

## **PRECIS VITA**

GARRETT E. PAUL

Department of Religion Gustavus Adolphus College  
St. Peter, Minnesota 56082

### **AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE:**

Historical and Contemporary Theology and Ethics (particularly late 19th and early 20th century in Germany, Ernst Troeltsch, Paul Tillich, theology of culture, theology and politics, and social ethics); Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of History

### **OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST:**

Science and Religion, Cognitive Science and the Religious a priori, History of Religions (particularly religions of India), Sociology of Religion

### **POSITIONS HELD:**

Professor of Religion  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
St. Peter, Minnesota (1983-present)  
Department Chair (1990-1995, 1997-2003, 2005-2006, 2007)  
Director of Sponberg Chair in Ethics (1991-1996)

Assistant Professor of Religion  
St. Andrews Presbyterian College  
Laurinburg, North Carolina (1976-1983)

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Religion  
Pembroke State University  
Pembroke, North Carolina (1980-1983)

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

#### **University of Chicago Divinity School**

M.A., 1973; Ph.D., 1980 Field: Christian Theology  
Dissertation: Religionswissenschaft: The Development of Ernst Troeltsch's Philosophy of Religion, 1895-1914  
Committee: B.A.Gerrish, Langdon Gilkey, David Tracy  
Contextual Fields: History of Religions (Jonathan Z. Smith), and Religion and Psychological Studies (Don S. Browning, advisor)

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (CONTINUED):**

### **Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India**

Fulbright Faculty Development Seminar: Art and Architecture in Indian Religions, 1977

### **Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana**

A.B., Magna cum laude, 1971

Major fields: Religion, Mathematics, Music

Phi Beta Kappa

Macintosh Fellow, John Mills Award

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:**

Research Fellow, Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, 2003-4.

Lutheran Academy of Scholars, Berkeley, California, Summer 2002.

Project Director, National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant to the American Academy of Religion for translation of *Der Historismus und seine Probleme* by Ernst Troeltsch, 1997-98.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Church and Society in the Nineteenth Century, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, 1992.

Fulbright Faculty Development Grant on Art and Architecture in India, 1977.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Books:**

Forthcoming: Translation of Ernst Troeltsch, *Historicism and its Problems* (with David Reid); Oxford University Press.

*The Emphatic Christian Center: Reforming American Political Practice* (with Kyle Pasewark), Abingdon Press, 1999.

Translation of Ernst Troeltsch, *The Christian Faith (Glaubenslehre)*, (Fortress, 1991).

Translation of Eberhard Jüngel, *Karl Barth, A Theological Legacy* (Westminster Press, 1986).

**Articles and reviews:**

- “The Carnal Knowledge of History: Practical Historical Theology and the Past and Future of Intimacy,” in John Witte et. al, eds., *The Equal Regard Family and its Friendly Critics* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007)
- "History and Ontology in Tension: Troeltsch's *Glaubenslehre* and Tillich's *Dogmatik* of 1925," *Papers of the Nineteenth Century Theology Group* 28 (2002).
- “Families in crisis: two parents are better than one.” (Review of Don S. Browning, et al., *From Culture Wars to Common Ground: Religion and the American Family Debate*) in *Christian Century* 118 (May 9, 2001):18-22
- "Der Historismus in North America," in Friedrich-Wilhelm Graf, ed., *Troeltsch-Studien* 11: *Der Historismus und seine Probleme* (Gütersloh: Christian Kaiser, 2001), 200-217.
- "The Congregation and Politics: Forming a Political Conscience," in *Word and World* 20 (2000):411-413.
- "Theologians in the War of Words: Troeltsch, Cohen, and Niebuhr in the Great War," in *Papers of the Nineteenth Century Theology Group* 23 (1997).
- "Das Projekt einer amerikanischen Übersetzung von *Der Historismus und seine Probleme*," in *Mitteilungen der Ernst Troeltsch Gesellschaft* 10 (1997):8-11.
- "History and Ontology in Tension: Troeltsch's *Glaubenslehre* and Tillich's *Dogmatik* of 1925," forthcoming in a volume of papers on Troeltsch and Tillich, ed. by Jean Richard and Robert Scharleman, to be published by Editions du Cerf, Paris.
- "The Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue on Justification: What Next?" *Synod News* (Southwest Minnesota Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), January 1997, pp. 1, 4.
- "Jesus' Ethic of Perfection" (review of Hans Dieter Betz, *The Sermon on the Mount*), in *Christian Century* 113 (March 6, 1996): 270-274.
- "Taste, Natural Law, and Biology: Connections and Separations between Ethics and Biology," in James Hurd, ed., *The Biology of Morality* (Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 1996), 79-92.
- "Theological Themes," in *Lectionary Homiletics* 6, No. 7 (June 1995): pp. 2, 12, 23, and 32.
- "Forming an emphatic Christian center: A call to political responsibility" (with Kyle Pasewark), in *Christian Century* 111 (August 24-31, 1994): 780-83.
- Review of Niklaus Peter, *Im Schatten der Modernität: Franz Overbecks Weg zur "Christlichkeit unserer heutigen Theologie"*, in *Journal of Religion* 74 (1994): 402-03.

**Articles and reviews (continued):**

"Christian Ethics," in *Ready Reference: Ethics* (Pasadena: Salem Press, 1994), 147-48.

"Communitarianism," in *ibid.*, 172-73.

"Why Troeltsch? Why Today? Theology for the 21st Century" in *Christian Century* 110: 676-681.

Review of Hans-Georg Drescher, *Ernst Troeltsch, Leben und Werk*, in *Dialogue* 33 (1994): 154-58.

Review of Stephen H. Webb, *Re-figuring Theology: the rhetoric of Karl Barth*, in *Critical Review of Books and Religion* 6 (1993): 541-43.

"The Sons of Onan," in *Faculty Notes* 42, no. 5(1993): 6-7.

"A Conversation with M. Thomas Thangaraj," in *Faculty Notes* 42, no. 4 (1993):24-25.

Review of Ernst Troeltsch, *Religion et histoire*, ed. by Jean-Marc Tétaz, in *Journal of Religion* 72 (1992): 643-44.

Review of Edmond Vermeil, *La pensée religieuse de Troeltsch*, in *Journal of Religion* 72 (1992): 644.

"Base Christian Communities," in Donald W. Musser and Joseph Price, eds., *New Handbook of Christian Theology* (Abingdon Press, 1992): 54-55.

Review of James C. Edwards, *The Authority of Language: Heidegger, Wittgenstein, and the Threat of Philosophical Nihilism*, in *Christian Century* 108 (June 12-19, 1991): 629-630.

Review of Nigel Biggar, ed., *Reckoning with Barth*, and S. W. Sykes, ed., *Karl Barth: Centenary Essays*, in *Journal of Religion* 71 (July 1991): 442-444.

Review of Toshimasa Yasukata, *Ernst Troeltsch: Systematic Theologian of Radical Historicality*, in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 57 (Winter 1989): 883-886.

Review of Frederick Herzog, *God-Walk*, in *Christian Century* 105 (November 30,1988): 1104.

"In Silence and in Noise," *Faculty Notes* 39, No. 4 (1989-90): 27-28.

Review of Christopher Rowland, *Radical Christianity*, in *Christian Century* 106 (April 19, 1989): 422.

Review of J. Keith Miller, *Sin: the ultimate deadly addiction*, in *Lutheran Partners* 5, No. 1 (January-February 1989): 37-39.

"Whither Ethics? A Review Essay," in *Word and World* 9 (1989): 64-70.

**Articles and reviews (continued):**

- Review of Horst Renz and Friedrich-Wilhelm Graf, eds., *Troeltsch-Studien*, Vol. 4: *Umstrittene Moderne: die Zukunft der Neuzeit im Urteil der Epoche Ernst Troeltschs*, in *Journal of Religion* 59 (1989): 113-114.
- "What Students Want to Know (About Religion)," *Faculty Notes* 37 (1987-88), No. 4: 8-14.
- Translation of Paul Tillich, "The Demonic," for Jacquelyn Kegley, ed., *Paul Tillich on Creativity*, a collection of Tillich's writings planned for publication by University Press of America.
- Revision of James Luther Adams' translation of Paul Tillich, "Religious Socialism and the Class Struggle," also for Kegley, ed., *Paul Tillich on Creativity*.
- Review of Max L. Stackhouse, *Public Theology and Political Economy*, in *Christian Century* 104 (December 2, 1987): 1093-1094.
- Review of Trutz Rendtorff, *Ethics*, Vol. I, trans. by Keith Crim, in *Lutheran Partners* 3, No. 4 (November-December 1987):P 32:33.
- Review of John Spong and Denise Haines, *Beyond Moralism*, in *Lutheran Partners* 3, No. 6 (July-August 1987): 32-33.
- Review of Rebecca Chopp, *The Praxis of Suffering*, in *Christian Century* 104 (January 21, 1987):61-62.
- "Paul Tillich," in *Faculty Notes* 37 (1986-87), Extra No. 2:16-19.
- "The Ethics of Aging," in *Faculty Notes* 37 (1986-87), No. 3: 24-26.
- Translation of Paul Tillich, "The Church and the Third Reich," in *Faculty Notes* 37 (1986-87), No. 2:21-22.
- "The Moral Legacy of Keynes," *Gustavus Quarterly* 43 (Fall 1986): 5-6.
- Review of Richard Fox, *Reinhold Niebuhr: A Biography*, in *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, Sunday, March 2, 1986.
- Numerous reviews for *Religious Studies Review*, 1986-present, and *Choice*, 1985-present.
- "The Ernst Troeltsch-Kerl Barth Connection," in Katy O'Brien Weintraub, ed., *So Now We're Left Holding the Bag: A Festschrift for Brian A. Gerrish* (Chicago: The Scientia Inflat Press, 1985), 70-74.
- "The Absoluteness of Christianity as its Truth for Us," *Papers of the Nineteenth Century Theology Working Group* 9 (1983): 51-74.

**Articles and reviews (continued):**

Review of Rex Brico, *Taizé: Brother Roger and his Community*, in *Presbyterian Survey* 69 (December 1979): 65-66.

**PAPERS AND LECTURES:**

“Winners and Losers in a Critical History of 19th Century Philosophy of History, or, The Conditions of the Possibility of Writing History.” Seminar on Lutheran History, Luther Seminary (St. Paul), November 2007).

“Is a Christian Politics Possible Today?” Calvin College, November 2005.

“Doing History with a Future: Troeltsch’s *Historicism* and Church History Today.” American Society for Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2004.

“Yellowstones, Heroes and Villians: The ethics of doing history,” Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, St. John’s University, April 2004.

“Overcoming History with History: The Task of Ernst Troeltsch’s *Historismus*,” Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, St. John’s University, December 2003

“The Impact of Natural Science on the Philosophy of History in the Nineteenth Century,” Lutheran Academy of Scholars, Berkeley, California, June 2002.

"Paradox, Pure Doctrine, and the Hidden God: Lutheranism and Higher Education," Gustavus Adolphus College, October 1998.

"Theologians in the War of Words: Troeltsch, Cohen, and Niebuhr in the Great War," Nineteenth Century Theology Group, American Academy of Religion, November 1997.

"Troeltsch's Historismusband in Nordamerika," Ernst Troeltsch Gesellschaft, Augsburg, Germany, October 1997.

Presider, Session 1 of the meeting Ernst Troeltsch Gesellschaft, Augsburg, Germany, October 1994.

"Troeltsch's *Glaubenslehre* and Tillich's *Dogmatik* of 1925," (by invitation) at the *Internationale sur la Dogmatique (1925) de Paul Tillich* at the Université Laval, Québec, August 1994.

"Being Male in the 90's," participant in panel discussion, Gustavus Adolphus College, November 1992.

"Men's Night Out," weekly discussion group for male students, Gustavus Adolphus College, March-Mary 1992.

"Taste, Natural Law, and Biology: Connections and Separations between Ethics and Biology" presented at conference on "The Biology of Morality," Bethel College, March 1992.

**PAPERS AND LECTURES (continued):**

"The Male Predicament," presented to Zumbro Valley District, ELCA SE Minnesota Synod, January 1992.

"The Male Predicament," retreat workshop for men of Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan, at Hudson, Wisconsin, April 1991.

"How to Think about Christian/Personal Faith," presented to Minnesota Valley District, ELCA SW Minnesota Synod, October 1990.

"Contemporary Christian Ethics," presented to Minnesota Valley's Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry, May 1990.

Invited participant in panel discussion, "Ethics in Business 1990: What is an Honest Profit?" at Mankato State University, April 1990.

Moderator of session on Paul Tillich, *Dogmatik* (1925), at North American Paul Tillich Society, November 1988.

Faculty Forum, "A Map of Contemporary Christian Ethics," April 1988.

"A Map of Contemporary Christian Ethics," and "Current Topics in Medical Ethics," presentations at a retreat of West Metro ELCA pastors, January 1988.

Respondent to "Ethical Issues in Transplant Surgery," by John Sutherland, Conference on Medical Ethics, Gustavus Adolphus College, Nov. 12, 1987 (also helped to organize the conference).

Respondent to "Extensive Benevolence" by John P. Reeder, Jr., American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, November 1986.

"The Center of Value in Medical Ethics," American Academy of Religion, Chicago, December 1984.

Library-sponsored panel discussion of Michael Novak, *The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism*, Spring 1984.

"The Absoluteness of Christianity as its Truth for Us," American Academy of Religion, Dallas, December 1983.

"The Role of Philosophy in Theological Method in Ernst Troeltsch, David Tracy, and Langdon Gilkey," American Academy of Religion (Southeast), Gainesville, Florida, March 1982.

"Ernst Troeltsch's Program for a Philosophy of Religion," American Academy of Religion (Southeast), Atlanta, March 1979.

**Newspaper, Magazine, Radio and Television Interviews:**

Interviewed by Mankato *Free Press* for reaction to George W. Bush's speech announcing imminent invasion of Iraq, February 2002.

Interviewed by Mankato *Free Press* on contemporary interest in eschatology and the *Left Behind* series, August 2002

Interviewed by Minneapolis *Star Tribune* on issues in cloning research, June 2002.

Interviewed by Mankato *Free Press* on disputes in Missouri Synod, April 1999.

Call-in program on Minnesota Public Radio on the topic of "Faith in Times of Disaster," April 3, 1998.

Interviewed by New Ulm *Journal* on changing trends in congregational worship, February 1995.

Interviewed and cited by Jeffrey Goldberg, "Blindness or Insight," in *Lingua Franca* 4, No. 2 (January-February 1994), p. 47.

Interviewed by Jeffrey Goldberg for *The Forward* newspaper on allegations of anti-Semitism in Ernst Troeltsch (relative to a lawsuit over a rejected dissertation at Columbia University), 1 November 1993.

Interviewed by Minnesota Public Radio on flood-related apocalypticism, 9 September 1993.

Interviewed by Mankato *Free Press* on flood-related apocalypticism, September 1993.

Interview with Stephen Schmidt, on KNGA, St. Peter, aired 21 January 1993.

Interview with M. Thomas Thangaraj, on KNGA, St. Peter, aired 14 January 1993.

Interviewed by KTTC-TV, Rochester, on men's issues, January 1992.

Interviewed by Mankato *Free Press*, on men's issues, March 1991.

**MEMBERSHIPS:**

American Academy of Religion

North American Paul Tillich Society (Vice-President, 1999; President, 2000; Board of Directors, 1995-2002)

Society of Christian Ethics

Deutsche Paul Tillich Gesellschaft

Ernst Troeltsch Gesellschaft (*Wahlvorstand*, 1993)

Bread for the World

Lexington Group in Transportation History

Nineteenth Century Theology Working Group (Steering Committee, 1994-1997)

**MEMBERSHIPS (continued):**

Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad Historical Society

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE SERVICE:**

**At Gustavus Adolphus College:**

Religion Department Chair, 1990-2007 (with brief interruptions).

Director, **Sponberg Chair in Ethics** (1991-96)

Responsibilities included: supporting ethics programs and conversation on campus, bringing speakers to campus, and organizing major programs and conferences on ethics.

E.g., "Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Legacy and Prospect," a major two-day conference on Bonhoeffer with speakers from Europe and the United States, 1994.

Institutional Infrastructure Advisory Committee, 2009- (Chair, 2009-)

Editor, *Faculty Notes*, 1992-94; Assistant Editor, 1987-88, 1990

Health Professions Advisory Committee, 1993-1998

Animal Care Committee, 1993-2005)

Ad hoc committee on the religion requirement, 1998

Area B General Education Committee, 1989-1997

Academic Operations and Achievement, 1989-90

Faculty Senate, 1986-88

Committee on the College and the Church, 1984-88

Phi Beta Kappa, 1984-present; committee on speakers, 1985-88, 1990-93; chair of committee, 1986-88; president, 1991-92

Numerous Nobel Conference Committees. 1985-present

Convener of Faculty Nobel Reading Group on Chaos, Spring 1990

Area C General Education Committee, 1985-88

**At St. Andrews Presbyterian College:**

Educational Policy Committee, 1982-83

Student Life Committee, 1978-82

Chair, St. Andrews Studies 102, 1977-81

Implementation Committee for New Core Curriculum, 1978-80

Self-Study Committee on Student Development Services, 1978-79

Computer Committee, 1976-80 (Chair, 1978-80)

Advisor to Student Organizations: Student Judiciary Board (1976-77); Student Association Senate (1978-79); College Christian Council (1979; Project Reach (1983)

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Supply preaching in Minnesota, Iowa, and North and South Carolina

Mission Statement Task Force, First Lutheran Church, 2003-04

Confirmation Task Force, First Lutheran Church, 1998-99

Seventh grade confirmation teacher, First Lutheran Church, 1997-98.

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (continued):**

Treasurer, St. Peter Public Schools Referendum Committee, 1996.  
Southwest Minnesota Synod ELCA Ecumenism Task Force, 1995-1999  
Council, First Lutheran Church, 1989-1992.  
Chair, Christian Education Committee, First Lutheran Church, 1990-92.  
Extensive volunteer work at St. Peter Community Preschool, 1984-1990 and 1993-96.  
Board of Directors, Minnesota Valley Chorale, 1986-88 (President, 1987-88).  
Church Council, Lutheran Church of the Living Word, Laurinburg, NC, 1977-83 (President, 1980-83).  
Confirmation instruction, Lutheran Church of the Living Word, 1978-79.

**Partners in Education (congregational and pastoral education):**

"A Model of Moral Judgment," "A Map of Contemporary Christian Ethics," "How to think about Christian/Personal Faith," "The Spiritual Dimensions of the Health Care Cost Crisis," "Christian Ethics and Ethical Christians," "Poverty in America," "An Introduction to Medical Ethics," "An Introduction to Business Ethics," "Understanding Islam," "Islam and the West," "The Male Predicament," "Luther on Vocation and Fatherhood," and "Understanding Buddhism," (over 225 presentations, 1986-present).