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His research has included work on theological hermeneutics (the study of the principles governing the interpretation and use of scripture), the Christian understanding of God, and the character of theological study itself. His publications include *Theory and Religious Understanding* (Scholars Press, 1975), *The Formation of Christian Understanding* (Westminster Press, 1981; second edition, Trinity Press International, 1993), *Vision and Discernment: An Orientation in Theological Study* (Scholars Press, 1985), *An Invitation to Theological Study* (Trinity Press International, 1994), *Attentive to God: Thinking Theologically in Ministry* (co-authored with Ellen Blue; Abingdon Press, 2008), *The Question of Providence* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2008), and *Love That Rejoices in the Truth: Theological Explorations* (Cascade Books, 2009).

Beyond his service to Perkins and the university in various capacities, he has been involved in a variety of collaborative projects for the advancement of theological study and theological education, under the auspices of the American Academy of Religion, the Association of Theological Schools, the Lilly Endowment, and other organizations. He is on the editorial board of the *International Journal of Systematic Theology* and on the board of directors of *Methodist Review*. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and the American Theological Society.