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EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (August 2008 – May 2012)

- Ph.D. in the History of the Christian Tradition.
- Dissertation: "The Band Meeting in Early Methodism: Its Origin, Development, and Significance."
- Awarded the John Wesley Fellowship by A Foundation for Theological Education.
- Awarded the John Moore Fellowship by Southern Methodist University for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC (August 2002 – May 2005)

- M.Div., May 2005, graduated *summa cum laude.*
- Awarded the Denit Fellowship.
- Received the award for Competence and Interest in Methodist History.
- Received the Interpretation Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies.

University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK (August 1999 – May 2002)

- B.A. in Political Science, May 2002, graduated with Distinction.
- Awarded the Robert Dean Bass Memorial Scholarship.
- Awarded the June and Oliver Benson Memorial Scholarship.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Historical Theology and Wesleyan Studies, Seattle Pacific University, September 2012 – present

- Graduate Courses: Global Christian Heritage II, Wesleyan/Methodist History and Doctrine, United Methodist Polity, Christian Formation: Social Holiness in Context, Contextual Education
- Undergraduate Courses: Christian Formation, Christian Theology, Christian Discipleship, Christian Discipleship: Formation in Community

Instructor of Historical Theology, Seattle Pacific University, September 2011 – August 2012

- 2011 Courses: United Methodist Polity, Christian Theology, Christian Formation, Christian Discipleship.
- Instructor for Masters Courses in Contextual Education.

Adjunct Faculty, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Fall 2009 and Spring 2011

- Instructor, United Methodist History course.
- Instructor, United Methodist Polity course.
- Solo Professor for required Master of Divinity classes, including creation of syllabi, all lectures, and grading of exams and papers.

Course of Study Instructor, Perkins School of Theology, Summer 2011 and Wesley Theological Seminary, Autumn 2013

- Instructor, Wesleyan Movement course.
- Solo Professor for required Course of Study class, including creation of syllabus, all lectures, and grading of exams and papers.

Teaching Assistant, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Spring 2011

- Teaching Assistant, United Methodist Doctrine course.

Guest Lectures, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, 2008 – present

- Asked to give guest lectures in areas of expertise in Theory and Practice of Evangelism course, United Methodist History course, United Methodist Doctrine course, Spiritual Formation course, and Spiritual Leadership for a Missional Church course.

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Oklahoma, Spring 2002

- Teaching Assistant for Introduction to American National Government.

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Dr. Ted A. Campbell, July 2008 – December 2010

- Research for vol. 3 (1756-1765) of the John Wesley Letters for the *Bicentennial Edition of the Works of John Wesley*. Involves working extensively with primary source material in Wesley's correspondence.

Wesleyan Discipleship Seminar, Seattle WA, October 2013

- Led seminar on Wesleyan discipleship for United Methodist clergy and laity in the Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church. Event was co-sponsored by the Wesleyan Covenant Connection, Seattle Pacific University, and the Tuell Center for Leadership Excellence.

Presentation of paper at the 2013 pre-conference Wesleyan Catholicity project at the Wesleyan Theological Society

- "American Methodism: A Contested Theological Tradition"

Presentation of paper at the 2012 Symposium on Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, and Theologies, at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion

- "The Band Meeting as the Sinews of Social Holiness in John Wesley's Conception and Popular Methodist Practice"

Participant in the Doctrine and Renewal Conference at United Theological Seminary, October, 2012

Presentation at Virginia Society for Wesleyan Studies Conference in Virginia, October, 2011

- Keynote speaker for fall meeting, gave three lectures on the history of the class meeting in early Methodism, its decline in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and approaches to seeking to reclaim it in the twenty-first century.

Presentation at "Scripture as Formation" Conference at Seattle Pacific University, October, 2011

- Led a breakout session on the role of scripture as formation in small groups and discipleship.

Presentation of paper at the 2010 annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion

- "In the Shadows of Segregation: Methodist Seminaries and the Civil Rights Movement"

Presented a paper at the 2007 annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society

- "The Form and Power of Godliness: Wesleyan Communal Discipline as Voluntary Suffering"

Presented a paper at the 2010 annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society

- "Forerunners of the Early Methodist Band Meeting"

Participant in the 2009 Meeting of the Wesleyan/Pentecostal Consultation

- Annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri where historians, theologians, and pastors from Wesleyan, Holiness, and Pentecostal traditions discuss connections from the Wesleyan movement up to contemporary Pentecostalism.

Research Assistant for Dr. Allen Hertzke, the University of Oklahoma

- Research for Dr. Hertzke's book *Freeing God's Children: The Unlikely Alliance for Global Human Rights* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2004).

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- *Pursuing Social Holiness: The Band Meeting in Wesley's Thought and Popular Methodist Practice* (Oxford University Press, 2014).
- "In the Shadows of Segregation: The Integration of Perkins School of Theology in the Civil Rights Era" *Methodist History* (April, 2013).
- "Forerunners of the Early Methodist Band Meeting" *Methodist Review* (2010).
- "The Form and Power of Godliness: Wesleyan Communal Discipline as Voluntary Suffering" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Spring 2008).
- Review of *From Aldersgate to Azusa Street: Wesleyan, Holiness, and Pentecostal Visions of the New Creation* in *Pneuma* (2013).

ECCLESIAL PUBLICATIONS

- *The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten (and Essential) Small Group Practice* (Seedbed, 2014).
- *A Blueprint for Discipleship: Wesley's General Rules as a Guide for Christian Living* (Discipleship Resources, 2009).
- "Small Groups: Bearing One Another's Burdens" in *Generation Rising: A Future with Hope for The United Methodist Church* (Abingdon Press, 2011).
- *Reclaiming the Wesleyan Tradition: John Wesley's Sermons for Today*. Edited by Douglas M. Strong, Sarah Babylon Dorrance, Robert McDonald-Walker, Ingrid Y. Wang, and Kevin M. Watson (Discipleship Resources, 2007).
- Maintain a blog at vitalpiety.com

ECCLESIAL EXPERIENCE

Ordained Elder in the Oklahoma Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, May 2008

The Wesley Academy at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS, November 2007

- Co-taught course in Wesleyan Studies at lay spiritual academy on Wesleyan theology.

"Pathways to Faith, Journeys to God" workshop at McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman OK

- Delivered the keynote address on Wesleyan Spirituality, September 29, 2007.

Lamont United Methodist Church, Lamont, OK, June 2005 – June 2008

- Pastor in the Oklahoma Annual Conference. Senior pastor for congregation.
- Responsibilities included weekly preaching, leadership of youth group, small group leadership, teaching, pastoral care, hospital visitation, presiding over funerals and weddings, administrative oversight, financial stewardship, and communicating a vision for making disciples of Jesus Christ. Envisioned and co-led mission trip for Katrina relief to New Orleans.
- Started and led a small group for spiritual formation and community building among pastors in the Enid District of the Oklahoma Annual Conference from September 2007 to May 2008.

Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, 2010 –2011 academic year

- Ongoing consultant with the campus ministry director and interns about implementing a Wesleyan approach to Christian formation and student mentoring. Based on these conversations, the campus ministry has started Wesleyan class meetings and band meetings.

Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX, October 2008 - 2011

- Helped envision and implement a distinctively twenty-first century Wesleyan discipleship program for a restart of a congregation that was closed. Among other things, the plan focuses on making the equivalent of the Wesleyan class meeting, "kitchen groups," the focus and central mark of membership in the church, rather than the typical benchmark of weekly attendance at a worship service.
- Started and led a young adult Sunday School class called Acts 2 at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Eldbrooke United Methodist Church, Washington, DC, August 2003 - May 2005

- Preached at least monthly, led a small group Bible Study, taught Sunday School, and organized and led a Covenant Discipleship Group for two years as an intern in fulfillment of the field education requirement at Wesley Theological Seminary.

McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church, Norman, OK, August 1999 - May 2002

- Youth Worker with weekly leadership at the Sunday night Youth Group, co-led leadership team for first year high school students for two years, and provided leadership on short-term youth mission trips to Costa Rica, Mexico, Chattanooga, TN, Denver, CO, Weslaco, TX, and New Orleans, LA.

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, August 2008 – May 2011

- Started a small group ministry with Perkins School of Theology students in the Order of Saint Julian, a student group which focuses on spiritual formation while in seminary.
- Started a Wesleyan band group with Perkins School of Theology students and Southern Methodist University Ph.D. students in the Graduate Program in Religious Studies.

Guest Preacher and/or Lecturer, McFarlin Memorial UMC, Norman, OK; New Haven UMC, Tulsa, OK; Richardson Church of the Nazarene, Richardson, TX; Chapel at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX; First Free Methodist Church, Seattle, WA; Faith UMC, Issaquah, WA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

Wesleyan Theological Society