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Donald and Pearl Wright Professor of Wesleyan Studies
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Emory University (1987)
M. Div., Candler School of Theology (1977)
B. A. in Political Science, Emory University (1970)

Ph.D. Dissertation: "The Presence of God in the Christian Life:
A Contemporary Understanding of John Wesley's Means of Grace"
(Don E. Saliers, Director)

M.Div. Honors Thesis: "New Approaches in Contemporary Hermeneutics:
A Comparison of Wolfhart Pannenberg and Hans W. Frei"
(Walter J. Lowe, Director)

Doctoral Examination Topics:

- (1) The theologies of Karl Barth, Jürgen Moltmann and John Wesley, with a focus on their understandings of the Christian life, the church, the sacraments, the Holy Spirit, and eschatology.
- (2) The doctrine of the Trinity, the problem of God and human suffering.
- (3) The religious affections and the nature of religious experience.
- (4) Ethics of Character.
- (5) Patristic understandings of spirituality, asceticism, ethics, and the Christian life.

Post-Doctoral Research Assistant: Christian Spirituality (Don E. Saliers)

TEACHING

Professor of Wesleyan Studies and Evangelism (2017-2021)
Professor of Wesleyan Studies (2004-2017), Saint Paul School of Theology
Professor of Evangelism (2003-2004), Saint Paul School of Theology
Associate Professor of Evangelism (1999-2003), Saint Paul School of Theology

Assistant Professor of Evangelism (1993-1999), Saint Paul School of Theology

Courses Taught (older courses in italics)

Wesleyan Studies Courses:

United Methodist Doctrine
 The Means of Grace in the Wesleyan Tradition
 John Wesley and the Movements of the Spirit
 Wesley, Edwards, and the Eighteenth-Century Awakening
 Theology and Ethics of John Wesley
 Early American Methodism
 United Methodist History
Readings in Wesleyan Theology
Theology and Spirituality in the Wesleyan Tradition (D.Min.)
The Wesleyan Heart of Personal and Social Holiness (D. Min.)

Theology Courses:

Contemporary Evangelical Theology
 Pentecostal and Charismatic Theology
 Liturgical Theology
 Trinity as Practical Divinity
Theology and the Church's Ministry (D.Min.)
Narrative and the Christian Affections

Evangelism Courses:

Evangelism as Congregational Outreach and Church Growth
 Evangelism as Congregational Nurture and Growth
 Evangelism through the Local Church
 Theologies and Models of Evangelism
 Evangelism in a Pluralistic Society
History of Evangelism in the U.S.
Advanced Skills Seminar: Evangelism (D.Min)
Evangelism and Church Renewal (D.Min.)
The Mission of the Church in the Contemporary World

Church and Society Course:

Democracy in Peril

Worship Course:

Introduction to Worship: History and Theology

Summative and Interdisciplinary Courses:

Summative Seminar
Kerygma: The Church as Worshipping and Proclaiming Community
Introduction to Christian Traditions
Koinonia: The Church as Community of Well-Being
Texts, Traditions, and Interpretation

Perkins Extension, Oklahoma City University:

The Social Mission of the Church
The Theology and Practice of Evangelism
United Methodist Doctrine and Polity

Course of Study School Courses (Saint Paul School of Theology):

The Methodist Movement (2006-2021)
 Evangelism (2015, 2017-2018, 2020-21)
 Theology in the Wesleyan Tradition (2001, 2018)
 Theological Reflection: The Practice of Ministry (2019)

YouTheology: (2003-2012, 2014)

Adjunct Lecturer (1986-1993), Candler School of Theology.

Course Titles: *Contemporary Evangelical Theology*
Methodism and Movements of the Spirit
Theology of Wesley and Methodism
John Wesley and the Means of Grace
Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
The United Methodist Discipline
The Minister in the Church and World

Adjunct Professor (1993, 1995, 1996, 2000), Church of God Theological Seminary

Director (1992-1993), Course of Study School for United Methodist local pastors at the Candler School of Theology.

Instructor (1985-1995), two courses each summer in the Course of Study School (Candler School of Theology):

Course Titles: *The Church in the Power of the Spirit*
The Ministry of the People of God
Worship in Spiritual Formation
God and Human Suffering
Spirituality and Sanctification
Evangelism Through the Local Church
The Methodist Theological Heritage

Instructor (1991-1996), Appalachian Local Pastors School

Instructor (1990-92), Beulah Heights Bible College

Course Titles: *Introduction to Philosophy*
Theologies of Healing

Movements of the Holy Spirit

Instructor (1990), Georgia State University.

Course Title: *Spiritual Pathways*

Instructor (1985 and 1987), College of St. Francis.

Course Title: *Religion in America*

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Books

John Wesley: Optimist of Grace (Wipf and Stock, 2018)

Transforming Community: The Wesleyan Way to Missional Congregations (Discipleship Resources, 2016) [Co-authored with F. Douglas Powe]

Anticipating Heaven Below: Optimism of Grace from Wesley to the Pentecostals (Wipf and Stock, 2014)

Is There a Future for God's Love? (Abingdon Press, 2012)

A Global Dictionary of Wesleyan Theology (Beacon Hill Press, 2013)

[Associate Editor, with, General Editor Al Truesdale and Associate Editors Karen Winslow and Kent Brower]

From Aldersgate to Azusa Street: Wesleyan, Holiness and Pentecostal Visions of the New Creation (Wipf and Stock, 2010) [Also published in Portuguese as *De Aldersgate a Azusa*]

Wesley's Theology of Love (Published with Korean text by kmc in South Korea, 2009)

Transforming Evangelism: The Wesleyan Way of Sharing Faith (Discipleship Resources, 2006) [co-authored with F. Douglas Powe]

Eight Life-Enriching Practices of United Methodists (Abingdon Press, 2001)

The Conversation Matters: Why United Methodists Should Talk with One Another [co-authored with Don E. Saliers] (Abingdon Press, 1999)

A Future for Truth: Evangelical Theology in a Postmodern World (Abingdon Press, 1997)

The Presence of God in the Christian Life: John Wesley and the Means of Grace (published in Pietist and Wesleyan Studies monograph series, Scarecrow Press, 1992)

Devotional Book

"A Year with John Wesley and Our Methodist Values" (Discipleship Resources, 2008)

[Co-authored with Michael J. Coyner, Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Randy L. Maddox, and F. Douglas Powe]

Book Contributions

"The Presence of the Kingdom: Optimism of Grace in the Holiness and Pentecostal

- Movements” (in David Bundy, Geordan Hammond, and David Sang-Ehil Han, eds., *Holiness and Pentecostal Movements: Intertwined Pasts, Presents, and Futures?* forthcoming, University of Pennsylvania Press)
- “Baptism and the Means of Grace” in Jonathan A. Powers, ed., *A Wesleyan Theology of Baptism* (Forthcoming, Foundery Press, 2021)
- “John Wesley’s Fuller Understanding of Grace” in Vinson Synan, ed., *The Truth About Grace* (Charisma House, 2018)
- “Introduction,” “John Wesley and the Quest for Holiness,” and “Visions of a New Humanity” in Henry H. Knight III, ed., *From Aldersgate to Azusa Street* (Wipf and Stock, 2010)
- “Charity,” “Works of Mercy,” “Works of Piety,” and “Means of Grace” in Joel B. Green & William H. Willimon, Gen. Eds., *The Wesley Study Bible* (Abingdon Press, 2009)
- “The Means of Grace and the Promise of New Life in the Evangelism of John Wesley” in Stephen Gunter, ed., *Considering the Great Commission* (Abingdon Press, 2005)
- “The Role of Faith and the Means of Grace in the Heart Religion of John Wesley” in Richard B. Steele, ed., *Heart Religion in the Methodist Tradition and Related Movements* (Scarecrow Press, 2001)
- “The Transformation of the Human Heart: The Place of Conversion in Wesley’s Theology,” in Kenneth J. Collins and John H. Tyson, eds., *Conversion in the Wesleyan Tradition* (Abingdon Press, 2001)
- “On Being a Witness: Worship and Holiness in the Wesleyan and Pentecostal Traditions” [co-authored with Steven J. Land] in E. Byron Anderson and Bruce T. Morrill, eds., *Liturgy and the Moral Self: Humanity at Full Stretch Before God* (Liturgical Press, 1998)
- “True Affections: Biblical Narrative & Evangelical Spirituality” in Timothy R. Phillips and Dennis L. Okholm, eds., *The Nature of Confession: Evangelicals & Postliberals in Conversation* (InterVarsity Press, 1996)
- “Introduction” to *Wesleyan Spirituality in Contemporary Theological Education* (Division of Ordained Ministry, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, 1988)

Dictionary Contributions

- “John Wesley, Theology of,” “Means of Grace,” “Tempers and Affections,” “Pentecostal Theology,” “Postconservative Evangelicalism,” “Canonical Theism,” “Sanctified Church,” “Orthopathy/Orthokardia,” and “Involuntary Transgressions” in Al Truesdale, Gen. Ed., *Wesleyan Global Dictionary of Theology* (Beacon Hill Press, 2013)
- “Nathan Bangs,” “Evangelicalism, Postconservative” *New Dictionary of Theology: Historical and Systematic* [Second Edition] (InterVarsity Press, 2016)

Lectures on DVD

- "Methodist History, 1739-1744," on *The Wesleyan Studies Project: Methodist History* (Wesley Ministry Network, 2010)
- "Baptism & Christian Initiation," on *The Wesleyan Studies Project: Methodist Doctrine* (Wesley Ministry Network, 2010)
- "Christological Foundations of Evangelism, Part I," on *The Wesley Studies Project: Methodist Evangelism* (Wesley Ministry Network, 2011)

Journal Articles

- "Reflections on Frank Macchia's *Baptized in the Spirit* (*Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 16:2, April, 2008)
- "Diversity and Tensions Within the Evangelical Family" (*Theology*, Vol. 13, 2005)
- "Realism, Hope, and Holiness in the Wesleyan Tradition" (*Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 40:1, Spring, 2005)
- "Love and Freedom 'by Grace Alone' in Wesley's Soteriology: A Proposal for Evangelicals" (*Pneuma* 24:1, Spring 2002)
- "Wesleyan Response to 'Word and Spirit, Church and World,' the Final Report of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and Some Pentecostal Churches and Leaders" (*Pneuma* 23:1, Spring 2001)
- "The Spirit and the Mission of God" (*Quarterly Review*, 21:2, Summer, 2001)
- "Worship and Sanctification" (*Wesleyan Theological Journal* 32:2, Fall, 1997)
- "John Wesley: Mentor for an Evangelical Revival" (*Wesleyan Theological Journal* 32:1, Spring 1997)
- "From Aldersgate to Azusa: Wesley and the Renewal of Pentecostal Spirituality" (*Journal of Pentecostal Theology*, April 1996)
- "How We Imagine God: Two Approaches" (*McKendree Pastoral Review*, May, 1995)
- "God's Faithfulness and God's Freedom: A Comparison of Contemporary Theologies of Healing" (*Journal of Pentecostal Theology*, 1993; reprinted *McKendree Pastoral Review*, December, 1995)
- "Capitalism, Community, and Candidates: A Christian Looks at Politics" (*McKendree Pastoral Review*, Spring, 1992)
- "Wesley Reconsidered: A Review of Recent Works" (*McKendree Pastoral Review*, Winter, 1991)
- "The Baptismal Shaping of Christian Lives: Wesley's Class Meetings and Service of Covenant Renewal" (*Doxology*, 1990)
- "The Significance of Baptism for the Christian Life: Wesley's Pattern of Initiation" (*Worship*, March, 1989; reprinted *McKendree Pastoral Review*, 1993)
- "The Relation of Love to Gratitude in the Theologies of Edwards and Wesley" (*Evangelical Journal*, Spring, 1988)

Editorials

- "Evangelism as Worship" (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 18, 2002-2003)
- "Learning from Students" (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 17, 2001-2002)
- "Why Evangelism Needs Theology" (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 16, 2000-2001)
- "Listening as a Scholarly Discipline" (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 15, 1999-2000)
- "Teaching Theology for Evangelism" (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 14, 1998-99)
- "Evangelism and Church Renewal" (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 13, 1997-98)

Papers Presented

- "The Presence of the Kingdom: Optimism of Grace in the Holiness and Pentecostal Movements," Panel on Holiness and Pentecostal Movements: Intertwined Pasts, Presents, and Futures? (Manchester Wesley Research Centre and Pentecostal Theological Seminary session, American Academy of Religion, 2019)
- "John Wesley's Optimism of Grace," at "Celebrating 200 Years of Methodism on the Western Frontier," (The Riddle Lecture Series, Southeast Missouri State University, Sept. 21, 2019)
- "Reflections on the Impact of Steven J. Land's *Pentecostal Spirituality*," Panel on the 25th Anniversary of Its Publication (Society for Pentecostal Studies, 2018, presented *in absentia*)
- "Reflections on the Impact of Donald Dayton's *Theological Roots of Pentecostalism*," Panel on the 25th Anniversary of Its Publication (Society for Pentecostal Studies, 2017)
- "Important Theological Contributions from the 19th Century," Panel on "Holiness: 19th Century Tradition and 21st Century Trajectory" (Wesleyan Theological Society, 2013)
- "Realism, Hope, and Holiness in the Wesleyan Tradition" (Presidential Address, Wesleyan Theological Society, 2004)
- "Connections, Tensions, Dissensions: The Current State of Evangelical Theology" (Panel presentation at the American Academy of Religion, 2003)
- "Loving in Freedom: Salvation by Grace Alone in the Theology of John Wesley" (American Academy of Religion, 2000)
- "Holiness and the Future of Christianity" (Wesleyan Theological Society, 1997)
- "Worship and Sanctification" (Wesleyan Theological Society, 1996)
- "John Wesley: Mentor for an Evangelical Revival" (Wesleyan Theological Society, 1995)
- "True Affections: Biblical Narrative and Evangelical Spirituality" (Wheaton Theology Conference, 1995)
- "From Aldersgate to Azusa: The Wesleyan Roots of Pentecostal Spirituality" (Society for Pentecostal Studies, 1992)

Book Reviews

- Adam J. Johnson, ed. *Five Views on the Extent of the Atonement*. (Witness 34, 2020)
- D. Bruce Hindmarsh, *The Spirit of Early Evangelicalism: True Religion in a Modern World* (Methodist History 57:4, July 2019)
- William L. DeArteaga, *Agnes Sanford and Her Companions* (Pneuma 40:3, 2018)
- Kenneth M. Loyer, *God's Love Through the Spirit: The Holy Spirit in Thomas Aquinas and John Wesley* (Pneuma, 40:1-2, 2018)
- Daniel R. Ramirez, *Migrating Faith: Pentecostalism in the United States and Mexico in the Twentieth Century* (Methodist History 56:3, April, 2018)
- Steven M. Studebaker and Robert W. Caldwell III. *The Trinitarian Theology of Jonathan Edwards: Text, Context, and Application*. (Wesleyan Theological Journal 49:2, Fall, 2014)
- Antipas L. Harris, *Holy Spirit, Holy Living; Toward a Practical Theology of Holiness for Twenty-first Century Churches* (Religious Studies Review, December, 2014)
- Scott Thomas Kisker, *Foundation for Revival: Anthony Horneck, The Religious Societies, and the Construction of an Anglican Piety* (Wesleyan Theological Journal 44:1, Spring, 2009)
- Christian T. Collins Winn, ed., *From the Margins: A Celebration of the Theological Work of Donald W. Dayton* (Pneuma, 30:1, 2008)
- McPhee, Arthur G., *The Road to Delhi: Bishop Pickett Remembered 1890-1981* (Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, 23, 2007-2009)
- Harry Lee Poe, *See No Evil: The Existence of Sin in an Age of Relativism* (Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, 23, 2007-2009)
- Angela Shier-Jones, *A Work in Progress: Methodists Doing Theology* (Religious Studies Review, 33:1, January, 2007)
- Eberhard Busch, *Karl Barth & the Pietists: The Young Karl Barth's Critique of Pietism & Its Response* (Religious Studies Review, 30:4, October, 2004)
- Diane Leclerc, *Singleness of Heart: Gender, Sin, and Holiness in Historical Perspective* (Wesleyan Theological Journal 37:2, Fall, 2002)
- William W. and Robert P. Menzies, *Spirit and Power: Foundations of Pentecostal Experience* (Pneuma 24:1, Spring, 2002)
- Gerard Kelly, *Retro Future: Rediscovering Our Roots, Recharting Our Routes* (Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education 16, 2000-2001)
- Lawrence Lacour, *Adventuring With God in Evangelism* (Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education 16, 2000-2001)
- Stanley Hauerwas, *Sanctify Them in the Truth: Holiness Exemplified* (Wesleyan Theological Journal 36:1, Spring, 2001)
- Barry L. Callen, *Clark H. Pinnock: Journey Toward Renewal* (Wesleyan Theological Journal, 35:2, Fall, 2000)

- Darrell L. Guder, *The Continuing Conversion of the Church* and Richard V. Peace, *Conversion in the New Testament: Paul and the Twelve* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 15, 1999-2000)
- John A. Siewert and Dotsey Welliver, eds., *Directory of Schools and Professors of Mission and Evangelism in the USA and Canada, 1999-2001* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 15, 1999-2000)
- Darrell L. Guder, *Missional Church: A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 14, 1998-1999)
- Roberto Escamilla, *Come to the Feast: Invitational Evangelism* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 14, 1998-1999)
- Theodore H. Runyon, *The New Creation: John Wesley's Theology Today* (*Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 34:1, Spring, 1999)
- Charles E. Hambrick-Stowe, *Charles G. Finney and the Spirit of American Evangelicalism* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 13, 1997-1998)
- John Sanders, *No Other Name: An Investigation Into the Destiny of the Unevangelized* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 13, 1997-1998)
- Alan G. Padgett, ed., *The Mission of the Church in Methodist Perspective* (*Pneuma* 19:2, Fall, 1997)
- Robert G. Duffett, *A Relevant Word: Communicating the Gospel to Seekers* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 12, 1996-1997)
- Albert C. Outler, *Evangelism and Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit* (*Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* 12, 1996-1997)
- Richard B. Steele, *"Gracious Affection" and "True Virtue" According to Jonathan Edwards and John Wesley* (*Asbury Theological Journal* 52:1, Spring, 1997)
- Randy L. Maddox, *Responsible Grace* (*Wesleyan Theological Journal*, Spring, 1996)
- Mark A. Noll, *The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind* (*Wesleyan Theological Journal*, Spring, 1996)
- W. R. Ward, *Faith and Faction* (*Methodist History* 33:2, January, 1995)
- Albert C. Outler, *John Wesley's Sermons: An Introduction* and
 Albert C. Outler and Richard P. Heitzenrater, eds., *John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology* (*Methodist History* 33:1, October 1994)
- Charles E. Hummel, *Fire in the Fireplace: Charismatic Renewal in the Nineties* (*McKendree Pastoral Review* 11:3, 1994)
- Richard Mouw, *Uncommon Decency* (*McKendree Pastoral Review*, Spring, 1994)
- William DeArteaga, *Quenching the Spirit* (*Pneuma* 15:2, Fall, 1993)
- Randy L. Maddox, ed., *Aldersgate Reconsidered* (*Methodist History* 32:1, October, 1993)
- Rob L. Staples, *Outward Sign and Inward Grace: The Place of Sacraments in*

- Wesleyan Spirituality* (McKendree Pastoral Review, Summer, 1993)
 Theodore Jennings, Jr., *Good News for the Poor: John Wesley's Evangelical Economics* (*Journal of Church and State*, Autumn, 1991)
 Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M., *The Christian Sacraments of Initiation* (McKendree Pastoral Review, Fall, 1991)
 Patricia Smith, R.S.M., *Teaching Sacraments*, (McKendree Pastoral Review, Fall, 1991)
 John Wimber, with Kevin Springer, *Power Healing* (McKendree Pastoral Review, Fall, 1991)
 Ronald F. Thiemann, *Revelation and Theology: The Gospel as Narrated Promise* (*Paradigms*, December, 1986)

Other Articles

- "Wesley & the World Today" (monthly article in *The Missouri Methodists* (2013-2021)
 "Consider Wesley" (four articles a year in *Catalyst*, vols. 28-47 2001-2021)
 "John Wesley and the Emerging Church" (*Preacher's Magazine*, Advent/Christmas, 2007-2008)
 "Jesus as the Way to Life" (*Circuit Rider*, 31:3, May/June 2007)
 "Amazing Love! The Atonement in John and Charles Wesley" (*Circuit Rider*, 28:5, September/October, 2004)
 "More Than a Corrupter of Wesley: Phoebe Palmer and the Emancipation of Holiness Women" (*Wesleyan/Holiness Studies Center Bulletin* 10:1, Summer, 2002)
 "Christianity in a Scientific Culture" (*Circuit Rider*, 25:3, May/June, 2001)
 "How to Grow Closer to God: Lessons from John Wesley" (*Wesleyan Christian Advocate* 163:32, March 19, 1999)
 "Evangelicals and Postmodernism" (*Catalyst* 25:2, February, 1999)
 "Holiness and the Future of Christianity" (*The Aldersgate* 4:1, May, 1998)
 "World Religions and the Christian Life" (*Circuit Rider*, 22:1, January/February, 1998)
 Review of *Exclusion & Embrace* by Miroslav Volf (*Nexus Libri*, Fall/Winter, 1997)
 "What is Good About the Good News" (Evangelism column for the Foundation for Evangelism)

WESLEYAN/PENTECOSTAL CONSULTATION

Coordinator of a six-year study project with partial funding by a grant from the Louisville Institute. Participants are scholars and pastors from Methodist, Holiness, and Pentecostal traditions. (2004-2009)

PUBLIC LECTURES

- Heritage Lectures, Pentecostal Theological Seminary (Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2012)
 Smith-Wilson Lecture, Southwestern College (Oct. 26, 2010)
 "Heaven Below"

Theology & Ministry Forum, Community of Christ Seminary (Feb. 12, 2005):

“Diversity and Tensions Within the Evangelical Family”

Wallace Chappell Lecture, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Sept. 25, 2003):

“The Promise of Holiness in a Postmodern Age”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion.
- Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education
Editor, *Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, 1997-2003
- Wesleyan Theological Society
President, 2002-2003
First Vice-President, 2002-2003
Second Vice-President, 2001-2002
- Society for Pentecostal Studies

EDITORIAL BOARDS

- Kingswood Books, Abingdon Press
- *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology*, Beacon Hill Press

ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS

Ordained elder (clergy), United Methodist Church.

Retired Member in Full Connection, Missouri Annual Conference.

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

North Georgia Conference, United Methodist Church:

Pastor, Grant Park United Methodist Church (1977-81)

Pastor, Aldersgate United Methodist Church (1976-77)

Pastor, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church (1975-76)