

Present Ministry Positions

William K. McElvaney Professor of Preaching and Worship
Saint Paul School of Theology
August 2007 to present

Regional Minister of Preaching
Greater Kansas City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
May 2000 to present

Previous Ministry Positions

Teaching—

Professor of Homiletics and Worship
Central Baptist Theological Seminary
August 1995 to May 2007

Adjunct Professor of Preaching
Spurgeon's College, London, England
February 2001 to 2007

Assistant Professor of Preaching
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
August 1989 to July 1995

Interim Pastorates—

Parkville Presbyterian Church (PC/USA)
Parkville, Missouri, August 2013 to January 2014

Hillside Christian Church (DOC)
Kansas City, Missouri, January 2007 to September 2007

Rolling Hills Baptist Church (CBF)
Fayetteville, Arkansas, August 1998 to July 1999

First Baptist Church (ABC)
Kansas City, Missouri, January 1998 to July 1998

First Baptist Church (ABC)
Columbia, Missouri, February 1997 to November 1997

Ashworth Road Baptist Church (CBF)
W. Des Moines, Iowa, December 1994 to October 1995

First Baptist Church
Lathrop, Missouri, June 1993 to June 1994

Pastoral Ministry—

Tryst Falls Baptist Church (CBF), Senior Minister
Kearney, Missouri, June 1991 to June 1993

Lone Camp Baptist Church, Solo Pastorate
Lone Camp, Texas, August 1987 to August 1989

Associate Pastoral Ministry—

First Baptist Church, Youth Minister
Seabrook, Texas, October 1979 to May 1981

First Baptist Church, Ministerial Intern
Pasadena, Texas, January 1979 to October 1979

Education

Ph.D. in Preaching, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Graduated December 1988. Minor emphasis in New Testament.
Dissertation: "A Study of Kenneth Burke's Model of Persuasion by
Identification and the Concept of Indirect Communication and Their
Implications for Sermon Structure"

M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Graduated May
1984. Emphases in Preaching and New Testament.

B.S. in Education, University of Houston. Graduated May 1981.

Credentials and Memberships

Ordination recognized by Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), May 1999

Ordained by Lone Camp Baptist Church, February 1988

Member, Academy of Homiletics

Member, Society of Biblical Literature

Advisory Board Member, Day1 Preaching Ministry

Selected Lectures, Addresses, & Workshops

Craddock Conference, Sewanee School of Theology, Sewanee,
Tennessee, April 2017

Schooler Institute on Preaching, Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio,
Delaware, Ohio, February 2016

Wells Preacher, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort
Worth, Texas, February 2012

Conference Preacher, Omaha Seminary Foundation, Hastings, NE,
June 2010

Chungyup Symposium Lectures, Methodist Theological University,
Seoul, S. Korea, November 2008

Ministries Council Retreat, Church of Scotland,
Dundee, Scotland, February 2008

Warrack Lectures, Church of Scotland,
Saint Andrews University, August 2005

Continuing Education Workshop,
Princeton Theological Seminary, March 2005

Fellow, College of Preachers,
Washington National Cathedral, Fall 2004

Summer Institute of Theology,
Princeton Theological Seminary, June 2004

Institute for Continuing Ministry Studies,
Claremont, California, July 2003

“Emerson’s Three Things,” Baccalaureate address, William Jewell
College, Liberty, Missouri, May 2003

“One More Thing,” Baccalaureate address, Chapman University,
Orange, California, May 2001

“The New Homiletic,” Four-part lecture, Spurgeon’s College,
London, England, November 1999

Selected Courses Taught

Saint Paul School of Theology

Introduction to Preaching

Introduction to Worship and Liturgy

The Sermon and the Short Story

Preaching the Parables of Jesus

Preaching the Literary Forms of the New Testament

Co-leader of DMin track, Revitalizing Congregations

Spurgeon's College

Narrative Preaching (DMin seminar)

Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Introduction to Homiletics
The Practice of Preaching
The Worshiping Church
Contemporary Homiletical Thought
Preaching the Gospel of Matthew
Preaching and Literature

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Principles of Preaching
Preaching Lab
Twentieth Century Preaching
Preaching from the Old Testament
Preaching from the New Testament
Innovative Approaches to Preaching
Worship and Preaching (DMin seminar)

Publications

Books

Table Talk: Rethinking Communion and Community (forthcoming with Cascade Books).

What's Right with Preaching Today? Celebrating the Gifts of Fred B. Craddock (forthcoming with Cascade Books).

The Story of Narrative Preaching: Experience and Exposition (Cascade, 2015).

What's the Shape of Narrative Preaching? Essays in Honor of Eugene L. Lowry, (contributor and co-editor with David Schlafer) Chalice Press, 2008.

Preaching Matthew, (co-author with David May) Chalice Press, 2007.

The Fully Alive Preacher: Recovering from Homiletical Burnout, Westminster John Knox Press, 2006.

What's the Matter with Preaching Today? (editor and contributor) Westminster John Knox Press, 2004.

Craddock Stories (co-editor with Richard F. Ward) Chalice Press, 2001.

The Sermon as Symphony: Preaching the Literary Forms of the New Testament, Judson Press, 1997.

Selected Articles

“The Trouble with Idol Meat: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, *Review and Expositor* 110 (Fall 2013):643-52.

“WWLD? The Composition of Luke-Acts as Paradigm for Prophetic Preaching in the Pastorate,” *Review and Expositor* 109 (Summer 2012):397-412.

“Four Stewardship Preaching Strategies,” *Giving: Growing Joyful Stewards in Your Congregation* 14 (2012), 4-7.

Homiletical articles on Philippians 1:21-30 and 2:1-13 for *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, Year A, Volume 4, ed. by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2011), 87-91; 111-15.

“A Season of Pentecost?” *Call to Worship* 43 (Fall 2010), 42-44.

Homiletical articles on 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Heb. 10:16-25; and 1 Pet. 4:1-8 for *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, Year C, Volume 2, ed. by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009), 268-73; 292-97; 318-23.

“Three Good Preaching Words: Beauty and Justice,” *Call to Worship* 42 (February 2009), 37-43.

“Deeply Dialogical: Rethinking the Conversation Called Preaching,” *Journal for Preachers* 32 (Lent 2009), 24-31.

Homiletical articles, Mark 1:2-28; Mark 1:29-39; and Mark 1:40-45 for *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, Year B, Volume 1, ed. by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008), 308-13; 332-37; 356-61.

“Rhetorical Criticism” and “Comparison,” for *New Interpreter’s Handbook on Preaching*, ed. by Paul Scott Wilson, Abingdon Press, 2008.

“Lessons Learned from My Dentist: Continuing Education for Preachers,” *The Clergy Journal* (February 2008), 12-14.

"Preaching and Plagiarizing," *The Clergy Journal* (September 2004), 18-19.

"The Grammar of Preaching," *The Living Pulpit* (January-March, 2003):42-43.

"Holy Saturday: Preaching between Lament and Praise," *The Living Pulpit* (October-December, 2002):31, 40-41.

"Preaching from the Thessalonian Letters," *Review and Expositor* 96 (Spring 1999):233-47.

"Caring for the Dying: Proclamation Resources," for Compassion Sabbath, an interfaith project on death and dying sponsored by Midwest Bioethics, Kansas City, 1999.

"High Church, Low Church: Which Way Is Worship Going?" *Central Thoughts: Ministry in the 21st Century*, ed. Thomas Clifton (Macon: Smyth and Helwys, 1998).

"Preaching Lukan Parables: A Socio-Rhetorical Approach," *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 40 (Fall 1997):17-32.

"Luke 10:25-37: The Moral of the 'Good Samaritan' Story?" *Review and Expositor* 94 (Spring 1997):269-75.

"Video Ergo Sum: Preaching and the Electronic Age," *Journal of the American Academy of Ministry* (Winter/Spring 1996):17-28.

"The Shapes of Sermons to Come," *Preaching*, March-April, 1994.

"The Trouble with Jet Stream Preaching," *Preaching*, September-October, 1990.

Selected Published Sermons

"On Having a Word from God," John 1:1-18, *Journal for Preachers*, 27 Advent, 2003, 8-11.

"Followed by the Sun," Matthew 14:22-33, sermon and interview for *Walter Scott Society*, February, 2001.

"The Daughter's Music," Zephaniah 3:14-18a, *Pulpit Digest*, July/August, 1998, 20-24.

"Characters in Search of a Plot," John 2:23-3:21, for the Alfred P. Klauser Sermon Awards, *The Christian Ministry*, September/October, 1997, 21-23.

"Second Stanza," Psalm 8, *Best Sermons 6*, ed. by James W. Cox (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1993), 36-40.

Selected Book Reviews

The Renewed Homiletic, ed. by O. Wesley Allen, Jr. for *Review and Expositor* 109 (Winter 2012):139-40.

Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of this World for Crucifixion and Empire, by Rita Nakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker for *Journal for Preachers* (Easter 2010):51-53.

Hearing the Sermon, by Ronald J. Allen; and *What Do They Hear? Bridging the Gap between Pulpit and Pew*, Mark Allan Powell for *Review and Expositor* 105 (Summer 2008):531-33.

Practicing Gospel: Unconventional Thoughts on the Church's Ministry, by Edward Farley for *Review and Expositor* 101 (Spring 2004):331-32.

Preaching Biblical Wisdom in a Self-Help Society, by Alyce McKenzie for *Homiletic* 28 (Winter 2003):39-40.

Discovering a Sermon: Personal Pastoral Preaching, by Robert C. Dykstra for *Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 23 (2002):358-60.

Preaching Mark, by Robert Stephen Reid for *Encounter* 61 (Spring 2000):271-72.

Preaching Jesus: New Directions for Homiletics in Hans Frei's Postliberal Theology, by Charles L. Campbell for *The Christian Ministry*, September-October, 1999, 44-45.

References

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