

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. in Practical Theology
Ethics Minor
2005
Fuller Theological Seminary

M.Div.
1998
Northern Baptist Theological Seminary

B.A. Business Administration Major
Psychology Minor
1988
Taylor University

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Theology and practices of congregational leadership
- Multiculturalism and race
- Christian ethics
- Missional ecclesiology
- Empowering the whole people of God

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Professor of Practical Theology, Azusa Pacific Graduate School of Theology (2007 – present)
 - Classes taught:
 - Foundations for Ministry Life
 - Ministry Life and Leadership
 - Ethics and Worship
 - Missional Church
 - Pastoral Servant Leadership
 - Growing Healthy Churches
 - Transitions in Ministry
 - Mentored Ministry
 - Community Retreat
 - Director of Mentored Ministry
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary (2005- 2007)

- Classes taught:
 - Missional Church and Leadership
 - Empowering the People of God
 - Leadership and Diversity
 - Spirituality and Everyday Life

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

- "Lamenting Racism." Six-session curriculum for congregations (forthcoming).
- "Surfacing Emotions to Teach Leadership." *Journal of Religious Leadership* 17 (Fall 2018), 46-67.
- "Emotional Fluency in Leadership: Can This Be Taught in the Classroom?" Presented at the Academy of Religious Leadership conference, Minneapolis, April 14, 2018.
- Review of *Sacred Habits: The Rise of the Creative Clergy*. In *The Christian Century* 134, no. 2 (April 12, 2017): 41-42.
- "Wesleyan Leadership in a Postmodern Context." Chapter in *Leadership the Wesleyan Way: An Anthology for Shaping Leaders in Wesleyan Thought and Practice*, edited by Aaron Jenkins Perry and Bryan R. Easley, 33-43. Lexington, Kentucky: Emeth Press, 2016.
- The Sabbath Experiment: Spiritual Formation for Living in a Nonstop World*. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade, 2015.
- Review of *Playing God: Redeeming the Gift of Power*. In *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 14, no. 2 (Fall 2015): 116-18.
- "Inspirational Sayings." In *Strength to Be Holy*, edited by Donald A. D. Thorsen. Lexington, Kentucky: Emeth Press, 2014.
- "Oil and Water? Pop Culture and Spiritual Formation." Plenary address to the Evangelical Association of Theological Field Educators conference, Fuller Theological Seminary, January 2014. Presented also as part of the *Faith Matters* series, Azusa Pacific School of Theology, January 2015.
- Review of *Tending the Seedbeds: Educational Perspectives on Theological Education in Asia*, by Allan Harkness. *Teaching Theology and Religion* 16, no. 4, (October 2013).
- "Integrative Decision-Making for Christian Leaders: Prudence, Organizational Theory, and Discernment Practices." *Journal of Religious Leadership* 12, no. 2 (Fall 2013): 145-166. Co-authored with Paul Kaak, and Gary LeMaster.
- "Adaptive Leadership and Christian Decision Making: Integrating Spiritual and Scholarly Perspectives." Presented with Paul Kaak and Gary Lemaster at the Academy of Religious Leadership, April, 2013.
- Review of *The Color of Church: A Biblical and Practical Paradigm for Multicultural Churches*, by Rodney Woo. *Journal of Religious Leadership* 11, no. 2 (Fall 2012): 169-171.
- "War and Peace: Christian Alternatives." Panelist. *Faith Matters* Lecture Series, Azusa Pacific University, November, 2010.
- "Charismatic Leadership in the Church: What the Apostle Paul Has to Say to Max Weber." *Journal of Religious Leadership* 9, no. 2 (Fall 2010):7-27.

- "Dwelling in the Word: Spirit, Text, and Communal Formation." Paper presented at the Wesleyan Theological Society, March, 2010.
- "Is Every Leader Charismatic?: Biblical and Theological Reflections on Gifting and Leadership" Paper presented at the Academy of Religious Leadership, April, 2010.
- "Racism." In *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture*. IVP, 2010.
- "Peace." In *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture*. IVP, 2010.
- The Priesthood of All Believers in the Twenty-First Century: Living Faithfully as the Whole People of God in a Postmodern Context*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2009.
- Review of *The Sky Is Falling: Leaders Lost in Transition*, by Alan J. Roxburgh and Fred Romanuk. *Journal of Religious Leadership* 8, no. 1 (Spring 2009).
- "Believers Church Tradition." In *Global Dictionary of Theology: A Resource for the Worldwide Church*, ed. William A. Dyrness and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2008.
- "Listserv Lessons: Pluses and Minuses for Congregations." *Congregations* 34, no. 4 (Fall 2008): 11-15.
- Review of *Preparing for Change: How to Introduce Change in Your Congregation*, by Bob Whitesel. *Journal of Religious Leadership* 7, no. 2 (Fall 2008).
- "A Pneumatological Radical Free Church View of Ordination." *One in Christ: A Catholic Ecumenical Review* 39, no. 4 (October 2004): 76-85.
- "Christian Practices, Congregational Leadership, and the Priesthood of All Believers." *The Journal of Religious Leadership* 2, no. 2 (Fall 2003).
- "Trinitarian Correspondence as a Means for Reflecting on Authoritarian Leadership in the Church." Paper presented at the Academy of Religious Leadership, 2005.

GRANTS

- "Lament as a Way Forward on Racial Issues." Principal investigator. Louisville Institute Collaborative Inquiry Team Grant. \$45,000 grant (September 2018 -- August 2020).
- Wabash Center Pre-Tenure Writing Grant to work on: "Ministry and Eschatology: A Theological Grounding for Congregational Approaches to Change". \$5000 (Summer, 2013).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Religious Leadership
American Academy of Religion
The Anabaptist-Mennonite Scholars Network

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Ongoing	Leadership, preaching, and teaching as a member of my local congregation, Pasadena Mennonite Church
2008	Coordinating Pastor

- Pasadena Mennonite Church, Pasadena, CA
- Employed in part-time pastoral role while pastor battled cancer
 - Supervised staff and interns, preached, planned events and preaching schedule, handled pastoral issues
- 1998-2001 **Pastor**
Breckenridge Christian Ministries, Breckenridge, CO
(Non-denominational church)
- Guided ministries, preached, and carried out other pastoral duties
- 1991-1997 **20s/30s Pastor**
Breckenridge Christian Ministries, Breckenridge, CO
(Non-denominational church)
- Taught weekly studies, organized small groups, planned and led community-building activities
- 1988-1991 **Youth Worker**
First Baptist Church, Geneva, IL
- Discipled high schoolers, organized and led trips

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

Mennonite Church, U.S.A.

ORDINATION

Ordination credentials held by the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference of the Mennonite Church, U.S.A.

AWARDS

- 2011-2012 Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty -- Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
- Full Fellowship, Center for Advanced Theological Studies, School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Outstanding Student Award, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Summa Cum Laude, Taylor University
- President of Chi Alpha Omega Academic Honors Society, Taylor University

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Serve meals at a homeless transition center with others from our church
- Mentor program participant paired with a youth from my church
- Participate in local events advocating for peace and justice issues
- Teach ordination classes and lead retreats for pastors in the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference.