

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Old Testament), Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 1996
Master of Divinity, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, 1985
Master of Science (General Counseling) Memphis State University, 1981
Bachelor of Arts (Religion), Lambuth College, 1978

Teaching Specialties

Biblical Studies: Area of Specialization: Old Testament. Area of competence: New Testament
Preaching
Intern Seminar

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Biblical Studies (Old Testament, Pentateuch, Prophets, Apocalyptic Literature)
Homiletics (Prophetic Preaching)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Preaching in Advent, Christmas and Epiphany in Year A, workshop for the pastors of the
Sherman-McKinney District of the North Texas Annual Conference: September 13, 2007
School of Ministry, Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
Preaching from Exodus: August 16-18, 2005
Perkins School of Theology
Introduction to Preaching: Spring 2002
Duke University Divinity School
Introduction to Preaching: Fall 1997 (Teaching Assistant)
The Rhetoric of Preaching: Fall 1997 (Teaching Assistant)
The Old Testament Prophets and Christian Preaching: Spring 1998
Preaching New Testament Ethics: Spring 1998 (Teaching Assistant)
Continuing Education Workshop for Pastors of the Northeast District, WNC Conference:
February 1998
Victoria District of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference
One-day Workshop—New Trends in Homiletics: March 24, 1997
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Introduction to Preaching: Spring Semesters of 1993-1997
D. Min Core Course A: The Bible in the Practice of Ministry: January 1994 and May 1995 (co-
taught with Lewis R. Donelson)
D. Min. Course: Old Testament Exegesis and Sermon Design: January 2000
Union Theological Seminary in Virginia
Introductory Hebrew: Fall 1990-Spring 1991 (Teaching Assistant)
Preaching from the Old Testament: May 1990 (Teaching Assistant)
Lambuth College
Clinical and Counseling Psychology: Spring 1986

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Appointments in the North Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
First United Methodist Church, Terrell July 2013-present
Whaley United Methodist Church, Gainesville January 2011 to 2013

First United Methodist Church, Farmersville, June 2007 to December 2010
Cornerstone United Methodist Church, June 2003 to June 2007
First United Methodist Church of Bowie, March 2000 to June 2003
Holliday-Dundee Charge, June 1998 to March 2000

Luce Postdoctoral Fellow in Preaching, Duke Divinity School. July 1997 to June 1998.

Pastor of Staples-Kingsbury Charge, Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. June 1996 to June 1997.

Part-time Lecturer in homiletics, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas. January 1993 to May 1997.

Interim Pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Luling, Texas. January 1995 to August 1995.

Interim Pastor of Buffalo and Beale Presbyterian Churches, Farmville, Virginia. May 1992 to January 1993.

Pastor of Lumberton Circuit, North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. June 1986 to June 1988.

Minister to the College and College Counselor, Lambuth College, Jackson, Tennessee. June 1985 to May 1986.

Chaplain Intern, Timberlawn Psychiatric Hospital, Dallas, Texas. July 1983 to May 1984.

Youth Director, Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. September 1980 to August 1981.

Student Pastor, Oakfield-Mt. Carmel Circuit, Memphis Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. November 1976 to June 1979.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

DISSERTATION

"Loosening a Knot: Theological Development in the Book of Daniel," June 1996.
Advisor: W. Sibley Towner
Readers: S. Dean McBride, William P. Brown

BOOKS

The Bible's Foundation: An Introduction to the Pentateuch, Chalice Press, 2013.

Parental Guidance Advised: Adult Preaching from the Old Testament, co-edited with Alyce M. McKenzie. Chalice Press, 2013.

Sermons on the Second Readings: Year C. CSS Publishing Company, 2009 (Contributing author).

Sermons on the Gospel Readings: Cycle A. CSS Publishing Company, 2007 (Contributing author).

Preaching Hosea, Amos and Micah. Preaching Classic Texts Series. Chalice Press, 2005.

Your Faith Has Made You Well: Preaching the Miracles, Cycle B. CSS Publishing Company, 2005.

Sermons on the First Readings: Series I, Cycle A. CSS Publishing Company, 2004 (Contributing author).

CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

"Preaching the Gospel of Hope: How the Prophets Navigate between Optimism and Despair," pp. 152-166 in Preaching the Gospel: Essays in Honor of Richard Lischer, ed. by Charles L. Campbell, et al. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2016.

"Scholars and Soccer Moms: Reflections on Objectivity and Subjectivity in Moving From Text to Sermon," pp. 104-120, in Preaching and the Personal, ed. by Dwayne Howell, Pickwick Publications, 2013.

ARTICLES

Exegetical Articles on Matthew 25:31-46, Mark 13:24-37, Lectionary Homiletics 25.6 October-November 2014.

Exegetical Articles on John 11:1-45, Matthew 26:14-27:66, John 20:1-18, John 2:19-31, Lectionary Homiletics 25.3 April-May 2014.

Articles on various passages for Easter season and Sundays after Pentecost in The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual 2015, ed. By Jenee Woodard, Abingdon Press, 2014.

Essays on Advent, Christmas Day and the First Sunday after Christmas, New Interpreter's Theological Companion to the Lectionary, ed. Paul Wilson, Abingdon, 2014.

Three essays from an exegetical perspective on Matthew 2:13-3:6 in Feasting on the Gospels, ed. Alan Culpepper, et al. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2013.

Articles on various passages for Ash Wednesday and Lent in The Abingdon Creative Preaching Annual 2014, ed. By Jenee Woodard, Abingdon Press, 2013.

Exegetical articles on Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23; Isaiah 35:4-7a; Proverbs 1:20-33; Proverbs 31:10-31; Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Lectionary Homiletics 23.5 August-September 2012.

Exegetical article on Matthew 21:23-32, Lectionary Homiletics 22.5 August-September 2011, 61-62.

Essay from an exegetical perspective on Psalm 119:129-136, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A Volume 3 edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster/John Knox Press, 2011

Three essays from an exegetical perspective on Isaiah 63:7-9, Sirach 24:1-12, and Isaiah 60:1-6, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A Volume 1 edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010.

Exegetical articles on Haggai 1:15b-2:9, Luke 21:5-19, Luke 23:33-43, Matthew 24:36-44, Lectionary Homiletics 21.6 October/November 2010.

Exegetical articles on Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 3:7-18, Luke 1:39-45 (46-55), 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Lectionary Homiletics 21.1 December 2009/January 2010.

Three essays from an exegetical perspective on Psalms 52, 82 and 85, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C Volume 3 edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010.

Four essays on texts from Isaiah, Exodus, and Jeremiah for WorkingPreacher.org at Luther Seminary.

Two essays from a theological perspective on Psalms 51 and 25:1-10, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B, Volume 2 edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster/John Knox Press, 2008.

Three essays from a homiletical perspective on Psalms 80, 85 and 126, Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B, Volume 1, edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster/John Knox Press, 2008.

"Preaching the Lesson: Mark 6:14-29," Lectionary Homiletics 17.4 (June-July 2006), 62.

"I Samuel 4:12-22: Connecting Text, Sermon and Culture," Preaching Great Texts, 2.3 (April-June 2003), 10-11.

"Luke 6:27-36: Connecting Text, Sermon and Culture," Preaching Great Texts, 2.2 (January-March 2003), 11-12.

"John 1:1-13 3:18-21: Connecting Text, Sermon and Culture," Preaching Great Texts, 2.1 (October-December 2002), 41-42.

"I Kings 18:20-41, 45: Connecting Text, Sermon and Culture," Preaching Great Texts, 1.4 (July-September 2002), 3-4.

"John 14:15-21: Connecting Text, Sermon and Culture," Preaching Great Texts, 1.3 (April-June 2002), 22-23.

"Psalm 32: Connecting Text Sermon and Culture," Preaching Great Texts 1.2 (January-March 2002), 7-9.

"Preaching the Lesson," Lectionary Homiletics, 12.12 (November 2001)

SERMONS

"Sin as Denial," a sermon on 1 John 1:1-10; "Sin as Lack of Love," a sermon on 1 John 3:14-24; "'Sin as Fear," a sermon on 1 John 4:18; in the Abingdon Preaching Annual 2013, ed. By David N. Mosser, Abingdon Press, 2012, passim.

"Looking Forward, Not Backward," a sermon on John 9:1-7; "Whose Face Is Our Face?" a sermon on Luke 16:19-31; "Faithfully Disobeying Jesus," a sermon on Luke 17:11-19; in The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2012, ed. By David N. Mosser, Abingdon Press, 2011, 89, passim.

"Racing to the Tomb," a sermon on John 20:1-18, Commentary and Worship Suggestions, Preaching Word and Witness, 10.3 April 4, 2010.

"Our Cheating Hearts," a sermon on Romans 2:1-6, 25-29; "New Life in the Spirit," a sermon on Romans 7:1-13; "Walking according to the Spirit," a sermon on Romans 8:1-11; "Getting Our Hate Right," a sermon on Romans 12:9-13, in The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2011, ed. By David N. Mosser, Abingdon Press, 2010, 223, passim.

"Who Moved the Clouds?" a sermon on Luke 9:28-36, Commentary and Worship Suggestions, Preaching Word and Witness, 10.2 February 14, 2010, 7-10.

"From Beggar to Follower," a sermon on Mark 10:46-52, Commentary and Worship Suggestions, Preaching Word and Witness 9.6 October 25, 2009 17-20.

"Eternal Life," a sermon on John 6:35, 41-51; "True Food and True Drink," a sermon on John 6:51-58; "Words of Life," a sermon on John 6:56-69, in The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2010, ed. By David N. Mosser, Abingdon Press, 2009 357, passim.

"Falling on Our Faces," a sermon on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17, Commentary and Worship Suggestions, Preaching Word and Witness 9.2 March 8, 2009, 23-26.

"Ask a Simple Question," a sermon on Mark 10:17-31; "Is the Resurrection Enough?" a sermon on Mark 10:35-45, in The Abingdon Preaching Annual 2009, ed. By David N. Mosser, Abingdon Press, 2008, 325ff.

"Unseen Power," a sermon on Luke 23:33-43, Commentary and Worship Suggestions, Preaching Word and Witness 7.6 November 25, 2007 33-36.

"Until Jesus' Fire Starts Burning," a sermon on Luke 12:49-56, Commentary and Worship Suggestions, Preaching Word and Witness 7.7 (August 19, 2007) 11-14.

Three Funeral Sermons: "What Was Broken Is Healed," "Those We Have Hurt Will Be Healed," and "We Were Blessed By His Talent," in Life Everlasting: The Essential Book of Funeral Resources, ed. by Chuck Cammarata, CSS, 2006.

Sermon on Ephesians 2:11-22, Commentary and Worship Suggestions for Proper 11. Preaching Word and Witness, 6.4, 33-36.

Sermon on Amos 7:10-17, Lectionary Homiletics 17.4 (June-July 2006), 64-65.

"God's Blank Stare," a sermon from Matthew 7:21-29, Commentary and Worship Suggestions for Proper 4 Preaching Word and Witness 5:3.

"Now What?" a sermon from John 20:19-31, Preaching Word and Witness 5:3.

"Holding All Things Together," a sermon from Colossians 1:9-20, Commentary and Worship Suggestions for Proper 29, Preaching Word and Witness 4:6.

"A Great Escape," a sermon from II Peter 3:4-11. Preaching Great Texts (vol. 3), 20-23.

"Do You Want to Be Made Well," a sermon from John 5:1-9, Commentary and Worship Suggestions for the Sixth Sunday of Easter, Word and Witness 4:3.

"I Believe in the Church," a sermon from the Apostles' Creed. Preaching Great Texts, 2.3 (April-June 2003) 37-38.

"A Good Time for Worship," a sermon on Revelation 11:15-19. Preaching Great Texts, 2.1 (October-December 2002), 1-2.

"A Stormy Romance," a sermon on Isaiah 54:1-10. Preaching Great Texts, 1.3 (April-June 2002), 35-36.

"The Eyes of Faith," a sermon on Ephesians 1:15-23, Commentary and Worship Suggestions for the Seventh Sunday After Easter. Preaching: Word and Witness, 2.3.

"Upside Down Blessings," a sermon on Matthew 5:1-12. Lectionary Homiletics, 13.3 (February 2002), 6-7.

"Letting Love Loose," a sermon in Preaching I Corinthians 13, by Susan Hedahl and Richard Carlson, Chalice Press, 2001, 72-75.

"What's Fair Is Fair," a sermon on Luke 9:49-62. Lectionary Homiletics, 12.8 (July 2001), 7.

Sermon on John 12:1-8, Commentary and Worship Suggestions for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Word and Witness, 98.2.

Sermon on John 3:14-21, Commentary and Worship Suggestions for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Word and Witness, 97.2.

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Isaiah 65 and the Purposes of Preaching," presented at the 2014 Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Group.

"A Perspective Criticism Analysis of Genesis 22 for Preaching," presented at the 2013 Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Group.

"Scholars and Soccer Moms: Reflections on Objectivity and Subjectivity in Moving from Text to Sermon," presented at the 2011 Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Group.

"The Contribution of the Book of Exodus to a Theology of Preaching," presented at the 2009 Society of Biblical Literature meeting in the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Group.

"Reflections on the Phrase 'Prophetic Preaching,'" presented at the 2000 Academy of Homiletics in the Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics research group.

"History, Theology and Poetics in Preaching from II Isaiah," presented at the 1998 Academy of Homiletics in the Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics research group.

"I Kings 21 and the Issue of Preaching from Texts," presented at the 1997 Academy of Homiletics in the Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics research group.

"A Perspective on the Exegetical and Hermeneutical Issues Involved in Preaching from Genesis 38," presented at the 1994 Academy of Homiletics in the Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics research group.

REVIEWS

Daniel, Abingdon Old Testament Commentaries, by Donald E. Gowan. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 65.3 (July 2003), 439-440.

The Book of Daniel: Composition and Reception, Volumes 1 and 2, by John J. Collins and Peter W. Flint, eds. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 64.4 (October 2002), 787-788.

The Book of Daniel, Mellen Biblical Commentary, by George Wesley Buchanan. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 63.2 (April 2001), 308-309.

Daniel, The New Century Bible Commentary, by Paul L. Redditt. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 62.2 (October 2000), 735-736

Daniel: A Book for Troubling Times, by Alexander DiLella. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 60.2 (April 1998), 326-327.

Preaching from the Prophets, by James and Christine Ward. Homiletic, 22.2 (Winter 1997), 33-34.

Till Jesus Comes: Origins of Christian Apocalyptic Expectation, by Charles L. Holman. Interpretation, 52.1 (January 1998), 94-96.

The Threat of Life: Sermons on Pain, Power and Weakness, Sermons by Walter Brueggemann. Charles L. Campbell, ed. Interpretation, 52.1 (January 1998), 110.

Long Ago God Spoke: How Christians May Hear the Old Testament Today, by William L. Holladay. Homiletic, 22.1 (Summer 1997), 35-36.

Prophecy and Apocalypticism, by Stephen L. Cook. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 59.2 (April 1997), 341.

Daniel, by Stephen R. Miller. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 59.1 (January 1997), 131-132.

A Handbook on The Book of Daniel, by Rene Peter-Contesse and John Ellington. Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 57.3 (July 1995), 570.

Forgive and Be Free, by Richard P. Walters. Interaction, 13.1 (Winter 1986).

CHURCH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Weekly online supplement to Adult Bible Studies for the United Methodist Publishing House from spring 2005 to spring 2006.

Leaders' Guide, Bound for Golgotha, Lenten study book. United Methodist Publishing House Spring, 2007.

"The Book of Daniel," Adult Bible Studies, Teacher's Book. 16.3 Spring 2008, United Methodist Publishing House, 2-8.

Teachers' Guide, Luke, Old Testament, Adult Bible Studies 17.2 Winter 2008-9, United Methodist Publishing House.

Teacher's Guide, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Matthew, Adult Bible Studies 20.1 Fall 2011, United Methodist Publishing House. (co-authored with Martha V. Myre)

Student Book, Isaiah, Ezra, Nehemiah, Adult Bible Studies, 45.4, Summer 2013, United Methodist Publishing House.

Student Book, Sacred Gifts and Holy Gatherings, Adult Bible Studies, 24.2 Winter 2015-2016, United Methodist Publishing House.

"Romans: An Overview," Adult Bible Studies, Teacher's Book, 24.4 Summer 2016, United Methodist Publishing House, 8-15.

OTHER

Presided at the Session, Preaching from Apocalyptic Texts and Themes," at the 2014 Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Section.

Delivered lecture, "The Hebrew Prophets and Social Justice: Who Shall Overcome," in the Faith Voices for Justice Series at Northaven United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas September 18, 2014.

Presided at the Session, Preaching from the Book of Job at the 2011 meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Section.

Panel Presentation for Feasting on the Word, The Bible and Pastoral Ministry Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature, 2009.

Contributed 80 prayers and other acts of worship to The Source Book for Worship Resources, Volume 5. Edited by Stan Purdum, Communication Resources, 2009.

Consulting Reader for the Common English Bible, Numbers 1-17, forthcoming from the United Methodist Publishing House.

Presided at the open session of the Biblical Studies and Homiletics group at the Society of Biblical Literature, November 2008 and 2010.

Member, North Texas Jobs with Justice Worker Rights Board

HONORS

Lambuth College

Omicron Phi Tau Scholastic Honor Fraternity

Magna Cum Laude and In Honors

Southern Methodist University

Scholarship from General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, UMC

Charley T. and Jesse James Award in Biblical Studies

Cum Laude

Union Theological Seminary in Virginia

Merit Scholarship

Moore Fellowship (granted from Southern Methodist University for graduate studies)

Morton Scholarship (from General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, UMC)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Elder in Full-Connection, North Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Member of Society of Biblical Literature and Academy of Homiletics.

Married to Sandra M. Aaron, a computer systems engineer, no children.