

## KELTON COBB

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### ACADEMIC TRAINING:

*University of Iowa*  
Iowa City, Iowa 1986-1994 **Ph.D.**  
Theology and Ethics  
DISSERTATION: Theology of Culture: Reflections on the Ethics of Troeltsch,  
Tillich, and Ricoeur. Advisors: David Klemm & William Schweiker  
*Princeton Theological Seminary*  
Princeton, New Jersey 1983-1985 **M.Div.**  
*George Fox College*  
Newberg, Oregon 1977-1981 **B.A.**  
Major: Religion

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

*Director and Professor of Christian Thought and History*, The Oregon Extension,  
2011-present.  
*Core Faculty in Theology and Ethics*, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, 1995-2011.  
*Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion* (part-time), Wesleyan University, 2002-03  
and 2004-05, 2005-06.  
*Senior Fellow at The Center for the Advanced Study of Religion*, Divinity School,  
University of Chicago, Winter-Spring 1998.  
*Instructor*, Theology Department, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, 1991-92.

### AWARDS AND GRANTS:

**Louisville Institute Summer Grant**, for book research, 2002.  
**Templeton Foundation Freedom Project Grant**, awarded for development of a new  
course, "Theology, Civil Society, and Global Ethics," 2000-2001.  
**Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning**, selected as a fellow and  
grant recipient, 1999-2000.  
**Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**, University of Iowa, 1989.  
**Jagow Prize in Homiletics and Speech**, Princeton Seminary, 1985.

### CERTIFICATION:

Certified to teach *History of Religions* as a secondary area of competency, approved  
by the Graduate Committee, University of Iowa, on the basis of coursework and  
faculty recommendation, 1989.

### PRESENTATIONS:

**Lecture:** "Legacies of John Calvin" (Public Lecture at Hartford Seminary, November  
2009).  
**Lectureship:** "The Aesthetics of the Printed Page: Mechanical Reproduction and the  
Protestant Reformation" (An illustrated lecture given in connection with an exhibit  
of Reformation manuscripts at Trinity College, April 2006).  
**Workshops:** Theology of Popular Culture, on teaching staff of Holden Village,  
Washington (August 2008).  
**Presentation:** "Ethics and the Sovereignty of God in the Writings of H. Richard  
Niebuhr and Bediuzzaman Said Nursi," with Heidi Gehman (Risale-i Nur Institute,  
Istanbul, Turkey, March 2006).  
**Presentation:** "God Plots and the Moral Life" (Conference of the International  
Society for Religion, Literature and Culture, York, England, September 2002).  
**Presentation:** "Good and Evil: The Ethics of Christianity" (Luce Forum Lecture,  
Hartford Seminary, February 2002).  
**Presentation:** "Revelation and the Disciplines of Reason in the Works of Said Nursi  
and Paul Tillich" (International Symposium of the Islamic Foundation for Science  
and Culture, Istanbul, Turkey, September 2000).  
**Presentation:** "Theological Ethics and the Beleaguered Concept of the Cultural  
Spheres" (Society of Christian Ethics, 1996 annual meeting).  
**Presentation:** "Enlarging the Stock of Sources in Tillich's Theology of Culture"  
(North American Paul Tillich Society, 1992 annual meeting).

## PUBLICATIONS:

- Book:** *The Blackwell Guide to Theology and Popular Culture*, Blackwell Publishing, 2005.
- Chapter:** "Introduction," in *Studying the "Other," Understanding the "Self": Scripture, Reason and the Contemporary Islam-West Encounter*, Palgrave (2007), eds. Basit Koshul and Steven Kepnes.
- Chapter:** "Violent Faith," in *September 11 2001: A Historical, Theological, and Social Critique*, Oneworld Publications (2002), eds. Ian Markham and I. Abu-Rabi'.
- Chapter:** "Revelation, the Disciplines of Reason, and Truth in the Works of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi and Paul Tillich," in *Islam at the Crossroads: On the Life and Thought of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi*, SUNY Press (2003), ed. I. Abu-Rabi'.
- Web Article:** "Why President Obama Should Fire the Historian on His Speechwriting Staff," at [www.patheos.com](http://www.patheos.com), 6/5/09.
- Web Article:** "Modern Politics, Ancient Foundations," at [www.patheos.com](http://www.patheos.com), 9/1/09.
- Article:** "Revisiting an Old Adage: 'War Is Sweet to Those Who Have Not Tried It,'" in *The Progressive Christian* (Nov/Dec. 2007).
- Article:** "The Muhammad Cartoons," in *Conversations in Religion and Theology* (Spring 2006).
- Article:** "Blood Sacrifice and Redemptive Violence," in *Conversations in Religion and Theology* (Fall 2004).
- Article:** "Accounting for the Many Masks of God," in *New Zion's Herald* (Sept/Oct. 2005).
- Article:** "Elves, Leprechauns, and the Jealousy of God," in *New Zion's Herald* (Sept/Oct. 2003).
- Article:** "Have Communitarians Been Duped?" in *The Responsive Community* 11/4 (Fall 2001).
- Article:** "Ernst Troeltsch and Vaclav Havel on the Ethical Promise of Historical Failure," in *Journal of Religious Ethics* (Spring 1994).
- Article:** "Reconsidering the Status of Popular Culture in Tillich's Theology of Culture" in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LXIII/1 (1995).
- Article:** "Table Blessings," in *The Christian Century* (5 March 1986).
- Lectionary Articles:** Ezekiel 37 & Isaiah 50, in David Bartlett & Barbara Brown Taylor, eds., *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Vol. 2*, WJKP, 2010.
- Lectionary Articles:** John 12 & 13, in David Bartlett & Barbara Brown Taylor, eds., *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B, Vol. 2*, WJKP, 2008.
- Encyclopedia Article:** "Paul Tillich" in Ian Markham & David Law, eds., *Encyclopedia of Theologians*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2009.
- Encyclopedia Article:** "Paul Tillich" in Roy Domenico & Mark Hanley, eds., *Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics*, Greenwood Publishing, 2005.
- Encyclopedia Article:** "Ernst Troeltsch" in Roy Domenico & Mark Hanley, eds., *Encyclopedia of Modern Christian Politics*, Greenwood Publishing, 2005.
- Encyclopedia Article:** "Ethics" in Wade Clark Roof, ed., *Contemporary American Religion*. Macmillan, 2000.
- Book Review** of David Chidester's *Authentic Fakes: Religion and American Popular Culture*, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (September 2006).
- Book Review** of Eugene McCarragher's *Christian Critics: Religion and the Impasse in Modern American Social Thought*, in *Conversations in Religion and Theology* (May 2003).

## PROFESSIONAL AND ECCLESIAL INVOLVEMENT:

- Editor**, *Conversations in Religion and Theology*, 2002-11.
- Member, **American Academy of Religion**, since 1988.
- Member, **Society of Christian Ethics**, since 1992.
- Member, **North American Paul Tillich Society**, since 1993. On the board 2004-07.
- Member, **New Haven Theological Discussion Group** 1997-2011.
- Member, **Committee on Church & Ministry**, Hartford Association UCC, 2002-2010.