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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

1991 Ph.D., Religious Studies

University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Dissertation: The Social Ontology of Karl Barth

1982 M.Div., Religious Studies (Non-thesis degree)

Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT

1979 B.A., History

Greenville College, Greenville, IL

Honors Thesis: The Development of Illinois Party Politics, 1818-1840

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2010- Webster University

Instructor, Religious Studies Dept., Philosophy Dept.

2009- Eden Theological Seminary

Instructor, Evangelism

2000-2009 University of Akron

Senior Instructor, History Dept., Honors College

1995-2000 Indiana University Southeast

Instructor, Social Science Dept., Humanities Dept.

1992-2000 Louisville Seminary

Instructor, Methodist Studies

1997, 1999 University of Louisville

Instructor, History Dept., Religious Studies Dept.

1991-1995, 2000 Spalding University

Instructor, Religious Studies Dept.

1987-1991 Northern Arizona University

Instructor, Humanities & Religious Studies Dept.

1986-1987 University of Virginia

Graduate Assistant, Religious Studies Dept.

1981-1982 Albertus Magnus College

Teaching Assistant, Religious Studies Dept.

1978-1979 Illinois Department of Conservation

Historical Researcher

PARISH EXPERIENCE

1992-1994 Middletown United Methodist Church, Louisville, KY

Minister of Programs

1988-1991 Trinity Heights United Methodist Church, Flagstaff, AZ

Associate Pastor

1984 Ordained elder, Southern Illinois Annual Conference (now the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference) of the United Methodist Church

1982-1984 Glendale, Eddyville, and Bay Valley United Methodist Churches,

Pope County, IL. Minister

1981 Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Glen Burnie, MD

Student Assistant Pastor, Clinical Pastoral Education program

1980-1981 Hamden Plains United Methodist Church, Hamden, CT

Student Assistant Pastor

1980 Haley Chapel United Methodist Church, Vandalia, IL

Interim Pastor

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Walking with Jesus through the Old Testament: Devotions for Lent. Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.

Faithful Christian Citizen: Living Responsibly in a Global Society. Principal writer for this DVD-Based Curriculum, Center for the Congregation in Public Life, 2011 (Logos Publications, 2012).

Celebrate the Newborn Christ: Scriptures for the Church Season. Abingdon Press, 2009.

What’s in the Bible about Life Together? Abingdon Press, 2009.

What’s in the Bible about Jesus? Abingdon Press, 2008.

What About Science and Religion? A Study of Reason and Faith. Abingdon Press, 2007.

You Gave Me a Wide Place: Holy Places of Our Lives. Upper Room Books, 2006.

What Do Other Faiths Believe? Abingdon, 2003.

Mystery: Exploring the Mystery of God. Abingdon Press, 2002.

Behold His Cross. Abingdon Press, 2002.

Paul and the Galatians. Abingdon Press, 2000.

Call Him Emmanuel: Scriptures for the Church Seasons. Abingdon Press, 1997.

We Are A Household of Faith: The Kentucky Council of Churches, 1947-1997. KCC, 1997.

The Social Ontology of Karl Barth. International Scholars Publications, 1994.

High on the Okaw's Western Bank: Vandalia, IL, 1819-1839. University of Illinois Press, 1992.

Books, contributor:

Connecting Faith & Life in Hard Times: A FaithLink Feature, 2010.

Debra Bendis, ed. Living by the Word (Chalice Press, 2005).

J. Richard Peck, ed., Becoming the People of God: Forming a Global Family. Abingdon Press, 2003.

Wayne G. Reese, ed., Becoming the People of God: Opting for Virtue in Public Life. Abingdon Press, 2003.

Wayne G. Reese, ed., Becoming the People of God: Working Together: Sharing the Bounty. Abingdon Press, 2003

J. Richard Peck, ed., Becoming the People of God: Caring for God's Earth. Abingdon Press, 2002.

J. Richard Peck, ed., Becoming the People of God: Walking Humbly, Doing Justice. Abingdon Press, 2002.

Erik Alsgaard, ed., Becoming the People of God: Living Faithfully as Friends and Family. Abingdon Press, 2001.

John E. Kleber, ed., The Encyclopedia of Louisville, KY, 2001.

Charles W. Mills, et al., eds., Vandalia Remembered: Illinois' Second Capital Celebrates 175 Years, 1819-1994

Poetry Books and Chapbooks:

Four Mile. Finishing Line Press, 2021 (in press)

Walking Lorton Bluff. Finishing Line Press, 2020.

Backyard Darwin. Finishing Line Press, 2019.

Small Corner of the Stars. Finishing Line Press, 2017.

Little River. Finishing Line Press, 2017.

Dreaming at the Electric Hobo. Finishing Line Press, 2015.

Articles:

Curricular articles and meditations in Adult Bible Studies, Daily Bible Studies, The Christian Century, Upper Room Disciplines, Alive Now.

183 curricular lessons for FaithLink (as writer or researcher), 1996-2011.

Articles in The Circuit Rider, The Quarterly Review, Sophia: A Journal of Philosophy, Illinois Heritage, Bulletin of the Illinois Geographical Society, Illinois History Teacher, Religion and Public Education, Reflections (Yale Divinity School), Illinois Historical Journal, Illinois Magazine, Interpreter: Program Ideas for United Methodists.

Numerous regional essays and articles for Springhouse.

Reviews in The Christian Century, Journal of the American Academy of Religion, Journal of Religion, Journal of the Early American Republic, The Christian Ministry, Karl Barth Society of North America Newsletter, Illinois Historical Journal, Critical Review of Books in Religion, 1991.

Poetry

Poems in Tipton Poetry Journal, Big Muddy, Pegasus, Pikeville Review, Springhouse, Paddock Review, and others.

GRANTS and AWARDS

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON Honors College, May 2009. Distinguished Service Award.

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON Honors College, May 2005. Teaching Excellence Award.

UNITED METHODIST ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNICATORS. Certificate of Excellent (as a FaithLink team member)

LOUISVILLE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF PROTESTANTISM AND AMERICAN CULTURE, RELIGIOUS LEADERS GRANT, 1995. Project Title: "The Ministry of All Believers: Foundations for Volunteer Programs"

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON RELIGION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION, 1993

Thayer S. Warshaw Essay Award, with Dr. Beth Stroble, for "'Religion is a Personal Thing': Students' Portfolio Assignments in a World Religions Class"

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 1993

Certificate of Excellence for High on the Okaw's Western Bank

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES, YOUTH GRANT, 1979

Project Title: "Vandalia, The Capital of Illinois, 1819-1839"

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Numerous years of service on church committees and parish leadership roles.

Numerous years of service teaching adult classes in church congregations.

Service as Yale Divinity School class secretary and class fund agent.

Faculty advisor for local chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 2006-2009;

service in academic committees on Global Citizenship, et al.

Service on local committees for racial and interfaith diversity, CROP Walk, Native American Ministries, YouthWorks, Clergy for Racial Equality, and other community ministries.