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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Michigan 1975
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Additional Training in Philosophy of Religion

NEH Institute in the Philosophy of Religion
Western Washington University 1986
Directors: William Alston, Syracuse University & Alvin Plantinga, Notre Dame
NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers
Purdue University 1982
Director: William Rowe, Purdue
Topic: Rationality of Belief and the Problem of Evil
NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers
Brown University 1977
Director: James Ross, University of Pennsylvania
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Selected Honors and Awards

Eliza R. Snow Fellowship, 2000-2002
Richard L. Evans Professor for Religious Understanding, 1994-1998
National Honors Scholar, University of Chicago Law School, 1961-1964
First Place, Hinton Moot Court, University of Chicago Law School, 1964
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Doctoral Thesis

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University, Logan, Utah, March 10, 2005.

"The Earliest Mormon Understanding of God: Binitarianism and the *Lectures on Faith*."
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"What Does It Mean to be a Christian: Soren Kierkegaard and Joseph Smith."

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