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Professor of History of Christianity  
Wesley Theological Seminary

## **I. Education**

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University, 1990.  
Dissertation: Dominant Images for the Church in Augustine's *Enarrationes in Psalmos*:  
A Study in Augustine's Ecclesiology.

B.A. in Letters, University of Oklahoma, *summa cum laude*, 1980.

## **II. Teaching Employment**

Professor of Early Church History and Spirituality, Saint Paul School of Theology, Oklahoma City, OK, 2013 – present.

Dean, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., 2009-2012.

Professor of History of Christianity, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., 2002-2013.

Claude and Ollie May Bell Professor of Church History, Oklahoma City University, 1992-2002.

Assistant Professor of Church History, Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO, 1989-1992.

## **III. Scholarship**

### **A. Selected Publications**

Monthly contributor, *GPS Insights*, Church of the Resurrection, <http://gpsinsights.cor.org>, October, 2014-present.

Narrative Lectionary Commentary on Isaiah 36: 1-3, 13-20; 37: 1-7, then 2:1-4, Esther 4: 1- 17, Micah 5:2-4, 6:6-8, *Workingpreacher.org*, November-December, 2014.

Editorial Consultant, *The Apostles*. National Geographic Special Edition. 2014.

Lectionary Commentary on Isaiah 49: 1-7, Isaiah 42: 1-9, Matthew 5: 1-12, Matthew 5:13-20. *Workingpreacher.org*, January-February, 2014.

“Hospitality as a Living Wesleyan Tradition,” chapter in *A Living Tradition: Critical Recovery and Reconstruction of Wesleyan Heritage*, ed. Mary Elizabeth Moore, Kingswood Books, 2013.

Lectionary Commentary on Mark 9:30-37, Mark 9:38-50, Proverbs 31:10-31, Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22. *Workingpreacher.org*, September 2012.

Editorial Consultant, *Sacred Journeys: Earth's Holiest Places*. National Geographic Special Edition. 2010.

Lectionary commentary on Isaiah 9:1-4, Micah 6:1-8, Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) and Matthew 5:21-37. *Workingpreacher.org*, January 2011.

Selected articles, *Wesley Study Bible*. Abingdon Press, 2009.

*God's Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World*. Pilgrim Press, 2008.

"Methodist Beginnings: 1525-1737," video, *Methodist History Project*, Wesley Ministry Network, Oxford, August, 2007.

*Women Speak of God*, Wesley Ministry Network video series and curriculum, 2004.

"The Entire Work of God: John Wesley's Expansive View of Salvation," *Circuit Rider* May/June 2003.

"God's Household of Grace," in *Ancient and Post-Modern Christianity: Paleo-Orthodoxy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, ed. Christopher Hall and Kenneth Tanner, InterVarsity Press, 2002.

"Theological Themes in Lectionary Texts," *Lectionary Homiletics*, November, 2001.

*And You Welcomed Me: Hospitality in Early Christianity*, Abingdon Press, 2001.

Primary Source Editor, *Believer: The Historic Doctrines of the Christian Faith*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1999.

"Theological Themes in Lectionary Texts," *Lectionary Homiletics* IX, no. 7 (1998): 4, 12, 19, 27.

"Interpreting Sacred Texts," *Teaching Theology and Religion* 1, no. 1 (1998): 48-50.

"Encountering Jesus in the Church's History," *Circuit Rider* 20, no. 3 (1996): 12.

*In Her Words: Women's Writings in the History of Christian Thought*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994.

## B. Book Reviews

Review of *Women in Pastoral Office: The Story of Santa Prassede, Rome*, by Mary M. Schaefer.

*Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, September, 2015.

Review of *Social Media for Academics: A Practical Guide*, edited by Diane Rasmussen Neal., Oxford, UK: Chandos Publishing, 2012. *Teaching Theology and Religion*, John Wiley & Sons, Volume 16: July 2013.

Review of *Chalk Talk: E-advice from Jonas Chalk, Legendary College Teacher*, edited by Donna M. Qualters and Miriam Rosalyn Diamond. *Teaching Theology and Religion* 2007.

Review of *A Woman's Place: House Churches in Earliest Christianity*, by Carolyn Osiek, Margaret Y. McDonald with Janet H. Tulloch. *Christian Century*, October 2006.

Review of *The Importance of Physical Space in Creating Supportive Learning Environments*, edited by Nancy Van Note Chism and Deborah J. Bickford. *Teaching Theology and Religion* 7:1.

Review of *Women and Religious Life in Byzantium*, by Alice-Mary Talbot. *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*, September, 2002.

Review of *They Walked in the Spirit: Personal Faith and Social Action in America*, by Douglas M. Strong. *Asbury Theological Journal* 54, no 1 (1999): 93-94.

Review of *Perpetua's Passion: The Death and Memory of a Young Roman Woman*, by Joyce E. Salisbury. *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 67, no. 3 (1998): 560-562.

### C. Selected Papers and Workshops

Keynote, Refresh Campus Ministry Conference, Atlanta, GA, December, 2014.

Spiritual Formation Retreat, Academy for Missional Wisdom, El Paso, TX, November, 2014.

Lectureship, "Protestant Spirituality," Academy for Spiritual Formation, Burlingame, CA Faculty, November, 2014.

Lectureship, "Spiritual Formation for Theological Education," Campbell University Divinity School, North Carolina, September, 2014.

Leadership Institute Workshop, "Welcoming Strangers: Meeting Jesus," Church of Resurrection, Kansas City, KS, September, 2014.

Workshop, "Holy Conversation: Difficult Conversations Among Christians," Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK, September 7 and 14, 2014.

Wertsch Lecture, "Unbending Ourselves: Early Christian Practices," Saint Paul School of Theology, November, 2013.

Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, “Engaging non-Christians Seriously and Constructively: Academic Inquiry as Means of Grace,” August 2013.

Director, Workshop for Pre-Tenure Faculty at Theological Schools, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, June 2013-June 2014.

Albright-Deering Lecture, “Wesley and Welcoming the Stranger,” Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, April 2013.

Barton Clinton Gordey Lecture Series, “Spiritual But Not Religious,” Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK, February 2013.

Respondent, “Women in Wesleyan and Methodist Traditions,” Wesley Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, November 17, 2012, Chicago, IL.

“God’s Welcome,” Keynote Addresses, Southeast Minnesota Synod ELCA, LaCrosse, WI, 2012.

“Christology and Theological Education,” Faculty Speaker, John Leland Seminary, Alexandria, VA, January 2011.

“Radical Hospitality,” District Retreat, Peninsula District, Virginia Annual Conference of UMC, Williamsburg, VA, October, 2010.

“The Good News of God’s Welcome,” Seattle Synod Assembly Keynote Addresses, May 15-17, 2010.

“Protestant Spirituality,” lecture series. Academy for Spiritual Formation, April 2010.

Panel Chair, Teaching the Introductory Course in Church History, American Society of Church History Meeting, San Diego, CA, Jan 7-10, 2010

Staff, Workshop for Mid-Career Faculty Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, June 2010-July 2011.

“Let Us Dream God’s Reign Anew” St. Paul Synod Assembly Keynote Addresses, St. Paul, MN, May 29-30, 2009.

“Christianity and Strangers: Charting Early Christian Practices of Otherness.” H. Orton Wiley Lectures in Theology, Point Loma Nazarene University, March, 2009.

“Strangers in the Empire: The Landscape of Early Christianity” for “Abraham’s Children: Judaism, Christianity and Islam,” Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ, October, 2008.

Director, Workshop for Pre-Tenure Faculty at Theological Schools, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, June 2007-June 2008.

“To Exercise Our Churchly Character: A Modest Proposal,” Oxford Institute for Methodist Studies, August 2007.

“Categories of Otherness in Early Christian Texts,” Annual Meeting, American Society of Church History, Philadelphia, January, 2006.

“Early Christianity,” Russian United Methodist Theological Seminary, Moscow, February-March, 2005.

“Living Theology,” Christian Educators Fellowship, Annual Conference, New Orleans, October 14-16, 2004.

“Women Speak of God,” Study Series for Wesley Ministry Network, Fall 2004.

“Wesleyan Ethics: Promise and Problem,” Wesley at 300: Controversy, Consensus and Conversation, Duke Divinity School, Jun 27-29, 2003.

“Hospitality and Early Methodism: An Exploration,” Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Christ College, Oxford, England, August 2002.

Senior Staff, Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Church-Related Colleges and Universities, July 2002-July 2003.

“Knowledge and Vital Piety: Higher Education and Vocation in the Wesleyan Tradition,” Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, March 2002.

“What’s Wrong with This Picture? God, Evil and Suffering,” Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England, August, 1997.

“The Role of Doctrine in the Life of Faith,” Quillian Lectureship, Ministers Week, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, January, 1997.

“Ecclesiology in Augustine’s *Enarrationes in Psalmos*,” American Society of Church History, Wheaton, April, 1996.

“Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz: The Stuff of Theologians,” American Academy of Religion, Southwest Regional Meeting, Dallas, March, 1993.

#### D. Academic Grants Awarded

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Small Project Grant, 2008-2009.

Convenor, Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College, 1998-99.

Bridwell Fellowship for Methodist Studies, Southern Methodist University, 1997.

Lilly Teaching Fellow, 1995-96.

## **V. Professional Associations**

American Academy of Religion

Jury Member, Research Fellowship Awards, 2009-13

President, Southwest Region, 1998-99

Regional Workshop Grant, 1998

Lilly Fellow, 1995-96

American Society of Church History

Chair, Program and Policy Committee, 2004-2007

Award Selection Committee for Outler Prize in Church History, 2002

Council Member, 1998-2000

Academy of Spiritual Formation Advisory Board