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Education

- 1999 PH.D. Personality and Theology (Religious Education), Claremont School of Theology
- 1991 Masters in Religious Education, Nazarene Theological Seminary
- 1988 Diploma in Bible, John Wesley College
- 1978 BA Speech Communications, North Carolina State University

Current/Previous Teaching Assignments

- Nazarene Theological Seminary (full time), Asbury Theological Seminary (affiliate faculty)
- Manchester University (England) Ph.D. Research Fellow
- Trevecca Nazarene University graduate and undergraduate program (full time 1994-2005)
- Adjunct Faculty: Azusa Pacific University undergraduate program, Claremont School of Theology, Northwest Nazarene University graduate, Nazarene Bible College, Point Loma Nazarene University graduate program

Professional Associations/Service

- Society of Professors in Christian Education (SPCE)
- Religious Education Association (President 2011-2012)
- Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology
- Wesleyan Theological Society
- Kern Fellow, Oikonomia Network of Economics, Faith, and Work
- Editor, *Didache: Faithful Teaching*
- Editorial Boards: *Horizons in Religious Education*, *Religious Education*, *Theological Education, Journal for Family and Community Ministries*

Church Contributions

- Member, USA/Canada Course of Study Advisory Council, Church of the Nazarene; Consultant on Clergy Development, 2002-2006, USA Regional Education Coordinator USA/Canada 2009 to present, *Manual* (Church of the Nazarene) Editorial Committee 2004 to present (Chair, 2009 to present)
- CE Consultant: Nazarene Youth International, Children's Ministries, Adult Ministry, and Nazarene Missions International; Adult Education Committee, Nazarene Sunday School Ministries; Family Ministry Committee, Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International

- Presenter: Ignite Children's Ministry, 2011, 2012; NYWC (Youth Specialties) 2011, 2012, 2013; Mission 3/7/11 Conferences on Evangelism, Church of the Nazarene, 2003, 2007, 2011; Sunday School Ministries Workshops, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013 at the International General Assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene; National Children's Pastors Conference (International Network of Children's Ministry), 1996, 1998, 2000; Plenary Presenter Johannesburg 2000: International Academy of Education, Church of the Nazarene
- Program Chair: Nazarene Global Theology Conferences 2009, 2013
- Board of Directors: YouthFront of Kansas City 2006- present, Board Chair 2008-11, 2014.

Educational Administration & Service

- Assistant to the Dean, Claremont School of Theology 1992-1994
- Director: Trevecca Center for Church and Society 1999-2003
- Trevecca Nazarene University Centennial Celebration: Compassion Conference 1997
- Director: Trevecca Christian Ministries Institute 2003-05
- Program Developer and Director: Master's Teacher Program Clergy Preparation 2002
- Program Developer and Director: Christian Ministry Program with Salvation Army 2003
- Coordinator: Educational Program- Trevecca Nazarene University Accreditation Self-Study
- Commencement Speaker, Trevecca Nazarene University 2002
- Commencement Speaker, John Wesley College 2004
- Scholar in Residence: Mid America Nazarene University Spring/Summer 2009
- Director, Master of Arts in Christian Education, Nazarene Theological Seminary 2005-10
- Presenter, University of Manchester Research Symposium, 2016
- Director, Master of Arts in Christian Formation and Discipleship, NTS, 2011-current

Writings: Books/Books Chapters

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- Contributor: "Chapter Five: Narrative Teaching: Learning how to teach the Story of God" in *Worship Centered Teaching*. Eds. Rick Edwards and Jim Hampton. Kansas City, Mo.: Beacon Hill of Kansas City, 2001.
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- Contributor: *Dorm Room Devotions.* Kansas City: Beacon Hill of Kansas City, 2003.
- Contributor: "Faithful Discipleship: A Conjoined Catechesis of Truth and Love." In *Considering the Great Commission: Explorations for a Wesleyan Praxis of Mission and Evangelism*. Eds. W. Stephen Gunter and Elaine A. Robinson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005
- Contributor: *Wesley Study Bible.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009
- Contributor: "What Is the Emerging and Emergent Church?" In *Postmodern AND Wesleyan: Exploring the Boundaries and the Possibilities*. Eds. Jay Akkerman and Brent Peterson. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2009. 101-105.
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- Contributor: "What Has Happened to Sin: Re-conceptualizing Childhood Depravity in an Alternative Theological Anthropology" In *Children's Spirituality: New Perspectives* edited by Kevin Lawson. Eugene: OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2012, 60-83.
- Contributor: "Relational Theology and Means of Grace" In *Relational Theology: A Contemporary Introduction* edited by Brint Montgomery, Tom Oord, and Karen Winslow. Eugene OR: Point Loma Press/Wipf & Stock 2012, 70-72.
- Contributor: "The Church as Formational Fellowship" in *Essential Church: A Wesleyan Paradigm* edited by Diane LeClerc and Mark A. Maddix. Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2013.
- Contributor (12 articles) *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, 3 Volumes. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2015
- Co-Author with Doug Hardy, *Prayer: Sharing Intimate Space with God*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2015
- Co-Editor and Author, "Technology and the Brain," and "Neuroscience and Christian Worship: Practices that Change the Brain" in *Neuroscience and Christian Formation: The intersection of Science and Faith*, edited by Mark A. Maddix and Dean G. Blevins. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2016.
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