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## **Areas of Specialization**

### Pastoral and Spiritual Practices

- Researched and created new courses “Pastoral Visitation” and “Rural Ministry” specifically for ministry students
- Created spiritual practice “Staff of Spirit” for laity and pastors based on a narrative approach designed to enrich believers’ faith stories

### Narrative Practice

- Extensive training in narrative therapy with seminal innovators in the field that notably include pioneer Michael White's institute (the Dulwich Centre in Australia) with training from co-developer David Epston, and Jill Freedman's premier narrative program in Evanston, IL
- Published multiple articles, book chapters, and manuscripts with a primary focus on the intersection of narrative practice, pastoral care/counseling, and spiritual practice

### Family Systems Theory Applications

- Proficiently integrate and apply systems theory as a foundational perspective in my core teaching of marriage and family therapy and pastoral care, as well as consultation with church and organizational leadership

### Curriculum Development

- Conceptualized, developed, and implemented a cutting edge outcome-based MFT curriculum culminating in student demonstration of clinical and theological integration and mastery of MFT core competencies through a final Capstone Presentation
- Greatly expanded the use of technology to enhance curriculum development and classroom learning as evidenced by advanced training in the application of online education

## **Present Position**

Christian Theological Seminary, 2004-present

- Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Marriage and Family Therapy
- Executive Director of the Counseling Center
- Director of Marriage and Family Therapy Program (Accredited by Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education--COAMFTE)

Counseling-focused courses taught:

Introduction to Marriage and Family Therapy; Families and Larger Systems; Structural, Strategic, and Brief Family Therapy; Intergenerational Psychodynamic Family Therapy; Postmodern Therapies; Narrative and Collaborative Approaches to Therapy; Theory of Marriage and Family Therapy; Integration of Marriage and Family Therapy Theory

Ministry-focused courses taught

Basics of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Pastoral Visitation, Rural Ministry, and Peer Learning in Ministry; AMERC Cultural Immersion Courses: Mountain Stories: Re-storying Spiritual Narratives, and Mountain Stories: Care for Self and Community

Directed research course taught

Spirituality and Story in Narrative Practice. DMin student Mary Wright

Counseling Practicum groups

Spirit and Therapy; Capstone Self, Systems, and Spirit; Live Marriage and Family Therapy Supervision; MFT Conceptualization and Assessment; MFT Formulation; Working with Children in Families; Narrative Therapy; Assessment and Intervention with Genograms; Individual Supervision of Practicum Students; Supervision of Resident Supervisors

Pedagogy and curriculum development

- Created and taught a hybrid course on Pastoral Visitation, 2011;
- Created, initiated, and implemented outcome-based Capstone Seminar that MAMHC program adopted
- Created new competency based MFT curriculum to comply with outcome measures for accreditation with COAMFTE
- Was selected to participate in the nationwide AAMFT MFT Core Competencies Beta Test Group, 2005-2007

Advising

Advisor to 21 MFT students  
Advisor to one DMin student

Committee Service at CTS

Currently  
Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Team, Committee on Faculty, Committee on Counsel, Bookstore/Library Committee

Previously

Chair of Admissions Committee, Committee on Sexual Harassment, Field V  
Representative on Academic Council, Faculty Representative to the Board of  
Trustees

### **Previous Teaching Positions**

Faculty Member, Kentuckiana Pastoral Counseling Consortium. 2000-2004

Adjunct Professor, Cumberland College, Williamsburg, KY, fall 1997

Field Director for DMin Candidate, Lexington Theological Seminary, KY, 1991

Adjunct Professor, Boyce Bible School-Southern Baptist Theological  
Seminary, fall 1991

Adjunct Professor, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY, fall 1990

Visiting Professor, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, PA, fall 1987

Field Director for DMin Candidate, New York Theological Seminary, 1986

Visiting Professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC,  
summer 1983

Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 1979-1982

### **Clinical Positions**

Private Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Service, 1991-Present

Director of Cornerstone Counseling, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 2001-  
2004

- Administer multiple counseling sites
- Create and administer budget
- Provide administrative and clinical supervision of employees
- Create strategic plan for counseling service
- Collaborate with advisory committees

Associate Director/Associate Administrator of Cornerstone Counseling, Kentucky  
Baptist Homes for Children, 1998-2001

- Administer multiple counseling sites

- Provide clinical supervision of counselors in pastoral counseling, marriage and family therapy, and professional counseling
- Develop new counseling sites
- Collaborate with pastors and churches
- Coordinate counselors' training and led workshops

Clinical Supervisor for Cornerstone Counseling, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 1994-1997

Executive Director, Samaritan Center of Central and Eastern Kentucky, 1988-1990

Pastoral Counselor at Pilgrim Counseling Service Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, Phillipsburg, NJ, 1985-1988

### **Ministry Positions**

Pastor, New Freedom (IN) Baptist Church (ABC), 2000-2006

Church Consultant/Pulpit Supply, First (IN) Baptist Church of Sparta (ABC), 1997-1998

Pastor, First Baptist Community Church (ABC) Parsippany, NJ, 1987-1988

Pastor, Hornerstown Baptist Church (ABC), Hornerstown, NJ, 1984-1987

Interim Pastor, Hornerstown Baptist Church (ABC), Hornerstown, NJ, 1983-1984

Pastor, Center City (SBC) Baptist Chapel, 1976-1978

- Member, Center City Ministries of Philadelphia
- Member, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board
- Chaplain of Central YMCA
- Chaplain Central YMCA of Philadelphia

Student Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church (ABC), Trenton, NJ, 1973-1974

### **Educational Background**

International Postgraduate Diploma in Narrative Therapy and Community Work  
Dulwich Centre, Adelaide, South Australia

PhD in Pastoral Theology and Communication  
Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ

Dissertation: Renegotiation of the Church Covenant through Pastoral Care of the Active Church Member in the Context of the Home Visit

Dissertation Advisors: James Lapsley, Donald Capps

Comprehensive Exam Areas: Practical Theology, Knowledge and Methods in the Personality Disciplines and Communication, Theology and Personality, Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care—Communication Theory, and Method in Theology and Personality

Residency Advisor: Seward Hiltner

Languages: French and German

Special Student, Annenberg School of Communication

University of Pennsylvania

Social Psychology/Anthropology of Communication

MDiv with concentration in Pastoral Theology

Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ

AB with majors in Psychology and Religion and concentration in Music

Centre College of Kentucky

### **Clinical Training**

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Christian Theological Seminary

International Training Program in Narrative Therapy and Community Work

Dulwich Centre in Adelaide, South Australia

Faculty: David Epston, Stephen Madigan, Jill Freedman, Cheryl White, David Denborough, Sekneh Beckett, Chris Dolman, David Newman, Carolyn Markey

Emotionally Focused Therapy Externship with Dr. Susan Johnson

Ackerman Institute for the Family in New York

Core Skills Training in EFT with Gail Palmer of International Center for Excellence in

Emotionally Focused Therapy, Ottawa, Ontario

Indianapolis, IN

Intensive Training I in Narrative Therapy with Jill Freedman and Gene Combs

Evanston Family Therapy Center

Scaffolding Conversations in Narrative Therapy with Michael White

Indiana University

Collaborative Language Systems Therapy with Dr. Harlene Anderson  
Clifton Center in Louisville, Kentucky

Clinical Training  
Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy, New York, NY

Pastoral Counseling Supervision with Wayne Oates, Andrew Lester, Sandra Brown,  
Arthur Tingue, and Ronald Walthall.

**Information Technology Training**

Theological School Faculty Teaching Online Course  
Wabash Center through the University of Wisconsin

Windows, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, VoiceThread, Pando, Audacity,  
Desire2Learn

**Clinical Credentials and Licenses**

Clinical Member (since 1988) and Approved Supervisor (since 1994)  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

Diplomate, American Association of Pastoral Counselor (since 1994)

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Indiana

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Kentucky

Certified Fee-based Pastoral Counselor in Kentucky

Retired Marriage and Family Counselor in New Jersey

**Honors**

First recipient of Suzanne M. Coyle Excellence in Ministry Award  
Kentucky Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
(affiliated with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship), 1990

Senior Fellowship in Practical Theology for thesis  
"Church Commitment among Select Southern Baptist Women"  
Seward Hiltner, Advisor  
Princeton Theological Seminary, 1976

Second Mary Long Greir Prize in Speech and Homiletics  
for effectiveness in preaching and the public reading of Scripture  
Princeton Theological Seminary, 1975

Dean's List, Centre College of Kentucky, 1969-73

Valedictorian Honors, Lebanon (KY) High School, 1969

### **Publication, Research, and Public Presentations**

#### Grants and Research:

Research for and creation of cultural immersion course  
"Mountain Stories: Re-storying Spiritual Narratives"  
Appalachian Ministries Education Resource Center, projected 2012

Co-investigator with Dr. Andrea Wittenborn of Virginia Tech University  
Multiple Couple Group Intervention: A Pilot Study, 2009-present

Research for and creation of cultural immersion course "Mountain Stories:  
Care for Self and Community"  
Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center, 2009

Beta Test Group MFT Program Participant for Teaching MFT Core Competencies  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, 2005-2007

Petitioned the State of Kentucky's Juvenile Department for Nurturing Parenting to  
implement its Juvenile Diversion Program as a part of Cornerstone  
Counseling  
Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children, 2003

Received a grant to develop an Educational/ Collaborative Model of Pastoral  
Counseling for Rural Clergy in Eastern Kentucky  
Midwest Region American Association of Pastoral Care, 1992

Former member of Editorial Advisory Board  
*The Journal of Pastoral Care*

### **Books**

*Re-storying your faith.* Circle Books/Pilgrim Press, forthcoming 2012.

*Uncovering spiritual narratives: Using story in pastoral care and ministry.*  
Philadelphia: Fortress Press, forthcoming 2013.

**Web Sites, Blogs, and Media**

*Staff of spirit: Storytelling as spiritual practice.* Web site under construction.

*Stories of narrative in the Land Down Under,* <http://drsuzannecoyle.blogspot.com>.

*Listening to stories, Caring through stories,* a pastoral care module. The Academy for Ministry of the South Carolina and Great River Regions of the Christian Church (DOC), in process.

**Book Chapters**

Many members, many stories: Moving from family systems to family narratives. In Kelcourse, Felicity, and Lyon, K. Brynolf (Eds.), *Transforming wisdom: Pastoral psychotherapy in theological perspective*, in process.

Foucault: Postmodernism and the revolution of models of knowledge and power. In Ellens, J. Harold (Ed.), *Winning revolutions: The psychology of successful revolt for freedom, fairness, and rights*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press, forthcoming 2013.

Experiences of evil in everyday lives. In Ellens, J. Harold (Ed.), *Explaining evil*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press, 2011.

Perspective of evil in Australian Aboriginal religions. In Ellens, J. Harold (Ed.), *Explaining evil*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press, 2011.

Responses of narrative practice to the effects of evil. In Ellens, J. Harold (Ed.), *Explaining evil*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press, 2011.

Spiritual narratives: Hope and healing through stories of faith. In Ellens, J. Harold (Ed.), *Healing Power of Religion: How Faith Helps Humans Thrive*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press, 2010.

The Bible, pastoral care, and conversational practices. In Ellens, J. Harold (Ed.), *Text and community: Essay in memory of Bruce Metzger*. Sheffield, England: Sheffield Phoenix, 2007.

**Articles**

Appalachian narratives, cultural discourses, and theological witness. *Encounter* 72.1 spring 2011, 125-132.



When faith divides. *Real Life*, spring 1998.

Pastoral care suggestions. *Folio*, fall 1993.

Finding our path. *Dialogue*, 1993.

A covenanting process in pastoral home visits. *The Journal of Pastoral Care*, 39.2, June 1985, 96-109.

### **Reviews**

Review of the book *The soul in distress: What every pastoral counselor should know about emotional and mental illness*, by Roukema, Richard, MD. *Oates Journal*, September 1999. Retrieved from [http://www.oates.org/journal/pub/vol-02-99/reviews/soul\\_in\\_distress.html](http://www.oates.org/journal/pub/vol-02-99/reviews/soul_in_distress.html)

Cover review of the book *The care of troublesome people*, by Wayne E. Oates. Washington, DC: Alban Institute, 1994.

Review of the book *Ethics in the sanctuary: Examining the practices of organized religion*, by Margaret P. Battin. *Pastoral Psychology*, 41.1, 55-57, 1992.

Review of the book *When a baby dies: a handbook for healing and helping*, by Limbo, Rana K., and Wheeler, Sara Rich, and Hessel, Susan T. *The Journal of Pastoral Care*, 44.1, 86-88, 1990.

### **Peer Reviewed Presentations**

Staff of Spirit: Storytelling as Spiritual Practice Workshop  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference  
Leesburg, VA, upcoming April 2012

AAMFT Supervisor Refresher Course  
Full Day Workshop  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference  
Leesburg, VA, upcoming April 2012

Narratives of Liberation in Appalachia Presentation  
International Family Therapy Association  
Family Therapy World Congress  
Vancouver, British Columbia, upcoming March 2012

Re-storying Congregational Memories at Memory, Identity, and Hope: Intersections  
in American Baptist Ecclesiology

Gathering of American Baptist Theologians/Theological Educators  
American Baptist Churches/USA Biennial  
San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2011

Staff of Spirit: Storytelling as Spiritual Practice

Spiritual Practices Study Group  
Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Study Leave  
Denver, CO, 2011

AAMFT Supervisor Refresher Course Full Day Workshop

American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference  
Phoenix, AZ, 2011

Narratives of Liberation in Appalachia Workshop

Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Study Leave  
Atlanta, GA, 2010

AAMFT Supervisor Refresher Course Full Day Workshop

American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference  
Indianapolis, IN, 2010

Pastoral Care and Counseling Critique for Psychology and  
the Bible Book Review Section

Society for Biblical Literature Annual Conference  
Boston, MA, November 2008

Family and Faith: Challenges of Rural Faith-based Therapy Seminar

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
Memphis, TN, November 2008

Creating Spiritual Narratives in Pastoral Counseling Presentation

American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference  
Norfolk, VA, 2008

Supervisor Refresher Course

Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, 2007

AAMFT Core Competencies: Conceptualization and Application, Co-presenter

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference  
Austin, TX, October 2006

- Implementing MFT Core Competencies Presentation  
Conference of Indiana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists  
Indianapolis, IN, 2005
- Literature Review of Marriage and Family Therapy  
Core Competencies Presentation Co-presenter  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference  
Kansas City, MO, October 2005
- Visiting with Folks: A Country Paradigm for Pastoral Counseling Workshop  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
Midwest Region Annual Conference, 2004
- Hospitality through Pastoral Counseling in Rural Communities Workshop  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference, 2004
- Men, Women, and Mountain Ways: Impact of Gender Expectations and Culture upon  
Mental Illness*, Ed. Hammon, A. Christopher, and Hollon, Vicki L.  
Mental Illness: A Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical Perspective  
Online Conference, October, 1999  
Louisville: Wayne E. Oates Institute, 1999. Retrieved from  
[www.oates.org/conference\\_center/fall99/conf\\_hall/presentation/s\\_coyle.html](http://www.oates.org/conference_center/fall99/conf_hall/presentation/s_coyle.html)
- A Systems Approach to Pastoral Counseling in Rural Communities Workshop  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Conference, 1999
- A Systems Approach to Pastoral Counseling in Rural Communities Workshop  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
Midwest Region Annual Conference, 1998
- Breaking the Kentucky Cycle Workshop  
Kentucky Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual  
Conference, 1997.
- Covenanting in Pastoral Supervision Presentation  
Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Meeting  
Theological Study Group  
Case Studies of the Influence of Church on the Christian Formation of  
Women, 1996
- Models of Parish-Based Pastoral Counseling Workshop Co-Presenter  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
Midwest Region Annual Conference, 1995

**Professional Leadership**

Currently

Secretary for Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
Site Visitor for Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy  
Education  
Approved Instructor for 30 Hour Approved Supervisor Course for American  
Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
Approved Instructor for 5 Hour Supervisor Refresher Course for American  
Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
Conference Presentation Reviewer for American Association for Marriage and Family  
Therapy  
Board Member of AMERC (Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center)

Previously

Conference Chair for Indiana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
Elections Committee Chair for Kentucky Association for Marriage and Family  
Therapy  
Board Member of Board of Certification for Fee-Based Pastoral Counselors for the  
Commonwealth of Kentucky  
Chair of American Association of Pastoral Counselors Midwest Region  
Board of Governors for American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
Chair of Institutional Accreditation Committee of American Association of Pastoral  
Counselors Midwest Region  
Chair of Professional Concerns Committee of American Association of Pastoral  
Counselors Midwest Region

**Professional Membership**

American Academy of Religion  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors  
International Family Therapy Association  
Society for Biblical Literature  
Society for Pastoral Theology  
Spiritual Directors International

**Church Conferences**

Bi-vocational Ministry Panel Speaker  
ABC/USA Eastern Commission on the Ministry, 1988  
Bible Study Leader  
American Baptist Women of New Jersey Annual Conference, 1985  
Workshop Leader Role of Women in the Church  
Monongahela (West Virginia) Association Woman's Missionary Union  
Annual Meeting, 1978

Missions Conference Leader

Woman's Missionary Union—Ridgecrest, NC, 1977

Keynote Speaker

Annual Woman's Missionary Union Conference—SBC, 1976

### **Church and Community Leadership**

#### Currently

Chair of Expression of Faith through Worship Ministry Team

First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, IN

Adult Ministries Task Force

First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, IN

#### Previously

*YWCA Spouse Abuse Center Committee, Lexington, KY*

Standards and Assessment Committee, Bardstown (KY) Elementary School

Stephen Foster Music Club

Co-organizer, Clergy Task Force on Domestic Violence, Lexington, Kentucky

Parent Member of Site-Based Council, Bardstown (KY) Elementary School, 1998-1999

Consultant on Domestic Violence to Lexington (KY) Theological Seminary, 1995

Consultant on Domestic Violence to Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington, KY, 1992

### **Media Interviews**

Divorce Rates in Indiana

FM Channel 93.1, February 2, 2012

Family Dinners during the Holidays with Scott Swan.

Channel 13 NBC, November 22, 2011

Gifford's Shooting in Arizona with Eric Halvorson

WISH Channel 8, January 8, 2011

Raising a compassionate child: Easy ways to help our kids develop empathy, kindness, and a sense of responsibility, by Jane Meredith Adams.

Parenting magazine. December, 2009

Retrieved from <http://www.parenting.com/article/raising-a-compassionate-child?page=0,2>

Wrote "Ethics Question Response" for Indy Star, August 19, 2006

Wrote "Ethics Question Response" for Indy Star, April 8, 2006

**Writings About My Ministry**

Field, Susan. Couple shared life and title of pastor. *The Asbury Park Press*, August 9, 1985.

Howe, E. Margaret. *Women and Church Leadership*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1982.

Carter, James E. Dealing with Doctrinal Conflict in Associational History. In *Baptist History and Heritage*, vol. 17, April, 1982.

McBeth, Leon. The Ordination of Women. *Review and Expositor*, vol. 78, October, 1981.

McBeth, Leon. *Women in Baptist Life*. Nashville: Broadman Press, 1979.

Article on women in missions. *Home Missions* magazine. July, 1976.

**Ordained**

Beech Fork (SBC) Baptist Church

Gravel Switch, Kentucky

Currently affiliated with American Baptist Churches/USA

**Skills**

Voice, piano, harpsichord, organ, flute, piccolo, and recorder