

James Hudnut-Beumler

Anne Potter Wilson Distinguished Professor of American Religious History at Vanderbilt University

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Expert in the history of religion in the American South.

Biography

Hudnut-Beumler served as Dean of the Divinity School from 2000 until 2013. Prior to coming to Vanderbilt in 2000, he was dean of the faculty at Columbia Theological Seminary, a program associate for Lilly Endowment, and director of the undergraduate program in Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. Hudnut-Beumler is the author of *Looking for God in the Suburbs: The Religion of the American Dream and Its Critics, 1945-1965* (Rutgers, 1994) and *Generous Saints: Congregations Rethinking Money and Ethics* (Alban, 1999), and is co-author of *The History of the Riverside Church in the City of New York* (NYU, 2005). He is also the author of an economic history of American Protestantism from 1750 to the present, entitled, *In Pursuit of the Almighty's Dollar: A History of Money and American Protestantism* (University of North Carolina, 2007) and *Strangers and Friends at the Welcome Table: Contemporary Christianities in the American South* (University of North Carolina, 2018) and co-editor of *The Future of Mainline Protestantism* (Columbia, 2018). Professor Hudnut-Beumler and his wife, Heidi, are both Presbyterian ministers and make their home in Nashville.

Areas of Expertise

Religion and philanthropy, History of religion in the U.S., Religion in the American South, Religious symbolism in the U.S.

Affiliations

American Academy of Religion, American Society of Church History, Organization of American Historians

Education

The College of Wooster
B.A.

Union Theological Seminary
M.Div.

Princeton University
M.A., Ph.D.

Accomplishments

Vanderbilt Distinguished Faculty Member

Awarded Vanderbilt Distinguished Faculty Member in 2003

Associated Church Press, Best Professional Article

Awarded Best Professional Article by Associated Church Press in 1991

Princeton University Fellowship

Held Princeton University Fellowship from 1984-87

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