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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Emory University (2000)
Major Field: Theological Studies
Minor Fields: Methodist Studies and Homiletics
- M.T.S. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (1995)
Summa cum Laude
- M.A. California State University at San Bernardino (1987)
Major: National Security Studies/Political Science
- M.S. Air Force Institute of Technology (1985)
Major: Logistics Management
With Distinction
- B.A. University of Colorado at Boulder (1982)
Major: Political Science
Magna cum Laude

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2008-present Academic Dean and Associate Professor of United Methodist Studies and
Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University
- 2006-2008 Associate Professor of Theology and Methodist Studies, Brite Divinity School,
Texas Christian University
- 2000-2006 Assistant Professor of Theology and Methodist Studies, Brite Divinity School,
Texas Christian University
- 1998-2000 Adjunct Professor in United Methodist Studies, Candler School of Theology,
Emory University
- 1990-1992 Assistant Professor of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy
- 1988-1990 Instructor of Political Science, United States Air Force Academy

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2006-2008 Pastor, Nueva Vida UMC, Fort Worth, Texas (bilingual congregation)
1998-2000 Pastor, Nazareth UMC, Winder, Georgia
1998-2000 Research Assistant to University Provost, Emory University
1982-1992 Officer, United States Air Force (Aircraft Maintenance Manager in Delaware [C-5 aircraft], California [F-4 aircraft], and Korea [F-16 aircraft]; Executive Officer to the Wing Commander in Korea; and Faculty Member, U.S. Air Force Academy)

PUBLICATIONS

Single-Authored Books

Godbearing: Evangelism Reconceived (Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 2006)

These Three: The Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love (Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 2004)

Edited Books

Considering the Great Commission: Mission and Evangelism in the Wesleyan Spirit, co-edited with W. Stephen Gunter (Nashville: Abingdon, 2005).

Book Chapters

“Paul Tillich,” in *Beyond the Pale: Reading Theology from the Margins*, edited by Miguel de la Torre and Stacey Floyd-Thomas (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming).

“The Limits of Freedom: Racism in a Global Age,” *Alienation and Connection: Perspectives on Suffering in our Global Age*, edited by Lisa Withrow (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, forthcoming).

“Recovering *Los Desaparecidos*, Renewing Wesleyan Theology,” *A Living Tradition: Critical Recovery and Reconstruction of Wesleyan Traditions*, edited by Mary Elizabeth Moore (Nashville: Kingswood Books, forthcoming).

“The Global Mission of The United Methodist Church,” *Considering the Great Commission* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2005).

“The Future of the Great Commission,” *Considering the Great Commission* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2005).

Journal Articles

“Preaching Methodist Doctrine,” Quarterly Review Classics, Vol 4 (2008): *Preaching for the Twenty-first Century* (Reprint of 2002 article).

“El Exilio de Metodismo Argentino,” *Cuadernos de Teología* 26 (2007), a journal of ISEDET, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“Preaching Methodist Doctrine,” *Quarterly Review* (Winter 2002).

“A Single Steady Aim: Images of Hope in Wesleyan Hymnody,” *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* (2000).

“Rivet Workforce and the F-16 Block 40: The Convergence of Training Issues in the 388 TFW’s Conversion,” *Air Force Journal of Logistics* 13:3 (Summer 1989): 16-20.

Miscellaneous Scholarly Works

Entries on “authority,” “glorification,” “humility,” and “offering Christ,” in the *Wesley Study Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2009).

Book Review of O. Wesley Allen’s *The Homiletic of All Believers*, *Encounter* 68:1 (Winter 2007): 95-96.

Book Review of Serene Jones’ *Feminist Theory and Christian Theology*, *Encounter* 64:2 (Spring 2003): 214-215.

Booknote on Charles Campbell’s *Preaching Jesus*, *Religious Studies Reviews* (1998).

Church Publications

“Are Seminaries Relevant?” *United Methodist Higher Education* (supplement to *The United Methodist Reporter*) October 2008: 7D.

“Restructuring The United Methodist Church in an Age of Empire,” occasional paper, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church (2008).

“Our Formative Foursome: The Wesleyan Quadrilateral and Postmodern Discipleship,” *Covenant Discipleship Quarterly* 18:2 (Spring 2003).

Poetry

“Words,” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* (1997).

“Sharing the Loaf,” *Alive Now* (1997).

“Having a History,” *Wellsprings* (1996).

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“Godbearing: The Gospel’s Challenge to Theology and the Church,” (On racism and white privilege) Scott Lectures, Brite Divinity School Ministers’ Week, February 2008.

Panelist, Outler's Theological Legacy, "Albert Outler and the Wesleyan Spirit," Perkins Ministers' Week (January 2008).

Presenter and organizer of panel, "Sighting Whiteness: The Presence in Absence of Whiteness in White Theology and the Academy," Religious and Theological Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, California (November 2007).

"The Church *contra* Empire," presented at the 12th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England (July-August 2007).

"That We may be the Church of Jesus Christ," paper presented at General Board of Higher Education and Ministry consultation on Judicial Council Decision 1032, Nashville, Tennessee (February 2007).

"Ecclesiology and Ministry in The United Methodist Church," paper prepared for the Commission on the Study of the Ministry (2006).

"Recovering *Los Desaparecidos*: Renewing Wesleyan Theology," Wesleyan Theology Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas (November 2004).

Summary and analysis of reflections submitted by Roman Catholic and United Methodist participants in national Roman Catholic-United Methodist bilateral dialogue (2003).

"The Mission of The United Methodist Church," paper presented at meeting of the national Roman Catholic-United Methodist bilateral dialogue (2003).

"Suffering in the Wilderness: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Stellvertretung* meets Delores Williams' *Sister Hagar*, join session of the Christian Systematic Theology and Bonhoeffer Groups, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (November 2002).

"Life over Death: The Public Sphere as Biotheological Space," Iliff School of Theology Trialogue of nine theologians from Korea, Latin America, and the U.S. (October 2002).

"Christ Creating all Things New: The New Creation in Charles Wesley's Theology," Wesley Studies and Early Methodism Working Group, The Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (July 2002).

"Charles Wesley's Theological Anthropology: A Song of the Self?" American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado (November 2001).

"A Single Steady Aim: Images of Hope in Wesleyan Hymnody," Annual Meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Liverpool, England (July 2000).

"True Wesleyans: A Postmodern Apologia," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California (November 1997).

"These Bones and Other Poems," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (November 2004).

“DOD Environmental Policy Implementation: A Unit-Level Assessment,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (December 1991).

“Re-examining Gramsci’s Democratic Marxism in the Gorbachev Era,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, California (April 1990).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION

Participant, “Facing the Future,” General Commission on Religion and Race conference on cross-cultural appointments and churches, Los Angeles, California (May 2011).

Participant, Association of United Methodist Theological Schools conference on Global Theological Education, Atlanta, Georgia (March 2011).

Participant, Association of Theological Schools, Women Dean’s Consultation and CAOS meeting, Orlando, Florida (March 2011).

Lectures, “Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise: John Wesley on Health, Money, and Wisdom,” Kansas Area Professional Seminar, Wichita, Kansas (January 2011)

Participant, Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Workshop, Chicago, Illinois (April 2010).

Planner and Moderator, “Faith Forum: Overcoming Racism in the Body of Christ,” co-sponsored by Oklahoma Commission on Religion and Race and Oklahomans Against Racism, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (March 2010).

Participant, Association of Theological Schools, Workshop on Racial and Ethnic Diversity (March 2010).

Faculty Lecturer, Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, Pottsboro, Texas (March 2010).

Presentation, “White Privilege and Racial Injustice,” President’s Advisory Council on Diversity, Oklahoma City University (February 2010).

Presentation, “Decentering Whiteness as a Spiritual Practice,” South Central Jurisdiction Overcoming Racism Conference (September 2009).

United Methodist Scholars Roundtable, *In Defense of Creation* letter and background document, Atlanta, Georgia (August 2009).

Participant, South Central Jurisdiction Hispanic/Leadership Development Conference, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas (May 2009).

Member, Board of Directors, United Community Centers, Fort Worth, Texas (2006-2008).

Participant, Restorative Justice Summit, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, The United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C. (November 2008).

Participant, Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership Seminar, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (October 2008).

Radio Interview, KHEN 106.9, Crossroads Program, Salida, Colorado (October 2006).

“At the River’s Edge: Reflecting on the Vocation of Ministry,” Convocation Address, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary (August 2006).

Visiting Professor, Christology Course, Russian United Methodist Theological Seminary, Moscow, Russia (March 2006).

Pastor’s Workshop on Christology, Moscow District of the Russian United Methodist Church (March 2006).

“Beneath the Surface,” guest editorial on Hurricane Katrina co-authored with Nancy Ramsay on behalf of Brite Divinity School faculty, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* (September 14, 2005).

Faculty Lecturer, Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, Cedar Falls, Iowa (2005).

Faculty Lecturer, The Iowa School for Ministry, Des Moines, Iowa (2005).

Faculty Lecturer, Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, Wichita, Kansas (2004).

Faculty Lecturer, Five Day Academy for Spiritual Formation, Tyler Texas (2004).

Faculty Lecturer, Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation, Sinsinawa, Wisconsin (2004).

Participant and Small Group Facilitator, Methodist Summit on Evangelism, Havana, Cuba (2004).

Lectures on Feminist Theologies, Instituto Universitario ISEDET, Buenos Aires, Argentina (October 2003).

Member, Roman Catholic-United Methodist national bilateral dialogue (2002-2005).
Participant, Wabash Center Workshop for Pre-Tenure Faculty in Schools of Theology, Crawfordsville, Indiana (2002-2003).

Co-convenor, Wesley Studies and Early Methodism working group, Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England (2002).

Participant, Association of Theological Schools Women in Leadership Seminar, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (2001).

Participant, Hispanic Summer Program Faculty Seminary, San Antonio, Texas (2001).

“Theology and Preaching,” workshop, Red River Preaching Workshop, Lake Murray Resort, Oklahoma (May 2001).

Presider, Issues in the Thought of Paul Tillich Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (November 1997).

SELECTED SERMONS AND OTHER CHURCH PRESENTATIONS

“It Takes a Team,” sermon, LEAD seminar 3, Oklahoma Area (April 2011).

“Our Wesleyan Heritage,” Advanced Lay Speaking Course, Ardmore District, Oklahoma Conference (April 2011).

“Living on the Fringes,” sermon, First United Methodist Church, Edmond, Oklahoma (February 2011).

“There Must Be Some Mistake” and “When all is Lost,” Palm and Passion Sunday sermons, First UMC Weatherford, Oklahoma (March 2010).

“United Methodism 101,” plenary presentation and two workshops on history and doctrine at Lawton District Local Church Leaders Workshop, Lawton, Oklahoma (February 2010).

“Transformational Evangelism: The Case of the Strangely Warmed Heart,” and “Cracking the Case: Using our Wesleyan DNA,” lectures, Missouri Ministers School (January 2010).

“Decentering Whiteness as a Spiritual Practice,” presentation at Enid District Local Church Leaders Workshop, Enid, Oklahoma (January 2010).

“Transformational Evangelism: The Case of the Strangely Warmed Heart,” plenary presentation and “Cracking the Case: Using our Wesleyan DNA,” workshop, Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference (October 2009).

“What are You Doing Here?” South Oklahoma City District Meeting (October 2009).

“In the Footsteps of Wesley: Personal Holiness,” and “In the Footsteps of Wesley: Social Holiness,” First United Methodist Church, Ada, Oklahoma (September 2009).

“What are You Doing Here?” Muskogee District Clergy Meeting (August 2009).

“What’s a Prophet to Do?,” Mainline United Methodists Clergy Group (April 2009).

“At the Table,” Lecture, United Methodist Women North Oklahoma City District Day Apart (April 2009).

Inaugural Davis Lectures, “Godbearing,” First United Methodist Church, Enid, Oklahoma (March 2009).

Pastor, San Pablo United Methodist Church, preached in Spanish every Sunday (2006-08).

Inaugural Raymond Barnhard Lectures, “Godbearing,” First Christian Church, Gainesville, Texas (September 2006).

Lenten sermon, the John Tietjen Lenten Preaching Series, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fort Worth, Texas (April 2006).

Discipulado (Disciple) Bible Study class leader (in Spanish), La Trinidad United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas (2004-05).

“Lessons from the Jordan River: Intentional Acts of Caring,” lecture at Custer Road United Methodist Church, Plano, Texas (August 2004).

“*Los Sabios*,” Iglesia Metodista de Punta Brava and Iglesia Metodista de Guanabacoa, Havana, Cuba (January 2004).

“*La Vida Intermedia*,” Iglesia Evangélica Metodista de Temperly, Buenos Aires, Argentina (September 2003).

“*Dominando la Lengua*,” Iglesia Evangélica Metodista de Martínez, Buenos Aires, Argentina (September 2003).

“Aging Gracefully: John Wesley at 300,” lecture at First United Methodist Church, Hurst, Texas (June 2003).

“An Historical Perspective on Orders” and “A Doctrinal-Theological Perspective on Orders,” Gathering of Orders, Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, Winter Park, Colorado (October 2002).

Spiritual Retreat Leader, Desert Garden United Church of Christ, Sun City West, Arizona (March 2002).

“The Bible and Theology,” lecture at Hi-Plains Licensing School, Disciples of Christ, Amarillo, Texas (September 2001).

COURSES TAUGHT

Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Saint Paul School of Theology, Brite Divinity School)

The Church’s Theology: Theology and Preaching (Saint Paul School of Theology)

Theology of John Wesley (Saint Paul School of Theology, Candler School of Theology)

United Methodist Doctrine (Saint Paul School of Theology)

Native American Religious Traditions (Saint Paul School of Theology)

Introduction to Contemporary Theology (Brite Divinity School)

Emerging Theologies (Brite Divinity School)

Contemporary Theological Hermeneutics (Brite Divinity School) – Ph.D. seminar

Liberation Theologies (Brite Divinity School)

Theology and Preaching (Brite Divinity School)

United Methodist History and Doctrine (Brite Divinity School)

GRANTS RECEIVED

Wabash Pre-Tenure Faculty Grant (2003)

Brite Faculty Research Grant (2006)

GBHEM Grant for Native American Dialogue Event (2009)

GBCS Grant for Native American Dialogue Event (2009)

Luce Grant for Native American faculty position at SPST at OCU (2010)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Executive Committee, Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (2002- present).

Program Director, The Charles Wesley Society (2002-2005).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Brite Divinity School

Chair, Planning Committee (2006-07)

Chair, Latino/a Studies Search Committee (2006-07)

Chair, Masters Admissions Committee (2005-07)

Chair, Theology and Ethics Area (2005-07)

Chair, Community Life and Continuing Education Committee (2004-05)

Member, Multicultural Committee (2007-08)

Member, Committee of Review (2004-06)

Member, Planning Committee (2004-06)

Member, DMin Committee (2004)

Member, Masters Program Committee (2000-03)

Member, Community Life and Continuing Education Committee (2001-02)

Chair, Ethics and Black Church Studies Search Committee (2001-02)

Prepared United Methodist Quadrennial Review Report for the University Senate (2001)

Member, Admissions Committee (2000-01)

Candler School of Theology

Member, Methodist Studies Faculty Committee (1998-2000)

Member, Bandy Chair in Homiletics Search Committee (1998-99)

Member, Graduate Division of Religion Policy and Curriculum Committee (1996-98)

Other

Advisor-in-Charge, Political Science Department, U.S. Air Force Academy (1991-92)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion (1995-present)

The Academy of Homiletics (2003-2007)

The Charles Wesley Society (2000-2006), Program Director (2002-2005)

ORDINATION

Elder, United Methodist Church (Oklahoma Conference, previously Rocky Mountain Conference)

AWARDS AND HONORS

The Brittain Award for Superlative Teaching, Brite Divinity School (2006)

Dempster Fellowship, United Methodist Church (1998)

Perkins School of Theology Banner Bearer – Valedictorian (1995)

The Outstanding Graduate Student, Southern Methodist University (1995)

Perkins Graduate Awards in Hebrew Bible, Greek, Worship, and Preaching (1995)

Phi Beta Kappa (1982)