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Research and Representative Publications:

I. Research on the ‘Oil/Tar Sands Developments’:

Select academic publications, speeches and papers

“The Northern Gateway Pipeline Panel and the Public Interest: The shaping influence of Canada’s ‘plausibility structure’ and ‘symbolic universe’,” paper delivered to Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, (CPSA) June 4-6, 2013, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia. Accessible at <http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/papers-2013/Hiemstra.pdf>.

Book review in *Environmental Politics*, Vol. 21, no 6, Nov. 2012, pp. 1-2, of Debra J. Davidson and Mike Gismondi, *Challenging Legitimacy at the Precipice of Energy Calamity*, Springer, 2011, pp. 1010-1011 .

“Exploring the need for, and contours of, an *integral approach to analysis* of environmental (and other) problems: a Christian contribution,” paper presented to the “Social Justice and Human Rights Conference” sponsored by the “Centre for Philosophy, Religion and Social Ethics” (CPRSE) of the Institute for Christian Studies’ (ICS), and co-sponsored by Emmanuel College, at Victoria University in the University of Toronto, April 27 & 28, 2012.

Book Review, *Catalyst*, Summer, 2013 (volume 36, number 2), of Andrew Nikiforuk, *The Energy of Slaves: Oil and the new servitude*, Greystone Books, 2012.

“The Masterful Illusion of ‘Ethical Oil’,” *Comment: Public Theology for the Common Good*, December 7, 2011, accessed 2011-12-07 at <http://www.cardus.ca/comment/article/3012/>.

“‘The World’s Most Unsustainable Development’: Exploring a Reformational framework for analysing Canada’s oilsands developments as well as the nature of the society demanding more oil,” paper presented to “The Future of Creation Order,” International Conference on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Association for Reformational Philosophy, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 16 – 19 August 2011.

“You, the Oilsands, and Truth: An Exercise in Discernment,” plenary speech, Interdisciplinary Conference, The King’s University College, Jan. 19 - 20, 2011, Edmonton, Alberta.

“Creating and Solving ‘the World’s Most Unsustainable Development’: Government’s Role(s) in the Oil Sands Developments,” paper delivered at Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, May 27-29, 2009, accessible at <http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/papers-2009/Hiemstra.pdf>.

“Canada’s Oil Sands Development as Icon of Globalization,” Michael Goheen & Erin Glanville, Editors, *The Gospel and Globalization: Exploring the Roots of a Globalized World*, Vancouver: Regent College Press; Milton Keynes, UK: Paternoster, 2009, pp. 179-198.

“Christian Belief and the Tar Sands: Removing barriers to genuine dialogue,” Opening remarks for the Edmonton meeting (May 21, 2009) of the KAIROS Church Leaders’ Delegation to the Alberta Tar Sands (May 21-27, 2009), held at The King’s University College, Edmonton. [KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives unites 11 national churches and church agencies in faithful action for social, economic and ecological justice, see <http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/get-involved/campaign/tar-sands-delegation/>.]

“Christian Belief and the Tar Sands: Removing barriers to genuine dialogue,” *Ecumenism*, Vol. 44, no. 175, Fall 2009, pp.15-21.

“Reflections on a Tar Sands Sabbatical: Does King’s research, teaching & professionalism really break away from the dominant approach to studying and developing the oil sands?” Colloquium, The King’s University College, Edmonton, Jan. 27, 2009.

“Alberta’s Oil Sands Boom: A Wake-up Call for Christian Scholarship,” *Pro Rege*, XXXVI, No. 3, March, 2008, pp. 15-27, available at http://www.dordt.edu/publications/pro_rege/crcpi/Pro_Rege_Mar_2008.pdf.

“Hypnotized by Progress: Does the Modernist Approach to Social Science Obscure the Essence of the Oil Sands Boom?” Canadian Political Science Association Annual Conference, Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., June 4 - 6, 2008. Available at http://www.cpsa-acsp.ca/template_e.cfm?folder=conference&page_name=agm-papers-2008.htm#h.

Oral and written submissions, “Science, the public interest, and the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB),” presented to the Petro-Canada Oil Sands Inc. (PCOSI) Sturgeon Upgrader proceedings (Application No. 1490956), Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta, July 3, 2008.

“Discerning Ideology in the Oil Sands Boom,” speech, Social Justice Institute, “In the Belly of the Beast: Christian reflections on Living in Alberta’s Energy Economy,” Edmonton, Feb. 9, 2008.

“Excavating the Oil Sands with a ‘Public Justice Approach,’” speech at the Annual General Meeting of Citizens for Public Justice, June 9, 2008, Ottawa, Ontario. The full written article is available on line at CPJ, “Other Work,” (August 24, 2008) <http://www.cpj.ca/sites/default/files/docs/the-oil-sands-with-public-justice-J-Hiemstra.pdf>.

“Excavating the Oil Sands with a ‘Public Justice Approach’: Serviceable Method or Past its ‘Best-Before’ Date?” *Catalyst*, Vol. 30, number 2, Spring 2008, pp. 1, 5; available Feb. 10, 2009, at: http://www.cpj.ca/files/docs/the_Catalyst_-_Spring_2008.pdf.

“Why Rush Oil Sands Development if the Costs don’t add up?—Breaking the Hypnotic Spell of Progress,” paper presented in the panel discussion on “The price of prosperity,” University of Alberta,

Augustana Campus, Oct. 23, 2007.

“If the Gospel liberates, why do we feel so powerless about oilsands development? Strengths of a Christian approach to cultural analysis,” speech, Earth Keeping/Justice/Peace Lecture Series, First Christian Reformed Church, Calgary, March 29, 2006.

“Hypnosis, the Myth of Progress, and Our Christian Scholarly Calling,” speech, Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa. Nov. 2, 2006.

“Oil sands Developments and Approaches to Analysis,” workshop, Congreso Internacional, 2006, “Christian Higher Education in the Global Context: Implications for Curriculum, Pedagogy & Administration,” Granada, Nicaragua, Nov. 14-19, 2006.

“‘Pop goes the Progress Myth’: Awakening Biblical Hope in a Hypnotised Province,” *Ecumenism*, Dec. 2005, Vol. 40, No. 160, 4-13.

Popular tar/oil sands publications

“The Northern Gateway Pipeline? – Constructing a Christian Response,” 4 public lectures on Northern Gateway Pipeline in British Columbia Northwest, delivered in Prince George (Monday), Houston (Tuesday), Smithers-Telkwa (Wednesday), and Terrace (Thursday) on April 29-May 3, 2013.

“Ethics and the oilsands: Christians need to examine the moral framework behind the concept of ‘ethical oil,’” *ChristianWeek*, Wednesday, February 8, 2012. [In magazine and online at <http://www.christianweek.org/stories.php?id=1883>.]

“The shrivelled moral universe of ethical oil,” *Christian Courier*, April 23, 2012, p. 20.

“Playing dice with the planet,” Guest editorial, *Christian Courier*, No. 2915, July 25, 2011, p. 4.

“Economic Origins of Climate Change: A response to the Creation Stewardship Report,” article in *Mobile Justice*, newsletter of the Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue, of the CRC, 2012, 6 pages, available at http://www2.crcna.org/pages/mj_2012jan_hiemstra.cfm.

“Bringing the oil sands into the Classroom,” workshop for teachers attending the Prairie region conference of the Christian Educators Association, in Lacombe, Oct. 23, 2009. This dealt with the environmental, social and economic impacts of the oil/tar sands developments on Alberta and Canada.

“Sustainability, CLAC and the Oil Sands,” speech as part of the expert panel, Sustainability in the Oil Sands, staff development retreat, Christian Labour Association of Canada, Cultis Lake, BC, Oct 27, 2009.

“Should the Church address the oil sands boom, and if so, how?” workshop, Northern Alberta Diaconal Committee (NADC), “Day of Encouragement (DOE)” conference, Christian Reformed Church, Edmonton, Alberta, November 8, 2009.

“More than just a mega-project: ERCB hearings on Petro-Canada’s \$14.1-billion upgrader demand we reconsider the meaning of ‘the public interest’ and life itself,” *Edmonton Journal*, July 16, 2008, A13.

“Are the oil sands God's business?” *Christian Week*, August 1, 2008, Vol. 22, No. 10, p. 5. Also available online, August 24, 2008, at <http://www.christianweek.org/stories.php?id=182&cat=guest>.

“Do the Tar Sands Need a Sabbatical?” *Christian Courier*, Oct. 27, 2008, pp. 1, 6.

“Myth of progress hypnotizes Albertans: Let's rethink the oilsands with a faith-based approach,” *Edmonton Journal*, Jan. 16, 2006, A19.

“The Paradox of the Promised Land: Oil sands ‘milk and honey’ illusory,” *Catalyst*, Vol. 29, no. 1, 2006, p. 5, see online version <http://www.cpj.ca/content/paradox-promised-land>

“Pop goes the Progress Myth: Awakening Biblical Hope in a Hypnotised Province,” keynote address, Social Justice Institute, May 12-14, 2005, available at <http://www.cpj.ca/sites/default/files/docs/popping.pdf>.

“Oil Sands in the Promised Land?” Excerpts from ‘Pop goes the Progress Myth: Awakening Biblical Hope in a Hypnotised Province,’ *Public Justice Report*, fourth quarter, 2005, Vol. 28, No. 4, accessible at <http://www.cjjustice.org/stories/storyReader%241328>.