

## Biographical Summary for Rebekah Miles

Rebekah Miles is Professor of Ethics and Practical Theology at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University and Director of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies.

Miles received her B.A. from Hendrix College and her Master of Divinity Degree from the Iliff School of Theology. She and her husband also studied at the Eberhard Karl University in Tübingen, Germany. Her Ph.D. is from the University of Chicago where she was a Dempster, John Wesley, Century, and University Fellow. While working on her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, Dr. Miles taught at Loyola University and was the Associate Dean of the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel. She also was on faculty at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University for more than six years before coming to Perkins in 1999.

Miles has won many awards including the following: The Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology, 2004; The Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grant, The Louisville Institute, 2004 (declined); Gerald J. Ford Research Fellowship, 2003; and The Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grant, The Louisville Institute (with The Lilly Endowment), 1999-00.

Miles is the author, co-author or editor of six books. She is the author of *When the One You Love is Gone* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012); *Georgia Harkness: The Remaking of a Liberal Theologian, Collected Essays from 1929–1942* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2010); *The Bonds of Freedom: Feminist Theology and Christian Realism* (Oxford University Press, 2001); and *The Pastor as Moral Guide* (Fortress Press, 1999). She is a co-author of a book on Wesleyan theology entitled *Wesley and the Quadrilateral: Renewing the Conversation* (Abingdon Press, 1997) and was associate editor of *The Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*. Gen. ed. Joel B. Green, associate ed. Rebekah Miles, Allen Verhey and Jacqueline Lapsley (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011).

She has also written many articles on Wesleyan theology and ethics, clergy ethics, cloning and genetic ethics, and other topics. She is now working on two books, an edited volume on feminist Christian realism and introduction to Christian ethics.

Miles is active in the academy, having presented many papers and convened many sessions at the annual meetings of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Christian Ethics. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Christian Ethics, the Wesleyan Studies Group of the AAR, and the Kingswood Books Editorial Advisory Board for Abingdon Press.

A native Arkansan, Miles grew up in a United Methodist parsonage family. (Indeed, she is the sixth generation to live in Methodist parsonages. One of her great great grandfathers was an early Methodist circuit rider in Texas.) She and her husband, Len Delony, a spiritual director and pastor, are United Methodist clergy members of the Arkansas Conference where they once served as co-pastors for two rural farming churches. Her service to the United Methodist Church has also included active

participation in national and world Methodist organizations. She has served three times as a clergy delegate to the United Methodist General Conference, was elected as a member of the United Methodist University Senate, served as vice president of the Commission on Theological Education, and as a member of the Council of Bishops' Taskforce on Theological Education.

Miles and her husband Len Delony, also a United Methodist clergyperson, have two teenage daughters, Anna and Katherine.