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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

McMaster Divinity College (Hamilton, ON)

2010–17

Ph.D.

Dissertation: “Eucharistic Reciprocity: A Practical Theological Inquiry into the Virtue of Gratitude”

Supervisor: Phil Zylla

Reader: Michael Knowles

2013

Granted Ph.D candidacy

Comprehensive Exam Areas:

1. Psychology of Religion

2. Spirituality

3. Pastoral Theology

Theologische Universiteit (Kampen, the Netherlands)

2015

Participant

Advanced Theological Studies Fellowship

Project: Ethics of Gratitude in Aristotle and Aquinas

Mid-America Reformed Seminary (Dyer, IN)

1993–1996

M.Div.

Redeemer University College (Ancaster, ON)

1988–1993

B.A.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

DeJong, Bill. “On and Around the Stage.” In *Generous Calvinist: A Liber Amicorum for Richard Mouw*, edited by Marinus DeJong and Jessica Joustra. Kampen, NL: Theological University, 2019.

DeJong, Bill. “Growing Up into Christ: Renewing the Pathway to Maturity in the Church.” In *Children and the Church*, edited by William Den Hollander and Gerhard H Visscher.

Hamilton, Lucerna, 2019.

DeJong, Bill. *Eucharistic Reciprocity: A Practical Theological Inquiry into the Virtue of Gratitude*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019

DeJong, Bill. "On Earth as It Is in Heaven: The Pastoral Typology of James B. Jordan." In *The Glory of Kings: A Festschrift in Honor of James B. Jordan*, edited by Peter J. Leithart and John Barach, 133-46. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2011.

DeJong, Bill. "The Quest for Catholic and Evangelical Unity: A Reformed Appraisal." *Koinonia*, 19.2 (Fall 2002) 30-43.

SELECT NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

DeJong, Bill. "Turning the Reformed Church Outward: Cultivating An Accessible Community," *The Outlook* (May/June, 2018).

DeJong, Bill. "Celebrating the Real Absence of Jesus," *Clarion* 62 (May 3, 2013). DeJong,

Bill. "Pentecost as the Outpouring of Christ's Spirit," *Clarion* 62 (May 17, 2013). DeJong,

Bill. "The Indignation of Jesus in the Face of Death," *Clarion* 59 (April 23, 2010) 197

DeJong, Bill. "A New Gardener in a New Creation," *Clarion* 59 (April 9, 2010) 225.

PRESENTED WORK & LECTURES

2019 "If Extremes Will Please You, I am Your Man" A Missional Embrace of Dort's Dialectic Pedagogy." Prodigal Love of God Conference. Dordt University. Sioux Center, IA. April 5, 2019.

2019 "Growing Up into Christ: Renewing the Pathway to Maturity in the Church" CRTS conference. Burlington, ON and Langley, BC.

2018 "The Spiritual Life of the Ministry Leader." Lecture at McMaster Divinity College. Hamilton, Ontario. October 23, 2018.

2018 "Should We Be Thankful for Disabilities: Some Reflections on God, Gifts, and Gratitude." Theology and Disability Symposium. Emmanuel College. University of Toronto. Toronto, Ontario. April 28, 2018.

2017 "Ritual and Pastoral Care." Lecture at McMaster Divinity College. Hamilton, Ontario. November 28, 2017.

- 2017 "Showing Ourselves Thankful to God: The Reformed Ethic of Gratitude." Lecture at Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary. Hamilton, Ontario. January 4, 2016.
- 2016 "Being Good or Living Well: Why Character Matters as Much as Conscience." Geneva Lecture. Geneva Society. Trinity Western University. Langley, British Columbia. October 27, 2016.
- 2016 "Practically Theology: The Renewal of Practical Theology." Scripture and Church Seminar. Institute for Biblical Research (SBL). San Antonio, TX. November 20, 2016.
- 2016 "The Light of Life in the Shadow of Death: Gospel Ministry at Funerals." Seminar for Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary. January 12, 2016.
- 2015 "Living Well by Looking Back: Aristotle, Aquinas, and the Peculiarity of Gratitude as a Virtue." Lecture for the Advanced Theological Studies Fellowship at the Theologische Universiteit in Kampen, NL. June 25, 2015.
- 2015 "Response to John Smith's 'The Eschatology of the Psalms.'" Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary Conference. January 15, 2015.
- 2013 "The Hazards of Empathy: Carl Rogers, Heinz Kohut, and Their Critics." Work in Progress Paper. The British and Irish Association of Practical Theology Conference. York University (York, England). July 17, 2013.
- 2011 "Ministry and Mirror Neurons: Towards a Practical Theology of Empathy." Theological Research Seminar. McMaster Divinity College. November 29, 2011.

PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2020 "The Eucharist as Inoculant to Sins of Desire: The Lord's Supper Sanctifying Potential," First CRC. Hamilton, ON, November 19, 2020.
- 2020 "Church Revitalization." Phoenix Missional Cohort. Phoenix, Arizona, January 30, 2020.
- 2020 "What is a Missional Church? Missional Ecclesiology Forum. Burlington, ON, January 15, 2020
- 2018 "Practices of a Reformed Missional Church." Phoenix Missional Cohort. Phoenix, Arizona. February 7, 2018.
- 2017 "Reaching Your Community with the Gospel: Some Practical Suggestions." Address at Living Word Canadian Reformed Church. Guelph, Ontario. December 1, 2017.

- 2017 "Give Thanks in Everything: A Pedagogy of Gratitude." Commencement address for the Covenant Canadian Reformed Teacher's College. May 26, 2017.
- 2017 "Reaching Your Community with the Gospel: Practical Ways to Reach out Locally." URCNA Missions and Pastors Conference. Guelph, Ontario. May 18, 2017.
- 2016 "The Power of Gratitude: Understanding the Virtue the Reformation Rediscovered." Reformation Rally. Langley, British Columbia. October 29, 2016.
- 2016 "The Missional Calling of the Church: Biblical Principles and Patterns." Christ Covenant Church. Langley, British Columbia. October 29, 2016.
- 2016 "The Missional Shape of the Church: Practical Strategies and Suggestions." Christ Covenant Church. Langley, British Columbia. October 29, 2016.
- 2015 "If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands: Christian Joy and Its Counterfeits." ROOTS conference. Burlington, Ontario. October 10
- 2015 "ISIS, the Church, and the Need to Captivate Young Hearts and Minds for Christ." Presentation for Membership Meeting of Heritage Christian School in St. Catharines, Ontario.
- 2014 "Your Brain on Digital Technology" – Presentation a Membership Meeting of Timothy Christian School Society in Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2013 "The Sweetness of Light: Cultivating a Hermeneutics of Wonder" – Commencement Address at New St. Andrews College in Moscow, ID (www.vimeo.com/66165839).
- "The Brain and Culture: The Affect of Internet, Social Media, Television, and Video Games on our Brains" – Keynote Address at Ontario Teachers' Convention in Hamilton, Ontario.
- "Teaching with the Brain in Mind" – Presentation for Research and Development Session at Guido de Bres High School in Hamilton, Ontario.
- 2012 "The Believer, the Bible, and the Brain: How Neuroscience Informs Christian Scholarship" Christian Young Adults Retreat in Markdale, Ontario.
- 2011 "The Use of Scripture in Pastoral Ministry" – Paper presented at the Canadian Reformed Ministerial Conference in Markdale, Ontario.
- 2010 "Kingdom and School" – Paper presented at the Canadian Reformed Teachers

College Public Lecture Series, Hamilton, Ontario.

2009 “The Light of Christian Education: On a Hill or Under a Bushel” – Plenary Address delivered at the Annual Principals’ Conference for Canadian Christian Schools in Crief, Ontario.

“It’s All Fun and Games: Pleasure in Light of Ecclesiastes” - Paper presented at Men of Integrity Conference in Markdale, Ontario

2008 “The Authentic Believer: What Has Your Heart” - Lecture presented at LOGOS conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

“The Authentic Leader: Gender Roles for Christian Singles” - Lecture presented at LOGOS conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

“The Authentic Mentor: Reclaiming the Lost Art of Mentoring” - Lecture presented at LOGOS conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

“The Church’s Identity Implies a Destiny” - Lecture, CYA Retreat, Markdale, Ontario

“Life to the Max” - Plenary Address, Canadian Reformed Teachers’ Convention. Smithville, Ontario

2006 “But As for You, o Man of God: An Introduction to 1 Timothy”- Lecture presented at the Biblical Horizons Conference, Niceville, Florida

“The World is My Parish: The Global Concern of 1 Timothy” - Lecture presented at the Biblical Horizons Conference, Niceville, Florida

“Not Better Methods, But Better People: The Moral Concern of 1 Timothy” - Lecture presented at the Biblical Horizons Conference, Niceville, Florida

2005 “Scenes From and Reflections on 1 Samuel 24-31” - Three lectures presented at the Biblical Horizons Conference, Niceville, Florida.

2004 “With Whom Does God Really Establish Covenant: An Examination of the Covenant Controversy in Mid-Twentieth Century Holland” - Lecture presented at the Biblical Horizons Conference, Niceville, Florida

2003 “Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility: Learning to Treasure the Divinely Appointed Tension,” RYS National Convention in Wake Forest, South Carolina.

- 2002 “N.T. Wright on Justification” – Respondent to lecture by Dr. Gerhard Visscher at a meeting of the Ontario Ministerial Fellowship, St. Catharines, Ontario.
- 2000 “The Burden-Bearer Par Excellence” - Address given at the national Burden-Bearer’s (Christian Counselling) Conference, Grande Prairie, AB
- “The Relationship between General Revelation and Academic Endeavour” - Lecture presented at Foundations Conference (IVCF) Grande Prairie Regional College, Grande Prairie, AB.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Part-time Faculty (Redeemer University, Ancaster, ON)
 An Introduction to Christian Worldview (CTS 110)
 Spring, 2020; Spring 2021
 Youth Culture and Spiritual Formation (Rel 355)
 Spring 2019; Fall 2020
 Foundations of Discipleship (REL 353)
 Fall 2019
- 2014 Lecturer (McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON)
 Graduate Course: “The Pursuit of Happiness: A Practical Theology of Human Flourishing”
- 2013 Visiting Lecturer (John Calvin Institute–Recife, Brazil)
 Symbolics (Heidelberg Catechism)
- 1998-2002 Adjunct Faculty (Peace River Bible Institute, Sexsmith AB)
 Biblical Hebrew; Modern Cults

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2015- Pastor, Blessings Christian Church (CanRC, Hamilton, ON)
- 2008–2015 Pastor, Cornerstone Canadian Reformed Church (Hamilton, ON)
- 2002-2008 Pastor, Covenant Reformed Church (URCNA, Kansas City, MO, USA)
- 1996-2002 Pastor, Covenant Reformed Church (URCNA; Grande Prairie, AB)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019

Moderator, *Communicating the Kingdom*. Scripture and Church Seminar.

- IBR-SBL, San Diego, CA. November, 2019.
- 2019 Panelist, *Sex and Love after the Revolution*. Redeemer University College. Ancaster, ON. March 7, 2019.
- 2018 Member, Leadership Team, *True City Network* (Hamilton, ON)
- 2018 Panelist, *End-of-Life Care: Toward a New Beginning in Ontario*. Cardus. McMaster Innovation Center. Hamilton, ON. April 24, 2018.
- 2018- Chair, *Scripture and Church Seminar* committee (SBL-IBR)
- 2018 Moderator, *Common Grace: History, Controversy, and Legacy*. Kuyper Conference. Calvin College. Grand Rapids, MI. April 30-May 1, 2018.
- 2016- Member, *Scripture and Church Seminar* committee (SBL-IBR)
- 2012-2015 Member, Board of *The Paideia Centre for Public Theology*
- 2009-2012 Senior Church Visitor, *Classis Ontario West* of the Canadian Reformed churches
- 2009-2012 Senior Sermon Evaluator, *Classis Ontario West* of the Canadian Reformed churches
- 2011-2012 Member, Editorial Board of *Tangents*, Alumni Periodical of Redeemer University College.
- 2009-2012 Member, *Redeemer University College Alumni Council*
- 2007-2009 Contributing writer for *Christian Renewal* (monthly columnist)
- 2008 Chair, *URCNA Committee for Contact with Churches Abroad*
- 2004-2008 Member, *URCNA Committee for Contact with Churches Abroad*
- 2003-2008 Chair, *Kansas City Alliance of Reformed Churches*
- 2003-2004 Stated Clerk, *the United Reformed Churches in North America*
 - denominational representative
 - recorded minutes at 2004 Synod and superintended the publication of Acts of 2014 Synod

- 2001-2003 Alternate Stated Clerk, *The United Reformed Churches in North America*
- 2000-2002 Chaplain, *Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship* (Grande Prairie, AB)
- 1998-2001 Clerk, *Classis Western Canada* of the United Reformed Churches in North America

HONORS/AWARDS

- 1994 Roger Vanderveen Scholarship (Mid-America Reformed Seminary)
- 1995 Jelle Tuininga Scholarship (Mid-America Reformed Seminary)
- 1996 Ministerial Studies Award (awarded to the graduate demonstrating most aptitude for ministry at Mid-America Reformed Seminary)
- 2011 Gordon S. Martin Scholarship (McMaster Divinity College)
- 2012 Duncan R. MacNab Scholarship (McMaster Divinity College)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature

LANGUAGES

English	Native Language
Dutch	Competent Reading
German	Competent Reading
Greek	Basic Reading
Hebrew	Basic Reading