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**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., History of Science, 1991, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
M.A., History of Science, 1985, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Th.M., Historical Theology, 1980, Dallas Theological Seminary  
B.A., History, 1972, University of California, Los Angeles

**CURRENT ACADEMIC AFFILIATION (2001- ):**

Associate Professor, History Department, Seattle Pacific University. Date of hiring: 01 September 2001.

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (1991-2001):**

Lecturer, Integrated Liberal Studies Department and History of Science Department;  
Research Associate, Department of History of Medicine; University of Wisconsin-Madison

**PUBLICATIONS:**

"Flood/Deluge", in *The History of Science and Religion in the Western Tradition: An Encyclopedia* (New York: Garland Publishing, 2000).

"Scriptural Geology in America," in *Evangelicals and Science in Historical Perspective* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).

Review of Walter H. Conser, Jr., *God and the Natural World*, in *Isis*, 1995, 86:340.

Review of Alan Dundes, *The Flood Myth* and L. R. Bailey, *Noah: The Person and the Story*, in *Isis*, 1991, 82:549-550.

**PAPERS PRESENTED:**

"Edward Hitchcock and Nineteenth-Century American Geology," Seminar Presentation, Templeton Oxford Seminar on Science and Christianity, Oxford, U.K., July 21, 2005.

"The Genesis Flood in Pre-Darwinian American Geology: the Case of Edward Hitchcock," The Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Seattle, November 3, 2003.

"Historical Studies in Science and Religion: The Thesis of Robert K. Merton" Seminar Presentation, Templeton Oxford Seminar on Science and Christianity, Oxford, U.K., July 25, 2003.

"Edward Hitchcock and Nineteenth-Century American Geology", University of Washington History of Science Colloquium, May 19, 2003.

"Scriptural Geology in America," Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals Conference on Evangelicals and Science, Wheaton College (IL), March, 1995.

"The Four Floods of Edward Hitchcock," History of Science Department Colloquium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March, 1991.

"The Noachian Deluge in Nineteenth-Century Geology and Theology," History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, December, 1988; revised and presented to the Faculty Dinner Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April, 1989.

## COURSES TAUGHT (SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, 2001- ):

- “Origins of Western Science” (History 2491): a survey of natural philosophy and physical theory with an emphasis on astronomy and cosmology from ancient times to the work of Isaac Newton.
- “Foundations of Modern Science” (History 2492): a survey of methodology, philosophy, technology, and the modern biological and physical sciences, from the era of Newton to the age of Einstein.
- “Evolution and American Society” (History 4495): Senior topical seminar (Capstone). Historical examination of cultural response to Darwinism; focus on 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- “The West and The World” (UCOR 2000): A survey of the interaction of the “European West” with the rest of the globe since 1500.
- “Belief, Morality, and the Modern Mind” (UCOR 3000): An issues-oriented course on epistemology, faith-reason tension, history/philosophy of science, philosophy of religion, ethics.
- “Faith and Science I” (USCH 3910): In-depth exploration of science and faith issues from ancient times to the Copernican revolution to the modern era of quantum mechanics and chaos theory. Team-taught with physics department faculty.
- “Wings of History” (USEM 1000): An introduction to Seattle Pacific University and the discipline of history via the theme of human flight.

## COURSES TAUGHT (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, 1992-2001):

- "Evolution and Society" (Integrated Liberal Studies 252): a special-topics Contemporary Life Sciences elective for the Honors Program. A study and critique of the history and cultural impact of evolution theory.
- "Western Culture: Science, Technology, and Philosophy I / Beginnings of Western Science" (Integrated Liberal Studies/ History of Science 201): a survey of the history of science, technology, and philosophy from Antiquity to the Scientific Revolution.
- "Western Culture: Science, Technology, and Philosophy II / Making of Modern Science" (History of Science/Integrated Liberal Studies 202): a survey of the historical foundations of philosophy, technology, and the modern physical and biological sciences, from the 17th Century to the time of Einstein.
- "Science in America" (History of Science 394): an upper-division/graduate course on the development and influence of scientific ideas and institutions in American history.
- "Critical Thinking and Expression" (Integrated Liberal Studies 200): an inter-disciplinary course introducing students to the world of ideas and expression. Course coordinator and topic lecturer.
- "Science, Technology, and Literature" (Integrated Liberal Studies 254): a study of 19th- and 20th-century literary responses to developments in science and technology from the industrial revolution to modern bio-technology.
- "Ways of Knowing" (Letters and Science Interdisciplinary Studies 150): a special course for first-semester freshman entering under the University Honors Program. Course coordinator and topic lecturer.

## DISSERTATION:

*The Diminishing Deluge: Noah's Flood in Nineteenth-Century American Thought*  
(Under revision for publication; consideration by Johns Hopkins University Press)

## DISSERTATION COMMITTEE:

Ronald L. Numbers, Departments of History of Science and History of Medicine (major professor)  
Paul S. Boyer, Department of History  
Robert H. Dott, Jr., Department of Geology and Geophysics

## FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION FOR PH.D. (field director):

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| The Scientific Revolution               | (David C. Lindberg) |
| History of Biology/Evolutionary Thought | (William Coleman)   |
| Science in America                      | (Ronald L. Numbers) |
| Science in the Atomic Age               | (Daniel M. Siegel)  |

PH.D. MINOR FIELD (minor professor):  
Church History (Robert M. Kingdon, Department of History)

HONORS:

1994 - Honorable Mention, American Society of Church History Brewer Prize (book manuscript)  
1990 - Vilas Fellow, University of Wisconsin Graduate School, 1990-1991  
1989 - University of Wisconsin *Excellence in Teaching Award* for Graduate Student Teachers

COURSES QUALIFIED TO TEACH:

*Surveys and Introductions--*  
History / Philosophy of Science  
from Antiquity to the Present  
American History  
European History  
Church History  
Introduction to Philosophy /  
History of Philosophy

*Specialized Courses--*  
Science in America  
Science and Religion  
Scientific Revolution  
History of Biology and Geology  
Evolution and Society  
History of Modern Physical Science  
American Church History  
Critical Thinking and Expression  
Science/Technology and Literature

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

History of Science Society  
Forum for the History of Science in America  
American Society of Church History  
Columbia History of Science Group  
Institute for Advanced Christian Studies (Board Member/Treasurer 2001-2003)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1997-2001 Director, High Point Christian Studies Center (extension of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL), Madison, Wisconsin.  
1996-2001 Director, Collegiate Programs, High Point Church, Madison, Wisconsin.  
1993-1994 Professional Associate, The University Group, Ltd. (Consultants) Madison, Wisconsin.  
1984-1991 Graduate Student Teacher, University of Wisconsin-Madison.  
1980-1983 Youth Director, Union Church of Manila (Philippines).  
1979-1980 Foreman, Design Resource Group, Dallas, Texas.  
1976-2002 Commissioned Officer, U. S. Naval Reserve: Retired effective 01 January 2003 with rank of Captain. Service with units in Texas, Philippines, Illinois, Wisconsin, Washington.  
1972-1976 Commissioned Officer, U. S. Navy (Active Duty): service in Florida, Colorado, Maine, Spain, Portugal, Bermuda.

REFERENCES:

Prof. Michael S. Hamilton Associate Professor, Department of History (Chair)  
206/281-2773 Seattle Pacific University  
Prof. C. Stephen Layman Professor, Department of Philosophy (UCOR 3000 coordinator)  
206/281-2220 Seattle Pacific University  
Prof. David C. Lindberg Hilldale Professor Emeritus, History of Science Department  
608/262-1406 University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Prof. Ronald L. Numbers William Coleman Professor of the History of Medicine  
608/262-3701 University of Wisconsin-Madison

## OTHER CURRENT/RECENT PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- \* Recipient, Faculty Research Grant, Winter Quarter, 2005.
- \* Recipient, Academic Renewal Grant, Summer 2004, for development of University Seminar Course.
- \* Participant, Hewlett Foundation Workshops for Capstone Seminar Development, 2004 - 2005.
- \* Participant, SPU Faculty Reading Group on Faith and Science, 2004-2005.
- \* Steering Committee, Seattle Initiative in Science and Religion Dialogue. Inaugural Event: Campus visit to SPU by Professor David C. Lindberg, January 15-17, 2003. Other events include visits by Ronald Numbers and other scholars.
- \* Participant, The John Templeton Oxford Seminar on Science and Christianity, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, summers of 2003, 2004, 2005.
- \* Session Leader on "Confession: Truth, Grace, and Agreeing with God" for Winter Reflection Retreat, Seattle Pacific University, January 11, 2003.
- \* Co-leader for "Faith and Science Cadre" (campus discussion group) Seattle Pacific University, 2002-2003.
- \* Presentation on "History and Integrity" for "Day of Common Learning," Seattle Pacific University, October 17, 2002  
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\* Presentation on "Darwinian Thought and the Early Response to Evolutionary Theory" at History Teaching Alliance, University of Wisconsin -Marathon, Wausau, WI (June 8, 2001)
- \* Delegate, Annual Meeting of Association for General and Liberal Studies, Chicago, Illinois (November 2-4, 2000)
- \* Chair of Curriculum Committee for Integrated Liberal Studies Program, UW-Madison, (October 2000-May 2001)
- \* Presentation on "Christianity and Science in Historical Perspective" for Conference/Seminar hosted by Blackhawk Church, Madison, WI (September 30, 2000).
- \* Presentation on "Why is 'science' in the King James Version? (Or, Pursuing a Translation Curiosity)" for University of Wisconsin Faculty Lunch Fellowship (September 29, 2000)
- \* Moderator of public debate on "Existence of the Soul" sponsored by Student Impact at the Memorial Union Theater, UW - Madison (March 2000).
- \* Instructor for intensive three-week college literature and science course (June, 1999 and June 1998), a critical thinking course (June 1996), and a history of science course (June 1995) at the University of Wisconsin for advanced high school students under the auspices of the Wisconsin Center for Academically Talented Youth.
- \* Presenter in public forum on "The Bible, The Qu'ran, and Science" sponsored by the Muslim Student Association, UW - Madison (April 1998).
- \* Panelist in public debate/forum on "The Place of Creationism in the Public School Curriculum" sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at UW- Marshfield, Wisconsin (November 1997).
- \* Participant in public BioForum (UW-Madison Zoology Department); topic "Creation and Evolution" (March 1997)
- \* Presented Workshop on "Critical Thinking" at meeting of the Meiklejohn Education Association (November 1996).

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## PERSONAL:

Born June 4, 1950  
Married Ruth L. Campbell, February 17, 1973 in San Jose, California.

Three children: Rebekah (1980), Rachel (1983), Benjamin (1985).