

Education

Ph.D. Drew University, Madison, NJ. Wesley and Methodist Studies. (2010)
Dissertation: "The One Thing Needful: Charles Wesley's Theology of Being Restored in the Image of God." Primary Reader - Dr. John R. Tyson.

M.Phil. Drew University, Madison, NJ. (2006)
Comprehensive exams in John and Charles Wesley, History of British and American Methodism, Holiness Movement. A comprehensive paper on *The Worth of the Slave: Arguments for the Freedom of the Slave in Early Wesleyan Methodist Connection Hymns and Poems*.
Language exams in German and French.

M.Div. Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY. (1993)

B.A. Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN. (1986)
Majored in Religion and Philosophy.

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor. Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University. Marion, IN. (July 1 2015 - Present)

Wesleyan Church History/Polity, Global Church History, Spiritual Traditions, Social Justice in the Wesleyan Tradition and Introduction to Theology.

Christian Proclamation, Congregational Spiritual Formation and Congregational Leadership. (Foundations Professor)

Spiritual Formation Professor for an online and an onsite cohort.

Adjunct Professor. Indiana Wesleyan University. Marion, IN. (Spring 2011 - Present)

College of Arts and Sciences - *History of Christianity I, History of Christianity II, Theology of the Christian Life, Survey of Church History, Inductive Bible Study, Humanities Philosophy, and New Testament Survey.*

College of Adult and Professional Studies - *New Testament Survey and Philosophy and Christian Thought.*

Online Adjunct Professor. Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY. (Fall 2008 - Present)

Church History One, Church History Two, Turning Points in Church History, History of Methodism, History and Polity of Methodism, and The Theology of John Wesley.

Visiting Professor. Caribbean Wesleyan College, Torrington, Jamaica (May 2013, August 2017)
The Theology of John Wesley.

Instructor. FLAME. Wesleyan Church. Indianapolis, IN. (Spring 2007 - Present)

Pentateuch, Advanced Theology, Methods of Bible Study, and Old Testament Survey.

Teaching Assistant. Drew University, Madison, NJ. (Spring 2007 - Fall 2007)

Church History I and Church History II.

Adjunct Professor. Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ. (Spring 2007)

History of Christianity.

Adjunct Professor. Metro Nazarene School of Ministry, Yorktown Heights, NY. (2003 – 2005)

The World in Ancient and Medieval Times and The Western World and the Emerging Modern Society.

Scholarly Publications

The Heart of Charles Wesley's Theology: Being Restored in the Image of God, Asbury Theological Seminary Series: The Study of World Christian Revitalization Movements in Pietist/Wesleyan Studies. Lexington, KY: Emeth Press. (2017).

Book Review: "The Lyrical Theology of Charles Wesley: A Reader. S T Kimbrough, Jr. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2013." *The Hymn* Vol. 68, No 2, (Spring 2017).

"God's presence in a season of pain- Charles Wesley's poetry on loss." *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* Vol. 20, (2016), pp. ??-??.

Preface: *John Wesley's The Book of Common Prayer*, Battle Creek, MI: Furocious Studios, 2016.

"Hearts of Praise." *Wesleyan Life* Fall 2015.

Wesley's Use of Biblical Narrative in Addressing the Battle Against Sin." *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* Vol. 16, (2012), pp. 61-73.

Wright, David, Rebecca Whitesel, Christin Taylor, Patrick Eby, and Keith Reeves. *How God Makes the World a Better Place: A Wesleyan Primer On Faith, Work, And Economic Transformation*. Grand Rapids: Christian's Library Press, 2012.

"Preaching of the Wesleys." *WesleyanSermons.com*, (June 2012). Retrieved from <http://wesleyansermons.com/2012/06/>.

"Images of Perfection in Charles Wesley's *Short Hymns on Select Passages of the Holy Scriptures* (1762)." *Wesleyan Theological Journal* Vol. 46, No. 1, (Spring 2011).

"Singularity in Early Methodism." *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* Vol. 12, (2008), pp. 17-33.

Book Review: "Charles Wesley: Life, Literature, and Legacy, edited by Kenneth G. C. Newport and Ted A. Campbell. Peterborough, UK: Epworth, 2007." *Revitalization* Vol. 15, no. 1 (Spring 2008).

"Reforming the Church: Charles Wesley's Ecclesiology and the Role of Lay Preachers." *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* Vol. 11, (2006-2007), pp. 59-68.

Book Review: "Gary Best, *Charles Wesley: A Biography*." *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society* Vol. 11, (2006-2007), 108-109.

Book Review: "Gary Best, *Charles Wesley: A Biography*." *Methodist History* 46, no. 2 (2007): 124.

"John and Charles Wesley's Reading of John Milton: Trinity and Heresy." *Methodist History* Vol. 44, No. 2., (January 2006), pp. 115-124.

Scholarly Presentations

"Pietist Conversion Narratives and Charles Wesley's Pentecost." Annual Meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Washington, DC (March 2019).

"Abolition in Grant County, Indiana: Black Settlements, Quakers, and the Wesleyan Methodist Connection." Midwest American Academy of Religion Regional Conference, Muncie, IN (March 2019).

"The Worth of the Slave: Arguments for the Freedom of the Slave in Early Wesleyan Methodist Connection Poetry and Hymns." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Washington DC (January 2018)

- “Charles Wesley’s Response to the Cries of the Oppressed.” Annual Meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Philadelphia, PA (September 2017).
- “God’s Presence in a Season of Pain- Charles Wesley’s poetry on loss.” Annual Meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Point Loma, CA (March 2016).
- “Language and Experience in Cultural Contexts.” Wesleyan Theological Society Point Loma, CA. (March 2016) Moderated a panel of Abson Joseph, Larisa Levicheva, and Lena Crouso on how their backgrounds shaped their understandings of the new birth.
- “God’s Presence in a Season of Pain- Charles Wesley’s Poetry on Loss.” John Wesley at 225, Nassau, Bahamas. (January 2016)
- “Early British Methodism and Community Formation.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA (November 2014)
- “Work and the Restoration of the Image of God in Creation.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore, MD (November 2013)
- “Wesley’s Use of Biblical Narrative in Addressing the Battle Against Sin.” Annual Meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Nashville, TN. (October 2012)
- “Images of Perfection in Charles Wesley’s *Short Hymns on Select Passages of the Holy Scriptures* (1762).” Wesleyan Theological Society, Azusa, CA. (March 2010)
- “Using the Internet for Charles Wesley Research.” Annual Meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Epworth by the Sea, St. Simons Island, GA. (October 2009)
- “The Role of Singularity in Early Methodist Theology.” Annual Meeting of the Charles Wesley Society, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. (October 2008)
- “Charles Wesley and the Lay Preachers: Reformation without Schism.” Graduate Student Theological Seminar, Indianapolis, IN. (September 2007)
- “Charles Wesley and the Lay Preachers: Reformation without Schism.” The Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Christ Church, Oxford. (August 2007)
- “Charles Wesley on Suffering: An Experiential Theology.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Bourbonnais, IL. (March 2007)
- “Poetry, Passion, and Spiritual Transformation in Charles Wesley.” *See, the Prints of Love: Writers’ and Artists’ Portrayal of the Christian Way*, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. (February 2007) (with Tom Albin)
- “Singing Our Salvation: Charles Wesley’s View of the Image of God.” Graduate Student Theological Seminar, Indianapolis, IN. (September 2004)
- “John and Charles Wesley’s Reading of John Milton: Trinity and Heresy.” Wesleyan/Methodist Colloquium, Drew University, Madison, NJ. (March 2004)

Honors, Awards, and Scholarships

LOGOS at Oxford. (June 2013)

Scholar-Mentor in the “Green-Scholars Initiative.” (Spring 2013 - Present)

“Outstanding Dissertation.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Nashville, TN. (March 2012)

Summer Wesley Seminar - "History and Tradition in the Wesleyan Tradition." The Divinity School of Duke University, Durham, NC. (June 2008 and June 2006) This Seminar was by application and included a room and access to the research materials at Duke University.

The Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies – "To Serve The Present Age, Our Calling To Fulfill: Ecclesiology, Mission, and Vocation." Christ Church, Oxford. (August 2007) This Institute was by invitation only. Half of the cost was covered by a scholarship from the Institute, the other half by the Bell Scholarship from Drew University.

Graduate Division of Religion Award. Drew University, Madison, NJ. (2006-2007)

Graduate Merit Scholarship. Drew University, Madison, NJ. (2002-2004)

Professional Affiliations

Charles Wesley Society (President)
Wesleyan Theological Society (Program Committee)
Wesleyan Historical Society (Secretary/Treasurer)
American Society of Church History

Pastoral Experience

Senior Pastor

First Missionary Church, North Pekin, IL. (July 2001 – April 2002)
Trinity Missionary Church, Burton, MI. (July 1993 – June 1999)
Agape Missionary Church, South Bend, IN. (December 1988 – June 1990)

Interim Pastor

Cross Church, Flint, MI. (August 2000 – June 2001)
Loomis Missionary Church, Loomis, MI. (July 1999 – June 2000)

Recent Service to the Non-Professional Community

Downtown Historic Sanctuary Tour, Marion, IN (June 10, 2017)
Walking tour of Gethsemane, First United Methodist, and God's House.

Victory Noll Center, Huntington, IN (May 18, 2017)
John Wesley's Christian Spirituality

6:15, Indianapolis, IN (August 23, 2016)
The Critic: An Opportunity for Personal and Organizational Growth

Circles of Grant County, Marion, IN (Fall 2014 - Present)
Chairman of the Board (Spring 2016 - Spring 2017)
Ally (Summer 2015 - Winter 2016)

Glendale Lake Home Owners Association (August 2013 - Present)

Project Leadership, Marion, IN (Fall 2012-Spring 2014)
Mentor for 21st Century High School Students

Synergy 2012, Marion, IN (Spring 2012-Present)
Planning Committee Member - Explored solutions to the problem of poverty in Grant County.

College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN (Fall 2013-Present)
Worship Team Member
Sunday School Teacher (2-4 times per year)
Small Group Leader with Eric Crisp

Mentor for Alan Murphy - Worship Intern at CWC (Fall 2016 - Spring 2017)

Lakeview Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN (Fall 2010-Fall 2013)

Bible Bowl Leader
Worship Team Member
Men's Small Group Leader
Sunday School Teacher
Member of a Diversity Committee
Involvement in Sports Outreach Program

Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church, Stroudsburg, PA (Fall 2002 - Summer 2010)

Co-Coordinator of Growth Group Ministry
Leader of Small Groups
Membership Class Teacher
Worship Team Member
Vice-Chairman of the Board
Going Team Coordinator
Leader of Mission Trip to Children's home in Georgia - Hephzibah.