rodopi, 2002, pp. 147-58 .
- “John of Damascus and the Theological Construction of Christian Identity vis-à-vis Early Islam”, in: *Jaarboek 2000 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*, Utrecht 2001, pp. 8-30
- “Confessing One God amongst Muslims and Jews: an ecumenical-theological conversation”, *International Review of Mission* 89 (2000) nr. 352, 105-14.
- “Christ and the Spirit: Towards a Bifocal Theology of Religions”, in: *The Myriad Christ: Plurality and the Quest for Unity in Contemporary Christology*, eds. Terrence Merrigan, Jacques Haers (Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium, 152), Leuven: University Press / Uitgeverij Peeters, 2000, pp. 121-29.
- (with Geert Driessen) “Islamic Schools in the Netherlands: Compromising between Identity and Quality?”, *British Journal of Religious Education*, 23/1, 2000, 15-26.
- “How to Talk to Strangers: Aquinas and Interreligious Dialogue in the Middle Ages”, in: *Jaarboek 1997 Thomas Instituut te Utrecht*, Utrecht 1998, pp. 9-47.
- “The Myth of a Dialogue between Equals: Who Needs Interreligious Dialogue in Western Europe?”, in: *The Polemical Dialogue: Research into Dialogue, Truth, and Truthfulness*, eds.

Pim Valkenberg, Frans Wijsen, Saarbrücken: Verlag für Entwicklungspolitik, 1997, pp. 85-104.

- “Christ and the Other Ways”, in: *Die widerspenstige Religion: Orientierung für eine Kultur der Autonomie?* (FS H.Häring), Kampen: Kok Pharos, 1997, pp. 377-96.
- “By the Power of the Passion of Christ’: The Place of Christ in Aquinas’ Theology of Penance”, in: *Tibi soli peccavi: Thomas Aquinas on Guilt and Forgiveness*, ed. Henk J.M. Schoot (Publications of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht, New Series, vol. 3), Leuven: Peeters, 1996, pp. 151-74.
- “The Functions of Holy Scripture in Aquinas’ Theology on the Resurrection of Christ”, in: *Atti del IX Congresso Tomistico Internazionale*, vol. VI: *Storia del Tomismo, Fonti e Riflessi* (Studi Tomistici 45), Città del Vaticano: Libreria Editrice Vaticana 1992, 13-22.
- “Readers of Scripture and Hearers of the Word in the Mediaeval Church”, *Concilium* 1991/1, London: SCM Press, 47-57.

COURSES TAUGHT

- Introductory courses on World Religions, Nijmegen and Heerlen (1994-1998)
- Introductory courses on interdisciplinary approaches to the phenomenon of religion for students in religious studies, Nijmegen (1999-2004)
- Introductory courses on Christianity as local and global religion, Nijmegen (2005-2006)
- Undergraduate courses on christology and ecclesiology for theologians, Nijmegen (1988-1992)
- Undergraduate courses on God in the dialogue between Abrahamic religions for students in religious studies, Nijmegen and Heerlen (1992-2006)
- Undergraduate courses on Christology and Saviour Figures for students in religious studies, Nijmegen and Heerlen (1992-2005)
- Undergraduate course on the Theology of Non-Christian Religions, Leuven (1999-2000)
- Undergraduate course on Recent Models of Systematic Theology for students in theology, Utrecht (1990-1991)
- Graduate courses on the Theology of Creation for theologians, Nijmegen (1990-1994)
- (in English) Graduate courses on Contemporary Christologies for the M.Phil programme of St. Augustine College of South Africa, Johannesburg (2000, 2002)
- (in English) Graduate courses on Theological Hermeneutics in Intercultural and Interreligious Perspective for students of the Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology (2000-2003)
- (in English) Graduate course on Christology in Intercultural and Interreligious Perspectives for the students of the Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology (2002, 2005)
- (in English) Graduate course on Mission in Various Religious Traditions, for the students of the Nijmegen Graduate School of Theology (2002-2004)
- Introduction to Theology, Loyola University Maryland (Fall semester 2006- 2010).
- Christian Theology and World Religions, Loyola University Maryland (Spring semester 2007 – 2010). Some of these courses are service-learning courses.
- Christianity and Islam (seminar), Loyola University Maryland, Spring 2007, and Fall 2007– 2010)
- Honors Course: The Medieval World, Loyola University Maryland, Spring 2008.
- First Year Experience (with core advising), Loyola University Maryland, Fall 2008 & 2009
- Undergraduate seminar: The Mysteries of the Life of Christ in Theology and Music, Loyola University Maryland, Spring 2009.
- Ethics: Peace Ethics, Loyola University Maryland, Spring 2010.
- Alpha course “Children of Abraham: Polemical Encounters & Peaceful Coexistence” (Introduction to Theology with core advising), Loyola University Maryland, Fall 2010.
- At the Catholic University of America, I teach the following courses:
TRS 290 World Religions

TRS 395 Christian-Muslim Relations
 TRS 398 Introduction to Islam
 TRS 491 Theology of World Religions
 TRS 780B Religion and Hermeneutics
 TRS 782B Interreligious Dialogue
 TRS 782E Encounters between Abrahamic Religions
 TRS 864C Muslim God, Christian God
 TRS 891B Comparative Readings of the Qur'an

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EDITORIALS

- Editorial Board, Jaarboek of the Thomas Instituut te Utrecht (1989-)
- Faith and Order section of the Dutch Council of Churches, on behalf of the Dutch Roman Catholic Conference of Bishops (1990-2000)
- Steering Committee Churches in Solidarity with Women, Dutch Council of Churches and Dutch Roman Catholic Conference of Bishops (1994-2001)
- Senior Member, Netherlands School of Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion (1995- 2007)
- Member (1990-2007) and chair (1996-2001) of the Dutch Society of Catholic Theologians
- Editorial Board, Begrip Moslims– Christenen (1998-2007)
- European Society for Catholic Theology (1999-)
- American Academy of Religion (2004-).
- European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (2005-)
- European Research Network "Children of Abraham" (2005-)
- Editorial Board, Tijdschrift voor Theologie (2006-)
- Editorial Board, Studies in Interreligious Dialogue (2011-)
- Learned Ignorance Dialogue Group, sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California (2006-2007).
- Member (2008-2011) and chairman (2010-2011) of the Steering Committee of the Comparative Theology group at the Catholic Theological Society of America.
- Mid-Atlantic Muslim – Catholic Dialogue, sponsored by Islamic Circle of North America and the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (2008-)
- Special Interest Group on Christian-Muslim dialogue of the Catholic Theological Society of America (2008-2010)
- Maryland Clergy Initiative group, sponsored by the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies and the Baltimore Jewish Council (2010-2012).
- Advisory Board of RumiForum, Washington D.C. (2011-)
- Advisory Board of the Al-Alwani Chair, Washington Theological Consortium (2011- 2014)
- Steering Committee of the Comparative Theology Group, American Academy of Religion (2014-)
- Vaishnava – Christian Dialogue group (2014-)
- Editorial Board, Hizmet Studies Review (Louvain, 2014-)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Pastoral work (adult education) for the Diocese of Breda in the Netherlands (1982-1984)
- Lecturer in Christology for Advanced Education of Laypersons in the Archdiocese of Utrecht (1986-1990)
- Study of Arabic language, Faculty of Arts, Catholic University of Nijmegen (1993-1995)
- Member of bilateral theological consultations between Dutch Council of Churches and Middle East Council of Churches (1995, 1999)
- Visiting lecturer, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium (1999 Fall season)

- Visiting professor, St. Augustine College of South Africa, Johannesburg, 2000 & 2002
- Chairman of Interreligious Dialogue Foundation, Nijmegen, the Netherlands (2003-2006)
- Visiting scholar, University of Notre Dame (2004 Fall season) with study trips to Chicago (CTU) and Boston (BC)
- During my tenure at Loyola University Maryland, I convened a dialogue group of Muslim and Christian clergy in the city of Baltimore.
- For my courses on Christian Theology and World Religions I developed a model of partnerships with Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist communities in Baltimore in order to facilitate service-learning for my students in these courses.

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

- “Christianity in the Qur’an” and “The dynamics of the Qur’anic account of Christianity” in: *The Routledge Handbook of Christian-Muslim Relations*, ed. David Thomas
- “Interreligious Responses to Climate Change: Some Suggestions,” *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, Spring 2015.
- Scripture People in the Qur’an: A Christian Commentary in Dialogue*, book publication with Prof. Asma Afsaruddin, under contract with Peeters and Eerdmans publishers for a book series *Christian Commentaries on non-Christian sacred texts* (Peeters publishers, Leuven; Catherine Cornille, Boston College, general editor).
- “Scripture in the *Summa Theologiae*”, to be published in *The Cambridge Companion to the Summa Theologiae* edited by Philip McCosker and Denys Turner.
- “A Common Word or a Word of Justice? Two Qur’anic Approaches to Christian-Muslim Dialogue,” in: *The Cambridge Companion to the Common Word*, ed. Yazid Said
- “The Intellectual Format of the *Hizmet* Movement: A Discourse Analysis,” in: *Mapping the Gülen Movement: A Multi-Dimensional Approach*, eds. G Celik, J. Leman, K. Steenbrink, re-submitted for publication