

Curriculum Vitae

AMANDA HONTZ DRURY

Indiana Wesleyan University
4201 S. Washington St.
Marion, IN 46953
amanda.drury@indwes.edu

Professional Appointments

- Executive Director of Imaginarium, 2019-present.
- Professor of Practical Theology, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2021-present.
- Associate Professor of Practical Theology, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2016-2021
- Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2012-2016
- Founding director and CEO of The Brain Kitchen, Marion, IN 2016-present.
- Director of Examen at Indiana Wesleyan University, 2015-2019.

Education

- *Ph. D.* – Princeton Theological Seminary, Practical Theology, 2012. “I Have Seen and I Testify” (Richard R. Osmer, advisor)
- *Masters of Divinity* - Princeton Theological Seminary 2005
- *Bachelor of Science* - Indiana Wesleyan University 2002. Major: Biblical Literature

Areas of Specialization

Practical Theology, Spiritual Formation, Youth Ministry, Homiletics

Publications

Books:

- *Testimony and Trauma: Making Space for Healing*, Fortress Academic, October 2021.
- *Consensus and Conflict: Practical Theology for Congregations in the work of Richard Osmer*. Editor with Kenda Dean, Andrew Root, and Blair Bertrand, Cascade Books: Eugene, Oregon, May 2019.
- *Saying is Believing: The Necessity of Testifying in Adolescent Spiritual Development*, InterVarsity Academic Press, April 2015.

Articles and Chapters:

- “Holy Fools and Preaching With Youth,” *Compelling Preaching at Calvin College, forthcoming.*

- “Adolescent Joy and the Practice of Testimony,” in *Joy: A Guide for Youth Ministry*, Yale Joy and Flourishing Series, Wesley’s Foundry Books, 2020.
- “Frodo’s Magnificat: Children’s Fantasy Literature and the Kingdom of God,” *Consensus and Conflict*, Cascade Books, 2019.
- “Nothing is so Strong as Gentleness,” *Faith and Leadership*, May 2018.
- “Moralistic Therapeutic Pietism,” *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, October 2017.
- “Spiritual Formation in Early, Middle, and Older Adulthood,” in *Teaching the Next Generations: A Comprehensive Guide for Teaching Christian Formation*, Baker Academic, Oct 16, 2016.
- “Saying is Believing,” in *Wesleyan Life*, Spring 2015.
- “Habituated Spontaneous Judgment: A Conversation With John Dewey’s *How We Think*” in *Call Me Coach: A Festschrift in Honor of Keith Drury on His Retirement From Full-Time Ministry*, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013.
- "Church and Family: The Family’s Role in Christian Education" in *Discipleship That Transforms: An Introduction to Christian Education from a Wesleyan Holiness Perspective*. Edited by John Aukerman, published by Warner Press, 2011.
- “Rethinking Youth Sunday,” in *Call to Worship*, Vol 42.2, The Office of Theology, Worship and Education Presbyterian Church U.S.A., 2008.
- “Becoming a Member of the Church,” in *The D Series*, of the Wesleyan Church, Wesleyan Publishing House, Fall 2007.
- “A Woman’s Greatest Sin: Diane Leclerc’s Assessment of Pride and Selflessness,” *Wesleyan Women’s Leadership Manual*, June 2007.
- “The Church Jesus Builds is Catholic,” in *The Church Jesus Builds*, edited by Joseph Coleson, Wesleyan Publishing House, January 2007.

Review Essays:

- Richard Walsh, *Finding St. Paul in Film* (T. & T, Clark Publishers, 2005), Roy M. Anker, *Catching the Light: Looking for God in the Movies* (Eerdmans 2005), and Anthony J. Clarke and Paul S. Fiddes (et al), *Flickering Images: Theology and Film in Dialogue*, (Smyth and Helwys, 2005) in *Theology Today*, April 2007.

Book Reviews:

- Mark Devries, *Sustainable Youth Ministry* (Intervarsity Press, 2008) in *Practical Matters Journal*, 2009.
- Gary L. McIntosh, *Beyond the First Visit* (Baker Books, 2006) in *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 2006.

Honors, Awards and Grants

- Reflective Leadership Award, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity (\$15,000), 2024.
- Communication Capacity Building Grant, Lilly Endowment (\$500,000) with Lauren Shepherd, 2024.
- Executive Director, Strengthening Ministry with Children Coordination Program, Lilly Endowment (\$9.6 million), 2022; 2023; 2024
- Executive Director, Christian Parenting and Caregivers Initiative, Imaginarium: Children, Lilly Endowment (\$1.25 million), 2022-
- Project director, *Young Adult Innovation Hub*, “Imaginarium” grant, Lilly Endowment (\$1.5 million), 2022-
- “Under Construction: New Models of Youth Ministry” Discovered Opportunity Grant, IWU (\$888), 2022.
- Director of Vision and Innovation, The Brain Kitchen, “State Farm Neighborhood Assistance” grant, State Farm Insurance (\$25,000), 2020.
- Project director, *Strengthening Congregational Ministries with Youth Initiative*, “Imaginarium” grant, Lilly Endowment (\$1.1 million), 2019-2022.
- Project director, *Traditioned Innovation Grant*, “Trauma-Informed Christian Education,” Leadership Education at Duke Divinity School (\$5,000), 2018.
- “Faith, Works, and Economics,” director, The Kern Foundation (\$50,000), 2018.
- *Traditioned Innovation Award*, Duke Divinity School (\$10,000), 2017.
- *Presidential Meritorious Award*, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2017.
- “Trauma-Informed Practices at The Brain Kitchen,” director, Grant County Partnership (\$10,000), 2018-2022.
- “I Have Seen and I Testify: Association of Minority Students” affinity grant, co-director, Forum for Theological Education (\$5,000), 2017.
- “Decomposing Youth Ministry,” grant, director, Luther Seminary with the Templeton Foundation, (\$5,000), 2017-2018.
- “The Brain Kitchen: Creating Trauma Informed Space” grant, director, Ball Venture Fund (\$17,000), 2016-2017.
- Project director, *High School Youth Theology Institute*: “Examen: Fostering a Theology of Christian Vocation” grant, director, Lilly Endowment (\$599,000), 2015-2020.
- *Hinds Award* recipient, Indiana Wesleyan University, (\$12,000), 2013-2015, 2016-2018.
- *Lilly Faculty Fellowship*, Lilly Endowment, (\$3,000), 2015-2016.
- *Timothy Scholar* recipient, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2007-2012.
- *Seminary Fellowship*, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2002-2005.
- *Senior Preacher*, Indiana Wesleyan University, Spring 2002.
- *Honors College*, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2000-2002.
- *Dillman Scholarship*, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2000-2002.
- *Academic Award*, Indiana Wesleyan University, 1999-2002.

Academic Papers and Presentations:

- “The Church at Play,” Edwin H. Rian Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2026.
- “Preaching and Children,” Compelling Preaching Annual Gathering, Calvin Institute of Worship, March 2024.
- “Under Construction: Youth Ministry After Covid” at The Institute for Youth Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2022.
- Keynote on Adolescents and Innovation at Perkins School of Theology, January 2021.
- Lecture on Testimony and Adolescents for Fuller Seminary DMin cohort, September 2020
- “Saying is Believing” presentation, Ridley College Training Day, Melbourne, Australia, June 19, 2020.
- “Saying is Believing” presentation, National Conference on Youth Ministry, Dallas, TX, January 8, 2020.
- “Traditioned Innovation” guest lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, December 13, 2020.
- “Saying is Believing” Keynote address, Flager College, January 2019.
- “Against Those That Doth Innovate,” Log College Project, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2018.
- Plenary address for the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education, Wheaton College, June 2017.
- “Moralistic Therapeutic Pietism,” Keynote address, Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2017.
- “With Friends Like These,” Keynote lecture for the Cox Holiness Lecture, Indiana Wesleyan University, February 2017.
- “An Inconvenient Prayer: Praying Green in Youth Ministry,” Luther Seminary, April, 2016.
- “Saying is Believing, Keynote address, Center for Youth Ministry Training, Brentwood, TN, January 2016.
- “Inside Jokes in an Outside World: A Testimony of Joy,” Keynote lecture for Youth Ministry Initiative for “Joy and Adolescent Faith and Flourishing” Templeton Grant, Yale Divinity School, January 2016.
- *Keynote Lecturer*, Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK, October 2015.
- Presenter at “Effective Change Leadership Summit,” Marion, IN, 2015.
- Lecturer for Youth Ministry Institute at Southern Nazarene University, October 2015.
- “Post-Resurrection Trauma,” Presentation at the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry at the London School of Theology, London, UK, January 2015.
- “Saying is Believing,” Keynote Lecture at the Princeton Reunion, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2014.
- “Post-Easter Trauma: Finding Theological Space for Abused Adolescents to Experience Hope and Beauty,” International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry Ceske Budejovice, Czech Republic, March 2014.

- “Post-Easter Trauma: Finding Theological Space for Abused Adolescents to Experience Hope and Beauty,” Theological Research Seminar, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN March 2014.
- “Enabling Spiritual Change: Conversations in Trans-theoretical Models of Change,” Princeton Youth Institute, September 2013.
- “I Have Seen and I Testify: Articulatory Theory of Testimony in Adolescent Spiritual Development,” International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, Cambridge, UK, January 3, 2013.
- Convocation Address, “On Loving God,” Indiana Wesleyan University, 2012.
- Responder to S. Steve Kang’s “Your Kingdom Come: Practical Theology as Living out the Three Great Pillars of Christianity,” The Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Louisville, KY, October 2010.
- “Justin Martyr’s Appropriation of Greek Paideia: An authentic appropriation of culture and Christianity,” The Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Louisville, KY, October 2009.
- “Cultivating a Sanctified Imagination,” Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, April 2010, and Princeton Pathways in Denver, Sept. 2010.
- “Holiness in a Secular Age,” Keynote lecturer for the Wesleyan Holiness Church of the Caribbean, Tobago, July 2009.
- “Should I Stay or Should I Go: Discerning your Call,” Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, “Discerning Your Call”, April 2009.
- “Habituated Spontaneous Judgment: A Conversation with John Dewey’s *How We Think*,” International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, Cambridge, UK, January 3, 2009.
- “Perpendicular Incarnational Ministry: Moving Beyond Messiah Complexes and Pastoral Burnout,” The Association of Youth Ministry Educators, October 2008.
- “Habituated Spontaneous Judgment: A Conversation With John Dewey’s *How We Think*,” Graduate Theological Student Society, Indianapolis, IN, September 2008.
- “False Crosses,” Annual Singapore Youth Conference, Singapore, Singapore, July 2008.
- “Rethinking Youth Sunday,” Annual Singapore Youth Conference, Singapore, Singapore, July 2008.
- “Partnering with Parents in Youth Ministry,” Annual Singapore Youth Conference, Singapore, Singapore, July 2008.
- “A Woman’s Greatest Sin: Diane Leclerc’s Assessment of Pride and Selflessness,” Wesleyan Women’s Leadership Summit, Marion, IN, June 2007.
- “Perpendicular Incarnational Ministry,” The Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Bourbonnais, IL, March 2007.

Teaching Experience

- *Professor of Practical Theology* at Indiana Wesleyan University, Fall 2021-present
- *Associate Professor of Practical Theology* at Indiana Wesleyan University, Fall 2012-2021.

- *Theologian-in-Residence*, Institute for Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2017.
- *Doctoral dissertation committee*: Mary Gratton, Fordham University, 2017.
- *Theologian-in-Residence*, Institute for Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2014.
- *Teaching Assistant* for “Faith and Film and Emerging Adults,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring, 2010.
- *Teaching Assistant* for “Advanced Studies in Youth, Church, and Culture,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall 2009.
- *Teaching Assistant* for “Children’s Literature and Moral Formation,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2009.
- *Teaching Assistant* for “The Role and Work of the Pastor,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall 2008.
- *Adjunct Professor*, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, “Contemporary Theological Trends,” Masters course, Fall 2008.
- *Teaching Assistant* for “Introduction to Christian Education,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall 2007.
- *Adjunct Professor* – Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, “Partnering with Parents and Families in Youth Ministry,” Masters course--May 2007.

Teaching formats: residential, online, hybrid, intensive

In Service to the Church/Ecclesial Service/Experience

- *Guest Preacher*, Asbury University—Set Apart Week, January 27-31, 2025.
- *Guest Presenter*, “Managing Multiple Grants”—Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, and Calvin Institute of Worship, March 2024 and October 2024.
- *Breakout Speaker*, KidzMatter, September 2024
- *Theological Advisor and Curriculum Reviewer*, TENx10 project, Fuller Seminary, 2023-2024.
- *Guest Lecturer*, UMC Greater New Jersey Conference, Bridges Project, August 2024, May 2024, and June 2023.
- *Guest Lecturer*, Children and Testimony, FourFiveSix Conference, February 2023.
- *Guest Preacher*, Brooksville Wesleyan Village, January 14-16, 2022.
- *Guest Preacher*, Kingswood University, April 9, 2021.
- *Adjudicator for Lilly Sabbatical Grants*, Indianapolis, IN, August 2020.
- *Guest Preacher*, Ocean Grove Auditorium, July 26, 2020.
- *Guest Lecture*, Innovative Discipleship, College Wesleyan Church, February 2020.
- *Presenter*, Follow Wesleyan Youth Convention, Cincinnati, OH, December 28-31, 2020
- *Guest Preacher*, Ocean Reef, Key Largo, FL, December 2019.
- *Guest Podcaster*, “Fresh Text,” 2019-present.
- *Guest Preacher*, Ocean Grove Auditorium, June 2019.
- *Adjudicator for Lilly Sabbatical Grants*, Indianapolis, IN, 2019.

- *Guest Preacher*, The Log College Project at Princeton Theological Seminary, June 2019.
- *Innovation Coach*, The Log College Project at Princeton Theological Seminary, June 2019.
- *Adjudicator for Leadership Education Reflective Leadership Grants*, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, 2019.
- *Guest Preacher*, Fusion Youth Conference, Indiana Wesleyan University, April 2019.
- *Guest Teacher*, Memorial Presbyterian Church, St. Augustine, 2019.
- *Camp Speaker*, Brooksville Association, Brooksville, FL, January, 2019.
- *First grade Sunday School Teacher*, College Wesleyan Church, 2019.
- *Guest Preacher*, Three Rivers Wesleyan Church, Fort Wayne, IN, December 2018.
- “An Innovative University,” Strategic planning retreat for IWU cabinet, April 2018.
- *Guest Preacher*, Fusion Youth Conference, Indiana Wesleyan University, April 2018.
- *Guest Preacher*, at Three Rivers Wesleyan Church, Fort Wayne, IN, August 2017.
- *Family Camp Speaker*, Denton Camp, Denton, MD, July 2017.
- *Keynote Lecturer*, YouthFront, Kansas City, MO, April 2017.
- *Guest Preacher*, Fusion Youth Conference, Indiana Wesleyan University, April 2017.
- *Keynote Address*, Youth Conference, Alma College, Alma MI, March 2017.
- *Middle School Sunday School Teacher*, College Wesleyan Church, 2017-2018.
- *Camp Speaker*, First Presbyterian Church of Ashville, NC Montreat, NC, October 2016.
- *Keynote Speaker*, Canada Youth, hosted by The Presbyterian Church of Canada, Brock University, St. Catharine’s, Ontario, July 2016.
- *Keynote Address*, Upper New York UMC Bishop’s Retreat, Niagara Falls, NY, October 2016.
- *Keynote Address*, Youth Cartel, Montreat, NC, April 2016.
- *Organizer and Leader*, Survivors of Sexual Abuse Retreat, Indianapolis, IN, March 2016.
- *Keynote Speaker*, Great Plains UMC Youth Ministry Training Event, Grand Island, NE, January 2016.
- *Middle School Small Group Leader*, College Wesleyan Church, 2015-2016.
- *Guest Preacher*, Follow Wesleyan Youth Conference, Indianapolis, IN, December 2015.
- *Guest Speaker*, Youth Retreat at Epworth Forest Camp, Epworth, IN, October 2015.
- *Guest Preacher*, Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK, October 2015.
- *Camp Speaker*, Kids for Christ Camp, Polkagon, IN, June 2015.
- *Presenter*, National Youth Workers Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 2014.
- *Guest Preacher*, Grace Chapel, Zeeland, MI, August 2014.
- *Guest Preacher*, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, July 2014.

- *Keynote Presenter*, East Michigan District Conference of The Wesleyan Church, June, 2014.
- *Guest Preacher*, Fusion Youth Conference, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, April 2014.
- *Guest Preacher*, District Youth Event, Fort Wayne, IN, February 2014.
- *Keynote Presenter*, Grace Church, Indianapolis, IN, January 2014.
- *Keynote Speaker*, Presbyterian Retreat, Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, Mt. Hermon, CA, October 2013.
- *Keynote Presenter*, Middle School Campference, Seymour, IN, October 2013.
- *Guest Preacher*, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, August 2013.
- *Guest Speaker*, Wesleyan Youth Camp - Wisconsin District, June 2013.
- *Guest Speaker*, Fusion Youth Conference, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, April 2013.
- *Guest Preacher*, Chapel at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, March 2013.
- *Keynote Presenter*, Illinois Presbyterian Youth Retreat, February 2013.
- *Guest Preacher*, Wesleyan Headquarters, Indianapolis, IN, December 2012.
- *Guest Preacher*, Chapel at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, November 2012.
- *“Congregations Where Youth Have a Voice,”* Youth Cartel’s The Summit, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2012.
- *Guest Preacher*, Central Wesleyan Church, Holland, MI, July 2012.
- *Guest Preacher*, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, April 2012.
- Youth ministry training consultant, Youthworker Movement at Wesley Theological Seminary, Spring 2009.
- Panel Member for Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, “Discerning Your Call”, April 2009.
- “Your First Month in Youth Ministry,” Theological Student Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 10, 2007.
- Devotional, Department of Evangelism, UMC, Princeton Theological Seminary, Fall, 2007.
- *Pastor of Student Ministries* - Doylestown United Methodist Church, Doylestown, PA. 2005-2007.
- *“Marriage and Ministry,”* presentation, Houghton College, 2005.
- *Chapel Sexton* – Princeton Theological Seminary, 2004-2005.
- *Chaplain Assistant* – Monroe Village Retirement Home, Monroe, NJ, 2003-2004.
- *Middle School Adult Leader* - Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, 2003-2004.
- *Director of Collegiate Ministries* – College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, 2001-2002.

Other Professional Experience

- Advisory Council for Fuller Youth Institute and Lilly Endowment brainstorm collaboration, March 2020.

- *Research Advisory Team*, The Log College, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2018-2022.
- *Expert Advisory Council for Ministry Innovation*, Fuller Youth Institute, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2017-2019.
- *Elder for Spiritual Accompaniment pilot program*, Harvard Divinity School, 2017.
- *Participant* in Convocation of Christian Leaders at Education and Leadership at Duke Divinity School, 2016-2017.
- *Founder and Director of The Brain Kitchen* (501(c)3 dealing with child hunger in Grant County.
- *Ordination review committee*, The Wesleyan Church, chaired by Russ Gunsalus, including faculty from CAS and the Seminary.
- *Moderator*, Practical Theology section, Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting, March 2008.
- *Center for Women in Ministry board member*, The Wesleyan Church 2007-2010. Chair of Program Committee.
- *Freelance editor—Shame Lifter*, Marilyn Hontz, Tyndale Publishing 2008.
- *Freelance editor - Listening for God* by Marilyn Hontz, Tyndale Publishing 2004.
- *Freelance editor - The Call of a Lifetime* by Keith Drury, Wesleyan Publishing House 2004.
- *Director of Friday Night Live* – College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, 2000-2001.

Professional Memberships:

American Academy of Religion, International Association of Practical Theology,
International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry

Courses Taught, Indiana Wesleyan University:

Introduction to Practical Theology
Missional Innovation
Practical Theology Capstone Course
Ministry to Youth and Families
Ministry to Children and Families
Contemporary Theological Trends
Partnering with Families in Youth Ministry
Evangelism and Discipleship
Introduction to Pastoral Ministry
Pastoral Care to Children and Youth
Teaching the Bible to Youth and Adults
Theological Foundations of Youth Ministry
Curriculum Theory and Design
Homiletics 1
Homiletics 2
Preaching Practicum

Introduction to Pastoral Care
Pastoral Care to Children and Adolescents
Old Testament Survey
New Testament Survey

Indiana Wesleyan Committees:

Innovation Think Tank Lilly Endowment Phase 3, College of Arts and Sciences
Innovation Think Tank Lilly Endowment Phase 2, College of Arts and Sciences
Academic leadership council (CALC), University
Faculty relations council, University
Faculty development committee, College of Arts and Sciences
Academic affairs, College of Arts and Sciences
Spiritual life committee, College of Arts and Sciences
Diversity task force, College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate council, School of Theology and Ministry
Strategic planning committee, School of Theology and Ministry
Curriculum committee, School of Theology and Ministry, Indiana Wesleyan University.
Marketing committee, School of Theology and Ministry, Indiana Wesleyan University.
Innovative initiatives committee, School of Theology and Ministry

Reading Languages:

French, German and Greek

Church Affiliation:

The Wesleyan Church, Ordained by the West Michigan District, September 2006.

References:

Available upon request.