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## EXPERIENCE

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2011-Present	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and Philosophy)</i>	
2005–11	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Associate Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and Philosophy)</i>	
2009-2010	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Theologian in Residence for Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University</i>	
2002–2005	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, IN
	<i>Assistant Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and Philosophy)</i>	
2000-Present	Asbury Theological Seminary	Wilmore, KY
	<i>Affiliate Professor of Theology (Systematic Theology and United Methodist Studies)</i>	
2002-Present	Wesley Biblical Seminary	Jackson, MS
	<i>Adjunct Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology</i>	
1998–2002	Sugar Hill United Methodist Church	Texarkana, AR
	<i>Senior Pastor (Preaching, Leadership, Capital Campaign, Building Program)</i>	
1994–1998	First United Methodist Church	Searcy, AR
	<i>Associate Pastor (Discipleship, Contemporary Worship, Small Group Ministry)</i>	

## EDUCATION

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1994–1997	Drew University	Madison, NJ
	<i>Ph. D., Theological and Religious Studies (Systematic Theology)</i>	
	Dissertation: “The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Ante-Nicene Fathers” Committee: Thomas Oden (Advisor), David Ford, James Pain <i>Approved with Distinction</i>	
1991-1994	Drew University	Madison, NJ
	<i>M. Phil., Theological and Religious Studies (Systematic and Wesleyan Theology)</i>	

Comprehensive Exams: (1) John Wesley, (2) P.T. Forsyth, (3) Patristic Period, (4) Christian Perfection

1988-1991 Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, KY  
*M. Div., Theological and Biblical Studies, Biblical Languages*

Thesis: “The Orthodoxy of Jürgen Moltmann’s Social Trinitarianism”  
Advisor: Dr. Larry Wood

1984-1988 Asbury College Wilmore, KY  
*B. A., Bible/Greek Magna Cum Laude*

## MEMBERSHIPS

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### Academy Memberships:

- The Wesleyan Theological Society
- The Evangelical Theological Society
- The North American Patristic Society

### Board of Directors/Trustees

- Asbury University Board of Trustees
- Good News (A Forum for Scriptural Christianity in The United Methodist Church) Board of Directors
- One Mission Society (OMS International) Board of Trustees

### Ministerial Membership

- Ordained Elder in The Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church

### Other Associations

- Fellow with Third Millennium Faith
- Research Fellow with the Australasian Centre for Wesleyan Research
- Evangelist with the Francis Asbury Society

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Academic Books:

*The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Ante-Nicene Fathers* (Under peer review with Peeters Publishing).

*A Canon of Christian Theology: The Methodist Tradition* (T and T Clark) with Jason Vickers, John Drury, and Natalie B. Van Kirk. Edited by Jason Vickers.

(Forthcoming) Manuscript due June 1, 2013.

**Popular Books for the Church:**

*Holiness: The Power to Transform You, Your Church, and Your World* with Jim Garlow, Christy Lipscomb, and Joann Lyon (Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2009).

*Selecting Worship Songs: A Guide for Leaders* with Constance Cherry and Mary Brown (Marion, IN: Triangle Press, Spring, 2011).

**Book Chapters/Contributions to Books:**

“Sanctification Made Simple,” in *Str8 Talk*, by Jerry Pattengale (Marion, Indiana: Triangle Publishing, 2004).

“Saving Faith – Gift of Divine Grace: John Wesley and John Calvin on the Experience of Conversion” in *Scholars Coming to Faith*, edited by Daryl McCarthy, (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2008): 85-96.

“The New Testament and the Priority of Gospel Proclamation,” in *Recovering The Wesleyan Social Witness*, edited by Faye Short, (Providence House Press, 2008): 183-195.

“God’s Treasure is Theological,” in *Treasure the Word: A Layperson’s Guide to Interpreting Scripture* (The Wesleyan Publishing House, 2009): 119-132.

“God’s Redemption of Creation: Begun, but Moving to Culmination,” in *Creation Care: Christian Voices on God, Humanity, and the Environment* (Wesleyan Publishing House, 2010): 40-57.

“Augustine’s Interpretation of Romans 7:14-25, His *Ordo Salutis* and His Consistent Belief in a Christian’s Victory over Sin,” in *The Continuing Relevance of Wesleyan Theology: Essays in Honor of Lawrence W. Wood* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publishers, 2011), 15-28.

“Eschatology,” in *A Wesleyan Trinitarian Theology* (Anderson, Indiana: Warner Press). Forthcoming.

**Dictionary Articles:**

“Heresy” with David Wright in *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture* (NavPress, 2010): 181-182.

“Promises of God,” with David Wright in *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture*

(NavPress, 2010): 213-215.

“Work” in *Dictionary of Everyday Theology and Culture* (NavPress, 2010): 445-447.

“Apostles Creed,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

“Cyril of Jerusalem,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

“Irenaeus,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

“Nicene Creed,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

“Phoebe Palmer,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

“Sin,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

“John Wesley” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

“Sanctification,” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, eds. George T. Kurian and Mark A. Lamport (Scranton, PA: Scarecrow Press) Forthcoming in Fall of 2014.

#### **Book Reviews:**

Review of *God under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents God*, edited by Douglas Huffman and Eric Johnson. *Religious Studies Review*, 29.2 (April 2003): 172-173.

Review of *Decoding the Church: Mapping the DNA of Christ's Body*, by Howard Snyder and Daniel Runyon. *Religious Studies Review* 29.4 (May, 2003): 78.

Review of *The Work of the Spirit: Pneumatology and Pentecostalism*, edited by Michael Welker. *Expository Times*, 119.3 (December, 2007): 150.

Review of *The Teachings of Modern Orthodox Christianity on Law, Politics, and Human Nature*, edited by John Witte Jr. and Frank S. Alexander. *East-West Church and Ministry Report* 16.3 (Summer 2008): 13-14.

Review of *Predestination: The American Career of a Contentious Doctrine*, by Peter Johannes Thuesen. *The Arminian Magazine* 28.3 (Fall 2010), 13-14.

Review of *Keeping Faith: An Ecumenical Commentary on the Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith in the Wesleyan Tradition*, by Long, D. Stephen with Andrew Kinsey. *The Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Forthcoming).

Review of *Heart of the Matter: Frank Conversations among Great Christian Thinkers on the Major Subjects of Christian Theology* by Barry L. Callen. *The Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Forthcoming).

### **Journal Articles:**

“The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Apostolic Fathers,” *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 42.2 (Fall 2007): 7-27.

“The Current Range of Teaching on Sanctification and What Ought a Wesleyan to Believe,” *The Asbury Theological Journal*, 62.2 (Fall 2007): 33-53.

“Augustine’s Consistent Belief in a Christian’s Victory over Sin,” *The Asbury Theological Journal* 44.2 (Fall 2009): 20-35.

“The Wesleyan-Holiness Teaching on Entire Sanctification in the Larger Context of Wesleyan-Arminianism,” *Intelligence and Creation*, Vol. 13 (2010): 41-80.

“The Central Focus of *Adversus Haereses*: The Doctrine of Christian Perfection,” *Studia Patristica* XLV (2010): 403-409.

“Irenaeus and the Doctrine of Christian Perfection,” *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 45.2 (Fall 2010), 45-60.

“How Are People Saved? The Major Views of Salvation with a focus on Wesleyan Perspectives and Their Implications,” *Wesley and Methodist Studies*, Vol. III (Spring 2011), 31-54.

“The Scope of the Atonement in the Early Church Fathers,” *The Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 47.2 (Fall 2012), 7-27.

“New Testament Considerations on Unity and ‘Amicable Separation’ in The United Methodist Church,” under consideration with *The Asbury Journal*.

“The Patristic Formation of John Wesley’s Theology,” *The Epworth Review* (Under Review).

“The Understanding of Grace in Selected Apostolic Fathers,” *Studia Patristica* (Forthcoming).

### **Abstractor for *Religious and Theological Abstracts***

*The Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 2009-Present

*Colloquium: The Australian and New Zealand Theological Review* 2010-Present

### **Popular Theological Articles:**

“We Believe ... in the Full Humanity of Jesus,” *The Arkansas United Methodist*, November 21, 2003.

We Believe ... in the United Methodist Doctrinal Standards,” *The Arkansas United Methodist*, October 8, 2004.

“The Beauty and Hope of Holiness, *Asbury College Ambassador*, 35.1 (Spring 2008), 16-17.

“God’s Call to Ministry,” *Good News: The Magazine for United Methodist Renewal*, 42.3 (November/December 2008), 19-21.

“One Thing Needed: Righteousness,” United Theological Seminary Church Renewal Blog *One Thing Needed* at <http://churchrenewal.united.edu/one-thing-needed/one-thing-needed-righteousness/>

“Setting Holiness too High” *Wesleyansermons.com* at <http://wesleyansermons.com/>

“Pastoral Counsel Regarding the Experience of Entire Sanctification,” *Wesleyansermons.com* at <http://wesleyansermons.com/>

“Profile/Daniel Steele,” in *Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives for United Methodist Seminarians* (Forthcoming).

### **Peer Reviewer**

For articles for publication in *Studia Patristica*.

For books for publication by IntersVarsity Press.

For books for publication by Triangle Press.

### **Current Research/Writing Projects:**

Grace in the Early Church collaborative research and writing project with David Riggs.

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

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“Contemporary Theological Movements in Methodism: A Critique of John Cobb and William Abraham,” Hendrix College, May 5, 1995.

“The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in Clement of Rome,” Subiaco Academy, November 8, 1995.

“Toward a Biblical Understanding of Human Sexuality,” Hendrix College, May 7, 1996.

“Christian Dogma,” Hendrix College, May 12, 1997.

“Doctrinal Essentials in Christian Discipleship,” The North Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church, Conway, Arkansas, June 5-8, 1998.

“The Wesleyan Way of Discipleship,” The Leadership Academy of The Arkansas Area of The United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, January 12-15, 2002.

“Christian Worldviews: Varieties in the Church,” The Fall Colloquium in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Indiana Wesleyan University, November 19, 2003.

“Open Theism: An Orthodox Response,” The Spring Colloquium in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Indiana Wesleyan University, March 24, 2004.

“Spiritual Transformation: What is the Range of Current Teaching on Sanctification and What Ought a Wesleyan to Believe,” Saving Grace: A Wesleyan View of Spiritual Transformation - A Doctrinal Symposium Sponsored by The Wesleyan Church, Indianapolis, Indiana May 20-21, 2005.

“The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Apostolic Fathers,” The John Wesley Honors College Faculty Lecture Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, October 26, 2005.

“Homosexuality in the Thought of the Church,” The Fall Colloquium in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Indiana Wesleyan University, November 16, 2005.

“The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Ante-Nicene Fathers,” The Evangelical Theological Society’s Annual Meeting, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November 16-18, 2005.

“Saving Faith – Gift of Divine Grace: John Wesley and John Calvin on the Experience of Conversion,” The International Institute for Christian Studies Annual Meeting: Scholars Coming to Faith – Commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of C.S. Lewis’ Conversion, Kansas City, Kansas, July 20-22, 2006.

“A Response to John Drury’s ‘What Wesleyans Can Learn from Karl Barth,’” 42<sup>nd</sup> Graduate Students’ Theological Seminar, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 23, 2006.

“Too High, Too Low - Too Hard, Too Easy: Navigating Wesleyan Teaching on Entire Sanctification,” Chamberlin Holiness Lecture, Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, MS, October 3, 2006.

“New Testament Considerations on Unity and Amicable Separation in The United Methodist Church,” Good News: A Forum for Scriptural Christianity in The United Methodist Church Board Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky, January 24, 2007.

“Tension and Dialogue between Orthodox and Wesleyan Understandings of

Church and Society,” Vladimir State University, Vladimir, Russia, June 2, 2007.

“The Central Focus of *Adversus Haereses*: The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in Irenaeus,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, August 6-11, 2007.

“Theological Inconsistencies in William Placher’s Trinitarian Theology: A Response” at Indiana Wesleyan University’s Division of Religion and Philosophy Colloquium, Marion, Indiana, November 1, 2007

“The Understanding of Charis/Gratia in the Apostolic Fathers,” The North American Patristic Society Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 22-24, 2008.

“Personal Holiness: Grace for Transformation,” The Wesleyan Church’s Forum on Holiness, Orlando, Florida, June 8-10, 2008.

“Augustine’s Interpretation of Romans 7:14-25, His *Ordo Salutis* and His Consistent Belief in a Christian’s Victory over Sin,” The Wesleyan Heritage Conference at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, October 6, 2008.

“John Wesley’s Theology of Happiness: A Response to Professor Ellen Charry’s Lectures ‘God and the Art of Happiness,’” Heck Lectures at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, April 14, 2009.

“Patristic Formation of John Wesley’s Soteriology,” Later Adaptations and Appropriations of Patristic Authors: Oxford University Centre for Late Antiquity, Oxford, United Kingdom, March 4, 2009

“How the Church Fathers Influenced and Shaped the Early Wesleyan View and Use of Scripture,” The Evangelical Theological Society’s Annual Meeting, November 18-20, 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Questions and Issues for a Theologian in the Public Square: A Response to Stanley Hauerwas,” Theology and Ministry Colloquium at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana, November 15, 2010.

“The Doctrine of Grace in Second Century Church Fathers,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, August 8-12, 2011.

“The Scope of the Atonement in the Early Church Fathers,” The Evangelical Theological Society’s Annual Meeting, November 16-18, 2011, San Francisco, California.

“Wesleyan Eschatological Implications for the Church’s Engagement with Other Religious Faiths,” The THIRTEENTH Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, University of Oxford, United Kingdom, August 8-12, 2013.



## **LECTURE SERIES**

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The Cox Holiness Lecture Series at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, November, 1996.

The Cox Holiness Lecture Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, February, 2002.

The Chamberlin Holiness Lecture Series at Wesley Biblical Seminary, October 2-5, 2006.

The Staley Lecture Series at Asbury University, October 6, 2008.

The Cowman Holiness Lecture Series at Seoul Theological University, Seoul, South Korea, October 8-10, 2009.

The Nazarene Holiness Lectures at Korea Nazarene University, Seoul, South Korea, October 11, 2009.

The Aldersgate Forum Lecture Series, God's Bible School and College, October 25-27, 2011, Cincinnati, Ohio.

B.H and Dorothy Phaup Holiness Lecture Series, Southern Wesleyan University, Spring 2014, Central, South Carolina.

## **AWARDS, HONORS AND RESEARCH GRANTS**

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The International Society of Theta Phi – Asbury Theological Seminary, 1990.

“Contribution to Cognition” Teaching Award, First Year College Experience at Indiana Wesleyan University, 2005.

Lily Scholarship Fund Grant of \$4,100 for “The Doctrine of Grace in the Ante-Nicene, Nicene, and Post-Nicene Fathers: Hermeneutical, Social-Historical, Theological, and Pastoral Perspectives,” October 2005.

Indiana Wesleyan University Sabbatical, Fall 2008.

Hinds Fellowship Award Recipient, 2013-2014.

## **WRITTEN CURRICULA AND DESIGN**

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DO 670XL: United Methodist Theology (Online), Asbury Theological Seminary, September 2000.

DO 501XL: Basic Christian Doctrine (Online), Asbury Theological Seminary, June 2000.

CL 553XL: United Methodist Polity (Online), Asbury Theological Seminary, January, 2002

MIN 533: Contemporary Theological Trends – The Church and Post Modernism (Online), Indiana Wesleyan University’s Master of Arts Degree in Ministry, January 2005.

MIN 543: Theology of Holiness (Online), Indiana Wesleyan University’s Master of Arts Degree in Ministry, August 2005

ST 519: The Theology of John Wesley (Online), Wesley Biblical Seminary, March 2006.

ST 607: Contemporary Theological Trends (Online), Wesley Biblical Seminary, August, 2006.

COS 112: Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit (Online), United Theological Seminary, June, 2010.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **Indiana Wesleyan University:**

PHL 180: Humanities Philosophy

THE 232: Basic Christian Doctrine

THE 233: Christian Theology I

THE 310: Christology

THE 311: Ecclesiology

THE 313: Pneumatology

THE 410: The Life and Legacy of Augustine

THE 420: Patristic Theology

THE 424: Christian Theology II: Doctrine of Salvation/Holiness

THE 428: Theology of John Wesley

THE 482: World Changing Strategies

MIN 511: Introduction to Theology (On-line)

MIN 533: Contemporary Theological Trends (On Site and On-line)

MIN 543: The Doctrine of Holiness (On Site and On line)

MIN 544: Cultural and Theological Trends of the Holiness Movement

MIN 549: Selected Topics in Theology – The Trinity

### **Asbury Theological Seminary (On-line):**

DO 670: United Methodist Theology

CL 553: United Methodist Polity

DO 501: Basic Christian Doctrine

### **Wesley Biblical Seminary:**

BT 610: The Biblical Basis for Christian Holiness  
ST 524: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit  
ST 519: Theology of John Wesley (On Site and Online)  
ST 607: Contemporary Theological Trends

**United Theological Seminary (On Site/On-line Hybrid):**

COS 112: Theology in the Wesleyan Spirit

**LANGUAGES**

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Reading Competency Exams Passed:

- Koine Greek
- Latin
- French
- German

**SERVICE TEACHING/LECTURING**

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**Service on University Committees:**

- University Rank and Promotion Committee

**Service on College of Arts and Sciences Committees:**

- Rank and Promotion Committee
- John Wesley Honors College Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Student Success Committee
- Various Faculty Search Committees

**Service on School of Theology and Ministry Committees:**

- Cox Holiness Lecture Series Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Associate Dean of School of Theology and Ministry Search Committee
- Various Faculty Search Committees
- Peer Evaluation of Scholarship Committee

**Mission Teaching/Lecture Experiences:**

- Wesleyan Bible College in Vladimir, Russia in 2005, 2007.
- Vladimir State University in Vladimir, Russia in 2005, 2007.

- Wesleyan Pastors Training in Brno, The Czech Republic in 2009.
- Seoul Theological University in Seoul, South Korea in 2009.
- Korea Nazarene University in Seoul, South Korea in 2009.
- STREAM Conference: Wesleyan Methodist Church in New Zealand in 2010.
- Bible Institute of Panama in Panama City, Panama in 2010

**FLAME Classes for The Wesleyan Church:**

- Doctrine of Holiness at Frankfort, Indiana 1996.
- Basic Christian Doctrine at Michigan 2010.
- Doctrine of Holiness at Frankfort, Indiana 2012.
- Introduction to Christian Theology at Marion, Indiana 2013.
- Doctrine of Holiness at Frankfort, Indiana 2013.

**REFERENCES**

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