

John Marshall Ragsdale Jr.

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Religious Studies (Scripture—Hebrew Bible, 2007)

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

Dissertation: “*Ruah Elóhîm, Ruah YHWH: A Case for Literary and Theological Distinction in the Deuteronomistic History*”

Dissertation Director: Sharon Pace, Ph.D.

Award: University Dissertation Fellowship

M.A. Biblical Languages (Hebrew, 1987)

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, Springfield, MO

B.C.A. Pastoral Ministries and Evangelism (1986)

Southwestern Assemblies of God University, Waxahachie, TX

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE:

Primary competencies: Old Testament interpretation; the Spirit in the Old Testament; Biblical Hebrew

Secondary Competencies: New Testament interpretation, New Testament Greek; Pneumatology; History of the American Holiness Movement; Pentecostal History and Theology; World Religions; Christianity and Culture

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Old Testament Interpretation and Hermeneutics

The Spirit in the Old Testament

Public/Political Theology

Homiletics

RESEARCH LANGUAGES:

Biblical Languages: Aramaic, Greek, and Hebrew

Modern Languages: French and German

MEMBERSHIPS:

Society of Biblical Literature

Society for Pentecostal Studies

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE:

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (2015-Present)

Associate Dean of Learning and Outcome Assessment, School for Professional Studies (SPS)

University-wide Responsibilities:

- Serve on the University's Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
- Direct the University's Mission and Identity efforts for SPS
- Work as the liaison to the Provost's office for SPS Academic Program Reviews (APR)
- Represent SPS to the Library and Technology Committee

SPS Leadership Responsibilities:

- Leads all SPS Assessment efforts:
 - Develop school-wide assessment plan
 - Advise faculty on development/refinement of program-level assessment plans
 - Coordinate SPS assessment activities with University assessment work
 - Plan and manage the collection of assessment data
 - Help faculty to maximize use of Blackboard to gather student learning data
 - Guide faculty in development and use of rubrics
 - Inform faculty interpretation and use of assessment data
 - Chair the newly-formed Academic Excellence Committee Subcommittee on Assessment
 - Collaborate with Program Directors on instructional design and assessment of programs in proposal stage of development
- Directs SPS Academic Program Reviews:
 - Build faculty consensus around the project
 - Assist program directors to identify goals for their APR
 - Serve as liaison between the faculty and the Office of Institutional Research
 - Serve as liaison between the faculty and the University Assessment Office
 - Manages the project to ensure timely completion of the APR
- Prepares school-wide, term-by-term census
- Manages SPS Distance Learning Coordinator
- Serve on Search Committees
- Teach two courses per Academic Year

Franklin Pierce University, Manchester, NH (2011-2013)

Associate Dean, College of Graduate and Professional Studies (CGPS)

Interim Dean, Summer 2012

University-wide Responsibilities:

- Serve on the University's NEASC Interim Report Committee
- Coordinate university-wide efforts to develop articulation agreements with local and regional community colleges
- Voting member of Academic Integration Council and Strategic Planning Team

- Co-convenor of Strategic Plan Action Team focused on enhancing institutional effectiveness
- Provide support and counsel for all university efforts to build enrollments

CGPS Leadership Responsibilities:

- Advise the Dean on personnel, curricular, budgetary, and programmatic matters
- Build and manage a budget of \$14 million
- Collaborate with the Dean to develop and (re)write policies for the effective administration of CGPS
- Participate with the Dean and the Faculty Affairs Committee in developing new faculty protocol for full-time (mainly graduate) CGPS faculty
- Manage the evaluation of fulltime faculty members applying for rolling contracts and/or promotion
- Work with the faculty to identify and enhance their scholarly agendas
- Supervise a full-time staff of eight directors, coordinators, and administrative assistants
- Responsible for development of new programs targeted at adult students
- Conduct monthly directors and faculty meetings
- Act as mediator in employee disputes
- Supervise the university's nursing department attached to CGPS
- Oversee a large cadre of adjunct professors teaching in CGPS
- Recruit adjunct professors for all undergraduate academic disciplines
- Organize the undergraduate schedule offered in face-to-face, hybrid, and online venues for four regional learning centers
- Perform regular evaluations of professors and courses
- Ex officio (advisory) member of a number of university committees (Assessment, Curriculum, General and Liberal Education, Governance, Policy & Procedures)
- Interface with the Vice President of Enrollment Management on CGPS enrollment management strategies aimed at the adult student population
- Advise adult undergraduate students
- Process and/or settle student complaints
- Teach one or two courses per year

Assessment and Accreditation Responsibilities:

- Work with graduate academic program directors on (re)accreditation projects (Business accreditation—IACBE; MEd accreditation—NH Department of Education; MSN accreditation—NLNAC; Doctor of Physical Therapy accreditation—CAPTE; Master of Physician Assistant Studies—ARC-PA; and Doctor of Arts in Leadership—NH Department of Education), includes development of assessment philosophies and instruments
- Lead the implementation of the new Learning Outcomes driven General and Liberal Education Core Curriculum for the CGPS

Academic Program Director—Doctor of Arts in Leadership Studies

- Supervise a fulltime faculty of four
- Conduct regular faculty meetings
- Manage workflow of course assignments, exam committees, and dissertation committees
- Lead outreach/recruiting efforts for the program
- Direct the accreditation work of the program
- Build and manage the program budget
- Advise DALs students

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, KY

Associate Professor, 2010-11

Assistant Professor, 2006-2010

Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy (2006-2011)

- Advise students
- Set curricular goals and mission of the department
- Manage departmental course offerings
- Recruit adjunct professors to teach in the department
- Evaluate professors working in the department
- Manage departmental budget
- Work with Admissions Department in recruiting students for the department
- Supervise library's religion and philosophy acquisitions
- Coordinate annual Edward L. Bevin Lectureship in Old Testament Studies
- Serve on Faculty Hiring Committees (Participated in four 2009-10 searches—two English, one Criminal Justice, one Health & Physical Education)

Director of Online Learning (2008-2011)

- Report directly to the Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Recruit and train faculty to develop and to teach online courses in all academic disciplines
- Liaise with department chairs
- Manage the schedule of online offerings each semester
- Manage the Online Learning Department budget
- Supervise recruiting efforts of the Admissions Department
- Write and/or edit all Substantive Changes and Substantive Change Prospectuses related to online learning submitted to Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
 - * Proposal for online Bachelor of Science in Business Administration approved by SACS in February 2010; Program launched Fall 2010
- Stimulated growth in the number of online classes offered from summer 2008 to summer 2009
- Accomplished 30% growth in the number of full-time tenured/tenure-track professors teaching online courses from summer 2008 to summer 2009
- Achieved 25% growth in the number of students taking online classes from summer 2008 to summer 2009

Implementation Coordinator of Strategic Agenda (2010-2011)

- Chair Strategic Agenda Implementation Committee, which includes all college vice presidents, faculty and staff
- Prepare all communication to campus community about the implementation of the Strategic Agenda
- Manage all committee, task force and work group leaders relative to the Strategic Agenda
- Regularly brief president of the college, board of trustees, and campus community about progress of Strategic Agenda implementation

Colorado Christian University, Denver, CO

Coordinator of Student Academic Services (2006)

- Reported to the Academic Dean
- Supervised international students' compliance with US Government guidelines for F-1 visas
- Managed the university's compliance with Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for both traditional and non-traditional student populations
- Conducted faculty seminars on advising
- Trained personnel for the university's new advising center to manage international student and ADA compliance

Trinity Bible College, Ellendale, ND

Director of Distance Education, 2003-2005

- Reported to the Vice President of Academic Affairs
- Developed institution's strategic vision for online learning
- Recruited and trained faculty to develop and to teach online courses
- Managed the schedule of online offerings each semester
- Developed and managed the Distance Education Department budget
- Liaised with IT Department to facilitate the launch and maintenance of distance learning
- Coordinated student recruiting efforts with the Admissions department
- Supervised the institution's compliance with North Central Association's (NCA) accreditation standards related to online learning

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 2004-2005

- Ran faculty meetings in the Dean's absence
- Filed compliance documents with accrediting agencies (NCA, Association of Biblical Higher Education [ABHE])
- Addressed student complaints and concerns related to academic practices and policies

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO

Academic Advisor, College of Arts and Sciences, 1989-1990

- Advised transfer students about course selection
- Assisted transfer students declare majors

-Prepared the college's regular in-house publication

Metro Christian School, St. Louis, MO

Secondary Teacher, 1987-1989

-Taught Religion for 7th-12th grade students

-Served as faculty sponsor for the student-led worship team

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Saint Louis University

Assistant Professor of Theology, 2015-Present

Courses taught:

Theological Foundations

Spirituality: Ethics and Leadership

Franklin Pierce University, Manchester, NH

Associate Professor of Religion, 2011-Current

Course taught:

World Religions

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, KY

Associate Professor and Chair of the Religion and Philosophy Department, 2006-Current

Courses taught:

Biblical Greek I & II

Biblical Hebrew I & II

Church Music

Introduction to the Old Testament (traditional and online formats)

Introduction to the New Testament (traditional and online formats)

Preaching

Selected New Testament Writings: The Sermon on the Mount

Religions of the World (travel, traditional and online formats)

The Prophets of Israel

Topics in Religion: Readings in the Greek New Testament

Topics in Religion: Readings in the Hebrew Bible

Topics in Religion: Christianity and Culture

Worship

Committees:

Academic Policies Committee

Committee on Committees

Core Curriculum Review Committee

Library Committee

Online Learning Committee

Colorado Christian University, Denver, CO

Adjunct Professor, 2006

Courses:

History of Ancient Israel
Israel's Prophets
Introduction to Theology

Trinity Bible College, Ellendale, ND

Assistant Professor, 2003-2005

Courses:

Old Testament History and Literature
New Testament History and Literature
Bible Study Methods
Old Testament Theology
World Religions

Committees:

Academic Affairs Committee
Steering Committee, North Central Association Reaffirmation Project

Central Bible College, Springfield, MO

Adjunct Instructor (St. Louis extension), 1987-1988

Courses:

The Book of Acts
Greek I & II

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS:

“Karl Barth” (Sept 25, 2007); Arete Society; Owensboro, KY

Panel Member—Martin Luther King Day celebration (Jan 2007); Kentucky Wesleyan College; Owensboro, KY

“Why Some and Not Others: A Proposal Concerning the Association of the Divine with Othniel, Gideon, Jephthah and Samson” presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Pentecostal Studies, March 26-28, 2009

“The Spirit of the Lord, Messiah and Social Justice in Isaiah 11:2-4; 42:1-4; and 61:1-3” presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Pentecostal Studies, March 4-6, 2010

“Preaching from the Old Testament” presented at Madisonville District United Methodist Pastors’ Meeting, October 7, 2010

“Using Rubrics in Blackboard for Gathering Assessment Data” poster presentation, co-authored with Katie Devany, MS, and Srikanth Mudigonda, Ph.D. Symposium on Teaching and Learning, Saint Louis University, October 28, 2016.

“Swords into Plowshares: How Presidents Use Isaiah 2:2-4” forthcoming, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, March 2017.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:

International Teaching Ministry

Visiting Instructor, 2013-Present

Blessed International Ministries, Eldoret, Kenya (5 trips, 2014-Present)

Teach week-long classes for practicing and aspiring pastors

Topics include: Old Testament Introduction, Pentateuch, Synoptic Gospels, Book of Acts, and Early Church History

Baltic School of Ministry, Ozolnieki, Latvia (6 trips, 2013-Present)

Teach week-long classes for traditional-aged college students aspiring toward ministry

Preach in local Latvian and Russian-speaking churches

Topics include: Hermeneutics, Old Testament Introduction, Pentateuch

Oak Creek Assembly of God, Oak Creek, WI

Pastor of People Development (A temporary position held in 2003 as I was working on my dissertation)

Sunday Morning Church Attendance—2,500

Began and directed the college-age ministry, Crossroads.

Led staff of six pastors in evaluation and implementation of ministry restructuring.

Performed traditional pastoral duties, including teaching, preaching, baptisms, hospital visitations, prayer ministry, counseling and ministry administration.

Soulard Restoration Church (Assembly of God), St. Louis, MO

Pastor, 2000-2002

Sunday Morning Church Attendance—40

Led struggling, multi-ethnic Assembly of God church in ministry revitalization.

Took church from near-financial ruin to stable budget.

Identified and developed key ministry leaders to ensure church stability.

Performed traditional pastoral duties, including teaching, preaching, baptisms, hospital visitations, prayer ministry, counseling and ministry administration.

Washington Park Fellowship, St. Louis, MO

Associate Pastor, 1990-95, 1997-2000

Sunday Morning Church Attendance—280

Rebuilt defunct Sunday School program into a strong and vibrant ministry.

Reestablished youth program and built it with a missions-minded focus, leading four youth/young adult short-term mission trips to Guatemala (1990, 1991), Mexico (1992), and Cibecue, AZ (1993).

Taught in Eastern European Bible schools during short-term mission trips to Poland (1990, 1991) and Russia (1999).

Led the church during sr. pastor's sabbatical (spring 1995).

Performed traditional pastoral duties, including teaching, preaching, baptisms, hospital visitations, prayer ministry, counseling and ministry administration.