

Curriculum Vita (revised 02-01/10)

Ray L. Hart

I. Academic Training

Ph.D., 1959, Yale University, 1953-56 (Religious Studies)
Ohio State University, Summer, 1953 (French)
B.D., Southern Methodist University, 1949-53 (Theology)
B.A., University of Texas, 1948-49 (Philosophy, English, German)
McMurry College, 1945-48

II. Graduate Fellowships

Kent Fellowship (Yale, 1955)
Dempster Graduate Fellowship (Yale, 1954)
John M. Moore Fellowship (Yale, 1953)
Kilgore Research Fellowship (Southern Methodist University, 1951-53)

III. Academic Appointments

Dean *ad interim*, Boston University School of Theology, 2003-2010.

Professor of Religion, Philosophy of Religion, Theology, and Religion and the Arts, Boston University College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and School of Theology, Fall 1989-present; Chairman, CAS Department of Religion, Fall 1989-1997; Director, Graduate Division of Religious and Theological Studies, Fall 1989-1997.

Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, University of Montana, Chairman, 1969-74; 1986-89.

Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1973, 1975, 1979.

Associate Professor of Philosophical and Systematic Theology, Vanderbilt University, The Divinity School, 1963-69.

Assistant Professor of Philosophical Theology, Drew University, The Theological School, 1956-63.

IV. Postdoctoral Fellowships, Awards, Grants, Honors

Chair of the Board, Boston Theological Institute, a consortium of nine university-Based divinity schools, 2004-2008.

Honor. In 1992 the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Religion established a national award to be given annually (first in 1993): "The Ray L. Hart Award for Distinguished Contributions to the Academic Study of Religion in America."

Project Director, "The Role and Purpose of Religious & Theological Studies in American Higher Education," sponsored by American Council of Learned Societies, American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, Association of Theological Schools, Association of American Colleges, Society for Values in Higher Education; funded (\$95,000) by the Pew Charitable Trusts, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the Lilly Endowment, 1989-1990.

University Distinguished Scholar, The University of Montana, 1989; \$1,500.

Committee Chair, American Academy of Religion (Long-Range Planning and Development), National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant Capital Campaign, goal of \$850,000; 1989-1992, total raised: \$925,000.

Project Director, Research and Publication Projects of the 75th Anniversary of the American Academy of Religion, \$180,000, The Lilly Endowment, Exxon Education Foundation, Henry Luce Foundation, 1983-85.

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship, Research on Project "Goethe: Towards a Theology of Nature," \$20,000, 1981.

Award for Scholarly Merit of National an International Distinction, University of Montana, \$3,000, 1976.

Project Director, National Planning Committee for a New York Statewide Program in Religious Studies and the Humanities, \$500,000, Henry Luce Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, and the Research Foundation of the State University of New York, 1973-79.

Joint Project Director, University of Montana, Graduate Program in American Indian Arts, \$50,000, NEH, 1971-72; Graduate Program in American Indian Culture \$95,000, BIA, OE, and OEO, 1972-73.

Cross-Disciplinary Fellow, The Society for Values in Higher Education, 1967-68, Year of Independent Study in Classics.

IV. Postdoctoral Fellowships, Awards, Grants, Honors: continued

Summer Research Grants, Vanderbilt University Research Council, 1964, 1966; \$4,000.

Faculty Research Fellow, The American Association of Theological Schools, 1961-62, Research in Religion and Arts at the American Academy of Rome and in the Facoltà Valdese di Teologia; 1990-91, research project in historical theology.

Festschrift: *Unfinished...Essays in Honor of Ray L. Hart*, Mark C. Taylor, editor (Chico: Scholars Press, 1981), 188 pp.

IV. Professional Societies

American Academy of Religion
American Theological Society
Boston Theological Society
The Society for Values in Higher Education
The Metaphysical Society of America
The New Haven Theological Society
Society for the Arts, Religion and Culture

V. National and International Professional and Academic Responsibilities

Board of Directors, Council for a Parliament of World Religions, 1989-1995.

Panelist Fellowship Selection Committee, American Philosophical Society, 1992-1995.

Advisory Board and Executive Committee, Center for the World Religions, 1986-1990.

Chair, Committee on Long-Range Planning and Development, American Academy of Religion, 1986-1992.

International Council of Religions, Executive Committee, Charged to Plan *Centennial Parliament of World Religions* in 1993, 1983.

Delegate of the American Academy of Religion to the American Council of Learned Societies, 1979-1992.

VI. Professional and Academic Responsibilities: continued

American Academy of Religion: Board of Directors; Executive Committee; Finance Committee, 1969-1992.

Andrew Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities, Montana Representative, 1982-1989.

Chair, Planning Organization for the International Association of Learned Societies for the Study of Religion, Los Angeles, 24 November 1985.

Co-Chair, 75th Anniversary Task Force on the Governance of the American Academy of Religion, 1984-1985.

Executive Committee and Chair of the Commission on World Religions, International Conference on the Prevention of Holocaust and Genocide, Japan, 1983-1985.

Vice President, American Academy of Religion, 1982; President-Elect, 1983, President, 1984.

Chair, Seminar on Deconstruction, Critical Theory and Theology, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New York, December 1982.

National Fellowship Selection Committee, American Council of Learned Societies, 1979-1982.

Panel Review Board for Summer Research Seminars, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1978.

Editorial Advisory Board, *Religious Studies Review*, 1975-1981.

Chair, Colloquium on Hermeneutics and Structuralism, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 1974.

Board of Directors, Scholars Press, 1974-1980.

Chair, National Planning Committee for Religious Studies in the State of New York, 1973-1979.

Principal Consultant to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees of the State University of New York for the Development of a (New York) Statewide Graduate and Research Program in Religious Studies and the Humanities, 1973-1980.

VI. Professional and Academic Responsibilities: continued

Chair, Colloquy of Editors of Learned Journals in Religious Studies, 1969-1984.

Co-Director, International Congress of Learned Societies in the Field of Religion, Los Angeles, 1972.

Chair, Panel on Religion and Culture, International Congress of Learned Societies in the Field of Religion, Los Angeles, 1972.

Chair, CSR Committee of Editors of Learned Journals in the Field of Religion, 1971-72.

Research and Publications Committee, American Academy of Religion, 1969-1979.

Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1969-1979.

Participant in a Consultation on the Contemporary State of Roman Catholic and Jewish Campus Ministries, sponsored by the Danforth Foundation, November 1966.

Consultant to Austin College, 1965; to the University of Montana, 1968-69; to the State University of New York, 1972-1980; to the University of Arizona, 1978; to the University of California at Santa Cruz, 1978; to the State University of California at Chico, 1985; to the University of Virginia, 1989; to the University of New Mexico, 1989; to the State University System of Florida, 1995; to Princeton University, 1994; to the University of California at Santa Barbara, 1996.

Participant in the Programs of Two International Theological Congresses, Drew University; Respondent to Professor Dr. Heinrich Ott, University of Basel, 1964; Professor Owen Barfield, Brandeis University, 1966.

Advisory Board of the Danforth Foundation, 1964-67.

Chairman, Southeast Regional Kent Fellowship Selection Committee, Society for Religion in Higher Education, 1963-69.

VII. Vanderbilt University, Major Committee Responsibilities 1963-1969

Editorial Board of the Vanderbilt University Press
Vanderbilt Research Council
Board of Directors of the University Club

VII. Vanderbilt University, Major Committee Responsibilities: continued

Graduate School Administrative Committee
Graduate School Fellowship Committee
Graduate School Committee to Study the "Minor"
Vanderbilt University National Humanities Foundation Committee
Committee to Plan a General Humanities Course for the College of Arts
and Sciences
Vanderbilt University Representative to the Council of Graduate Studies
in Religion in America
Director of Graduate Studies in Theology and Ethics

VIII. Montana: University and Public Service

Chairman, Department of Religious Studies, 1969-74; 1986-89
President's Advisory Committee on University Policy, 1986-89
General Education Panel Review (Literary and Artistic Studies), 1983-85
Chairman of Ad Hoc Committee, Constituted by the Graduate Council, to Review
the Graduate Program of Art, January-June 1980
Committee to Study Advanced Offerings and Graduate Program in the
Humanities, 1978-79
Chairman, Program Review Task Force on the School of Fine Arts, 1977-78
Humanities Council, 1976-78
University Review Committee on Tenure and Promotion, 1974-75
Faculty Senate Budget Committee, 1974-75
Committee on a University College, 1972-73
Committee on General Studies, 1972-73
Curriculum Committee, 1970-74
Board of Advisors, Rehabilitation Center, Missoula Community Hospital, 1982
Departmental Coordinator for the United Way Campaign, 1982-89
Fundraiser for University of Montana Excellence Fund, 1982-1989.
Lincoln Hills Homeowner's Association, Board of Directors, 1976-1980
Moderator, Panel of Legislators on "Land Use and Taxation," Hamilton,
Montana, Montana Committee for the Humanities, 1974
Planner and Facilitator for a Lecture and Discussion Series on "Towards a
Contemporary Definition of the Humanist: The Dilemma of the Humanist
and the Power of the Scientific Elite," Videotaped for television viewing
throughout Montana, Montana Committee for the Humanities, 1974
Participant in Television Panel, "The Humanities and Politics in Montana,"
Montana Committee for the Humanities, Whitefish, Montana, 1972
Mayor, Polebridge, Montana, 1969-70

IX. Invited Lectures

Columbia University
Yale University
Temple University
University of North Carolina/Greensboro
University of North Carolina/Charlotte
Syracuse University
University of Tennessee
Society for Arts, Religion, and Culture (New York City)
University of Chicago
Pennsylvania State University
University of Wisconsin/Eau Claire
State University of New York/Stony Brook
St. Mary's College of Maryland, Maryland University System, The Andrew
White Lectures in Philosophy and Religion
State University of New York/Binghamton
University of Virginia, The Virginia Lectures, Center for Advanced Study
Williams College
God Conference VII, Rome/Assisi, Italy

X. Directory Listings

Directory of American Scholars
The World Who's Who of Authors
Who's Who in America
Men of Achievement
Dictionary of International Biography
Who's Who in the United States
Who's Who in Religion
Who's Who in the West (USA)
Personalities of the West and Midwest (USA)
Contemporary Authors

XI. References:

Professor Julian Norris Hartt
Kenan Distinguished Professor, Emeritus
Department of Religious Studies
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA 22901

XI. References: continued

Professor Mark C. Taylor
Chair, Department of Religious Studies
Columbia University
New York, NY 10115

Professor Thomas J. J. Altizer
Emeritus SUNY Stony Brook
24 Falls Drive
P.O. Box 331
Buck Hills Falls, PA 18323

Professor Giles Gunn
Department of English
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

Professor Cyril O'Regan
Department of Theology
Notre Dame University
South Bend, IN 46556

Professor William F. May
C.M. Maguire University Professor of Ethics
318 Dallas Hall
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, TX 75275

XI. Publications

A. Editorships

Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1969-1979, volumes XXXIX-XLIX, 55 issues, 10,099 pages.

B. Guest Editorships

Guest Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. LIII, no. 4 (December 1985): entire issue devoted to plenary addresses given at the 75th anniversary meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

XI. Publications: continued

C. Books and Chapters in Books

Chapter in book: "Godhead, God (s), Religions, and the Christian Religion." in Theology in Global Context. Amos Yong and Peter Heltzel, eds. New York: T & T Clark International, 2004. pp. 243-263.

Chapter in book: "Godhead and God." in Thinking Through the Death of God: A Critical Companion to Thomas J. J. Altizer. Lissa McCullough and Brian Schroeder, eds. New York: State University of New York Press, 2004. pp. 47-63.

Chapter in book: "God and Creature in the Eternity and Time of Nonbeing (or Nothing): Afterthinking Meister Eckhart," in *The Otherness of God*, ed. Orrin F. Summerell, Charlottesville and London: University of Virginia Press, 1998 pp. 35-59.

Chapter in book, "Fall /Fault in Human Nature/Nurture?" in *Is There a Human Nature?*, ed. Leroy S. Rouner, Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1997, pp. 132-148.

Chapters in book, "La négativité dans l'ordre du divin" (pp. 187-208) and "Pensées d'après Eckhart" (pp. 473-478) in *Voici Maître Eckhart*, edited by Emilie Zum Brunn (Grenoble: Editions Jérôme Millon, 1994).

Chapter in book, *The Critique of Modernity: Theological Reflections on Contemporary Culture*, with Julian N. Hartt and Robert P. Scharlemann (Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 1987).

Chapter in book: "The Dialectic of Home and Homelessness: Religion, Nature, and Home," in *The Whirlwind of Culture: Essays in Honor of Langdon Gilkey*, Donald W. Musser and Joseph L. Price, editors (Meyer-Stone Publishing Company, 1988).

Trajectories in the Study of Religion, Ray L. Hart, editor (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1986, 317 pp.).

Chapter in book: "American Academy of Religion," *A Report to the Congress of the United States on the State of the Humanities* (New York: The American Council of Learned Societies 1985, 244 pp., pp. 1-16). Cited and condensed in *Reauthorization of Foundation on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1985*, Serial no. 99-64 (Washington: U.S. Government Printing Office 1986, pp. 411-419).

XI. Publications: continued

C. Books and Chapters in Books: continued

Article: "Thomas J. J. Altizer," in *Encyclopedia of World Biography* (New York: McGraw-Hill 1985).

Unfinished Man and the Imagination (New York: Herder and Herder 1968, 418 pp.). Re-issued in paperback in the Seabury Library of Contemporary Theology (New York: The Seabury Press 1979, 418 pp.); Second edition, paperback (Atlanta: Scholars Press 1985). Re-issued in paperback, Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.

Chapter in book: "The Poiesis of Place," in *Hermeneutics and the Worldliness of Faith*, edited by Charles Courtney, Olin M. Ivey and Gordon E. Michalson (Drew University Press 1975, pp. 229-240).

Editor, Selections from Thomas Aquinas, translated into Chinese by N. Zia, [Christian Classics Library, 1st Series, no. 15] (Hong Kong: The Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia, in association with the Council on Christian Literature for Overseas Chinese, 1966, 642 pp.).

D. Monographs

Religious and Theological Studies in American Higher Education: A Pilot Study [Originally published in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* LIX, no. 4] (Atlanta: Scholars Press 1992, 112 pp.).

Report, *State University of New York National Planning Committee for Religious Studies* (Stony Brook: 1974, 59 pp.).

Religious Studies in the State University of New York (Stony Brook: 1973, 152 pp.).

E. Articles

"Can An 'Imaginary' Be Dissociated From Doctrinal Closure?," a review essay of Douglas Hedley, *Living Forms of the Imagination* (London: T. & T. Clark, 2008). 8 pp., in press, to appear in *Modern Theology*, 2010.

"Religious and Theological Studies in American Higher Education: A Pilot Study," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. LIX, no. 4 (December 1991), pp. 715-727.

"To Be and Not To Be: Sit Autem Sermo (Lógos) Vester: Est, Est: Non, Non," Journal of the American Academy of Religion, vol. LIII, no. 1 (March 1985), 5-22.

XI. Publications: continued

E. Articles: continued

"JAAR in the Seventies: Unconcluding Unscientific Postface," Journal of the American Academy of Religion, XLVII, no. 4 (December 1979) 509-516.

"Hellenic Theopoesis," Religious Studies Review, vol. V., no. 3 (July 1979) 181-184.

"The Structure of the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting," Bulletin of the Council on the Study of Religion, vol. LIII, no. 1 (January 1973) 36-47.

"The Poiesis of Place," Journal of Religion, vol. LIII, no. 1 (January 1973) 36-47.

"Schubert Ogden on the Reality of God," Religion in Life, vol. XXXV, no. 4 (Winter 1967) 506-515.

"Plato on Immortality," (a review article: Robert Leet Patterson, *Plato on Immortality*, University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press 1965). International Philosophical Quarterly, vol. V, no. 3 (September 1965) 436-46.

"The Imagination in Plato," International Philosophical Quarterly, vol. V, no. 3 (September 1965) 436-461.

"Heidegger's Being and Time and Phenomenology," Encounter, vol. XXVI, no. 3 (Summer 1965) 3-21.

"Imagination and the Scale of Mental Acts," Continuum, vol. III, no. 1 (Spring 1965) 3-21.

"Apostles," "Bible," "Dead Sea Scrolls," "Devil," and "Trinity," Britannica Junior Encyclopedia.

"Recent Tillichiana," The Drew Gateway, vol. XXX, no. 2 (Winter 1960) 98-106.

“Fellowship and Circumcision: The Doctrine of the Church,” *The Drew Gateway*, vol. XXVII, no. 3 (Spring 1957) 161-164.

“The Journal of Changes,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. XLIX, no. 3 (September 1979) 1-3.

XI. Publications: continued

E. Articles: continued

“The Presence of the Journal of the Future,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. XLV, no. 1 (March 1977) 3-10.

“In Lieu of a Bicentennial Issue: The Restitution of True Religion and the Institutions of Sidney E. Mead,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. XLIV, no. 1 (March 1976) 3-5.

“The Future of the Journal and the Journal of the Future: How Far JAAR?” *Bulletin of the Council on the Study of Religion*, vol. VI, no. 5 (December 1975) 6-9.

“*Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Editor’s Report, 1975,” *Bulletin of the Council on the Study of Religion*, vol. V, no. 5 (December 1974) 6-8.

“Of Fast-Writing, Fast-Reading Youths,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. XL, no. 1 (March 1972) 54.

F. Reviews

Harvey Cox, “The Feast of Fools: A Theological Essay on Festivity and Fantasy,” in *Commonweal*, vol. XCII, no. 8 (* May 1970) 199-200.

Owen Barfield, “Speaker’s Meaning,” in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. XXXVII, (Spring 1968) 135-136.

Julian N. Hartt, “A Christian Critique of American Culture,” in *Religion in Life*, vol. XXXVII, (Spring 1968) 135-136.

James Luther Adams, “Paul Tillich’s Philosophy of Culture, Science, and Religion,” in *Religion in Life*, vol. XXXV, no. 4 (Autumn 1966) 624-625.

William Hordern, “Speaking of God: The Nature and Purpose of Theological Language,” in *The Journal of Religious Thought*, vol. XXII, no. 2 (1965-66) 188-189.

Paul Tillich, "Systematic Theology, vol. III; Morality and Beyond; and The Eternal Now," in *Religion in Life*, vol. XXXIII, no. 4 (Autumn 1964) 631-632.

XI. Publications: continued

F. Reviews: continued

Robert E. Cushman, "Therapeia: Plato's Conception of Philosophy," in *The Drew Gateway*, vol. XXX, no. 1 (Autumn 1959) 34-38.

Harris Franklin Rall, "The God of our Faith," in *The Drew Gateway*, vol. XXVII, no. 3 (Spring 1957) 166-167.

G. Selected Items from Secondary Literature on Professor Hart's Work

1. Major Essays and Essay-Reviews

John Dillenberger, "Contemporary Theologians and the Visual Arts," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. LIII, no. 4 (December 1985) 599-615.

Giles Gunn, "The Literary and Cultural Study of Religion: Problems and Prospects," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. LIII, no. 4 (December 1985) 617-633.

Fritz Buri, "American Philosophy of Religion from a European Perspective: The Problem of Meaning and Being in the Theologies of Imagination and Process," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. LIII, no. 4 (December 1985) 651-673.

Fritz Buri, "Eine Schaustellung amerikanischer Theologie," *Kirchenblatt für die reformierte Schweiz*, 141 Jahrg., Nr. 6 (21 März 1985) 92-93.

Matthias L. Neuman, O.S.B., *The Imagination in Theology*, Ch. III, "Ray L. Hart: Imagination and Revelation (Rome: Pontificum Athenaeum Anselmianum 1976) 20-32.

Walter J. Ong, S.J., "Another View on Theological Style: Ray L. Hart's *Unfinished Man and the Imagination*," *Soundings*, vol. LIII, no. 4 (Winter 1970) 450-455.

John W. Dixon, Jr., "Theological Style and Theological Criticism: *Unfinished Man and the Imagination* by Ray L. Hart," *Soundings*, vol. LIII, no. 3 (Fall 1970) 323-338.

Amos N. Wilder, "*Unfinished Man and the Imagination*," *Interpretation*, vol. XXIV, (April 1970) 252-256.

G. Selected Items from Secondary Literature on Professor Hart's Work:
continued

1. Major Essays and Essay-Reviews: continued

Walter J. Ong, S. J., "Hart's *Unfinished Man and the Imagination*," *Interpretation*, vol. XXIV (April 1970) 252-256.

Thomas D. Parker, "*Unfinished Man and the Imagination*" *McCormick Quarterly* (November 1969) 74-77.

James B. Wiggins and Daniel O. Dugan, "*Unfinished Man and the Imagination*," *Continuum*, vol. VII, no. 3 (Autumn 1969) 493-500.

Edward Farley, "Can Revelation be Formally Described?" *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. XXXVII, no. 2 (September 1969) 270-285.

W. J. McCutcheon, "*Unfinished Man and the Imagination*," *Cross Currents* (Summer 1969) 364-367.

Robert J. O'Connell, "Open-ended Humanity: Hart's *Unfinished Man and the Imagination*," *The Catholic World*, vol. 209 (May 1969).

2. Brief Reviews – *Unfinished Man and the Imagination*

- i. By David Fisher, *New Blackfriars*, 1969, 611-613.
- ii. *Theology Today*, vol. XXVI (October 1969) 346-347.
- iii. By Joseph D. Bettis, *The Christian Century*, vol. 86 (3 September 1969) 1139.
- iv. By Robert P. Roth, *Lutheran Forum* (May 1969) 39-40.
- v. *Times Literary Supplement* (20 March 1969) 363.

3. Books (Partial List) Examining and Referring to *Unfinished Man and the Imagination*

Unfinished...Essays in Honor of Ray L. Hart, Mark C. Taylor, editor
(Chico, CA: Scholars Press 1981) 188 pp.

Kathleen R. Fisher, *The Inner Rainbow: The Imagination in Christian Life* (New York: Paulist Press 1983).

3. Books (Partial List) Examining and Referring to *Unfinished Man and the Imagination* continued

William Mallard, *The Reflection of Theology in Literature: A Case Study in Theology and Culture* (San Antonio: Trinity University Press 1977). Urban T. Holmes III, *Ministry and Imagination* (New York: Seabury Press 1976).

Theodore W. Jennings, Jr., *Introduction to Theology* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press 1976).

Earl D. C. Brewer, editor, *Transcendence and Mystery* (New York: IDOC/North America 1975).

Edward Farley, *Ecclesial Man* (Philadelphia: Fortress Press 1975).

James M. Gustafson, *Can Ethics Be Christian?* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press 1975).

David Tracy, *Blessed Rage for Order* (New York: Seabury Press 1975).

Charles E. Winquist, *The Transcendental Imagination* (The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff 1972).