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CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Religion, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Harvard University, Study of Religion, 1999. Dissertation: "The Liturgical Impulse in Mid-Twentieth-Century Mainline American Protestantism."
- A.M. Harvard University, Study of Religion, 1995.
- B.A. University of Virginia, 1993, with High Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa.
Majors: Religious Studies and Physics.

TEACHING AREAS

Primary: American Religious History, Christian Worship and Liturgy, Sacred Space, Ritual Studies.

Secondary: History of Christianity, Historical Theology, World Religions, Theory and Method in the Study of Religion, Biblical Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

"Christianity." In *Understanding the Religions of the World* ed. Will Deming. Prentice-Hall, forthcoming.

"Comparative Book Reviews and the Craft of Religious Studies." *Teaching Theology and Religion* 15 (January 2012). Forthcoming.

"Architecture, Protestant, From the Nineteenth Century to the Present" (4,000 words), "Religious Thought" (8,000), "Worship, Catholic" (6,000), "Worship, Contemporary Currents" (4,000) and "Worship, Protestant" (6,000). In *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, edited by Charles H. Lippy and Peter W. Williams. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2010. (Published in print and electronic editions.)

"Contemporary Worship: Trends and Patterns in Christian America." In *Faith in America: Changes, Challenges, New Perspectives*, Vol. 3, *Personal Spirituality Today*, edited by Charles H. Lippy, 1-23. Westport, Conn.: Praeger, 2006.

"Sacred Space: Shaping Samford's Campus." *Seasons* 22 (Winter 2005): 22-25.

"Conduits of Faith: Reinhold Niebuhr's Liturgical Thought." *Church History* 73 (March 2004): 168-194.

"History of the Sanctuary Building: Trinity United Methodist Church, Newport News, Virginia." Newport News, Va.: Trinity United Methodist Church, 2001.

"James G. Keller," "George Alexander McGuire," and "Charles Taze Russell." In *American National Biography*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999.

"Liturgical Revival in Methodism: The Order of St. Luke in the 1950s." *The New Mercersburg Review* 23 (spring 1998): 62-72.

"Liturgical Change in a Presbyterian Cathedral: East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania." *Anglican and Episcopal History* 61 (December 1992): 514-520.

SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

"Beliefs and Practices." *Future of Mainline Protestantism*, ed. James Hudnut-Beumler and Mark Silk. New York: Columbia University Press.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Principles of Church History: Selected Writings of Philip Schaff, ed. with Theodore Trost. Mercersburg Theology Study Series. Eugene, Ore.: Wipf and Stock.

Religious Capital: Representing Religion in Washington, D.C.

Examines the creation, symbolism and ministries of churches and offices created by religious bodies to represent them in the symbolic landscape, political processes, and daily life of the nation's capital.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

"'Where Rome is Right': Shaping a Protestant Catholicism through Worship." Annual meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association. Chicago, Ill. January 7, 2012.

"Portmanteau Space: Bringing Religious Meanings to Nonreligious Space," response to papers. Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, Ga. October 30, 2010.

"Teaching about Worship Space." Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 6, 2009.

"Garfield, Johnson, and Reagan: Three Disciples Presidents and Their Relationship to the National City Christian Church." Spring meeting of the American Society of Church History, Montreal, Quebec, April 18, 2009.

"Helen Keller and Washington National Cathedral as 'America's Westminster Abbey.'" Annual meeting of the Alabama Historical Association, Florence, Ala., April 18, 2008.

"'America's Westminster Abbey': Establishing the National Status of Washington National Cathedral." Annual meeting of the American Society of Church History. Washington, D.C., January 6, 2008.

"A Tale of Two National Churches: National Presbyterian Church and National City Christian Church." The 34th annual conference on Washington, D.C. Historical Studies. Washington, D.C., November 2, 2007.

"A National Cathedral? Protestants' Reception of Washington Cathedral." Legacies and Promise: 400 Years of Anglican/Episcopal History sponsored by the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, National Episcopal Historians and Archivists, and the Episcopal Women's History Project. Williamsburg, Va., June 25, 2007.

"A Presbyterian 'Cathedral'? Congregational Space and Civic Space in the History of the National Presbyterian Church." Building Spiritual Washington: seventh biennial symposium on the historic development of metropolitan Washington, D.C. of the Latrobe Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians, Washington, D.C., March 17, 2007.

"A Capital Presence: The Presbyterian Quest for a "National Church" in Washington, D.C." Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C., November 21, 2006.

"National' Churches in a Denominational Society: Building National Methodist and Presbyterian Churches in Washington, D.C." Annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion, Atlanta, Ga., March 2006.

"Public Religion, Shaping Past and Present America," response to papers. Annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion, March 2005.

"Conduits of Faith: Reinhold Niebuhr on Liturgy." Annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy, January 2003.

"Author meets Critics" presentation on *The Churches of Christ in the Twentieth Century: Homer Hailey's Personal Journey of Faith*, by David Edwin Harrell, Jr. Southeast American Religious History Discussion Group, Nashville, Tenn., November 2001.

"Exhibiting the Church: Twentieth-Century Protestant Gothic Monuments in the United States." Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Orlando, Fla., November 1998.

"Tradition, Church, and Changes in Protestant Appreciation of Liturgy: The Order of St. Luke in the Methodist Church in the 1950s." Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, Calif., November 1997.

INVITED UNIVERSITY LECTURES

"National Cathedral to National Gurdwara: Erecting American Religions in Washington, D.C." Religion in Culture series, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, October 18, 2010.

"Religious Architecture in the South." Lecture in course "Myth, Ritual, and Magic: Religion and the South," University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, October 18, 2010.

"Religious Capital: Representing Religion in Washington, D.C. from Denominational to Post-Denominational America." Religious History Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., April 21, 2010.

"The Making of United Methodist Worship." Charles Wesley and the Church Today: A Celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Birth of Charles Wesley (1707-88) and of His Legacy to Christians in Our Time. Samford University, September 25, 2007.

TOURS OF RELIGIOUS ARCHITECTURE

"Religious Sites of San Francisco" (with Jeanne Kilde, Jonathan H.X. Lee, Quincy Newall). Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, Calif., November 21, 2011.

"Sacred and Religious Sites of Atlanta" (with Jeanne Kilde and Hazem Ziada). Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, Ga., November 1, 2010.

Tour of First United Methodist Church and the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Ala. Historic Preservation (taught by Charles Ford), Samford University, November 2, 2009.

"Washington Houses of Worship" (with Jeanne Kilde, Dewey Wallace, and Peter Williams). Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Washington, D.C., November 20, 2006.

"Boston Houses of Worship" (with Sally Promey and Peter W. Williams). Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, Mass., November 1999.

ON-CAMPUS RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

"Religious Capital: Representing Religion in Washington, D.C. from Denominational to Post-Denominational America." Religion Colloquium, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., December 1, 2009.

"Corpses, Crypts, and Cash." Religion Colloquium, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., November 2007.

"Campus as Sacred Space: Origins and Cultural Meanings Samford's Colonial Revival Campus." Faculty shop-talk, Samford University, October 2005.

"Conduits of Faith: Reinhold Niebuhr on Liturgy and the Church." Faculty workshop on religion, Samford University, April 2001.

"Struggling to Unite the Church and the World: American Protestant Church Renewal, 1947-1968." Harvard colloquium in American religious history, March 1995.

"Turning Outward: Mainline Protestant Approaches to Campus Ministry, 1950-1970." Lilly research group conference, Harvard Divinity School, May 1994.

BOOK REVIEWS

- An Architecture of Immanence: Architecture for Worship and Ministry Today* by Mark A. Torgerson. *Theology Today* 65 (January 2009): 531-533.
- Before Scopes: Evangelicalism, Education, and Evolution*, by Charles A. Israel, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75 (March 2007): 150-153.
- Steel City Gospel: Protestant Laity and Reform in Progressive-Era Pittsburgh*, by Keith A. Zahniser, *Religious Studies Review* 32 (January 2006): 56.
- Religion, Education and the American Experience: Reflections on Religion and American Public Life*, edited by Edith L. Blumhofer. H-AmRel@h-net.msu.edu discussion list. July 2003. <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/>.
- The Visual Culture of American Religions*, edited by David Morgan and Sally M. Promey. *Religious Studies Review* 29 (April 2003): 207-208.
- Christianity in Appalachia*, edited by Bill L. Leonard. *Religious Studies Review* 29 (April 2003): 207.
- Aspiration: Birmingham's Historic Houses of Worship*, by John M. Schnorrenberg and Richard Payne. *Alabama Review* 55 (October 2002): 304-305.
- The Stone Carvers: Master Craftsmen of Washington National Cathedral*, by Marjorie Hunt. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 69 (September 2001): 710-712.
- "Schism and Faithfulness in the Churches of Christ." Review of *The Churches of Christ in the Twentieth Century: Homer Hailey's Personal Journey of Faith*, by David Edwin Harrell, Jr. H-AmRel@h-net.msu.edu discussion list. June 2000. <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/reviews/>.
- Financing American Religion*, edited by Mark Chaves and Sharon L. Miller. *Religious Studies Review* 26 (July 2000): 298.
- Dictionary of Heresy Trials in American Christianity*, edited by George H. Shriver. *Church History* 67 (September 1998): 598-599.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor of Religion, Samford University, 2011 to present.
- Associate Professor of Religion, Samford University, 2005 to 2011.
- Assistant Professor of Religion, Samford University, 1999 to 2005.
- Courses Taught: Honors 300 Congregational Song, and Christian Community (with Paul A. Richardson)
- MPRE 102: Introduction to the New Testament
- MPRE 201: Introduction to World Religions
- MPRE 301: World Religions (replaced by MPRE 201)
- Relg 201 Introduction to World Religions
- Relg 221 Christian Theology

Relg 300 Rituals and Myths in World Religions
Relg 301 World Religions: Traditions in the Modern World (replaced by Relg 201)
Relg 302 History of Christianity
Relg 304 American Religious History
Relg 312 Christian Worship: History and Theology
Relg 351 Contemporary Theology
Relg 371 Craft of Religious Studies
Relg/Hist/Pols 390 Monarchs, Bishops, and Martyrs: The English Reformation
Relg 498 Senior Seminar
UCBP 101 Biblical Perspectives

Tutor, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, spring 1996 to spring 1998. Designed and taught three small seminars to third-year undergraduates: The Religious Cultures of America: Changes since World War II; African American Christianity and Music; Community and Identity in Modern Religious Movements. Supervised senior thesis on Sephardic Judaism in America.

Teaching Fellow, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, spring 1996, spring 1997 to spring 1998. Assisted in designing and teaching lecture courses. Led weekly discussion sections. Religion in Multi-Cultural America, Religion in America, c. 1500 – 1870, Lived Religion in America, Ritual and the Religious Life, Christian Bible and Its Interpretation.

GRANTS

Faculty Development Grant, Samford University, 2010.

Research Grant, National City Christian Church, Washington, D.C. 2007.

Faculty Development Grant, Samford University, 2007.

"Teaching for Mission at Samford." Department self-study, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2003-2005. Assisted in planning proposal.

Faculty Development Grant, Samford University, 2003-2004.

Institutional Renewal Grant, Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College, 2001-2003.

Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College, 2000-2001.

Dissertation Fellowship, Louisville Institute, 1998-1999.

Mellon Dissertation Research Fellowship, Harvard University, 1996.

Lilly Endowment Fellowship, Harvard University, 1993-1995.

MAJOR WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

Faculty Publishing Workshop. Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, June 5 to 9, 2011.

"Dialogue Trip to Turkey." Istanbul Center for Culture and Dialogue. June 1 to 10, 2007.

"The Transformation of Christian Worship: Recent History of Protestant and Catholic Practices (1960-2000)." Calvin Seminars in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., June 26 to July 7, 2006.

"The Convening University." Office of the Provost, Samford University, London, England, May 21 to 27, 2005.

"Teaching Theology Through Music." Notre Dame Institute for Church Life and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Syracuse, Ind., May 23 to June 4, 2004.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Steering committee member, Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation, American Academy of Religion, 2007 to present. Plan sessions for annual meetings and review proposed papers.

Selection committee member, Dissertation Fellowship Program. Louisville Institute, 2007.

Host (with Penny L. Marler). Southeastern Religion Discussion Group, September 2003.

REVIEWS FOR PUBLISHERS

Routledge, contemporary American religion textbook proposal, June 2010.

Fortress Press, History of Christianity textbook revision proposal, June 2010.

Fortress Press, world religions textbook proposal, November 2009.

Church History, peer review of article manuscript, May 2009.

Routledge, American religion book manuscript, August 2008.

Religion in American Culture, peer review of article manuscript, March 2008.

Routledge, American religion textbook proposal, January 2007.

Wadsworth-Thompson, American religion book manuscript, December 2004.

McGraw-Hill, biblical studies book manuscript, June 2004.

McGraw-Hill, world religions book manuscript, June 2004.

Oxford University Press, world religious textbook revision proposal, October 2003.

CHAired SESSIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

"Sacralizing Space in Exile and Diaspora" Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 8, 2010.

"Spatial Constructions of Religious Identity Across World Traditions" Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, Calif., November 17, 2007.

"Gender, Rhetoric, and Ethnography: Method in American Religion," Annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission on the Study of Religion, Atlanta, Ga., March 10-11, 2006.

"Revisiting the Mercersburg Movement." Spring meeting of the American Society of Church History, Harrisburg, Pa., April 2004.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Committees

Faculty Development and Evaluation committee, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, 2011 to present.

Ad-hoc committee on General Education, Samford University, December 2009 to present.

Preministerial Scholars selection committee, January 2008 to present.

Search committees, Departments of Religion and Philosophy, 1999 to 2007, 2011 to present.

University Fellows selection committee, reader, December 2009.

Honors Council, fall 2008 to spring 2010.

Core Curriculum anniversary committee, fall 2006.

Faculty Senate, Dec. 2004 to May 2008.

"Teaching for Mission," 15-month self-study program, Department of Religion, 2003 to 2005.

Chair, Curriculum Committee, Howard College of Arts and Sciences, 2004-05; member, 2002 to 2005.

Convener, Faculty Discussion Groups. Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College, Samford University, May 2000 to May 2003.

Work includes writing a research report: "History of Samford University's Statement on Academic Freedom," spring 2002

Consultant, Theological Exploration of Vocation Grant Application Committee, spring 2002.

Theological Exploration of Vocation Planning Grant Application Committee, fall 2001.

Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Application Committee, 2000-2001; member 2003-04.

Administration

Acting chair, Department of Religion, August & September 2011.

Acting co-chair, Department of Religion, fall 2006.

Acting chair, Department of Religion, summer 2002.

Assistant chair, Department of Religion, 2001-02.

Webmaster, Department of Religion 1999-2006.

Student Life – Longer-term Activities

Founding Moderator, Alpha Iota Epsilon Chapter, Theta Kappa Alpha, national honor society for religious studies. November 2007 to present.

"Christian Unity and Diversity" (with Karen Ann Lortscher, O.S.B.). Led eight-week student cadre, University Ministries, February to March 2009.

"Exploring Catholicism" (with Karen Ann Lortscher, O.S.B.). Led eight-week student cadre, University Ministries, September to October 2007.

College Society Mentor, 2006 to 2008.

"Exploring Catholicism" (with Karen Ann Lortscher, O.S.B.). Led eight-week student cadre, University Ministries, September to October 2006.

"The University and Christianity." Led eight-week student cadre, University Ministries, September to October, 2005.

"Liturgy." Led spiritual formation group reading Schmemmann, *For the Life of the World*, fall 2001.

Student Life –Short-term Activities

"The Bible and the Environmental Crisis." Two lectures, Exploring Environmental Stewardship student cadre, February 1 and 8, 2010.

"Is the Last Supper the origin of the Lord's Supper." Lecture in Christian Faith and Critical Thought series, sponsored by Department of Religion, March 25, 2010.

Honorable mention, (for photograph) Earth Day Art Contest, April 2009.

Iraq in Fragments. Commentary on film, film club, March 26, 2009.

Co-organizer (with Dennis Sansom and leaders of the Peace Valley Foundation). Lectures on Fetullah Gülen by Jill Carroll of Rice University, Samford University, October 29, 2008.

Co-organizer (with Dennis Sansom and leaders of the Birmingham Islamic Society). Lectures on Islam by John L. Esposito of Georgetown University, Samford University, October 9, 2008.

Devotional on Zechariah 9:9-10 in *Reflections on the Cross*, Samford University Ministries, Lent 2008.

"Christian Canons of Hebrew Scriptures." Presentation in Catholic Issues cadre on Christian canons of Hebrew Scriptures, February 19, 2008.

Bonhoeffer. Commentary on film, Reel Justice film series, Student Ministries, April 24, 2006.

Promises. Commentary on film, Reel Justice film series, Student Ministries, February 27, 2006.

"Christian Denominations." Presentation to Catholic campus ministry meeting, November 10, 2005.

"Introduction to Islam", Cultural Perspectives class, October 6, 2005.

"Introduction to Islam," Cultural Perspectives class, October 11, 2005.

"Teaching Islam," Cultural Perspectives faculty workshop, September 27, 2005

"Buddhism," Cultural Perspectives class, September 21, 2005

"World Religions." Led three-week series, Student Ministries, March 2004.

"Liberation Theology." Presentation to Latin American Studies Class, October 2002.

"Religion in Higher Education." Panelist, Communication Arts Panel of Scholars, October 2002.

"Islam and Terrorism." Panelist, Samford University, September 2001.

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Invited Lectures, Presentations, and Classes

"Introduction to World Religions." Thirteen-week series, Canterbury Academy, Canterbury United Methodist Church, Mountain Brook, Ala. September 11 to December 11, 2011.

"Some Historical Reflections on Christianity and American Identity." Canterbury United Methodist Church, Mountain Brook, Ala. July 2, 2011.

"Recent Trends in Protestant Worship." Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala., January 15, 2011.

"Thomas Aquinas" and "Martin Luther." Six-week series, Canterbury Academy, Canterbury United Methodist Church, Mountain Brook, Ala. September 19 to October 24, 2010.

"Holy Communion," Three-week series, Aldersgate class, Trinity United Methodist Church, Homewood, Ala. (hereafter TUMC), Oct. 3 to 17, 2010.

"Matthew." Four-week series, Fellowship class, TUMC, September 2009.

"The Restoration of Jerusalem." Four-week series, Fellowship class, TUMC, April 2010.

"Augustine" and "Luther." Six-week series, Canterbury Academy, Canterbury United Methodist Church, January 25 to March 31, 2010.

"What Really Happened in the First Great Awakening." Independent Presbyterian Church, January 10 & 17, 2010.

Religious Diversity Training. Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Clanton, Alabama, September 18, 2009

"Job." Four-week series, Fellowship class, TUMC, September 2009.

"Holy Communion." Four-week series, ASCEND class, TUMC, March and April 2009.

"Jesus," "Crucified, Buried, Descended," and "Forgiveness of Sins" Three sessions in survey of Christian theology, Canterbury Academy for Christian Studies, Canterbury United Methodist Church, Mountain Brook, Ala., February – April 2009.

"Paul Continued" Three-session series, Fellowship class, TUMC, February 2009.

"Encountering Religious Diversity." Two-week series, South Highland Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Ala., January 21-28, 2009

Matthew 25:31-46, Biblical Interpretation course, Canterbury Academy for Christian Studies, Canterbury United Methodist Church, Mountain Brook, Ala., November 16, 2008.

Matthew 22: 1-10, Biblical Interpretation course, Canterbury Academy for Christian Studies, Canterbury United Methodist Church, Mountain Brook, Ala., October 26, 2008.

"Key Events in the History of Christianity." Three-week series, Cartwright Discussion Group, TUMC, October 2008.

"Paul." Four-week series, Fellowship class, TUMC, September 2008.

"Religious Diversity." Montgomery Office, Alabama Gas Corporation, March 28, 2008.

"Ezekiel." Four-week series, Fellowship class, TUMC, February 2008.

"Understanding the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints." Two-week series, Men's Bible class, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, January 27 and –February 3, 2008.

"The Black Madonna: Image and Icon." Panelist for "Third Thursday" Program at Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, December 20, 2007.

"Understanding Your Protestant Neighbors." Two-session series, St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Campus Ministry Center, November 2007.

"Makers of United Methodist Worship," Five-week series, Fellowship class, TUMC, September 2007.

"World Religions." Five-session series, Catholic Students Association, Birmingham, Ala., September to October, 2006.

"Varieties of Protestantism," Our Lady of Sorrows School, September 2006.

"Advent Surprises." Three-week series, Fellowship class, TUMC, December 2006.

"Islam." Brookwood Baptist Church, Mountain Brook, Ala., May 31, 2006.

"Religion in Colonial Virginia." Alabama Company, Jamestowne Society, May 26, 2006.

"World Religions." Our Lady of Sorrows School, Homewood, Ala., May 16, 2006.

"Alabama Christianity." Diverse Spiritual Traditions Training, Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Clanton, Alabama, May 15, 2006.

"American Church Architecture." Chapman Sunday School class, Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Homewood, Ala., April 2, 2006.

"Middle East Situation and the Biblical Response." Singles Bible-study, Brookwood Baptist Church, February 19, 2006

"Historical Jesus." Four-week series, Grace class, TUMC, February 2006.

"Paul the Apostle," Fellowship Class, November 2005, TUMC

"Paul the Apostle," ASCEND class, TUMC, October 2005.

"New Testament Interpretations of Jesus," Four-week series, September 2005, TUMC

"Understanding Islam." P.E.O. Sisterhood, Mountain Brook, Alabama, August 4, 2005

"World Religions," ASCEND class, TUMC, July - August 2005.

"Understanding Islam." Youth Group, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mountain Brook, Alabama, April 6, 2005.

"Gospel of John." Four-week series, Fellowship Class, TUMC, April 2005.

"Leaders of the Early Church." Five-week series, Fellowship Class, TUMC, October 2004.

"Understanding Islam." Catholic Students Association, St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Campus Ministry Center, Birmingham, Ala., February 13, 2005.

"Decline in the Power of the Church: A Historical Perspective." New Horizons at University of Alabama at Birmingham, May 2004.

"John Wesley's Theology." Three-week series, Fellowship Class, TUMC, May 2004.

"Christian Denominations." Our Lady of Sorrows School, Homewood, Ala., March 2004.

"Understanding Islam." Two-week series, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Mountain Brook, Ala. September 24 – October 1, 2003.

"John." Six-week series. Grace Class, TUMC, October and November 2003.

"Revelation to John." Four-week series, Fellowship Class, TUMC, September 2003.

"Religious Diversity in America." State Farm Insurance, Alabama-Mississippi Regional Office, Homewood, Ala., August 2003.

"World Religions." Our Lady of Sorrows School, Homewood, Ala., May 2003.

"Understanding World Religions." Unitarian-Universalist Church of Birmingham, Ala. December 8, 2002.

"The Great Awakening: Fact or Fiction." Society of the Colonial Wars in the State of Alabama, Mountain Brook, Ala., December 5, 2002.

"How Worship Affects Church Design." Samford University Auxiliary, December 2002.

"Understanding Islam." Two-week series, TUMC, November 2002.

"Religious Diversity in the Workplace" Selma office, Alabama Gas Corporation, Birmingham, Ala., September 2002.

"World Religions and Religious Diversity in America." Two-day retreat, South Points Forum for Exploring Religion, Mt. Cheaha State Park, Ala., August 16-17, 2002.

"Islam." Women's luncheon, Mt. Royal Towers, Homewood, Ala., May 2002.

"Lent." Seven-week series. Fellowship class, TUMC, February 17- March 31, 2002.

"Islam and Religious Diversity in the Workplace" State Diversity Council, Alabama Gas Corporation, Birmingham, Ala., March 7, 2002.

"Islam." Men's luncheon, Mt. Royal Towers, Homewood, Ala., February 2002.

"What Everyone Should Know about Islam." Two-week series, St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, Birmingham, Ala., February 2002.

"Islam." Riverchase United Methodist Church, Hoover, Ala. December 2001.

"Islam." Eighth-grade class, Our Lady of Sorrows School, Homewood, Ala., October 2001.

"World Religions." Five-week series, TUMC, September 2001.

"Religious Diversity in America." Dean's class, Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Ala., May 13, 2001.

"The Eucharist." Birmingham Episcopal Campus Ministries, Samford University, April 2001.

"Introduction to the Gospels." Four-week series, Fellowship Class, TUMC, April 2001.

"Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam." Three-week series, Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Ala., December 2000.

Four-week series, *Kononia* class, TUMC, October 2000.

"Varieties of Worship Styles." Worship committee, Shades Crest Baptist Church, Hoover, Ala., September 2000.

"Two Views of Worship." Two-week series, Fellowship Class, TUMC, August 2000.

Recent Media Interviews

On secularization, Edward Burch, ABC 33/40, October 13, 2011.

On church attire, Chandra Temple Guster, *Birmingham News* "Casual Sunday: Go-to-meeting clothes are becoming more relaxed," *Birmingham News*, April 11, 2010.

On Easter celebrations, Ashley Boyd, "Christians Celebrate Easter in a Variety of Ways around the Globe," *Tuscaloosa News*, April 4, 2010.

On pulpit exchanges in Birmingham with with Kristen Chick for *Christian Science Monitor* on pulpit exchanges in Birmingham, December 16, 2009.

On Christianity and tattoos, Jason Cunningham, "Religious Tattoos – A Subject of Debate," WIAT CBS-42, November 16, 2009. <http://www.cbs42.com/content/special/story/Religious-Tattoos-A-Subject-of-Debate>.

On religious demographics, Rick Jackson, "Less Christians, More Non-Believers," WIAT CBS-42, April 9, 2009. http://www.cbs42.com/content/localnews/story/Less-Christians-More-Non-Believers/GRVTMfsOqUym_PQi_inoDg.csp

On All Saints' Day and Halloween, Rahkia Nance, "School Salutes Sainly Side of Halloween," *Birmingham News*, November 1, 2008

On Islam, Lauren Womack, *Samford Spotlight*, September 2008.

On Contemporary Christian Worship, Lloyd MacIntosh, *Thicket Magazine*, "Podcasts and Praise Songs," *Thicket Magazine*, February 2008.

Other Community Activities

Faculty Volunteer. Birmingham Episcopal Campus Ministry, 2008 to present.

Finalist, Viewer's Choice Award, Chesapeake Bay Foundation photo contest, June 2010.

Participant. Annual Interfaith Dialogue Dinners, Istanbul Center, and Peace Valley Foundation, Birmingham, Alabama, 2006 to 2010.

Member. Class of 1993 Reunion Committee. University of Virginia Alumni Association, 2007 to 2008.

Aided EHT Traceries, Inc. in historic preservation research on 1853 church building in Washington, D.C. now occupied by Chinese Community Church. Findings featured in Sue Anne Pressley Montes, "Church Tie to Capitol Architect Revealed," *Washington Post*, August 28, 2007, B1, B3.

Member, Administrative Board, Trinity United Methodist Church, Homewood, Ala., 2003 to 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

Historical Society of the Episcopal Church

Mercersburg Society

North American Academy of Liturgy

Theta Alpha Kappa, National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology

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