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B.A. University of Richmond (History) 1958
M.A. University of Georgia (U.S. History) 1964
Ph.D. University of Georgia (U.S. Social & Intellectual History) 1967

MINISTERIAL BACKGROUND:

Denomination: Pentecostal Holiness Church
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Pastorates: Mt. Olive PHC, Fredericksburg, VA, 1956-58; Arlington PHC, Arlington, VA, 1961;
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EDUCATIONAL POSITIONS:

Emmanuel College, Georgia, 1962-1975
Oklahoma City Southwestern College, Oklahoma, 1975-77
Acting President of Oklahoma City Southwestern College, 1980
Professor of Pentecostal/Charismatic History, Oral Roberts University, 1990-94
Director of the Holy Spirit Research Center, ORU, 1990-94
Dean, School of Divinity, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, 1994-2006
Dean Emeritus, Regent University School of Divinity 2006-

DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH POSITIONS:

General Secretary, Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1973-77
Assistant General Superintendent, PHC, 1977-81
Director of Evangelism, PHC, 1981-85

ECUMENICAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

President and Founder: Society for Pentecostal Studies, 1970-73
Chairman: North American Renewal Service Committee, 1985-
Chairman: New Orleans Congresses on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelization (1986-87)
Chairman: Indianapolis Congress on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelization (1990)
Chairman, Orlando Congress on the Holy Spirit & World Evangelization (1995)
Member of American and International Lausanne II Committees
Member of the Executive Committee of the International Charismatic Consultation on World Evangelization

BOOKS:

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The Holiness-Pentecostal Movement in the U.S., (Ph.D. dissertation) 1971, Eerdmans
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The Synans of Virginia, 2003, Xulon
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