

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

B. S. in Biblical Studies, Calvary Bible College, 1973.

M. R. E., Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, 1981.

magna cum laude

President's Award - Outstanding Graduate M.R.E. Program

Ph.D., Adult & Continuing Education, Michigan State University, 1987.

Dissertation: *Expanding the Taxonomy of Adult Learner Orientations*

Chair: Dr. Ted Ward

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Experience

Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Christian Education & Family Studies,
John Brown University (1984-91)

Director, Academic Study Center, University of Arkansas (1991-94)

Dean, Department of Christian Education, Trinity College & Seminary (1995-2002)

Concentration Director, Christian Education, Trinity College & Seminary (2002-)

Vice President for Distributive Learning, Trinity College & Seminary (1996-1998)

Adjunct Graduate Faculty, Robert B. Toulouse School of Graduate Studies
University of North Texas, 1996-present.

Visiting Professor of Christian, Erskine Theological Seminary (1998-1999)

Professor of Christian Education, Erskine Theological Seminary (1999-present)

Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, Erskine Theological Seminary (1999-2002)

Director of Distance Education (1999-2002)

Director Erskine Seminary Self-Study (1999-2001)

Associate Dean for Distributive Learning (2002-present)

Tenured Professor of Christian Education (2002-present)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS (Past and Present)

United States Distance Learning Association
Council on Adult and Experiential Learning
American Adult and Continuing Education Association
International Council for Distance Education
European Distance Education Network
Commission on Professors of Adult and Continuing Education
National Association of Professors of Religious Education
Founding President, Association of Bible Teachers, an affiliate organization of the
Biblical Archaeology Society, Washington, D.C.
Advisory Board Member, Scholarly Writers Institute
Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education
Association of Christian Continuing Education Schools and Seminaries (ACCESS)
Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education in Ministry (SACEM)
Deans' Council, Institute of Theological Studies, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Vice-President Atlanta Theological Association, 2002-present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

National University Continuing Education Association March 29-April 1, 1996
Accreditation on Trial: Who Needs It? - PBS Videoconference, April 24, 1997
ICDE World Conference, Penn State University, June 2-6, 1997
ACCESS Annual Meeting, January 7-10, 1999, Orlando, Florida
SACEM Annual Meeting, January 9-12, 1999, Nashville, Tennessee
Deans' Council of the Institute of Theological Studies Annual Meeting, February 5-7,
2000, Phoenix, Arizona
Deans' Council of the Institute of Theological Studies Annual Meeting, February 8-10,
2001, Phoenix, Arizona

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Association of Theological Schools 1999-2000 Teaching and Learning Fellow
Association of Theological Schools 1999-2000 Teaching and Learning Grant

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Published Articles

The place of evaluating spiritual maturity in christian education. *Christian Education Today*. Summer, 1987:23-25.
Combining theory and practice on site. *Journal of Christian Camping*.
Jan/Feb, 1989:18-21.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

Published Articles

Times for teaching. *Moody Monthly*. June, 1989.

How to develop a balanced youth ministry. *Christian Education Today*.
Spring, 1990:12-13.

Correcting our vision of adult learners in the church. *Christian Education Today*.
Fall, 1990:15-17.

Rethinking the female status/function question: The Jew/gentile relationship as paradigm,
Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society. 34/1 March, 1991:59-75

Expanding the taxonomy of adult learner orientations. *International Journal of Lifelong
Education*. Vol. 10, No. 1, 1991:1-23.

Achieving excellence in Christian higher education, *Faculty Dialogue*. Spring, 1991:79-
89.

Making good use of Bible commentaries. *Bible Teachers News*. Summer, 1994.

Bridging the gap between the academy and the church. *Bible Teachers News*. Fall, 1994.

Theological education via distance learning: Part one: participants and program strengths;
Part two: problems and prospects. *Christian Education Journal*. Spring 1999.

Featured in "Distance Doctors" cover story on theological distance education, *In Trust:
The Magazine for Leaders in Theological Education*, Autumn, 1999:26-27.

Professional Papers and Presentations

"Overview of Current Adult Learning Theory," Kellogg Symposium on Adult Education
Michigan State University, 1983.

"Philosophy of Adult Education: The Neglected Species," Michigan Association for
Adult and Continuing Education, Michigan State University, February, 1984.

"The Relationship Between Middle Age and Personal Religious Faith," National
Association of Professors of Christian Education, Annual Meeting, Kansas City,
November, 1986.

"Expanding the Taxonomy of Adult Learner Orientations," American Association of
Adult and Continuing Education, Annual Convention, Washington, D.C., 1987.

"Teaching Critical Thinking Skills to College Students," Council of Independent
Colleges, Regional Faculty Institute, Chicago, 1988.

"Forging an Agenda for Christian Higher Education in the 21st Century: An Old
Testament Theology of Mission," Southwest Regional Meeting, Evangelical
Theological Society, Dallas, March, 1988.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

Professional Papers and Presentations

“Rethinking the Female Status/Function Question: The Jew/Gentile Relationship as Paradigm,” Southwest Regional Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society John Brown University, March, 1989.

"Situational Academic and Relational Support in Distance Education" (SARSIDE), International Symposium on Theological Distance Education, October 3-4, 1997.

“You Are My Witnesses: A Biblical Theology of Christian Education,” Evangelical Theological Society Regional Meeting, Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, March 20-21, 1998.

"Helping Students Learn How to Learn in Theological Distance Education," 30th Annual Evangelical Seminary Deans' and Institute of Theological Studies Deans' Council Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, February 5-7, 2000.

"Learning to Teach and Teaching to Learn in Theological Schools," 2000 Teaching and Learning in Theological Education Conference, The Association of Theological Schools, March 31-April 2, 2000, Pittsburgh, PA.

Unit Training Seminar, "Domestic Violence Through the Lens of Family Systems Theory," Army Chaplain Training Center, TECOM/Installation, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, August, 1999.

Unit Training Seminar, "The Context of Ministry in American Culture," Army Chaplain Training Center, Ft. Benning, Georgia, May, 2000.

Church Seminar, "Building Foundations of Ministry for the 21st Century," Friendship United Methodist Church, Seneca, South Carolina, Rev. Darren Hook, Pastor, May 21-24, 2000.

Church Seminar, “Building Foundations of Ministry for the 21st Century,” Hodges UMC, Hodges, South Carolina, August 20-22, 2000.

Unit Training Seminar, “How to Avoid Spiritual Maturity,” Army Chaplain Training Center, Ft. Gordon, Georgia, December, 2000.

Church Seminar: “Building Foundations of Ministry for the 21st Century Church,” Loris First Presbyterian Church, Loris, South Carolina, May 13-15, 2001.

Staley Lecturer Hanniball-LaGrange College, Hanniball, Missouri. March 24-26, 2004. Lecture topic: “Living the Mission Motivated Life.”

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

Professional Papers and Presentations

Old Providence Presbytery Workshop on Adult Education in the Church, October 23-24, 2004, Virginia.

Catawba Presbytery Elder's Association Meeting, October 26, 2004, Chester, South Carolina. Presentation topic: "Parents, Grandparents, and the Mission of God."

Christian Education Curricula

God's Promise to the Gentiles. *Comprehensive Bible Study Curriculum*, David C. Cook, December, 1992.

God Tests a Nation and Its Leaders: A Study of I and II Samuel. Accent Publications, 1993.

The Church at Work: A Study of the Book of Acts. Accent Publications, 1993.

Faith Must Work: A Study of the Book of James. Accent Publications, 1994.

Real Faith for Tough Times: A Study of I, II Peter and Jude. Accent Publications, 1995.

Psalms for Living: A Study of the Book of Psalms. Accent Publications, 1995.

SD75 Mirrors of Modern Culture CD-ROM, 2001.

SM95Z Introduction to Theological Education CD-ROM, 2001.

Book Reviews

Review of *All Things New: The Significance of Newness for Biblical Theology*, Carl B. Hoch. Baker Book House, 1994. In *Global Journal of Classical Theology*, Vol I, No. 1, Sept., 1998.

Review of *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*, Walter Brueggemann. Fortress Press, 1997. In *Journal of Research on Christian Education*, Autumn, 1998, Vol. 8, No. 1, 131-142.

Review of *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*, Walter Brueggemann. Fortress Press, 1997. In *Global Journal of Classical Theology*, Vol. I, No. 2, Feb., 1999.

Self-Study

Self-Study Report Erskine Theological Seminary Reaffirmation of Accreditation ATS/SACS, 1999-2001. I served as Director of the Self-Study and guided the institution to a successful reaffirmation of accreditation both with the Association of Theological Schools and The Southern Association for Colleges and Schools with no notations from either accreditor and two commendations from SACS for the quality of the written report and the use of learning technologies in the classroom.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

Publications in Process

You Are My Witnesses: A Mission-Based Theology of Christian Education. Manuscript for publication to be finished in 2005.

“Responding to Learner Needs in Distance Education: Providing Academic and Relational Support (PARS),” chapter in a book edited by S. Joseph Levine, *Learners, Learners Everywhere: The Challenge of Teaching at a Distance*. To be published in 2005.

“Building Community and Facilitating Spiritual Formation in Theological Distance Education,” journal article to be published in 2005.

The Ecology of Spiritual Formation, manuscript for publication.