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Teaching Experience

MEMPHIS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics, 2000-present
Associate Professor of Homiletics and Worship, 1996-2000
Assistant Professor of Homiletics and Worship, 1992-1996
Instructor of Homiletics and Worship, 1988-1992

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Teaching Assistant in Homiletics and Worship, 1985-1987

Education

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Ph. D. In Religion, 1992, Area: Church History

MEMPHIS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

M. Div., 1981, Magna Cum Laude

BETHEL COLLEGE, MCKENZIE, TN

B. A., 1978, Magna Cum Laude, Major: English, Minor: Religion, Music

Professional Organizations

ACADEMY OF HOMILETICS

SECRETARY, 2005-2008

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, 1999-2001, 2005-2008

SOCIETAS HOMILETICA, 1997-PRESENT

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, 2008-PRESENT

Ministerial standing

Ordination by Obion Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, February 1, 1981

Received by the Saint Louis Association of the Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ, November 20, 2003

Installed as minister of the UCC in 4-Way Covenant on September 3, 2006 at First Congregational Church

Publications and Papers:

Books and Dissertation:

Saved From Silence: Finding Women's Voice in Preaching, co-authored with Mary Donovan Turner. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1999.

"Shall Woman Preach? Or the Question Answered: The Ministry of Louisa M. Woosley

in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1887-1942" Ph.D. Dissertation, 1992. Advisor: David G. Buttrick.

Chapters in Books:

"Advent – Christmas" *New Proclamation: Year A*, (Fortress Press, 2010).

"You Don't Have All the Answers—and That's Okay," in *Best Advice: Wisdom on Ministry from 30 Leading Pastors and Preachers*, ed. by William J. Carl III, (Westminster John Knox, 2009).

"To Die and Rise Again: Preaching the Gospel for Liberation," in Preaching as a Theological Task, ed. By Thomas Long and Edward Farley, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1996.

Articles:

"Preaching the Text" on John 6:24-25; John 6:35, 41-51; John 6:51-58; John 6:56-69 in *Lectionary Homiletics*, August, 2009.

"7th Sunday after Epiphany: II Cor. 1:18-22"; 8th Sunday after Epiphany: II Cor. 3:1-6"; 9th Sunday after Epiphany: II Cor. 4:5-12" in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B: Vol. 1* ed. David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, (Westminster, John Knox Press, 2008).

Four essays on Preaching the Lesson for *Lectionary Homiletics*, August, 2001.

"Set in Motion: The Story of Transitions at Memphis Theological Seminary" *Theological Education*, Vol. 35, No. 1 (1998), 49-57.

"Illustrations from History" (series of 12 articles) Pulpit Digest, Logos Publications, 1996-1997.

"Holy Thursday" and "Good Friday" in The Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual: Series 1 - Yr. B, ed. Jana L. Childers and Lucy A. Rose, Abingdon, 1996.

"Shall Woman Preach? Louisa Woosley and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church" American Presbyterians, Winter 1993.

"The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany" a commentary on lectionary texts for Word and Witness, Winter 1990.

Lectures, Papers and Presentations:

Lecture on Preaching in the Post-Modern Era, Turner Center for Church Leadership, Vanderbilt Divinity School, October, 2007.

“Evangelism, Gender and Calling: Theological Foundations of Woosley’s Ministry” Paper presented to the Memphis Theological Seminary community in honor of the anniversary of Louisa M. Woosley’s ordination, November 5, 1993.

Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures, Bethel College, Fall, 1988.

Book Reviews:

Book review. *Prophetic Preaching: A Pastoral Approach* by Leonora Tubbs Tisdale for the journal *Homiletic* Vol. 35, No. 2, (2010).

Book review. *The Healing Word: Preaching and Teaching Health Ministry* by Deborah L. Patterson for the journal *Homiletic* Vol. 35, No. 2, (2010).

Book review. *Voicing the Vision: Imagination and Prophetic Preaching* by Linda Clader (Morehouse Press, 2003).

Book review. *Transforming the Stone: Preaching through Resistance to Change* by Barbara Lundblad, (Abingdon, 2001).

Book Review. *Contemporary African American Preaching: Diversity in Theory and Style* by Susan Bond, (Chalice, 2003).

Book note on The Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching, ed. Richard Lischer and William Willimon, for Religious Studies Review, 1996.

Book review, A Captive Voice: the Liberation of Preaching by David G. Buttrick, in Memphis Theological Seminary Journal Volume XXXIII, Spring 1995, 42-45.

Liturgical Resources and Sermons:

“Micah 6:1-8 – A Homily,” *Ecumenical Trends*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (January 2013).

“Luke 1:5-24 – A Sermon,” Calvary Episcopal Church Lenten Preaching Series, March 9, 2012.

Choral anthem for SATB, “Gather Us God,” Performed by choir at First Congregational Church on 11/23/03

Hymn, “Gather Us, God,” *The Cumberland Presbyterian*, October 1997.

“I Dream a World” (sermon) Memphis Theological Seminary Journal Volume XXXIII, Fall 1995, 37-40.

“Down the Road Toward Home” (sermon) The Cumberland Seminarian, Fall, 1989.

Courses taught:

Required M. Div. Courses:

Worship and Preaching Practicum, 1988-2005(every semester).
Worship and Preaching Practicum, 2010-2011
Principles of Homiletics, 1989-1990.
Pastor and Corporate Worship, 1988-1989.
Theology of Preaching and Worship, 1995-present.
Cumberland Presbyterian History and Doctrine, 1989-1999, 2005.

M. Div. and M.A.R. Electives:

Preacher as Storyteller: The Importance of Narrative for Preaching
Contemporary Trends in Christian Worship
Preaching the Gospel readings of the Revised Common Lectionary
Preparing Liturgies and Rituals for Christian Worship
Preaching for Faith Development in Congregations
Reformed Worship
Preaching and Contemporary Issues
Ethical Implications of Christian Liturgies
Feminist/Womanist Perspectives in Preaching and Worship
Preaching to Congregational Consciousness
Imagination and Preaching
Seminar in Current Homiletic Theory
Sermon Workshop
Weddings, Funerals, and Other Sacred Events
Leadership Development for Women in Ministry
Literature of Preaching

D. Min. Seminars:

Models in the Practice of Ministry
Worship and Preaching Seminar

Faculty Responsibilities:

- Promotions and Tenure and Faculty Review Committee, 2011-present. Chair 2011-12.
- Educational Development Committee 2007-2008, 2010-2011.
- Curriculum Revision Committee 2011-2012.
- Search Committee for Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean, Spring 2010.
- Search Committee for Homiletics and Worship, 2002-2003.
- Promotions and Tenure Review Committee, 2002-present; Chair, 2006, 2010, 2011.
- Dean of the Chapel, 2000-2001.
- Curriculum Committee, 2000-2003; D.Min. Committee, 2003-2006, 2011.
- Chair of the Faculty, 1999-2000.
- Member of Search Committee for Academic Dean, 1999-2000.

- Chair of the Steering Committee for Institutional Self-Study for Reaffirmation of Accreditation for ATS/SACS, 1996-1998.
- Member of Steering Committee for ATS Pilot Project for new accreditation standards, 1996-1999.
- Chair of Search Committee for Administrative Librarian, 1999
- Community Life Committee of the Faculty, 1999-2000.
- Educational Programs Committee of the faculty, 1997.
- Planning and Evaluation Committee of the Board of Trustees, 1993-2004, 2010-present..
- Liaison Committee of the Board of Trustees to revise the Faculty/Staff/Administration Handbook, 1995-2006.
- Planning Team for Lilly Endowment Grant for Informational Technology, 1997.
- Search Committee for United Methodist Faculty position, 1998.
- Educational Development Committee, 1997-1998.
- D. Min. Committee, 1993-97.
- Admissions Committee, 1988-1995 (chair, 1990-1995).
- Faculty Forum and Development Committee, 1988-1993.
- Library Committee, 1993-1996.
- Faculty Advisor to Women's Caucus, 1988-1993.
- Dean of the Chapel, 1992.
- Search Committee for Academic Dean, 1992-1993.
- Search Committee for Faculty Position in Pastoral Care, 1992-1993.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Inclusive Language Policy, 1991-1992.
- Task Force to revise M. Div. Curriculum, 1989-1990.
- Task Force to revise purpose statement of MTS, 1989.
- Phonathon volunteer
- Accompanist for chapel, vespers, both practica, and other occasions.
- Women's Ministry Celebration Planning Committee, 2000-2002.

Other Experience:

Lecture - "The Bible and Human Sexuality" – An educational event at Northside Baptist Church in Clinton, MS 2012-2013.

SACS/ATS Off Site Reaffirmation Committee, 2010

SACS On-Site Reaffirmation Committees, 2008, 2009

SACS Accreditation Committee, October, 2006

Book review editor for Homiletic, the journal of the Academy of Homiletics, 2004-2006

Workshop Leader: Theology of Worship Space, CP Minister's Conference, Nashville, TN, 2006

Chair of the Host Committee for the 2004 meeting of the Academy of Homiletics in Memphis, TN

Instructor in Program of Alternate Studies for CPC

MIFA Meals on Wheels volunteer

Supply preacher at area churches

Workshop Leader, "Educational Assessment in Theological Seminaries," ATS, Pittsburgh, PA Sept. 1999

Workshop Leader, "Institutional Self-Study: The MTS Story," ATS, Pittsburgh, PA. Sept. 1998

Workshop Leader, "Memphis Theological Seminary: A Case Study in Educational Assessment," ATS Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD June 1998

Lecturer and Preacher, Japan Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Tokyo, Japan, May 1997

Lecturer and Preacher, Hong Kong Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Hong Kong, June 1997

Workshop Leader, New Trends in Worship, Christian Education Conference of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Fall 1996

Workshop Leader, Baptism and Eucharist, West Tennessee Presbytery Training Event, Fall 1996

Bible Study Leader and Worship Director, Convention of Cumberland Presbyterian Women, June 1996

Commissioner to General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, June 1996

Workshop Leader, Worship with Meaning, West Tennessee Presbytery Training Event, Fall 1994

Lecture series on "Fundamentalism" at Prescott Baptist Church, Memphis, TN, November 1993

Interim Choir Director, Prescott Baptist Church, Memphis, TN, Fall 1992

Worship Coordinator, Academy of Homiletics, Pasadena, CA, December 1991

Workshop Leader, Cumberland Presbyterian History, Summer Conference of the Presbyterian Historical Society, Rhodes College, 1991

Commissioner to General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1990

Retreat leader, Mission Synod of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, April 1990

Member, Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1982-1990 (Vice Pres.

1988-1990)

Worship Director, Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Nov. 1989

Active participant in the life of First Congregational Church, Memphis, TN:

Moderator, December 2005-2007

Mission Development Committee, 2001-2011

Chair of Mission Council 2005-2007

Pastoral Relations Committee, 2004-present

Choir, 2000-2006

Supply preacher, pianist, and special projects volunteer.

Nominating Committee, Chair 2007-2009

Co-teacher of class on "The Gospel of Mark" 2008-2009

Co-teacher of class on "The Gospel of John" 2009-2010

Co-teacher of class on "Isaiah" 2010-2011

Co-teacher of class on "Ephesians" 2011

Co-teacher of class on "The Gospel of Luke" 2013

Representative to Churches Uniting in Christ, Memphis: 2003-present;

Liturgy Committee 2004-8

Member of Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the St. Louis Association of the

Missouri Mid-South Conference of the U.C.C. 2011-present

Previous Employment:

- Pastor, Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN, 1981-1983.
- Assistant Pastor, Colonial Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN, 1980-1981.
- Intern Minister of Education, Lindenwood Christian Church, Memphis, TN, 1979-1980.
- Interim Pastor, Hopewell Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lamar, MO, Summer 1979.
- Director of Christian Education, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Savannah, TN 1978-1979.
- Substitute Teacher and Secretary, Metropolitan Public Schools, Nashville, TN, 1986-1987.