

Curriculum Vitae

Peter A. Lillback, PhD

President and Professor of Historical Theology
Westminster Theological Seminary

Philadelphia, United States of America

Degrees

- 1985 PhD, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA (Reformation and Post Reformation Studies); Dissertation: “The Binding of God: Calvin’s Role in the Development of Covenant Theology.”
- 1978 ThM, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas TX (Systematic Theology and Apologetics); Thesis: “The Significance of the Noetic Effects of Sin for a Theistic Epistemology.”
- 1974 BA, Cedarville College, Cedarville, OH (Pre-Seminary Bible, Speech, and minors in New Testament Greek and Philosophy)

Professional

2005– President and Professor of Historical Theology

Teaching Experience: Faculty of IRES in Jakarta, Indonesia (2012–); Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia (1981–2005); Philadelphia Theological Seminary (1995–1999); Cranmer Theological Seminary, Shreveport, LA (1996); Chesapeake Theological Seminary (1990–1996); Center for Urban Theological Studies (1986); Reformed Bible Institute (1981); Southern Bible Training School (1976)

Pastoral Experience

- 1991–2009 Senior Pastor, Proclamation Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania
- 1988–1991 Associate Pastor, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Newark, Delaware
- 1982–1988 Pastor, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Oxford, Pennsylvania

Honors

- 2009 *George Washington’s Sacred Fire* became #1 bestseller on the Amazon List
- 1978 High Honor graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary
- 1974 Oxford Press Bible Award: Highest Honor graduate of Cedarville College
- 1973 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- 1973 President of the Philosophy Club at Cedarville College

Selected Special Lectures

- 2005 Inaugurated as President of Westminster Seminary
- 1997 Dedication of Villa Grazia, Palm Beach, Florida
- 1996 “The Christianity of George Washington,” Contemporary Issues Conference Seminar at Westminster Theological Seminary
- 1995 “Apologetics & Reformation”-Conference on Apologetics at Westminster Theological Seminary
- 1994 Debate with Mr. Harold Camping on “1994?” at Glasgow Reformed Presbyterian Church,

- Bear, DE.
- 1987 Faculty sponsored lecture at Westminster Theological Seminary--“A Survey of the History of Paedocommunion”
- 1982 Faculty sponsored lecture at Westminster Theological Seminary—“The Place of the Covenant in Calvin’s Theology”
- 1982 First Van Til lecture sponsored by Westminster Theological Seminary Students Council--“The Noetic Effects of Sin and Reformed Apologetics”

Ministerial and Ecclesiastical Experience

- 1994– Member of President’s Council of Westminster Theological Seminary
- 1994– Member of Board of Huguenot Fellowship
- 1993–1996 Steering Committee for Hope for America and President of Board of Directors.
- 1988– Numerous roles in PCA Presbyteries and General Assemblies
[1999 “First Thoughts on Women in the Military” – Study Committee Report for the PCA General Assembly]
- 1983–1988 Numerous roles in OPC Presbyteries and General Assemblies
[1988 Minority Report of the Committee to study Paedocommunion presented to the 55th General Assembly of the OPC.]
- 1975-77--Assistant Chaplain, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, TX.
- 1973-74--Youth Director, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, Ohio.

Selected Ministry and Community Service

- 1999 Co-organizer of the Christian Alliance Network
- 1997– Educational Committee, Delaware County Christian School
- 1996– Co-Organizer and Leader of Main Line Leaders’ Prayer Assembly
- 1995– Sunday evening pulpit supply at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Newark, DE
- 1992– Alumni Week Chapel Speaker at Cedarville College.
- 1990–1991 Start-up Committee for Love, Inc. in Newark-Wilmington area.
- 1989– Board of Delaware Family Foundation (a pro-family lobbying organization active in Delaware legislature, loosely affiliated with Dr. James Dobson’s Focus on the Family Ministry)
- 1987–1989 Weekly radio program entitled “Creative Christian Living” aired on WZZD in Philadelphia. (Sponsored by area businessmen)
- 1987–1989 Organizing board member of For Life Incorporated, non-profit organization to raise funds for local pro-life ministries.

Books

- Saint Peter’s Principles: Leadership for Those Who Already Know Their Incompetence.* Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2019.
- Annotations on a Letter That Changed the World from a Birmingham Jail.* King of Prussia, PA: Providence Forum, 2013.
- George Washington and Israel.* King of Prussia, PA: Providence Forum, 2012.
- Wall of Misconception: Does the Separation of Church and State Mean the Separation of God and*

Government? King of Prussia, PA: Providence Forum, 2012.

With Judy Mitchell. *Lessons on Liberty: A Primer for Young Patriots: An Early and Pleasant Guide to Our Country's History*. West Conshohocken, PA: Providence Forum, 2008.

With Jerry Newcombe. *George Washington's Sacred Fire*. Bryn Mawr, PA: Providence Forum, 2006.

Freedom's Holy Light, With a Firm Reliance on Divine Providence. Bryn Mawr, PA: Providence Forum, 2004.

Proclaim Liberty ... a Broken Bell Rings Freedom to the World. Bryn Mawr, PA: Providence Forum, 2001.

The Binding of God: Calvin's Role in the Development of Covenant Theology. Text and Studies in Reformation and Post-Reformation Thought. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2001.

Edited Volumes

Seeing Christ in All of Scripture: Hermeneutics at Westminster Theological Seminary. Philadelphia: Westminster Seminary Press, 2016.

Thy Word Is Still Truth: Essential Writings on the Doctrine of Scripture from the Reformation to Today. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing; Philadelphia: Westminster Seminary Press, 2013.

Business Ethics Today: Foundations. Philadelphia: Westminster Theological Seminary; Center for Christian Business Ethics Today, 2011.

Theological Guide to Calvin's Institutes: Essays and Analysis. The Calvin 500 Series. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2008.

The Practical Calvinist: An Introduction to the Presbyterian and Reformed Heritage: In Honor of Dr. D. Clair Davis on the Occasion of His Seventieth Birthday and to Acknowledge His More Than Thirty Years of Teaching at Westminster Theological Seminary. Fern, Ross-shire: Christian Focus, 2002.

Book Chapters

“Redeeming the Seminary by Redeeming Its Worldview.” Pages 217–33 in *Redeeming the Life of the Mind: Essays in Honor of Vern Poythress*. Edited by John M. Frame, Wayne Grudem, and John J. Hughes. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.

Foreword to *Christology in Islam and the Biblical Antithesis: A Record of the Facts and a Plea for Better Understanding*. Church without Walls, 2017

“The Relationship of Church and State.” Pages 500–538 in *Reformation Theology: A Systematic Summary*. Edited by Matthew Barrett. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.

“Introduction.” Pages 1–8 in *Seeing Christ in All of Scripture: Hermeneutics at Westminster Theological Seminar*. Edited by Peter A. Lillback. Philadelphia: Westminster Seminary Press, 2016.

“United ‘Statists’ of America.” Pages 109–46 in *Statism: The Shadows of Another Night*. Edited by Charlie Rodriguez. Indianapolis: Tanglewood Publishing, 2015.

“Calvin’s Final Verdict on the Augsburg Confession.” Pages 96–117 in *Aspects of Reforming: Theology and Practice in Sixteenth Century Europe*. Edited by Michael Parsons. Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2013.

“‘The Infallible Rule of Interpretation of Scripture’: The Hermeneutical Crisis and the Westminster Standards.” Pages 1279–1318 in *Thy Word Is Still Truth: Essential Writings on the Doctrine of Scripture from the Reformation to Today*. Edited by Peter A. Lillback and Richard B. Gaffin Jr. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing; Philadelphia: Westminster Seminary Press, 2013.

“Doing Business in God’s World: Business Is a Calling.” Pages 203–20 in *Business Ethics Today*. Philadelphia: Westminster Seminary Press, 2011.

“All the Glorious Offices of Christ—1 Corinthians 1:29–31.” Pages 88–94 in *Preaching like Calvin: Sermons from the 500th Anniversary Celebration*. Edited by David W. Hall. Phillipsburg, NJ:

- P&R Publishing, 2010.
- Foreword to 1599 Geneva Bible. White Hall, WV: Virginia: Tolle Lege, 2010.
- “Calvin’s Interpretation of the History of Salvation: The Continuity and Discontinuity of the Covenant (2.10–11).” Pages 168–204 in *Theological Guide to Calvin’s Institutes: Essays and Analysis*. Edited by David W. Hall and Peter A. Lillback. The Calvin 500 Series. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2008.
- Introduction to *God’s Word in Servant-Form: Abraham Kuyper and Herman Bavinck on the Doctrine of Scripture*, by Richard B. Gaffin Jr. Jackson, MS: Reformed Academic Press, 2008. Pages v–xvi.
- “Calvin’s Development of the Doctrine of Forensic Justification: Calvin and the Early Lutherans on the Relationship of Justification and Renewal.” Pages 51–80 in *Justified in Christ: God’s Plan for Us in Justification*. Edited by K. Scott Oliphint. Ferne, Ross-shire: Mentor, 2007.
- “The Early Reformed Covenant Paradigm: Vermigli in the Context of Bullinger, Luther and Calvin.” Pages 70–96 in *Peter Martyr Vermigli and the European Reformations: Semper Reformanda*. Edited by Frank A. James III. Studies in the History of Christian Traditions 115. Boston: Brill, 2004.
- “Theological Light from the Medieval Era?: Anselm and the Logic of the Atonement.” Pages 69–93 in *The Practical Calvinist: An Introduction to the Presbyterian and Reformed Heritage: In Honor of Dr. D. Clair Davis on the Occasion of His Seventieth Birthday and to Acknowledge His More Than Thirty Years of Teaching at Westminster Theological Seminary*. Edited by Peter A. Lillback. Fern, Ross-shire: Christian Focus, 2002.
- “Confessional Subscription Among the Sixteenth Century Reformers.” Pages 33–66 in *The Practice of Confessional Subscription*. Edited by David W. Hall. Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 1995.
- “Covenant.” Pages 173–76 in *New Dictionary of Theology*. Edited by Sinclair B. Ferguson and David F. Wright. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988.
- “The Reformers’ Rediscovery of Presbyterian Polity.” Pages 63–81 in *Pressing Toward the Mark: Essays Commemorating Fifty Years of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1936–1986*. Edited by Charles G. Dennison and Richard C. Gamble. Philadelphia: Committee for the Historian of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, 1986.

Articles

- “Interview with Robert C. Sproul (†).” *Unio cum Christo* 4.1 (Spring 2018): 207–13.
- “Editorial: A New Ninety-Five Theses on Scripture.” *Unio cum Christo* 3.2 (October 2017): 7–15.
- “The Ninety-Five Theses Today: Interview with Drs. Wengert and Carl R. Trueman.” *Unio cum Christo* 3.2 (October 2017): 219–31.
- “An Introduction to Luther, Calvin, and Their Protestant Reformations.” *Unio cum Christo* 3.1 (April 2017): 83–107.
- “Interview with Dr. William Edgar.” *Unio cum Christo* 3.1 (April 2017): 249–64.
- “The Holy Spirit in the Gospels.” *Unio cum Christo* 2.2 (October 2016): 115–33.
- “Interview with Dr. Robert George (June 6, 2016).” *Unio cum Christo* 2.2 (October 2016): 237–53.
- “Interview with Dr. Richard B. Gaffin Jr.” *Unio cum Christo* 2.1 (April 2016): 201–11.
- “The Forerunners of the Reformation.” *Unio cum Christo* 1.1–2 (Fall 2015): 77–101.
- “Interview of Dr. Stephen Tong.” *Unio cum Christo* 1.1–2 (Fall 2015): 289–300.
- “The Relationship Between Faith and Reason in Johannine Theology: A Biblical Affirmation of Presuppositional Apologetics.” *Verbum Christi* 1.2 (October 2014): 238–93.
- “The Rev. Dr. Richard B. Gaffin, Jr: sancti libri theologicus magnus westmonasteriensis.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 74.1 (Spring 2012): 1–31.
- “Pluralism, Postmodernity, and Religious Liberty: The Abiding Necessity of Free Speech and Religious Convictions in the Public Square.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 44.1 (Winter 2009): 26–56.

- “Eternal Security and the Early Saints: Are the First, Second and Third Century Christian Beliefs a Reliable Basis for Determining Soteriological Truth?” *Imperia Testamentum* 1 (2005–2007).
- “The Continuing Conundrum: Calvin and the Conditionality of the Covenant.” *Calvin Theological Journal* 29.1 (April 1994): 42–74.
- “Ursinus’ Development of the Covenant of Creation: A Debt to Melanchthon or Calvin?” *Westminster Theological Journal* 43.2 (Spring 1981): 247–88.