

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### Education

Vanderbilt University, 1987, Ph.D., Religion and Personality  
Exams passed with honors  
Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, 1971-75, D.Min.  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 1967-71, B.A. cum laude (English)

### Vocation

Dean and Executive Vice President and Professor of Pastoral  
Theology and Pastoral Care at Brite Divinity School, June 2005-  
Harrison Ray Anderson Professor of Pastoral Ministry, Louisville Presbyterian  
Theological Seminary, 1996-2005  
Professor of Pastoral Theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 1992-  
1996  
Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary,  
1988-1992  
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of Field Education, LPTS, 1983-  
1988  
Instructor, Religion and Personality, Bethel College, McKenzie, Tennessee, Fall, 1981  
Collections Development and Bibliography, Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University,  
1980-82  
Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, 1975-79

### Denominational Commitments

General Assembly Task Team to write a Sexual Misconduct Policy, 1990-1991  
Volunteer in Mission, January 1988-May 1988, Instructor at St. Paul's United  
Theological College, Limuru, Kenya  
Task Force on Faith Development and the Reformed Tradition, 1986-1988  
Africa Awareness Team for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, 1984  
Committee to Write a Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith, 1984-1991  
General Assembly Council, 1983-85  
Committee on Theological Education, PCUS, 1981-83  
Committee on Candidates and Examinations, Middle Tennessee Presbytery, 1981-83  
Division of Corporate and Social Mission of the General Assembly Mission Board,  
Chairperson, 1978-79

Committee on Women's Concerns of the PCUS, Chairperson, 1976-78  
Presbytery's Council, Albemarle Presbytery, 1977  
Committee on Candidates and Examinations, Albemarle Presbytery, 1975-78  
General Executive Board and its successor the General Assembly Mission Board, 1973-79, 1983

#### Memberships and Associations

International Academy of Practical Theology (by election 2004)  
Grace Presbytery  
American Academy of Religion  
Society for Pastoral Theology  
Association for Practical Theology  
American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Fellow  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Member and Supervisor

#### Offices and Committees

AAPC Centers and Training Committee 2004-2008  
AAPC Association Action Council 2002-2003  
Board of Directors, AAPC, 2000-2002  
Chair, AAPC Midwest Region, 2000-2003  
Vice-Chair, AAPC Midwest Region, 1998-2000  
Institutional Accreditation Committee, AAPC Midwest Region, 1997-1998  
Ethics Committee, AAPC Midwest Region, 1993-1997  
Drafting Committee, Pastoral Counseling Examination Board of AAPC, 1993-1995  
Research Committee, AAPC Midwest Region, 1991-1993  
Chair of the Society for Pastoral Theology, 1991-1993  
Steering Committee of the Society for Pastoral Theology, 1990-1994  
Co-Convenor, Consultation for Practical Theologians sponsored by the Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture, June 1991

#### Community and Civic

Presbyterian Night Shelter, Chair of Long Range Planning Committee, 2011-  
Presbyterian Night Shelter, Board of Directors, 2010-  
Presbyterian Community Center, Board of Directors, 2001-2005  
Louisville Area Women of Faith Network, Founding Member, 1990-1991  
Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Center, Board of Directors, 1986-1989

#### Honors, Awards, Fellowships

Metroversity Award for Instructional Development, Special Merit Winner, 1991  
George Mayhew Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 1981-82  
Salem Church Fellowship for further study, UTS in Virginia, 1975  
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, UNC-G, 1971  
Phi Beta Kappa, UNC-G, 1971

Publications

## Book Reviews:

- Gentle Shepherding: Pastoral Ethics and Leadership*, by Joseph Bush, Jr. for *Interpretation*. Vol. 62 No. 3 (July 2008).
- What Makes Racial Diversity Work in Higher Education: Academic Leaders Present Successful Policies and Strategies*, Ed. By Frank Hale Jr. for *Teaching Theology and Religion*. Vol. 11 No. 2 (April 2008)
- The Formation of Pastoral Counselors: Challenges and Opportunities*, Ed. By Duane R. Bidwell and Joretta L. Marshall for *Journal of Pastoral Theology* Vol 18 No. 1 (Summer 2008).
- Trauma and Evil: Healing the Wounded Soul*, by J. Jeffrey Means with Mary Ann Nelson For *Homiletic*, December 2002.
- Seeing Children, Seeing God: a Practical Theology of Children and Poverty*, by Pamela Couture for *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 11 (Summer 2001)
- Rachel's Cry: Prayer of Lament and Rebirth of Hope*, Kathleen Billman and Daniel Migliore for *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 10 (Summer 2000).
- Liberating Faith Practices: Feminist Practical Theologies in Context*, ed. by Denise Ackermann and Riet Bons-Storm for *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 9 (Summer 1999).
- The Arts of Ministry: Feminist-Womanist Approaches*, ed. by Christie Neuger, for *Homiletic*, Vol. 23 No. 1 (Summer 1998).
- The Arts of Ministry: Feminist-Womanist Approaches*, ed. by Christie Neuger, for *Pastoral Psychology*, Vol. 46 No. 2 (November 1997): 137-140.
- Counseling Lesbian Partners* by Joretta Marshall for *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 7 (Summer 1997).
- Taking Care: Monitoring Power Dynamics and Relational Boundaries in Pastoral Care and Counseling* by Carrie Doehring for *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 6 (Summer 1996).
- Pastoral Care and the Means of Grace* by Ralph L. Underwood for *Pastoral Psychology*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (September 1993).
- God Images and Self-Esteem* by Carroll Saussy for *The Journal of Pastoral Care*, 46 (Spring 1992): 81-82.
- Theology and Therapy: The Wisdom of God in a Context of Friendship* by Samuel Southard for *Theology Today* (October 1990).
- Ministry After Freud*, by Allison Stokes for *Pastoral Psychology*, 36 (Summer 1988), p. 272.
- Faith and Families*, ed. by Lindell Sawyers for *Theology Today*, 4 (January 1988), p. 558.
- On Being Family: A Social Theology of the Family*, by Ray S. Anderson and Dennis B. Guernsey, *Theology Today*, 4 (October 1986), p. 463.
- Women in the World of Jesus* by Evelyn and Frank Stagg for *Interpretation* 33 (Summer 1979), p. 320.

## Review Essay:

"Responding to Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse," *Pastoral Psychology*, 39 (May 1991): 335-343.

Articles:

Lectionary resources in *Feasting on the Word* commentary series, Vol. X, Louisville: WJKP, 2010. (John 14:15-21, Luke 24:44-53 and John 17:1-11)

"Why is it so hard to Talk about Race?," *www.TheThoughtfulChristian.com*, edited by David Maxwell. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.

"Conversion Therapy" in *Frequently Asked Questions*, published by Covenant Network, March, 2006

"Taking Stock at Mid-Career: Challenges and Opportunities for Faculty at Theological Schools," [co-authored with David Carr, Karen Baker-Fletcher, Esther Menn] *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 8, 1 (Jan. 2005).

"Teaching Effectively in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms," *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 8, 1, (Jan. 2005).

"Navigating Racial Difference as a White Pastoral Theologian," *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, Vol. 12, No. 2 (Fall 2002).

"Confronting Family Violence and its Spiritual Damage," *Family Ministry*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (Fall 1999).

"Compassionate Resistance: An Ethic for Pastoral Care and Counseling," *Journal of Pastoral Care*, Vol. 52, No. 3 (Fall 1998).

"Metaphors for Ministry: Normative Images for Pastoral Practice," *Quarterly Review*, Vol. 17, No. 1 (Spring 1997).

"Counseling," *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*, edited by Letty Russell and Shannon Clarkson (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox) 1996.

"Feminist Perspectives on Pastoral Care: Implications for Practice and Theory" in *Pastoral Psychology*, Vol. 40 (March 1992): 245-252.

"The Congregation as a Culture" in *Encounter* 53 (Winter 1992).

"Introduction to the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Policy and Procedures on Sexual Misconduct."

"After the First Step: Continuing Attention to the Reality of Sexual Misconduct," editorial in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, September 16, 1991. Reprinted in *Horizons* 5 (Jan.-Feb. 1992).

"Pastoral Supervision: A Theological Resource for Ministry" in *Journal for Supervision and Training in Ministry*. Vol. 13, 1991.

"Pastoral Assessment in the Congregational Genre" in *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 1 (Summer 1991).

"Healing the Wound of Sexual Misconduct," editorial in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, May 20, 1991.

"To Discover How to be Human Now . . .," *Theology Today* 42 (April 1985), pp. 88-92.

"Repentance in America: In Search of Sarah's Circle," *Journal for Preachers*, 2 (Lent 1979), pp. 13-19.

Chapters:

"Emancipatory Theory and Method" in *The Blackwell Companion on Practical Theology*,

Bonnie Miller McLemore, ed. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell Publishers, forthcoming.

- "Where Race and Gender Collide: Deconstructing Racial Privilege" in *Women Out of Order: Multicultural Issues in a Pastoral Care*, Jeanne Stevenson Moessner and Teresa Snorton, eds., Minneapolis: Fortress, 2010.
- "Created as Neighbors: a Vision for Honoring Racial and Cultural Difference" yet to be Titled edited volume on practical theology in the Reformed tradition to be published by the Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ.
- "Women's Power and Authority across the Lifespan" in *In Her Own Time*, Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, ed. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2000.
- "A Story of Freedom's Corruption: Sin as Response to the Human Condition," in *Theology and the Interhuman: Essays in Honor of Edward Farley*, Robert R. Williams, ed. Philadelphia: Trinity Press, 1995.
- "Sexual Abuse and Shame: The Travail of Recovery" in *Women in Travail and Transition: A New Pastoral Care*. Maxine Glaz and Jeanne Stevenson Moessner, eds. Minneapolis: Augsburg/Fortress Press, 1991.
- "Preface" in *Voices of Experience: Lifestories of Clergywomen in the PCUSA*, Alice Brasfield and Elisabeth Lunz, eds. Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1991.

#### Books:

- Pastoral Care and Counseling: Redefining the Paradigms*, Editor, Nashville: Abingdon, June 2004.
- Telling the Truth: Preaching About Sexual and Domestic Violence*, Co-Editor with John S. McClure (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, Fall 1998).
- Pastoral Diagnosis: A Resource for Ministries of Care and Counseling*. Minneapolis: Fortress, Fall 1998.

#### Editorial Responsibilities

- Editorial Board, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 2007-
- Co-Editor, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 1997-2001
- Advisory Committee, Counseling and Pastoral Theology Series, edited by Andrew C. Lester, Westminster/John Knox, 1992-1996
- Book Review Editor, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 1992-1994
- Editor-at-Large, *The Presbyterian Outlook*, 1991
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Pastoral Theology*, 1990-1994

#### Papers Presented

- "God's Fierce and Tender Love: Preaching Empowerment and Care for Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse," for the Consultation on Preaching and Violence, Louisville, Kentucky, Feb. 28-March 2, 1997.
- "A Story of Freedom's Corruption: Sin as Response to the Human Condition," for the International Pastoral Care Network for Social Responsibility Theory Building Conference, Santa Severa, Italy, September, 1994.
- "Recovery from Sexual Abuse: A Responsibility and Opportunity for Clergy and Congregations" for a workshop entitled "Ministry to Survivors of Sexual Violence," sponsored by Ohio Valley Presbytery and its Women's Sub-Committee, March 31, 1990.

"Feminist Perspectives on Pastoral Care: Implications for Practice and Theory" for the meeting of the Society for Pastoral Theology, June, 1989.

"Pastoral Assessment in the Congregational Genre" for meeting of the Society for Pastoral Theology, June, 1987.

#### Selected Addresses and Speeches

"The Complexity of Difference in Supervision: Pastoral and Theological Resources"  
ACPE National Convention Dallas October, 2007

"Comments on a Brief Statement of Faith," Kappel, Switzerland, Dec. 2005.

"Created as Neighbors: a Vision for Honoring Racial and Cultural Difference" Edwards  
Lecture, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, February 2004

"Navigating Racial Difference as a White Pastoral Theologian," plenary address, Society  
for Pastoral Theology, June 2002

"Compassionate Resistance: An Ethic for Pastoral Care and Counseling," Convocation  
address for Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, September 11, 1997.

"Metaphors for Ministry," lecture series, Princeton Theological Seminary, Summer  
School, 1992.

"Pastoral Responses to Experiences of Aging," Llanfair Retirement Community,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, March, 1991.

"A Theology of Aging for the Practice of Ministry," Llanfair Retirement Community,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, March, 1991.

"Reflections on the Relationship of Sexuality and Spirituality," Panel presentation for  
More Light Churches Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, April, 1990.

"The Congregation as a Culture: Implications for Ministry," Convocation address for  
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, September, 1989.

#### Selected Workshops and Continuing Education Events

"Agents of Hope When Difference Divides" (invited) half-day workshop at annual  
Conference of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors April 3, 2011

"What Difference does Difference make in Pastoral Care?" Omaha Seminary Foundation  
Pastors' School, Hastings College, July 2009 (7 presentations)

"When Race and Class are in the Room" AAPC Midwest Region workshop, September  
2008, (1.5 hour presentation)

"Agents of Hope When Difference Divides" AAPC Midwest Region, September 2008  
(4 hours of presentations)

"What Difference Does Difference Make?" AAPC Southwest Region, September 2007

(5 presentations over two days)

- “Pastoral Care Perspectives with Particular Attention to Alzheimer’s Disease,” Coastal Plains Licensed Ministers Training, March, 2006
- “Aging and Pastoral Care with Attention to Alzheimer’s Disease” Glen Avon Seminar Duluth, Minnesota, Jan 29-30, 2006.
- “Teaching and Learning in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms: Resistances and Strategies,” Society for Pastoral Theology, Atlanta, 2004
- “Pastoral Diagnosis,” Princeton, March 2000
- “Pastoral Responses to Domestic Violence,” Northwest Region, AAPC March 2000
- “Faith, Families and Congregations Annual Conference,” Louisville, Kentucky, November 1998.
- “Pastoral Responses to Experiences of Aging,” Western Kentucky Presbytery, May 1997.
- “Reflection on Pastoral Responses to Sexual and Domestic Violence,” March 1997, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, with Dr. Loren Townsend.
- "Pastoral Diagnosis," CPE and Community Clergy Presentations, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX, October, 1994.
- "Gender and Supervision," ACPE National Convention, Louisville, KY 1993
- "Abusive Family Systems," Kansas Pastors School (UMC) January, 1991.
- "Sexuality and Pastoral Practice," Annual Seminar for Presbyterian Pastors, Hastings College, Nebraska, January, 1991.

#### Professional Certifications

- AAPC, Fellow, 1997-
- AAMFT, Approved Supervisor, 2003-
- AAMFT, Clinical Member, 1996-
- State of Kentucky, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, #0392 1996-2005
- Certified Fee-Based Pastoral Counselor, KY #0023 1998- 2005

#### Selected Professional Presentations

- “The Changing Character of Faculty Work: Implications for Women Faculty” ATS Pre-seminar for Women Faculty, March 10-11, 2011
- “Strategies for Enhancing Racial/Ethnic Diversity through Institutional Change” ATS Biennial Workshop Presentation, June 2010
- “Power and Institutional Privilege,” Wabash Funded faculty development day at Garrett Evangelical Seminary, May, 2010 (2 part presentation)
- “Power and Privilege, ATS Conference, Pittsburgh, March 2008
- “Signature Pedagogies and Curricula at Brite and Denver,” Workshop presentation, ATS Chief Academic Officers Meeting, Atlanta, June 2008
- “The Ways a School’s Ethos Teaches: Holding Curriculum and Mission Together,” Panel ATS MDiv Curriculum Conference, Pittsburgh, March 2006

#### Funded Research Projects

- “Integrating Teaching and Learning Across the Curriculum” Funded by Wabash Center, \$2,450 For Quality Enhancement Plan Task Force at Brite, 2010-2011.
- Developing an Effective and Visionary Signature Pedagogy for Brite Divinity School, Funded by the Wabash Center, \$70,000 for faculty of Brite 2007-2009.
- Nurturing a Racially and Culturally Inclusive Teaching and Learning Environment,

Funded by the Wabash Center \$58, 558.00 for faculty of LPTS 2003-04.  
Anti-racism Resources for Practical Theological Instruction, funded by the Wabash Center. \$46,500. Sabbatical Leave, 2001.  
Implications of Postmodernism for Teaching Pastoral Theology, funded by the Wabash Center. \$9000, 1999  
Theological Dimensions of Child Sexual Abuse, funded by PC (USA). \$5000.  
Cross Cultural Issues for Pastoral Care with a focus on theological education in African seminaries (funded by a faculty development grant) 1987-88.

### National Seminars

Wabash Consultant 2005-  
Leadership Team, Wabash Colloquy, “Nurturing Effective Teaching and Learning in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms, July 2006-July 2007  
Director, Wabash Seminar, “Nurturing Effective Teaching and Learning in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms” July 2004-July 2005  
Participant, Mid-Career Workshop, Wabash sponsored June 2002-June 2003  
Participant, National Seminar on Religious Leadership Yale University Program on Non-Profit Organizations (PONPO)

### Professional Education

“Preventing Employment Discrimination, May 2010  
“Crucial Conversations” TCU, March, 2010  
“Crucial Confrontations” TCU, January, 2007  
Management and Leadership Enhancement Seminar sponsored by Harvard School of Higher Education, Cambridge, MA. June 2006

### International Experience

Tutor in pastoral theology at St. Paul's United Theological College, Limuru, Kenya January, 1988 through May, 1988. Research foci included cross cultural issues in pastoral care and pastoral theology and the internationalization of theological education.

### Forthcoming Speaking and Writing Commitments

“Pastoral Counseling across Embodied Differences of Sexuality, Race, and Class” for Sacred Spaces, a publication of AAPC in spring of 2012 (invited) 30pp.  
Plenary Address for 26<sup>th</sup> ACPE/REM anniversary Conference (invited) February 2012  
Stalcup School of Theology Presentation on Aging, March 2012

### Forthcoming Research and Writing

“Integrative Learning in Theological Education: a Literature Review and Proposals” for *Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion* or *Theological Education*