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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, New Testament. The Divinity School. The University of Chicago
Chicago, IL. Thesis, "The Recovery of Allegory." Advisor, Arthur J. Droge; committee
members, Hans Dieter Betz, Adela Yarbro Collins.

Master of Divinity, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN.

Bachelor of Arts, Denison University, Granville, OH. Honors Thesis, "Prophecy in Eighth
Century Israel."

EMPLOYMENT

Academic and Administrative

Professor of New Testament, the School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN
(2015-). Professor of Homiletics, 2012-15. Associate Professor of Homiletics, 2006-12.
Director of the Advanced Degrees Program and founder of the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching
Program, 2008-10.

Executive Director, the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, Springfield, NJ (2010-15).

Associate Director, the Louisville Institute, 2001-2006.

Adjunct Professor of New Testament, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 2002-2005.

Adjunct Professor of New Testament and Preaching, Colgate Rochester Divinity School,
Rochester, NY, 1995-2000.

Adjunct Professor of New Testament and Preaching, Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland,
OH, 1991-95.

Parochial

Ordained Priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, December 10, 2005 (ordained to the transitional diaconate, June 4, 2005).

Priest Consultant, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, TN, 2007-2009.

Priest Associate, Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, KY, 2005-2006.

Deacon, Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville, KY, 2005.

Senior Minister, First Baptist Church, Rochester, NY, 1995-2000.

Senior Minister, Park Avenue Baptist Church, Mansfield, OH, 1989-1995.

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

University of the South faculty research grants, 2010-2019.

Conant Fund research and travel grants, 2010-19.

Cousins Foundation grant for Holy Land Pastoral Renewal program, 2008-2010.

Conant Fund research and travel grant for study in Israel, 2008.

Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Pastoral Leaders, 1998.

Baptist Theological Union scholarship, University of Chicago, 1983-88.

Founders Medal, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1979.

Honors scholar, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1976-79.

B. A. Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Junior and Senior Teaching Fellow, Denison University, 1974-76.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Books

Preaching Truth in an Age of Alternative Facts. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2018.

The Homiletical Question: An Introduction to Liturgical Preaching. Portland, OR: Cascade

Books, 2017.

The Preaching of Jesus: Gospel Proclamation, Then and Now. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010.

Conversations with Scripture: the Parables. Harrisburg, PA: Morehouse Publishing, 2006.

The Letters of James and Jude. New Cambridge Bible Commentary. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

Book chapters:

Chapters on Romans, First and Second Thessalonians, and Jude in the Westminster Handbook on Biblical Preaching, O. Wesley Allen, ed. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2019).

Co-translator, Letters of Jude, Second Peter, Common English Bible. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010.

Fifteen essays, Feasting on the Word. David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, editors. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008-11.

“Jude, Letter of,” New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible, volume three. Katharine Doob Sakenfield, editor. Abingdon Press, 2007, 2009.

“The Presentation of Our Lord,” pp. 57-62.

“Joseph, Guardian of Jesus,” pp. 68-73.

“The Annunciation of Our Lord,” pp. 74-79.

“The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,” pp.114-120.

“The Transfiguration of Our Lord,” pp. 156-161. New Proclamation Commentary on Feasts, Holy Days and Other Celebrations, David Lott, editor. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007.

“The Sundays of Advent and Christmas,” New Proclamation Lectionary Commentary Year B, 2005-06, Harold W. Rast (posthumous) and David Lott, editors. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005.

“The Means of Absent Ends,” History, Literature and Society in the Book of Acts, Ben Witherington III, editor. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1996.

Articles

“All in the Family,” *Expository Times* volume 130 number 10, May, 2019, pp. 459-60.

“Can These Bones Live?” *Expository Times* volume 128 number 6, March, 2017, pp. 290-91.

- “How May I Help You?” *Expository Times* volume 129 number 12, 2018, pp. 570-72.
- “Why me?” *Expository Times* volume 129 number 8, May, 2018, pp. 371-72.
- “After the Drama,” *Expository Times* volume 127 number 8, May, 2016, pp. 400-02.
- “The People’s Preaching Class: Fred Craddock in retirement,” *The Christian Century* March 4, 2015, pp. 20-23.
- “The Homiletical Question,” *Sewanee Theological Review* 58:2, 2015.
- “On Thomas Merton,” *Sewanee Theological Review*, Pentecost, 2012, pp. 55-58.
- “Enough about Me” *The Christian Century* February 23, 2010, pp. 35-38.
- “Preaching Parabolically” *Sewanee Theological Review* Easter, 2009, pp. 160-70.
- “Preaching the Parables” *Sewanee Theological Review* Lent, 2009, pp. 66-76.
- “Living by the Word” (2 columns) *The Christian Century*. April 8, 2008, pp. 20-21.
- “The Letter of Jude: A Rhetoric of Excess or an Excess of Rhetoric?” *Interpretation: a Journal of Bible and Theology*. July, 2006.
- “What Matters in Ministry,” *Congregations*. Spring, 2004.
- “Living by the Word” (4 columns), *The Christian Century*, April 19-May 17, 2000.
- “The Limits of Metaphor,” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 21 (1994), pp. 23-41.
- “Let the Reader (in the Pew) Understand,” *Proceedings* XIII (1993), pp. 233-9.
- “Parable, Allegory and Metaphor,” *Proceedings* XI (1991), pp. 191-99.

Reviews

- “Transitions: Leading Churches through Change,” ed. David N. Mosser, *Sewanee Theological Review*, Christmas 2011, p.109.
- “The Business of All Believers: Reflections on Leadership,” Richard A. Norris, *Sewanee Theological Review*, Christmas 2011, p.110.
- “Theological Interpretation of the New Testament: A Book by Book Survey,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, April, 2010, p.421.

“Elements of Preaching Series,” ed. O. Wesley Allen, Jr. *Sewanee Theological Review*, Easter 2010, pp. 234-6.

“Preaching From Memory to Hope,” Thomas G. Long, *Sewanee Theological Review*, Michaelmas 2010, pp. 478-9.

“Accompany Them with Singing: A Christian Funeral,” Thomas G. Long, *Sewanee Theological Review*, Michaelmas 2010, pp. 479-80.

“An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith,” Barbara Brown Taylor. *Sewanee Theological Review*, Michaelmas, 2009, pp. 446-9.

“Marking Time: Preaching Biblical Stories in the Present Tense,” Barbara Lundblad. *Sewanee Theological Review*, Pentecost, 2009, pp. 324-5.

“So That All Might Know: Preaching that Engages the Whole Congregation,” Thomas H. Troeger and H. Edward Everding, Jr. *Sewanee Theological Review*, Pentecost, 2009, pp. 325-6.

“Parables with Intent,” Klyne Snodgrass. *Sewanee Theological Review*, Michaelmas, 2008, pp. 461-63.

“Cross Talk: Preaching Redemption Here and Now,” Sally A. Brown. *Sewanee Theological Review* Pentecost, 2008, p. 349.

“The Folly of Preaching: Models and Methods,” ed. Michael P. Knowles. *Sewanee Theological Review*, Easter, 2008.

“Powers, Weakness, and the Tabernacling of God,” Marva Dawn. *The Christian Century*, August 29, 2001, p. 34.

“Jesus and the Politics of Interpretation,” Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza. *The Christian Century*, June 20-27, 2001, p. 33.

“Reading the Bible Again for the First Time,” Marcus J. Borg. *The Christian Century*, May 2, 2001, pp. 36-37.

“Living Jesus: Learning the Heart of the Gospel,” Luke Timothy Johnson. *The Christian Century*, June 30, 1999, pp. 687-8.

“The Meaning of Jesus,” Marcus J. Borg and N. T. Wright. *The Christian Century*, April 7, 1999, pp. 394-5.

“The God We Never Knew,” Marcus J. Borg. *The Christian Century*, March 18-25, 1998, pp. 317-18.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

“The Preaching of Jesus” and “The Preaching of Paul,” Cambridge Summer Preaching Conference, Westcott House, Cambridge University, July 2012.

“Preaching Jesus within Judaism,” Woolf Institute, Cambridge University, June, 2011.

“The Priority of James,” Letter of James Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November, 2005.

“Congregation-based Biblical Scholarship Consultation,” founder and convener. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meetings, 2004-06.

“The Homiletical Texture of Biblical Texts,” Socio-rhetorical Criticism and the NT Section. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November, 1999.

“The Allegories of Jesus,” New Testament Section. Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Münster, Germany, July, 1993.

“A Century of Jülicher,” History of Biblical Criticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 1992.

RECENT CONFERENCES AND TEACHING SERIES

“Preaching Truth in the Age of Alternative Facts,” three lectures, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts clergy conference, Brewster, MA, April 24-26, 2017.

“Preaching Paul,” Preaching Excellence Program of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, Richmond, VA, May, 2012.

“Jesus within Judaism,” Episcopal Diocese of Ohio Clergy Conference, Sandusky, OH, May 2012.

“Jesus and the Rhetoric of Proclamation,” Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, May, 2012.

“Prophetic Preaching,” Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee Clergy Conference, May, 2012.

“ReCrafting the Sermon: What Language Shall We Borrow?” National Episcopal Preaching Conference, Kanuga Conference Center, April 2012.

“The Parables of Jesus,” Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, March, 2012.

“Ten Things I Will Never Do Again in the Pulpit” and “Ten Things I Try to Do Every Time I Preach;” Episcopal Diocese of Maine Clergy Conference, September, 2011.

“Preaching Old Testament Texts,” Preaching Excellence Program of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, Villanova University, May 2011.

“REmergent Preaching,” Episcopal Church in Minnesota Clergy Conference, May, 2011.

“Answering the Homiletical Question in Holy Week,” National Episcopal Preaching Conference, Kanuga Conference Center, March, 2011.

“Preaching/Jesus/Preaching,” Episcopal Diocese of Missouri Clergy Conference, September, 2010.

“The Preaching of Jesus” (seven lectures), Preaching Excellence Program of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, Villanova University, June, 2010.

“Preaching Jesus,” National Episcopal Preaching Conference, Kanuga Conference Center, April, 2010.

“Preaching to the Uninterested, Unconvinced, and Unimpressed” (three lectures), Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio Clergy Conference, January, 2010.

“The Parables of Jesus” (four lectures) Monteagle Assembly, Monteagle, TN, June 2009.

“Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels” 12 week series. Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, TN, 2008-09.

“Preaching in Parables, Preaching the Parables” (four lectures), Preaching Excellence Program of the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, Villanova University, June 2008.

“Jesus within Judaism,” Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, Alabama. February, 2008.

“Race Thru Scripture: How to Read the Bible Fully, Faithfully, and Well,” twelve week series, Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, Tennessee. 2007-08.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars

Society of Biblical Literature