JOHN CALVIN IN CONTEXT

John Calvin in Context offers a comprehensive overview of Calvin’s world. Including essays from social, cultural, feminist, and intellectual historians, each specially commissioned for this volume, the book considers the various early modern contexts in which Calvin worked and wrote. It captures his concerns for northern humanism, his deep involvement in the politics of Geneva, his relationships with contemporaries, and the polemic necessities of responding to developments in Rome and other Protestant confessions, notably Lutheran and Anabaptist. The volume also explores Calvin’s tasks as a pastor and doctor of the church, who was constantly explicating the text of scripture and applying it to the context of sixteenth-century Geneva, as well as the reception of his role in the Reformation and beyond. Demonstrating the complexity of the world in which Calvin lived, John Calvin in Context serves as an essential research tool for scholars and students of early modern Europe.

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To the memory of
Edward A. Dowey Jr.
Who first kindled in me a love for Calvin
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