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EDUCATION

- 1980 - 1983 Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Michigan – Bachelor of Arts (BA) Major: religion. Minor: Greek
- 1984 - 1986 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky – Master of Divinity (M.Div) Major emphasis: Old Testament.
- 1986 - 1987 Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio - Master of Sacred Theology (STM). Major field: Church History. Thesis Title: *The Liturgical Movement among American Lutherans: 1989 – 1988.*
- 1990 - 1992 University of Regensburg, Germany – (Doktor der Philosophie) Dr.phil., *summa cum laude*. Thesis supervision interdisciplinary between Department of Theoretical Physics, the Department of the History of Science, and the Department of Protestant Theology. Thesis Title: *The Relevance of Contemporary Theoretical Physics for a Christian Doctrine of God.*
- 1992 - 1994 University of Munich, Germany – Doktor der Theologie (Dr.theol.), *summa cum laude*. Thesis supervision through the Department of Foundational and Ecumenical Theology. Minor fields: Church History, History of Religions. Thesis Title: *Foundations and Functions of Theology as Universal Science: Theological Method and Apologetic Praxis in Wolfhart Pannenberg and Karl Rahner.*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

- 1990 - 1994 Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Regensburg
- 1997 - 2001 Lecturer in Systematic Theology and Ethics, Head of the Department of Systematic Theology and Church History, and Chair of the Graduate Course Committee, Luther Seminary, North Adelaide, South Australia.
- 2001 - 2006 Dean of Theology and Senior Lecturer in Theology, convenor of ethics committee, Tabor College, Adelaide, South Australia.
- 2006 - 2010 Head of Humanities Faculty, Tabor Adelaide
- 2010 - 2012 Senior Research Fellow, Graeme Clark Research Institute (GCRI), Tabor Adelaide
- 2013 - 2015 Senior Researcher, Australian Lutheran Institute for Theology and Ethics (ALITE), Australian Lutheran College, Adelaide.

OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Associate Lecturer, Flinders University, Faculty of Law, Social Sciences and Theology, 2005-present.

Associate Research Fellow, Graeme Clark Research Institute, Tabor Adelaide, 2013 – 2017.

Guest Lecturer in theology and church history, Universitas Pelita Harapan, Jakarta, Indonesia, Faculty of Education, 2006, 2007, 2008.

Thesis Supervisor. Primary supervisor of several doctoral theses, successfully completed: supervisor and co-supervisor of numerous masters theses.

Thesis Examiner. Regular examiner for masters and doctoral theses in theology, church history, philosophy, science and faith and creative writing for various universities around Australia.

AWARDS

1997 Templeton Book Prize for Outstanding monograph on science and religion for *God, Creation and Contemporary Physics*, Fortress Press, 1996.

2006 Outstanding Paper Award for “The Significance of Monotheistic Traditions for the Origins of Natural Science,” at the First International Congress on Dialogue between Science and Religion, presented by the Iranian minister of health, May 4, 2006, Tehran.

2018 *Martin Luther. A Wild Boar in the Lord’s Vineyard* shortlisted for Australian Christian Book of the Year.

2019 *Iscariot* finalist for CALEB award in Christian Fiction.

2019 Australian Religious Press Association (ARPA) Silver Award for best article, single author for ‘Is Science Replacing God,’ appearing in *The Lutheran* (June 2018).

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

1996 *God, Creation, and Contemporary Physics* (Theology and the Sciences series), Fortress Press, Minneapolis.

1996 *Foundations and Functions of Theology as Universal Science: Theological Method and Apologetic Praxis in Wolfhart Pannenberg and Karl Rahner*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt.

2001 _____, John Puddefoot, Anne Foerst, *God, Life, Intelligence, and the Universe* (Adelaide: ATF, 2002).

2004 *When Choice Matters: An Introduction to Christian Ethics*. Adelaide: Pantaenus Press.

2004 *The Matrix Revealed: A Christian Guide to Understanding the Matrix Trilogy*. Adelaide: Pantaenus Press, 2004.

2007 *Faith Matters: An Introduction to Christian Belief*. Universitas Pelita Harapan Press, Jakarta.

2012 _____, Chris Mulherin, Graham Buxton. *God and Science in Classroom and Pulpit*. Mosaic Press, Melbourne.

2013 *On Wings. The Adelaide Harriers Athletic Club 1913-2013*. The Adelaide Harriers, Adelaide.

2015 *Graeme Clark. The Man who Invented the Bionic Ear*. Allen&Unwin, Sydney.

2016 *Narnia, Middle-Earth and the Kingdom of God. A History of Fantasy Literature and the Christian Tradition*. Melbourne: Stone Table Books.

2016 *Phantastes. George MacDonald’s Classic Fantasy Novel*, as retold by Mark Worthing. Melbourne. Stone Table Books.

- 2017 *Martin Luther: A Wild Boar in the Lord's Vineyard*. Morning Star Publishing, Melbourne.
- 2017 *What the Dog Saw*. Morning Star Publishing, Melbourne.
- 2018 _____, Chris Mulherin, Graham Buxton. *God and Science in Classroom and Pulpit*. Revised edition. Morning Star Publications, Melbourne.
- 2018 *The Winter Fae. A Fantasy Novella*. Stone Table Books, Melbourne.
- 2018 *Iscariot. A Novel*. Morning Star Press, Melbourne.
- 2019 *Abecedarium. A Celebration of the Alphabet in Verse*. Immortalise, Adelaide.
- 2019 *Unlikely Allies. Monotheism and the Rise of Science*. ISCAST/Nexus Books, Melbourne.
- 2020 *The Sacred Life of Words. A Guide for Christian Writers*. Morning Star Publishing, Sydney.

Journal Articles and Chapters in Books:

- 1992 'Evangelical Monasticism among Contemporary German Lutherans', *The Bride of Christ: The Journal of Lutheran Liturgical Renewal* 16/3 (Pentecost), 12-18.
- 1992 'Visualizing Angels: From Gothic to Graham, from the Parthenon to Pannenberg', *The Bride of Christ* 16/4, St Michael and All Angels, 22-24.
- 1993 'Luther and the Apocryphal Prayer of Manasseh', *The Bride of Christ* 17/1 (for Lent), St Michael and All Angels, 16-19.
- 1994 'Twenty-five Theses Concerning Cultural Christianity and its Adherents', *Lutheran Forum* 28/2 (May), 45-50.
- 1994 'Die Bedeutung der modernen Physik und Kosmologie für den christlichen Glauben an Gott', *Glaube und Denken*, the Yearbook of the Karl Heim Society, vol 6, Brendow Verlag, 60-77.
- 1994 'Theology: Queen of the Sciences?', *Concordia Journal* 20/4 (Oct), 402-414.
- 1995 'The Challenge of Atheism', *Table Talk* 10/1 (Feb), 8-9.
- 1995 "'The Hidden Centre" - Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Theology of the Church', *Commemorating Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Teacher, Theologian, Ethicist*, ed A Brixius, The Dietrich Bonhoeffer International Institute for Bioethical Studies, Adelaide.
- 1996 'The Australian Lutheran Schism of 1846 and its Theological Roots', *Lutheran Theological Journal* 30/2 (Aug).
- 1996 'Luther's Relevance for the Contemporary Debate about Infant Baptism', in *Perspectives on Martin Luther: Papers from the Luther Symposium ... March 1996*, edited by M W Worthing, Openbook Publishers, North Adelaide, 81-89.
- 1999 'The Question of Inclusive Language' in *Lutheran Theological Journal* (August 1999) 33:2, 97-102.
- 1999 'The Christian Doctrine of the Fall in the Light of Modern Science' in *Theology at the Beginning of the 3rd Millennium in a Global Context: Restrospect and Perspectives*. (*Festschrift for Hans Schwarz*), ed. David Ratke. Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main, 1999.

- 1999 'The Length of a Year in the Patriarchal Narratives: A Proposal' in *Lutheran Theological Journal* (December 1999) 33:3.
- 2000 (with Vic Pfitzner), 'Another Look at the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification' in *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* (Summer 2000) 39:2, 141-143.
- 2000 'Science and Theology: An Historical Overview' in *Pacific Journal of Theology and Science* (2000) 1:1, 3ff.
- 2001 "The Fragility of Grace," in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 33:1 (March 2001).
- 2002 "God, Process and Cosmos: Is God Simply Going Along for the Ride?" in: *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Cosmology and Biological Evolution*, ed. H. Regan and M. Worthing (Adelaide: ATF, 2001): 153-171.
- 2002 "Human and Animal Intelligence: A Difference of Degree or Kind?" and "God and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence" in: John Puddefoot, Anne Foerst and Mark Worthing, *God, Life, Intelligence, and the Universe* (Adelaide: ATF, 2001).
- 2002 "Christian Theism and the Idea of an Oscillating Universe" in: *God, Life, and the Cosmos: Christian and Islamic Perspectives*, ed. Ted Peters, Muzaffar Iqbal and Syed Nomanul Haq. (Ashgate 2002): 281-301.
- 2003 "The Evolution of Sin" in *Sin and Salvation: The Task of Theology Today*, ed. Mark Worthing and Duncan Reid. Adelaide: ATF Press, 2003
- 2003 Various articles on cosmology and physics in the Macmillan *Encyclopedia of Science and Religion*, ed. Wentzel van Huyssteen.
- 2004 "Time and Eternity as Scientific and Theological Problem," in *Creation and Complexity*, ed Christine Ledger. Adelaide: ATF Press, 2004.
- 2004 "Time and Eternity in Historical and Theological Context," in *The Significance of Theology for Society: Festschrift for Hans Schwarz*, special issue of *Glaube und Denken*, ed. Anna Madsen. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2004.
- 2004 "Biodiversity and Ecology as Interdisciplinary Challenge: Editorial," in *Biodiversity and Ecology: An Interdisciplinary Challenge*, ed. Denis Edwards and M. Worthing. ATF Press, Adelaide.
- 2005 Articles on 'Scientific Worldview,' 'Scientific World – Cosmology.' and 'Universe' in *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck) [2005]
- 2006 "Spiritual Exercises," in *Postgraduate Bulletin for Ministry and Theology* (1:1 2006): 27-28.
- 2008 "Reflections on the VO/CTNS Series on Divine Action from the Perspective of Theology and Science," in *Scientific Perspectives on Divine Action: Twenty Years of Challenge and Progress*, ed R.J. Russell, N. Murphy and W. Stoeger, S.J. Vatican Observatory: Rome and CTNS: Berkeley.
- 2011 with C. Bell and J. Cooper. "Teaching Creative Writing by Distance Education: How Effective Is It?" in TEXT, special issue: Strange Bedfellows or Perfect Partners. Proceeding of the 15th Annual conference. Jan 2011.
- 2013 "Some brief reflections on Christology and the natural sciences," in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 47/1 (May 2013): 4-9.
- 2013 "Can the Computer be a substitute for Humanity?" in *Christians in Science and Technology online journal*, Melbourne. (May 2013).

- 2013 “Theological adventurism among early Australian Lutherans: The strange case of Pastor August Kavel’s protestations against the Lutheran Confessions,” in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 47/2 (August 2013): 102-109.
- 2013 “Reflections on ACLE 4: The Key Challenges Facing Lutheran Education in Australia,” in *SchoolLink* 19/3 (October 2013): 13-15.
- 2013 “Tensions and Divisions among Australian Lutherans Prior to the Schism of 1846,” in *Journal of Friends of Lutheran Archives*. No 23 (December 2013): 64-72.
- 2013 “The Discordant Symphony: The Problem of Evil in Tolkien’s World,” in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 47/3 (December 2013): 203-213.
- 2014 “German inter-monastic politics and the Reformation of the sixteenth century,” in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 48/2 (August 2014): 115-127.
- 2014 “The atonement in the light of human and divine suffering,” in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 48/3 (December 2014): 132-144.
- 2015 “A Lutheran Perspective on *Nostra Aetate*,” in Genscher (August 2015)
- 2016 “The Nexus between Divine, Human, and Creational Suffering: A Theological Reflection on Romans 8:15-25,” in *The Nature of Things. Rediscovering the Spiritual in God’s Creation*, ed. Graham Buxton and Norman Habel. Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publications.
- 2017 “Monotheism and the origins of natural science” ISCAST (Christians in Science and Technology) <http://iscast.org/resources/Worthing> posted December 2017.
- 2017 “The Inerrancy of Scripture Debate within the LCA, 1966-1984: The historical background,” in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 51/3 (December 2017): 155-169.
- 2018 “Is Science replacing God?” in *The Lutheran* (June 2018): 5-7.
- 2018 “The Nestorian Christian Migrant Community and its Contributions to Medicine and Science under the Abassid Caliphs of Baghdad,” in *Flight, Migration and Integration: A Question for Christian Theology and Social Engagement*, ed. Mattian Heesch, Russell Kleckley and Hans Schwarz. Berlin. Peter Lang.
- 2018 “Can the Computer be a Substitute for Humanity?” in *A Reckless God? Currents and Challenges in the Christian Conversation with Science*, ed R. Asby, C. Mulherin, J. Pilbrow and S. Ames. Melbourne: ISCAST/Morning Star: 103-106.
- 2018 “Judas Iscariot: A Biblical and Theological Appraisal of the Forgotten Disciple,” in *Lutheran Theological Journal* 52/3 (December 2018): 152-164.
- 2020 “Deep Incarnation and the Redemptive Suffering of Christ for All Creation,” in Ted Peters and Marie Turner, eds. *God in the Natural World: Theological Explorations in Appreciation of Denis Edwards*, ATF Press, 2020.
- 2020 “‘Every Good Gift’: The gift-giving ceremonies in C.S. Lewis’ *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings*,” in *inScribe*

Works translated:

- 1995 Hans Schwarz, *Evil: A Historical and Theological Perspective*, Fortress Press, Minneapolis. [From the German: *Im Fangnetz des Bösen: Sünde, Übel, Schuld und das Böse in biblisch-theologischer Sicht*, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen.]
- 1996 Hans Schwarz, *True Faith in the True God: An Introduction to Luther's Life and Thought*, Augsburg Press, Minneapolis. [From the German: *Einführung in die Theologie Luthers*, Quelle-Verlag, 1993.]

Works translated into other languages:

- 2005 Mark Worthing, “*Creó Dios el universo a partir de la nada?*” pp 309-360, in Francisco José Soler Gil, ed. *Dios y las cosmologies modernas*. Biblioteca de Autores Cristianos: Madrid.
- 2006 Mark Worthing, 2006 [in Farsi – “The Significance of Monotheistic Traditions for the Origins of Natural Science” – in Proceedings of the First International congress on Dialogue between Science and Religion, Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran.
- 2007 Mark Worthing, “A possibilidade de inteligência extraterrestre enquanto experiência teológica de pensamento” in *Deus, vida, inteligência e o Universo*, ed. T. Kelly and H. Regan, trans A Capovilla. Edições Loyola, São Paulo.
- 2007 Mark Worthing, Inteligência human e animal – Diferença de grau ou de gênero?” in *Deus, vida, inteligência e o Universo*, ed. T. Kelly and H. Regan, trans A Capovilla. Edições Loyola, São Paulo.

Books edited:

- 1996 *Perspectives on Martin Luther: Papers from the Luther Symposium ... March 1996*, Openbook Publishers, North Adelaide.
- 2001 *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Cosmology and Biological Evolution* (with H. Regan), ATF Science and Theology Series. ATF: Adelaide. (Contributors: Nancey Murphy, Denis Edwards, John Brooke, Adrian Wyard, Bill Stoeger, Peter Hess, Mark Worthing)
- 2003 *Sin and Salvation: The Task of Theology Today III*, ed with Duncan Reid. ATF Press: Adelaide.
- 2012 *God and Science in Classroom and Pulpit*, Graham Buxton, Chris Muhlerin and Mark Worthing. Mosaic Press, Melbourne.
- 2014 *Something in the Blood. Vampire Stories with a Christian Bite*. Morning Star Press, Melbourne.
- 2016 *A Chicken Can Make a Difference - and other stories of life*, ed. with James Cooper. Morning Star Press, Melbourne.
- 2017 *The Gecko Renewal – and other stories of life*, ed. With James Cooper. Morning Star Press, Melbourne.
- 2018 *Three Dummies in a Dinghy and other stories of life*, ed with Claire Bell and James Cooper. Morning Star, Melbourne.
- 2019 *Papa's Shoes and other stories of life*, ed with Peter Court and Claire Bell. Adelaide, Immortalise.

Lecture Manuals:

- 2006 *History of Christianity and Civilisations*. Universitas Pelita Harapan Teachers College, Jakarta. 70pp.
- 2008 *Narnia, Middle-earth and the Kingdom of God: An Exploration of Fantasy Literature and the Christian Tradition*, Tabor Adelaide Manual, 109pp.
- 2008 *Creative Writing in the Christian Context: An Introduction to Writing Poetry and Prose Fiction*, Tabor Adelaide Manual, 99pp.
- 2019 *Lex Orandi. Exploring the Christian Faith through the Church Year*. Melbourne College of Theology, Frontier Programme, Albury NSW. 236pp.

Book Reviews

- 1995 Hans Küng, *Christianity: Its Essence and History*, tr John Bowden, SCM Press, London, 1995: *The Beacon Hill Books Reviewer* 1/2 (Nov 1995), 68-69.
- 1995 Hermann Sasse, *Scripture and the Church: Selected Essays*, ed. J. Kloha and R. Feuerhahn, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, 1995: *Lutheran Theological Journal* 29/3 (Dec 1995), 138-140.
- 1996 Hans Küng, *Christianity: The Religious Situation of Our Time*, tr. J. Bowden. SCM, London, 2005.
- 2001 Denis Edwards, ed. *Earth Revealing – Earth Healing: Ecology and Christian Theology*. The Liturgical Press: Collegeville, MN, 2001): *Pacific Journal of Theology and Science* 2:1 (2001): 34.
- 2001 Gerald O’Collins, S.J. and Edward G. Farrugia, S.J., *A Concise Dictionary of Theology. Revised and Expanded Edition*. New York: Paulist Press, 2000. 304pp. Beacon Hill Books.
- 2006 Anne Bartlett, *Knitting: A Novel*. Houghton Mifflin, New York.
- 2013 John Cowburn, S.J. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin: A Selective Summary of his Life*, Melbourne, Mosaic Press, in *Christians in Science and Technology online journal*, Melbourne.

Poetry:

- 1990 “Pantoum for Little Crow,” in *The MacGuffin: The New Formalism in Poetry* (7:2, 1990): 123ff.
- 2005 “Antipodean Arrivals,” in *Tales from the Upper Room Adelaide*, ed. C. Bell, et al. Tabor Writers Circle, Adelaide.
- 2005 “Bookstore Schizophrenic,” in *Tales from the Upper Room Adelaide*, ed. C. Bell, et al. Tabor Writers Circle, Adelaide.

- 2005 “Ascent of the Via Della Emissario,” in *Tales from the Upper Room Adelaide*, ed. C. Bell, et al. Tabor Writers Circle, Adelaide.
- 2006 “Snow Church,” in *Postgraduate Bulletin for Ministry and Theology* (Tabor Adelaide) (1:1 2006): 28.
- 2006 “Cedars of Lebanon,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2007 “Pendulum,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2007 “Homestead on the Bremer River,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2009 “800 Metres,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2011 “When I was Four,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.

Short Stories:

- 2004 “The Challenge,” in *The Advertiser* (19 January 2004), Adelaide.
- 2005 “The Bell Tower Guest,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Tabor Writers Circle, Adelaide.
- 2005 “Twice Saved,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Tabor Writers Circle, Adelaide.
- 2005 “The Crossing,” in *The Advertiser* (17 January 2005), Adelaide.
- 2006 “Bargain Beef,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2006 “The Stranger,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2007 “Alternate Mythologies,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2009 “The New Girl,” in *Tales from the Upper Room*, ed. C. Bell et al. Pantaenus Press, Adelaide.
- 2015 “The Account of Balthasar von Hoffmann,” in *Something in the Blood*, ed. M Worthing. Morning Star Press, Melbourne.
- 2018 ‘The Whale’s Tale’ and other stories in *If They Could Talk. Bible Stories told by the Animals*, ed. Susan J. Bruce. Morning Star Publishing, Melbourne.

Editorial Activity:

- Series editor, ATF Theology and Science Series, 1999 – 2006
- Convenor of the editorial committee of the *Lutheran Theological Journal*. Also Book Reviews editor 1998-2001.

- Member of the editorial committee of *Interface, The Journal of the Australian Theological Forum*, 1998-2004
- Founding editor, *Pacific Journal of Science and Theology*. Published by the Flinders University and Adelaide College of Divinity 'Centre for Theology, Science and Culture.' (2000-2002).
- Editorial board, *Theology and Science*, published by CTNS, Berkeley, CA. (2003-2005)
- Co-editor of *Tales from the Upper Room: Stories and Poetry from Tabor Adelaide's Creative Writing Programme*, 2005 – 2012
- Editor, Pantaenus Press, a division of Mosaic Press, Melbourne. 2011-2014
- Editor, Stone Table Books, an imprint of Morning Star Press, Melbourne. 2016 –
- Acting Senior Editor, Morning Star Publishing, Melbourne. 2017 - 2018
- Co-editor of *Stories of Life* (anthologies based on the Stories of Life writing competition) Morning Star Publishing, Melbourne, 2016 - 2020

Conference and Seminar Papers:

- 1994 "Standing your Ground: The Christian University Student and the Challenge of Atheism," Lutheran Student Fellowship National Conference, 31 December 1994, Adelaide.
- 1995 "'The Hidden Centre' – Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Theology of the Church," Bonhoeffer Conference, Luther Seminary.
- 1995 "Evangelisation of the World: An Unauthorised History," 5 August 1995, Evangelism Conference, Dernancourt Lutheran Church.
- 1996 "Faith, Belief and Baptism: Luther's Relevance for the Contemporary Debate about Infant Baptism," Luther Symposium, Luther Seminary, Adelaide, 22-23 March, 1996.
- 1996 "God and the Search for Extra-terrestrial Life," Adelaide University, 27 August 1996.
- 1999 "The Development of Doctrine and the Ordination of Women," Symposium on the Ordination of Women, Luther Seminary, 1999.
- 1999 "The Christian Doctrine of the Fall in the Light of Modern Science," Symposium in honour of Prof. Hans Schwarz, Regensburg, Germany, June 1999.
- 2000 "Human and Animal Intelligence: A difference of Degree or Kind? ATF Conference of Science and Theology, January 2000, Adelaide.
- 2000 "Ethical Implication of Terra-forming Mars," NASA – CTNS symposium, NASA Aimes, California, July 2002.
- 2000 "Christian Theism and the Idea of an Oscillating Universe," God. Life and Cosmos Conference, 6-9 November, 2000, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 2001 "God, Process and Cosmos: Is God Simply Going along for the Ride?" Science and Religion Course Programme Conference, Adelaide, January 2001.

- 2001 "The Fragility of Grace," Inaugural lecture of the academic year, Luther Seminary, Adelaide, February 2001.
- 2001 "God, Order and Chaos," Lutheran Student Fellowship Conference, Adelaide, July 2001.
- 2001 "Of Mice and Marsupials: Toward a New Ethics of Humanity's Relationship with Animals," ANZATS conference, Auckland, NZ. 2001.
- 2002 "Time and Eternity as Scientific and Theological Problem," Creation and Complexity Conference, Canberra, Australian National University, January 2002.
- 2002 "Teaching Creation and Eschatology in the Context of the Science-Theology Dialogue" Science and Theology Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. June 2002.
- 2002 "Socio-Religious Implications of Mars Exploration," Australian Mars Exploration Conference, Sydney, July 2002.
- 2003 "Examination and Critique of Subordinationist and Fatherhood Theology" Queensland Lutheran Pastor's Conference, Mackay, 5 June 2003.
- 2003 "The Reformation as Outgrowth of a Monastic Dispute: Augustinians and Dominicans in Conflict," Adelaide Theological Circle. June 2003.
- 2003 "Assumptions of Science and the Christian Tradition," Conference on Science and Christianity (COSAC) July 2003, Avondale College, NSW.
- 2003 "Can we still believe in Miracles?" Conference on Science and Christianity (COSAC) July 2003, Avondale College, NSW.
- 2003 "Theological Reflections on the Theme of Divine Action" CTNS-VO consultation, Vatican Observatory, Castel Gandolfo, Italy, September 2003.
- 2003 "Evolution and Christians in Science," Lutheran Student Fellowship symposium, Adelaide, November 2003.
- 2004 "Christian Eschatology and our Ecological Future: Notes Toward a Christian Approach to Eco-Justice," Biodiversity and Ecology Conference, Adelaide, January 2004.
- 2004 "Time and Eternity in Historical and Theological Perspective," Symposium in honour of Prof Hans Schwarz, June 2004, Regensburg, Germany.
- 2005 "The Discordant Symphony: The Problem of Evil in Tolkien's World," Lutheran Student Fellowship lecture, Adelaide, April 2005.
- 2005 "Time Bandits, Entropy and the Triune God: A Re-examination of the Problem of Evil in the Context of Emerging Theories of Time," CTNS-VO consultation, Vatican Observatory, Castel Gandolfo, Italy, September 2005.

- 2006 “The Significance of Monotheistic Traditions for the Origins of Natural Science,” First International Congress on Dialogue between Science and Religion,” Tehran, Iran. May 2006.
- 2007 “The Essence and Task of a Christian University,” Joint Faculty presentation, Universitas Pelita Harapan, Jakarta, Indonesia. April 2007.
- 2007 “God, Physics and the Classroom,” DAN network teachers conference, Brisbane. April 2007.
- 2009 “Theses Toward a Theology of Time,” Australian Lutheran Student Fellowship Annual Conference. January 2009.
- 2011 “Teaching Creative Writing by Distance Education: How Effective is it?” with C. Bell and J. Cooper, in *TEXT, Special Issue: Strange Bedfellows or Perfect Partners*, proceedings of the 15th Annual Conference on Creative Writing, January 2011
- 2011 “The God Debate” held at Flinders University between representative of the Christian viewpoint and the Australian Atheist Foundation. July 2011. Available www.taboradelaide.edu.au, humanities site.
- 2011 “Science and Philosophy: Is the Marriage Over? A Response to Stephen Hawking,” at COSAC, Launceston, Tasmania. August 2011.
- 2011 “Historical Phases in the Science and Faith Relationship,” Conference on Science and Christianity, Royal Institute of Australia, Adelaide, September 2011.
- 2011 “How would Luther have Handled Galileo: An Exploration into the View of the Natural Sciences by the Lutheran Movement of the 16th Century,” Australian Lutheran Fellowship, Food for Thought, October 2011.
- 2012 “Science and the Pulpit: Proclaiming the Ancient Faith in an Age of Science and Technology,” GCRI/ISCAST science and faith national lecture series, March 2012.
- 2012 “Missionaries, Medicos and Martyrs: The Nestorian Contribution to Medicine in the Golden Era of Islam” Missionary Fellowship Network, Adelaide.
- 2012 “Science and Faith in the Context of Australian Universities,” Keynote address, National Inter-faith Tertiary Chaplains Conference, Adelaide, September 25.
- 2013 “Theological Adventurism among early Australian Lutherans: the strange case of Pastor August Kavel’s protestations against the Lutheran Confessions,” being the 2013 Fritzsche Oration sponsored by Lutheran Archives and Australian Lutheran College. August 2013.
- 2013 “A Universe from Nothing? Response to Krause,” Adelaide chapter of Reasonable Faith, August 2013.

- 2013 “Light in the Darkness,” a six session series exploring mental illness, suicide, grief, suffering, life after death, and hope from a Christian perspective. Grass Roots winter evening class series, Australian Lutheran College, July-August 2013.
- 2013 with Juhani Tuovinen. “The Theological Foundations of the Finnish Educational System,” Australian Conference on Lutheran Education 4. Brisbane. September 2013.
- 2013 with Stuart Traeger. “Positive Psychology Programmes and Lutheran Schools: A Theological Assessment.” Australian Conference on Lutheran Education 4. Brisbane. September 2013.
- 2014 “Frodo’s God: The Theology of J.R.R. Tolkien,” a four part evening Grass Roots series. Australian Lutheran College. May 2014.
- 2014 “Suicide: Silence, Ignorance and Confused Theology.” Rekindling Hope Conference. Baptist Care, May 2014. Adelaide.
- 2014 “Creation and Evolution in the Context of Lutheran Secondary School Curricula,” Teachers in-service training for Cornerstone College, Mt Barker, SA. July 2014.
- 2014 “Positive Psychology and the Problem of Sin,” Flourishing in Faith Conference. St Peters College, Adelaide, September 2014.
- 2014 with Stuart Traeger. “Measuring Spiritual Well-being: A proposal for positive education programmes within faith based schools,” Flourishing in Faith Conference. St Peters College, Adelaide, September 2014.
- 2016 “Writing Biography for the Mainstream Market” Omega Christian Writers’ Conference, Sydney, October 2016.
- 2017 “Monotheism as an explanatory key for the rise of science,’ Graduate seminar, University of Divinity, Melbourne, December 2017.
- 2018 “Monotheism and the Rise of Natural Science,” Tony Morgan memorial lecture on Science, Faith and Culture, New College, University of New South Wales, 5 June 2018.
- 2018 ‘The Theology of Star Trek – the Original Series,’ Theologicon. Tabor College October 2018.
- 2018 ‘The Art of Writing Christian Biography,’ Omega Christian Writers’ Conference, Adelaide, October 2018.
- 2019 Three papers on ‘Apologetics as Pastoral Task’ NSW Lutheran Pastor’s Conference. May 2019, Canberra.
- 2019 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 ‘All things to all people’ - Paul’s pragmatic philosophy of evangelism. Queensland Lutheran Pastors’ Conference, Ipswich, June 2019.

2020 Discussion Paper: ‘Notes on the Theological and Pastoral Justification of Virtual Communion within the Lutheran Tradition’ presented May 2020 to Mission SA District discussion group on virtual ministry, St. Michaels, Hahndorf.

Completed Major Research Projects and Reports

2011 “The History of Medicine with Special Attention to the Role of Islam and the Rise of Modern Medicine,” funded by a grant from Servants Fellowship International and conducted under the auspices of the Graeme Clark Research Institute. Final report of 77 pages submitted November 2011.

2013 “Principal Well-being: A Study of Australian Lutheran School Principals,” commissioned by the Lutheran Principals Association and funded by a grant from CAMP Australia and conducted under the auspices of the Australian Lutheran Institute for Theology and Ethics. Final report of 46 pages, submitted September 2013.

2013 “A Study of Senior Christian Studies in Australian Lutheran Schools,” commissioned by Lutheran Education Australia and conducted under the auspices of the Australian Lutheran Institute for Theology and Ethics. Preliminary report submitted August 2013, final report of 78 pages submitted November 2014.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Founding member of the International Society of Science and Religion (ISSR), founded Granada, Spain, August 2002.

Regional Director of the Templeton Science and Religion Course Program, Australia – New Zealand Region, 1999 - 2002.

Member of the Australian Theological Forum (ATF) since 1996. Member of the (ATF) Board of Directors 1999-2002.

Fellow of the Institute for the Study of Christianity in an Age of Science and Technology (ISCAST) since 1997. Convenor of the SA branch of ISCAST, 1999-present. Member of the Board 1999 – 2005, 2020 to present.

Member of South Australian Christian Professional Writers Association, 2014 to present.

Member of the Australian Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue team 1994 - 2006

Member, Board of Directors, Open Book Publishers, 1998 - 2000.

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