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B.A.	Capital University (summa cum laude)	1966
M.Div.	Trinity Lutheran Seminary (honors)	1970
Th.M.	Union Theological Seminary in Virginia	1971
Ph.D.	Union Theological Seminary in Virginia	1973

Volunteer, Tel Gezer excavation (1971)
N.E.H. seminar, ancient Near Eastern history, Yale University (1980)
Visiting researcher, Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium (1991)
Visiting scholar, Princeton Theological Seminary (1999)
Research fellow, Tyndale House, Cambridge, England (2008)

Professional Experience

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, PA, Pastor	1973-1977
Ferrum College, Ferrum, VA, Assistant Professor of Religion	1977-1981
Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg Kraft Professor of Biblical Studies	1981-2001
Perkins School of Theology W.J.A. Power Professor of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation	2001-
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs	2008-

Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature
Catholic Biblical Association

Publications

Books:

The Double Redaction of the Deuteronomistic History, Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1981.

First and Second Kings, Interpretation Commentaries; Atlanta: John Knox, 1987.

Raising Up A Faithful Priest, Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1993.

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