

# **Denys Alan Turner**

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Personal**

Born, 5 August 1942.  
Married with three children.  
Nationality: British  
Secondary Education:  
1950-59 Mount St Mary's College, Sheffield, England.  
1958 A-Levels, Latin, English, History and Ancient History, all at A grade.

### **Present Appointment**

Horace Tracy Pitkin Professor of Historical Theology, Yale Divinity School

### **Previous Appointments**

1999-2005: Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge and Fellow of Peterhouse  
1995 - 1999: HG Wood Professor of Theology, University of Birmingham  
1997- 1999 Head of Department of Theology, University of Birmingham  
1989-95 Senior Lecturer in Theology, University of Bristol  
1985-88 Head of Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Bristol  
1976-89 Lecturer in Theology, University of Bristol  
1974-76 College Lecturer in Moral and Political Philosophy, University College, Dublin.  
1970 Visiting Lecturer in Theology at MA Summer School, Manhattanville College, New York, U.S.A.  
1967-74 Assistant Lecturer in Moral and Political Philosophy, University College, Dublin.  
1966-68 Part-time Lecturer in Political Theory at the Institute of Public Administration, Dublin.  
1965-67 Tutor in Philosophy, University College, Dublin.

### **Academic Qualifications**

1970-75 D.Phil. (Oxon) for thesis on "The Ascription of Moral Weakness", supervisor, Professor R.M. Hare.  
1963-65 MA in Philosophy, University College, Dublin, by major thesis on "Modern Moral Philosophy". First class honours.

1959-62 BA in Philosophy, University College, Dublin. First class honours. Awarded the Magennis Memorial Prize and Pierce-Malone Scholarship in competitive examination within the National University of Ireland.

### Research and Scholarship

Until 1984 my main area of research and publication had been in the relations between Christianity and political and social theory, particularly between Marxism and Christianity. This work issued in my book *Marxism and Christianity*, Oxford: Blackwell (1983) and both previously and subsequently in many articles and book chapters.

Since then I have been working on the study of the traditions of Western Christian mysticism, with especial emphasis on doctrines of religious language and of selfhood and on the links between the classical traditions of spirituality and mysticism and the social and political commitments of Christianity, with some reference to questions of the nature of religious language and post-modernity.

My book *Eros and Allegory*, which is a study of the traditions of erotic discourse within mediaeval monastic commentaries on the Song of Songs, was published in August, 1995 by Cistercian Publications. Likewise, a monograph, *The Darkness of God*, which is a study of the *via negativa* in the traditions of mystical theology in the mediaeval and early modern periods, was published by Cambridge University Press in September, 1995. Together they amount to a survey of both affirmative and negative traditions of late patristic and mediaeval spiritualities in the Latin West. *Eros and Allegory* contains the first English translations of substantial portions of mediaeval commentarial texts on the Song of Songs which is designed to facilitate the teaching of mediaeval mysticism and of mediaeval biblical exegesis to undergraduates and some postgraduate mediaevalists who have no knowledge of Latin.

In 2002 I published *Faith Seeking*, (SCM Press) a collection of sermons and talks delivered over the previous fifteen years or so. My most recent publication is a monograph *Faith, Reason and the Existence of God*, published by Cambridge University Press in September, 2004, and it completes a sort of trilogy with *Eros and Allegory* and *The Darkness of God*, in that it is an attempt to demonstrate that there is no inconsistency between the conception of theology as 'mystical' (and *vice-versa*) and that of a 'rational' doctrine of God: at any rate, that there is no such inconsistency in the thought of Thomas Aquinas.

#### *Future publications and research plans*

I am contracted to submit to Brepols the MS of *The Dark Vision of God*, containing a translation of Part III of the *De Contemplatione* of the fifteenth century monk Denys the Carthusian and other writings of Jean Gerson and Hugh of Balma, together with an extended introduction of some 50,000 words.

I am currently working on a short monograph for SCM Press, provisionally entitled *Four Variations on a Theme of Julian*, a study of Julian of Norwich's doctrines of sin and providence.

In the longer term I am proposing to write a monograph bringing together systematically the two halves of my academic research career, namely the social and political interests in the 'critique of religion' with those in fundamental theology, spirituality and mysticism.

## Publications

### Books

1. *On the Philosophy of Karl Marx*, Dublin: Sceptre (1968), pp. 93.
2. *Marxism and Christianity*, Oxford: Blackwell (1983), pp. 256. Paperback edn. 1984.
3. *Eros and Allegory*, Kalamazoo: Cistercian Publications (1995), pp. vi + 471.
4. *The Darkness of God*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (1995), pp. xi + 278. Paperback edition published September, 1998. Fourth impression, November, 1999. Electronic edition, 2002.
5. *Faith Seeking*, London: SCM (2002), pp.xiii + 146.
6. *Faith, Reason, and the Existence of God*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2004), pp. xix + 271.

### Books edited and co-edited

Edited and contributed two chapters to *The Church in the Modern World*, Dublin: Sceptre (1968).  
 Edited (with Oliver Davies) and contributed a chapter to *Silence and the Word, Negative Theology and Incarnation*, Cambridge: CUP (2002), pp. xii + 227.

### Chapters and Contributions to Books

1. "The Christian Layman", in *Vatican II, The Christian Layman*, ed., J. Newman, Dublin, 1966.
2. "An Introduction to Liberation Theology" in *Answers for Abraham*, ed. J. Maizell, NSCC Resource Centre, Bristol, 1978.
3. Entries on "Alienation", "Dialectic" and "Objectification" in *A New Dictionary of Christian Theology*, eds. A. Richardson and J. Bowden, London: SCM (1983).
4. "Feuerbach, Marx and Reductivism" in ed. Brian Davies O.P., *Language, Meaning and God*, London: Geoffrey Chapman (1987).
5. Entry on "Marxism" (5000 words) in *A New Dictionary of Theology*, New York: Michael Glazier (1987).
6. "Marxism and Morality" in *Socialism and Morality*, eds D. McLellan and S. Sayers, London: Macmillan (1990).
7. "Religious Illusion and Liberation" in Cambridge Companions to Philosophy, *Marx*, ed. T. Carver, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (1991).
8. 3000 word entry on "Political Theology" in *The Dictionary of Theology and Society*, London: Routledge 1996.
9. "Cupitt, the Mystics and the 'Objectivity' of God" in ed. Colin Crowder, *God and Reality, Essays on Christian non-Realism*, London: Mowbray, 1996, pp. 114-127.
10. Entry on "Mysticism" (3000 words) in *Oxford Companion to Christian Thought*, ed. Adrian Hastings, Oxford: OUP, 1999.
11. "Why did Denys the Carthusian Write Sermons *ad Saeculares*?" in *Medieval Monastic Preaching*, ed. Carolyn Muessig, Brill: Leiden, 1998, pp. 19-36.
12. "Wisdom Within or Without? Denys the Carthusian and the Predicament of Late Medieval Mysticism" in ed. Stephen Barton, *Where Shall Wisdom be Found?*, Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 1998, pp. 139 - 154.
13. "Marxism, Liberation Theology and the Way of Negation" in ed. Christopher Rowland, *The Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999, pp. 199 - 217 (pb and hb editions).
14. "The Darkness of God and the Light of Christ: Negative Theology and Eucharistic Presence" in *Catholicism and Catholicity: Eucharistic Communities in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, ed. Sarah Beckwith, Oxford: Blackwell (1999), pp. 31-46.

15. "Fergal O'Connor's Plato: The Family, Private Property and the State" in *Questioning Ireland: Debates in Political Philosophy and Public Policy*, eds. J. Dunne, A. Ingram, F. Litton, Dublin: Institute of Public Administration (2000), pp. 95 – 110.
16. "Memory, Memorials and Redemption" in eds. KA Read and IA Wollaston, *Suffer the little Children: Urban Violence and Sacred Space*, Birmingham: University of Birmingham Press (2000), pp. 103-116.
17. "Atheism, Apophaticism, and Différance" in *Théologie négative*, ed., Marco M. Olivetti, Roma: Biblioteca dell'Archivio di Filosofia (2002), pp. 225-241.
18. "Material Poverty or Poverty of Spirit? Holiness and the Liberation of the Poor", in *Holiness, Past and Present*, ed. Stephen C Barton, London: T & T Clark, 2003, pp. 441-459.
19. "Metaphor, Poetry and Allegory: Erotic Love in the *Sermons on the Song of Songs* of Bernard of Clairvaux" in eds. David Ford and Graham Stanton, *Reading Texts, Seeking Wisdom*, London: SCM Press, 2003, pp. 202-216.
- Forthcoming
20. "Theology in the University", in eds., David Ford, Ben Quash and Janet Martin Soskice, *Fields of Faith: Theology and Religious Studies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

*Articles* (a selection)

1. "Nominalism and Political Theory", *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. XV (1966), pp.256-267.
2. "Morality is Marxism", *New Blackfriars*, Oxford, Vol 54, no. 633, (1973), pp.57-66 and no. 634, (1973), pp. 117-125.
3. "Can a Christian be a Marxist?", *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 56, No. 661 (1975), pp.244-253. Reprinted in *Radical Religion*, Vol. II, No. 4 (1976), as "Marxism and Christian Praxis", Berkeley, Calif., U.S.A.
4. "Moral Weakness, Self-Deception and Self-Knowledge", *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 56, No. 662, (1975), pp. 294-304.
5. "Marxism, Christianity and Morality", *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 58, No. 683 (1977), pp. 181-199.
6. "The 'Subject' and the Self", *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 59, No. 694, (1978), pp.133-141.
7. "Christianity and Politics: the Case of Gerrard Winstanley", *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 62, No. 738 (1981), pp.500-509.
8. "Sacrament and Ideology", *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 64, No. 754 (1983), pp.171-180.
9. "Marx, Matter and Christianity", *New Blackfriars*, Vol. 65, No.764 (1984), pp.69-77.
10. "Atheism: Is it Essential to Marxism? A Comment", *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Vol. 22, No. 3, Chicago (1985), pp.561-566.
11. "De-centring Theology", *Modern Theology*, Vol.2, No. 2, (1986), pp.125-143.
12. "St John of the Cross and Depression", *Downside Review*, July, 1988, pp.157-170.
13. "The Language of Power", *The Month*, November, 1988, pp.986-992.
14. "Meister Eckhart and *The Cloud* on Interiority, Detachment and Paradox", *Eckhart Review*, 1992, pp. 9-26.
15. "Meister Eckhart: Dualist or Monist?", *Eckhart Review*, Spring, 1997, pp. 40-50.
16. "The Art of Unknowing: Negative Theology in Late Medieval Mysticism", *Modern Theology*, 14.4, October, 1998, pp. 473-488.
17. "The Darkness of God and the Light of Christ: Negative Theology and Eucharistic Presence" in *Modern Theology*, 15.2, April 1999, pp. 143 - 158.
18. "Liberation Theology in Britain Today", *Political Theology*, no. 3, November, 2000, pp. 64 – 79.
19. "How to be an Atheist", Inaugural lecture, University of Cambridge, Cambridge: CUP, 2002, pp. 39 (reprinted in *New Blackfriars*, vol. 83, no. 977/978, July/August, 2002, pp. 317-335).

20. "Encyclopaedic perspectives on European Christendoms, c. 500 – 1500", in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, 9.1, February, 2002, pp. 9 – 15.
21. "Memory and Forgiveness", in *Priests and People*, 17.11, November, 2003, pp. 413-17.
22. "Tradition and Faith", in *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, vol. 6, no. 1 January, 2004, pp. 21-36.
23. "On Denying the right God: Aquinas on Atheism and Idolatry", *Modern Theology*, 20.1, January, 2004, pp. 141-162.
24. "'Sin is behovely' in Julian of Norwich's *Revelations of Divine Love*", in *Modern Theology*, 20.3, July 2004, pp. 407-422.

## Teaching

### *Undergraduate*

I have taught a wide variety of courses and papers in contemporary Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, Ethics, Political and Social Theory, as also in medieval philosophy and theology, and in the history of medieval mysticism. In Bristol University I introduced a basic course in 'Argument Analysis', a series of exercise classes in informal logic, with a view to providing first year undergraduates with skills in reading and analysing complex arguments in classical philosophical and theological texts. In general, I have preferred to teach to primary sources, rather than through extended secondary bibliographies, believing it to be better to encourage students to get their minds in Plato's than to attempt to get Plato into theirs, the former strategy having the tendency to enlarge their minds, the latter the tendency to cramp Plato's.

At Cambridge I was the co-ordinator for undergraduate papers in 'Ethics and faith', 'Metaphysics' (these two usually being taught in conjunction with Dr Catherine Pickstock) and in 'Late patristic and medieval theology' (this being taught in conjunction with Dr Anna Williams).

### *Graduate*

I have been the Director of Masters programmes in 'Third World Theologies', 'Medieval Studies' and in 'The Philosophy of Religion'. I have supervised over 35 PhD students to successful completion, and in Cambridge supervised PhD research students writing on 'The Reception of Julian of Norwich in the English Mystical tradition', on 'Participation in Thomas Aquinas', on 'The Metaphysical Politics of Hobbes and Winstanley', on 'Word and Silence in Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*', on 'Music and Theology', on 'Christology and Paradox in some Medieval Theologies', on 'Theology and American Pragmatism' and on 'Aquinas and the "Nouvelle Théologie"', among others.

## Administrative Posts

### *Departmental*

#### 1. *Bristol*

- 1977-81, 1984-86, 1989 -94 Admissions Tutor for joint degrees in Theology and Philosophy, Theology and Politics and Theology and Sociology.
- 1970-80 and 1985-87 Organiser of Departmental Staff Seminars
- 1985-88 Head of Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Bristol University.
- 1990-1995 Departmental European Officer
- 1991-92 Compiled the Departmental Submission for Research Assessment Exercise.
- 1990-1995 Departmental Examinations Officer

1993-1995 Departmental Timetabler

2. *Birmingham*

1995-9 Tutor to BD students

1995-7 Postgraduate Admissions Tutor

1995-9 Erasmus Officer

1995-9 Member of the Postgraduate Studies Committee

1997-9 Head of Department of Theology

*Faculty*

1. *Bristol*

1986-89 Member of Committee of Arts Professors.

1986-90 Member of Faculty Occasional Committee

1986-1995 Member of the Reed-Tuckwell Committee.

1987-88. Organiser of Reed-Tuckwell Lectures on Human Immortality, delivered by Fr Simon Tugwell O.P., since published as *Human Immortality and the Redemption of Death*, Darton, Longman and Todd, 1990.

1992-1995 Director of the Centre for Medieval Studies

2. *Birmingham*

1995-9 Member of the Board of the Faculty of Arts

1995-9 Member of the Faculty of Arts Appeals Committee

1997-9 Member of Executive Committee, School of Historical Studies

1997-9 Member of School of Historical Studies Promotions Committee

3. *Cambridge*

1999- Member of Faculty Board, Degree Committee, Standing Committee, MPhil Committee, Religious Studies Subject Committee, CARTS Management Committee, Faculty Funds Management Committees; Chair, Faculty Board (Michaelmas and Lent Terms, 2000-1), Teaching Committee, Burney Fund Committee, QAA Committee, Faculty Personal Promotions Committee, 'D' Society (Philosophy of Religion senior seminar), Philosophy of Religion Subject Committee. Also, member of History Faculty Personal Promotions Committee, 2001, appointed by the University Council.

*University*

1. *Bristol*

1986-89 Member of Senate (co-opted)

1986-89 Member of University Council

1990-93 Elected as non-Professorial member of Senate by the Arts Faculty

1986-89 Member of Senate Committees on Overseas Students and on Departmental Organisation

1993-95 Member of University Student Finance Committee

2. *Birmingham*

1995-1999 Elected member of Senate

3. *Cambridge*

1999-2005 Chair, Stanton Lectures Committee, member of Select Preachers and Hulsean Committees, member of the appointments committees for the Regius and Lady Margaret's Chairs.

*College (Peterhouse, Cambridge)*

2001-2 Chair, Governing Body Working Party on College Governance  
 2003-5 Member, Governing Body Committee on College Governance  
 2003- 5 Member, Governing Body Publications Committee  
 2002- 5 Chair, Governing Body Education Committee

**Professional Activities Outside the University**

*External Examining*

1969-76 External Examiner for the Institute of Public Administration, Dublin.  
 1981 for MA Degree in the Philosophy of Religion, University of Wales (an appeal case).  
 1982-85 for CNAA degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies at the College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth.  
 1987 External Assessor for the internal validation of BA Humanities Degree, St Mark and St John, Plymouth.  
 1990-94 External examiner for BA in Theology Degree, Westminster College, Oxford.  
 1995-98 External Examiner for BA in Theology at St David's University College, Lampeter  
 1996 External Examiner for M.Phil., University of Nottingham  
 1997-2000 External Examiner for MA in Spirituality, Heythrop College, University of London.  
 1998-1999 External Examiner, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge  
 2000 - 2002 External Examiner, MA in Theological Research, University of Durham

I have been external examiner for numerous PhDs in the Universities of Oxford, Manchester, Edinburgh, Trinity College Dublin, King's College, London, and elsewhere.

*The Alan Richardson Research Fellowship*

1993 (Autumn Term) Alan Richardson Research Fellow in the Department of Theology, University of Durham

**Invited Lectures**

*National*

I have read papers to learned societies and seminars: to the  
 Theology Society at the University of Keele (1978)  
 Politics Department Staff Seminar, Reading University (1980)  
 Science and Religion Forum, University of Oxford (1981)  
 Staff Seminar, Sociology Department, University of Durham (1982)  
 Sociology of Religion Conference of the British Sociology Association, Bristol (1982 and 1986)  
 Family and Social Action National Conference, Birmingham (1983)  
 Staff Seminar, Department of Religious Studies, University of Lancaster (1985).  
 I gave lectures on:  
 "Liberation Theology" at the University of York (1986); to the  
 Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain (1987) on "The Language of Power"  
 Downside Colloquium on "St John of the Cross and Depression" (1988)  
 Annual conference of the Eckhart Society on "Eckhart and the *Cloud of Unknowing* on Detachment" (1991)

Downside Colloquium on "Eros and Allegory: Mediaeval Interpretations of the Song of Songs" (1991).

**I delivered** the Alan Richardson lecture at the University of Durham on "Atheism, Mysticism and Mystification: How to Tell the Difference" in November, 1993 and the annual Aquinas Lecture on "Spirituality: A Friar and a Beguine" at the University of Bristol in January, 1995.

**I read papers on:**

"Eros and Allegory in Bernard of Clairvaux's Sermons on the Song of Songs" and on "Why was Marguerite Porete Burned?" at the Second International Congress of Medieval Studies at the University of Leeds, July, 1995.

"Meister Eckhart: Dualist or Monist?" to the Eckhart Society, Oxford (1996).

"Wisdom in Mysticism: Within or Without?" at the University of Durham in November, 1996

"The Dazzling Darkness of Unknowing" to Symposium on "Light" at Falmouth College of Arts, June, 1997

"Erotic Language in Bernard of Clairvaux and Nicholas of Lyra" to the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Newman College, Birmingham, April, 1998

"Robert Grosseteste and the Geometry of Lincoln Cathedral" to the Medieval Studies Seminar, Harlaxton Hall, Lincolnshire, July, 1998

"Why was Marguerite Porete Burned?" to the Medieval Society, University of Oxford, February, 1999

"Apophaticism and Creation Ontology" to a consultation on "Word and Silence", University of Birmingham, March, 1999.

"Is Orthodoxy Radical?", in the series of Autumn Lectures in Wells Cathedral, 2000

"How to be an Atheist" (short version) to the Perne Club, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 2001

"How should I love God?", the Aquinas lecture, Blackfriars, Cambridge, 2001

"Hobbes, Locke, and the Language of Power" to the Peterhouse Theory Group, Cambridge, January, 2002

"How to be an Atheist"(full version), Inaugural Lecture in the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, October, 2001, subsequently delivered as the Aquinas Lecture, Blackfriars, Oxford, January, 2002.

*International*

I have read papers to the Religious Studies Department, Concordia University, Montreal and to the Philosophy Department, McGill University, Montreal (1986). I gave two public lectures on "Meister Eckhart and Psychotherapy" at Eckhart House, Dublin (1989); I have read papers on "Marx, Feuerbach and Atheism" at the Department of Religion, Duke University, North Carolina and to the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Kansas City, both in November 1991. I delivered a paper on "Nicholas of Lyra and the *sensus literalis* of the Song of Songs" at the 28 International Congress of Mediaeval Studies at Kalamazoo in May, 1993 and an address to the Catholic Business Study Circle in Atlanta, Georgia on "Moral Problems of Death and Dying", May, 1993. I chaired a session at the 32 Congress of Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA in May, 1996. I gave the keynote paper at a session devoted to the discussion of my book *The Darkness of God* at the American Academy of Religion meeting, San Francisco, November, 1997, a paper on "Ruusbroec, Gerson and Denys the Carthusian on 'Union with God'" to the Department of Religion, Catholic University of America, November, 1997, a paper on "The Darkness of God and the Light of Christ: Negative Theology and Eucharistic Presence" at a conference on "Eucharistic Communities" at Duke University, April, 1998 and the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Rocky Mountain Medieval and Renaissance Association, University of Montana, June, 1998. I read papers on



“Deconstruction and Negative Theology” to the III LEST Conference, Catholic University of Leuven, October, 2001, on “Derrida, Deconstruction and Negative Theology” at the International Colloquium, ‘E. Castelli’ in Rome, January, 2002, on “Metaphor, Poetry and Allegory: Erotic Love in the *Sermons on the Song of Songs* of Bernard of Clairvaux and the *Spiritual Canticle* of John of the Cross” at the conference on *Eros and the Religious Imagination* in New York University, New York, April, 2002, and the Aquinas Lecture on “Faith, Reason and the Eucharist: music as a model for their Harmony” at the Priory Institute, Dublin, January, 2004.

#### *Other*

1984-92 Member of the Religious Studies Panel of the Council for National Academic Awards. Undertook validation visits and consultancies to many colleges throughout the UK.

### **Community Activities**

1998 - Member of the Council of St Mary's Hospice, Selly Park, Birmingham  
 1983-86 Member of the Executive Committee, Catholic Institute for International Relations  
 1989-95 Chair of the Executive Committee, Catholic Institute for International Relations.  
 1987-91 Chair of the Bristol Centre, Catholic Marriage Advisory Council.  
 1986- 1990 Consultant to Bishop Howard Tripp on 'Citizenship'.  
 1987-90 Member of Commission of the Methodist Conference on the Ministry of the People of God.  
 1982- 1985 Member of RC Bishop of Clifton's Diocesan Pastoral Committee.  
 1979-1985 Ex-officio member of the Clifton Diocesan Pastoral Council.  
 1983- 1986 Member of the Clifton Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission.  
 1979-83 Member of the Committee for the World of Work, RC Conference of Bishops of England and Wales.  
 1980 Diocesan Delegate and Chair of Sector on the Laity at the National Pastoral Congress, Liverpool.  
 1980-83 Member of the Laity Commission of the RC Conference of Bishops of England and Wales.  
 1980-84 Governor of St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Bristol.  
 1980-82 I taught in the Catholic Teachers' Certificate courses in Bristol since 1983.  
 1982-9 I regularly lectured on "Moral Problems of Death and Dying" at in-service training days to nurses and nurse-tutors at Bath Royal Hospital Group, Bath.  
 1984-89 Vice-Chair, St Brendan's Sixth Form College Governors.  
 1982-3 Advisor to the Bishop of Clifton on RE, member of the Ecumenical Monitoring Team for RE teaching in Third-Level Colleges in Avon area.  
 1993 - Member of the Anglican Roman Catholic Commission for England (ARC).  
 1996- Trustee of the Eckhart Society, London/Chicago.  
 1998- Member of the Council of St Mary's Hospice, Selly Park, Birmingham.  
 1995-1999 University of Birmingham representative, Governing Body of Newman College, Birmingham.

I gave a BBC Radio 4 talk on *Amos* in the Lent series *Voices in the Wilderness*, February 1985; Contributed "Thought for the Day" on Radio Bristol each Wednesday, September-December 1985 and December 1986-March 1987.

October, 1994, jointly with my brother, Bruno Turner, I took part in a Radio 3 discussion of the Song of Songs in medieval music and literature, chaired by Christopher Page.

Until September, 1993 I taught annually on the Salisbury-Wells Theological Placement course on "The Social, Economic and Religious Meanings of 'Poverty'".

From 1989- 1998 I was Chair of the Newman Fellowships Trust, a charitable foundation whose aim was to fund Fellowships in Catholic Studies at British Universities. Between 1988 and 1992 NFT funded its first Fellowship at Bristol University. In 1994, the Trust appointed a second Newman Research Fellow in Theology at Bristol University.