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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) 2010
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
Areas of Specialization: Evangelism, Church History, American History
Dissertation Title: “Pure American Evangelism: The Theory and Practice of Evangelism in the Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1865-1920”

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) 2006
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Areas of Specialization: Stewardship, Church Leadership
Project Title: “Developing a *Praxis* of Financial Stewardship for the Serbian Orthodox Church in Conversation with the Church in North America”

Master of Divinity (MDiv) 2000
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Graduated Summa cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts (BA) 1995
The American University, Washington, DC
Major: International Studies
Minor: Japanese Language and Culture
Graduated Magna cum Laude

Clergy Status

Ordained Elder in Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church 2003

Ordained Deacon in Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church 2000

Academic Employment

E. Stanley Jones Associate Professor in Evangelism 2008 – Present
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL

Courses taught:

- Theology of Evangelism (online and in classroom)
- Empowering the Congregation for Evangelism
- Missional Evangelism
- UM Studies: Wesley and the 19th Century (online and in classroom)
- UM Studies: 20th Century to the Present (online)
- UM Studies: History (online)
- Pastor and the People
- Planning and Planting Congregations
- Current Trends in Evangelism
- The History of Christian Witness
- Methodist Evangelism in 19th Century America
- Stewardship and Institutional Development
- Vocational Formation and Church Leadership – integrative component
- Leadership Seminars

Kairos Affiliate Faculty Member 2018 – Present
Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD

Course of Study Faculty 2009 – Present
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

Courses taught:

- “Mission from God: Evangelism”
- “Theological Heritage I: Introduction”

Adjunct Faculty 2012 – Present
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC

Courses taught:

- Missional Evangelism (online)
- UM Studies: Doctrine (online)
- Wesleyan Small Groups (online)

Adjunct Faculty 2008
Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX

Courses taught:

- “Evangelism” for the DMin Program

Assistant to the Director 2005 – 2008
Center for the Advanced Studies and Practice of Evangelism
Perkins School for Theology, Dallas, TX

Academic Service

Chair of the Human Subject Review Committee Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL	2019 – Present
Chair of a Faculty Search Committee Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL	2019 – 2020
Secretary for the Committee on Faculty Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL	2019 – 2020 2017 – 2018
Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL	2009 – 2018
Committee on Faculty Garrett-Evangelical-Theological Seminary	2017 – 2018
Chair of the Practical Theology Area Garrett-Evangelical-Theological Seminary	2020 – 2021 2016 – 2017 2012 – 2014
Chair of Congregational Leadership Field Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL	2009 – 2013 2018 – 2021
Distance Learning Committee Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL	2009 – 2011

Academic Guild Leadership

President, Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education	2017 – Present
Vice-President, Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education	2016 – 2017
Associate Editor, <i>Missiology: An International Review</i>	2016 – Present
Editor of <i>Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education</i>	2011 – 2018
Member of Board of Publications American Society of Missiology	2014 – 2016

Books

Go! How to Become a Great Commission Church. Foundry Books, 2017.

Evangelism for Non-Evangelists: Sharing the Gospel Authentically. IVP, 2016.

Methodist Evangelism, American Salvation: The Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1860-1920. Pickwick, 2014.

Chapters in Books

“Healing a Fractured Salvation in North America,” *From Everywhere to Everywhere: The Practice of Mission in Global Methodism.* Routledge, forthcoming.

Foreword for the Reprinting of *Christ at the Round Table* by E. Stanley Jones
E. Stanley Jones Foundation, 2019.

“Apostolic Methodism: Continuity in Construction, Content, and Conversion,” *Missio Dei and the United States: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness.* GBHEM, 2018.

“Returning to the Roundtable,” *E. Stanley Jones and Sharing the Good News in a Pluralistic Society,* Foundry, 2018.

“Quantity, Quality, and Balkanization: The Failure of Apostolic Mission Leading to the United Methodist Church’s Current Deadlock over Human Sexuality,” *Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality.* GBHEM, 2017.

Contributor

Colaborate: Methodist Confirmation. Sparkhouse, 2016.

Scholarly writer and reviewer for confirmation curriculum and Study Bible.

Articles

“The Language of Salvation in William Booth’s *In Darkest England and the Way Out*”
Wesley and Methodist Studies, forthcoming.

“Breaking Bad Habits When Stewarding the Gospel”
Word & World: Theology for Christian Ministry vol. 39, no. 4, Fall 2019.

“The State of Evangelism in Theological Education in 2019,”
Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 33, 2019.

“The Evangelism Equation,”

OUTREACH vol. 15, no. 6, Nov/Dec 2016, pp. 70-74.

“Quality of Life and Mission”

Missiology: An International Review vol. 44, no. 3, July 2016, pp. 269-280.

“Editor’s Note: Final Editorial”

Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 30, 2016.

“Church Growth and Outreach Lessons from the Oil Boom in North Dakota,” co-authored with Steve Trefz

Great Commission Research Journal vol 7, Issue 2, Winter 2016, pp 184-197.

“Editor’s Note: A Global Concern”

Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 29, 2015.

“Evangelism: The Queen of Theological Education”

Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 29, 2015.

“Editor’s Note: Evangelism as Bridge Building”

Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 28, 2014.

“The Contribution to Missiology by United Methodist Scholarship on Evangelism”

Missiology: An International Review vol. 42, no. 2, October 2013.

“Editor’s Note: Church Planting”

Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 27, 2013.

“Not Ashamed of the Gospel: Enduring Shame as a Baseline for Conversion”

The Journal of Christian Ministry vol. 5, 2013

“Evangelism and Identity in Early American Methodism”

Wesleyan Theological Journal vol. 47, no. 2, Fall 2012.

“Editor’s Note: Evangelism and Spiritual Formation,”

Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 26, 2012.

“Reclaiming Montanans: The Evangelistic Endeavours of Brother Van”

Wesley and Methodist Studies vol. 4 (2012) pp. 129-140.

“Growth or Declension: Methodist Historians’ Treatment of the Relationship Between the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Culture of the United States”

Theological Librarianship: An Online Journal of the American Theological Library Association vol. 3, no. 2, December 2010

Articles “Saint Sava” and “Serbian Christianity”
Blackwell Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization, 2008

“Peter Cartwright and the Emerging National Identity in Antebellum America”
Methodist History vol. 46, no. 2, Jan. 2008

Interviews

“Let Go of Buildings or Face Extinction”
Interviewed by Jeff Brumley for *Baptist News Global* June 12, 2018.

On “What’s the 411?” with Sharon Kent, FM 88 WFSK, June 20, 2017.

On “Direct Line with Wayne Kent,” AM 1340 WSOY, Feb 2017.

On “Igniting a Nation with Rabbi Walker,” podcast, Feb 2017.

On “Let’s Talk with Mark Elfstrand,” AM 1160 HOPE, Chicago, IL, Dec 2016.

On “The Georgene Rice Show,” FM 93.9 KPDQ, Portland, OR, Dec 2016.

“Evangelism without the Weird Aftertaste”
Interviewed by Joshua Ryan Butler in *Christianity Today* Nov 2016, pp. 72-73.

Book Reviews

Jackson, Thomas Glenn. *Offering Christ: John Wesley’s Evangelistic Vision* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, June 2017).
Reading Religion September 2018 <<http://readingreligion.org/books/offering-christ>>.

Ruffle, Douglas. *A Missionary Mindset* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2016).
Witness: The Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 30, 2016

Heath, Elaine A. and Larry Duggins, *Missional. Monastic. Mainline.* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2014).
Witness: The Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 28, 2014

Grudem, Wayne and Barry Asmus, *The Poverty of Nations: A Sustainable Solution* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2013).
Witness: The Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 28, 2014

Richardson, Rick, *Reimagining Evangelism: Inviting Friends on a Spiritual Journey* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2006).
The Journal of Christian Ministry no. 6, 2014.

Kevin M. Watson, *A Blueprint for Christian Discipleship: Wesley's General Rules as a Guide for Christian Living* (Nashville, TN: Discipleship Resources, 2009).
The Journal of Christian Ministry no. 3, 2011.

Norman Geisler and David Geisler. *Conversational Evangelism: How to Listen and Speak so You Can Be Heard* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publications, 2009).
The Journal of Christian Ministry no. 3, 2011.

James F. Miller, *Go Grow Your Church! Spiritual Leadership for African American Congregations* (Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press, 2008).
The Journal of Christian Ministry no. 3, 2011.

Douglas Estes, *SimChurch: Being the Church in the Virtual World*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2009).
The Journal of Christian Ministry no. 3, 2011.

Eddie Gibbs and Ryan K. Bolger, *Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2005)
Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 22, 2006 - 2007

Carl Raschke, *The Next Reformation: Why Evangelicals Must Embrace Postmodernity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2004)
Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education vol. 21, 2005 - 2006

Academic Presentations

“The State of Evangelism in Theological Education in 2019”
Plenary Address at the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, South Bend, IN, June 2019

Panel Participant
Wheaton Mission and Ministry Conference, Wheaton College
April 23, 2019

“Healing a Shattered Salvation,” panel presentation
Bicentennial of Methodist Missions, Atlanta, GA
April 9, 2019

“Methodist Matrix of Evangelism and Standard of Living”
Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford University, Pembroke College,
August 2018

“Stewards of God’s Mysteries, Leaders for the World”
Aus Lecture
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, July 2018

“Stewards of God’s Mysteries, Leaders for the World”

Wallace Chappell Lecture

Southern Methodist University, March 2018

“The Church Bells All Were Broken”

Inaugural Address upon being elected President of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, Wheaton, IL, June 2017

“Building a Climate of Empathy: An Evening of Discussion about Diversity and Inclusion”

Panelist for Illinois School District 39, Wilmette Junior High School, Wilmette, IL, December 2016

“Evangelism for Non-Evangelists”

Presenter at Billy Graham Center for Evangelism’s Evangelism Leaders Fellowship, Wheaton College, December 2016

“Building an Evangelistic Culture”

Team-taught with Heather Lear, Director of Evangelism for the UMC, at the UMC School of Congregational Development, Evanston, IL, August 2016

“Pedagogy and Evangelism”

Section Convener and Presenter for the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education’s Annual Meeting, Wheaton College, June 2015

“Quality of Life and Mission”

American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting, Northwestern University, St. Paul, MN, June 2014

“A Heuristic Model for Teaching Evangelism”

Association of Professors of Mission Annual Meeting, Northwestern University, St. Paul, MN, June 2014

“The Traditions of The United Methodist Church Concerning Homosexuality”

Connectional Table of The United Methodist Church, May 2014

“Diverse Perspectives, Authentic Evangelists: The Art of Teaching Evangelism in Seminary”

Keynote Speaker for the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education’s Annual Meeting, Wheaton University, June 2013

“The Holiness of War: The Sanctification of the First World War by the Methodist Episcopal Church”

Wesleyan Theological Society historical section presenter, Seattle Pacific University, March 2013

“The United States as Mission Field for Methodists”

Plenary Presenter at Vital Congregations Conversation, Garrett-Evangelical, June 2012

“Not Ashamed of the Gospel: A Theory of Conversion”

Workshop Presenter, Association of Doctor of Ministry Educators, March 2012

“Millennials as Church Leaders: What It Really Means to Rethink Church”

Continuing Education Seminar, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, October 2011

Teaching Initiative Gathering sponsored by the Wabash Center

Panelist, Southern Methodist University, February 2011

“Civilizing Montana: The Evangelistic Preaching of Brother Van”

Panel Presenter on Evangelical Preaching in the 19th Century, AAR, October 2010

“How We Got Here and Where We Can Go from Here: Missional Leadership and American Methodism”

Northern Illinois Conference on Evangelism, September 2010

“The Holy Spirit and Indigenous Christianity: The Unexpected Legacy of Colonial Missions in Africa”

First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL, March 2010

“The Messages of Miracles: The Meanings Assigned to Miracles by the Patristic Fathers”

Christmas Conference of A Foundation for Theological Education, Perkins School of Theology, December 2007

“Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Incarnation”

Advent Lecture Series, Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX, December 2007

Academic Honors

Named Billy Graham Center for Evangelism Fellow 2016
Awarded by the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College

Moriah’s Promise Honor Award 2016
Awarded by Leadership Faculty and Students at Garrett-Evangelical

Barnabas Award for Leadership in the Doctor of Ministry Program 2014
Awarded by the Association of Doctor of Ministry Education

Received a “High Pass” on dissertation and “Honors” on defense 2010
Awarded by Southern Methodist University dissertation committee

Harry S. Denman Fellowship for Doctoral Studies in Evangelism Awarded jointly by AFTE and FFE	2005 - 2009
C. C. Goen Student Research Fellowship in the History of Christianity Awarded by History Faculty at Wesley Theological Seminary	2000
Methodist History Award Awarded by Methodist Studies Faculty at Wesley Theological Seminary	2000
Winters Scholarship Recipient Awarded by faculty at Wesley Theological Seminary for promising first year students	1996
Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa	1995

Ecclesial Employment

Senior Pastor Rockland United Methodist Church, Ellicott City, MD Church attendance in 2001: 35, Church attendance in 2005: 140	2001 - 2005
Associate Pastor First United Methodist Church, Laurel, MD	1996 – 2001
Youth Minister Mt. Oak United Methodist Church, Mitchellville, MD	1993 – 1995

Ecclesial Consulting

In my role as an E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism I have consulted with the following congregations regarding evangelism, discipleship, leadership, and related matters:

North Northfield UMC, Northbrook, IL	2019 – 2020
Destiny Christian Church of Evanston, Evanston, IL	2016 – 2019
Hinsdale UMC, Hinsdale, IL	2015 – 2019
Metro North/South Districts of Wisconsin Annual Conference UMC	2015
Madison UMC, Madison, AL	2014
Sugar River UMC, Verona, WI	2014
Glenview UMC, Glenview, IL	2013

Irving Park UMC, Chicago, IL	2013
First UMC, Whitefish Bay, WI	2013
Grace UMC, Naperville, IL	2011
Edison Park UMC, Chicago, IL	2011
Barrington UMC, Barrington, IL	2011
Hilltop Ministry Center, Roscoe UMC, Manchesney Park, IL	2010
First UMC, Evanston, IL	2010

Ecclesial Teaching

“Being a Great Commission Leader” District Training in the Minnesota Annual Conference of the UMC	April 2020
“Evangelism for Non-Evangelists” (approx. 700 in attendance) Keynote presenter for the Minnesota Annual Conference UMC	June 2019
“Evangelism for Non-Evangelists” (approx. 500 in attendance) Keynote presenter for the Dakotas Annual Conference UMC	June 2019
“One Day Evangelism Training” District Training for three districts of the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference of the UMC	May 2019
“One Day Evangelism Training” Retreat Leader for the Arkansas Annual Conference of the UMC	March 2019
“Evangelism for Non-Evangelists” (approx. 2000 in attendance) Keynote presenter for the Great Plains Annual Conference UMC	June 2018
“Everything You Need to Know about Evangelism in One Day” Workshop Presenter at the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference District Training	November 2017
“Evangelism for Non-Evangelists” (approx. 500 in attendance) Workshop Presenter at the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference	June 2017
“Viral Faith” Keynote and workshop presenter for the UMC Florida Annual Conference Gulf Central District	February 2017

“The Sermon on the Mount” Hinsdale UMC, Hinsdale, IL	2016
“The History of American Methodism” First UMC, Evanston, IL	2015
“Compelling Life in the Face of Death” Madison UMC, Madison, AL	2014
“Wesleyan Spirituality for Congregational Vitality” Glenview UMC, Glenview, IL	2013
Adult Sunday School Class Leader, Trinity UMC, Wilmette, IL	2011 – 2013
“Leadership Lectionary” online presentations, http://www.transformativeleaders.org/leadership-lectionary	2011
Paid Sunday School Teacher Two classes, an older adult class and a young adult class Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX	2006 – 2008
Disciple Bible Study Teacher Ridgewood Park UMC, Dallas TX	2007-2008
Lay Leader Trainer, Baltimore West District	2003 – 2005

Denominational Boards and Committees

Mentor for Ministry Candidates, Baltimore-Washington Conference	2002 – Present
Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Christian Education Chairman, Sunday School Subcommittee	2003 – 2005 2004 – 2005
Baltimore West District Committee on Ordained Ministry	2002 – 2005
Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Evangelization	1998 – 2001
Washington-Columbia District Youth Coordinator	1997 – 2001

International Experience

Joint Teacher for Willow Deutschland Delegation I hosted a group of students from the Willow Creek Deutschland delegation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary where I was able to join Dr. Achim Härtner in providing a one-day co-taught course on evangelism in the United States and Central Europe.	2019 & 2017
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Trainer for Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar)

2012

I was invited by Bishop Zothan Mawia of the Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar) to lead his cabinet in a four-day seminar in Myanmar on the topics of discipleship, Wesleyan theology, stewardship, and fundraising. During my time in Myanmar I also preached at four churches, addressed two small groups, and spoke to the students at the Methodist Theological Institute in Yangon.

Study Tour of Serbia

1998

I traveled Serbia for two weeks as part of an independently designed course for Wesley Seminary. I visited numerous medieval monasteries, with the opportunity to interview the Mother Superior of the convent at Žiča and the head librarian at Archangel Monastery.