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Education

Ph.D. Historical Studies, Drew University, Qualified with Distinction October 2009

Dissertation: Sermons and the Shaping of Northern Methodist Identities, 1885-1905
Committee: Morris Davis, L. Dale Patterson, and Heather Murray Elkins.

Area of emphasis: Wesleyan and Methodist Studies.

Approximately half of my graduate coursework was in Liturgical Studies or courses which combined the two emphases.

M.Phil Drew University, Spring 2008

M.Div. Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1988

M.A. Theology, Point Loma Nazarene University, 1986

B.A. Philosophy/Religion, Point Loma Nazarene University, 1985

Teaching Experience

Lecturer/Assistant/Associate Teaching Professor in the History of Christianity and Methodist Studies, Drew University, Fall 2012-Present; Director of Methodist Studies 2021-Present.

Church History 1; Church History 2; United Methodist History; United Methodist History and Mission; United Methodist Mission; United Methodist Doctrine and Polity; United Methodist Book of Discipline; The Preached Word in Wesleyan Traditions; Readings in John Wesley; United Methodist Evangelism; Race, Place, and Privilege; Christian Communes in Contexts; United Methodist General Conference; Cross-Cultural Travel Course – England; Public Worship in the Methodist Tradition; Religion in America; Expository Preaching with the Lectionary

Drew Academic Service Experience

Co-Convener of the Master of Divinity Degree / Member of the Curriculum Committee, 2017-Spring 2020; Curriculum Steering Committee 2022-Present

Convener of Historical Studies Area / Member of the Degree Program Committee 2015-2017

Graduate Academic Standing Committee, Fall 2021-Present

Dean's Council, Fall 2022-Spring 2024

Drew University Advanced Planning and Budget Committee, Fall 2022-Spring 2024

Drew University Financial Sustainability Committee, November 2024-March 2025.

Colloquy on The Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness, March, 2016

Represented Drew at Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church
Greater New Jersey, 2014-present
Susquehanna Conference, 2014

Historical Presentations

Ocean Grove Historical Society, Summer 2019
Greater New Jersey Conference Historical Society Annual Meeting, October, 2017
General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church Annual Meeting, 2013

Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, August 2007

The Institute is a ten-day gathering of Wesleyan and Methodist scholars which takes place every five years.

Duke University, Summer Wesley Seminar, June 2007

The six-week summer Seminar brings together approximately twelve scholars to work independently and collaboratively on their research and writing projects.

Professional Experience

Assistant Research Archivist, General Commission on Archives and History of The United Methodist Church, February-July 2007

Interim Methodist Research Specialist, Methodist Library, Drew University, August 2006 - January 2007

Ecclesial Experience

Ordained in the Church of the Nazarene 1990.

From 1988 until 2004 I was the pastor of churches in Seattle, Lynden and Tacoma, Washington.

Between December 2009 and June 2014 I was the part-time minister at a UCC congregation and for the latter half of that time I also served a RCA congregation.

In May of 2014 I became an elder in The United Methodist Church and since July 2014, I have served as the half-time pastor of the Livingston, New Jersey, United Methodist Church.

Community Experience

Chair, South End Neighborhood Council, Tacoma Washington, 2002-2005.

- Largest of eight Neighborhoods, population 42,000
- Worked with City Council and city departments to improve the community
- Obtained grants from Exxon-Mobil, Washington Environmental Agency and EPA
- Worked with federal Weed and Seed program

- Worked with Fire Department on a new station with multi-purpose room and Neighborhood offices

President, Lynden Ministerial Association, 1991-1995