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**Education**

Ph.D. Princeton University  
Ph.D. University of St. Andrews  
M.A. Princeton University  
B.A. Haverford College

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**Areas of Specialization/Expertise**

- History of Christianity
- Colonial America
- Early Modern Europe

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**Current Areas of Research**

- Covenant and Covenanting in Eighteenth-Century New England

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**Courses Taught**

- History of World Civilization I and II
- Honors Seminars in the Humanities
- World Cultural Geography (Online)
- Ancient History
- History of Christianity
- Renaissance to Reformation (1347-1648)
- Europe During in an Age of Revolutions (1648-1815)
- Europe: Foundations of the Modern World (1815-1918)
- Contemporary Europe (1918-1989)
- American Religious History (Online)
- Senior Seminar
- Careers for Students of History
- Biblical History and Film

### **Membership in Professional Societies**

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- American Academy of Religion
- American Historical Association
- American Society of Church History
- Calvin Studies Seminar
- Conference on Faith and History
- Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture
- Sixteenth Century Studies Society
- Society for Reformation Research

## **Publications & Presentations**

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### **Books**

*The Origins of the Federal Theology in Sixteenth-Century Reformation Thought*. Oxford: The Clarendon Press of the Oxford University Press, 1990.

*Early New England: A Covenanted Society*. *Emory University Studies in Law and Religion*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2005.

### **Articles**

Brief articles in the *Dictionary of Christianity in America*, ed. Daniel S. Reid (Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1990): "William Ames" (p. 57); "East Apthorp" (p. 73); "Magnalia Christi Americana" (p. 699); "Cotton Mather" (pp. 715-16); "Increase Mather" (pp. 716-17); "Richard Mather" (p. 717); "Samuel Mather" (p. 717); "Mayflower Compact (1620)" (pp. 719-20); "Separates" (Separate Churches of the Great Awakening) (pp. 1073-4).

"Response to "Calvin and Tamar: Calvin's Exegesis on Genesis 38 in the Context of Earlier Exegesis by Hugh of St. Cher, Nicholas of Lyra (Including the Comments of Paul of Burgos), Denis the Carthusian, and Martin Luther," [by David C. Steinmetz], in *Calvin as Exegete: Papers and Responses Presented at the Ninth Colloquium on Calvin and Calvin Studies Sponsored by the Calvin Studies Society* . . . , ed. Peter De Klerk (Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1995), 163-9.

"Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (Covenanter Synod)" and "Scholasticism, Reformed" *Dictionary of the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition in America*, ed. Daryl G. Hart and Mark A. Noll (Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1999), 211-12, 230-1.

### **Review Essay**

"The Rhetoric and Ethnography of Prejudice," Review Essay of Ann Kibbey, *The Interpretation of Material Shapes in Puritanism: A Study of Rhetoric, Prejudice and Violence* (Cambridge Studies in American Literature and Culture; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1986), *American Quarterly* 39 (1987), 461-6.

### **Bibliographies**

"*Toward a Bibliography of Henry J. Cadbury*" (Typescript, Haverford, Pennsylvania, 1980), a revised and significantly expanded version of an earlier typescript entitled "*A Bibliography of Henry J. Cadbury*." Typescript on file in The Quaker Collection, Magill Library, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania.

"A Bibliography of the Federal Theology and the Covenant Idea before 1750," in *The Origins of the Federal Theology in Sixteenth-Century Reformation Thought* (Oxford: The Clarendon Press of the Oxford University Press, 1990), 160-95.

### **Conference Papers**

"*Reformation Principles Exhibited: The Early Testimony of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.*" *Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, Bicentennial Celebration of the Founding of the Reformed Presbytery in America*, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. June 13, 1998.

"Jonathan Edwards' Doctrine of the Sabbath Day." *Yale University Press/The Works of Jonathan Edwards, and the Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University (sponsors), "The Writings of Jonathan Edwards: Text and Context, Text and Interpretation,"* Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. June 3, 1994.

"Edward Taylor and the Gathering of the Westfield, Massachusetts, First Church, 1668-1679." *American Society of Church History*, Spring Meeting, Varieties of Colonial Religion Section, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. March 25, 1994.

"A Macroscopic Examination of Seventeenth-Century New England Church and Town Foundings." *New England-Maritime Region, American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature*, Annual Conference, Religion in America Section, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts. April 23, 1993.

"The Sociology of Seventeenth-Century New England Church Covenanting." *Mid-Atlantic Region, American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature*, Annual Conference, Religion in America Section (#1), Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. March 4, 1993.

"Amerindians and the Covenant: The Gathering of the Natick, Massachusetts Native American Church, c. 1645-1660." *Sixteenth Century Studies Society*, Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. Invited Paper. October 23, 1992.

"Covenant and Covenanting: Some Areas of Exploration." *Center of Theological Inquiry*, Member Presentation, Princeton, New Jersey. June 17, 1986.

"The Development of the Prelapsarian Covenant Idea in Reformed Theology, 1562-1590." *Sixteenth Century Studies Society*, Annual Conference, Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, Missouri. October 27, 1984.

#### **Colloquia and Seminars**

"The Church Covenants of Early New England." *Columbia University Seminar on Early American History and Culture*. Columbia University, New York, New York. December 9, 1997.

#### **Invited Responses to Papers**

"Response to David C. Steinmetz, 'Calvin and Tamar: Calvin's Exegesis of Genesis 38 in the Context of Earlier Exegesis by Hugh of St. Cher, Nicholas of Lyra (Including the Comments of Paul of Burgos), Denis the Carthusian, and Martin Luther.'" *Calvin Studies Society*, Annual Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey. May 22, 1993.