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Education

- 1985 to **Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas)**
1992 **Ph.D.** in Religious Studies Field: Systematic Theology
Dissertation: *Effective Faith: A Critical Study of the Christology of Juan Luis Segundo*
- 1981 to **Nazarene Theological Seminary (Kansas City, Missouri)**
1985 **M.Div.**, *summa cum laude*
- 1977 to **Southern Nazarene University (Bethany, Oklahoma)**
1981 **B.A.**, Religion and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

Academic Positions

- 2010 to present Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, *Boston University School of Theology*
- 1998 to present E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism, *Boston University School of Theology*
Courses taught: *Church Renewal, Ecclesiology, Evangelism and Contemporary Cultures, Faith and Film, Faith-Based Non-Profits, The Gospel and Empire, The Gospel and Popular Culture, John Wesley's Theology Today, Liberation Theology, Ministry in Multicultural Contexts, New Church Development, Proseminar in Practical Theology, Urban Ministry.*
- 1998 to 2009 Chair, Area D: Division of Ministry in Church and Society, *Boston University School of Theology*
- 1993 to 1998 Professor of Theology and Ministry, *Azusa Pacific University*
Courses taught: *Theology and the Christian Life, Foundations of Ministry, Practical Theology, Comparative Religions, Theology and Film, Church and Society, Urban Ministry.*
- 1993 to 1998 Director, Professor of Urban Ministry, *Bresee Institute for Urban Training*
Directed the Institute and provided oversight to its graduate programs, undergraduate programs, and the "Southern California Urban Theological Education Partnership" (SCUTEP) which the Institute created and convened. Directed all graduate and undergraduate urban ministry internships and taught the courses, *The City in Theological Perspective, Urban Intercultural Ministry, Urban Community Organizing and Analysis, and Urban Organizational and Ministry Development.*

Current Professional Activities

- 2005 to present **Co-Founder and Co-Director**, *Center for Practical Theology*, Boston University School of Theology
- 1999 to 2009 **Chair**, Area D: Division of Ministry in Church and Society, Boston University School of Theology
- 2006 to **Editorial Board Member**, *Research in Contemporary Religion (RCR) Series*,

2010 Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Publishers. RCR stimulates the international scientific discourse on contemporary religion. The contributions in RCR aim at profiling the widely branched and specialized scientific discourse on religion by investigating contemporary religious phenomena from empirical and culture-analytical perspectives within theology and the study of religion. An integral part of this is both the critical discussion about the changing roles of churches and religious organizations in our pluralized cultures and the perception of new religious phenomena within and without structured forms of religion. RCR presents basic discourses and specific investigations in different disciplines dealing with religion, particularly practical theology but also ethics, systematic theology and the study of religions and other related fields as anthropology and the sociology of religion. Although RCR focuses primary on contemporary phenomena, it encourages also historical approaches to present aspects of religion and religions.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1985 to 1992 **Liberation Community Church of the Nazarene (Fort Worth, Texas)**
Founder, Senior Pastor
Planted and pastored an ethnically diverse urban ministry/urban congregation with multiple congregations and a multiple staff ministry.
- 1985 to 1992 **Liberation Community, Inc. (Fort Worth, Texas)**
Executive Director
Founded and served as chief executive officer for the non-profit corporation that provided direct aid, adult education, employment assistance, legal aid, youth programs, and a nationally recognized low-income homeownership program in inner-city Fort Worth.
- 1999 to 2003 **Editor, *Journal of Christian Theological Research***
- 2003 to 2008 **Advisory Council Member, *Word and World*** (Quarterly Journal of Theology for Christian Ministry published by Luther Seminary)

RECENT GRANTS

- 2010 to 2011 Principal Investigator, "Graduate Programs Teaching Initiative," Wabash Center \$15,000.
- 1998 to 2003 Co-principal Investigator, "Theological School Program to Improve the Quality of Congregational Ministry," \$1.5 million, Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- 2003 to 2007 Co-principal Investigator, "Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence," \$2 million, Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- 2005 to 2009 Co-principal Investigator, "Making Connections," \$2 million, Lilly Endowment, Inc.
- 2008 to Co-principal Investigator, "Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence" (Grant

2012 Renewal) \$1 million, Lilly Endowment, Inc.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2012 *A Reader in Ecclesiology*. Ashgate Publishing.
- 2008 *Sabbath and the City: Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence*. Co-authored with Claire E. Wolfeich. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 2007 *Evangelism after Christendom: The Theology and Practice of Christian Witness*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press.
- 2001 *Thy Nature and Thy Name is Love: Wesleyan and Process Theologies in Dialogue*, Bryan Stone and Thomas Jay Oord, Editors. Nashville: Kingswood Books.
- 2000 *Faith and Film: Theological Themes at the Cinema*. St. Louis: Chalice Press.
- 1996 *Compassionate Ministry: Theological Foundations*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books.
- 1994 *Effective Faith: A Critical Study of the Christology of Juan Luis Segundo*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.

Published Articles and Book Chapters

- 2013 “Interfaith Encounters in Popular Culture,” *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* (at press).
- 2011 “The Ecclesiality of Mission in the Context of Empire,” in Viggo Mortensen and Andreas Østerlund Nielsen, eds. *Walk Humbly with the Lord: Church and Mission Engaging Plurality*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- 2010 “Discipleship and Empire,” in Paul W. Chilcote, ed. *Making Disciples in a World Parish*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications.
- 2009 “The Apostles’ Creed in Film,” in Hans-Josef Klauck, et al, *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.
- 2009 “Evil in Film,” in William Blizek, ed. *Continuum Companion to Religion and Film*. Continuum, 310-322.
- 2009 “Modern Protestant Approaches to Film (1960-present),” in John Lyden, ed. *The Routledge Companion to Religion and Film*. Routledge Press.
- 2007 “The Relevance of Popular Culture for Empirical Research in Practical Theology,” in Hans-Günter Heimbrock and Christopher Schultz, eds. *Religion: Immediate Experience and the Mediacy of Research*. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
- 2005 “New Church Development,” in Stephen Gunter and Elaine Robinson, eds. *Considering the Great Commission: Evangelism and Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit*. Nashville: Abingdon.
- 2005 “Evangelization and Spirituality,” in Philip Sheldrake, ed., *The New SCM Press Dictionary of Spirituality*. London: SCM Press.
- 2004 “Online Resources in Theology and Religion,” *Quarterly Review* (Winter).
- 2003 “Divine Presence,” in *Philosophy of Religion: An Introduction to Issues*. Thomas J. Oord, ed. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press.
- 2002 “Hope and Happy Endings,” *Review and Expositor* 99:1 (Winter), 37-50.

- 2002 “Going to the Movies, Finding God,” *Zion’s Herald* (March/April).
- 2001 “The Sanctification of Fear: Images of the Religious in Horror Films,” *Journal of Religion and Film* 5:2 (October).
- 2001 “AI: Blurring the Line Between Human and Machine,” *Research News and Opportunities in Science and Theology* (August), 20.
- 2001 “The Spirit and the Holy Life,” *Quarterly Review* 21: 2 (Summer), 156-68.
- 2001 “Process and Sanctification,” in *Thy Nature and Thy Name is Love: Wesleyan and Process Theologies in Dialogue*, Bryan Stone and Thomas J. Oord, editors. Nashville: Kingswood Books.
- 2000 “Holiness and Hollywood,” *The Circuit Rider* (May/June), 24-25.
- 2000 “Theology and Film in Postmodern Culture: A Dialogue with *Forrest Gump* and *Pulp Fiction*.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 35:1, 149-164.
- 1999 “Embodying Reconciliation.” *Boston Theological Institute Newsletter* 24:12 (December 1), 3.
- 1999 “Religion and Violence in Popular Film.” *Journal of Religion and Film* 3:1.
- 1998 “Reclaiming the ‘E’ Word.” *Focus* (Winter/Spring).
- 1998 “Science and Religious Faith in *Contact*.” *Journal of Religion and Film* 2:2.
- 1995 “Wesleyan Theology, Scriptural Authority, and Homosexuality.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 30:2, 108-138.
- 1995 “A Prolegomenon to a Contemporary Theology of Urban Ministry.” *Connection* (7), 5-8.
- 1994 “How Israel Treated Raped Women.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (March-April-May), 35-36.
- 1994 “The Faith Community.” *Young Adult Teacher* (Word Action Publications, March-April-May), 83-110.
- 1991 “Did Paul Command Blind Obedience to Corrupt Leaders? If So, Let’s Hear It for Hitler.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (June/July/August), 2-3.
- 1988 “Christianity, Presidents, and Politics.” *Herald of Holiness* (June 1), 12-13.
- 1987 “Compassion Fatigue.” *Bread* (November), 24-26.
- 1987 “What Money Can Do To Us: A Camel Ride Through a Needle’s Eye.” *Emphasis Magazine and Bible Commentary* (11:2), 22-23.
- 1986 “In the World But Not Of It.” *Herald of Holiness* (August 1), 8-9.
- 1985 Chapters 7, 8, and 9 in *Discovering Acts*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 58-61, 68-73, 79-82.
- 1984 “Christian Realism.” *Herald of Holiness* (November 1), 6-7.

Reviews

- 2013 Review of *Perspectives on Ecclesiology and Ethnography*, by Pete Ward, editor, in *Practical Matters* (Issue 6, Spring).
- 2013 Review of *The Future of Political Theology: Religious and Theological Perspectives*, by Péter Losonczi, Mika Luoma-aho, and Aakash Singh, editors, in *Journal of Church and State* (Spring).
- 2011 Review of *Christ, History, and Apocalyptic* by Nathan Kerr, in *Missiology* (39:1), 120.
- 2009 Review of *The Hope of Liberation in World Religions* by Miguel A. De La Torre, Ed., in *Journal of Church and State*. (July 20)
- 2006 Review of *Representing Religion in World Cinema: Filmmaking, Mythmaking,*

- Culture Making*, by S. Brent Plate, Ed. *PNEUMA: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*.
- 2003 Review of *Truthful Action: Explorations in Practical Theology*, by Duncan B. Forrester. *Journal of Religion* (83:2), 305.
- 2001 Review of *Reel Spirituality: Theology and Film in Dialogue*, by Robert K. Johnston. *Religious Studies Review* 27, 385.
- 2000 Review of *Baring Our Souls: TV Talk Shows and the Religion of Recovery*, by Kathleen S. Lowney. *Religious Studies Review*.
- 2000 Review of *Urban Theology: A Reader*. Ed. Michael Northcott. *Missiology*. (28:3), 371-72.
- 1995 Review of *The Liberation of Dogma: Faith, Revelation and Dogmatic Teaching Authority*, Juan Luis Segundo. *New Theology Review* 8:2.

Editorial Board

- 2006-07 *Research in Contemporary Religion* (RCR) Series. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht Publishing House.

UNPUBLISHED PAPERS, LECTURES, AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 "Competing for Space in the World," paper delivered at the International Association of Practical Theology meeting, Toronto (April 13).
- 2009 "Interfaith Encounters in Popular Culture," paper delivered at the International Association of Practical Theology meeting, Chicago, IL (August 1).
- 2008 "Teaching in the Urban Context," paper delivered at the Association of Practical Theology meeting at the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL (1 November).
- 2008 "Evangelism and Eucharist" and "Evangelism and Empire," Keynote Addresses at Troy Annual Conference, Saratoga, NY (June 5-6).
- 2008 "The Ethics of Evangelism," Lectures given at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL (March 26-27).
- 2008 "The Ethics of Evangelism," Pope Lecture Series given at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, OK (February 17-18). Lecture 1: "Evangelism, Empire, and the Ethics of Martyria"; Lecture 2: "Evangelism, Market, and the Ethics of Eucharist"; Lecture 3: "Evangelism, Violence, and the Ethics of Pacifism"
- 2008 "Born Into the Commonwealth of God," Sermon given at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, OK (February 17).
- 2007 "Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence," Plenary address for the Concluding Conference of the Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence Program, Boston University School of Theology (October 10).
- 2007 "The Emerging Church and the Ecclesiality of Salvation." Plenary address to the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH (October 5).
- 2007 "Toward a Wesleyan Theology of the Congregation." Paper delivered at the Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England (August 12-21)
- 2007 "Living Evangelistically," Wesley Ministry Network Video series on

- Evangelism (taped on August 18).
- 2006 “A Wesleyan Approach to Evangelism.” Presentation given to New England Annual Conference Probationary Review and Continuing Education Day, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, North Andover, MA (April 7).
- 2005 “Practice and Context across the Theological Disciplines.” Response paper delivered at the Association for Practical Theology, American Academy of Religion 2005 Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (November 19).
- 2005 “The Congregational *Habitus* of Theology.” Paper delivered at the Conversation on Theology and Congregational Life, Hartford Seminary’s Institute for Religion Research, Hartford, CT (October 11-12).
- 2004 “Compassion and the Ecclesial Imagination.” Paper delivered at the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Theology Conference, Kansas City, MO (December 3).
- 2004 “Story-Telling and the Christian Social Imagination.” Keynote lecture delivered at the Southwest Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature, Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, Oklahoma (September 30-October 1).
- 2004 “Jesus on Film” and “Moses on Film.” Presentations delivered to the Council of Churches of Greater Springfield and the Interfaith Council of Greater Springfield, Elms College, Springfield, Massachusetts (February 4)
- 2003 “Faith and Film: Theological Themes at the Cinema.” Panel Presentation at the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA (November 23). Video at: <http://www.unomaha.edu/jrf/Vol10No2/AAR3.htm>.
- 2003 “The Politics of Discipleship and Multicultural Congregations.” Papers delivered at the General Board of Discipleship, United Methodist Church (March 13-14)
- 2003 “The Politics of Ecclesia and the Call to Ministry.” Paper delivered at The Fund for Theological Education Forum on “The Call to Pastoral Ministry,” Indianapolis, Indiana (January 8-9)
- 2002 “Evangelism as Ecclesial Holiness.” Paper delivered at the Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England (August 13-22)
- 2002 “Christian Mission as Ecclesial Holiness,” Paper delivered at the Nazarene Global Theology Conference, Guatemala City, Guatemala (April 4-7)
- 2002 “Hope and Happy Endings,” Keynote lecture delivered at the Western Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature – “The Gift of Story: Narrating Hope in Film and Literature,” Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California (March 14-17).
- 2001 “Evangelism and Ecumenism: The Changing Face of Evangelicals in North America.” Paper delivered at the “Beyond Boundaries” Conference, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, California (March 20-21).
- 1999 “Subversive Holiness” and “Eccentric Holiness.” Papers delivered at “Subversive Holiness: Expanding Our Vision of Holiness and Christian Community: A Conference on Community and Action,” Center for Christian Social Holiness and Kingdom House Communities, San Diego, California (November 5-7).
- 1999 “Holiness and Hollywood.” Papers delivered at the J. Glenn Gould Holiness

- Lecture Series, Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts (November 3-4).
- 1998 “Subversive Compassion.” Paper delivered at the *Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Conference Theological Symposium*, Colorado Springs, Colorado (October 29-30).
- 1997 “‘Reaching’ in the Urban Context: Resurrection and Liberation.” Paper delivered at the Contextualized Urban Theological Education Enablement Program (CUTEEP) Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1994 “A Response to *Risen Indeed*, by Stephen T. Davis.” Paper delivered at the American Academy of Religion Western Regional Meeting, University of Redlands, Redlands, California (March 30-April 1)
- 1993 “Liberating Evangelism.” Paper delivered at the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Conference, Kansas City, Missouri.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2007 to present – *International Academy of Practical Theology*, member
- 2001 to present – *Wesleyan Philosophical Society*, charter member
- 2001 to present – *Boston Theological Society*, member
- 1999 to present – *The Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, member
- 1996 to present – *Association of Practical Theology*, member
- 1992 to present – *Christian Theological Research Fellowship (Editorial Board, 1998 to present, Editor of *Journal for Christian Theological Research*, 1999 to 2003)*
- 1991 to present – *American Academy of Religion*, member
- 1981 to present – *Wesleyan Theological Society*, member