

Curriculum Vitae

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Professor of Historical Theology
Indiana Wesleyan University
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EDUCATION

2014	Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, Politics, and Society Baylor University Dissertation: "It's Our Country and It's Our Cathedral: Sajūdis and the Lithuanian Catholic Church."	Waco, Texas
2008	Master of Divinity Princeton Theological Seminary	Princeton, New Jersey
2005	Bachelor of Arts in Religion Whitworth University	Spokane, Washington

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014-Present	Indiana Wesleyan University	Marion, Indiana
2022-Present	Academic Chair, School of Theology and Ministry	
2023-Present	Professor of Historical Theology	
2018-2023	Associate Professor of Historical Theology	
2014-2018	Assistant Professor of Theology Course Portfolio: THE-101: Theology of Christian Life (Onsite and Online) THE-233: Systematic Theology THE-311: Ecclesiology THE-420/588: Life and Legacy of Augustine of Hippo THE-500: Christian Doctrine (Online) THE-488/588: Special Topics in Modern Theology: Bonhoeffer THE-589: The Doctrine of God REL-382: History of Global Christianity REL-384: History of Christianity in the Middle East (Online) REL-392: History of Protestantism and the Holiness Movement REL-510: Global Christian History (Online) REL-531: American Christianity (Online and Onsite) REL-650: Sociology of Religion (Online) PHL-202: Ethics and Values	
2016-Present	Wesley Seminary Adjunct Faculty	Marion, Indiana

Course Portfolio:

CHST-500: Global Church History (Online and Onsite Intensive)

THEO-500: Introduction to Theology (Online and Onsite Intensive)

2021-2024	Course of Study Program Faculty Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church Course: COS-122 Introduction to Christian Doctrine (Online and Hybrid)
2018-2021	Director, The Sacred Alliance Center for the Ministry of Reconciliation Wesley Seminary Marion, Indiana
2012-2014	Baylor University Honors College Teacher of Record in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Waco, Texas Course Portfolio: BIC 1413: World of Rhetoric I BIC 1323: World of Rhetoric II
2011-2014	Journal of Church and State Assistant Editorial Director J.M. Dawson Institute of Church State Studies Baylor University Waco, Texas
2010, 2011	LCC International University Faculty in the Summer Language Institute Klaipėda, Lithuania Course: Advanced Integrated English Language
2007	Young Adult Education Intern Bishop Speaks A.M.E. Zion Church Accra, Ghana
2006-2007	Ministry Intern for Adult Education Princeton United Methodist Church Princeton, NJ

PUBLICATIONS

2022	<i>Faithful Politics: Ten Approaches to Christian Citizenship and Why it Matters.</i> IVP Academic, 2024.
2022	"The Myth of the 93%." <i>Missio Alliance</i> . 8 November 2022. https://www.missioalliance.org/the-myth-of-the-93-fathers-and-mothers-are-not-a-competitive-hierarchy-in-the-home/
2022	"Burning Away Barriers and Blowing Down Walls." <i>Missio Alliance</i> . 1 June 2022. https://www.missioalliance.org/burning-away-barriers-and-blowing-down-walls/
2022	"When the Psalm Isn't For Me." <i>Missio Alliance</i> . 9 March 2022. https://www.missioalliance.org/when-the-psalm-isnt-for-me/

- 2022 "Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary." In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2022 "Harris, William Wadé." In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2022 "Latvia." In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2022 "Lithuania." In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2022 "Small, Mary J." In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2022 "Tilly, Dorothy Rogers." In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2022 "Waugh, Beverly." In *The Historical Dictionary of Methodism*. Edited by Jennifer Woodruff-Tait. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming.
- 2021 "Christian Sexual Ethics." Curriculum and Resource Document written for internal use at Indiana Wesleyan University.
- 2021 "Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz." In *Women Who Changed the World*. Edited by Candace Goucher. ABC-CLIO, 2021.
- 2015 "Incitement to Dialogue: Josef Hromádka's Call for Christian-Marxist Dialogue in Gospel for Atheists." *Theology Today* 72(1) (2015) 32-46.
- 2014 "The Role of Catholicism in the Development of Lithuanian National Identity." *Church History and Religious Culture* 94 (2014) 1-26.

PRESENTATIONS, PREACHING, WORKSHOPS, AND PODCASTS

- 2024 "Following Jesus into the Voting Booth." Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 13 February 2024.
- 2023 "Always Better When We're Together." Panel Discussion Moderator at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 14 February 2023.
- 2022 "Women in Ministry: Historical Foundations." Guest on the *Deep Grace* podcast, hosted by Faith Van Schaick and the Called Collective.

- 2022 "Sacrifice and Transformation: The Gift of Marriage." Sermon on Romans 12:1-11 for Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 18 February 2022.
- 2022 "Are Women Allowed to Do That." Panel Discussion Moderator at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 15 February 2022.
- 2022 "Sacrifice and Transformation: The Gift of Singleness." Sermon on Romans 12:1-11 at Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 28 January 2022.
- 2021 "The Dangers of Christian Nationalism." Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 18 February 2021.
- 2021 "Faith and Politics." Presented at the Kern Program First Year Student Retreat at Indiana Wesleyan University, 13 November 2021.
- 2021 "Expansive or Exclusive: Christian Political Engagement." Presented for Mountain View United Methodist Church, Boulder, CO, 17 October 2021.
- 2021 "Handle with Care: The Image of God and Sexuality." Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Student Leader Training, 26 August 2021.
- 2021 "Learning and Unlearning White Superiority." Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 16 February 2021.
- 2021 "The Intersection of Kingdom and Country." Guest on *The Theologizing Life* Podcast, hosted by Rev. Anthony Cotrell, 3 February 2021.
- 2020 Interview with Dr. Andrew Whitehead, author of *Taking America Back for God* for the President's Author Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, 29 October 2020.
- 2020 "Faith and Politics." Presented at College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, 10 October 2020.
- 2020 "Christian Nationalism." Guest on the *Tealos* Podcast of the John Wesley Honors College at Indiana Wesleyan University, 30 October 2020.
- 2020 "Faithful Community: Following Christ Through Division, Disagreement, and Disunity." Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Student Leader Training, 11 August 2020.
- 2020 "Faithful Citizenship: Belonging to Kingdom and Nation." Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 11 February 2020.

- 2020 "Flag and Altar." Presented at Castleton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, 2 February 2020.
- 2019 "Thou Shall Not Make an Idol." Sermon on Exodus 20:4-6 for Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 30 September 2019.
- 2019 "Doubting Faithfully." Presented at College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN, 28 September 2019.
- 2019 "Empowering Women in Ministry." Presented for ministry residents at College Wesleyan Church, 10 September 2019.
- 2019 "New Creation." Sermon on 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 for Marion County Jail Inmate Chapel, Indianapolis, IN, 16 May 2019.
- 2019 "From Simple Affirmation to Sacred Alliance: Practical Steps for Mutuality in Ministry." Presented at The Wesleyan Church's "The Gathering," Orlando, FL 10 January 2019.
- 2018 "The Stories We Tell." Sermon on John 4:1-42 at Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 8 October 2018.
- 2018 "What is a Follower?" Sermon on Matthew 7:24-27 for Castleton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, 7 October 2018.
- 2018 "It's Not Mexican Food, It's Just Food." Presented at Indiana Wesleyan University Day of Courageous Conversations, 13 February 2018.
- 2017 "Methodists, Millennials, and the Means of Grace." Presented at the Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, March 2017.
- 2017 "Remember Who You are Becoming." Sermon on Romans 8:28-30 for Castleton United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN, 1 January 2017.
- 2015 "The Fullness of God." Sermon on Ephesians 3 for the Cox Holiness Series at Indiana Wesleyan University Chapel, 20 March 2015.
- 2015 "Methodists, Millennials, and the Means of Grace." Presented for the Cox Holiness Series at Indiana Wesleyan University, 19 March 2015.
- 2013 "From Crusades to Cathedrals: A History of Catholicism and Lithuanian National Identity." Presented at the Keston Center Symposium: "Religion in Political Culture in Communist Countries: Past, Present, and Future." November 2013

- 2012 “Being in Exile.” Sermon on Jeremiah 29:1-14 for Grace Fellowship United Methodist Church, Waco, TX, 17 June 2012.
- 2012 “Sajūdis and the Lithuanian Catholic Church.” Presented at the Association for the Advancement of Baltic Studies, April 2012
- 2011 “On the Way There.” Sermon on Joshua 3:7-17 for Gerald United Church of Christ, Mexia, TX, 30 October 2011.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Membership: Wesleyan Theological Society, Evangelical Theological Society, American Academy of Religion

- 2023 AALHE Annual Assessment Conference
- 2023 Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop
Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2021 Academy on Race and Pedagogy with Dr. Willie Jennings
Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2021-22 Advancing Women in Leadership Mentoring Program
Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2018 Emerging Leaders in Assessment Seminar
Higher Learning Commission
- 2015, 2016 Acton University
The Acton Institute
- 2015 Oikonomia Network Annual Meeting
- 2013-2014 Teaching Capstone in Higher Education
Baylor University
- 2011-2012 Conyers Graduate Scholars Program
Baylor University
- 2006-2007 Teaching Ministry Field Education Program
Princeton Theological Seminary

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

College of Arts and Sciences
Task Force on the 2024 Election

Task Force on Christian Community – CAS representative (2020-2021)
Chair – CAS Assessment Committee (2018-Present)
University Assessment Council (2018-Present)
CAS Assessment Committee (2016-Present)
School of Theology and Ministry
Academic Chair (2023-Present)
Interim Division Chair (2022)
Assessment Fellow (2018-Present)
Curriculum Committee (2018-Present)
Graduate Studies Committee (2018-Present)
Scholarship Committee (2017-Present)