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### Education:

1995-2001	<b>The Catholic University of America, Washington DC</b>	Ph.D. with distinction
1994-1995	<b>Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA</b>	M.Div.
1992-1994	<b>International Baptist Theological Seminary Rüschnikon, Switzerland</b>	
1980-1985	<b>State Conservatory of Music, Tallinn, Estonia</b>	Diploma

### Professional Experience:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Titles</b>	<b>Organizations</b>	<b>Tasks</b>
Fall 2008—present	Associate Professor of Patristic Theology	The Catholic University of America	
2008—present	Editorial Board for “Usuteaduslik ajakiri” (“Journal of Theology”)	Tartu University, Estonia	
Spring 2008	Acting Academic Dean	John Leland Center	
2006--present	Regular Contributor	<i>Reviews in Religion and Theology</i> (Blackwell Publishers)	
2003-2006		BWA and PCPCU	A participant in the dialogue between the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) and the Roman Catholic Church (PCPCU).
2004—present		AAR	Member of the Augustine Group Steering Committee
2002—present		NAPS	Papers read at North American Patristic Society, Conference on Patristic Studies at the University of Oxford.
2001—2008	Assistant and then Associate Professor of Divinity	John Leland Center for Theological Studies, Arlington, VA	

1999-2000	Adjunct professor	Bluefield College, Richmond, VA	
1986-1992	instrumentalist	Estonian-Finnish Baroque Orchestra	Concerts in Estonia, Finland, and Sweden
1983-1992	instrumentalist	Early Music Consort “Hortus Musicus,” Estonian Philharmonic/ Eesti Kontsert	Concerts and festivals in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, England, France, Spain, Hungary, Austria, USA, Israel, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Soviet Union, and Estonia. Recordings for various movies and radio broadcasts.
1994			CD “Telemann Quartets.” Helsinki: Fazer Music. Recorded in 1992. Baroque cello
1991			CD “Johann Valentin Meder: Matthäus Passion, 1700.” Tallinn: Forte. Recorded in 1991. Theorbo.
1991			CD “Musica Svetiae.” Stockholm: EMC. Viola da gamba.

#### Professional Associations:

- Member of **American Academy of Religion** (AAR); a member of the Augustine Group Steering Committee
- Member of **North American Patristic Society** (NAPS)
- A Regular Contributor to *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (Blackwell Publishers)
- Editorial Board for “Usuteaduslik ajakiri” (“Journal of Theology”) Tartu University, Estonia

#### Principal Research and Teaching Interests:

Patristic Theology  
Augustine  
Hermeneutics  
Historical Theology

#### Courses taught:

Introduction to Theological Studies  
Christian Beginnings  
Global Church History  
Principles of Patristic Exegesis  
Introduction to Patristic Theology  
Augustine’s *Confessions*  
Augustine’s Controversies

Hilary of Poitiers' *De Trinitate*  
Historical Theology I and II  
Medieval Theology  
Theology of Reformations  
What is Salvation?  
NT Introduction and Interpretation I and II  
God's Word, My Bible: The Story of the English Bible  
Foundations of Mystical Theology

## **Publications:**

### **Books:**

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*Thought Clothed With Sound: Augustine's Christological Hermeneutics in De doctrina Christiana*. In International Contributions of Baptist Scholars, vol. 4, ed. T. Lorenzen. Bern: Peter Lang, 2002.

### **Articles:**

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"I was a boy with power to talk" (*Conf.* 1.8.13): Augustine and Ancient Theories of Language Acquisition," *Journal of Late Antiquity* (forthcoming).  
"Augustine Becoming Articulate: *Conf.* 1.8.13," *Studia Patristica* (forthcoming).  
"Athanasius of Alexandria," in *Encyclopedia of Theologians*, ed. I. Markham (London: Blackwell, 2009).  
"Augustine on the Resurrection of *totus homo*," in *Resurrection and Responsibility: Essays on Scripture, Theology, and Ethics in Honor of Thorwald Lorenzen*. Eds. K. Dyer and D. Neville. Eugene, OR: Pickwick (forthcoming).  
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Fourteen articles, including "Trinity, the Early Christian Controversy," for the *New Westminster Dictionary of Church History*. Philadelphia: Westminster/John Knox, 2008.  
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### **Reviews:**

Review of the Manuscript *Tradition and the Rule of Faith in the Early Church: Essays in Honor of Joseph T. Lienhard, S.J.*, eds. R. Rombs and A. Hwang, for the CUA Press.  
Review of *Authorized Lives in Early Christian Biography*, M. S. Williams. In Cambridge Classical Studies. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008, in *The Classical Bulletin* (forthcoming).  
Review of *God and Mystery in Words: Experience through Metaphor and Drama*, D. Brown. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008, in *Reviews in Religion* (forthcoming).  
Review of *Go figure! Figuration in Biblical Interpretation*, ed. S. D. Walters. Eugene: Pickwick, 2008 in

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- Review of *Divine Teaching: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, M. A. McIntosh. London: Blackwell, 2008, in *Reviews in Religion* (forthcoming).
- Review of *Hermeneutics: Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation*, 2d ed., Henry A. Virkler and K. Gerber Ayayo. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 16/2 (2009): 318-21.
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- Review of *A Brief History of the Doctrine of the Trinity in the Early Church*, F. Dünzl, trans. J. Bowden. London: T&T Clark, 2007, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 15/3 (2008): 400-1.
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- Review of *The Divine Sense: The Intellect in Patristic Theology*, A. N. Williams. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 15/1 (2008): 120-3 .
- Review of *The Trinitarian Theology of Basil of Caesarea: A Synthesis of Greek Thought and Biblical Truth*, S. M. Hildebrand, Washington DC: The Catholic University Press, 2007, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 14/4 (2007): 587-590.
- Review of *The Eusebians: The Polemic of Athanasius of Alexandria and the Construction of the 'Arian Controversy,'* D. M. Gwynn. In *Oxford Theological Monographs*, Oxford: University of Oxford Press, 2007, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 14/3 (2007): 412-15.
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“Kas päris patt on päris patt?” [Is Original Sin a “Real” Sin?] *Teekäija* (Tallinn, June, 2002): 18-21.

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“Jõulud kui usupühad.” [Christmas as a Festival of Faith] *Mutrid ja poldid* 4 (Tallinn: EKB Press, 1997): 3-7.

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14-15.

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1-2.