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Education

- M.S. School of Library and Information Science, **University of Illinois** (pending)
Focus: archives and special collections librarianship
- Ph.D. Graduate School of Religion, **Vanderbilt University** (2004)
Focus: the religious history of colonial North America
- M.A. Graduate School of Religion, **Vanderbilt University** (2001)
Focus: historical studies
- M.Div. **Christian Theological Seminary** (1996)
Focus: practical ministry
- M.A. **The University of Chicago Divinity School** (1992)
Focus: New Testament and Christian origins
- A.B. **Wabash College** (1991)
Focus: English literature, Greek language, and religion

Teaching and Pastoral Positions

Associate Professor of the History of Christianity (2010—Present)

Assistant Professor of Church History (2005—2010)

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana

- Regularly teach survey courses in the M.Div. program on the history of global Christianity, beginnings to present
- Teach advanced courses in the M.Div. and M.T.S. programs in the following areas: Reformed history and theology, including John Calvin; U. S. evangelicalism; global Pentecostalism; religious faith and criminal justice in North America; and church-state relations in the U. S.
- Direct and regularly teach courses in the D.Min. program, including three required seminars and elective courses in history, theology, and church leadership
- Direct the seminary's archives and special collections program

Teaching Elder (2008—Present)

Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship, Nashville, Indiana

- Preach and lead worship weekly, teach, moderate the Session, and supervise field education students for a small (<50 members) congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Admitted as a Teaching Elder to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley
- Serve on the presbytery's Committee on Ministry

- Led a capital campaign to retire the church's \$208,000 mortgage and another \$86,000 in capital improvements
- Oversee the church's vital free clothing ministry, serving more than 100 people monthly

Commission on Ministry (2010—2015)

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana

- Provide nurture and certification to candidates for ordination in the region

Assistant Professor of Religion (2002-2005)

Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio

- Taught survey courses in Bible and church history, 400 C.E.-present
- Taught seminar courses in church-state relations in the United States, religion and the Civil Rights Movement, and religious faith and criminal justice
- Chaired the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

Interim Senior Minister (Summer, 2007)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rochester, Indiana

- Led the sharply conflicted congregation in a comprehensive self-evaluation and re-visioning process

Interim Senior Minister (2004-2005)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ashland, Ohio

- Preached, led worship, and provided leadership and administration in a multi-staff congregation
- Led the discernment process during which the congregation chose to re-locate and build a new building (completed in 2008)

Commission on Ministry (2002-2005)

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Ohio

- Provide nurture and certification to candidates for ordination in the region

Visiting Instructor in Religious Studies (2001-2002)

Hamilton College, Clinton, New York

- Taught five elective courses in the history of religion in the United States

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Religion (2000-2001)

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky

- Taught introductory courses in Bible and world religions

Associate Dean and Administrator (2000-2001)

The Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

- Managed a 30-unit graduate residence building
- Coordinated extra-curricular programming for Disciples seminarians studying at Vanderbilt Divinity School

- Provided administrative support to the Dean

Adult Christian Education Teacher (1999-2001)

Woodmont Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Nashville, Tennessee

First Presbyterian Church, Brentwood, Tennessee

- Regularly taught short- and long-term courses on Bible, church history, and theology

*Ordained in the **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)** (July, 2000)

Publications

Books

Frightened Faith: Global Communism and the Evangelical Revival in America, 1946-1965 (proposed)

The Stone-Campbell Movement: A World History, Newell Williams, Doug Foster, and Paul Blowers (editors) and Scott Seay (managing editor) (Chalice Press, 2013)

Hanging Between Heaven and Earth: Capital Crime, Execution Preaching, and the Shape of Theology in Early New England (Northern Illinois University Press, 2009)

Articles

“Jim Jones and the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana,” *Encounter* (forthcoming)

“The Prophet Amos Born New: The Life and Work of Kirby Page,” *Journal of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (forthcoming)

“The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh: Stone-Campbell Missions and the Emergence of Global Pentecostalism,” *Journal of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (forthcoming)

“Conventional Wisdom *In Absentia*,” *Discipliana* 68:1 (Spring, 2009), 7-22.

Four “Sermon Review” articles, *Lectionary Homiletics* 20:6 (November/December, 2009): 37-57

45 biographical entries appearing in *The Westminster Dictionary of Women and Religion in America* (Presbyterian Publishing Company, 2008)

Four “Sermon Review” articles, *Lectionary Homiletics* 19:6 (November/December, 2008): 38-57.

“Satan and his *Maleficium* in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards,” in *The Contribution of*

Jonathan Edwards to American Culture and Society: Essays on America's Spiritual Founding Father (Edwin Mellen Press, 2008)

Four "Sermon Review" articles, *Lectionary Homiletics* 18:6 (November/December, 2007): 39-58.

"The Shortridge Incident: Christian Theological Seminary as an Agent of Reconciliation" *Encounter* 68:1 (Winter, 2007): 63-82.

"Disciples Divinity House" in Newell Williams, et al. ed., *The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (Eerdman's, 2004)

"For the Defense and Beauty of the Catholic Faith: The Rise of Neo-scholasticism among European Catholic Intellectuals, 1824-1879," *Logos* 5:3 (Summer, 2002), 119-134

"Breaking Up Fallow Ground or Sowing the Seeds of Discord? Estimating the Populist Influence of Alexander Campbell's *Christian Baptist*," *Discipliana* 61:4 (Winter, 2001), 113-127

Book Reviews

Scott Sunquist, *The Unexpected Christian Century: The Reversal and Transformation of Global Christianity, 1900-2000* (Baker Academic, 2015), appearing in the *Journal of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (forthcoming)

Emerson W. Baker, *A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), appearing in the *American Historical Review* (forthcoming)

Thomas Little, *The Origins of Southern Evangelicalism: Religious Revivalism in the South Carolina Lowcountry, 1670-1760* (University of South Carolina Press, 2013), appearing in the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (April, 2015): 446-447.

Leon von den Broeke, Hans Krabbendam, and Dirk Mouw, *Transatlantic Pieties: Dutch Clergy in Colonial America* (Eerdmans, 2012), appearing in the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65:3 (July, 2014): 699-700.

Avihu Zakai, *Jonathan Edwards' Philosophy of Nature: The Re-Enchantment of the World in an Era of Scientific Reasoning* (T&T Clark, 2010), appearing in the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 63:1 (January, 2012), 177-178

E. Brooks Holifield, *Theology in America* (Yale, 2003), appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 48:2 (Spring, 2006), 474-476

William Danaher, *The Trinitarian Ethics of Jonathan Edwards* (Westminster John Knox, 2004) appearing in *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 26:1 (Spring/Summer,

2006)

Andrew Skotnicki, *Religion and the Development of the American Penal System* (University Press of America, 2000) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 45:3 (Summer, 2003)

John Wijngaards, *The Ordination of Women in the Catholic Church*, (Continuum, 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 45:1 (Winter, 2003)

Mark Lewis Taylor, *The Executed God: The Way of the Cross in Lockdown America* (Fortress, 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 44:1 (Winter, 2002)

Christopher Marshall, *Beyond Retribution: A New Testament Vision for Justice, Crime, and Punishment* (Eerdman's, 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 44:1 (Winter, 2002)

Richard Snyder, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Punishment* (Eerdman's 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 44:2 (Spring, 2002)

Professional Society Memberships

Association of Disciples for Theological Discussion (2010—Present)

American Society of Church History (2002—Present)

American Academy of Religion (1999-2008)

Lectures and Professional Presentations

“Butler University, its School of Religion, and Christian Theological Seminary,” presented at the Board of Trustees of Christian Theological Seminary (November 6, 2015)

The Perry Gresham Lectures, Michigan Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a series of three lectures focusing on Disciples identity and mission in a globalizing context (October 4-6, 2013)

“The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh: Stone-Campbell Missions and the Emergence of Global Pentecostalism,” the Annual Kirkpatrick Lecture, Jacksonville, FL (March 9, 2013)

“Jim Jones and the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana,” lecture and panel discussion for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 29, 2012)

“Faiths of the Founding Fathers,” a brief course offered through Elder-Friendly Communities and sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis (November, 2009)

“Theological and Educational Foundations for Ministry among Disciples,” a presentation to the CTS Board of Trustees (November 6, 2009)

Book discussion leader, Stephen Prothero, *Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know and Doesn't* (November 10, 2008)

"The Public Role of Religion in America," a 4-week course offered through CTS Faith Learning Initiative (Fall, 2008)

"Discerning the Future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): The Church's New Identity Statement," presented at the 28th Annual Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee (June 28, 2008)

"Identity Markers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)," a presentation made to the Board of Trustees of Christian Theological Seminary (November 2, 2007)

Panelist, "Imagining the Church Outside the Box: A Dialogue with Tim Ehrich" (October 30, 2007)

"Prayer in America," a 4-week course offered through the CTS Faith Learning Initiative (October, 2007)

Panelist, "Crossing the Racial Divide: The Voyage of *La Amistad*," sponsored by Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Light of the World Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the CTS Social Justice Group (October 2, 2007)

"*Hein v. Freedom from Religion Foundation Inc.* and Federal Funding of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives," a presentation at the Constitution Day celebration at CTS (September 17, 2007)

"Faiths of the Founding Fathers," a 4-week course offered through the CTS Faith Learning Initiative (May, 2007)

Community Forum: "Doesn't the Bible Support the Death Penalty? Hasn't the Church Always Supported the Death Penalty?" (with Wilma Bailey), a part of the Lifelong Theological Education series *In Our Names: A Community Conversation on the Death Penalty* (February 8, 2007)

"A Brief History of Diversity at Christian Theological Seminary," presented to the CTS Board of Trustees (February 6, 2007)

"Presentation to the Twenty-First Century Visioning Team of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)" (December 18, 2006)

"Hanging Between Heaven and Earth: Theological Reflections on Capital Punishment in Historical Perspective," the annual Eric Dean Lecture at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana (November 6, 2006)

"A Brief History of Diversity at Christian Theological Seminary," presented *in absentia* to

the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Initiative colloquium at CTS (October, 2006)

“Doesn’t Your Jesus Say...’: New Testament Alternatives to Violence,” Symposium on Alternatives to Violence, Ashland University, Ashland, OH (February 2-5, 2004)

“Satan and his *Maleficium* in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards,” Jonathan Edwards Tercentenary Celebration, Northampton, MA (October 3-5, 2003)

“Resolved: Going to War Against Iraq is Unjust,” a formal, public debate involving four faculty members held at Ashland University, Ashland, OH (November 22, 2002)

“Response to Richard Goode, ‘Floating at Random Between Liberty and Obedience’” Kirkpatrick Historians’ Seminar, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, TN (April 26-27, 2002)

“Rapists and Arsonists: The Social Construction of Black Criminality in Early American Crime Literature,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO (November 17-20, 2001)

“A Defender of Man-Stealers: Alexander Campbell and Slavery,” American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL (November 21-24, 1998)

Service to the Church and World

Member, Scholarly Essay Selection Committee, Editorial Board of *Discipliana*, Disciples of Christ Historical Society (2006 – 2014)

Mentor, Global Scholars Program, Park Tudor School (2005)

Occasional Guest Lecturer, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis School of Social Work (2005 – 2008)

Regular pulpit supply in the Indiana Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and other area churches (2005 – 2008)

Member, Standing Committee on Structural Reform and Renewal of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (2003—2009)

Temporary Consultant, Lilly Endowment (2002-2003): Served on a team of four reviewers who conducted a 10-year impact evaluation of the Louisville Institute, a grant-making organization that funds collaborative research among academics, pastors, and other religious leaders

Licensed Foster Parent for the State of Tennessee (1997-2001): Provided short-term foster care for 13 at-risk adolescents

Clinical Services, Valle Vista Health System (1992-1997): Held several direct-care and

supervisory positions in a residential treatment center for at-risk children and adolescents; oversaw the clinical services programming for the center; designed and implemented a vocational rehabilitation program; coordinated a multi-disciplinary treatment team

Ordination Sermons Preached

Linda "Mac" Bellner, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Beech Grove, IN, August 30, 2015

Matt Peterson, Southport Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis, IN, September 21, 2013

Roxie McNelly, Avon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Avon, IN, July 14, 2012

Denny Whiteside, North Side Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Omaha, NE, July 27, 2009

Christopher Prater, First Baptist Church, Bluffton, IN, May 24, 2009

Pamela Thomas, Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis, IN, January 13, 2008