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Primary fields

Missiology; World Christianity; Methodist/Wesleyan Studies; Church History;
International Development

Education

Wheaton College, Wheaton IL. 1988-92. Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude
Psychology; Third World Studies Certificate, Human Needs and Global Resources
(HNGR) Program

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. 1994-96. Master of Science
Department of Resource Development, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Concentration: International Development

Boston University, Boston, MA. 1997-99. Master of Divinity, Cum Laude
Concentrations: Church History, Urban Ministry

Boston University, Boston, MA. 2000-05. Doctor of Theology
Major: Missiology, Minor: Church History
Languages: German

Thesis

Leadership Development in Nongovernmental Organizations: Applying Theory to
Developing Country Contexts
R. James Bingen, Director, 1996, Michigan State University

Dissertation

Holiness Evangelical Urban Mission and Identity in Boston, 1860-1910
Dana L. Robert, Director, 2005, Boston University.
Recipient of the UMC's General Commission on Archives and History
quadrennial Jesse Lee Prize and the Wesleyan Theological Society's
"Outstanding Dissertation" award.

Teaching and Research Experience

Fall 2005 – present

Associate Professor of Christian Mission (tenured in 2010)

Director of United Methodist Studies (beginning 2011)

Palmer Theological Seminary, The Seminary of Eastern University

St. David's, Pennsylvania.

Courses taught:

United Methodist History and Early Doctrine

United Methodist Contemporary Doctrine and Polity

Missional Renewal in an Age of Globalization (Doctor of Ministry course)

Rise of Christianity in Africa, Asia and Latin America

(also taught at Russia United Methodist Seminary in Moscow, April 2011)

Christian World Mission

The History of Christianity in Africa

The Church in Mission through History (an introductory world church history course for the Christian Heritage and Mission department at Palmer Seminary)

The Church's Response to World Poverty (addresses the church's historical involvement in social welfare and theological reflection upon contemporary international development themes)

The Church in Holistic Perspective (a congregational studies/practical theology course)

Speak Until Justice Wakes (co-taught course on social justice and theology with Dr. Loida Martel-Otero in collaboration with the Office of National Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA)

Theology of Poverty, (an introductory course for entering students in Eastern University's Masters of Business Administration Program in International Development, School of Leadership and Development, Campolo College for Graduate and Professional Studies.)

Church History II, 1440 - present

Fall 2001; Fall 2002; Fall 2003; Spring 2005

United Methodist Polity

Co-taught with Rev. Samuel Johnson

Boston University School of Theology

Spring 2002

History and Doctrine of the United Methodist Church

Teaching Assistant with Professor David Hempton

Boston University School of Theology

Fall 2000

Church History Survey

Teaching Assistant with Professor Carter Lindberg

Boston University School of Theology

January 1996 - January 1997

Research Assistant with Professor Susan Mireley

Department of Human Environment and Design, Michigan State University

Performed focus group research and co-authored report for state-funded study addressing homeowner and local government officials' viewpoints on affordable housing needs.

Fall 1995

Community/Economic Development Seminar
Teaching Assistant with Professor R. James Bingen
Department of Resource Development, Michigan State University

Publications:

Books / Edited Volumes

Co-editor with Robert Danielson. *Transforming Teaching for Mission: Educational Theory and Practice: The 2014 Proceedings of the Association of Professors of Mission*. Wilmore, KY: First Fruits, the academic open press of Asbury Theological Seminary, 2015.

Evangelicals at a Crossroads: Revivalism and Social Reform in Boston, 1860-1910. Durham, NH: University of New Hampshire Press, 2011.

Co-author with Paul E. Van Buren. *The Deacon: Ministry through Words of Faith and Acts of Love*. Nashville: General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist Church, 1999.

Published Articles / Book Chapters:

“Apostle of Ethnology”: Agnes C. L. Donohugh’s Missiological Anthropology between the World Wars,” *International Bulletin of Mission Research*, forthcoming April 2016.

“Alexander Crummel,” “David Pendleton Oakerhater,” “George Scott Railton,” “Eugene Stockwell,” “James Anthony Walsh” and “Frontiers [mission agency]” In *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport. New York: Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming in 2016.

“What’s in a Word? Diakonia and Deacons in the Bible and Today.” Published online by the United Methodist Women. <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/service-and-advocacy/deaconess-and-home-missioner-office/news-resources/hartleyben.aspx>

“Philadelphia Methodism Walking Tour.” Published on www.philawalk.org in collaboration with St. George’s United Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2015

Co-author with Glen Alton Messer II. “Remembering our Ecumenical Heritage.” In *Celebrating God’s Love: Living into Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships*, ed. Donald E. Messer. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2015.

“‘For the Relief of Human Suffering’: The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in the Context of Cold War Initiatives in Development, 1940-1968.” *Methodist Review* 6 (2014): 27-68.

Co-author with Eloise Meneses, Lindy Backues, David Bronkema, and Eric Flett.
“Engaging the Religiously-Committed Other: Cross-Border Conversations in Anthropology.” *Current Anthropology* 55, no. 1 (February 2014): 82-89.

“Methodist Federation for Social Action,” “The Bethel Ship,” and “Samuel and William Stillwell.” In *Historical Dictionary of Methodism, Third Edition*, ed. Charles Yrigoyen Jr. and Susan Warwick. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press, 2013.

“‘That they All May be One’: John R. Mott’s Contribution to Methodism, Inter-religious Dialogue, and Racial Reconciliation.” *Methodist Review* 4 (2012): 1-30.

“Missiologial Imagination as a Pedagogical Tool: 18th Century African and Asian Pioneer Evangelists in Conversation.” *Missiology: An International Journal* 39, no. 2 (2011): 205-224.

“The ‘Five Points’ of Philadelphia: Evangelism and Social Reform at the Bedford Street Mission, 1850-1900.” *Methodist History* 48, no. 1 (October 2009): 10-22.
Originally printed in *Annals of Eastern Pennsylvania* 6 (2009): 3-23.

“Pietism.” In *Encyclopedia of Mission and Missionaries*, ed. Jonathan Bonk. New York: Routledge, 2007.

“The Historians and the Activists.” *The Christian Citizen: Voices for Biblical Justice: A Publication of National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA* 3, (2007): 10-11.

“Connected and Sent Out: Implications of New Biblical Research for the United Methodist Diaconate.” *Quarterly Review* 24, no. 4 (Winter 2004-2005): 367-380.
Subsequently also published in *The Orders of Ministry: Problems and Prospects, Quarterly Review Classics*, ed. Hendrik R. Pieterse. Nashville: United Methodist Church, 2007.

“An Empirical Look at the Ecumenical Diaconate in the United States.” Monograph Series No. 16. Providence, RI: North American Association for the Diaconate.
Abstract of monograph subsequently published in *Review of Religious Research* 45, no. 1 (September 2003): 84.

“Salvation and Sociology in the Methodist Episcopal Deaconess Movement.” *Methodist History* 40, no. 3 (2002): 182-197.

“A Deacon Dialogue: An Interview with Ben Hartley (’99).” *Focus*, Boston University School of Theology Alumni Newspaper, June (2000): 7-9.

“Deacons as Emissary-Servants: A Liturgical Theology.” *Quarterly Review* 19, no. 4 (Winter 1999-2000): 372-386.

“The Walk Between.” In *Common Passages: Devotions for Seminarians by Seminarians*, ed. Brian S. Gerard. St. Louis, Missouri: Chalice Press, 1998.

Book Reviews:

Building the Old Time Religion: Women Evangelists in the Progressive Era by Priscilla Pope-Levison. New York: New York University Press, 2014. *The American Historical Review*, 119, no. 5 (December 2014): 1703-1704.

Reading a Different Story: A Christian Scholar’s Journey from America to Africa by Susan Vanzanten. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013. *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 38, no. 3 (July 2014): 154

Methodist Experience in America (three volume series) by Russell Richey, Kenneth Rowe, and Leigh Schmidt. Nashville: Abingdon Press. *Methodist History* 51, no. 4 (July 2013): 292-294.

Word versus Deed: Resetting the Scales to a Biblical Balance by Duane Litfin. *Prism* (March/April 2013): 39-40.

Moral Ambition: Mobilization and Social Outreach in Evangelical Megachurches by Omri Elisha. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2011. *Prism* 19, no. 3 (May/June 2012): 38, 46.

God and the Atlantic: America, Europe, and the Religious Divide by Thomas Albert Howard. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. *Journal of American History* 99, no. 2 (2012): 605-606.

Holy Jumpers: Evangelicals and Radicals in Progressive Era America by William Kostlevy. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 47, no.1. (2012).

For the Love of God: NGOs and Religious Identity in a Violent World by Shawn Teresa Flanigan, *Prism* (July/August 2010).

The New Shape of World Christianity by Mark A. Noll, *Prism* 16, no. 3 (September/October 2009): 35-36.

Who Gets to Narrate the World by Robert E. Webber, *Prism* 16 no.1 (January/February 2009): 35-36.

United Methodism at Forty, *Newspirit* 8, no. 4 (May 2008): 12.

Presentations:

“Diakonia and Mission: Charting the Ambiguity.” Association of Professors of Mission Annual Meeting, June 19, 2015, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

“Apostle of Ethnology”: Agnes C. L. Donohugh’s Christian Anthropology between the World Wars.” On Knowing Humanity Conference on Theological and Cultural Anthropology. May 14, 2015, Eastern University, St. David’s, PA

“What’s in a Word? Diakonia and Deacons in the Bible and Today.” Invited paper presentation for the Conference on Lay Order sponsored by the Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner, Scarritt-Bennett Center, September 2014, Nashville, TN.

“For the Relief of Human Suffering:’ Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in the Context of Cold War Initiatives in Development, 1940-1968,” The Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, August 2013. Oxford, England.

“Christian Engagement in International Development,” Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas. Association of Professors of Mission Consultation, “The Missional Congregation and the Future of the Church: What Church Leaders Should Know About Christian Mission in the Twenty-First Century.” January 2013, Dallas, TX.

“Contextual Theology from the Margins: Historical and Missiological “Spade Work,” National Council of Churches of Christ, Commission on Faith and Order. October 2012, Seattle, WA.

“Clio in a Pith Helmet: Anthropology and Christian Mission in Historical Perspective,” Eastern University Colloquium on Theological and Cultural Anthropology, April 2011. St. David’s, PA.

“Charles Cullis, Gaetano Conte, and the Reconfiguration of the Evangelical Holiness Movement in Boston, 1860-1905,” Paper presentation, “Strangers in an Ever Stranger Land’: Evangelicals Confront New England, 1834-1934,” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, January 2001, Boston, MA.

“An Evaluation of John R. Mott’s Contributions to Methodist Mission, Inter-religious Dialogue, and Racial Reconciliation after 1910,” Wesleyan Studies / World Christianity Group, American Academy of Religion, October, 2010, Atlanta, GA.,.

- “European Student Relief and the Struggle over Holistic Mission in the 1920s: Lessons for today?” Transformational Development Conference, August, 2009, Eastern University, St. David’s PA.
- “Panel Presentation: Methodists, Mission, and a Faithful Response to World Poverty,” “In Defense of Creation” Conference, Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference, May 2009, Camp Hill, PA,
- “Panel Participant: Partnership and holistic health development efforts,” Human Needs Global Resources Symposium: Enabling Local Vision, Effecting Global Change, February 2009, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.
- “Rethinking Biblical, Historical, and Pedagogical Perspectives on Christian Development” Human Needs and Global Resources 30th Anniversary Symposium, February 2006, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.
- “Immigrant Christianity: Yesterday and Today,” Windows on the World Lecture Series, Eastern University, October 2006, St. David’s, PA.
- “Paper Respondent, Symposium on Ordained Ministry,” General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist Church, January 2004, Nashville, TN.
- “Ecumenical Perspectives on the Diaconate.” Boston University School of Theology Seminary Scholars Colloquium, October, 2002, Boston, MA.
- “The American Diaconate Today and Prospects for the Future.” The Ecumenical Network for the Diaconate, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, November, 2001, Chicago, IL.
- “African Ecclesiology and the Non-Governmental Organization Sector: What Can We Learn from Each Other?” Orlando Costas Consultation, Harvard Divinity School, February 2001, Cambridge MA.

Church Involvement

2013 – present

Delegate of the United Methodist Church Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships to the National Council of Churches of Christ.

2013 – present

Delegate of the United Methodist Church Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships to the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium.

2012 – 2013

Delegate of the United Methodist Church to the National Council of Churches of Christ Commission on Faith and Order, Contextual Theology from the Margins Group.

2011-2013

Member of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; Member of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Congregational Development Team (for new church start efforts)

2006 – present

Deacon, Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Appointed to: Wayne UMC (2005-2011), New Life UMC (2011-2012), Clifton UMC (2012 – present).

2005-2010

Chairperson (2010) and Member (2008-2009), Mission Committee, Wayne United Methodist Church, Wayne, PA.
Convener for Provisional Deacons (2008-2010), residency in ministry program, Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.
Member of Conference Committee on Mission Personnel (2007-2010), Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

1997-2005

Commissioned Deacon (2001) West Michigan Annual Conference (of the UMC)
Ordained Deacon (2004) West Michigan Annual Conference (of the UMC)
Member of Bethany United Methodist Church, Boston (1998-2001).

1993-1996

Member of University United Methodist Church, East Lansing, MI (1993-1996)
Participant in the Three Year Covenant Community for Spiritual Formation, a United Methodist retreat community (1993-1996) modeled after the Academy for Spiritual Formation, General Board of Discipleship, United Methodist Church.

Other Work Experience

May 1999 – July 1999

Supply Pastor, Bethany United Methodist Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

September 1997 - May 1998

Clergy Intern, Roxbury Presbyterian Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

August 1994 – May 1996

Youth Ministry Coordinator, Pilgrim United Church of Christ, Lansing, MI.

November 1993 - July 1994

Substance Abuse Therapist, Family Service & Children's Aid, Jackson, MI. Served clients in the G. Robert Cotton Correctional Facility and clients on parole with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

June 1992 - July 1993

Mental Health Counselor, University Hospital, Humboldt Park, Chicago, IL. Served on a “crisis stabilization unit” with persons diagnosed primarily with schizo-affective disorder and substance abuse.

June 1991 - December 1991

Community Development Intern, Luke Society-Manila, Philippines

Professional Society Memberships

Association of Professors of Mission (President in 2014)

Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Mission (President in 2012 and 2013)

Wesleyan Theological Society

American Society of Missiology

American Historical Association

American Society of Church History

Community Involvement

2003

Neighborhood representative, Community Advisory Board, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, MA.

1999 - 2003

Vice Chairperson of Board of Advisors, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Parker Hill / Fenway Neighborhood Service Center, Roxbury neighborhood, Boston, MA.

1998 - 2003

Vice President / President (2001- 2003), Roxbury Crossing Condominium Association, Roxbury neighborhood, Boston, MA.

1999 - 2000

Member of Board of Directors, Action for Boston Community Development, Boston, MA.

1997 - 1998

President of Boston University Theological Students Association.

Honors and awards

Jesse Lee Prize in American Methodist History, General Commission on Archives and History, United Methodist Church, 2007.

Outstanding Dissertation Award, 2007. Wesleyan Theological Society.

Diakonia Graduate Fellowship, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist Church, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05.
Th.D. fellowship, Boston University School of Theology, 2000-02.
Jacob Sleeper and David H. Tribou Fellowships, Boston University School of Theology, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05.
Beacon Trust Essay Contest Award Recipient 1998.
M.Div. recruitment scholarship, Boston University School of Theology, 1997.

Other

Co-facilitator, The Bible Engaging the Issues Subgroup, Faith and Order Convening Table, Christian Unity Gathering, National Council of Churches of Christ, Washington, DC, 2015-1016.
Contributing editor, *Prism* magazine, Evangelicals for Social Action, 2009-2013.
President, Association of Professors of Mission, 2013-2014.
Vice-President, Association of Professors of Mission, 2012-2013
President, Eastern Fellowship of the Professors of Mission, 2010-2012
Chairperson, Review and Guidance Committee for Student Concerns, Palmer Theological Seminary, 2012-2013
Chairperson, Curriculum Committee, Palmer Theological Seminary, 2010-2012
Board of Directors, Eastern Pennsylvania United Methodist Historical Society, 2005-2013

Personal

Married to Laura C. Hartley (B.A. Wheaton College, M.A. & Ph.D. Michigan State University. Dean of Arts and Sciences, George Fox University. Newberg, OR

Children: Luke (b. 1998) and Teresa (b. 2001)