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## EDUCATION

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|---|---|
| *Ph.D.* | Princeton Theological Seminary (Systematic Theology), 2010 |
| *M.Div.* | Princeton Theological Seminary, 2001<br>Fuller Theological Seminary, 1996-99 |
| M.A. program | Stanford University (Communication: Journalism), 1993-94 [non-degree student] |
| *B.S.* | Stanford University (Symbolic Systems), 1993 |

## DISSERTATION

"Against Soteriological Reductionism: Toward a Theology of Discipleship in Karl Barth's Doctrine of Salvation"

- Honors awarded

## HONORS and AWARDS

*SERVE Grant*
Seattle Pacific University (2014)

*Best Faculty Teaching Idea*
Seattle Pacific University (2010)

*Faculty Research Grant*
Seattle Pacific University (2010)

*Merit Tuition Ph.D. Fellowship*
Princeton Theological Seminary (2001-2005)

*Presbyterian Leadership Full Scholarship*
Princeton Theological Seminary (1999-2001)

*Graduate Studies Scholarship*
Stanford University (1993-94)

*Honors Humanities Program*
Stanford University (1990-93)

*Academic Excellence Scholarship*
Stanford University (1989-93)

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

Association of Youth Ministry Educators

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Seattle Pacific University*

Assistant Professor of Theology, Discipleship, and Ministry
(Title was "Assistant Professor of Theology" 2008-2012)

"Christian Discipleship," Winter 2011, Spring 2013

"Christian Formation," Winter 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Winter 2012, Fall 2012, Winter 2013, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

"Christian Theology," Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Winter 2012, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Winter 2014, Spring 2014

"Evangelism and Mission in Adolescent Culture" (graduate), Winter 2013

"Foundations of Christian Spirituality," Winter 2011, Winter 2012, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Winter 2014

"Graduate Theology Practicum" (graduate), Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Spring 2011

"Moral Issues in Education" (graduate), Summer 2010, Summer 2011

"Moral Issues in Education" (online section) (graduate), Summer 2010, Spring 2011

"Theology and Disability" (graduate independent study), Summer 2013

"Theology and Practice of Youth Ministry," Winter 2014

"Theology/Ethics I: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship," Fall 2013

"Youth Ministry in Postmodernity," Fall 2012

"Youth Ministry Internships," Winter 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

"Youth Ministry: Mission & Evangelism," Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2014

Instructor of Theology

"Christian Discipleship," Winter 2010

"Christian Discipline of Prayer," Fall 2009

"Christian Formation," Winter 2009, Spring 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010

"Christian Theology," Fall 2008, Winter 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010

"Formative Christian Community," Fall 2008

"Global and Urban Ministry Internships," Spring 2009

"History of Christian Spirituality," Winter 2010

*Princeton Theological Seminary*

Adjunct Professor

"Communicating the Gospel to Youth" (graduate), Fall 2004

Teaching Fellow

"Ecumenical Theologies of the Church's Mission," Spring 2005

"Ethics of the 10 Commandments," Spring 2004

"Theology and Ethics of Dietrich Bonhoeffer," Fall 2003

"Systematic Theology I," Spring 2003

"Systematic Theology II," Fall 2002

## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Assistant Professor of Theology, Discipleship, and Ministry*, Seattle Pacific University and Seminary, 2012-present

*Coordinator of Youth Ministry Education and Training*, Seattle Pacific University and Seminary, 2012-present

*Co-Organizer*, Open Seattle Youth Ministry Conference, 2012-present

*Assistant Professor of Theology*, Seattle Pacific University and Seminary, 2010-2012

*Instructor of Theology*, Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, WA), 2008-2010

*Associate Pastor to Youth & Family*, Covenant Presbyterian Church (Austin, TX), 2005-2007

*Assistant Editor*, 10th Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference (Rutherford House: Edinburgh, Scotland), 2003, resulting in the book *Justification in Perspective: Historical Developments and Contemporary Challenges*, Bruce McCormack, ed., 2005

*Assistant Editor*, Princeton Project on Youth, Globalization and the Church (Institute for Youth Ministry: Princeton, NJ), 2002-2005, resulting in the book *Youth, Religion and Globalization: New Research in Practical Theology*, Richard Osmer & Kenda Dean, eds., 2007

*Member*, Princeton Seminary Touring Choir (Princeton, NJ), 2000-2003

*Chaplain Intern*, Clinical Pastoral Education Chaplaincy, Huntington Memorial Hospital (Pasadena, CA), Summer 2000

*Ministry Intern*, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church (New York, NY), 1999-2000

*Youth Ministries Coordinator*, La Cañada Presbyterian Church (La Cañada, CA), 1995-1997

*Director of Jr. High Ministries*, La Cañada Presbyterian Church (La Cañada, CA), 1994-1999

*Staff Advisor*, Forest Home Christian Conference Center (Forest Falls, CA), Summer 1994

*Resident Assistant*, Stanford University (Stanford, CA), 1992-1994

*Editor*, *Columnist*, and *Senior Staff Writer*, *Stanford Daily* (Stanford, CA), 1991-1994

*Ministry Intern*, Fallbrook Presbyterian Church (Fallbrook, CA), 1992

## PRESENTATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer Reviewed Periodicals*

"Spirit-Driven Discipleship: A Pneumatology of Youth Ministry," in *Theology Today*, Vol. LXXI, No. 3 (October 2014) [*forthcoming*]

"Troubled Complexion: Adolescence Abandonment as Spiritual Facelessness in the Thought of James Loder," in *Journal of Youth Ministry*, Vol. XIII, No. 1 (Fall 2014) [*forthcoming*]

"Currents of Malformation and Maturation: A Theological Analysis of Adolescent Culture," in *Reformed World*, Vol. 62, No. 1 (March 2012) 7-33

"The Challenge and Opportunity of Adolescence: A Theological Diagnosis and Response," keynote article in *Reformed Review*, Vol. LXII, No. 1 (Winter 2009), 3-29

"A Very Present Help: James Loder's Trinitarian Soteriology and Adolescent Identity Formation" (keynote article), and "Response to the Respondents," in *Koinonia Journal*, Vol. XVIII (2006), 5-18, 41-48

Review of William J. LaDue, *The Trinity Guide to the Trinity* (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Trinity Press International, 2003) in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, Vol. XXV, No. 1 (Spring 2004) 123-124

"Theology as Spiritual Salvation," in *The Princeton Theological Review*, Vol. X, No. 1 (Fall 2003) 24-29

*Book Chapters and Substantive Entries*

"Francis Clark," "Cursillo Movement," and "School of Nisbis," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. Mark A. Lamport and George Thomas Kurian (Scarecrow Press, 2014) [*forthcoming*]

"Missiology in the New Creation: John 20:1-23" and "Church in the New Creation: Ephesians 1-4" in Lectio: Guided Bible Reading, Seattle Pacific University Center for Biblical and Theological Education, Summer 2014

"Holiness and Mission" in *Holiness as a Liberal Art*, ed. Daniel Castelo (Pickwick Publications, 2012), 105-118.

"Backward Christians, Acts 26: 9-21" in *Shook Foil Books Young Preachers Compilation*, ed. Erik W. Dailey (Shook Foil Books, 2012).

*Popular Readership*

"Leadership in Common" in *Leadership Journal* [*forthcoming*]

"A Faith of Their Own" on Patheos.com (November 2013)

"Pastors, Partners, and Padawans: Surrounded in the Journey of Following Jesus" on CYMT.org (May 2013)

"Preaching and Adolescents: Addressing the Whole Body of Christ" on CYMT.org (April 2013)

"Theological People" on YouthWorker.org (February 2013)

"Counter-Cultural Adolescence" on CYMT.org (Center for Youth Ministry Training) (February 2013)

"Hope for Halloween!" on YouthWorker.org (October 2012)

"Tied to the Past," in *Devo'Zine*, (January/February 2002) 10-11

*Conference Speaking*

"The Gospel of John and Youth Ministry," Keynote, Western Washington Young Life, Seattle, June 2014

"Subhuman: Thinking Theologically about Disability and Youth," Speaker, Pacific Youth Conference, Seattle, May 2014

"Windy Youth Ministry," Presentation, Seattle Presbytery SeaPres Café, February 2014

"The 'We' Gospel," Panelist, National Youth Workers' Convention, Nashville, November 2013

"Brains on Fire," Panelist, National Youth Workers' Convention, Nashville, November 2013

"Helping *All* Youth to Flourish: Student Achievement, 'Special' Education, Belonging, and Love", Panelist, Seattle Pacific University Day of Common Learning, October 2013

"Subhuman: Thinking Theologically about Disability and Youth," Presentation, Open Seattle, October 2013

"Reflections on David Wright's *How God Makes the World a Better Place*," Panelist, Wesleyan Contributions to a Social Framework for Human Flourishing, Seattle Pacific University, April 2013

"Windy Youth Ministry," Presentation, Pacific Youth Conference, Seattle, April 2013

"Interdisciplinary Issues Impacting Christian Formation and Discipleship," Panelist, National Youth Workers' Convention, San Diego, October 2012

"Human Sexuality and Identity," Panelist, National Youth Workers' Convention, San Diego, October 2012

"What Has Wall Street to Do with Emmaus?", Presentation, Open Seattle, October 2012

"Spirit-Driven Youth Ministry," Presentation, Association of Youth Ministry Educators Annual Meeting, October 2011

"Theology and Science: Friends or Enemies?", Seminar, Seattle Pacific University Day of Common Learning, October 2011

"Does Love Win?", Presentation and Panelist, Seattle Pacific University School of Theology Symposium, May 2011

"The Problem of Salvation: Misunderstandings in the Ministry of the Church," Keynote, Princeton Theological Seminary Northwest Gathering, November 2010

"Missional Theology and 'Glocal' Christianity," Seminar, Seattle Pacific University Day of Common Learning, October 2010

"Making Disciples: Building a Theo-Logical Youth Ministry," Seminar, Seattle Pacific University Center for Biblical and Theological Education, Passionate Faith: A Bible, Youth, and Culture Conference, May 2010

"Calvin the Reformer," Presentation, School of Theology Quincentennial Symposium on John Calvin, January 2010

"Neoplatonic Soteriology in Augustine's *De Trinitate*," Presentation, AAR Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting, Theology and Philosophy of Religion Group, April 2009

"A Very Present Help: James Loder's Trinitarian Soteriology and Adolescent Identity Formation," Keynote, *Koinonia Journal* Annual Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2006

"Salvation as Spiritual Formation: James Loder's Soteriology and Adolescent Identity Development," Presentation, Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2003

*Lectures*

"Theology and Ecology," Guest Lecture, Seattle Pacific University, Fall 2013

"Youth Ministry in a Mass Media Culture," Guest Lecture, Seattle Pacific University, Fall 2012

"Cyber-Gnosticism: The Internet and Adolescent Spirituality," Guest Lecture, Seattle Pacific University, Fall 2009

"Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Youth Ministry," Guest Lecture, Seattle Pacific University, Winter 2009

"Adolescent Religious Development in Social Context," Guest Lecture, University of Texas, September 2007

"Mission in Jesus Christ's Way," Guest Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2005

"Mission and the Message of Salvation," Guest Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2005

"Bonhoeffer's Theology of the Individual in Community," Guest Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, Winter 2003

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Campus Ministry Task Force, 2013-2014
White Papers: "Campus Ministry – A Definition," "Community Orientation of Campus Ministry at Seattle Pacific University"

Center for Biblical and Theological Education Lectio Brainstorming Group, September 2013

Workshop Moderator, "Theology and Preaching," Wesleyan Theological Society, March 2013

Co-Presenter, Tuesday Food for Thought (campus book discussion), October 2012

Leader, Student Lectio Study Group, Fall 2012

Member, Cross Campus Interview Team, April 2012 to present

Theology and Disability Task Force, Spring 2012
White Paper: "Possible Structures for Theology and Disability Programs"

Breakout *Lectio Divina* Session Leader, Center for Biblical and Theological Education Conference ("Scripture as Formation"), October 2011

Seminary Practicum Redesign, Project Lead, Spring 2010
White Paper: Core Practicum: Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Volunteer, Senior Gift Fundraising, April 2010

Organizer, School of Theology Quincentennial Symposium on John Calvin, January 2010

School of Theology Representative, Urban Preview, November 2009

Panelist, Transfer Student Orientation, September 2009

Faculty Member to Class Meeting (Seattle Pacific Seminary student group) 2009-2010

Academic Advisor, 2009-present

School of Theology Palmer Lectureship Committee, 2009-2010

School of Theology Graduate Admissions Committee, 2009-present

Preacher and Communicant, Wednesday Night Student Worship, 4-22-09, 6-3-09

Panelist, University Ministries Seminar ("Community"), April 2009

Preacher and Communicant, Friday Morning Prayer and Communion, 10-24-08, 1-16-09, 4-17-09, 10-9-09, 3-5-10, 5-14-10, 11-19-10, 1-14-11, 4-15-11, 10-7-11, 3-2-12, 3-30-12, 9-28-12, 1-11-13, 4-5-13, 10-11-13, 1-10-14, 4-11-14

Moderator, Bonhoeffer Reading Group, Fall 2008

School of Theology Special Events Committee, 2008-2009

Faculty Senate, 2008-present

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

File Building Workshop, May 2014

Faculty Training (Robbin Riedy: Online Lecturing Tools), February 2014

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Formative Assessment"), December 2013

Faculty/Staff Training Workshop ("Learn How to Promote Your Events"), September 2013

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Using Rubrics for Assessment in Blackboard"), September 2013

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("The Effect of Active Learning Classrooms (ALC) on Professors' Instructional Practices"), May 2013

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Twitter: Sharing Your Learning with Students & Colleagues"), May 2013

Faculty Mini-Course ("James"), September 2013

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Blended Learning"), May 2013

Active Learning Community Workshop ("Jen Ross: Thinking Beyond the Classroom"), April 2013

Active Learning Community Workshop ("Jen Ross: Digital Learning Spaces"), April 2013

Active Learning Community Workshop ("Robert Beichner: SCALE-UP Pedagogies"), February 2013

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Robert Beichner: The SCALE-UP Project"), January 2013

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("D. Christopher Brooks: Space Matters"), December 2012

Active Learning Community Workshop ("D. Christopher Brooks: Pedagogy and Space"), December 2012

Faculty Training Tea ("Creating Community In and Out of the Classroom"), November 2012

Active Learning Community, September 2012 to June 2013

Faculty Mini-Course ("Isaiah"), September 2012

Faculty Training Tea ("Using Students in Research"), May 2012

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Difficult Conversations with Students"), May 2012

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Cell/Smart Phone Texting as Pedagogical Tool"), April 2012

Faculty Training Tea ("Focused Hospitality: Classroom Conversations on Difficult Topics"), March 2012

Faculty Teaching Seminar ("Teaching Essentials II"), February 2012

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Team Teaching"), February 2012

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Facilitating Conversations about Race"), February 2012

Advising Workshop ("Use of Banner for Advising"), January 2012

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Teaching Students to Write Research Papers"), December 2011

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Incorporating Critical Thinking Skills"), November 2011

Faculty Teaching Workshop ("Lesson Planning and Classroom Pacing"), October 2011

Graduate Advising Workshop, October 2011

Faculty Mini-Course ("Joshua/Judges"), September 2011

Faculty Mini-Course ("Christian Scriptures"), September 2010

Faculty Mini-Course ("Wesleyan History and Theology"), September 2010

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Camtasia Relay"), June 2010

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Online Collaborative Learning"), June 2010

Undergraduate Advising Training, October 2009

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Blackboard 9: The Basics"), September 2009

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Blackboard: Grade Center"), February 2009

Instructional Technology Workshop ("PowerPoint: Minimalist Approaches"), December 2008

Wabash Center Training Day ("Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses"), December 2008

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Blackboard: The Basics"), September 2008

Faculty Teaching Seminar ("Teaching 101"), September 2008

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Blackboard: Grade Center"), September 2008

Instructional Technology Workshop ("Blackboard: Discussion Boards"), September 2008

Faculty Mini-Course ("Christian Formation"), September 2008

## TEACHING and RESEARCH INTERESTS (alphabetically listed)

Adolescent Spirituality, Christian Education, Discipleship, History of Doctrine, Pneumatology, Practical Theology, Reformed Theology, Soteriology, Spiritual Disciplines, Spiritual Formation, Systematic Theology, Theological Analysis of Culture, Theological Anthropology, Theological Ethics, Theology & Developmental Psychology, Theology of Disability, Theology & Practice of Ministry, Theology of Spirituality, Youth & Family Ministry

## DENOMINATION

Presbyterian Church (USA), Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacrament)

- Ordained October 30, 2005 by San Fernando Presbytery
- Presently member of Seattle Presbytery

## MINISTRY INTERESTS (alphabetically listed)

Christian Education, Discipleship, Leadership Development, Parent Education, Preaching & Teaching, Spiritual Formation, Youth & Family Ministry

## LANGUAGES (for reading) (alphabetically listed)

Biblical Hebrew, French, German, *Koine* Greek, Spanish

## SPEAKING AND PREACHING

On request, subjects and instances are available.

## REFERENCES

On request, names and contact information are available.