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## **EDUCATION**

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1994–97                      Drew University                      Madison, NJ  
*Ph. D., Theological and Religious Studies (Systematic Theology)*

Dissertation: “The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Ante-Nicene Fathers”  
Committee: Thomas Oden (Advisor), David Ford, James Pain  
*Approved with Distinction*

1991-94                      Drew University                      Madison, NJ  
*M. Phil., Theological and Religious Studies (Systematic and Wesleyan Theology)*

Comprehensive Exams: (1) John Wesley (2) P.T. Forsyth (3) Patristic Period  
(4) Christian Perfection

1988-91                      Asbury Theological Seminary                      Wilmore, KY  
*M. Div., Theological and Biblical Studies, Biblical Languages*  
*Magna Cum Laude*

Thesis: “The Orthodoxy of Jürgen Moltmann’s Social Trinitarianism”  
Advisor: Dr. Larry Wood

1984-88                      Asbury University                      Wilmore, KY  
*B. A., Bible Major/Greek Minor*  
*Magna Cum Laude*

## **EXPERIENCE**

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2021-Present                      Indiana Wesleyan University                      Marion, IN  
*Dean of the School of Theology & Ministry*  
*Professor of Theology*

2020-2021                      Wesley Seminary                      Marion, IN  
*Professor of Christian Doctrine*

2016-2020                      Asbury University                      Wilmore, KY  
*Wesley Scholar in Residence/Professor of Theology*  
*Gardner Professor for the Promotion of Holiness*  
*Chair of the Department of Christian Studies and Philosophy*

2011-2016	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and Philosophy)</i>	
2010-2020	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Adjunct Professor of Systematic Theology at Wesley Seminary</i>	
2009-2010	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Theologian in Residence at Wesley Seminary for Inaugural Year</i>	
2005–2011	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Associate Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and Philosophy)</i>	
2002–2005	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Assistant Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and Philosophy)</i>	
2002-Present	Wesley Biblical Seminary	Jackson, MS
	<i>Adjunct Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology</i>	
2000-Present	Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore, KY
	<i>Affiliate Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and United Methodist Studies)</i>	
1998–2002	Sugar Hill United Methodist Church	Texarkana, AR
	<i>Senior Pastor (Preaching, Leadership, Capital Campaign, Building Program)</i>	
1994–1998	First United Methodist Church	Searcy, AR
	<i>Associate Pastor (Discipleship, Contemporary Worship, Small Group Ministry)</i>	

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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### **Academy Memberships:**

- The Wesleyan Theological Society
- The Evangelical Theological Society
- The North American Patristic Society

### **Board of Directors/Trustees:**

- Asbury University Board of Trustees (2007-2014)  
*Academic Affairs Committee (2007-2014)*  
*Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee/Member of Executive Committee (2012-14)*
- Good News: A Forum for Scriptural Christianity in The United Methodist Church Board of Directors (1999-2012; 2019-Present)  
*Chair of the RENEW Oversight Committee/ Member of Executive Committee (2007-2010)*  
*Vice-Chair of the Board/Member of Executive Committee (2010-2012)*
- The One Mission Society Global (OMSG) Board of Trustees (2017-Present)

*Chair of the Theological Committee*

- The One Mission Society (International) Board of Trustees (2009-2018)
- The One Mission Society (USA) Board of Trustees (2009-Present)

*Chair of the Theological Committee*

- The Francis Asbury Society Board of Directors (2014-Present)  
*Chair of Publications and Media Communications/Member of Executive Committee (2014-2016)*  
*Vice-Chair of the Board/Member of Executive Committee (2016-2017)*  
*Chair of the Board/Member of Executive Committee (2017-Present)*

**Ministerial Membership:**

- Ordained Elder in The Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church  
*Appointment to an Extension Ministry of the United Methodist Church (Wesley Seminary)*
- Francis Asbury Society Evangelist  
*Itinerant Preaching/Teaching/Evangelism Ministry*  
  
*Active Preaching and Teaching Ministry in Local Churches, Christian Retreats, Campmeetings, and Conferences for 20 years.*

**Other Associations:**

- Confessing Movement (United Methodist) of Arkansas (1994-2002)  
*Vice-President/Executive Committee (1997-1999)*  
*President/Executive Committee (1999-2002)*
- Fellow with Third Millennium Faith (2008-2014)
- Research Fellow - Australasian Centre for Wesleyan Research (2009-Present)
- University of Manchester Wesley Research Centre Board Member (2015-2020)
- Word Made Flesh Advisory Committee (2018-Present)
- The Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) Board of Directors (2017-Present)

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Academic Books:**

- (1) *The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Ante-Nicene Fathers* (Leuvin, Belgium: Peeters Publishing, Under Review.).
- (2) *Holiness of Heart and Life: Biblically, Historically, Theologically and Practically Examined* (InterVarsity Academic, Forthcoming, Fall 2023) with Matt Ayars and Caleb Friedeman.

**Popular Books for the Church:**

- (1) *Unholiness: Overcoming the Forces that Attack Your Soul* with Jim Lo (Indianapolis, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2015).

- (2) *Selecting Worship Songs: A Guide for Leaders* with Constance Cherry and Mary Brown (Marion, IN: Triangle Press, Spring, 2011).

Translated into Chinese and published by Chinese Christian Literature Council, Ltd., 2019.

Published by Wesleyan Publishing House, 2018.

- (3) *Holiness: The Power to Transform You, Your Church, and Your World* with Jim Garlow, Christy Lipscomb, and Joann Lyon (Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2009).

### **Book Chapters/Contributions to Books:**

- (1) “Eschatology,” in *A New Paradigm in Wesleyan Theology* (Francis Asbury Press, forthcoming).
- (2) “Forward” in *Fundamental Wesleyan Systematic Theology*, Vol. 2 (Evansville, IN: Fundamental Wesleyan Publishers, forthcoming), 1-7.
- (3) “Sanctification and Discipleship,” in *Discipleship: Essays in Honor of Dr. Allan Coppedge* (Teleios Press, 2017), 75-102.
- (4) “The Theology of the Book of Hebrews in Early Methodism” in *Listen, Understand, Obey: Essays on Hebrews in Honor of Gareth Lee Cockerill* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publishers, 2017), 154-71.
- (5) “Preface” in “Just as New as Christianity:” *An Early Methodist Critique of American Holiness Teaching* (Evansville, IN: Fundamental Wesleyan Publishers, 2016), 6-10.
- (6) “A Theology of Leadership for Wesleyans,” in *Leadership the Wesleyan Way* (Lexington, KY: Emeth Press, 2016), 57-70.
- (7) “Toward a ‘Neo-Holiness’ Theology of Entire Sanctification,” in a *Call Me Coach: A Festschrift in Honor of Keith W. Drury* (Spring 2014), 63-88.
- (8) “Augustine’s Interpretation of Romans 7:14-25, His *Ordo Salutis* and His Consistent Belief in a Christian’s Victory over Sin,” in *The Continuing Relevance of Wesleyan Theology: Essays in Honor of Lawrence W. Wood* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publishers, 2011), 15-28.
- (9) “God’s Redemption of Creation: Begun, but Moving to Culmination,” in *Creation Care: Christian Voices on God, Humanity, and the Environment* (Wesleyan Publishing House, 2010): 40-57.
- (10) “God’s Treasure is Theological,” in *Treasure the Word: A Layperson’s Guide to Interpreting Scripture* (The Wesleyan Publishing House, 2009): 119-32.
- (11) “The New Testament and the Priority of Gospel Proclamation,” in *Recovering the Wesleyan Social Witness*, edited by Faye Short, (Providence House Press, 2008): 183-95.
- (12) “Saving Faith – Gift of Divine Grace: John Wesley and John Calvin on the Experience of Conversion” in *Scholars Coming to Faith*, edited by Daryl McCarthy, (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008): 85-96.

- (13) "Sanctification Made Simple," in *Str8 Talk*, by Jerry Pattengale (Marion, Indiana: Triangle Publishing, 2004).

***Encyclopedia of Christian Education Articles:***

- (1) "Apostles Creed," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 94-95.
- (2) "Cyril of Jerusalem," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 407-08.
- (3) "Irenaeus," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 652-53.
- (4) "Nicene Creed," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 878-89.
- (5) "Phoebe Palmer," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 920-21.
- (6) "Sanctification," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 1096-97.
- (7) "Sin," in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 1153-54.
- (8) "John Wesley" in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press, 2015), 1374-75.

***Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture Articles:***

- (1) "Heresy" with David Wright in *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture* (NavPress, 2010): 181-82.
- (2) "Promises of God," with David Wright in *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture* (NavPress, 2010): 213-15.
- (3) "Work" in *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture* (NavPress, 2010): 445-447.

***Historical Dictionary of Methodism Articles:***

- (1) "Arminius, Jacobus," in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (2) "Cannon, William Ragsdale," in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.

- (3) “Evangelical United Brethren Church,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (4) “Flew, Robert Newton,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (5) “General Rules,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (6) “Global Methodist Church,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (7) “Hale, Joseph Rice,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (8) “Jones, Eli Stanley,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (9) “Oden, Thomas Clark,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (10) “Perfection, Christian,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (11) “Wainwright, Geoffrey,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.
- (12) “World Methodist Council,” in *Historical Dictionary of Methodism*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, eds. Christopher J. Anderson and Jennifer Woodruff Tait (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), Forthcoming.

***Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States* Articles:**

- (1) “Ralph Carmichael,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 393.
- (2) “Lettie Burd and Charles Elmer Cowman,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 647-48.
- (3) “Mahalia Jackson,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1223.

- (4) "Earnest A. Kilbourne," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1276.
- (5) "Walter Russell Lambuth," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1310-11.
- (6) "Isaac Lane," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1314.
- (7) "Robert Gilmour LeTourneau," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1341-42.
- (8) "Jarrel Waskom Pickett," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1798-99.
- (9) "William Vesey," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 2404.
- (10) "John A. Wood," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 2513.
- (11) "La Roy Sunderland," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 2231-32.
- (12) "Stanley Hauerwas," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1053-54.
- (13) "Openness of God," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1688-90.
- (14) "Finis Jennings Dake," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 680.
- (15) "Smith Wigglesworth," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 2473-74.
- (16) "Renovare," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1948-49.
- (17) "Sojourners," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 2162-63.
- (18) "Kreeft, Peter," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1298-99.

- (19) “Perkins, John M.,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 1785-86.
- (20) “Strang, Steve,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 2213-14.

#### **Book Reviews:**

- (1) Review of *Keeping Faith: An Ecumenical Commentary on the Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith in the Wesleyan Tradition*, by Long, D. Stephen with Andrew Kinsey. *The Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Forthcoming).
- (2) Review of *Heart of the Matter: Frank Conversations among Great Christian Thinkers on the Major Subjects of Christian Theology* by Barry L. Callen. *The Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Forthcoming).
- (3) Review of *Brian McLaren in Focus: A New Kind of Apologetics* by Scott Burson. *The Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Forthcoming).
- (4) Review of *Divided We Fall: Overcoming a History of Christian Disunity* by Luder G. Whitlock in *Advance Magazine: Advancing Faith & Intellect for the Common Good* (Council of Christian Colleges and Universities) Spring 2018: 62-63.
- (5) Review of *Predestination: The American Career of a Contentious Doctrine*, by Peter Johannes Thuesen. *The Arminian Magazine* 28.3 (Fall 2010), 13-14.
- (6) Review of *The Teachings of Modern Orthodox Christianity on Law, Politics, and Human Nature*, edited by John Witte Jr. and Frank S. Alexander. *East-West Church and Ministry Report* 16.3 (Summer 2008): 13-14.
- (7) Review of *The Work of the Spirit: Pneumatology and Pentecostalism*, edited by Michael Welker. *Expository Times*, 119.3 (December, 2007): 150.
- (8) Review of *Decoding the Church: Mapping the DNA of Christ's Body*, by Howard Snyder and Daniel Runyon. *Religious Studies Review* 29.4 (May, 2003): 78.
- (9) Review of *God under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents God*, edited by Douglas Huffman and Eric Johnson. *Religious Studies Review*, 29.2 (April 2003): 172-173.

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:**

- (1) “Definitions of Entire Sanctification in Wesleyan Traditions: Assessment of Divergent Understandings,” in peer review process by *Asbury Journal*.
- (2) “Toward a Wesleyan-Holiness Theology of Revival,” *Wesley and Methodist Studies* (Forthcoming).
- (3) “The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Second and Third Centuries of the Church” in *Holiness Church and Theology* Vol. 31 (Fall 2019): 23-76.
- (4) “Toward a Neo-Holiness Theology of Christian Perfection” in *Holiness Church and Theology* Vol. 31, Spring 2019): 167-202.



- (5) "The Biblical and Early Christian Basis for Theosis," *Ipat'ievskii Vestnik, Scientific-Theological Journal*, (The Journal of Kostroma Orthodox Seminary), No. 6, 2018: 188-210.
- (6) "Some Considerations on the Doctrine of Christian Perfection in Tertullian and Early Latin Christianity," *Studia Patristica* Vol. XCIV (November, 2017): 45-57.
- (7) "Tertullian's Doctrine of Christian Perfection and Its Theological Context," *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 51.2 (Fall 2016), 35-50.
- (8) "Wesleyan Eschatological Implications for the Church's Engagement with Other Religious Faiths," *Aldersgate Papers: Theological Journal of the Australasian Centre for Wesleyan Research*, 11 (June 2015): 10-32.
- (9) "New Testament Considerations on Unity and 'Amicable Separation' in the United Methodist Church," *The Asbury Journal* 69.2 (Fall 2014): 84-110.
- (10) "The Understanding of Grace in Selected Apostolic Fathers," *Studia Patristica* LXIII (2013): 351-60.
- (11) "The Scope of the Atonement in the Early Church Fathers," *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 47.2 (Fall 2012), 7-27.
- (12) "How Are People Saved? The Major Views of Salvation with a focus on Wesleyan Perspectives and Their Implications," *Wesley and Methodist Studies*, Vol. III (Spring 2011), 31-54.
- (13) "Irenaeus and the Doctrine of Christian Perfection," *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 45.2 (Fall 2010), 45-60.
- (14) "The Central Focus of *Adversus Haereses*: The Doctrine of Christian Perfection," *Studia Patristica* XLV (2010): 403-09.
- (15) "The Wesleyan-Holiness Teaching on Entire Sanctification in the Larger Context of Wesleyan-Arminianism," *Intelligence and Creation*, Vol. 13 (2010): 41-80.
- (16) "The Wesleyan Models of Salvation and Sanctification: Toward a Via Media" in *Holiness Church and Theology* Vol. 22 (Fall 2009): 40-71.
- (17) "A Constructive ReAppropriation of John Wesley's Semi-Augustinian Theology of Grace" in *Holiness Church and Theology* Vol. 22 (Fall 2009): 18-40.
- (18) "Augustine's Consistent Belief in a Christian's Victory over Sin," *The Asbury Journal* 44.2 (Fall 2009): 20-35.
- (19) "The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Apostolic Fathers," *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 42.2 (Fall 2007): 7-27.
- (20) "The Current Range of Teaching on Sanctification and What Ought a Wesleyan to Believe," *The Asbury Theological Journal*, 62.2 (Fall 2007): 33-53.

**Abstractor for *Religious and Theological Abstracts***

*Colloquium: The Australian and New Zealand Theological Review* 2010-2016

### **Popular Theological Articles:**

- (1) “A Wesleyan Understanding and Experience of Happiness,” *Firebrand Magazine*, August 17, 2021, <https://firebrandmag.com/articles/a-wesleyan-understanding-and-experience-of-happiness>
- (2) “In Memory of Dr. Dennis F. Kinlaw,” *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 52.2 (Fall 2017), 187-91.
- (3) “Some Sin Are Worse in God’s Eyes,” <http://www.theasburycollegian.com/2016/09/some-sins-are-worse-in-gods-eyes/>
- (4) “Profile/Daniel Steele,” in *Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives for United Methodist Seminarians*.
- (5) “Personal Holiness,” *Wesleyan Life: The Magazine of the Wesleyan Church*, 7.4 (Fall, 2013), 5-11.
- (6) “Pastoral Counsel Regarding the Experience of Entire Sanctification,” *Wesleyansermons.com* at <http://wesleyansermons.com/>
- (7) “Setting Holiness too High” *Wesleyansermons.com* at <http://wesleyansermons.com/>
- (8) “One Thing Needed: Righteousness,” United Theological Seminary Church Renewal Blog *One Thing Needed* at <http://churchrenewal.united.edu/one-thing-needed/one-thing-needed-righteousness/>
- (9) “God’s Call to Ministry,” *Good News: The Magazine for United Methodist Renewal*, 42.3 (November/December 2008), 19-21.
- (10) “The Beauty and Hope of Holiness,” *Asbury College Ambassador*, 35.1 (Spring 2008), 16-17.
- (11) “We Believe ... in the United Methodist Doctrinal Standards,” *The Arkansas United Methodist*, October 8, 2004.
- (12) “We Believe ... in the Full Humanity of Jesus,” *The Arkansas United Methodist*, November 21, 2003.

### **Denominational/Educational/Institutional Theological Statements**

- (1) “A Wesleyan View of Gender Identity and Expression” with Jerry Pence, Richard Eckley, Robert Herron, Larry Lindsay, Josh McNall, and Robert Poole at <http://www.wesleyan.org/2275/a-wesleyan-view-of-gender-identity-and-expression>
- (2) “Reconciling Truth through Love: A Philosophy of General Education” at Indiana Wesleyan University” with Darlene Bressler, Randall King and Mark Smith.

### **Peer Reviewer**

For articles under consideration in *Aldersgate Papers: Theological Journal of the Australasian Centre for Wesleyan Research*

For articles under consideration in *Studia Patristica*.

For books under consideration by Intersity Press.

For books under consideration by Triangle Press.

For books with Abilene Christian University Press.

**Current Research/Writing Projects:**

“The Patristic Formation of Wesley’s Soteriology”

“The Mediated Influence of Jacob Arminius on John Wesley”

“A Wesleyan Theology of Leadership”

“True Love: A Wesleyan Understanding of Human Sexuality”

**ACADEMIC PAPER PRESENTATIONS (Invited and Peer Reviewed)**

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- (1) “Contemporary Theological Movements in Methodism: A Critique of John Cobb and William Abraham,” Hendrix College, May 5, 1995.
- (2) “The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in Clement of Rome,” Subiaco Academy, November 8, 1995.
- (3) “Toward a Biblical Understanding of Human Sexuality,” Hendrix College, May 7, 1996.
- (4) “Christian Dogma,” Hendrix College, May 12, 1997.
- (5) “Doctrinal Essentials in Christian Discipleship,” The North Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church, Conway, Arkansas, June 5-8, 1998.
- (6) “The Wesleyan Way of Discipleship,” The Leadership Academy of The Arkansas Area of The United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, January 12-15, 2002.
- (7) “Christian Worldviews: Varieties in the Church,” The Fall Colloquium in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Indiana Wesleyan University, November 19, 2003.
- (8) “Open Theism: An Orthodox Response,” The Spring Colloquium in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Indiana Wesleyan University, March 24, 2004.
- (9) “Spiritual Transformation: What is the Range of Current Teaching on Sanctification and What Ought a Wesleyan to Believe,” Saving Grace: A Wesleyan View of Spiritual Transformation - A Doctrinal Symposium Sponsored by The Wesleyan Church, Indianapolis, Indiana May 20-21, 2005.
- (10) “The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Apostolic Fathers,” The John Wesley Honors College Faculty Lecture Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, October 26, 2005.
- (11) “Homosexuality in the Thought of the Church,” The Fall Colloquium in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Indiana Wesleyan University, November 16, 2005.

- (12) "The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Ante-Nicene Fathers," The Evangelical Theological Society's Annual Meeting, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November 16-18, 2005.
- (13) "Saving Faith – Gift of Divine Grace: John Wesley and John Calvin on the Experience of Conversion," The International Institute for Christian Studies Annual Meeting: Scholars Coming to Faith – Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of C.S. Lewis' Conversion, Kansas City, Kansas, July 20-22, 2006.
- (14) "A Response to John Drury's 'What Wesleyans Can Learn from Karl Barth,'" 42<sup>nd</sup> Graduate Students' Theological Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 23, 2006.
- (15) "Too High, Too Low - Too Hard, Too Easy: Navigating Wesleyan Teaching on Entire Sanctification," Chamberlin Holiness Lecture, Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, MS, October 3, 2006.
- (16) "New Testament Considerations on Unity and Amicable Separation in The United Methodist Church," Good News: A Forum for Scriptural Christianity in The United Methodist Church Board Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, January 24, 2007.
- (17) "Tension and Dialogue between Orthodox and Wesleyan Understandings of Church and Society," Vladimir State University, Vladimir, Russia, June 2, 2007.
- (18) "The Central Focus of *Adversus Haereses*: The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in Irenaeus," International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, August 6-11, 2007.
- (19) "Theological Inconsistencies in William Placher's Trinitarian Theology: A Response" at Indiana Wesleyan University's Division of Religion and Philosophy Colloquium, Marion, Indiana, November 1, 2007
- (20) "The Understanding of Charis/Gratia in the Apostolic Fathers," The North American Patristic Society Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 22-24, 2008.
- (21) "Personal Holiness: Grace for Transformation," The Wesleyan Church's Forum on Holiness, Orlando, Florida, June 8-10, 2008.
- (22) "Augustine's Interpretation of Romans 7:14-25, His *Ordo Salutis* and His Consistent Belief in a Christian's Victory over Sin," The Wesleyan Heritage Conference at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, October 6, 2008.
- (23) "John Wesley's Theology of Happiness: A Response to Professor Ellen Charry's Lectures 'God and the Art of Happiness,'" Heck Lectures at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, April 14, 2009.
- (24) "Patristic Formation of John Wesley's Soteriology," Later Adaptations and Appropriations of Patristic Authors: Oxford University Centre for Late Antiquity, Oxford, United Kingdom, March 4, 2009
- (25) "How the Church Fathers Influenced and Shaped the Early Wesleyan View and Use of Scripture," The Evangelical Theological Society's Annual Meeting, November 18-20, 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.

- (26) “Questions and Issues for a Theologian in the Public Square: A Response to Stanley Hauerwas,” Theology and Ministry Colloquium at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana, November 15, 2010.
- (27) “The Doctrine of Grace in Second Century Church Fathers,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, August 8-12, 2011.
- (28) “The Scope of the Atonement in the Early Church Fathers,” The Evangelical Theological Society’s Annual Meeting, November 16-18, 2011, San Francisco, California.
- (29) “Wesleyan Eschatological Implications for the Church’s Engagement with Other Religious Faiths,” The THIRTEENTH Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, August 8-12, 2013.
- (30) “Theologians of Love: John Wesley and Augustine on Love as Desire for Union,” Theology Faculty Lecture at KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN, Belgium, April 30, 2014.
- (31) “A Response to Aaron Perry’s Paper ‘When God’s People Have Something to Say: An Outline for a Theology of Ethical Leadership’” Graduate Students Theological Symposium, September 20, 2014, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- (32) “The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Third Century North African Church,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, August 8-12, 2015.
- (33) “John Wesley’s Appropriation of Jacob Arminius,” The Evangelical Theological Society’s Annual Meeting, November 17-19, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia.
- (34) “A Wesleyan Perspective of Divine Grace,” ReDiscover Series Lectures, Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana, November 15, 2016.
- (35) “The Glory of God and the Biblical Basis for Divinization,” Conference on Bible and Theology at Moscow Theological Seminary of the United Methodist Church, May 27, 2017, Moscow, Russia.
- (36) “Toward a Biblical Basis for Theosis/Sanctification,” The Bible and Hermeneutics Conference on the 270<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kostroma Orthodox Theological Seminary, May 30, 2017, Kostroma, Russia.
- (37) “The Development of the Doctrine of Deification in the Early Eastern Fathers of the Ante-Nicene Period,” The Bible and Hermeneutics Conference on the 270<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kostroma Orthodox Theological Seminary, May 31, 2017, Kostroma, Russia.
- (38) “The Past and Present Doctrine of Christian Perfection,” The Cowman Lecture Series at Seoul Theological University at Bucheon, South Korea, October 10-13, 2017.
- (39) “Toward a Wesleyan Theology of Revival,” The Fourteenth Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, August 16, 2018, Pembroke College, Oxford, UK.

(40) “The Imago Dei, Incarnation, and Human Dignity,” Inaugural Annual Lecture for Asbury University’s Honors Program, October 7, 2021.

## **LECTURE SERIES**

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The Cox Holiness Lecture Series at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, November, 1996.

The Cox Holiness Lecture Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, February, 2002.

The Chamberlin Holiness Lecture Series at Wesley Biblical Seminary, October 2-5, 2006.

The Staley Lecture Series at Asbury University, October 6, 2008.

The Cowman Holiness Lecture Series at Seoul Theological University, Seoul, South Korea, October 8-10, 2009.

The Aldersgate Forum Lecture Series, God’s Bible School and College, October 25-27, 2011, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Fundamental Wesleyan Society Lectures, Orangeburg, South Carolina, October 16-18, 2013.

B.H and Dorothy Phaup Holiness Lecture Series, Southern Wesleyan University, February 24-26, 2014, Central, South Carolina.

Wesleyan Heritage Conference Lecture, Asbury University, Wilmore, Kentucky, October 10, 2016.

The Fundamental Wesleyan Society Lectures, Wilmore, KY, October 21, 2016.

The Cowman Holiness Lecture Series at Seoul Theological University, Bucheon, South Korea, October 10-13, 2017.

The Fundamental Wesleyan Society Lectures, Wilmore, KY October 15, 2018.

Mullin Holiness Lecture Series at Kingswood University, Sussex, NB Canada, January 2019.

The Cox Holiness Lecture Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, March 2019.

Holiness Lecture Series at Emmaus University, November 23-27, 2019.

The Cox Holiness Lecture Series at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, March 1-4, 2022

## **ADVISOR/MENTOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

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Nathan Vick, “The Missing Piece in Plato’s Theory of Leadership,” SEARCH Conference at Asbury University, April 14, 2018. *Awarded \$500 prize for best scholarship in Humanities.*

Joseph D. McPherson, “*Just as New as Christianity: An Early Methodist Critique of American Holiness Teaching* (Evansville, IN: Fundamental Wesleyan Publishers, 2016),

Patrick Carter, “Cyprian ‘On the Unity of the Church’ and the Problem with Schism,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 16, 2015.

Joseph D. McPherson, “The Theology of John Fletcher: An Expanded Review of an Exceptional Book,” *The Arminian Magazine* 32.1 (Spring 2014), 5-9.

Max Blumer, “John Calvin as a Theological Resource for Wesleyan Ecclesiology,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 16, 2014.

Jason Stanley, “Who is Controlling You? Comparative Study of Demonization and Sanctification Theologies,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 16, 2014.

Joseph D. McPherson, “Historical Support for Early Methodist Views of Water and Spirit Baptism,” *The Asbury Journal* 68:2 (2013), 28-56.

Michael Conner, “Personhood and the Image of God,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 16, 2013.

Suzanne Cooley, “A Question of the Nature of Humanity: The Subordination of Women as a Function of the Fall” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 16, 2013.

Mary McDaniel, “Identifying the Humanity and Deity in Jesus Christ: an Augustinian Defense against Christological Heresies and Controversies,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 16, 2013.

Mary McDaniel, “The Identity of the Second Adam: The Doctrine of Christ as the Second Adam as Found in the Apostolic Church Fathers” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 3, 2012.

Melissa Wass, “Unity in the Church: Gender Roles and Dividing the Body of Christ,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 4, 2012.

Graham Smith, “Progressive Depravity: A Look into the Unique Theology of John Owen” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 4, 2012.

Gary B. McClanahan, Jr. “The Greco-Roman Context of Grace in *Against Heresies*,” at the Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, United Kingdom, August 12, 2011.

Gary B. McClanahan, Jr. “Grace in Irenaeus,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 6, 2011.

Stephen Hands, “A Study of Orthodoxy in IWU Students,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, March 25, 2010.

Gary B. McClanahan, Jr. “Reexamining Early Views of Scripture and Tradition,” at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, March 25, 2010.

Joel Yoshonis, "A Rubric for Christological Worship: Evaluating the Christological Legitimacy of Worship Lyrics for Use in Christian Worship Services," at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, March 25, 2010.

Gary B. McClanahan, Jr. A Book Review of "*Predestination: The American Career of a Contentious Doctrine*," by Peter Johannes Thuesen in *The Arminian Magazine* 28.3 (Fall 2010).

Brian Clark, "The Sacramental John Wesley," at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 2, 2009.

Glenn Knepp, "Connecting the Dots: A Complete and Connected Understanding of the Doctrine of Entire Sanctification in the Writing of Jürgen Moltmann," at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 3, 2008.

Sarah Smith, "A Survey of Secondary Literature on Grace in the Ante-Nicene Fathers" at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 3, 2008.

Benjamin Robinson, "The Doctrine of Grace in the Church Father Origen," at Celebration of Scholarship at Indiana Wesleyan University, April 12, 2007.

#### **AWARDS/HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS**

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The International Society of Theta Phi – Asbury Theological Seminary, 1990.

"Contribution to Cognition" Teaching Award, First Year College Experience at Indiana Wesleyan University, 2005.

Lilly Scholarship Fund Grant of \$4,100 for "The Doctrine of Grace in the Ante-Nicene, Nicene, and Post-Nicene Fathers: Hermeneutical, Social-Historical, Theological, and Pastoral Perspectives," October 2005.

Indiana Wesleyan University Sabbatical with \$3,000 research grant, Fall 2008.

Hinds Fellowship Award Recipient with \$3,000 research grant, 2013-2014.

Hinds Fellowship Award Recipient with \$3,000 research grant, 2014-2015.

Outstanding Faculty Teaching and Mentoring Award at Indiana Wesleyan University, 2014-2015 (As Selected by Faculty Peers with a \$2,700 Stipend)

Lilly Research Grant of \$750 for "The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in Tertullian," 2015.

Lilly Research Grant of \$4,000 for "The Anglican Reception of Jacob Arminius in John Wesley," 2015-2016.

Indiana Wesleyan University Sabbatical with \$3,000 research grant, Spring 2016.

Professor of the Year at Indiana Wesleyan University, 2015-2016. (As Selected by Students in the College of Arts and Sciences)

Awarded Gardner Professor for the Proclamation of Holiness Research Stipend of \$5,000 from 2016-2020.



Francis White Ewbank's Excellence in Teaching Award, Asbury University, 2018 with \$1000.00 stipend.

Awarded \$500 as Advisor for Nathan Vick, "The Missing Piece in Plato's Theory of Leadership," SEARCH Conference at Asbury University, April 14, 2018. *Recognized as Best Scholarship in Humanities.*

University Scholar Award of \$9,000 at Indiana Wesleyan University. Project – The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers, 2021-2022. Renewable for Total of Three Years.

## **WRITTEN CURRICULA AND DESIGN**

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DO 670XL: United Methodist Theology (Online), Asbury Theological Seminary, September 2000.

DO 501XL: Basic Christian Doctrine (Online), Asbury Theological Seminary, June 2000.

CL 553XL: United Methodist Polity (Online), Asbury Theological Seminary, January, 2002

MIN 533: Contemporary Theological Trends – The Church and Post Modernism (Online), Indiana Wesleyan University's Master of Arts Degree in Ministry, January 2005.

MIN 543: Theology of Holiness (Online), Indiana Wesleyan University's Master of Arts Degree in Ministry, August 2005

ST 519: The Theology of John Wesley (Online), Wesley Biblical Seminary, March 2006.

ST 607: Contemporary Theological Trends (Online), Wesley Biblical Seminary, August, 2006.

THE 310: Christology, Indiana Wesleyan University 2006.

THE 311: Ecclesiology, Indiana Wesleyan University 2007.

THE 313: Pneumatology, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2009.

THE 420: Patristic Theology, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2009.

THE 428: Theology of John Wesley, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2009.

COS 112: Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit (Online), United Theological Seminary, June, 2010.

TH 615: United Methodist Doctrine and Polity (On-line), Asbury Theological Seminary, 2013.

THE 101: Theology of the Christian Life, Indiana Wesley University, 2014.

BTH 340: Holiness and Christian Life, Asbury University, 2017

TH 393: Christian Theology of Sexuality, Asbury University, 2018.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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**Indiana Wesleyan University:**

THE 101: Theology of the Christian Life  
PHL 180: Humanities Philosophy  
THE 232: Basic Christian Doctrine  
THE 233: Christian Theology I  
THE 310: Christology  
THE 311: Ecclesiology  
THE 313: Pneumatology  
THE 410: The Life and Legacy of Augustine  
THE 420: Patristic Theology  
THE 424: Christian Theology II: Doctrine of Salvation/Holiness  
THE 428: Theology of John Wesley  
THE 482: World Changing Strategies  
MIN 511: Introduction to Theology (On Site and On-line)  
MIN 533: Contemporary Theological Trends (On Site and On-line)  
MIN 543: The Doctrine of Holiness (On Site and On line)  
MIN 544: Cultural and Theological Trends of the Holiness Movement  
MIN 549: Selected Topics in Theology – The Trinity

**Asbury Theological Seminary (On-line):**

TH 615: United Methodist Theology and Polity  
DO 670: United Methodist Theology  
CL 553: United Methodist Polity  
DO 501: Basic Christian Doctrine

**Asbury University:**

PHL 211: Ancient and Medieval Philosophy  
TH 250: Foundations of Christian Thought  
BTH 340: Holiness and Christian Life  
TH 330: Theology of John Wesley  
TH 393: Christian Theology of Sexuality

**Wesley Biblical Seminary:**

BT 610: The Biblical Basis for Christian Holiness  
ST 524: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit  
ST 519: Theology of John Wesley (On Site and Online)  
ST 607: Contemporary Theological Trends  
DM 806: Wesleyan Theological Vision for Community Formation in Post-Modernity

**United Theological Seminary (On Site/On-line Hybrid):**

COS 112: Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit

**LANGUAGES**

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Reading Competency Exams Passed:

- Koine Greek
- French
- German

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### **Service on University President's Task Force:**

- Living in Community

### **Service on University Committees:**

- University Rank and Promotion Committee

### **Service on College of Arts and Sciences Committees:**

- Rank and Promotion Committee
- John Wesley Honors College Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Student Success Committee
- General Education Committee
- Philosophy of General Education Committee
- Various Faculty Search Committees

### **Service on School of Theology and Ministry Committees:**

- Cox Holiness Lecture Series Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Associate Dean of School of Theology and Ministry Search Committee
- Various Faculty Search Committees
- Peer Evaluation of Scholarship Committee

### **Service at Asbury University:**

- Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee
- Department Chair Committee
- Tenure and Promotion Committee
- Academic Program Group Committee
- Provost Search/Faculty Interview Committee

### **Mission Teaching/Lecture Experiences:**

- Wesleyan Bible College in Vladimir, Russia in 2005, 2007.
- Vladimir State University in Vladimir, Russia in 2005, 2007.
- Wesleyan Pastors Training in Brno, The Czech Republic in 2009.
- Seoul Theological University in Seoul, South Korea in 2009, 2017.
- Korea Nazarene University in Seoul, South Korea in 2009.

- STREAM Conference: Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Zealand in 2010.
- Bible Institute of Panama in Panama City, Panama in 2010.
- Seoul Theological University in Seoul, South Korea in 2017.

**FLAME Classes for The Wesleyan Church:**

- Doctrine of Holiness at Frankfort, Indiana 1996.
- Basic Christian Doctrine at Michigan 2010.
- Doctrine of Holiness at Frankfort, Indiana 2012.
- Introduction to Christian Theology at Marion, Indiana 2013.
- Doctrine of Holiness at Frankfort, Indiana 2013.
- Doctrine of Holiness at Marion, Indiana 2013
- Doctrine of Holiness at Marion, Indiana 2015

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