

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

Ph.D. in Theology, 2007

Concentration: Practical Theology

Dissertation: *The Co-opting by Modernity of the Theory and Practice of Evangelism within American Evangelicalism*

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

M.A. in Theology, 1999

Concentration: Biblical Studies and Theology

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

M.A. in Theology, 1992

Concentration: Youth Ministry

Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL

B.A., 1989

Major: Psychology

Minor: Bible

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

Summer 2008

Will develop and teach a graduate level course concerning evangelism in a postmodern context.

Adjunct Instructor, Lecturer, and Assistant Professor in Practical Theology, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

1998 – Present

Developed and taught a variety of courses in Christian Ministries and Practical Theology. Advised and mentored numerous undergraduates regarding academic, personal, and spiritual issues.

Adjunct Instructor, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA

2006 – 2007

Developed and taught courses in Youth Ministry and Evangelism.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

1999, 2007 - 2008

Assisted in the facilitation of instruction and evaluation of various graduate level courses regarding evangelism.

Adjunct Instructor, Latin American Bible Institute, La Puente, CA

1997

Developed and taught a course in Pastoral Theology.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teacher Recruiter, New Life Academy, Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan

2007 – Present

Responsible for all aspects of recruiting and evaluating possible teaching candidates in the United States for hire at an independent Christian school in Okinawa, Japan.

Assistant/Head Women's Basketball Coach, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

1998 – 2003

Responsible for the coordination of all the day to day operations of an N.A.I.A. Division I Women's Basketball program including recruiting, budget management, fund raising, practice planning, academic monitoring, player development, team building, and game management.

Curriculum Writer, Character Building Company, Glendora, CA

2001

Contracted to develop and write a biblically based curriculum and teacher's guide relating to character development for elementary students.

Youth Pastor, Covina Assembly of God, Covina, CA

1990 – 1998

Served a variety of capacities in a youth ministry that ministered to approximately 200 students on a weekly basis. Responsibilities included the holistic development of students, management of a ministry budget of over \$100,000, and the organization of events and activities for up to 500 students.

PUBLICATIONS

“Navigating Our Shifting Culture: A New Horizon for Evangelism in a Shifting Culture,” in *Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, 20 (2004-2005): 32-45.

Review of *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn: Six Views* by Myron B. Penner, ed. in *The Journal of Youth Ministry* 4/2 (Spring 2006): 124-127.

Review of *The Futures of Evangelicalism: Issues and Prospects* by Craig Bartholomew, Robin Parry, and Andrew West, eds. in *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society of Pentecostal Studies*, 27/2, (Fall 2005): 387-389.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Evangelism, Theology and Culture, Practical Theology, Conversion, the Emerging Church, and Missional Theology

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

Evangelism, Theology and Culture, Practical Theology, Conversion, Christian Ministries, Youth and Family Ministries, and Missional Theology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Secretary, Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, 2007 – Present
Member, Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education 2005 – Present
Member, American Academy of Religion, 1999 – Present
Ordained Minister, General Council of the Assemblies of God, 1994 – Present

REFERENCES

Dr. Richard Peace, School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary
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Dr. Wilbert Shenk (Retired), School of Intercultural Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary
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Dr. William Yarchin, School of Theology, Azusa Pacific University
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