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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 1995, Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign
- M.A. 1991, Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign
- B.A. 1989, Political Science, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan (*summa cum laude*)

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Professor, International Development Studies and Political Science, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, Fall 2018 –
- Professor, International Development Studies, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, Fall 2017 –
- Director, International Development Studies Program, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, Fall 2017 –
- Associate Professor, International Development Studies, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, Fall 2010 – 2016
- Director, Calvin College Semester in Ghana Program, Accra, Ghana, February – May 2016
- Adjunct Professor and Instructor, International Development Studies, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, Fall 2003 – 2009
- Research Associate, Center for Christian Studies, Gordon College, Wenham, MA, 2002 – 2003
Responsible for organizing an International Public Policy Conference, November 2003
- Assistant and Associate Professor, Political Studies, Gordon College, Wenham, MA, 1997 – 2002
- Assistant Professor, Political Science, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, 1995 – 1996
- Instructor, Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, Summer 1995 and Fall/Spring 1994
- Teaching Assistant, Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL, Spring 1995, Fall 1993, Spring 1990, and Fall 1989

TEACHING AREAS and COURSES TAUGHT

International Development

- Introduction to International Development
- National and Regional Development
- NGOs and Grassroots Organizations: From Grand Rapids to the Global South

- NGOs and Development: Ghana Semester Practicum
- Political and Industrial Change in South Africa (off-campus January term course)
- Senior Seminar in International Development Studies

Comparative Politics

- Global Democratization
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Politics of Contemporary Africa
- Politics of the Developing World

International Relations

- International Political Economy
- Introduction to International Relations
- United Nations and International Diplomacy

Religion and Politics or Introductory Faith-Learning Integration

- Christianity in West Africa: A Ghanaian Perspective (off-campus interim course)
- Developing the Christian Mind: Christianity and Democracy in Africa
- Power and Justice: Perspectives on Political Order
- State, Citizen and Civil Society Senior Seminar

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Citizen Mobilization (Sub-Saharan Africa)
 Democratic Transitions and Political Development
 Religion and Politics

PUBLICATIONS

Books (single author)

State, Civil Society, and Apartheid in South Africa: An Examination of Dutch Reformed Church — State Relations, Published with Macmillan Press and St. Martin's, April 1999.

Booklets (co-authored)

Tracy Kuperus and Roland Hoksbergen. *When Helping Heals*, Published by Calvin College Press, January 2017.

Tracy Kuperus and Amy Patterson. *Responsible Citizenship: Faith-Based Mobilisation in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Published by SUN MeDIA Stellenbosch, May 2015.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- “Democratization, Religious Actors, and Political Influence: A Comparison of Christian Councils in Ghana and South Africa,” Forthcoming *Africa Today*.
- “Mobilizing the Faithful: Organizational Autonomy, Visionary Pastors, and Citizenship in South Africa and Zambia,” by Amy Patterson and Tracy Kuperus. *African Affairs*, 115 (459), April 2016, 318-41.
- “The Political Voice of Churches in Democratic South Africa,” in *Walking Together: Christian Thinking and Public Affairs in South Africa*, edited by Joel Carpenter. Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press, 2012, 233-65.
- “The Political Role and Democratic Contribution of Churches in Post-Apartheid South Africa,” *Journal of Church and State*, 53:2, June 2011, 278-306.
- “International Development: Christian Reflections on Today’s Competing Theories,” by Roland Hoksbergen, Janel Curry and Tracy Kuperus. *Christian Scholars Review*, 39:1, Fall 2009, 11-35.
- "Building a Pluralist Democracy," in *Race and Reconciliation*, edited by William Van Vugt & Daan Cloete. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2000, 77-104.
- "Building Democracy: An Examination of Religious Associations in South Africa and Zimbabwe," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 37:4, Winter 1999, 643-68.
- "South Africa's Democratic Transition and NGK-State Relations," *Journal of Church and State*, 38:4, Autumn 1996, 841-72.

Book Reviews and Short Articles

- “Does Global Service Help or Hurt?” by Tracy Kuperus and Roland Hoksbergen. *Spark*, 62:4, Winter 2016, 8-9.
- “An Eclectic Inheritance: Kuyper’s Politics Today,” *Comment: Public Theology for the Common Good*, 25 October 2013. <http://www.cardus.ca/comment/article/4067/an-eclectic-inheritance-kuyper-politics-today/>.
- Review Essay of *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty* by Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson in the Symposium Issue of *Faith and Economics*, No. 60, Fall 2012, 70-77.
- Book Review of *Secular Missionaries* by Larry Grubbs in *American Studies Journal*, 51:3/4, Fall/Winter, 2011, 215-17.
- “Zimbabwe’s Mess and the U.S. Response,” *Capital Commentary*, 28 July 2003.

"The Grand Folly of Missile Defense," *Capital Commentary*, 2 July 2001.

"The Disappointment of a Mainstream Foreign Policy Perspective," *Public Justice Report*, 23:4, 2000.

"Kosovo and Rwanda: Selective Intervention?" *Public Justice Report*, Third Quarter, 1999.

Book Review of *Election 94, South Africa* by Andrew Reynolds, ed. in *African Studies Review*, 40:1, April 1997, 160-61.

"Dynamic Frameworks of State-Society Relations," *Swords and Ploughshares*, 8/4, Summer 1994.

"A Time for War or a Time for Peace," *Public Justice Report*, November/December 1993.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Conferences Organized

"Citizen Mobilization in Africa: A Role for Christian Organizations?" Five-day workshop held at Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa, August 4-8, 2014.

"Collegium: Conversations on International Public Policy." Two-day conference held at Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts and Faneuil Hall, Boston, Massachusetts, November 7-8, 2003.

Peer-Reviewed Paper Presentations at National or International Conferences and Workshops

"Democratization, Religious Actors and Political Influence: A Comparison of Christian Councils in Ghana and South Africa." Presented at the Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs at Boston University's School of Global Studies, Boston, Massachusetts, November 2017.

"The Political Role of Christian Councils in Ghana and South Africa." Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2016.

"Christianity and Grassroots Citizen Mobilization: Lessons from Local Faith-Based Organizations in South Africa and Zambia." Co-authored paper with Amy Patterson. Presented at the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 2014.

"The Citizen Mobilization Efforts of the Association for a More Just Society: A Latin American Case Study." Paper presented at the Citizen Mobilization in Africa workshop, Stellenbosch, South Africa, August 2014.

"Christian Mobilization in Africa: A Role for Christian Organizations?" Paper presented at the African Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland, November 2013.

- “The Political Role and Democratic Contribution of Churches in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Paper presented at the University of South Africa (UNISA) Church Activism Conference, Pretoria, South Africa, June 2011.
- “Diminished or Diverse? An Examination of the Political Role of Churches in a Democratic South Africa.” Paper presented at the Sixth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2011.
- “The Political Witness of Churches in a Democratic South Africa.” Paper presented at the Reformed Mission in an Age of World Christianity Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 2010.
- "Examining the DRC and SACC Response to Democratization in South Africa." Baobab Poster Session, African Studies Association, Houston, Texas, November 2001.
- "The Response of South African Churches to Democratization." Paper presented at the Christians in Political Science National Conference, San Diego, California, June 2001.
- "Building a Pluralist Democracy." Paper presented at the Christians in Political Science National Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 1999.
- “Building Democracy: An Examination of Religious Associations in South Africa and Zimbabwe.” Paper presented at the Race, Ethnicity, and Reconciliation Conference, Bellville, South Africa, January 1999.
- “Inclusive Democracy: Comparing State-Civil Society Relations in South Africa and Zimbabwe.” Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, November 1996.
- “Cultivating Democracy? A Comparison of South Africa’s and Zimbabwe’s Regime Change.” Paper presented at the Berkeley--Stanford Joint Center for African Studies Annual Spring Conference, Berkeley, April 1996.
- "State-Civil Society Relations in South Africa's Democratic Transition." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 1995.
- "South African State-NGK Relations: An Historical Analysis." Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, April 1994.
- "In the Shadow of the State? South Africa's Dutch Reformed Church." Paper presented at the African Studies Association Conference, Boston, December 1993.
- "The Era of Mutual Disengagement: A Case Study of State-DRC Relations, 1934-1947." Paper presented at the Center for African Studies UIUC Professional Series, November 17, 1993.

Discussant, Chair, and Roundtable Participant at Academic Conferences

Chair and discussant for panel on “Religion and Public Engagement in Cross-National Perspective.” Ninth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2017.

Chair and discussant for panel on “Public Theologies and Social Movements: Global Perspectives.” Seventh Biennial Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2013.

Chair and discussant for panel on “Islam and Democratic Life in the West.” Fourth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2008.

Moderator and discussant for panel on “Can Force be Used Justly? Questions of Retributive and Restorative Justice.” Center for Public Justice Kuyper Panel, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, November 2, 2001.

Roundtable participant for panel on "Responses to Samuel Huntington's *Clash of Civilizations*." Christians in Political Science National Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 1999.

Chair for panel on “Christianity, Feminism, and Political Science.” Christians in Political Science Business Meeting at the American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC, August 1997.

Roundtable participant for panel on “Faith-Learning Integration: Teaching Strategies.” Christians in Political Science National Conference, Greenville, South Carolina, June 1997.

Invited Local or College-wide Presentations

“Global Service That Heals.” Workshop leader at the Calvin Symposium on Worship, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, January 2018.

“A Tale of Two Councils: The Political Role of Christian Councils in Ghana and South Africa.” Presentation to the Nagel Institute Fellowship Hour, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 2017.

“When Helping Heals – Affirming Global Service.” Presentation to the Strengthening Congregational Life – Church to College Workshop, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 2017.

“Nationalism, Democracy, and Religion: Checking the Blind Spots.” Presentation to the Just Citizenship series, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 2017.

“Connecting Business, Government and Civil Society.” Presentation to the World Renew Assembly of Global Partners, Muskegon, Michigan, May 2015.

“Religious Leaders and Citizen Mobilization in Africa.” Presentation to the Social Sciences Lunch Series, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, February 2014.

- “Abraham Kuyper for the 21st Century: Celebrating a new Biography.” Discussant, along with Jim Bratt and Nicholas Wolterstorff, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 2013.
- “International Development Studies: Equipping Students to Serve God’s People across the Globe.” Presentation for the Board of Trustees, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 2011.
- “Diminished or Diverse? An Examination of the Political Voice of Churches in a Democratic South Africa.” Presentation to the Paul Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics, Lecture Series, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 2010.
- “Globalization and Democratization.” Presentation to a CALL Globalization class, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2004.
- “Foreign Policy and the 2000 Presidential Election,” Presentation to Adult Mid-week program, Peabody Community Covenant Church, Peabody, Massachusetts, October 2000.
- “What’s going on in Kosovo?” Presentation to the Society for New Politics, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts, April 1999.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, and AWARDS

- Calvin College Alumni Grant (2018)
 Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) Initiative Grant (2018)
 Notre Dame-Templeton Global Religion International Collaborative Grant (2018)
 Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) Networking Grant (2017)
 Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity Fellowship (2015)
 Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity Fellowship (2012)
 Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Research Grant (2012)
 Public Theology Seminar Participant, Nagel Institute, Calvin College (2009)
 Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Development Discussion Reading Group Grant (2004)
 SOAR Grant, Gordon College (1998)
 Pew Summer Research Grant, Gordon College (1998)
 Gordon Faculty Development Grant (1996, 1997)
 Graduate College Dissertation Grant, University of Illinois (1994-95)
 Center for African Studies Research Grant, University of Illinois (1992-93)
 Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellow, US Department of Education (1990-93)

FIELD AND ARCHIVAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Ghana: Conducted fourteen focus groups and seventeen interviews with youth activists and church elites. June – July 2018.
- Ghana and South Africa: Conducted eighteen interviews with individuals associated with the Christian Council of Ghana and the South African Council of Churches. March – July 2016
- South Africa: Conducted sixteen interviews with individuals associated with the JL Zwane Centre in Guguletu, South Africa. July 2013
- South Africa: Conducted ten interviews with religious leaders and directors of community development organizations within South Africa. June 2011

- South Africa: Conducted twenty interviews with South African religious leaders. January-December 2009
- South Africa and Zimbabwe: Interviews and archival work. July-August 1996 and August 1998
- South Africa: Archival work in the Government Archives, *Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk Argiewe*, South African Public Library. Conducted forty interviews with Dutch Reformed Church clergy and National Party politicians. September 1992 – May 1993

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
 African Studies Association
 Association for a More Just Society
 Christians in Political Science

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant, Managing Diversity Flashpoint Multicultural Workshop, February 2015
 Participant, UnLearn Week Identity Workshop, October 2013
 Participant, Calvin Learning Communities, Book Study on Effective Teaching, 2012-13
 Participant, Calvin Teaching Learning Network, Peer Review Teaching Small Group, 2011-12
 Participant, Development & Shifting Paradigms Discussion Group, Calvin College, 2010-11
 Participant, Africa and Christianity Discussion Group, Calvin College, Fall 2008
 Participant, Development and the Environment Seminar, Calvin College, Summer 2008
 Co-leader, Development Discussion Group, Calvin College, 2004-2006

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee, "The Paradox of Religious Responses to HIV and AIDS in South Africa," *Journal of Southern African Studies*, June 2018.
 Referee, "A Study of Christian Faith in Development Practice: Perspectives from Northern Ghana," *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, June 2016.
 Referee, "Religion and Afrikaner Identity," *Religions*, February 2015.
 Referee, "Resource Mobilization and the Meanings of Engagement: Public Religion, Patronage and HIV/AIDS Activism in South Africa," *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, December 2011.
 Referee, "Considering the Opportunities Facing Faith-Based Organizations to Partner with Public Health Organizations," *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, March 2010.
 Referee, "The Civic Limitations of Civil Society in Zimbabwe," *Journal of Modern African Studies*, April 2005.
 Referee, "Anchoring Democracy in Indigenous African Institutions," *Africa Today*, May 2001.
 Newsletter Editor, Christians in Political Science, 1998-2000
 Secretary, Christians in Political Science, 1996-1998

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Paul Henry Institute Governing Board Committee Member, Calvin College, September 2017 –
 Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship Board Member, Calvin College, September 2017 –
 “When Helping Heals” Board of Trustees presentation, Calvin College, May 2017.
 Faith and International Development (FIDC) Breakout Session, “When Helping Heals,” Calvin
 College, February 2017
 FIDC Dinner Topic Table Facilitator, “The 2016 American Election, Nationalism and Democracy,”
 Calvin College, February 2017
 International Development Studies Internship Site Visit, Cambodia, October 2016
 Faculty Mentor for Social Justice Coalition, January 2015 – May 2015
Ad Hoc Graduate Programs Committee Member, Calvin College, December 2014 – November 2015
 Faculty Senate Member, Calvin College, September 2014 – May 2017
 FIDC panel, “Post-Graduation International Development Paths,” Moderator, Calvin College,
 February 2013
 “Africa Week” Planning Committee Member, Calvin College, Spring 2012 – Fall 2012
 Mentor for Richard Nenge, Scholar’s Rescue Fund, Calvin College, December 2011 – August 2013
 Africa and African Diaspora Studies Committee Member, Calvin College, September 2011 –
 Paul Henry Institute Governing Board Committee Member, Calvin College, September 2011 –
 December 2015
 Faculty Mentor for IDS Student Planning Council, Calvin College, January 2010 –
 FIDC Concluding Conference Panel, Moderator, Calvin College, February 2010
 International Development Studies Scholarship Committee Member, Spring 2007 –
 International Development Studies Program (formerly TWDS) Committee Member, 2003 –
 Instructor, CALL Course, “South African Lessons on Suffering and Forgiveness,” Fall 2003
 International Education Committee Member, Gordon College, 1998 – 2002
 Faculty Advisor for Africa Club, Gordon College, 1997 – 2001
 A.J. Gordon Scholarship Committee Member, Gordon College, 1997 – 2000
 Pike Committee Member, Gordon College, 1997 – 2000

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mission Committee, Chair, Eastern Avenue CRC, 2018 –
 GEMS Co-leader, Eastern Avenue CRC, 2016 – 2018
 Mission Committee Member, Eastern Avenue CRC, 2014 –
 Worship Center Aide, Eastern Avenue CRC, 2012 – 2013
 Shining Stars Aide, Eastern Avenue CRC, 2011 – 2012
 Sunday School Leader, Eastern Avenue CRC, 2010 and 2008
 Precinct Leader, Committee to Elect David La Grand, Grand Rapids, Fall 2007
 Campaign Strategist, Committee to Elect David La Grand, Grand Rapids, Fall 2006
 VBS Craft Coordinator, Peabody Community Covenant Church, 2001
 Child Care Coordinator, Peabody Community Covenant Church, 2001 – 2002
 Dane Street Congregational Missions Committee Member, 1999 – 2000
 Board Member, Center for Public Justice, Board of Trustees, 1999 – 2006
 Ventura County Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, 1996
 University YMCA Board of Governors, Student Member, 1991 – 92; 1994 – 1995
 Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church, Wednesday Forum Organizer, 1989 – 1995
 Hessel Park Christian Reformed Church, Adult & Children Sunday School Teacher, 1989 – 1995

