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ACADEMIC DEGREES

1995: Ph.D., Religious Ethics, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago
1988: M.Div., With Distinction, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado
1982: B.A., History and Political Science, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2021- Susanna Wesley Centennial Professor of Practical Theology and Ethics
Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor
2012-2021: Professor of Ethics and Practical Theology, Perkins School of Theology and in
the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist
University (with tenure)
Director, Graduate Program in Religious Studies, 2014-2018
1999-2012: Associate Professor of Ethics, Perkins School of Theology and in the Graduate
Program in Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University (with
tenure)
1993-99: Assistant and Associate Professor of Christian Ethics and Director of United
Methodist Studies, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University
(Promoted and Tenured in 1998.)
1991-92: Assistant Dean, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, The University of Chicago
1983-84: Pastor, Hickory Plains and Hebron United Methodist Churches, Little Rock
Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Arkansas

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

2023: *The Future of Christian Realism: International Conflict, Political Decay, and the
Crisis of Democracy*, co-edited with Dallas Gingles and Josh Mauldin,
Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield
The subject of a Book Discussion, Society of Christian Ethics, January 6
The subject of a session of the Niebuhr Society, American Academy of
Religion Annual Meeting, November 2024
2023: *The Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics*, co-edited with Steve Long.
Routledge Press
2012: *When the One You Love is Gone*, Abingdon Press
2011: *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, Associate Editor, with Joel Green (General
Editor); Allen Verhey and Jacqueline Lapsley (Associate Editors), Baker
Academic. Won the 2012 Reference Book of the Year Award, Given by
the Academy of Parish Clergy
2010: *Georgia Harkness: The Remaking of a Liberal Theologian, Collected Essays
from 1929-1942*, Minneapolis: Westminster/John Knox Press

- 2001: *The Bonds of Freedom: Feminist Theology and Christian Realism*, New York: Oxford University Press
- 1999: *The Pastor as Moral Guide*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press
- 1997: *Wesley and the Quadrilateral: Renewing the Conversation*, Co-author with Steven Gunter et al., Nashville: Abingdon Press

Articles:

- 2025: “Social Sanctification and the Optimism of Grace: Georgia Harkness and The Methodist Social Gospel,” *Oxford Handbook of Political Theology*, Michael Kessler and Shaun Casey, eds. Oxford University Press (Invited Contribution; Submitted and Accepted in 2021.)
- 2023: “American Exceptionalism, Christian Realism, and the New Realities,” *The Future of Christian Realism: International Conflict, Political Decay, and the Crisis of Democracy*, co-edited with Dallas Gingles and Josh Mauldin, Lexington Books/Rowman and Littlefield (Published in April)
- 2023: “New Creation: An Ethics of Dying and Hope,” *The Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics*
- 2022: “Steps to take to avoid a GC2024 debacle: A Premortem Exercise for United Methodists,” United Methodist News Service, June 7
- 2022: “The Future is Made of the Same Stuff as the Present,” in *What’s Next? Twenty Two United Methodist Leaders Discuss the Future of the Church*,” *The Future of the United Methodist Church*, Kevin Slimp, ed. Market Square Books.
- 2022: “Searching for the Center that Cannot Hold: Mediating Advocacy and Christian Ethics,” in *Ethics and Advocacy: Bridges and Boundaries*, Harlan Beckley, Douglas Ottati, Matthew Petrussek, and William Schweiker, eds., Cascade Books.
- 2021: “Family, Sexuality, and Society in Reinhold Niebuhr,” in *Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr*, Robin Lovin and Josh Mauldin, eds., Oxford University Press
- 2020: “Beyond Typologies: Realist and Ecclesial Ethics at the Boundaries” *Modern Theology*, volume 36, number 3, July
- 2019: “When Brothers and Sisters Fight to the Death: Ecclesiology, Mission, and the Future of the United Methodist Church,” in *Where do we Go from Here: Honest Responses from 20 United Methodist Leaders*, Kevin Slimp, ed. Market Square Books
- 2018: “Ethical Perspectives in Mentoring,” in *Mentoring: Biblical, Theological, and Practical Perspectives*, Dean Thompson and Cameron Murchison, eds. Eerdmans Press
- 2017: “Breaking the Covenant and Denying the Promise of Voting Rights,” *Political Theology*, volume 18, number 3, April
- 2017: “They Don’t Want Us to Vote,”” *@ This Point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture*, Spring
- 2017: “Indifference to Voting Rights Betrays our Privilege and Self Deception,” *Political Theology Today: A Forum for Interdisciplinary and Interreligious Dialogue*, January 18

- 2016: “Eucharist and Ethics,” in *A Wesleyan Theology of the Eucharist: The Presence of God for Christian Life and Ministry*, Jason Vickers ed. New Room Books
- 2013: “Holy Heart, Holy Life, Holy Work: Work, Vocation and Calling in the Wesleyan Tradition” in *A Living Tradition: Critical Recovery and Reconstruction of Wesleyan Traditions*, Mary Elizabeth Moore, ed. Kingswood Press
- 2012: “Uncredited: Was Ursula Niebuhr Reinhold’s Coauthor?” *The Christian Century* 129, no. 2, January 25. Several newspapers carried stories about this article. “Outing a Woman Theologian,” *The Church of England Newspaper*, February 3 and Sam Hodges, “Overdue credit to theologian’s wife, co-writer,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, February 17.
- 2012 “Valerie Saiving Reconsidered,” *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, volume 28, number 1, Spring
- 2011: “Feminist Ethics,”
 “Professional Ethics,”
 “Children,”
 “Work,” and
 “Family” in the *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, Joel Green (General Editor), Rebekah Miles, Allen Verhey and Jacqueline Lapsley (Associate Editors), Baker Academic
- 2010: “Happiness, Holiness, and the Moral Life in John Wesley” in *The Cambridge Companion to John Wesley*, Randy Maddox and Jason Vickers, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
 Winner of the 2010 Smith-Wynkoop Book Award
- 2007: “It’s Like Déjà Vu All Over Again: Do We Need a 15th Ministry Study?” *The Circuit Rider*, November/December (This issue was devoted to the Ministry Study in the United Methodist Church.)
- 2007: “On Loving Jesus While Living Among Those Who Don’t,” in *The Circuit Rider*, May/June
- 2006: “Why We Should Revise Browning’s Model of a 60-Hour Workweek for Parents,” in *The Equal-Regard Family and Its Friendly Critics: Don Browning and the Practical Theological Ethics of the Family*, John Witte, Christian Green and Amy Wheeler, eds. Eerdmans
- 2006: “Georgia Harkness the ‘Glorious Champion’ of Women’s Clergy Rights,” *The Circuit Rider*, May/June
- 2005: “We Have this Treasure in Earthen Vessels,” *Reflections on Grief and Spiritual Growth*, Andrew Weaver and Howard Stone, eds. Abingdon Press
- 2005: “The Ministry of Good Death: Hearing Stories of Life in Death,” *The Circuit Rider*, September/October (with my husband, Len Delony)
- 2005: “The Arts of Holy Living: Holiness and the Means of Grace,” *Quarterly Review*, Summer
- 2004: “Words Will Kill You Dead,” in *The Ice Cube is Melting: What is Really at Risk in United Methodism*, Lyle Schaller, ed., Abingdon Press
- 2003: “That’s All a Mule Can Do: The Ethics of Balancing Work at Home and on the Job,” The Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility, Southern Methodist University

- 2002: “Works of Mercy as Spiritual Formation: Why Wesley Feared for the Souls of the Rich,” *The Wesleyan Tradition: A Paradigm for Renewal*, Paul Chilcote, ed., Abingdon Press
- 2001: “Cloning, Theology and Ethics Five Years After Dolly: An Overview,” *Quarterly Review*, Winter
- 2000: “John Wesley as Interreligious Resource: Would You Take This Man to An Interfaith Dialogue?” in *A Great Commission: Christian Hope and Religious Diversity*, Martin Forward, Stephen Plant, and Susan White, eds., Peter Lang
- 1999: “Gender and Morality,” *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*, Serenity Young, ed., Macmillan Publishing
- 1999: “Moral Direction in Genetic Counseling: Prenatal Testing and Huntington’s Disease,” (with Howard Stone), *Families, Systems and Health: The Journal of Collaborative Family Health Care*, Spring
- 1999: “Human Cloning: Why Say No,” Face to Face Section with Ted Peters, *Word and World*, Winter
- 1999: “Christian Responses to Human Cloning,” *Christian Social Action*, October
- 1999: “It’s the Little Things: Ethics and Etiquette in the Ordinary Practices of Ministry,” *The Circuit Rider*, May (Was also the guest editor of this May issue on ministerial ethics.)
- 1999: “Keeping Watch Over the Shepherds: Preventing Clergy Sexual Misconduct,” *The Circuit Rider*, May
- 1998: “Knitting Life in the Womb: When it Comes to the Newest Reproductive Technologies, Who Sees? Who Knits Together? Who Decides?” *Christian Social Action*, October
- 1997: “The Faith Behind the Confession: Postmodern Assumptions of the United Methodist Confessing Movement,” *Quarterly Review*, December
- 1997: “Georgia Harkness,” *Makers of Christian Theology in America*, Mark Toulouse and James Duke, eds. Nashville: Abingdon Press
- 1997: “Albert C. Knudson,” *Makers of Christian Theology in America*, Mark Toulouse and James Duke, eds. Nashville: Abingdon Press
- 1996: “Freeing Bonds and Binding Freedom: Reinhold Niebuhr and Feminist Critics on Paternal Authority and Maternal Constraint,” *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*
- 1994: “The Braunschweiger-Bibfeldts: The Metaphysical Incarnations of Wo/Man,” (with Mark Toulouse), in *The Unrelieved Paradox: Studies in the Theology of Franz Bibfeldt*, Martin Marty and Jerald Brauer, eds. Eerdmans Publishing Company
- 1992: Précis of Rosemary Radford Ruether’s *Sexism and God Talk*, *Encyclopédie Philosophique Universelle III: Les Oeuvres Philosophiques*, Jean-François Mattéi, ed. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France
- 1988: “Post-Theological Theology,” *Church Divinity*, John Morgan, ed. Bristol, Ind: Wyndham Hall Press

Reviews:

- 2023: A Review of *White Evangelical and Right-Wing Populism: How Did We Get Here?* Marcia Pally, *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Spring

- 2023: A Review of *The Ethics of Tainted Legacies: Human Flourishing after Traumatic Pasts*, Karen Guth, *Reading Religion*, The American Academy of Religion, February
- 2022: A Review of *Prophecy in a Secular Age*, David True, *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Fall/Winter
- 2021: A Review of *Reinhold Niebuhr in the 1960s: Christian Realism for a Secular Age*, Ronald H. Stone, *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Fall/Winter
- 2011: A Review of *Gen-X Rising*, Andrew Thompson, *The United Methodist Reporter*, July
- 2006: A Review of *Radical Wisdom: A Feminist Mystical Journey*, Beverly J. Lanzetta, *Theological Book Review*, April
- 2006: A Review of *Let Every Soul Be Jesus' Guest: A Theology of the Open Table*, Mark Stamm, *The Circuit Rider* (online edition)
- 2005: A Review of *Designer Children: Reconciling Genetic Technology, Feminism, and Christian Faith*, Karen Peterson-Iyer, *The Christian Century*
- 2004: A Review of *Hitting Home: Feminist Ethics, Women's Work, and the Betrayal of "Family Values"*, Gloria H. Albrecht, *Theology Today*
- 1997: A Review of *Serenity, Courage and Wisdom: The Enduring Legacy of Reinhold Niebuhr*, Henry B. Clark, *Ethics: An International Journal of Social, Political and Legal Philosophy*, October
- 1997: A Review of *In Our Own Voices: Four Centuries of American Women's Religious Writing*, Rosemary Radford Ruether and Rosemary Skinner Keller, eds., *Anglican Theological Review*, Spring
- 1996: A Review of *Reconstructing Christian Theology*, Rebecca S. Chopp and Mark Lewis Taylor, eds., *The Journal of Religion*, October
- 1993: A Review of *A Feminist Ethic of Risk*, Sharon Welch, *The Journal of Religion*, April
- 1990: A Review of *Resident Aliens*, Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon, *Quarterly Review*

Partial List of Works in Progress:

The Works of John Wesley Volume 15, *Domestic, Moral, Political and Economic Writings*, Kingswood Books. Co-editor. A volume in the Wesley Works Project, *The Bicentennial Edition of the Works of John Wesley*. I am editing, preparing materials, and writing introductions and notes for this volume. I had a grant to support this work over the summer of 2021 and expect to have this to the series editor in 2024.

"The Influence of Ursula Niebuhr on the Thought of Her Husband Reinhold Niebuhr." I have published one article and have made four academic presentations on this material. I am working on a final article that is a summative piece outlining the overall influence of Ursula Niebuhr on her husband's thought and summarizing the evidence for their co-authorship of some of Reinhold Niebuhr's later work. The article is near completion.

Other Publications:

- 2024: "Reconciling Ministries Network is UMC's Most Valuable Player," *United Methodist Insight*, May 2

- 2022: “Steps to Take to Avoid a GC2024 Debacle: A Pre-Mortem Exercise,” *United Methodist News Service*, June 7
- 2021: “Taking a Close Look at the Furniture: The Future of Theological Education and Its Curriculum,” *Perkins Perspective*, December
- 2019: “St. Louis as a ‘Damascus Road’ Conversion,” *United Methodist Insight*, May 28
- 2019: “Down the Rabbit Hole with the United Methodists: The So-Called but Not Very Traditional Plan – Unconstitutional Parts,” *United Methodist Insight*, May 20
- 2019: “The United Methodist Oh-So-Very Radical Plan,” *United Methodist Insight*, April 29
- 2019: An Open Letter to the Delegates to the 15th General Conference of The United Methodist Church, with Kalaba Chali, February 20, *United Methodist Insight* (Also in French Translation, Lettre ouverte aux délégués à la 15e Conférence générale de l’Église Méthodiste-Unie)
- 2019: “Hearts not Broken: United Methodist General Conference 2019,” *Arkansas United Methodist*, February 1 (Also carried in *UM Insight*).
- 2008: Commentaries (Brief) on Amos 5 and I Corinthians 14, *Wesley Study Bible*, Joel Green et al, eds, Abingdon Press
- 2008: “Deliberating Under the Influence (of Too Little Sleep) at General Conference 2008,” *The United Methodist Reporter*, May 1
- 2007: “Faithfully Married . . . But Still Living in Sin,” *United Methodist Reporter*, November 12
- 2007: Seven Reflections on Lectionary Readings for the Week of September 10-16, *Upper Room Disciplines 2007*, Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House (With my husband, Len Delony)
- 2007: “Let’s Streamline Ordination Now,” *United Methodist Reporter*, August 27
- 2007: “Even Bush Opponents Can Gain from Library,” Commentary, *United Methodist Reporter*, February 5
- 2007: “The Power of Words: Why I Want the Bush Presidential Library at SMU,” Commentary, *United Methodist NeXus*, January 31
- 1997: United Methodist Statement on Cloning, United Methodist Genetic Science Task Force, Washington D.C., May. Wrote statement and coordinated revisions. Published as an appendix to *Human Cloning: Religious Responses*, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997, Ron Cole-Turner, Ed. The document was adopted by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2000 and published as paragraph 91 of *The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, 2000*.
- 1996: “Inclusivity: A ‘Dogma of Modernity’ or a Demand of Christianity,” *The United Methodist Monitor*, Number 44, Spring
- 1996: Series of articles for *The Yellow Ribbon: Publication of the National Women’s Caucus of the United Methodist Church*, during the 2006 General Conference of the United Methodist Church,
 “Faith, Fisticuffs, and the First Lady: Can United Methodists Fight Fair?”
 “Falling Victim to the Mad Methodist Disease;”
 “Do United Methodists Really Want to Be Held Accountable to Every Word of the Doctrinal Standards;”
 “Praising God for Ministry ‘Outside the Ordinary Rules of Discipline;”
 and “Methodist Clergy Women: Forty Years in Full Connection.”

- 1992: “New Developments in Genetic Science,” Report Co-authored with Members of the United Methodist Genetic Science Task Force, Washington, D.C.: The General Board of Church and Society. The document was adopted by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in 1992 and then amended and readopted several times. The statement in the Social Principles of *The Book of Discipline* also came from this task force.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2023: Tom Tunks Distinguished University Citizen Award, Southern Methodist University, Given to faculty “who have demonstrated outstanding citizenship through dedicated service to the University and its governance”
- 2021-23: Member, Altshuler Academy of Distinguished Teachers, Southern Methodist University
- 2021: Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Award, Southern Methodist University
- 2020-21: Scholarly Outreach Award, Perkins, Southern Methodist University
- 2020: Remote Teaching Support Grant, Center for Teaching Excellence, May & November
- 2019: Odyssey Medal, for research, Given by Hendrix College “to individuals whose life achievements exemplify the Hendrix Odyssey Program... Through their personal and professional accomplishments, Odyssey Medal winners have demonstrated the value of liberal arts education and hands-on learning,” November 14
- 2019 University Research Council Travel Grant, Southern Methodist University, April
- 2015: Sam Taylor Fellowship, United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
- 2008: Virgil Howard Award, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University
- 2006-08: Grant, "Pedagogies for Teaching Diversity Within Diversity: Theological Education in a World of Overlapping Cultures," co-director with Karen Baker-Fletcher and Evelyn Parker, *The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion*
- 2004: Henry Luce III Fellowship in Theology. Awarded by The Henry Luce Foundation and the Association of Theological Schools to “support research that offers significant and innovative contributions to theological studies [and] meets high scholarly standards.”
- 2004: Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grant. Awarded by The Louisville Institute with The Lilly Endowment to five scholars across the U.S. who have designed an “intellectually promising research project” that seeks to “make more accessible to religious believers the themes of Christian faith in relation to the realities of their contemporary lives.” (Declined)
- 2004: Mary and Ira Brumley Award for Theological Education, Hendrix College
- 2003: Sam Taylor Fellowship, United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
- 2003: Gerald J. Ford Research Fellowship, Southern Methodist University. Fellowship awarded to four “outstanding research scholars” on the SMU faculty. Designed to “foster faculty research of the highest caliber.” This was the first year of the competition.

- 2003: A H.O.P.E. Professor (Honoring Our Professors' Excellence), Department of Student Life and Student Housing, Southern Methodist University
- 2002: Sam Taylor Fellowship, United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
- 2002: Scholarly Outreach Award, Perkins, Southern Methodist University
- 2001: Maguire Public Scholar, Southern Methodist University
- 2001: Maguire Teaching Fellow, Southern Methodist University
- 2001: Lilly Grant (through Perkins) for Course Development Using Distance Learning Technology (Especially Internet Technologies)
- 1999-00: Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grant. Awarded by The Louisville Institute with The Lilly Endowment to scholars designing an "intellectually promising research project" that seeks to "make more accessible to religious believers the themes of Christian faith in relation to the realities of their contemporary lives."
- 1997: Brite Divinity School Nominee for Texas Christian University Dean's Teaching Award (University-wide award for teaching excellence.)
- 1991-92: University (or Junior) Fellowship, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion. Awarded by the University of Chicago Divinity School to a small group of Ph.D. candidates "on the basis of their promise for distinguished scholarly contributions as expressed in their academic records and dissertation proposals."
- 1991-92: Elizabeth Iliff Warren Fellowship. Given by the Iliff School of Theology to alumni who are pursuing doctoral degrees. (Declined)
- 1990-91: Graduate Teaching Fellowship, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago
- 1988-91: Century Fellowship. Awarded by the University of Chicago to Ph.D. students with "exceptional academic records and promise." It was at the time their top academic scholarship and covered full tuition plus a living stipend.
- 1988-91: John Wesley Fellowship. Granted by A Foundation for Theological Education to "gifted" United Methodist Ph.D. students within "the classical Christian tradition."
- 1988-89: Dempster Fellowship, Given by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church to Ph.D. students on the basis of "intellectual competence, academic achievement . . . [and] clarity of spiritual purpose and commitment."
- 1986-88: Skaggs Scholarship, Awarded by the Iliff School of Theology to M.Div. students who "show exceptional academic ability and leadership potential in the church." This was, at the time, their top academic scholarship.

PRESENTATIONS IN ACADEMIC SETTINGS

- 2024: Respondent, Book Discussion Panel, *The Future of Christian Realism: International Conflict, Political Decay, and the Crisis of Democracy*, November
- 2022: "Holy Dying, Covid, and Other Problems," Installation Lecture for the Susanna Wesley Centennial Chair in Practical Theology and Ethics, September 26
- 2021: Respondent, Charles Mathewes, "We are Living in an Apocalyptic Era," Maguire Symposium, October 21

- 2021: “What I Learned in the Pandemic: Connected Teaching in a Time of Disconnection,” Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, SMU Center for Teaching Excellence, August 19
- 2021: Panelist, “How to Be a Great Graduate Student,” SMU Graduate Student Orientation, Moody School, Aug 11
- 2021: Convener for Presentation and Discussion of Matthew R. Petrussek’s paper “By Which the Community of Practical Reason Would Determine It : The Aristotelian Conventionalism at the Heart of Liberative Ethics,” Society of Christian Ethics, January 7
- 2021: Presenter, “Christian Realism and the Global Role of the United States,” Panel on Christian Realism, the Law, and Contemporary Global Problems, The Ethics and Law Interest Group, Society of Christian Ethics, January 5
- 2020: Presenter, “Niebuhr, Family, Sexuality, and Society,” Panel on the new *The Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr*, December 2
- 2020: Respondent, Michael DeJonge’s “Before Resistance: Bonhoeffer and the Cultivation of Ordinary Life” for the conference “‘In the Face of Barbarism:’ Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Culture, Humanity and the Importance of Ordinary Life,” Perkins School of Theology, February 14
- 2019: “Niebuhrian Responsibility and American Exceptionalism,” The International Symposium on Human Nature, Justice, and Democracy: Reinhold Niebuhr in the Chinese Context, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, December (*I had to back out because my husband was hospitalized with a serious infection at the time when I was to leave. This presentation was later published in the volume The Future of Christian Realism.*)
- 2018: “The Place of Reinhold Niebuhr in the Thought and Policy of U.S. Political Leaders,” The Future of Christian Realism: A Discussion in Honor of Robin Lovin, American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado, November 17
- 2018: Panelist, Maguire Symposium, Conversation with Stanley Hauerwas on *The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson*, September 21
- 2017: Respondent and Panelist, “Love Your Enemies: Its Political Significance,” Maguire Symposium with William Cavanaugh, Eric Gregory, Malinda Berry, and Gerald Schlabach, December 4
- 2013: “The Influence of Ursula Niebuhr on the Writings of Reinhold Niebuhr,” Annual Meeting of the Reinhold Niebuhr Society, American Academy of Religion, November
- 2013: “Living the Faith on a Pirate Ship: The Minister and Politics,” The Martin Lecture, Ministers Week, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, February
- 2012: Panelist, “Feminism and Niebuhrian Realism,” Annual Meeting of the Reinhold Niebuhr Society, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November
- 2012: “Wesleyan Ethics and the Eucharist,” Keynote Lecture, Conference on Wesleyan Theology and The Eucharist, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH, May 17
- 2012: “Ursula and Reinhold Niebuhr as Theological Collaborators,” University of Chicago Writing Group, Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, D.C., January 5

- 2011: Panelist, Session Focusing on *The Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, Christian Theological Research Fellowship, American Academy of Religion, November 21
- 2010: “The State of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies,” Wesleyan Studies Group, The American Academy of Religion, October 31
- 2010: “Abraham Lincoln’s Religious Odyssey,” Panelist/Respondent to Paper by Ron White, Southern Methodist University, February 12
- 2010: “Finding a Good Fit: Evolution, Human Nature and Mismatch Theory,” Perkins Ministers Week, February 2
- 2007: “A Drop In the Ocean of Infinite Love: Reflecting on Mystical Experiences and Transformation in Methodism,” John Wesley Fellows National Conference, Dallas, TX, December 15
- 2007: “Reinhold Niebuhr and Georgia Harkness,” Reinhold Niebuhr Society, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 17
- 2007: “Wesleyan Ethos and Ethics: Right Belief and Right Living,” Lecture for Video Series, Methodist Doctrine: Wesleyan Belief (Ted Campbell, editor)
- 2007: Keynote Lectures, Biennial Meeting of the United Methodist Association of Campus Ministers, Texas Christian University, July 26–29
- 2007: Commencement Address, Asbury Seminary, Orlando, Florida, May 12
- 2006: The Palmer Lectures, Seattle Pacific University and the School of Theology, March
- 2005: “Feminist and Womanist Responses to Reinhold Niebuhr: A Retrospective View,” The Reinhold Niebuhr Society, American Academy of Religion, November
- 2005: The Stover-Ward Lectures (in Wesley Studies),
 “The Arts of Holy Living: Wesleyan Theology and the Means of Grace,”
 “A Drop In the Ocean of Infinite Love: Reflecting on Mystical Experiences and Transformation in Methodism,”
 Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri, November
- 2005: Ethical Reflections on Religion and Marketing in the Lives of Children, Ethics Colloquy, Southern Methodist University, March 29
- 2004: “For the Love of God and Mammon: How Marketing Firms and Religious Groups Succeed in Forming Young People And Why It Matters,” Fellows Conference, Henry Luce Fellows in Theology, Association of Theological Education, Pittsburgh, November
- 2004: Belk Lecture, Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, September
- 2004: Presentation on “The Dialectic of Belonging and Distanciation, Roundtable Review of Don Browning’s *Moral Psychology and Christian Ethics*, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, September
- 2004: “A Charge to Keep: Fulfilling our Christian Vocation,” Keynote Lecture, Faculty/Staff Retreat, Baylor University, April
- 2003: “Redeeming the Time: Work and Vocation in the Wesleyan Tradition,” Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, October
- 2003: Martin Lecture, Ministers Week, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, February
- 2003: “Work, Vocation, and Wesley,” Lecture, Conference on Celebrating and Revisioning the Wesleyan Movements, Candler School of Theology, January

- 2002: “Christian Responses to Violence,” The Society for Buddhist Christian Studies, Pre-Meeting at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Toronto, Ontario, November
- 2002: “The Vocation of the Christian Higher Education Professional,” Community of Educators Retreat, Messiah College, Pennsylvania, August
- 2002: Panelist, “God and Globalization,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January
- 2001: Maguire Public Lecture, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, November
- 2001: “That’s All A Mule Can Do: Rethinking Work and Vocation in U.S. Culture,” Lilly Fellows Conference, Rivier College, Merrimack, New Hampshire, October
- 2001: “Who Do We Think We Are? What the Debate on Work and The American Family Reveals about Our Models of Human Nature.” Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Dallas, Texas, March
- 1999: The Willson-Gross Lectures, “Cloning: Miracle or Mess?” and “What, Then, Shall We Do? Work and Family in U.S. Culture,” Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky, October 25–26
- 1999: The Steele Center Lectures, “Where the Rubber Hits the Road: Work and the U.S. Family,” Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, October 21–22
- 1998: “Moral Guidance in the Parish,” Visiting Instructor, Federated Theological Faculty, Cambridge, June and July
- 1998: “Cloning Freedom: How Cloning Challenges Our Models of Human Nature,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, January
- 1997: The Smith-Wilson Lectures, Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, October 23–24
- 1997: “Ethical and Theological Issues in Germ-Line Interventions,” Presenter/Panelist, Forum on Human Germ-Line Interventions, American Association for the Advancement of Science, September
- 1997: “Trends in Christian Realism,” Reforming Realism Interest Group, Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Cincinnati, Ohio, January
- 1996: “Critical Book Discussion: Stanley Hauerwas’s *In Good Company*,” with Max Stackhouse and Stanley Hauerwas, Christian Theological Research Fellowship, Pre-Meeting at the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, Louisiana, November
- 1996: “The Faith Behind the Confession: Postmodern Assumptions of the United Methodist Confessing Movement,” Doctrinal Development in North American Wesleyanism, The Wesleyan Studies Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, Louisiana, November
- 1996: “Reinhold Niebuhr, Male Chauvinist or Feminist Apologist?: Analyzing Feminist Criticisms of Gender Roles and the Family in Niebuhr,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Albuquerque
- 1994: “Moral Development and Gender,” The National Conference of the Christian Church Educators Association, Annual Meeting, Spring
- 1993: “Relative Radicalism and Radical Relativism in Sharon Welch,” Christian Theological Research Fellowship, Pre-Meeting at the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November

- 1993: “Ethics and God in Rosemary Radford Ruether,” Working Group for European/North American Christian Feminist Theology, Tübingen, Germany, August
- 1993: “African-American Women’s Literature in Contemporary Christian Ethics: Hearing an Old, Old Story,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Savannah, Georgia, January
- 1991: “Universalizing Difference: Post-Modern and Third World Feminist Theologies,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Kansas City, Missouri, November
- 1989: “The Trouble with Stanley Hauerwas: A Focus on Abortion,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, California
- 1988: “Public Intent/Political Presuppositions: An Analysis of Martin Marty’s *Public Church*,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Illinois, November

SELECTED PERKINS LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2025: Presenter, Perkins’ Summit for Faith and Learning, March 21 and 22, Little Rock
- 2023: Respondent, Review of *The Future of Christian Realism: International Conflict, Political Decay, and the Crisis of Democracy* (co-edited with Dallas Gingles), Perkins Faculty Book Celebration, November 6
- 2023: Panelist, Perkins Fall Faculty Conference, New Curriculum and Modalities, September 7
- 2023: Respondent, Review of *The Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics* (co-edited with Steve Long), Perkins Faculty Book Celebration, March 6
- 2022: Convener, Student Discussions of the Perkins Curriculum, September 22 and 28
- 2022: Spiritual Autobiography: Writing Our Faith, Perkins’ Summit for Faith and Learning, March 26
- 2021: Convener, Discussion of the Perkins Curriculum, CHAP (Community Hour at Perkins), November 16
- 2021: Convener, Curriculum Review, Faculty as Guild, October 18
- 2021: Presenter and Convener, with Hugo Magallanes, of the Curriculum Discussion, Fall Faculty Conference, September 10
- 2021: Presenter on Perkins Curriculum Review, North Texas Annual Conference Alumni/ae Gathering, June 16
- 2021: Presenter on Perkins Curriculum Review, Texas Annual Conference Alumni/ae Gathering, May 31
- 2021: Listening Session with leaders and members of the Perkins Black Seminarians Association on Perkins Curriculum, April 19
- 2021: Presenter, “What Makes a Great Pastor? Perkins Curricular Review,” Perkins Executive Board, March 3
- 2021: Convener, Discussion of the Perkins Mission Statement, CHAP (Community Hour at Perkins), March 2
- 2020: Convener, Discussion of Perkins Curricular Review Process, Fall Faculty Conference, September 11
- 2020: Lecturer, “Changed from Glory into Glory: Methodist Optimism and Social Change, Webinar through Perkins Office of Continuing Education, July
- 2020: Panelist, “Ministry Legislation before the 2020 United Methodist General Conference,” Community Hour at Perkins, April 20

- 2020: Panelist, “Major Proposals Before the 2020 United Methodist General Conference,” Faculty as Guild, March 9
- 2020: Panelist, “The Protocol and Major Proposals Before the 2020 United Methodist General Conference,” Community Hour at Perkins, January 21
- 2018: Faculty as Guild Discussion of Issues Facing the 2019 United Methodist General Conference, with Steven Currall, Max Whitfield, and Ted Campbell, April 24
- 2017: “Spiritual Autobiography: Writing our Faith,” Perkins Laity School, March
- 2016: Panelist, General Conference 2016 Panel, Ministers’ Week, Perkins School of Theology, February 2
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- 2001: Dean’s Roundtable Presentation, November
- 2001: Perkins Panel Reflecting on Ministry and Theology, Post September 11, Convener, Fall
- 2001: Perkins Faculty Lunch Presentation, April

SELECTED COMMUNITY LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2022: Host, “Gladly Choosing to be United Methodist,” United Methodist Association of Retired Clergy, June 22
- 2022: Keynote Speaker, California/Nevada United Methodist Annual Conference Committee on Reconciliation, Annual Meeting (Zoom), June 11
- 2022: Keynote Speaker, Laity Session, North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, June 5

- 2022: Host, "Look before you Leap: Examining the Choices between the United Methodist Church and the Global Methodist Church," United Methodist Association of Retired Clergy, May 17
- 2022: Host, "To Stay or Not to Stay, That is the Question' Facing United Methodists," United Methodist Association of Retired Clergy, April 5 (Hosted a webinar with over a thousand registrants and participants)
- 2022: Panelist, The Future of United Methodism, (with Craig Hill, Ted Campbell, and Max Whitfield), University United Methodist Church, Dallas, January 27
- 2022: Speaker, The Current Debate in the United Methodist Church, University United Methodist Church, Dallas, January 13
- 2021: Panelist, "The Hard Work of Repairing Our Social Compact," Zoom Webinar, Ambassadors of Reconciliation, January 14
- 2019: Panelist, Future of The United Methodist Church, Proposals before General Conference 2020, with Bishop Cynthia Harvey and Rev. Amy Lippoldt, South Central Jurisdiction Clergywomen's Consultation, Richardson, TX, October 1
- 2017: Panelist, "Women in Faith: A Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Dialogue," Congregation Beth Shalom, Fort Worth, February 12
- 2016: "The Wholeness of Wesleyan Spirituality: Mercy Amba Oduyoye, D.T. Niles, Francis Willard, and Amanda Berry Smith," 21st World Methodist Conference, Houston, TX, September 1
- 2016: Moderator, "Pathway to Peace: Interfaith Symposium," First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, August 28
- 2016: Panelist and Speaker, General Conference 2016 Panels," First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, February 7, February 21, and March 6th
- 2015: Speaking Series on Spiritual Renewal, First United Methodist Church of Hot Springs, AR, October
- 2012: "Bearing our Grief; Sharing our Joy," Sermon Preached at Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS, December 11
- 2011: Presentation in honor of JoAnn Miles, Clergywomen's Retreat, South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, March 24
- 2011: "Preach the Kindness and Everlasting Love of God," Sermon for the Ordination of Lora Brandis, First Unitarian Church of Dallas, February 13
- 2010: Lecture Series, First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas. October
- 2010: "The Love of God Poured Out in our Hearts," Sermon, First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, TX August
- 2008: "The Wesleyan Tradition: Ideas to Live By," Presentation for Abingdon Press Luncheon, General Conference of the United Methodist Church, April 28
- 2007: Sermon, Jurisdictional Gathering of United Methodist leaders, Mount Sequoyah, June 21
- 2007: "Fighting Faithfully and Fairly," Luncheon at North Texas Conference, June 4
- 2006: "Let the Children Come: Children, Parents, and Other Adults in Spiritual Formation Together," Workshops, "Soulfeast," a national conference Sponsored by United Methodist General Board of Discipleship, Soulfeast, Lake Junaluska, NC, July (with Len Delony)
- 2006: "By God's Grace: Methodist Preaching Women," Keynote Address, Laity Banquet, Arkansas Annual Conference, June

- 2006: Presentation on the United Methodist Commission on Ministry, Deacons' Retreat, Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, May
- 2006: "Let the Children Come: What Churches and Children Offer to Each Other," Children's Ministry Forum, National Conference Sponsored by the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship and The Large Church Initiative, Houston, February
- 2006: "Wesleyan Spirituality," Four Lectures for the Discerner's Academy, Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Alexandria, January
- 2005: Keynote Speaker, Student Forum 2005, United Methodist Student Movement National Meeting, Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, May 27
- 2004: "The Calling of the Christian Life," Series of Lectures for the Missouri Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, June 5, 6, and 7
- 2003: "Living in a Gloria Steinem, Rush Limbaugh, and Joe Lieberman Family: The Miles Family Speaks," Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, October (A panel discussion by my family of origin concerning how we deal with the startling theological and political diversity within our family.)
- 2003: "Taking Pleasure in All Our Toil," Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, October
- 2003: Keynote Address, Conference Sponsored by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, March
- 2003: Matthew Lectures Series, First United Methodist Church, Heber Springs, Arkansas, March
- 2001: MacFarlane Preaching Series, First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, October
- 2000: "What, Then, Shall We Do? Work and Family in U.S. Culture," Bishops Retreat for Clergy, The North Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, October
- 2000: McFarlin Lectures and Sermons, McFarlin United Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma, January and March
- 2000: Wesleyan Spirituality, One Day Retreat Co-Led with Len Delony, McFarlin United Methodist Church, Norman, Oklahoma, March
- 1999: "Take, Read, . . . and Then What? Biblical Authority in U.S. Culture," The Consultation on Scriptural Authority and the Nature of Revelation, The General Board of Discipleship and The General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns, The United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, December 7-9
- 1999: Presenter, Millennial Town Meeting, Highland Park United Methodist Church, September 14
- 1998: "The Serpent Made Me Do It: Sin and Grace in Christian Ethics," The Lamar Cooper School of Discipleship, Dallas, Texas, March and April
- 1998: "What Then Shall We Do: When Good Christians Face Hard Choices," Lay Academy, Brite Divinity School, February 17-March 10
- 1998: The Hopkins Lectures, First United Methodist Church, Denton, Texas, February 22-23
- 1997: "Keeping Watch Over the Shepherds: The Hazards of Cloning," The Myers Lectures, Church of the Savior, Cleveland, Ohio, October 18 and 19

- 1997: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God? Feminist Models of God," Lectures for Fall University, Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, September
- 1996: "The Ethics of Managed Care," League of Women Voters Public Forum on Managed Care, Fort Worth, October 16
- 1996: "Doing Theology on Horseback: John Wesley's Pragmatic Style," Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, October 9
- 1996: "Singing Wesleyan Theology," First United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, December 8 and 16
- 1996: "Faithfully Feminist/Faithfully Christian," Lectures for Fall University, Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, September 6
- 1996: "Is There Power in the Blood? Feminist Christologies," Lecture and Workshop at the Oasis Center, Little Rock, Arkansas, June 3
- 1995: "A Wesleyan Look at Faith and Politics: Friends, Enemies or Uneasy Partners?" Lecture Series, First United Methodist Church of Arlington, October 1, 8, 15, & 22
- 1995: "Are We Sinners Poor and Needy? Feminist Anthropologies," Lectures for the Arkansas Pastors' Conference, Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, Conway, Arkansas, September 26
- 1995: "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds? Feminist Ecclesiology," Clergy Women's Annual Luncheon, Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Waco, June
- 1995: "Inclusivity in United Methodist History: A Legacy of Faithfulness and a Legacy of Fear," Inclusive Leadership Task Force Annual Breakfast, Central Texas Conference, Waco, June 5
- 1995: "Why Tom Oden Should Stop Crying: Preparation for Ministry at Brite Divinity School," Brite Divinity School Alumnae/Alumni Association Dinner, Central Texas Conference, June 5
- 1995: "A Day with Rebekah Miles," Clergy Workshop, Fort Worth East District of the United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, March 7
- 1995: "How Will Feminism and Methodism Mix?" Lecture Series, Leadership for Ministry School, Arkansas Area, The United Methodist Church, Little Rock, January 17-19
- 1994: "Theology on Horseback: John Wesley's Experience and Understanding of God," The Trinity Lectures, Trinity United Methodist Church, Arlington, Texas, February 13, 20, 27 and March 6
- 1994: "Sin and the Self in Feminist Theology," South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth, February 6 and 13
- 1993: "AIDS and The Ethics of Disclosure," A Tarrant County AIDS Support Group, Fort Worth, August
- 1993: Workshop Leader, "A Day Apart," Clergy AIDS Education Forum, Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, Glen Rose, April
- 1992: "Women in Ministry in the United Methodist Church: Looking to the Future," Keynote Lecture, United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Annual Meeting, Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, June

MEMBERSHIPS, OFFICES, AND OTHER SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

- 2023 - : Member, Social Ethics and Organizing Project
 2021- : Member, Board of Directors, *The Methodist Review*
 2015-26: Member, Board of Directors, The Reinhold Niebuhr Society
 2021-22: Associate Editor, *The Methodist Review*
 2017-22: President, The Reinhold Niebuhr Society
 1989 - : Society of Christian Ethics
 Member, International Scholarly Relations Committee, 2022-25
 Member, Presidential Committee on Charting our Future, 2018
 Nominating Committee, Member, 2012–13
 Chair, Professional Conduct Committee, 2002–05 (Member until 2010)
 Member, Board of Directors, 1999–2003
 Chair, Reforming Realism Interest Group, 1997–2005
 Chair, Women’s Caucus 1994-95
 Referee for *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 1994–2000
 Member, Program Committee, 1998
 Member, Task Force, Standards of Professional Ethics, 1997–98
- 1987 - : Member, American Academy of Religion
 Member, Steering Committee, The Wesleyan Studies Group, 2004–10
- 1996-08: Board of Directors, *Journal for Christian Theological Research*, An Electronic
 Journal in Systematic and Moral Theology (first on-line journal in
 theology) Christian Theological Research Fellowship, Vice-President,
 1992–2001
- 1997-06: Member, Editorial Advisory Board, Kingswood Books, Abingdon Press
 2000: Consultant, “Family, Marriage, and the Professions,” The Religion, Culture, and
 Family Project, The University of Chicago, February 25–27
- 1996: World Methodist Historical Society, Member and Seminar Convener
 1996: World Methodist Conference, Delegate and Group Leader
 1996: Women’s Caucus of the United Methodist Church, Member and Writer
 1995: Consultant, Wesleyan Heritage Series, United Methodist Publishing House,
 Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1993-95: Member, Board of Ethics, Texas Osteopathic Hospital, Fort Worth
 1994: Consultant, Believers Theology Series, United Methodist Publishing House,
 Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1993-94: Working Group, European/North American Feminist Christian Theology,
 Tübingen, Germany
- 1993: European Society of Women in Theological Research, Louvain, Belgium,
 Registered Guest
- 1981: Arkansas’s Representative to the National Women’s Leadership Network
 Conference, Washington D.C., March

SERVICE TO PERKINS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY*Committees:*

- 2024-25: Chairperson, Committee on Community Life
 2023-25: Member, Perkins’ Dean Search Committee
 2019-25: Elected Member, Rank and Tenure Committee
 2023-24: Course Developer, New Online Course, Introduction to Theological Studies and
 Research (with Fred Aquino)

2023: Member, Task Force and Sub-Committee on Curriculum Modalities
 2023: Member, Cross Divisional Task Force on Curriculum Implementation
 2022-23: Chairperson, Committee on Faculty
 2022-23: Member, Administrative Council
 2020-23: Chairperson, Curriculum Review Committee
 2022: Member, Search Committee for the Curator of Methodist-Wesleyan Collections
 and Head of the Center for World Methodism
 2020-22: Member, Committee on Faculty
 2016-21: Helped to Organize and Lead Mock Interviews for Candidates for
 Commissioning and Ordination in the United Methodist Church
 2019-20: Perkins Weekly Centering Prayer Group, Faculty Co-Facilitator
 2020: Faculty Secretary, Spring Semester (Interim for Roy Heller)
 2020: Member, Senior Administrator Group (Interim GPRS Director for Roy Heller)
 2017-18: Institutional Resources Subcommittee, ATS Self Study
 2016-18: Task Force for Commissioning Preparation in the United Methodist Church
 2014-18: Executive Board, Center for the Study of Latino/Latina Christianity & Religions
 2014-18: Member, Senior Administrator Group
 2015-17: Executive Board, Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies
 2014-17: Executive Board, Center for Preaching Excellence
 2016-17: Member, Perkins Engagement Team
 2015-17: Elected Member, Rank and Tenure Committee
 2015-16: Chair, Task Force for Possible Faculty Position in Church Music
 2014-15: Chair, Homiletics Search Committee
 2012-15: Elected Member, Rank and Tenure Committee
 2012-14: Chair, Committee on Academic Programs
 2012-13: Search Committee for New Faculty Position in Theology
 (Attended an SMU workshop on Diversity in Hiring)
 2012-13: Ministers' Week Planning Committee, Member
 2011-15: Executive Board, Center for Missional Wisdom, Member
 2011-12: Faculty Mentor to Assistant Professor Linn Tonstad
 2010-11: Chairperson, Division III (Systematic and Moral Theology)
 2010-11: Assessment Task Force, Member
 2010-11: Search Committee for New Faculty Position in Worship
 2010-11: Nominations Committee, Member
 2009-11: Committee on Faculty, Member
 2009-11: Perkins Weekly Centering Prayer Group, Faculty Facilitator
 2010: Task Force for New Faculty Position in Worship, Member
 2008-09: Nominations Committee, Member
 2006-08: Curriculum Review Taskforce, Member
 2007: Chairperson, Division III (Systematic and Moral Theology)
 2006-07: Chairperson, Committee on Faculty
 2005-06: Chairperson, History of Christianity/History of Methodism Search Committee
 2005-06: Committee on Faculty, Member
 2005: Chairperson, Division III (Systematic and Moral Theology)
 2005: Faculty Secretary
 2002-04: Organizer and Convener of the Perkins Faculty Symposium
 2002-03: Committee on Faculty, Member
 2001-03: Rank and Tenure Committee

- 2001-02: Perkins Dean Search Committee
- 2001-02: Chairperson, Gender, Racial, Ethnic Concerns Committee
- 2001-02: Nominations Committee
- 2000-01: Historical Theology Search Committee
- 2000-01: Systematic Theology Search Committee
- 2000-01: Academic Programs Committee

Selected Perkins Lectures, Presentations, Continuing Education Events:

- 2023: Respondent, Review of *The Future of Christian Realism: International Conflict, Political Decay, and the Crisis of Democracy* (co-edited with Dallas Gingles), Perkins Faculty Book Celebration, November 6
- 2023: Panelist, Perkins Fall Faculty Conference, New Curriculum and Modalities, September 7
- 2023: Respondent, Review of *The Routledge Companion to Christian Ethics* (co-edited with Steve Long), Perkins Faculty Book Celebration, March 6
- 2021: Commissioning Mock Interviews, January 22
- 2020: Convener, Curriculum Review, Faculty as Guild, October 19
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- 2020: Presentation on Priscilla Pope-Levison, *Models of Evangelism*, Perkins Faculty Book Celebration, November 2
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- 2020: Commissioning Mock Interviews, Co-organizer and Panelist, January 13
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- 2018: United Methodist Studies, Perkins Lay Professional Certification Course, co-taught with Max Whitfield and Ted Campbell, January
- 2017: Presentations on Jeanne Stevenson-Moessners's *Overture to Practical Theology: The Music of Religious Inquiry* and Wes Allen's *Preaching in the Era of Trump*, Perkins Faculty Book Celebration, March 6
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SERVICE TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

- 1999-23: Graduate Program in Religious Studies Faculty, Dedman College
 Advising Ethics Ph.D. Students
 Chairing and Serving as a Member of Dissertation Committees
 Chairing and Serving as a Member of Dissertation Defenses
 Writing and Reading Comprehensive Ph.D. Exams
 Writing and Reading Ph.D. Language Exams
 Teaching Ph.D. Directed Study and Independent Study Courses
 Serving on the Steering Committee for Fourteen Years
 Serving as Director for Four and a Half Years
 2013-25: Member, Graduate Program in Religious Studies Steering Committee (1 year off)
 2021: Panelist, “Networking for Professional and Personal Development,” Graduate Program in Religious Studies, August 20
 2020: Interim Director, Graduate Program in Religious Studies (Spring)
 2014-18: Director, Graduate Program in Religious Studies
 2009: Member Graduate Program in Religious Studies Steering Committee
 2005-07: Member, Graduate Program in Religious Studies Steering Committee

Dissertation Committee Service – Dissertations Defended (2016-24)

- 2021-24: Member, Danny Sebastian, *Accounting for the Gift: Ecclesiology and Theology in Accounting and Offertories*,
 2021-23: Member, Lane Davis, *Seeking Unity and Tradition: Albert C. Outler and Theological Education in the U.S. South, 1925-74*, Successful Defense, March 8, 2023

- 2020 -23: Member, Tyler Womack, *A Clanging Symbol: Theology, Language, and Money*, Successful Defense, April 24, 2023
- 2019-23: Member, Brian Clark, *Toward a Protestant Moral Theology of the Communion of Saints: How the Saints Aid Moral Thinking*, Successful Defense, April 26, 2023
- 2021: Member, Andrew Mercer, *Ecclesial Unity in Cyril of Alexandria* (Joined the dissertation committee upon the death of William Abraham) Successful Defense, December 18, 2021
- 2018-21: Member, Abigail Woolley Cutter, *A Renewed Christian Sabbath, After Christendom and After Supersessionism* Successful Defense, April 23, 2021
- 2018-21: Member, Justin Barringer, *Protest and Politics: A Biographical Theology of Friendship, Charity and Economic Justice* Defense April 22, 2021
- 2016-20: Chair, Mary Leah Friedline, *Pluralism as a Social Practice: A Pragmatic Approach to Engaging Diversity in Public Life* Defended April 28, 2020
- 2019: Member, Scott Bontrager, *Augustine's Concept of Volition and its Significance for the Doctrine of Original Sin* Defended July 17, 2019
- 2005-19: Member, Gary MacDonald, *The Church and Public Dialogue: contributions to contemporary social ethics from the ecumenical method of the Oxford Conference on Church, Community and State of 1937* Defended May 1, 2019
- 2013-18: Chair, Julie Mavity Maddalena, *But We Know: A Feminist, Christian Ethnography and Analysis of Single, Working-Class Mothers and Class, Gender, and Race Dynamics in the U. S. Political Economy* Defended April 27, 2018
- 2013-16: Member, Dallas Gingles, *Against Innocence: Bonhoeffer and Augustine on Responsibility and Political Guilt* Defended April 28, 2016

Dissertation Committee Service – In Process

- 2024-: Member, Shandon Klein, *Towards Understanding the Role of Theology in Cultivating Ethic(s) of Resistance and/or Control within Self-identified, Secular Political Activists in the Northern Midwest*, Approved in March 2024
- 2023- : Chair, Noemi Vega Quinones, *Migrant Women's Agencies in Predominantly Spanish-Speaking Communities of California's Central Coast: An Exploration of Faith, Ethical Negotiations, and the Burdens of Virtues*, Proposal and Committee Approved in March 2023
- 2023 -: Member, Sylvester Tan, *Heavenly Members of Christ's Body Helping Those on Earth: Developing Protestant Understandings of Intercession*, Proposal and Committee Approved in December 2023
- 2022-: Member, Zach DeMoya, *Christianity, Literacy, and Democracy: The Role of the Church in Promoting Literacy and Education in the Christian Pursuit of Democracy*, Proposal and Committee Approved in December 2022

OTHER SERVICE TO SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

- 2024-25: Member, Search Committee for Scurlock Chair in Ethics and AI
- 2023-24: Member Perkins' Dean Search Committee
- 2022-23: Member, Faculty Development Group, The Provost's Office
- 2022-23: Member, Healthcare and Human Flourishing Group, Dedman College
Interdisciplinary Institute
- 2021-22: Member, Provost's 10th Anniversary Emerging Leaders Seminar
- 2021-22: Member, Search Committee for the Dean of the Moody School of Graduate and
Advanced Studies and Vice Provost for Graduate Education
- 2021-22: Member, Teaching Awards Review for Provost Teaching Recognition Award
and Altshuler Distinguish Teaching Professor Award
- 2020-22: Member, Moody School Working Group on Graduate Student and Postdoc
Issues Related to COVID-19
- 2020-22: Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Education
- 2019-22: Member, Faculty Senate
- 1999-22: Maguire Center for Ethics, Faculty Advisory Committee
- 2021: Panelist, SMU Graduate Student Orientation, August
- 2020-21: Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate
- 2020-21: Member, Moody Hall User Committee
- 2020: Member Research Continuity Sub-Committee of the President's Healthy
Opening Taskforce (Covid-Related Planning, Spring/ Summer 2020)
- 2020: Panelist, SMU Graduate Student Orientation, August
- 2020: Member, Stakeholder Interview Team, University Chaplain Search, August
- 2018-20: Member, Faculty Senate Library Committee
- 2017-18: Member, Central Library Dean Search Committee
- 2016-18: Member, Provost's Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure
- 2016-17: Member, Cultural Intelligent Faculty Innovation Group
- 2014-17: Chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Education
- 2015-16: Member, Faculty Cultural Intelligence Innovation Work Group, initiated by
President Turner and Professor Maria Dixon Hall
- 2015-16: Member, Provost Search Committee
- 2014-15: Member, Maguire Chair Search Committee
- 2014: Member, Provost's Emerging Leaders Seminar
- 2014: Provost's Emerging Leaders Seminar
- 2011-12: Theology and Spirituality of Leadership and Business, Planning Team, Program
for Business Leaders through Cox School of Business and Perkins
- 1999- : SMU Ethics Colloquies (Convener, Presenter, Participant)
- 2008-11: President's Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention
- 2009-10: Quality Enhancement Program Selection Committee (for SACS)
- 2009: Graduate Program in Religious Studies Steering Committee, Member
- 2007-08: Helped to support SMU through the Bush Library controversy, writing and
calling members of United Methodist jurisdictional committees, speaking
to the Mission Council, writing articles for United Methodist
publications, giving interviews, etc.
- 2005: University Code of Ethics Committee
- 2003: Maguire Teaching Fellowship Selection Committee
- 2002: Faculty Panel for SMU Board of Trustees Meeting, September
- 2002: Maguire Center for Ethics, Two Events for Student Services

(Presented parts of my research on vocation and led discussion)

- 2001-02: Academic and Research Computing Committee
- 2001-02: Subcommittee on Computer Staffing Priorities
- 2001-02: Maguire Teaching Fellow, Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility
- 2001: Maguire Public Scholar, Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility
- 2000-01: Maguire Chair in Ethics Search Committee
- 1999-00: Maguire Chair in Ethics Pre-Search Committee

SERVICE TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ordained Elder Full Clergy Member, Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church
Affiliate Member, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church

- 2019-24 Member, Progressive/Moderate Strategy Team
- 2019-24: Member, United Methodist Faithful Resistance Team
- 2019-23: Member, U.S. Legislative Leads Team
- 2020-23: Reserve Clergy Delegate, General Conference of the United Methodist Church, Jurisdictional Clergy Delegate, Elected in 2019 by the clergy of the Arkansas Conference (Postponed because of Covid-19), No longer on delegation because of transfer of conference membership
- 2020-23: Member, Vision Team, Reconciling Ministries Network, United Methodist Church
- 2022: Member, Committee on Petitions and Resolutions, South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church
- 2020: Steering Committee Member, New Delegate Training Program, (A part of the progressive/centrist coalition preparing for General Conference)
- 2019-21: Founder and Co-chair of “Celebrating Marriage Rites for All the People Called United Methodists” at <https://marriagerites.org/>
- 2019: Clergy Delegate, Called General Conference of the United Methodist Church, St. Louis, MO, February 23-26
Member, One Church Plan Strategy Team, Legislative Leads
- 2016: Clergy Delegate, General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Elected by the clergy of the Arkansas Conference
Member, Legislative Committee on General Administration
Chair, Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments
- 2012: Clergy Delegate, General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Elected by the clergy of the Arkansas Conference
Member, Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry
- 2008-2012: Member, Council of Bishops’ Task Force on Theological Education and Leadership Formation
- 2008: Clergy Delegate, General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Elected by the clergy of the Arkansas Conference
- 2008: Chairperson of the Candidacy Sub-Committee, Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, General Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 2005-08: Member, Commission on the Study of Ministry, Requested by the 2004 General Conference, To Report to the 2008 General Conference
Leader of the Minority Report and an Ad-Hoc Legislative Committee

- 2005-08: Vice-Chair, Commission on Theological Education, The University Senate
 2005-08: Member, University Senate of the United Methodist Church, Elected by the 2004 General Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 2003-08: Member, Women's Leadership Team of the South Central Jurisdiction
 2004: Clergy Delegate, General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Elected by the clergy of the Arkansas Conference
- 2004: Vice-Chair, Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, The General Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 2004: Co-Chair, Sub-Committee for Elders, Legislative Committee on Higher Education and Ministry, The General Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 2004: Floor Manager for Women's Leadership Team, South Central Jurisdictional Conference
- 1997-99: Convener and Organizer, Quarterly Consultations on the Retention of Clergywomen in the Central Texas Conference
- 1997: Member, United Methodist Commission on Genetic Science, General Board of Church and Society, Washington, D.C.
- 1996: Delegate, Small Group Leader, and Seminar Convener
 World Methodist Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August
- 1994: Elder's Ordination in the Little Rock Conference
- 1989-92: Member, United Methodist General Conference Task Force on Genetic Science, Washington, D.C.
- 1988-92: Member, Board of Directors, United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, Washington, D.C.
- 1988: Deacon's Ordination, the Little Rock Conference
- 1983: License to Preach, the Little Rock Conference
- 1979: Admitted to Candidacy, St. James United Methodist and the Little Rock District of the Little Rock Conference
- 1976: Youth Delegate/Page, World Methodist Conference, Dublin, Ireland, August

Have spoken extensively in churches and have served in many roles (e.g., Board of Stewards, Finance Committee, Conference Commission on The Status and Role of Women, Mentor in the Confirmation and Candidacy processes, usher, communion assistant, children's Sunday School volunteer, youth volunteer and chaperone, etc.) For further service to the United Methodist Church, see other sections of this c.v.

OTHER ACADEMIC STUDY

- 1987: Centro Linguistico, Intensive Summer Spanish Course, Antigua, Guatemala,
 1982-83: Eberhard-Karls Universität, Gasthörerin, Tübingen, Germany, Fall
 1982: Goethe-Institut, Intensive 3 Month German Course, Blaubeuren, Germany
 1981: Philander Smith College, African-American Studies, Little Rock, Arkansas, Fall