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### Degrees

B.A. magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Smith College, 1955  
B.D. magna cum laude, Yale Divinity School, 1959  
M.A. Yale University, 1960  
Ph.D. Yale University, 1964  
Litt.D. Smith College, 1977

### Employment

Carpenter Professor of Theology, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1980-2000  
Visiting Professor, Vancouver School of Theology (Summer School), 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997  
Visiting Professor, Harvard Divinity School, Fall 1990  
Dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1975-1980  
Associate Professor of Theology, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1975-1980  
Assistant Professor of Theology, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1970-1975  
Editor, *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 1967-1975  
Lecturer in Christianity and Contemporary Culture, Yale Divinity School, 1962, 1965  
Assistant in Instruction, Yale Divinity School, 1961-1963  
Instructor, Department of Religion, Smith College, 1957-1958

### Memberships and Awards

Yale Divinity School Alumni/ae Award for Distinction, 1995  
1994 Midwest Independent Publishers Association Award for Best Religious Book: *The Body of God* (Fortress Press, 1993)  
Harvie Branscomb Distinguished Professor, 1989-1990, Vanderbilt University  
1988 American Academy of Religion Award for Excellence of Books in the Field: *Models of God* (Fortress Press, 1987)  
Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, Cambridge, England, 1985-1986; Lifetime Member, 1986  
Member, Senior Commons Room, Mansfield and St. Hilda's Colleges, Oxford, 1980-1981  
Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1980-1981 (Oxford, England)  
Kent Fellowship (Danforth Foundation), 1959-1964  
Member, Workgroup in Constructive Theology, 1975-  
Member, American Academy of Religion, 1970-  
Member, Society for Values in Higher Education, 1959-  
Member, Society for the Arts, Religion and Contemporary Culture, 1973-  
Member, American Theological Society, 1975-  
Member, The International Buddhist-Christian Theological Encounter, 1997-

### Board Memberships

Americans for Wilderness, Committee Member, 2004-  
Editorial Advisory Board, *Theology and Science*, 2002-  
Advisory Board, Forum on Religion and Ecology, 1998-  
Contributing Editor, Earth Ministry, 1995-

Editorial Consultant, Science/Theology Series, Fortress Press  
Advisor, Center for Respect of Life and Environment, Washington, D.C., 1990  
Member, Advisory Board, Borderlands Theological Institute  
Member, Advisory Board, The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, 1988

**Lectures, etc. since 1980**

Atlantic Seminar Keynote Speaker, Atlantic Seminary in Theological Education, on topic:  
Reconnecting with Creation: Are We in Exile, June 2005

Two presentations from *Life Abundant*, Spirituality and Sustainability, Alton Collins Retreat Center, Portland, OR, April 2005.

Epiphany Explorations, First Metropolitan United Church, Victoria: "Who Are We: Where Do Human Beings Fit in Creation," and "What Should We Do: Christian Life as Praise and Compassion," January 2005

Reach Out 2004 Plenary: "Human Dignity and the Integrity of Creation," Chalmers Institute and Shaughnessy Heights United Church, November, 2004

Panel on Food and Faith, Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology, Center for Spirituality, Guelph, ON, October 2004.

Plenary for 2004 Challenge for Change, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kitchener, ON, October 2004

"Intimations of Transcendence: Praise and Compassion," St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, October 2004

"God's Household: Christianity, Economics, and Planetary Living," Teresa Dease lecture, St. Jerome's University, Waterloo, ON, October 2004

Talk on Genesis 1 to Vancouver Jewish-Christian Dialogue group, September 2004

- “Intimations of Transcendence: Praise and Compassion,” Religion and Postmodernism Conference on Transcendence and Beyond,” Villanova University, Radnor, PA, September 2003.
- “Enough for All: Sustainable Living in a Global World,” Conference Keynote, Seattle, WA, June 2003.
- Lectures on Ecology, Christianity, and Economics at Acadia University, Wolfville, NS and at the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS, October, 2003.
- “Spirituality and the Environment,” Keynote speaker, Vancouver, 2003
- “God’s Household: Christianity, Economics, and Planetary Living,” Regis College, Toronto March, 2002.
- “Challenge for Change Ecumenical Social Justice Conference,” Toronto, October, 2002.
- “Raising Planetary Christians: Children and Church Series,” Vancouver School of Theology, January, 2002.
- “The Church and the Public Voice,” Vancouver School of Theology, January, 2002.
- “The Work of Sallie McFague,” a forum with Sharon Welch, Elizabeth Johnson, John Cobb, and Deanna Thompson, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, November, 2000.
- “God’s Household,” Stewardship Conference, Diocese of Cariboo, British Columbia, April, 2001.
- “Life Abundant: Spirituality for a Planet in Peril,” Conference on the Birth of the Planetary Human, Sophia Summer Institute, San Francisco, 2001.
- “Religion and Ecology: Discovering the Common Good,” United Nations Conference, October, 1998.
- “Ecological Christology: Does Christianity Have It? Conference on Christianity and Ecology Harvard University, April, 1998
- “Self and Nature in Christianity and Buddhism,” for the 1998 International Buddhist-Christian Theological Encounter, Indianapolis, April, 1998.
- “Super, Natural Christians: How We Should Love Nature,” 4<sup>th</sup> Fosdick Convocation on Preaching and Worship, Riverside Church, NYC, April, 1997.
- “The Loving Eye vs. the Arrogant Eye: A Christian Critique of the Western Gaze on Nature and the Third World,”
- World Council of Churches Consultation on Climate Change and Sustainable Societies/Communities, Driebergen, The Netherlands, November 7-13, 1997.
- “Down to Earth: Close Encounters with the Natural World,” workshop for the Association of Pastoral Counselors, Vancouver, BC, May, 1996.
- Four Lectures on Christians and nature entitled, “Super, Natural Christians,” “The Arrogant

- Eye,” “The Loving Eye,” and “Down to Earth: Close Encounters with the Natural World,” G. Peter Kaye Lecture Series, Vancouver School of Theology, March, 1996.
- “Living as if Bodies Mattered: Christians and the Natural World,” Georgia Harkness Lecture, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Chicago, April, 1995.
- Keynote address, “Living as if Bodies Matter,” Conference on Ecofeminist Perspectives on Love and Justice, Spalding University, Louisville, November, 1994
- “Theology and Nature,” Snugg Lectures, University of Tulsa, April, 1994.
- Three lectures on “Theology and Science” for the Taylor Lectures, Yale Divinity School, February, 1994.
- Presentation of *The Body of God* to the Religion and Ecology Group, American Academy of Religion, November, 1993.
- “At Home on the Earth: A Christian Ecological View of Human Beings,” Amanda Kane Lecture, Smith College, Northampton, MA, February, 1993.
- “How Should We Speak of God in an Ecological Era?” Conference on Eco-Justice, Eco-Peace, Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ, October, 1992.
- “At Home on the Earth: A Christian Ecological View of Human Beings,” Conference on Human Values and the Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Oct., 1992.
- The Planetary Agenda and an Earthly Theology,” and “The Body of God: Sketches for an Ecological Theology,” Donald Mathers Memorial Lectureship, Queen’s Theological College, Kingston, Ontario, March 1992.
- “The Body of God,” Institute for Creation Ministry, Seattle, February 1992.

- “The Body of God: Sketches for an Ecological Theology,” 23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference of Trinity Church Institute, NYC, January, 1992.
- “The Planetary Agenda and an Earthly Theology,” Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC, July, 1991; also at “Christianity and the Academic Vocation,” Lilly Fellows Program, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, October, 1991; Institute for Servant Leadership, Hendersonville, NC, November, 1991; K. Brooke Anderson Memorial Lecture, Brown University, Providence, RI, December, 1991; the Michael Harrah Wood Memorial Lecture, University of the South, Sewanee, TN, April, 1991.
- “Spirit and Nature,” a 90 minute PBS video documentary by Bill Moyers; premiere, June 5, 1991.
- “Eco-Justice: Secular and Spiritual Perspectives,” Union Day ‘91, Union Theological Seminary, NYC, April, 1991.
- “A Square in the Quilt: One Theologian’s Contribution to the Planetary Agenda,” Symposium on Spirit and Nature: Religion, Ethics, and the Environmental Crisis, Middlebury College, September, 1990.
- Plenary address: “Cosmology and Christianity: Implications of the Common Creation Story for Theology,” Southeastern AAR/SBL/ASOR, Charlotte, NC, March, 1990.
- “A Theological Response to the Challenge: Restoring the Future,” conference on Restoring the Future: Resources for Hard Choices, Cornell University, October, 1989.
- Imaging a Theology of Nature: The World as God’s Body,” Consultation on A Theology of Nature and a Theocentric Ethic, World Council of Churches, Annecy, France, September, 1988.
- “The Theologian as Advocate: Commitment and Critical Inquiry,” Association of Theological Schools Summer Seminar, Santa Barbara, CA, July, 1988.
- “Truth-Searching: Avoiding Sandbars When Looking for the Ground of Being,” Harvard Divinity School, May, 1988.
- “Imagination and Theology: The Model of the World as God’s Body,” 1988 Conference of the Isthmus Institute, “The Universe Within: Consciousness and the Physical World, Dallas, Texas, April, 1988.
- Response to “A Discussion of Sallie McFague’s *Models of God* by Mary Jo Weaver, Gordon D. Kaufman, Rosemary Radford Ruether, David Tracy, and James G. Hart, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, December 1987.
- “Models of God for an Ecological, Evolutionary Era: God as Mother of the Universe,” Vatican Observatory Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Theology, Rome, September 21-26, 1987.
- “Metaphor, Models and Concepts,” Workgroup in Constructive Theology, Nashville, May, 1987.
- “Power and Control,” Workshop on Domestic Violence, Nashville, May, 1987.
- “Models of God for an Ecological, Nuclear Age: The World as God’s Body,” Center for Process Studies, Claremont, March, 1987.

- National Conference on Literature and Religion, "Narrative Theology in the U.S.A.," presented at a conference on Narrative Theology, Oxford, England, January, 1986.
- "Models of God," conference on Women in Theology, Coventry, England, September, 1985.
- National Conference on Literature and Religion, "Feminist Theology, the Nuclear Threat, and Models of God," presented at a conference entitled "Theology, Literature and the Bible: The Work of Professor Sallie McFague," Oxford, England, January, 1984.
- "Models of God for an Ecological, Evolutionary Era: God as Mother of the Universe," Vatican Observatory Conference on Science, Philosophy, and Theology, Rome, September, 1987.
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- "Language and Community," The Vosburgh Lectures, Drew Theological School, November, 1984.
- "Feminist Theology: A New Way of Seeing, A New Way of Being," Tenth Antoinette Brown Lecture, Vanderbilt Divinity School, November, 1983; also for the Goodspeed Lecture, Denison University, September, 1983.
- "How Should We Speak of God?" Kellogg Lectures, Episcopal Divinity School, May, 1983; also for the Association of Professional Education for Ministry, June, 1982.
- "Imagination and Theology," American Theological Society, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 1983.
- "Toward a Metaphorical Theology," University of Edinburgh, Scotland, May, 1981; also for the Oxford Theological Seminar, Christ Church College, Oxford, England, March, 1981.
- Commencement Address, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, June, 1980.