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Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D., May 2012, Theological Studies, Ethics Minor

Dissertation: “Rooted and Grounded in Love: Joining God’s Feast of Holy Communion in the Global Market Economy”

Dissertation Readers: M. Douglas Meeks, Paul DeHart, Ellen Armour, Melissa Snarr, Frederick Kirschenmann

Qualifying Exams: Constructive Christian Theology, Ethics, John Wesley, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, passed with honors

Ecovillage Training Center, Summertown, TN

Permaculture Design Certificate, June 2007

Ecovillage Design Practicum, July 2007

Financial Permaculture, October 2008

M.Div., May 2000

Senior Project: “Christian Self-Definition in an Age of Disorientation,” honors

Study Trip to England: British Methodism in its Social Context, May 2001

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

B.A. *magna cum laude* in Religion, May 1995

Study Abroad Program: Term in the Middle East, Fall 1993

PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS

Books/Book Chapters

Book, *Animating Land: Remembrance, Repair, Regeneration* (forthcoming)

Book, *Hope for Creation in a Climate Changed World: Writings on Ecology, Theology, and Planetary Justice* (forthcoming)

Book, *The World is My Parish: Glad Tidings of Salvation in an Age of Crisis*, co-editor with Sarah Lancaster (forthcoming)

Chapter, “Christian Animist Economics: The Intimate Re-Enchantment of Creation for a Regenerative Eco-Socialism,” in *Liberating People, Planet, and Religion Intersections of Ecology, Economics, and Christianity*, edited by Joerg Rieger and Terra Rowe (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2024)

Chapter, “Tending the Landscape(s) of Theological Education: Planetary Crisis and the Demands of Ecological Transition,” in *From Crisis to Community: Theological Education in the World* (Fortress Press, 2021)

Chapter, “Sustaining the Planetary Household: Methodist Contributions to an Ecological Economy,” in *Methodist Revolutions: Evangelical Engagements of Church and World*, ed. Joerg Rieger and Upolu Va’ai (Abingdon Press, 2021).

Chapter, “New Birth toward a New Earth: Regenerative Mission for Planetary Renewal,” in *Missio Dei and the United States: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness* (Nashville, TN: United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 2018)

Book, *Rooted and Grounded in Love: Holy Communion for the Whole Creation*, Distinguished Dissertations in Christian Theology Series (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, June 2017)

Book, *The Economy of Salvation: Essays in Honor of M. Douglas Meeks*, co-editor with Jürgen Moltmann and Matthew Charlton and author of Chapter 1, “Introduction” (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, July 2015)

Chapter, “Holy Communion,” in *Generation Rising: A Future with Hope for the United Methodist Church*, ed. Andrew C. Thompson (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011)

Articles/Book Reviews/Published Meditations

Article, “Creatures of the World, Unite!”, *The Bias Magazine*, April 2021

Book Review, *When God Was A Bird: Christianity, Animism, and the Re-Enchantment of the World* (Fordham University Press, 2019), for *Interpretation Journal*, Summer 2019

Written Interview, “The Seminary, Communities of Faith, and Ecological Regeneration,” *Aware Magazine*, April 2019

Written Interview, “Newest Master of Arts Degrees Tailored to the Needs of Today’s Church and World,” *Aware Magazine*, April 2018

Book Review, *Creation*, by David Ferguson (Eerdmans Publishing Co, 2014), for *Interpretation Journal*, Winter 2018

Article, “Remember You Are Dust, And To Dust You Shall Return,” *Cutting Edges*, *Aware Magazine*, February 2013

Week of Meditations, Holy Week, *The Upper Room Disciplines 2008* (Nashville: Upper Room Books, 2007)

Month of Mediations in Sally Sharpe (ed.) *365 Daily Meditations for Couples* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003)

Strategic Documents/Case Statements/Grant Proposals

Grant Proposal, “Midwest Bioregional Hub: For the Thriving of the Church and the Healing of the Land,” Thriving Congregations Initiative, Lilly Endowment, June 2023

“Indigenous Study Committee Report,” co-author and editor, 2023

Strategic Planning Document, Center for Ecological Regeneration, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2021

“Contingent Faculty Letter,” Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Fall 2021

Strategic Planning Document, Institute for Christian Socialism Strategic Plan, 2021

Membership Model, Institute for Christian Socialism Membership Structure, 2021

Grant Proposal, “Evanston Interfaith Climate Summit,” Sacred Journeys Fellowship in Prayer, 2018-2019

Application, Seminary Audit, and Strategic Action Plan, Green Seminary Initiative Certification, 2017-2020

Degree Proposal, “MA in Public Ministry at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary,” April 2017

Case Statement and Strategic Planning, “Hope for the Creation: Positioning Garrett-Evangelical for Ecological Renewal,” January 2017-

Strategic Planning Document, “The Midwest Faith and Ecology Initiative of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and The Methodist Theological School in Ohio,” April 2016

Grant Proposal, “Interfaith Ecology Initiative,” Arthur Vining Davis, November 2015

Grant Proposal (awarded), “GCORR Action Fund for Spanish Speaking Hybrid Education,” July 2013

Strategic Planning Document, “A New Model of Local Pastoral Education for the Regional Course of Study School at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary,” April 2013
Grant Proposal (awarded), “ACTS Seminarium,” Seminary Stewardship Alliance, November 2012
Course of Study Director Handbook, September 2012

PAPERS/LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS/SERMONS

2020 - Present

“Climate Grief and Liturgies of Repair,” Respondant, Picard Lecture on Environmental Theology and Ethics, United Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN, October, 2024
“Coming into the Circle: Engaging Garrett’s Indigenous Study Committee Report,” Presentor, October 2024
“Ecological Theology and Regenerative Efforts at Garrett Seminary,” Movement Cafe, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement, October 2024
“Animating Wesley’s Theology of Nature,” Creation Justice: Wisdom Seeking, Earth Keeping, Resilience Building, MN Hopeful Earthkeepers Training, October 2024
“Regenerative Mission in a Climate Changed World,” Presentation, North Central Jurisdiction Council of Bishops, Glenview, IL, October 2024
“Roots and Reach: A Living Tradition for Today,” Presentation, North Central Jurisdiction Council of Bishops, Glenview, IL, September 2024
“Regenerative Education in a Climate Changed World,” Panel on Climate Change, International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities International Meeting, Gothenburg, Sweden, August 2024
Panel on the Environment, Moderator, Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England, August 2024
“Who Who Shall Convert Us? Indigenous Knowledge, Methodism, and the Nature of Salvation,” Theological and Ethics Working Group, Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England, August 2024
“Hope for Creation in a Climate Changed World, Adult Class, Hennepin Avenue UMC, Minneapolis, MN, 2023-2025
“God is Love: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow,” Sermon, A Commemoration of Evangelical Theological Seminary, North Central College, Naperville, IL, April 2024
“Rewilding Spirituality: Apophatic and Kataphatic Approaches,” Presentation, Seminary of the Wild Earth Eco-Spirituality Certificate, Center for Wild Spirituality, June 2023, May 2024
“The Weeds of White Supremacy in the Fields of Wild Spirituality,” Presentation, Seminary of the Wild Earth Eco-Spirituality Certificate, Center for Wild Spirituality, June 2023, April 2024
“European Land Enclosures, Imperial Christianity, and Spiritual Trauma,” Presentation, Seminary of the Wild Earth Eco-Spirituality Certificate, Center for Wild Spirituality, June 2023, April 2024
“Pagan Spirit: An Earth-Based Reading of Scripture and the Shammanic Christ,” Presentation, Seminary of the Wild Earth Eco-Spirituality Certificate, Center for Wild Spirituality, May 2023, April 2024
“Wild Spirituality: Thomas Berry and the Recovery of Ancestral Wisdoms,” Presentation, Seminary of the Wild Earth Eco-Spirituality Certificate, Center for Wild Spirituality, May 2023, April 2024
“Garrett’s Indigenous Study Committee and Report,” Presentation, Colloquium on Indigenous Rights, International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities, Atlanta, GA, December 2023

“Regenerative Faith in an Age of Shipwreck,” Sermon, Hennepin Ave. UMC, Minneapolis, MN, October 2023

“Paganus Christianity: Recovering our Spiritual Ties to the Land,” Workshop, Walk Justly Conference, Manchester UMC, St. Louis, MO, October 2023

“Regenerative Solidarity Among the Remnants,” Keynote Address, Walk Justly Conference, Manchester UMC, St. Louis, MO, October 2023

“Responsible Remembering and making Repair in a Christian Institution of Higher Ed,” Seventh Annual Urban Native Education Conference: Making Way for the Next Seven Generations, Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative, Skokie, IL, April 2023

“Ancestral Solidarities,” Ecological and Economic Alternatives: An Interventions Forum, Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice, Vanderbilt University, March 2023

“A Spirituality of Land,” Adult Forum, Church of the Holy Comforter, November 2022

“Called to be Creatures,” North UMC, Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 2022

“Paganus Christianity: Recovering our Spiritual ties to the Land,” Rev. Dick and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues, Lecture, North UMC, Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 2022

“The Just Healing of God’s Creation for the Flourishing of All,” Installation Address, L. Robert and Marilyn McClean Chair in Ecological Theology and Practice, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, April 2022

“Regenerative Faith: Interfaith Solidarities Among the Remnants,” Northwestern University Interfaith Luncheon, November 2021

“Regenerative Solidarity Among the Remnants,” Keynote Address, Rooted and Grounded Conference, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, October 2021

“How Can Christian Socialists Build Deeper Solidarities,” Engaging Christianities and Socialisms, Webinar, Institute for Christian Socialism and Wendland Cook Program in Religion and Justice, April 2021

“Liberating People and the Planet: Christian Responses at the Intersection of Economics, Ecology, and Religion,” Webinar, Wendland Cook Program in Religion and Justice, Vanderbilt Divinity School, June 2020

2015 - 2019

“New Birth for a New Earth: Ecological Theology for Planetary Renewal,” Workshop, UMC Creation Care Summit, Nashville, TN July 2019

Homily, Funeral for the Earth Chapel Service, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, April 2019

“Holy Communion for Creation: The Eco-Socialism of the Gospel,” Sabbatical Lecture, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, April 2019

“Philosophical and Theological Foundations for a Theology of Built Environments,” Creation and the City of God: United Methodist Stewardship of the Built Environment, General Board of Global Ministries Consultation, Atlanta, GA, March 2019

“Watershed Spirituality,” Watershed Collective Workshop, Evanston, IL, October 27, 2018

Hope for Creation Day Workshop, Rochester United Methodist Church, October 2018

“Regenerative Faith: Claiming our Wesleyan-Methodist Charism for Global Ecological Conversion,” United Methodist Creation Care Summit, St. Paul, MN, July 2018

“Jesus Saves,” First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL July 2018

“Gott Ist Die Liebe: Reflections on the EUB Tradition for Today,” Dakotas United Methodist Historical Society, Sioux Falls, SD, June 2018

“The Great UnCreation,” Hope for Creation, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN, February 2018

“For God so Loves the World,” Hope for Creation, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN, February 2018
 “Earthkeeping as Discipleship,” Hope for Creation, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN, February 2018
 “Cosmic Christ, Earthly Hope,” Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN, February 2018
 Paper, “New Birth for a New Earth: Regeneration for an Ecological Age,” Mission Dei and the United States: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness, Colloquy sponsored by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and Association of Methodist Theological Schools, Boston, November 2017
 “A Theology of Earthkeeping,” Caretakers of God’s Creation Conference, UMC Earthkeepers, Park Rapids, MN, October 2017
 “Christians, Wake Up,” North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, October 2017
 “Earthkeeping as Discipleship,” Creation Care Alliance of the Indiana Annual Conference Clergy Event, Indianapolis, IN, October 2017
 “Regenerating Hope: Biocultural Pedagogy in the Age of the Anthropocene,” Workshop Leader, Cátedra Paulo Freire: Liberating Hope within a Traumatized World, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, March 2017
 “Freire and the Struggle for Our Humanity: Toward a Decolonizing Pedagogy,” Panel Respondant, Cátedra Paulo Freire: Liberating Hope within a Traumatized World, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, March 2017
 “Cosmic Christ, Earthly Hope,” First United Methodist Church, Madison, WI, March 2017
 “The Great Uncreation,” Hope For Creation, First United Methodist Church, Madison, WI, March 2017
 “For God So Loves the World: Earthkeeping as Discipleship,” Hope For Creation, First United Methodist Church, Madison, WI, March 2017
 “Earth Spirituality,” Workshop Leader, United Methodist Green Fair, Northern Illinois Annual Conference, West Chicago UMC, March 2017
 “Education/Spirit,” Workshop Leader, United Methodist Green Fair, Northern Illinois Annual Conference, Logan Square UMC, February 2017
 “Hope for the Creation: Earthkeeping as Discipleship,” Preconference Workshop, Dakotas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Sioux Falls, SD, June 8, 2016
 “Come Lord Jesus: Holy Communion for the Whole Creation,” Presbyterian Homes Staff Chaplain Retreat, St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center, Mundelein, IL, June 6, 2016
 “Creation Care for Neighborhood Congregations,” Grace United Methodist Church, Logan Square, IL, May 18, 2016
 “Eco-Theology for the Heartland: A Bioregional Approach,” Mahle Lecture, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, April 25, 2016
 “Religious Contributions to the Environmental Movement,” Introduction to Religion Class, Dr. Julie Neraas, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, April 25, 2016
 “Food, Faith, and Justice,” Food and Faith Class, Dr. Nancy Victorin-Vangerud, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, April 24, 2016
 “Hope for the Creation: Earthkeeping as Discipleship,” Hamline United Methodist Church, St. Paul, MN, April 23, 2016
 “Creation Awaits,” Hamline United Methodist Church, St. Paul, MN, April 24, 2016
 “Resilient Faith: The Greening of Religions on a Tough New Planet,” Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, April 23, 2016

“A Plain Account of Integral Ecology: A United Methodist Affirmation of Laudato Si,” United Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, MN, April 22, 2016
 “For the Beauty of the Earth: God and Creation,” Libertyville Presbyterian Church, April 20, 2016
 “Environmental Justice for Childhood Advocates,” Childhood Advocacy Class, Dr. Virginia Lee, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, March 22, 2016
 “Gott Ist Die Liebe: Love as Ecological-Economic Calling,” EUB Heritage Symposium and ETS Reunion, North Central College, March 18, 2016
 “Permaculture for Ministry,” Inhabit: A Permaculture Perspective Documentary Discussion, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, March 13, 2016
 Statement, “An Ecological Affirmation of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church,” Bishop’s Sustainability Taskforce, January 2016
 “Eco-Justice and Environmental Racism,” African American Pastoral Care and Counseling Class, Dr. Denise Lewis, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, OH, October 21, 2015
 “A Plain Account of Integral Ecology: A United Methodist Affirmation of Laudato Si,” An Ecumenical and Interfaith Convocation Celebrating Pope Francis’ Encyclical Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home, Catholic Theological Union, Hyde Park, IL, October 3, 2015
 “The Redemption of our Bodies,” Northbrook United Methodist Church, Northbrook, IL, May 10, 2015
 “Food as Communion,” “Food and Environment,” “Food Workers,” “Food Politics,” “Food as Sacrifice,” “Hunger for Food,” “Food and Nutrition,” “Local Food Economy,” “Food and Nutrition,” “Food as Feast,” “Food and Climate,” “Food and Race,” Daily Bread Sunday School Class, First United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL, 2014-2016
 “The Earth is the Lord’s,” First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL, April 26, 2015
 “Exhausted and Unattended: To Be a Younger Scholar in Theological Education,” The Future of United Methodist Theological Education Conference, Nashville, TN, February 27, 2015
 Organizer, “Tending the Seminarium: Creation Care in Chicagoland’s Theological Schools,” February 20, 2015
 “Holy Communion for the Whole Creation,” Chicago Area Presbytery Clergy Retreat, St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center, Mundelein, IL, January 25-27, 2015

2010 - 2014

“Resilient Faith: The Greening of Religions on a Tough New Planet,” President’s Interfaith Luncheon, Northwestern University, November 3, 2014
 “Ministry in the Age of the Anthropocene,” Alumni Days Lecture, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware OH, October 6, 2014
 “The Greening of Theological Education,” Greening the Heartland/BUILDING Chicago Conference, October 1, 2014
 “The Bakken Oilfields and Keystone Pipeline: Confronting Giants of the Earth in North and South Dakota,” First United Methodist Church, Rapid City, SD, March 30, 2014
 “Saints of the New Creation,” First United Methodist Church, Rapid City, SD, March 30, 2014
 “For the Beauty of the Earth: A Theology of Creation Care,” First United Methodist Church, Rapid City, SD, March 29, 2014
 “Hope for the Creation: Community Perspectives on Environmental Stewardship,” First United Methodist Church, Rapid City, SD, March 29, 2014
 “Establishing Justice at the City Gate: A Public Theology Conversation,” Presidential Inauguration Panel, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, February 29, 2014
 “God’s Economy for a New Creation,” Schooler Lectures, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, OH, February 10, 2014

“Curriculum Development for Creation Care,” Seminary Stewardship Alliance Annual Gathering, October 2013
 “The Spirit Joins Us Together: Sustainable Agriculture and Holy/Healthy Living,” Deerfield Presbyterian Church, Deerfield, IL, October 20, November 3 and 17, 2013
 “Come Lord Jesus: Corporate Agriculture and the Kingdom of God,” First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL, September 22, 2013
 “Setting the Table: Holy Communion for the Whole Creation,” First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL, September 8, 2013
 Paper, “Sustaining the Planetary Household: Methodist Contributions to an Ecological Economy,” Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford University, August 2013
 Statement, “Energy: The Moral Issue of Our Time,” Protestants for the Common Good and Faith in Place, May 2013
 “The Time is Ripe,” Chapel, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, April 2013
 “Creation Awaits,” First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL, April 2013
 “The Endangered Middle Class,” Plymouth United Church of Christ, Des Moines, IA, October 6, 2012
 “Resetting the Table: Economic Justice for All,” First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, April 2012
 “Exploring Approaches to Faith and Politics,” Evanston First United Methodist Church, February 2012
 “A New Creation,” Trinity United Methodist Church, Wilmette, IL, April 2011
 “Wesley’s Three Simple Rules for Economic Life,” First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, Fall 2010
 Paper, “Holy Communion, Inclusive Commons: Eating and Drinking in the Gracious Way of Jesus,” South Eastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, March 2010
 “Manna and Mercy,” Kairos Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

2000 - 2009

“Just Uses of Money and Possessions,” Kairos Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, Lent 2009
 “Sustaining the Planetary Oikos of God,” Cumberland District Training Event, Hendersonville United Methodist Church, February 2009
 “An Affirmation of Life: Jürgen Moltmann’s Doctrine of the Holy Spirit,” Kairos Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, November 2008
 Paper, “Convivial Communities: The Agrarian Alternative to Violent Empire,” Radical Philosophy Association Conference, San Francisco, November 2008
 “Liberation Theology in the Americas: Cone, Gutierrez, Isasi-Diaz, and McFague,” Kairos Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, April 2008
 Paper, “Just Care for the Sick: TennCare and the Disappearance of Ecclesial Justice,” South Eastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, March 2008
 Paper, “A Plain Account of Daily Bread: Christian Perfection and the Politics of Food,” Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford University, August 2007
 “Four Perspectives on Globalization: Neoliberalism, Developmentalism, Neocolonialism, and Earthism,” for “God, Economy, and Poverty,” M. Douglas Meeks, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, November 2007
 “Take and Eat, Taste and See: Living Grace Through Daily Bread,” 4 Adult Sessions, Belmont United Methodist All Church Retreat, October 2007, and Calvary United Methodist All Church Retreat, May 2008
 “God in the (Eco)Village: Seeing Church as a Holistic Way of Life Together,” University Seminar, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Vanderbilt University, October 2007

“Homosexuality and the United Methodist Church,” Genesis Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, April-May 2007
 “The Way of Spiritual Discipline,” Genesis Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, Lent 2007
 “The Church’s Politics of Peace,” Genesis Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, October-November 2006
 “Simpler Living, Compassionate Life,” Wednesday Night Group, Belmont United Methodist Church, Fall 2006
 “Teaching the Good Way: Theological Instruction in(to) the Body,” Dempster Scholars Banquet, AAR, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005
 “Contemporary Approaches to Justification and Sanctification,” for “Constructive Christian Theology,” M. Douglas Meeks, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, November 2005
 “The Church and Theological Education,” United Methodist Student Association Wednesday Luncheon, Panel Discussion, October 2005
 “Saints and Citizens: Exploring Approaches to Church and State,” Graham Inquirer’s Sunday School Class, Belmont United Methodist Church, July-August 2005
 “Paul Knitter and Jacques Dupuis on Ecclesial Mission in an Age of Religious Pluralism,” for “Theology of World Religions,” John Thatamanil, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, March 2005
 “The Deep Theological Structures in Theologies of Religions,” for “Theology of World Religions,” John Thatamanil, Instructor, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, February 2005
 “Chaplaincy in the United Methodist Church,” United Methodist Student Association, Panel Discussion, September 2003
 “Theological Foundations of John Wesley” for “Seminar on John Wesley,” Bruce Forbes, Instructor, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA, March 2002
 “Generation X: Reaching the Unchurched Generation,” Ecumenical Assembly of the South Dakota Council of Churches, Sioux Falls, SD, June 2000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ecology (2014-); Visiting Assistant Professor of Moral and Public Theology (2012-2014); Adjunct Professor of Theology and Ethics (2010-2012)

Methods, Models, and Tools for Social Change, Fall 2019, 2021, 2023
 Regenerative Ethics: Theory, Design, Practice, Fall 2019, 2021, 2023
 Public Ministry Project, Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
 Theories and Theologies for Public Justice, Fall 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024
 Ecological Theology: God and Creation in Travail, Fall 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024
 Commensal Theology: Faithful Eating for a New Creation, Summer 2018
 Indigenous Theologies, Spring 2018
 Chiapas, Mexico: Liberation, Autonomy, Interdependence, January 2017
 Resisting Biocide: Environmental Ethics for Discipleship, Spring 2016, Spring 2019
 Introduction to Theology, Spring 2014, January 2015, January 2016, Spring 2017 (online), Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2023
 Oikos of God: Economy and Ecology in the Global Household, Spring 2015 (hybrid online)
 Food, Faith, and Justice: Holy Communion for the Whole Creation, May 2013
 Ethics of Hope in an Age of Crisis, Spring 2013
 The Oikos of God: Economy and Ecology in the Global Household, Spring 2011, Spring 2012
 Seminar in Practical Theology, DMin Program, January 2012

Personal and Social Ethics, Course of Study, July 2010, July 2011, July 2012, July 2013, July 2014
Vocational Formation and Church Leadership, Fall 2010-Spring 2011, Fall 2011-Spring 2012
(online), Summer 2012 (online), Fall 2012-Spring 2013 (online), Fall 2013-Spring 2014 (online)

Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ecology (2014-2017)
Food, Land, and Faith Formation, August 2015, August 2016
Ecological Theology: God and Creation in Travail, Fall 2015 (hybrid online)
Resisting Biocide: Environmental Ethics for Discipleship, Fall 2014 (hybrid online), Fall 2016
(hybrid online)

Vanderbilt Divinity School, Lecturer (2009-2010); Teaching Assistant (2004-2007)
God, Economy, and Poverty, with M. Douglas Meeks, Fall 2007
Constructive Christian Theology, with M. Douglas Meeks, Fall 2004, Fall 2005, Fall 2006
Theology of Religious Pluralism, with John Thatamanil, Spring 2005

Dakota Wesleyan University, Adjunct Faculty (2001-2003)
Contemporary Christian Thought, Spring 2003
Classics in Christian Thought, Fall 2002
Theology of John Wesley, Spring 2002
Introduction to Christian Thought, Fall 2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Midwest Bioregional Hub, \$1.25 million Thriving Congregations Initiative Grant, Lilly
Endowment, 2023-2028
Guide, Seminary of the Wild Earth Eco-Spirituality Certificate, Center for Wild Spirituality, 2022-2023
Director, Center for Ecological Regeneration, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2021-
Director, Master of Arts in Public Ministry Degree, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2018-
2025
Advisor, Ecological Regeneration Concentration, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2018-
Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Board of Directors, Institute for Christian Socialism, 2018-
Director, Course of Study School, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 2012-2015
Program Associate for External Education and Manager for the Project on Globalization, Garrett-
Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, 2011-2013
Lecturer, Theology, Ecology, and Poverty, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, July 2009-May
2010
Coordinator, Project in Leadership and Sustainability, Cal Turner Program for Moral Leadership in the
Professions, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, July 2009-May 2010
Small Group Coordinator, Student Life Team, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN, January 2009-
June 2009
Research Assistant, M. Douglas Meeks, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, June 2006-June 2009
Coordinator, United Methodist Student Association, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, June 2006-
June 2009
Campus Chaplain, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD, 2000-2003
Youth Director, Andrew Price Memorial United Methodist Church, Nashville, TN, 1998-2000
Intern, Office of Spiritual Formation and the Liturgical Arts, Scarritt Bennett Center, Nashville, TN,
1998-1999
Local Pastor, United Methodist Church, Doland and Frankfort, SD, 1996-1997

Staff Assistant to the Leader, United States Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle, Washington, DC, 1995-1996

CHURCH SERVICE

Ordained Elder, United Methodist Church, Dakotas Conference, 2003-
Co-Chair, Organizing Committee, UMC Creation Justice Movement, 2021
Author and Organizer, UMC Creation Justice Movement, 2018-
Member, UMC Creation Care Summit Planning Team, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Member, Advisory Board, Wellbeing on Campus Curriculum, GBHEM, 2018
Facilitator, Abide Weekly Sunday School Class, First United Methodist Church, Evanston, 2017-
Member, Bishop's Task Force on Sustainability, Northern Illinois Annual Conference, 2015-
Member, Earth Care Committee, First United Methodist Church, Evanston, IL, 2014-
Dakotas UMC Fields of Justice (Standing Rock Clergy Team) Consultant, 2016-2017
Faith in Place, Green Team Summit Presenter, Fall 2016
Intentional Community and Sustainability Consultant, Living Branches House, Wilmette Trinity United Methodist Church, 2010-2011
Sustainability Consultant, St. Andrews United Methodist Church, September 2009
Member, Social Advocacy Committee, Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007-2010
Member, Committee on Discipleship, Belmont United Methodist Church, 2006-2010
Member, Committee on Persons with Special Needs, Belmont United Methodist Church, Fall 2005-2010
Young Adult Representative, Curriculum Resource Committee, General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, 2000-2004
Leader, Volunteer In Missions, Methodist Day School, Chinchá, Peru, August 2002 and May 2003
Leader, Dakotas Conference United Nations Seminar Program, New York City and Washington, D.C., 2001-2003
Member, Evangelism Committee, First United Methodist Church of Mitchell, SD, 2001-2003
Dean, United Methodist Summer Church Camps, 2001-2003
Facilitator, Young Adult Bible Study, First United Methodist Church, Mitchell, SD, 2000-2003
Member, Dakotas Conference Council on Mission Personnel, 2000-2003
Young Adult Representative, North Central Jurisdictional Conference Council on Ministries, 1996-2000
Member and Chairperson, South Dakota Conference Council on Youth Ministries, 1993-1995

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

"Environmental Justice Resolution," Evanston City Council, Environmental Justice Evanston, September 2020
"Equity and Empowerment Core Definitions," City of Evanston Equity Framework, Equity and Empowerment Commission, 2018
Environmental Justice Evanston Advisor, Evanston Township High School Emerge Program, Environmental Justice in Evanston Project, 2017-2018
Environmental Justice Evanston Advisor, Northwestern University Advocacy Corps, Environmental Justice in Evanston Project, 2017-2018
Member, Evanston Equity and Empowerment Commission, City of Evanston, 2017-
Member, Board of Environmental Justice Evanston, 2016-
Member, Board of Trustees, Citizens Greener Evanston, June 2016-

“Environmental Justice in Evanston,” Green Drinks Presentation, Citizen’s Greener Evanston, January 2017
 Consultant, Trevecca Nazarene Urban Farm and Ecological Justice Degree, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN, November 9, 2016
 Moderator, Panel on Religious Diversity, Leadership Evanston Signature Program, January 2014, February 2015
 Presenter and Emcee, Annual Alumni Gathering, Leadership Evanston, March 2014
 Consultant, Food, Ecology, and Community Summer Course, Evanston Township High School, Summer 2014
 Member, Board of Trustees, Leadership Evanston Steering Committee, August 2012-2017
 Member, Board of Trustees, Evanston Community Development Corporation, July 2012-2016
 Participant, Leadership Evanston, September 2011-June 2012
 Member, Advisory Council, East Nashville Cooperative Ministries, August 2009-
 Co-Founder, The Oikos Initiative of Nashville, Fall 2008-
 Member, Education/Awareness Committee, Community Food Advocates, 2008-2010
 Auditor, The Non-Violent Struggle, Rev. James Lawson, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2006
 Organizer, Vanderbilt Students Against Cuts to TennCare, Nashville, TN, 2005
 Author, “An Open Letter to Tennessee’s United Methodists Concerning Cuts to TennCare,” Tennessee Annual Conference, April 2005
 Organizer, Witness Against War in Iraq, Mitchell, SD, April 2003
 Member, Board of Directors, Mitchell Area Safehouse for Women and Children, 2001-2003
 Organizer, Witness Against the Death Penalty, Nashville, TN, April 2000

UNIVERSITY/SEMINARY SERVICE

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Indigenous Study Committee Co-Chair, 2022-2023
 White/Euro-American Faculty Co-Facilitator, 2021-
 Faculty Mentor, 2020-2021
 Manager, sustainGETS Associate, 2018-
 Manager, Center for Ecological Regeneration Assistant, 2018-
 Area II Field Chair, 2019-2020
 Community Based Education Faculty Search Committee, 2020
 Vocations in Public Ministry Lunch Series, 2018-
 Masters Degree Committee, 2018-
 Church and the Black Experience Director Search Committee, 2018
 Parity Committee, 2018-2019
 MA in Public Ministry Planning Committee, 2017-2018
 Standing Rock, ND Student Witness/Trip, November 2016
 PhD Teaching Seminar, November 2016
 Hope for Creation Fundraising Team, 2016-
 Young Faculty Writing Group, 2016-
 Senior Colloquy Curriculum Planning Committees, 2016-2017
 Practice and Theology of Christian Spirituality Curriculum Planning Committee, 2016-2017
 Digital Learning Committee, 2015-
 Institutional Assessment Committee, 2015-2016
 Green Seminary Initiative Green Team, 2017-
 Green Seminary Initiative Representative, 2017-

Faculty Advisor, sustainGETS, 2015-
Curriculum Revision Task Force, Area II Representative, 2016
Public Theology Task Force, 2015-2016
Academic Affairs Strategic Planning Committee, 2015
Advisor, Community-Creation-Connection Seminary Meals, 2013-2014
Chair, Environmental Stewardship Committee, January 2013-2015
Representative, Seminary Stewardship Alliance, April 2012-

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Sustainability Committee, 2014-2016

Vanderbilt University

Member, Ecological Justice Committee, January 2009-May 2010
Member, Class, Economics, and Poverty Committee, January 2009-May 2010
Vice-President, Student Government Association, 1998-2000
Student Representative, Curriculum Revision Committee, 1999-2000

Dakota Wesleyan University

Christian Identity Taskforce, 2001-2003
Service Learning Taskforce, 2002-2003
George and Eleanor McGovern Center for Public Service Committee, 2001-2003
Campus Master Planning Task Force, 2000-2003
Wagner Chapel Building Committee, 2000-2003
Campus Character Representative for the NAIA Champions of Character Program, 2001-2003

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/WORKING GROUPS

Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, North American Co-Chair, 2024-
Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, North American Secretary, 2013-2024
AAR Religion and Ecology Steering Committee, 2024-
Colloquy on Religion, Ecology, and Race, 2017-
Religion and Ecology Working Group, American Academy of Religion, 2014-
An Ecumenical and Interfaith Convocation Celebrating Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home, Catholic Theological Union, Planning Committee, 2015
SCUPE Congress on Urban Ministry, National Planning Committee, 2014
Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Institute Committee 2007-2012
American Academy of Religion
Ethics and Economics: Capital, Work, and Alternatives to Capitalism Working Group, Vanderbilt University
Food and Politics Working Group, Vanderbilt University
Graduate Theological Society, Vanderbilt University

HONORS/AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS

Report on Faith and Ecology Courses in North American Seminaries, Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development, 2015, *named one among seven instructors of note in North America teaching in religion and ecology, "Oikos of God" course named one among seven noteworthy courses in North America on religion and ecology*

Graduate Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Vanderbilt University, 2007-08, *awarded on a competitive basis to graduate students pursuing well-defined research projects in religion and culture*
Dissertation Writers Group Program, Center for Ethics, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2007, *awarded to dissertation-stage graduate students whose work has an ethical focus*

Dempster Graduate Fellowship, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church, 2005, 2007, 2008, *award given to graduate students selected for their intellectual competence, academic achievement, promise of usefulness in teaching careers, personal qualities, clarity of spiritual purpose, and commitment to christian ministry and preparation of pastoral leadership for the church*

University Tuition Scholarship, Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion, 2003-2007

Graduate Fellowship in Religion, Vanderbilt University, Graduate Department of Religion, 2003-2007

Academic Achievement Award, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2000, *given to the graduating student selected by the faculty who has achieved a high standard of academic excellence*

American Bible Society Award, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2000, *awarded to a student who has made outstanding progress in biblical studies*

William A. Newcomb Prize, Vanderbilt Divinity School, May 2000, *awarded to the student in the master of divinity graduating class who, in the judgment of the faculty, best represents the idea of minister-theologian and who has received a grade of honors on his or her senior project*

Brandon Honor Scholar, Vanderbilt Divinity School, 1997-2000, *awarded annually on a competitive basis to applicants with superior academic records and promise of unusual professional achievement*

Phi Beta Kappa, St. Olaf College, May 1995

LANGUAGES

Research: German, Spanish, Koine Greek, Hebrew