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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)

Master of Arts in Theology (1999)

Concentration: Biblical Studies and Theology

Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, CA)

Master of Arts in Theology (1992)

Concentration: Youth Ministry

Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL

Bachelor of Arts (1989)

Major: Psychology

Minor: Bible

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Azusa Pacific University, Department of Practical Theology (Azusa, CA)

Professor (2015 – Present)

Associate Professor (2012 – 2015)

Assistant Professor (2008-2012)

Adjunct Professor (2000-2008)

Lecturer (1998-2000)

Courses Taught: *Senior Seminar: Church and Society; Christian Life, Faith, & Ministry; Culture and Ministry (Writing Intensive); Evangelism and Discipleship; Introduction to Practical Theology; Topics in Ministry: National Youth Workers Convention; Topics in Christian Ministry: Global Christian Ministries (Study Abroad); Topics in Christian Ministry: The Missional and Emerging Church; Adolescent Culture and Evangelism; Foundations of Ministry; Introduction to Youth Ministry; Youth Leadership; Youth Culture; Christian Family Life; and Introduction to Christian Education*

Fuller Theological Seminary, School of Theology (Pasadena, CA)

Adjunct Professor (2008)

Teaching Assistant (1999, 2007-2008)

Course Taught: *Postmodernism and Evangelism*

Courses Assisted: *Introduction to Evangelism* and *Evangelism in Contemporary Culture*

Vanguard University, Department of Religion (Costa Mesa, CA)

Adjunct Professor (2006-2007)

Courses Taught: *Introduction to Youth Ministry* and *Evangelism*

Latin American Bible Institute (La Puente, CA)

Adjunct Professor (1997)

Course Taught: *Pastoral Theology*

INSTITUTIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Chair, Department of Practical Theology, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA (2016-present).

Book Review Editor, *The Journal for Youth Ministry* (2014-present).

Committee Member, Athletic Advisory Committee, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA (2014-present).

Faculty Senator, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA (2008-2015).

PUBLICATIONS

"New Digital Media: Our Current 'Eternal Fear,'" in *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 12:2 (Spring 2014): 33-51.

"Time for a DTR with Digital Media," in *Group Magazine*, July/August 2013: 60.

"Church" in *The Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture*. Bruce Demarest and Keith J. Matthews, ed. Colorado Springs: CO: NavPress, 2010: 71-74.

"Eschatology" in *The Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture*. Bruce Demarest and Keith J. Matthews, ed. Colorado Springs: CO: NavPress, 2010: 127-131.

"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.

PRESENTATIONS

"Simple Rules for Engaging Disruptive Technologies" Association of Youth Ministry Educators Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (October 24-26, 2015)

- “Helping Students Navigate an Over-Connected Culture” Simply Youth Ministry Conference in Columbus, OH (March 7-10, 2014)
- “Digital Natives: Constantly Connected and Shaped by New Digital Media” Simply Youth Ministry Conference in Indianapolis, IN (March 1-4, 2013)
- “How is Constant Connectivity through New Digital Media Affecting Our Experience of the Divine?” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX (October 25-27, 2012).
- “Does Adolescents’ Constant Connectivity Inhibit Their Connection with God?, Association of Youth Ministry Educators Annual Conference, Dallas, TX (October 20-22, 2012)

BOOK REVIEWS

- Schuurman, Derek C. *Shaping a Digital World: Faith, Culture and Computer Technology* (IVP Academic, 2013), *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 13/1 (Fall 2014): 157-159.
- McKnight, Scot. *The King Jesus Gospel: The Original Good News Revisited* (Zondervan, 2011), *Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, v. 27 (2013): 148-151.
- Noll, Mark A. *The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith* (IVP Academic, 2009), *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 11/1 (Fall 2012): 152-154.
- Hirsch, Alan and Lance Ford, *Right Here Right Now: Everyday Mission for Everyday People* (Baker Books, 2011), *Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, v. 26 (2012): 127-130.
- Woolnough, Brian and Wonsuk Ma, ed., *Holistic Mission: God’s Plan for God’s People* (Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2011), *Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, v. 25, (2011): 116-118.
- Cole, Neil, *Search and Rescue: Becoming a Disciple Who Makes a Difference* (Baker Books, 2008), *Journal of Youth Ministry* 9/1 (Fall 2010): 125-128.
- Raschke, Carl A., *GloboChrist: The Great Commission Takes a Postmodern Turn* (Baker Academic, 2008), *Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, 24 (2010): 96-100.
- Boyd, Gregory A. and Paul Rhodes Eddy, *Lord or Legend? Wrestling with the Jesus Dilemma* (Baker Books, 2007), *The Journal of Youth Ministry* 8/1 (Fall 2009): 124-126.
- Penner, Myron B., ed., *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn: Six Views* (Brazos Press, 2005), *The Journal of Youth Ministry* 4/2 (Spring 2006): 124-127.

Bartholomew, Craig, Robin Parry, and Andrew West, ed., *The Futures of Evangelicalism: Issues and Prospects* (Kregel Academic and Professional, 2004),
Pneuma: The Journal of the Society of Pentecostal Studies, 27/2, (Fall 2005):
387-389.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Faith and Technology, Culture and Ministry, Practical Theology, Conversion,
Evangelism, Missional Ecclesiology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Executive Board Member, Association of Youth Ministry Educators, 2013 - Present
Treasurer, Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, 2010 - 2014
Secretary, Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, 2007 – 2011
Member, Association of Youth Ministry Educators, 2005 - 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

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Life Academy (Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan)
Teacher Recruiter (2007-present)

Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, CA)
Head Women's Basketball Coach (2001-2003)
Assistant Women's Basketball Coach (1998-2001)

Character Building Company (Covina, CA)
Curriculum Writer (2001)

Covina Assembly of God (Covina, CA)
High School Ministries Pastor (1996-1998)
Junior High Ministries Pastor (1992-1996)
High School Ministry Intern (1990-1992)