

Rev. Aaron Perry, BA, MA, PhD

Ordained Minister of The Wesleyan Church (2007)
Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Leadership
Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University
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Professorial Experience:

Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Leadership
Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University
July 2016 – Present (Assistant Professor July 2016 – February 2019)

Responsibilities:

- Contracted to teach 21 credit hours per year, combination of online, onsite, and intensive courses
- Successfully proposed and re-wrote Congregational Relationships, one of the MDiv program's required courses (6 credit hours)
- Lead Doctor of Ministry, specialization in Transformational Leadership

Pastoral Experience:

Associate Pastor
Centennial Road Church, Brockville, ON
January 2013 – 2016

Pastor of Discipleship
August 2009 – January 2013

Responsibilities:

- Provide pastoral care and pastoral counsel among congregation as needed; provide oversight to pastoral care ministry team
- Providing second chair leadership for Lead Pastor
- Directing Internships and Residency Program (12Stone affiliation)
- Organizing conferences, discipleship ministry
- Led successful grant application for \$30,000 grant from Canada 150 Grant for gymnasium renovation (2015)

Assistant Pastor
Calvary Community Church, Johnson City, NY
September 2005 – August 2009

Responsibilities:

- Various responsibilities of preaching, teaching, guest ministry, pastoral care, and small group leadership

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy (Organizational Leadership, Ecclesial Leadership focus)
Dissertation Title: "Exemplary Lives in Speech, Conduct, Love, Faith, and Purity: An Analysis of 1 Timothy 3-4 for Ethical Leadership."
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, 2015.

Master of Arts (Theological Studies)
Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, 2005.

Bachelor of Arts (Religion)
Kingswood University (Bethany Bible College), Sussex, New Brunswick, 2003.
Graduated with Highest Honours; elected to Delta Epsilon Chi

Teaching Experience:	<p>Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University Select courses taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congregational Relationships • Congregational Leadership • Spiritual Formation • Introduction to Theology
Professional Associations:	<p>FLAME Faculty for The Wesleyan Church (2011-2016)</p> <p>International Leadership Association (2016-Present)</p> <p>Wesleyan Theological Society (membership between 2007-2012; 2016-Present)</p> <p>Member of Rotary Club of the 1000 Islands (2010-2016); Chair of Youth Services Committee (2014-15)</p> <p>District Board of Ministerial Development, Central Canada District (2011-2016)</p>
Research Interests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theology of Leadership • Pastoral Theology • Atonement
Teaching Interests:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Theology • Leadership • Pastoral Theology
Publishing:	<p>Books:</p> <p><i>The Kairos Conversation</i>. Abingdon Press. Under contract; manuscript due July 1, 2020.</p> <p><i>Leading Between the Lines: Leadership Philosophy from the Fiction of C.S. Lewis</i>. Palgrave Macmillan. Under contract; manuscript due April 1, 2020.</p> <p><i>Biblical Theology for Ethical Leadership: Leaders from Beginning to End</i>. Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.</p> <p><i>Leadership the Wesleyan Way: An Anthology for Forming Leaders in Wesleyan Thought and Practice</i>. Emeth Press, 2016. (Co-Editor with Bryan Easley).</p> <p><i>Putting the Plot Back in Preaching</i>. Seedbed Publishing, 2014. (E-book).</p> <p><i>Developing Ears to Hear: Listening in Pastoral Ministry, the Spiritual Life, and Theology</i>. Emeth Press, 2011. (Editor)</p> <p><i>He Ascended into Heaven: Learn to Live an Ascension-Shaped Life</i>. Paraclete Press, 2010. (Co-authored with Tim Perry)</p>
	<p>Articles, Review Essays, and Book Chapters:</p>
	<p>Review Essay of The Church and Postmodern Culture Series: Who's Afraid of Relativism: Community, Contingency, and Creaturehood, <i>Fieldwork in Theology: Exploring the Social Context of God's Work in the World, From Nature to Creation: A Christian Vision for Understanding and Loving our World</i>, <i>Asbury Journal</i>, 71:1 (Spring 2016), 184-197.</p>

**Publishing
(cont'd):**

“A Pastoral, Christocentric Word about Sexuality Between Us,” with Ken Gavel. Published and distributed personally. 2015.

“Lift Up the Lowly and Bring Down the Exalted: Gender Studies, Organizations, and the Ethiopian Eunuch,” *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 14:1 (Spring 2015), 45-66.

Review Essay of The Church and Postmodern Culture Series: Economy of Desire, Liturgy as a Way of Life, *Asbury Journal*, 68:2 (Fall 2013), 165-172.

“Authority in Christ: The Chastened Freedom of Spiritual Leaders,” *Journal of Biblical Perspectives on Leadership*, 4:1 (2012), 52-62.

“The Phenomenological Role of Listening in Shaping the Church into a Leading Community,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 47:2 (Fall 2012), 165-178.

“Bind us Together?: A Sketch of Shame and Violence in the Day of Atonement and Communion” in *Re-Thinking Wesleyan Theology*, ed. Nathan Crawford. Pickwick Publications, 2011: 186-200.

Review Essay of The Church and Postmodern Culture Series: The Politics of Discipleship, Whose Community? Which Interpretation?, *Asbury Journal*, 66:1 (Spring 2011), 119-26.

Review Essay of The Church and Postmodern Culture Series: Who’s Afraid of Postmodernism?, What Would Jesus Deconstruct?, *GloboChrist, Asbury Journal*, 64:2 (Fall 2009), 82-88.

“Listening, Narrative, and Atonement,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 43:1 (Spring 2008), 133-45.

“On Enduring Political Authority: Comparing Oliver O’Donovan and the Book of Revelation,” *Journal for Christian Theological Research*, 12 (2007), 37-64.

Book Reviews:

“Canoeing the Mountains,” Tod Bolsinger, *Journal of Religious Leadership*, forthcoming.

“Pastor Paul: Nurturing a Culture of Christofirmity within the Church,” Scot McKnight, *The Evangelical Review of Theology & Politics*, 8, 2020, BR11-13.

“Emotional Intelligence for Religious Leaders,” J.L. West, R. Oswald, N. Guzman, *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, June 2019, 143.

“Messianic Political Theology and Diaspora Ethics: Essays in Exile,” P. Travis Kroeker, *The Evangelical Review of Theology & Politics*, 7, 2019, BR17-19.

“Institutional Intelligence: How to Build an Effective Organization,” Gordon T. Smith, *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 17, Fall 2018, 147-149.

“Entering Into Rest: Ethics as Theology, Volume 3,” Oliver O’Donovan, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 53:2, Fall 2018, 226-228.

“Race and Theology,” Elaine A. Robinson, *Great Commission Research Journal*, 9:1, Summer 2017, 116-118.

“Global Church: Reshaping our Conversations, Renewing our Mission, Revitalizing our Churches,” Graham Hill, *Journal of Religious Leadership*, 16:1, Spring 2017, 167-169.

**Publishing
(cont'd):**

“Delivered from the Elements of the Earth: Atonement, Justification, Mission,” Peter J. Leithart, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 52:1, Spring 2017, 214-216.

“Signs and Wonders: How the Holy Spirit Grows the Church,” Stephen D. Elliott, *Great Commission Research Journal*, 8:2 (Winter 2017), 258-260.

“Finding and Seeking: Ethics as Theology, Part II,” Oliver O’Donovan, *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Spring 2016), 237-240.

“Pastor as Public Theologian: Reclaiming a Lost Vision,” Kevin Vanhoozer & Owen Strachan, *Journal of Religious Leadership* (Spring 2016).

“Self, World, and Time: Ethics as Theology, Part I,” Oliver O’Donovan, *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Spring 2015), 229-231.

“Ascension Theology,” Douglas Farrow, *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 16:2 (2014), 224-226.

“Imagining the Kingdom: How Worship Works,” James K.A. Smith, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 49:1 (Spring 2014), 217-220.

“Purgatory: The Logic of Total Transformation,” Jerry L. Walls, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 48:1 (Spring 2013), 205-207.

“Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics,” Joel B. Green (General Editor), *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 47:2 (Fall 2012), 233-234.

“Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation,” James K. A. Smith, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 46:2 (Fall 2011), 258-261.

“A Trinitarian Theology of Law: In Conversation with Jurgen Moltmann, Oliver O’Donovan, and Thomas Aquinas,” David McIlroy, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 46:2 (Fall 2011), 256-257.

“A Cross-Shattered Church,” Stanley Hauerwas, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 45:2 (Fall 2010), 281-282.

“A Community Called Atonement,” Scot McKnight, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 45:1 (Spring 2010), 280-282.

“Body, Soul, and Human Life: The Nature of Humanity in the Bible,” Joel B. Green, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 44:2 (Fall 2009), 233-236.

“The Atonement Debate: Papers from the London Symposium on the Theology of Atonement,” Derek Tidball, David Hilborn, & Justin Thacker (eds.), *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 44:1 (Spring 2009), 279-282.

“Atonement for a ‘Sinless’ Society: Engaging with an Emerging Culture” by Alan Mann, *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 43:1 (Spring 2008), 213-216.

“Violence, Hospitality, and the Cross: Reappropriating the Atonement Tradition” by Hans Boersma, *Asbury Journal*, 62:2 (Fall 2007), 117-119.

**Conference
Presentations:**

“A Basket of Deplorable Words: Dark Leadership in C.S. Lewis’ *Chronicles of Narnia*.” International Leadership Association, Global Conference. October, 2019, at Ottawa, Ontario.

Conference Presentations (cont'd):

“Saving Faces: Considering the Tension of Self-Revelation and Pastoral Leadership through Select Fiction of C.S. Lewis,” presented at the Wesley Studies Symposium, April 2019, at Tyndale University College.

“Ethics, Theology, and Leadership: A Review of the Current State of Ethical Leadership and Why Theology Can Make a Contribution,” presented at the Wesley Studies Symposium, April 2017, at Tyndale University College.

“When God’s People Have Something to Say: An Outline for a Theology of Ethical Leadership,” presented at the Graduate Students Theological Seminar, September 2014, at Free Methodist World Headquarters.

“Leading with the Ear: The Church as a Listening Community,” presented at the Wesley Studies Symposium, March 2013, at Tyndale Seminary.

“Bind us Together: Examining “Violence and Shame in the Day of Atonement and the Eucharist,” presented to the Wesleyan Theological Society at Duke University Divinity School, March 2008.

“Listening as Empathic and Redemptive Suffering: The Cross in a Narrative Atonement,” presented to the Wesleyan Theological Society at Olivet Nazarene University, March 2007.

“Atonement, Ascension, and Christian Speech,” presented to the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association at the Congress for the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences at York University, May 2006.

Popular Writing:

Good News of Life: 40 Days in the Gospel of John. Lulu Press, 2018. (Self-published for local church, camping ministries, and speaking engagements.)

Good News at Night: 40 Days in the Gospel of Mark. Lulu Press, 2015. (Self-published for local church, camping ministries, and speaking engagements.)

“Looking Gift Horses in the Mouth: A Guide for Ethical Leadership and Gifts.” (co-authored with Eric R. Hallett) *Leadership Advance Online*, XXVI, http://www.regent.edu/acad/global/publications/lao/issue_26/perry_hallett.pdf

Sermons and Adults Lessons for Advent, SpringLife, Nucleus (Wesleyan Church curriculum) (2013-2016)

Awards:

Strategic Emphasis Award from Indiana Wesleyan University for research on C.S. Lewis characters for leadership (\$4000) (2018-2019)

20% Tuition Reduction Scholarship from Regent University in recognition of leadership history and publication record (2012-2015)

Endowment Scholarship from the Central Canada District of The Wesleyan Church for Doctoral Studies (2012)

William G. Wells Endowment Scholarship from Asbury Theological Seminary (September 2003, 2004; February 2004, 2005)

Bruce Bridgeo Scholarship from Bethany Bible College, awarded for excellence in theology and Bible (May 2002)

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