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## **Education**

**Marquette University**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
September, 1993 to May, 2003. Doctor of Philosophy in Systematic Theology, May, 2003. Dissertation on the use of system in theology with specific attention to religious epistemology and the critique of system by Stanley Hauerwas.

**Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina.  
September, 1991 to May, 1994. Master of Theology in Theological Ethics. Thesis in Environmental Ethics completed under the direction of Dr. Stanley Hauerwas, May, 1994.

**Western Seminary**, Portland, Oregon.  
September, 1988 to May, 1991. Master of Divinity with an emphasis in Systematic Theology and Biblical Languages, May, 1991. Received awards for papers in New Testament and in Church History, and the award for Christian service.

**Montana State University**, Bozeman, Montana.  
September, 1983 to June, 1987. Bachelor of Science in Business with a major in Management, June, 1987.

## **Professional and Academic Experience**

**Development Director**, Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley, Bozeman, Montana.  
August, 2021 to present. Responsible for rebranding entire organization, including crafting a 20-year strategic plan, creating matrixes for annual reports, establishing relationships for major gifts (currently overseeing capital campaigns totaling \$10-12M), and networking for land and building opportunities to achieve 20 new homes per year.

**Adjunct Professor**, Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon.  
August, 1996 to present. Teach various graduate courses in Christian theology.

**Professor of Theology and Biblical Languages**, Montana Bible College, Bozeman, Montana.  
July, 1995 to May, 2018. Responsible for teaching courses in Systematic Theology, Philosophy, Ethics, Greek, Hebrew, Church History, and Counseling. Specializations include Christian Theology (especially postmodern narrative theology due to studies with Stanley Hauerwas); Religion and Philosophy; History of Religion and Philosophy; American

Religious History (especially American evangelicalism and fundamentalism due to studies with George Marsden); Environmental Ethics; Medical Ethics (especially in areas of suffering and end of life); Culture and Political Ideologies, including varying forms of Islamic government, East Asian communism, and Eastern European socialism.

**Academic Dean**, Montana Bible College, Bozeman, Montana. July, 1995 to May, 2018. Responsible for academic oversight of programs, developing and maintaining curriculum, tasking and evaluation of faculty, faculty team/dept. leadership, faculty development, and general administration of the school. Oversaw all library functions. Wrote and maintained policies and procedures documents for various departments, as well as student and faculty handbooks. Devised and supervised SASP (Student Academic Success Program). Guided school through accreditation process from applicant status to full accreditation with ABHE, including significant documentation and quality assessment in each phase. Represented school to USDE and ABHE's Commission on Accreditation. Devised admissions policy and headed Admissions Committee. Wrote grant proposals and raised significant funds for capital projects in MBC physical plant for student housing, student union, and library. Assisted oversight of two major building projects and renovation of a third building for library and married student housing. Oversaw and produced marketing materials for school.

**Adjunct Professor**, The Master's Seminary, Los Angeles, California. August, 2015 to May, 2018. Taught graduate courses in Koine Greek grammar and syntax.

**Dean of Students**, Montana Bible College, Bozeman, Montana. July, 1995 to May, 2002; August, 2013 to July, 2016. Responsible for student life, student housing and facilities, and initiating and developing mentoring program for all students. Initiated grant writing program to national foundations for student scholarships.

**Pastoral Ministry**, June, 2013 to June 2014; November, 2008 to June 2010; June 1999 to May 2000. Served as interim pastor at three churches within driving distance. Responsibilities included all preaching, some counseling, weddings/funerals, and peacemaking, as each church had recently experienced significant turmoil.

**Interim President**, Montana Bible College, Bozeman, Montana. May, 2007 to August, 2008. Filled all roles of President during search for new president.

**Teaching/Research Assistant**, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

August, 1994 to May, 1995. Assistant to Dr. Dan Maguire, professor of moral theology at Marquette University. Performed all duties of research, grading and occasional lecturing.

**Archive Assistant**, Memorial Library, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

January, 1994 to August, 1994. Assisted archivist in charge of Native American missions records (BCIM).

**Teaching Fellowship**, Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon.

August, 1990 to May, 1991. Taught Greek grammar courses to incoming seminary students.

**Graduate Assistantship**, Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon.

August, 1990 to May, 1991. Taught Hebrew grammar courses to second year seminary students. Also assisted Dr. Ron Allen in research for writing projects.

**College Pastor**, Laurelwood Baptist Church, Vancouver, Washington.

January, 1989 to August, 1990. Responsible for college and career ministry at Laurelwood Baptist Church.

**Management and  
Technical  
Experience**

**Warehouse Manager/Subcontractor Supervisor**, Sherwin Williams, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

April, 1992 to July, 1993. Responsible for entire inventory of store (\$4 million/year) and supervision of 5 installation/application crews daily. Recruited to assist in quality assurance training for all new employees nationwide.

**Automotive technician**, Quick 10, Durham, North Carolina.

December, 1991 to April, 1992. Performed routine maintenance and repair on private and commercial vehicles.

**Store Manager**, Sherwin Williams, Bozeman, Montana.

June, 1987 to August, 1988. Managed all store operations and accounting, including debt collection. Initiated outside sales and marketing program.

**Soils/Engineering Technician**, National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS – Formerly the Soil Conservation Service), Circle, Montana.

May, 1984 to September, 1986. Assisted in all areas of soil, plant, and water conservation efforts in ranch and agricultural applications.

**Representative  
Academic  
Publications**

**Articles:**

“Identity and the Cross” Portions of book manuscript published as an article in *Emanet* – a Turkish theological journal. Details of the journal’s publication remain unavailable to the public. Published 2016.

“The Power of Place: At Home in God’s World,” *Target Earth Magazine: Serving the Earth, Serving the Poor* 1:4 (July/August, 1997), 16-17.

"What's New about the New Heaven and the New Earth? A Theology of Creation from Revelation 21 and 2 Peter 3," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 40:1 (March, 1997), 37-56.

"The Nascent Noeticism of Narrative Theology: An Examination of the Relationship between Narrative and Metaphysics in Nicholas Lash," *Modern Theology* 12:4 (October, 1996), 459-81.

"The Soteriology of James 2:14," *Grace Theological Journal* 12:1 (Spring, 1992), 69-97.

**Books:**

*Timeless Truth in the Hands of History: A Short History of System in Theology.* Cambridge: James Clark & Co, 2012. Originally published in *Princeton Theological Monograph Series*.

**From the Cover:** "... Heide shows that an understanding of how the ‘system’ of theology should be conceived illumines just how theology’s own content is developed at various stages in the history of theology. For those concerned with how theology has been done and should be done, this book will provide great stimulation and direction.” Bruce A. Ware

**From Reviews:** "... an excellent introduction to the origins and uses of systematic theology. ... Heide carefully shows the nuances between different notions of system in different eras. What emerges is a helpful conversation partner in thinking about theological method.” Aaron Edwards, University of Aberdeen, in *Theological Book Review* , Vol 25, No 1.

“... A valuable resource in the study of systematic theology in relation to the history of ideas and in its critique. The work is admirable for the span of time and changes covered in just a few pages...” R. Sanchez, *Ephemerides Theologicae Lovanienses* Vol. 90, Issue 2, 2014.

*Domesticated Glory: How the Politics of America Has Tamed God.* Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2010.

**From the Cover:** “Over the last decade, many books have been written addressing whether or not America’s founding fathers were ‘Christian,’ the extent to which Christians should participate in politics, and (of course) whether Christians should vote for right or left leaning political agendas. In this well-written and Biblically grounded work, Heide insightfully reveals that these debates don’t get to the heart of the matter. The real issue, Heide boldly argues, is that the foundational anthropocentric assumptions of American politics and culture are fundamentally at odds with the theocentric worldview of Scripture and the

biblical call to live for the glory of God. At a time when the Christian faith has been idolatrously fused with American patriotism, politics, and culture, Heide's work is a much-needed wake up call." Gregory A. Boyd

*System and Story: Narrative Critique and Construction in Theology*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2008. Published in *Princeton Theological Monograph Series*.

**From the Cover:** "I have often claimed that my work is a call for help – that is, help to do more faithfully the work that needs to be done for the upbuilding of the church. I am, therefore, indebted to Gale Heide for his critical presentation of what I have tried to do and, even more, for his constructive account of how I should think of the work of the Holy Spirit. I am profoundly grateful for all Heide has taught me through the work he has done in this book." Stanley Hauerwas

*This Is My Father's World*. Fountain Valley, CA: Joy Publishing, 1998.

**From the Cover:** This book critically engages contemporary environmental ethics and provides Christians with a theological foundation for appropriately relating to the world they call God's creation – a creation ethic. It is refreshingly and thoroughly scriptural. However, what the Bible says may shock people with conservative or liberal presuppositions already in mind. This book is a challenge to both sides of the debate.

**Representative  
Academic  
Presentations**

"Finding Constantine: Evangelicals in the Politics of Postmodernism." Presented at annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November, 2006.

"Jesus said, 'I am the Truth!'" On Why Asking, "What is the Truth?" is the Wrong Question." Presented at annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November, 2004.

"The Art of Suffering and Death." Presented at annual meeting of the Montana Hospital Association. March, 1998.

"Pictures of Wilderness in Scripture." Presented at annual meeting of the Montana Wilderness Association. December, 1997.

"The Soteriology of James 2:14." Presented at northwest annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. April, 1990.

**Significant  
Accomplishments  
And Voluntary  
Services**

Serve on Bobcat Track and Field Association board, 2007-present  
Serve as USATF certified official for NCAA Track & Field, 1996-present  
Invited to serve on accreditation visiting teams for ABHE, 2016-20  
Received honorary letter for voluntary services from MSU Athletics, 2017  
Head Coach for Track & Field at Heritage Christian School, 2005-2017

Assisted with local and state Special Olympics, 1996-1999  
Mu Sigma Alpha music honorary society and scholarship, 1985-87  
Captain of MSU NCAA Div. 1 Track Team, 1985-86  
Nomination for Air Force Academy, 1983 (I later declined)

**List of Professional  
References**

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Professor of Systematic Theology; Chair, Center for Biblical and  
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Current supervisor for teaching graduate courses.

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Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Gallatin Valley  
Current Supervisor at Habitat for Humanity.

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Former President of Bridger Systems (a software development  
firm); former President of MT Bible College (MBC); former Board  
Chairman of MBC; Former Board Vice-Chair of MBC.  
Former Supervisor.

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Senior Pastor, Grace Bible Church.  
Former Adjunct Faculty member under my direction.

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Former student and formerly under my direction as an Assistant Professor.