

Curriculum Vitae

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Key Skills & Achievements

- **Managerial:** Principal of St John's College, Nottingham since April 2012. Leading the redefinition and implementation of the college's vision and mission, applying it to all aspects of St John's work including ordination training, independent student programmes, youth ministry formation, distance learning, development, fundraising and general operations. Facilitating in relation to this the college's transition to new context-based training models, new curricula and a new validating university (Durham). Leading the college's 150th anniversary celebrations in 2013. Director of North Thames Ministerial Training Course and Assistant Dean of St Mellitus College from 2006-2012. Helped form St Mellitus in partnership with St Paul's Theological Centre. Previously established and coordinated theological department at Evangelical Alliance UK while teaching at London School of Theology and organizing numerous national and international conferences, chairing and serving on several theological committees, and liaising regularly with the media.
- **Academic:** Oversight of St John's College, Nottingham's educational operation. Teaching ecclesiology, Anglican studies, modern church history and liturgy. Co-ordinated curriculum development as Assistant Dean (Academic) at St Mellitus, overhauling programmes and pathways to match diversification of students and training models. 20 years' experience of teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate level, including masters and doctoral-level supervision. Strong record of publication in a range of fields including doctrine, hermeneutics, liturgy, modern church history and theology of culture. Directed the theological work of the Evangelical Alliance UK through publication, consultation and training. Formerly Associate Research Fellow of London School of Theology, Associate Lecturer, King's College, London, and guest lecturer at other colleges. Currently developing long-standing research and writing on religious language and Pentecostalism. Member of the Church of England's Faith and Order Commission, the Society for the Study of Theology and the Society of Pentecostal Studies.
- **Pastoral and Evangelistic:** An ordained minister with 21 years' grass roots ministry experience in three Church of England parishes and three United Reformed churches. Developing a range of training at local and regional church levels. Enabling the mission and nurture work of local churches through the production of accessible theological resources. Contributing to radio, television and print media on theological themes. Speaking to local, regional and national Christian groups on applying theology to church life and mission.

Qualifications

Ph.D., Theology/English Studies, Nottingham University. 'The Pragmatics of Liturgical Discourse, with Special Reference to English Reformed Worship and the Performative Language Doxology of Jean Ladrière'. Supervised by Prof. Anthony C. Thiselton. 1994

MA, Theology, Mansfield College, Oxford University, 1988

BA (Hons.), English Studies (2:1), Nottingham University. 1985

10 O Levels, 3 A Levels, 1 S Level, Langley Park School, Beckenham, Kent. 1980-82.

Experience

Current Employment

Principal, St John's College, Nottingham (2012 – Present)

Providing executive leadership of a faculty and support staff team of 52 and a student community of around 700 (70 ordinands, 40 independent students, 50 youth ministry students and 540 distance learners). Reshaping the vision, mission and purpose of the college and representing it to the wider church and community. Overseeing curricula and developing new academic programmes, resources and projects. Stimulating the structural and business development of St John's and working with the directors and trustees of the college to ensure its financial and operational effectiveness. Since starting in post I have steered the college through successful inspections by the Church of England's Ministry Division, the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education and Durham University, all of which noted the excellence of our educational offer the high level of satisfaction expressed by our students. I also oversaw a significant review of our programmes in preparation for moving our validating university from Chester to Durham. In relation to our 150th anniversary I devised a programme of celebration events. I have subsequently guided St John's through major transition to a new pattern of delivery oriented more towards context-based training.

Director, North Thames Ministerial Training Course & Assistant Dean, St Mellitus College (2007 – Present; Director of Studies 2006-2007)

Led staff team of seven and coordinated ministerial training for ordinands, reader candidates, licensed lay ministry trainees and independent students at NTMTC. Oversaw curriculum management, assessment, academic standards and university liaison for St Mellitus College. Regularly taught and tutored on all main college programmes, particularly in doctrine, church history and theology of culture. Played key role in effecting partnership with St Paul's Theological Centre, leading to formation of St Mellitus in 2007-8. Significantly contributed to implementation of thoroughgoing curriculum review related to this. Secured funding and drafted framework for new college Access Course.

Associate positions held in relation to above post

Associate Research Fellow, London School of Theology (2000 – 2012)

Associate Lecturer, King's College, London (2008 – 2012)

Associate Minister, St Paul's Church, Old Ford (2008-2102)

Previous Employment

Head of Theology, Evangelical Alliance UK (1997 - 2006)

Directed Alliance's Theological Commission and its Working Groups. Supervised and edited theological reports in conjunction with Paternoster Press and Zondervan. Undertook lecturing, teaching, writing and media work, including journalism for the *Times* and *Daily Telegraph* and appearances on various radio and TV programmes, including 'The Moral Maze' and 'Beyond Belief'. Guided the General Director, other staff and relevant committees on theological matters. Co-ordinated theological training courses and conferences, and undertook personal research and publication. Served on the Churches Together in England Theology and Unity Group, the Executive of the Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians (FEET), and the World Evangelical Alliance Theological Commission and Tyndale Fellowship Executive. In recognition of this work guest lectured at Spurgeon's College, 2000-2001 and was granted Associate Research Fellowship at London School of Theology, 2000.

Assistant Curate, St Mary, Acton, West London (CofE) (2002 - 2006)

Third-time ministry in conjunction with theological work for the Evangelical Alliance. Undertaken as part of move from United Reformed Church to Church of England. Involved a wide range of ministry duties in a busy town-centre parish, with special responsibility for Christian education, including leadership of an Emmaus course, Lent groups, confirmation classes and an adult study group on doctrine and church history.

Minister, Queen's Park United Reformed Church, West London (1999 – 2002)

Quarter-scoped ministry. 25-strong congregation met in a newly rebuilt church in the midst of a multi-ethnic community in North Westminster. Developed outreach ministry to young people and Christian education programmes for members and seekers, including an Alpha course.

Minister, City Temple United Reformed Church (1994-1999)

Led development of major mission, restructuring and rebuilding plan. Initiated evangelism and training programmes for members and City workers. Expanded midweek ministry. Forged ecumenical links with key City churches. Chaired City Churches Millennium Group. Served on URC's advisory group on Human Sexuality and Biblical Authority and on Education Committee of the Thames North Province. Taught on wider church theological study days. Served as external assessor and guest lecturer for Oak Hill College.

Doctoral Research and Lecturing, Nottingham University (1989-1994)

While pursuing Ph.D. taught grammar, stylistics and modern rhetoric at undergraduate level. Led post-graduate seminar work in linguistics and theology. Gave papers on religious language, worship and preaching at various conferences.

Minister, Keyworth United Reformed Church, Notts. (1989-1992)

Part-time post concurrent with first three years of doctoral study. Established elders' training courses, Bible study groups and Junior Church programme. Devised elders' training on

evangelism, worship, and children in communion. Tutored on URC non-stipendiary ministry course. Convened District Mission Committee.

Interim United Reformed Church Chaplain, Nottingham University (1990-1991)

Co-ordinated URC student chaplaincy and wider chaplaincy meetings. Provided pastoral support to students and liaised with Nottingham District and East Midlands Province URC on student issues.

Publications

'A Response to Campbell's "Connecting the Dots", in Chris Tilling (ed.), *Beyond Old and New Perspectives on Paul: Reflections on the Work of Douglas Campbell*. Eugene, Or.: Cascade, 2014, pp.114-123.

'Interview with Professor Andrew Walker', in Martyn Percy & Pete Ward (ed.), *The Wisdom of the Spirit: Gospel, Church and Culture*. Franham: Ashgate, 2014, pp.175-193.

'Anglicans, Pentecostals and Ecumenical Theology', in Harold D. Hunter & Neil Ormerod (eds), *The Many Faces of Global Pentecostalism*. Cleveland, Tn.: CPT, 2013, pp. 243-263.

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Heißes Eisen Hölle. Geißen: Brunnen, 2011.

The Atonement Debate: Papers from the London Symposium on the Theology of Atonement. Edited with Derek Tidball & Justin Thacker. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008.

'Atonement, Evangelicalism and the Evangelical Alliance: The Present Debate in Context', in Derek Tidball, David Hilborn & Justin Thacker (eds), *The Atonement Debate: Papers from the London Symposium on the Theology of Atonement*. Edited with Derek Tidball & Justin Thacker. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008, pp. 15-33.

'Unity and Truth in Pan-Evangelical Theology', in Christian Hermann (ed.), *Rechenschaft des Glaubens: Festschrift für Rolf Hille zum 60. Geburtstag*. Wuppertal: R. Brockhaus, 2007, pp. 50-64.

'Glossolalia as Communication: A Linguistic-Pragmatic Perspective', in Mark Cartledge (ed.) *Glossolalia: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach*. Studies in Pentecostal and Charismatic Issues. Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2006, pp. 111-146.

'Jean-François Lyotard', entry for *New Dictionary of Apologetics* (eds Campbell Campbell-Jack & Gavin McGrath), IVP: Leicester: 2006, pp. 410-411.

'Principled Unity or Pragmatic Compromise? The Challenge of Pan-Evangelical Theology', *Evangel* 22:3, Autumn 2004, 80-90.

Movement for Change: Evangelicals and Social Transformation (Editor), Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2004.

'Church, Society and State: Romans 13 in Evangelical Practice', in *Movement for Change: Evangelicals and Social Transformation*, ed. David Hilborn, Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2004, 113-32.

'Homosexuality, Covenant and Grace in the Writings of Rowan Williams', *Anvil* (20/4) December 2003, 263-75.

'Universalistic Trends in the Evangelical Tradition: A Historical Perspective' (with Don Horrocks), in Robin Parry & Chris Partridge (eds), *Universal Salvation? The Current Debate*, Carlisle: Paternoster Press, 2003, 219-246.

'An Evangelical Perspective on Orthodox Liturgy' in Ian Randall (ed.), *Baptists and the Orthodox Church*, Prague: International Baptist Seminary, 2003, 64-80.

God and the Generations: Youth, Age and the Church Today (Co-Editor with Matt Bird), Carlisle: Paternoster Press/Evangelical Alliance, 2002.

'Truth, Collegiality and Consensus: The Dynamics of an Evangelical Theological Commission', *Evangelical Review of Theology*, 26/1 January 2002, 23-44.

'*One Body in Christ: The History and Significance of the Evangelical Alliance* (with Ian Randall), Carlisle: Paternoster Press/Evangelical Alliance, 2001.

'*Toronto in Perspective: Papers on the New Charismatic Wave of the mid-1990s* (Editor), Carlisle: Paternoster Press/Evangelical Alliance, 2001.

'Introduction: Evangelicalism, the Evangelical Alliance and the Toronto Blessing' in David Hilborn (ed.) *Toronto in Perspective*, Carlisle: Paternoster Press/Evangelical Alliance, 2001, 3-34.

'A Chronicle of the Toronto Blessing and Related Events', in David Hilborn (ed.) *Toronto in Perspective*, Carlisle: Paternoster Press/Evangelical Alliance, 2001, 129-330.

The Nature of Hell (Editor). Carlisle: Paternoster Press/Evangelical Alliance, 2000.

'*The Words of Our Lips: Language Use in Free Church Worship*. Congregational Memorial Hall Trust Monograph. London: Congregational Memorial Hall Trust, 1998.

'Lost Without Her Soul? Diana and the Search for Transcendence', in *Death of a Princess: Making Sense of a Nation's Grief* (ed. Chris Sugden). London: Silver Fish, 1998, 59-72.

Faith, Hope and Homosexuality (Editor). Carlisle: Paternoster Press/Evangelical Alliance, 1998.

Picking Up the Pieces: Can Evangelicals Adapt to Contemporary Culture? London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1997.

'From Performativity to Pedagogy: Jean Ladrière and the Pragmatics of Reformed Worship Discourse', in Stanley Porter (ed.), *The Nature of Religious Language: A Colloquium*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995, 170-200.

'For the Procreation of Children', in Susan Durber (ed.), *As Man and Woman Made: Theological Reflections on Marriage*. London: United Reformed Church, 1994, 22-32.

'Doing Barth Justice: Baptism and the URC: Part I', *Reformed Quarterly* (2,1-2), 1991, 7-13; 'Part II' (2,3), 1991, 4-8.

Forthcoming:

8 articles for the *New Dictionary of Theology (2nd Edition)*. Nottingham: IVP, 2014.

Committees, Societies and Recent Conferences

- 2006–Present Member of Church of England Faith & Order Advisory Group (latterly Faith and Order Commission)
- 2011–Present Member of Society of Pentecostal Studies
- 2012–Present Member of Society for the Study of Theology
- 1997–Present Member of Tyndale Fellowship (Executive Member, 2002-2006)
- 1997–Present Member of Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians (Executive Member, 2001-2006)
- 1997 – 2006. Executive member, World Evangelical Alliance Theological Commission.
- 2005 Co-ordinator, London School of Theology conference on the Atonement
- 2004 Joint co-ordinator, FEET conference on Public Theology.
- 2003 Convenor, Evangelical Alliance conference on Israel in Christian Theology
- 2002 Organiser, Colloquium on Evangelicals and Social Theology, Oak Hill College.

Adult Team speaker at Spring Harvest, 1999 - 2011

Interests

Music, poetry, cricket.

Personal

Date of Birth: 4th January 1964.

Place of Birth: London.

Nationality: British

Married to Mia (Head of Chaplaincy, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Trust, London). One son: Matthew, 21. One daughter: Alice, 18.