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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Religious and Theological Studies (6/98)

Northwestern University (NU/Garrett Evangelical Joint Ph.D. Program)

Theological Ethics, Church and Society

Dissertation: *The "Character Solution" and the Public Schools: An Analysis from a "Narrative and Virtue" Point of View*

This dissertation concentrated on the work of Hauerwas, McIntyre and Yoder and its application to the Christian quandary of character education in the public schools.

University of Chicago Writing Program (Fall 2001)

Graham School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Returning Scholar Program (9/89)

University of Chicago Divinity School
Theological Ethics/Church and Society

Graduate Study (6/82)

University of Miami Graduate Schools of International Economics
Miami, FL

M.A. Theological Studies (6/81)

New Testament, Theology

Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, IL.

(Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary 6/79)

B.A. Philosophy (early graduation 6/77)

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

**TEACHING/
CHURCH
RELATED
EXPERIENCE**

B.R. Lindner Chair of Evangelical Theology (2006-)
Northern Seminary
Lombard, IL

Theologian in Residence (2015-)
Fresh Expressions USA (<https://freshexpressionsus.org>)

**Founding Board Member- Missio Alliance
(2012 -2022)**

**Board Member- Ecclesia Network of Missional Churches
(2009 -2012)**
ecclesianet.com

**Church Planter Coach/Steering Committee National Church
Planting (2012-2106)**
Midwest District, National Office, Christian and Missionary
Alliance. Colorado Springs, CO.

Co- Pastor/Church Planter/ (2000 -2013)
Life on the Vine Community of Christ of the C&MA
Long Grove, IL 60147

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Peace of Christ Church of the C&MA
117 N. Cass Ave.
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**Adjunct Professor Theology and Mission (2012 -)
(2016-)**
Alliance Theological Seminary
Nyack, NY

**Adjunct Professor Theology and Mission (2012 -)
(2016-)**
Regent College
Vancouver, BC

**Adjunct Professor Theology and Mission (2012 -)
(2010-)**
Northeastern Theological Seminary
Rochester, NY

**Adjunct Professor Theology and Mission (2010 -)
(2010-)**

Fuller Theological Seminary
Pasadena, CA

Adjunct Professor Theology and Mission (2009-)
Biblical Theological Seminary
Hatfield, PA

Adjunct Professor Theology and Mission (2008 -)
Azusa School of Theology
Azusa Pacific University
Azusa, CA

Adjunct/Affiliate Professor of Ministry, Theology and Ethics
(1996-06)
Northern Seminary
Lombard, IL

Co-Founder /Associate Director (2002-2005)
Up\Rooted (www.Up-rooted.com)
A Collaborative Friendship of Chicago-area pastors, worship
leaders and lay leaders engaging issues of post-modernity.
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Long Grove, IL 60047

Ordained Minister - Christian and Missionary Alliance (1999 -)
Midwest District
Bloomington, IL

Theologian in Residence (1995-7)
Metanoia Ministries
Hillsboro, New Hampshire
Restoringthechurch.org

Leader of / Teaching Director (1995-99)
Metanoia Christian Community
Metanoia Institute
Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant (3/93)
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Evanston, IL
Theological Ethics - Ken Vaux Ph.D.

Preacher/Teaching Team Director (1990-95)
Park Community Church
Chicago, IL.

**SELECTED
PUBLICATIONS**

“The Need for More Preaching in the Psychologist’ Office: or Why Therapy Never Should Have Left the Church in the First Place” *Pastoral Psychology*, Princeton University, Winter issue 2000, Vol.48, no.3.

“Populist Virtues and the Challenge for Christian Involvement” *Journal of Christian Education*, Trinity College: Singapore, Sept 2001, Vol. 44, no.2.

“Saving Souls Beyond Modernity: How Evangelism Can Save the Church and Make it Relevant Again.” *Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*. Volume Seventeen 2001-2002.

“Character Education in the Public Schools: The Challenge and the Opportunity for Christians” *Discernment*, (Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton College, Wheaton IL). Spring 2004

THE GREAT GIVEAWAY: RECOVERING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH FROM: American Business, Consumer Capitalism, Para-church Organizations, Psychotherapy and Other Modern Maladies (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005)

“Missional Misstep” *Christianity Today* (Christian Vision Project) (Sept, 2008). Received 2009 Evangelical Press Association Award for Article Series Category.

THE END OF EVANGELICALISM?: Discerning a New Faithfulness for Mission Theopolitical Visions Series (Eugene OR: Cascade Books, 2011).

Foreword to Jonathon Brink ed., **THE PRACTICE OF LOVE** (Folsom CA: Civitas Press, 2011)

“The Ideologizing of the Church” in *Letters to a Future Church* (Downers Grove IL: IVP Books, 2012)

PRODIGAL CHRISTIANITY: 10 Signposts for the Journey Into the Missional Frontier (San Francisco CA: Jossey-Bass, 2013)

“Mission Amid Empire: Why Political Formation and Mission are not Mutually Exclusive” with Geoff Holsclaw.

Missiology: An International Review Vol. 41 No. 4 (Oct 2013)

“50 Years of Church Planting As I See It,” Ch. 1 in Len Hjalmarson, *Text and Context* (Portland OR: Urban Loft Publishers, 2013)

Foreword to Mark Van Steenwyk, **THE UNKINGDOM OF GOD** (Downers Grove IL: IVP, 2013)

Foreword to Mark Lau Branson and Nicholas Warnes eds. **STARTING MISSIONAL CHURCHES: Life With God in the Neighborhood** (Downers Grove: IVP, 2014)

“The OutReach Interview: David Fitch On The Missional Frontier” *OutReach Magazine* July/August 2014 76=87

“Navigating Post Christendom Cultures: The Future of Mission in North America” *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* Vol. 50 No. 4 (Oct 2014) 408-413.

“Evangelicalism, Anabaptism, and Being the Church in Post Christian Culture: An Interview with David Fitch” by Carmen Andres *Anabaptist Witness* Vol 1 No. 1 (Oct 2014) 79-92.

“The Other Missional Conversation: Making Way for the neo-Anabaptist contribution to the missional movement in North America” *Missiology: An International Review* Vol. 44 No. 4 (Oct 2016) 466-478

FAITHFUL PRESENCE: How God Shapes the Church For the World (Downers Grove IL: Inter-Varsity Press, 2016)

“Proclamation is For Christians: On Preaching That Shapes Congregations for Mission” *Catalyst Magazine* ed. Joel Green (Dec 7, 2016)

“How the Presence of God Fuels Our Mission” *OutReach Magazine* January/February 2017 62-68.

THE CHURCH OF US VS. THEM: Freedom from a Faith that Feeds on Making Enemies (Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2019)

“On Living in These Antagonistic Times: Leading the Church to Be His Reconciling Presence” *Catalyst Magazine* ed. Joel Green (Nov 23, 2019)

“More “Unintended Consequences”: How the Reformation (Mis)Shaped the Church for Mission in North America” in Studebaker, Steven M. and Gordon L. Heath, eds. *The Reformation: Past Voices, Current Implications*. (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2021)

“The Key to Church Renewal Post-COVID-19” *OutReach Magazine* March/April 2021

The Way Worship Works in Mission: Proposing an Alternative to the Standard Account” *Missiology: An International Review* Vol. 49 No. 3 1-16.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?: And Why Does it Exist? (Harrisonburg VA: Herald Press, 2021)

“Neo-Anabaptism Among Contemporary Christians,” *T&T Clark Handbook on Anabaptism*. London: T&T Clark, 2021. Ch. 34, p. 579-594.

“The Many Gospels: How the Gospel Shapes the Church for Mission,” in Nijay Gupta et. al. (eds.) *Living the King Jesus Gospel: Discipleship and Ministry Then and Now* Cascade Books 2021, 177-195.

RECKONING WITH POWER: Why the Church Fails On The Wrong Side of Power (Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2024)

SAMPLE WEB PUBLICATIONS

Next-Wave Church & Culture E-Zine, No. 89 (May 2006) **“How to Speak About the Authority of Scriptures in our Times”**
“Review: Everything Must Change by Brian McLaren” April 2008

Christianity Today’s Weblog *Out of Ur*.

“Sayonara Senior Pastor” Feb 19, 2007,

“Good Things Come in Small Congregations” May 5, 2007

“The We’re In, You’re Out Mentality” Sept 28,2007

“Me, Myself and Jesus” Oct 5,2007

“Driscoll: Emerging Churches Don’t Have Converts” June 3, 2008 |

“Gospel Coalition or Expedition?” June 30, 2009 |

“Miss California and the Politics of Sexual Redemption” July 20, 2009

“3 Myths About Preaching Today” Sept 16,2009

“A Movement or a Fad? Why we're worrying too much about Emergent, Organic, and Missional Church.” February 2, 2010
“Is the New Calvinism Really a New Fundamentalism?” Nov 10, 2010

The Other Journal

“Beyond Silence: Why are emerging church writers, leaders and followers drawn to deconstructive theology?” April, 2007.
“Some Postmodern Words for the Present State of Gender Relations in the Church Today” August , 2007.

BuildingChurchLeaders.com a website of *Christianity Today*

“Transforming Congregations Through Bi-vocational Ministry: Three ways bi-vocationalism could help your church” in *Bi-Vocational Ministry* 2008
“Is New Calvinism Really New Fundamentalism?”

Churchleaders.com, a website of Outreach Inc.

“Is Leadership Biblical?” February 2011.

In *Christianity Today* Web only Edition

“The Sacraments of Place: To break the cycle of ideology in the church, try "going local.”
July 2012

EthicsDaily.com

“Respond to Injustice with Your Presence” September 9

* All of the above entries represent samples of my contributions as indeed I have contributed too many times to record all the entries in this CV.

**SELECTED
ACADEMIC
PRESENTATIONS**

Forum for Evangelical Theology – Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Evanston IL “The Great Giveaway,” April 2006.

The Conference on Consumerism and Christianity, Minneapolis Minnesota. “Consumerism and Justice,” April 2006.

Ekklesiaproject – DePaul University. Chicago IL., “Preaching as Funding Imagination,” July 2006..

Grow Center for Biblical Leadership – Lombard IL., “Postmodernity as Good News For the Church,” May 2007.

Culture Series of First Congregational Batavia IL., “Faith and War, Three Views Conference. Oct 2007. “The Christian Position of Pacifism and the Iraq War”

AEF National Conference - Northern Seminary, Lombard, IL., “Can Evangelicalism and Capitalism (Not) Get Along?” Oct 2008.

AAR – Christian Theological Research Fellowship Chicago IL., “The End of Evangelicalism?” Presenter Nov 2008

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City MO. Lectures
“Missional Communities in a Changing Culture” (5 lectures) Nov
2009

Journey: Western Theological Seminary Center for Continual
Learning Chicago, IL., June 2010

Ambrose University College Calgary AB Canada: Murray
Downey Lectures “The Future of Evangelicalism” February 2011

Wesleyan Theological Society, Dallas TX Presenter “The Trinity
and Mission and Empire.”

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg VA, University
Lecture Series. “The Church’s Politic of Fullness” March 2012

Northeastern Seminary Rochester NY Conference on Ministry
Lecture Series. “The Future of the Church: Emerging, Neo-
Reformed, Missional” (5 lectures) June 2012

American Society of Missiology: 2014 Annual Conference. St.
Paul MN “The (Other) Missional Conversation” Paper presented
and sat on panel with Craig Van Gelder etc. June 19, 2014

Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Region Philadelphia
PA. Invited Lecturer (2 Featured Lectures) “Is There An
Evangelical Ecclesiology? The Church and Mission in North
America” March 6,7 2015

Ekklesia Project – Chicago July 2017 -Plenary Engaging the
Antagonisms of Our Culture: The Peculiar Challenges of Mission
in a Post-Christendom World

**Lectures – Reformation and Post Christendom Conference Oct
2017** – McMaster Divinity School, Hamilton ON

Toccoa Falls College, Woerner Lectures Sept 2018, Toccoa GA.

Alliance Theological Seminary: Mission Lectureship Dec 2018
Faithful Presence in the City, Manhattan

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa CA Robertson Holiness
Lectures Feb 2020 “Right Side of History-Wrong Side of Power”

**SPECIFIC AREAS
OF EMPHASIS**

- Character and Virtue Ethics
- Missional Theology
- 19th & 20th Century Protestant Theology
- Continental Philosophy and Theology
- Political Theology
- Trinitarian Theology
- Postmodern and Post Liberal Christian Thought
- Christian Sexual Ethics
- Medical Ethics

**EXAMPLES OF
COURSES**

- Introduction to Christian Ethics
- Missional Theology – Towards a Theology that Shapes
The Church for Mission
- Cultural Exegesis

- Ethnography and Evangelism
- Christianity and Pluralism
- Character and the Christian Life
- History of Religious Thought: Readings in Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant and Barth
- Sexual Ethics & The Family
- Integrative Seminar
- Theology of Church and Culture
- Church in the Post Modern Context - Renewing the Practices
- Medical Ethics and the Pastor
- The Triune God
- Church Planting in Post Christendom
- Readings in PostModern Theology
- Leading the Missional Community (Biblical Seminary)
- Missional Ecclesiology (Fuller Theological Seminary) in development for 2011

ACADEMIC HONORS

The Murray and Dorothy Leiffer Endowed Scholarship
Christian Ethics (11/1990) – Northwestern University

Evangelical Press Association 2009 Higher Goals Award 2nd Place
in Article Series category for Christianity Today article.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Society of Christian Ethics (member)
- Ekklesia Project (member & presenter)
- Wheaton College Theology Conference
- Up-rooted.com (A collaborative society for "post-Christian post-modern church leaders").
- Christian & Missionary Alliance (ordained minister of)
- Christian Theological Research Fellowship of AAR
- AAR (member)
- Ecclesia Network (board member and presenter)

LECTURESHIPS

- Ambrose University College, Calgary, Alberta
- Ashland College/Seminary, Ashland, Ohio
- Bethany College, Saskatoon Saskatchewan
- Bethany Seminary, Richmond, Indiana
- Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg Virginia
- Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City MO
- Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
- Regent College, Vancouver BC
- Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON

GUEST PROFESSOR

- Azusa School of Theology, Azusa, CA
- Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield PA
- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA

- Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
- Regent College, Vancouver
- Nyack College, Nyack NY