

**Curriculum Vitae
Stephen Charles Farris**

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Cambridge University Morna D. Hooker, Ernst Bammel, supervisors Held the Lewis and Gibson Scholarship, Westminster College, Cambridge	1982
Th.M.	Union Theological Seminary, Virginia Paul Achtemeier, supervisor Held Union Theological Seminary Graduate Fellowship	1978
D.Min.	Union Theological Seminary, Virginia	1977
B.A. (Honours)	University of Toronto Graduated with "A Standing"	1973

EMPLOYMENT

Academic

Dean of St. Andrew's Hall & Professor of Homiletics, Vancouver School of Theology	2003 –
Acting Principal and Dean, Vancouver School of Theology	2012 -2013
Vice Principal, Vancouver School of Theology	2007- 2008
Professor of Preaching and Worship Knox College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto	1990 - 2003
Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship Knox College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto	1986 - 1990
Adjunct Lecturer, Biblical Studies and Homiletics Queen's University Theological College, Kingston, ON	1983 - 1986

Church

Interim Moderator, Knox Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, BC	2009 - 2010
Co-Interim Moderator,, West Vancouver Presbyterian Church, BC	2006 - 2007
Co-Interim Moderator, Richmond Presbyterian Church, Richmond, BC	2004 - 2005
Interim Moderator, St. David's Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, ON	2002 - 2003
Interim Moderator, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, ON	1996 - 1997
Interim Moderator, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Whitby, ON	1993 - 1995
Co-Interim Moderator, Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church, Scarborough, ON	1991 - 1992
Interim Moderator, Fallingbrook Presbyterian Church, Toronto, ON	1990 - 1991
Interim Moderator, Unionville Presbyterian Church, Markham, ON	1986 - 1987

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Minister, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Amherstview, ON	1981 - 1986
Interim Moderator, St. Columba Presbyterian Church, Belleville, ON	1984 - 1985
Interim Moderator, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tweed, ON	1983 - 1983
Intern Minister, Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, W.V.	1975-76

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

Academy of Homiletics

— Executive Committee	1995 - 1997
— Second Vice President	2000
— First Vice President	2001
— President	2002
— Past President	2003

Canadian Liturgical Society

— Board of Directors	1986 - 1988
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SCHOLARLY & PROFESSIONAL WORK

Books

- *The Hymns of Luke's Infancy Narratives: Their Origin, Meaning and Significance*, Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1985.
- *Preaching that Matters: The Bible and Our Lives*, Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1998.
- *Grace: A Preaching Commentary*, (Great Texts Series) Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2003.

Other

- *Break the Chains of Injustice: Bible Studies for the 23rd General Council*, eds. Stephen Farris and Paraic Reamonn, Geneva: The World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1997, 64 pp.
- *Teaching Preaching: the Papers of the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics* 2001, 406 pp. (compiler).
- "From Idol Fancies to Solid Preaching" *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry* 5.2 2002 (e-journal) <http://www.mcmaster.ca/mjtm/5-2c.htm>.
- "Deepening Our Faith: Exploring The Apostles' Creed" Online course for the Elders' Institute of St. Andrew's Hall, September 2005, 2006, <http://www.eldersinstitute.com>.
- "The Lord's Prayer" Online course for the Elders' Institute of St. Andrew's Hall, October, 2008, <http://www.eldersinstitute.com>.
- "Table Manners, On Presiding at the Lord's Table" Online course for the Elders' Institute of St. Andrew's Hall, October, 2012, <http://www.eldersinstitute.com>.

Chapters in Books

- "It's About Time", in White, p. G. ed., *New Teaching, New Preaching*, Toronto: United Church Publishing

House, 1991, pp. 2-13.

- “The Canticles of Luke’s Infancy Narratives: The Appropriation of a Biblical Tradition” in R. Longenecker ed. *Into God’s Presence: Prayer in the New Testament*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 2001, pp. 91-112
- “When In Romans...” Fleeer, David & Bland, David, *Preaching Romans, Rochester Lectures in Preaching* vol. 3, Abilene: ACU Press 2002, pp. 101-126
- “The Birth of the New Homiletic” to be published in Korean in a *Festschrift* for Prof. Chan Bok Chung.
- “Preaching for a Church in Conflict: 1 Corinthians 1:1-17” in *The Folly of Preaching: Models and Methods from the Gladstone Festival*, ed. Michael P. Knowles Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007, pp 140-153
- “A Wise Sort of Foolishness: I Corinthians 1:18-31” in *The Folly of Preaching: Models and Methods from the Gladstone Festival*, ed. Michael P. Knowles Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007, pp. 154-165
- “John Calvin and the Preaching of the Lively Word,” *Calvin@500: Theology, History and Practice* eds. John Vissers and Richard Topping, Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock Publishing

Academic & Professional Articles

- “On Discerning Semitic Sources in Luke 1-2” in *Gospel Perspectives: Studies of History and Tradition*, R. T. France and D. Wenham, eds., Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1981, pp. 201-38.
- “The Voice Beyond Our Time”, *Practice of Ministry in Canada, (pmc)* IV, 1, Spring 1987, p. 32.
- “The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost”, *Word and Witness* XIII No. 5 (48) 1989.
- “The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost”, *Word and Witness* XIII No. 6 (58) 1989.
- “Christmas Eve/Day”, *Word and Witness* XV No. 2 (20), 1990.
- “Simeon’s Song”, pp. 756-757.
- “Worship”, pp. 891-894.
- “Zechariah’s Song”, pp. 895-896, all in Joel Green, Scot McKnight, I. Howard Marshall, eds., *The Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, Downer’s Grove, Il.: InterVarsity Press, 1992.
- “Ash Wednesday”, *Word and Witness* XVI no.4, 1992.
- “Caring for the Sermon Manuscript”, *pmc* VII, 1992, pp. 22-23, reprinted as “Making Sermon Notes More Serviceable” in *Horizons*, Sept. - Oct. 1992, pp. 16-18.
- “The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost”, *Word and Witness* XVII No. 16 (57), 1992.
- “The First Sunday in Lent”, *Word and Witness* XVIII, No.2, 1993.
- “Reformed Identity and Reformed Worship”, *Reformed World* XLIII, 1993, pp. 69-76.
- “Ascension Day”, *Word and Witness*. XIX, No. 3, 1994.
- “Easter Day”, *Word and Witness*, 95, No. 3, 1995.
- “Pentecost Day”, *Word and Witness*, 96, No. 3, 1996.
- “Images, Ideas and Idols”, *pmc* XI, November 1996, pp. 21-23.
- “The New Testament, the Holy and Reformed Identity” *Encounter* 57, 1996, pp.313-326.
- “The Third Sunday in Easter”, *Word and Witness* 97, No. 3, 1997.

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- “Limping Away with a Blessing: Biblical Studies and Preaching at the End of the Second Millennium” *Interpretation* 51, 1997, pp. 358-370, translated into French and printed in *HOKHMA*.
- “The Tenth Sunday in Pentecost” *Word and Witness*, 1998.
- Editorial *Toronto Journal of Theology* 14, 1998, pp. 5-6.
- “The First Sunday in Lent” *Word and Witness*, 1999.
- “Preaching Advent Hope at the Beginning of the New Millennium” for *Journal for Preachers*, XXIII, 1999, pp. 3-8.
- “The Second Sunday in Lent” *Word and Witness*, 2000.
- “Preaching the Lesson”, a study of the lectionary texts for May 2001 for *Lectionary Homiletics*.
- “The Ninth Sunday in Pentecost”, *Word and Witness*, 2001.
Roger Van Harn ed., *The Lectionary Commentary: Theological Exegesis for Sunday’s Texts Vol. II. The Second Readings: Act and Epistles*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001.
 - I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, pp. 173-76.
 - I Corinthians 10:1-13, pp. 197-200.
 - I Corinthians 12:1-11, pp. 200-03.
 - I Corinthians 12:13-31a, pp. 207-10.
 - I Corinthians 13:1-13, pp. 211-14, all in
Roger Van Harn ed., *The Lectionary Commentary: Theological Exegesis for Sunday’s Texts Vol. III. The Gospels*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001
 - .Luke 1:39-45 (45-55), pp. 290-93.
 - Luke 2:1-14 (15-20), pp. 294-97.
 - Luke 2:22-40, pp. 301-04.
 - Luke 8.26-39, pp. 354-57.
 - Luke 9:28-36 (37-43), pp. 358-61.
 - Luke 12:32-40, pp. 383-86, all in
- “The Twelve Sundays in Pentecost”, *Word and Witness*, 2002.
- 7 entries for Donald Gowan ed., *The Westminster Theological Wordbook of the Bible*, Louisville: Westminster/John Knox 2003.
 - “Conscience” pp. 81-82.
 - “Desire” pp. 104-05.
 - “Fear” pp. 134-36.
 - “Hope” pp. 208-12.
 - “Joy” pp. 255-57.
 - “Pride” pp. 396-99.
 - “Shame” pp. 462-63.
- “Worship I: Gospels” Reid, Daniel G. ed., *The IVP Dictionary of the New Testament: A One Volume Compendium of Contemporary Biblical Scholarship*, Downer’s Grove, IL, Leicester UK: InterVarsity Press, 2004 pp.1118-22 (reprint of “Worship” in *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, see above).
- “Preaching in Canada: The Absence of Constitutive Narrative and the Problem of Identity” *Consensus* 31:1 (2006), pp. 73-89.
- 5 Entries for the *New Interpreter’s Bible Handbook of Preaching*, ed. Paul Scott Wilson, Abingdon Press:

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Nashville, 2008

- "Choosing and Delimiting the Text" pp.1-3
- "Hermeneutics" pp.31-37
- "Bridging Then and Now" pp. 179-81
- "Exegesis of Congregation/Denomination" pp. 266-67
- "Exegesis of Self" pp. 267-69

— 4 Entries for the *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Katherine Doob Sakenfeld, Nashville: Abingdon Press, various dates

- "Hymns: NT" Volume II, 2007
- "Thanksgiving"
- "Theophany NT"
- "Transfiguration"

— 6 Entries for the *Feasting on the Word: Lectionary Commentary Series* ed. David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, various dates

— "Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14"

— "Psalm 147: 12-20"

— "Psalm 148"

— "Psalm 31: 9-16"

— "Psalm 118"

— "Psalm 130"

— 4 entries for *The New Interpreter's Theological Companion to the Lectionary Preaching Year C.* ed. Paul Scott Wilson, Nashville: Abingdon, 2012 (with Richard Topping)

— *First Sunday of Advent:* pp. 1-5

— *Second Sunday of Advent:* pp.6-10

— *Third Sunday of Advent:* pp. 11-15

— *Fourth Sunday of Advent:* pp.16-20

To be published: 4 entries for *The New Interpreter's Theological Companion to the Lectionary Preaching Year B.* ed. Paul Scott Wilson, Nashville: Abingdon, 2013 (with Richard Topping)

— *Proper 29 [34] - Reign of Christ or Christ the King :*

— *Thanksgiving Day:*

— "Preaching Joshua" *Interpretation* vol. 66, no.2, 176-88, 2012

— "Luke's Infancy Narratives" for the *Lexham Study Bible*, an online study Bible from Logos

Software,

- Three sections Homiletical Perspective for *Feasting on the Word*
- *Luke 10:17-24*
- *Luke 10:25-37*
- *Luke 10: 38-42*

Sermons

- “Sermon for Ascension Day”, in John M. Rottman and Paul S. Wilson eds., *Seasons of Preaching; 160 Best Sermons from the Preaching Resource Word and Witness*, New Berlin, WI: Liturgical Publications, Inc. 1996, pp. 163-64.
- “Room in the Family” A sermon with commentary on Mark 3:7-4:1 in Robert S. Reid, *Preaching Mark: The Recovery of a Narrative Voice*, St. Louis: Chalice, 1999, pp. 45-49.
- “In the Beginning Was the Word” in Allen Williams ed. *Living Letters: Sermons Preached at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Yorkminster Park Preaching Series Volume 1*, 2001 pp. 11-13.
- “And He has...” *The Folly of Preaching: Models and Methods from the Gladstone Festival*, ed. Michael P. Knowles Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007, pp. 226-231
- “The Andrew Option” in David Bland and David Fleer, *Preaching John’s Gospel: Living in the World it Imagines*, St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2008, pp. 21-25
- “A Love That Will Not Let Go” *Festival of the Word, 2007*, published by Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church.
- “Beyond Belief,” *Festival of the Word, 2008*, published by Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church.
- “The First Church Fight,” *Festival of the Word, 2009* published by Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church..
- “The Mark of Cain,” *Festival of the Word, 2010* published by Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church.
- “The Elijah Option,” *Festival of the Word, 2011* published by Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church.

Papers for the Academy of Homiletics

- “The Forest and the Trees: Extending the Effective Text in Preaching”, *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics*, December 1993.
- “The Parable of the Waiting Father: A Narrative Critical Approach”, *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting* 1994, pp. 41-50.
- “The Binding of Isaac: Typology and Analogy at Work”, *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting* 1996, pp. 149-158.
- “An Exegetical Study of Col 3:18-4:1” for the Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies Working Group of the Academy of Homiletics, 1996.
- “Preaching Law As Gospel: Some Reflections on and from Psalm 119” *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting* 1998, no pagination.

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- “Ten Pounds to Ten Cities: Preaching Luke 19:11-27” *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting* 1999, pp. 1-10.
- “Grace to You and Peace: A Word to Philemon” *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting* 2000.
- “With the Aid of Spectacles: Teaching Exegesis in Preaching Class” *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting* 2004, pp. 7-10.
- “Preaching Contrary Texts,” *Papers of the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting* 2005.

Popular

- “The Bishops and the Bomb”, *Presbyterian Record*, March 1984, p. 7.
- “I Am A Murderer”, (Short Story), *Toronto Star*, August 1985.
- “The Lessons of History”, *Presbyterian Record*, November 1985, pp. 22-23.
- “A is for Apple: A Computer Alphabet”, *Presbyterian Record*, March 1986, pp. 24-26.
- “How to Improve the Preaching in Your Church”, *Presbyterian Record*, November, 1988, pp. 19-20.
- “Knox College and the Presbyterian Family”, *Presbyterian Record*, October 1994, pp. 32-33.
- “They Even Named a Seminar After Him: In Search of the Historical Jesus on His 2000th Birthday”, *Presbyterian Record*, January, 2000, pp. 15-18. Reprinted in John Congram ed. *Who Is Jesus*, Toronto: Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2000, pp. 15-19.
- “College Leaders Respond to Some Questions” *Channels* 20, 2, 2004, pp. 7-8.
- “The Vancouver School of Theology and St. Andrew’s Hall,” *Presbyterian Record*, November 2009
- “Pilgrims, Roosters, Sore Feet and Healing Spirit A Conversation with Paul Myers,” *Presbyterian Record*, June 2010
- “A Passionate Education,” *Presbyterian Record*, November, 2010, pp. 31-2
- “Re-Minded of the Story: Preaching and Teaching Lent,” *Equipping for Ministry*, pp.1-2, November 2011

Liturgical & Educational Resources

- Six Meditations for PCC calendar/bulletins, 1986 (Lent, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday).
- The Faith and Witness Commission of the Canadian Council of Churches, *Initiation into Christ: Ecumenical Reflections and Common Teaching on Preparation for Baptism*, Winfield, British Columbia: Wood Lake Books, 1992, author of the Biblical sections of the work.
- “Psalm 51.10”, “Romans 5.5” and “Ephesians 3.17-19”, three exegetical resources published by the Ecumenical Centre for Stewardship Studies (Indianapolis), 1992.
- Contributor to the educational resource *Children at Communion*, ed. Glenn Cooper, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1997.
- Liturgies for Lent and Easter 1998 for Presbyterian World Service and Development of the PCC.
- “Buying a Piece of the Future” Resources for a sermon on Jeremiah 32 for Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, the PCC, 1998.

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— Drafter of statements and position papers for denominational and ecumenical bodies.

Book Reviews & Notes

- John C. Meagher, *Five Gospels* in *SR* 13, 1984, 495-96.
- R. Rhys Williams, *Let Each Gospel Speak for Itself*, *SR* 17, 1988, p. 385.
- “Books of Interest, Pastoral”, *TJT* IV, 1988, pp. 128-29.
- Moises Silva, *Has the Church Misread the Bible? The History of Interpretation in Light of Contemporary Issues*, *pmc*, Spring 1989, p. 31.
- Charles H. H. Scobie, *No Ordinary Book, The Making and Meaning of the New Testament*, *Presbyterian Record*, October, 1988, p. 30.
- Richard J. Cassidy, *Society and Politics in the Acts of the Apostles*, *Interpretation XLIII*, 1989 p. 324, p. 325.
- Walter J. Burghardt, *Preaching, The Art and The Craft*, *TJT* V, 1989, p. 118.
- Walter R. Wietzke, *The Primacy of the Spoken Word: Redemptive Proclamation in a Complex World*, *Homiletic XIV*, 1989, pp. 7-8.
- Richard L. Eslinger, *A New Hearing: Living Options in Homiletic Method*, *TJT* V 1989, 338-340.
- “Books of Interest, Pastoral - Homiletics” *TJT* V, 1989, pp. 113-115.
- John Carden, *With All God’s People: The New Ecumenical Prayer Cycle*, Geneva: WCC Publications 1989, 2 volumes, *pmc* 7 (1990), p. 26.
- Sidney Greidanus, *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text: Interpreting and Preaching Biblical Literature* *TJT* IX (1993) p. 283.
- Paul Scott Wilson, *A Concise History of Preaching*, in *Emmanuel College Newsletter*, Spring 1993, pp. 7-8.
- David Buttrick, *The Mystery and the Passion*, *Homiletic XVIII*, 1993, pp. 15-17.
- Elizabeth Achtemeier, *Nature, God and Pulpit*, *Homiletic XVIII*, 1993, pp. 14-15.
- Fred. B. Craddock, Festschrift, ed. Thomas Long and Gail O’Day, *Listening to the Word*, *Homiletic XIX*, 1994, p. 15.
- Jerry Camery-Hoggatt, *Speaking of God: Reading and Preaching the Word of God Interpretation* 51, 1997, pp. 332-34.
- “As the Millennium Turns ...” A review article on:
— John Killinger, *Preaching the New Millennium*,
— Andre Resner Jr., *Preacher and Cross: Person and Message in Theology and Rhetoric*,
— Thomas Troeger, *Preaching While the Church is Under Reconstruction*, and
— Joseph Webb, *Preaching and the Challenge of Pluralism*, *Homiletic XXIV*, 1999, pp. 17-22.
- David L. Bartlett, *Between the Bible and the Church: New Methods for Biblical Preaching*, for a forthcoming edition of *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*.
- David Schnasa Jacobsen, *Preaching in the New Creation: The Promise of New Testament Apocalyptic Texts*, *Homiletic XXV*, 2000, pp. 13-15.
- Larry Paul Jones & Jerry L. Sumney, *Preaching Apocalyptic Texts*, *Homiletic XXV*, 2000, pp. 13-15.
- Ken Untener, *Preaching Better: Practical Suggestions for Homilists*, *Homiletic XXV*, 2000, pp. 15-17.

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- Sydney Greidanus, *Preaching Christ from the Old Testament*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, pp. 18-20.
- Ronald J. Allen & Gilbert L. Bartholomew, *Preaching Verse by Verse*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, pp. 17-18.
- Hedahl, Susan K., *Preaching the Wedding Sermon*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, 3, pp. 18-19.
- Keevil, Philip W., *Preaching in Revival: Preaching and a Theology of Awakening*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, 3, pp. 19-20.
- Loscalzo, Craig A., *Apologetic Preaching: Proclaiming Christ to a Postmodern World*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, 3, pp. 20-22.
- Nickle, Keith F., *Preaching the Gospel of Luke: Proclaiming God's Royal Rule*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, 3, pp. 22-23.
- Ourisman, David J., *From Gospel to Sermon: Preaching Synoptic Texts*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, 3, pp. 23-24.
- Saunders, Stanley P., Campbell, Charles L., *The Word on the Street: Performing the Scriptures in the Urban Context*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, 3, pp. 12-13.
- Suchocki, Marjorie Hewitt, *The Whispered Word: A Theology of Preaching*, Homiletic XXV, 2000, 3, pp. 13-14.
- Buttrick, David, *Speaking Parables: A Homiletic Guide*, Homiletic XXVI, 1, 2002, pp. 9-10.
- Lowry, Eugenem *The Homiletical Plot: Expanded Edition, the Sermon as Narrative Art Form*, Homiletic XXVI, 1, 2002, pp. 10-11.
- Thompson, James, W., *Preaching Like Paul: Homiletical Wisdom for Today*, Homiletic XXVI, 1, 2002, pp. 11-12.
- Elliott, Mark Barger, *Creative Styles of Preaching*, Homiletic XXVI, 1, 2002, pp. 12-13.
- Schlafer, David J., *What Makes This Day Different? Preaching Grace on Special Occasions*, Homiletic XXVI, 2, 2002, pp. 28-29.
- Viladesau, Richard, *The Word In and Out of Season: Homiletics for the Major Feasts, Christmas, Easter, Weddings and Funerals*, Homiletic XXVI, 2, 2002, pp. 29-30.
- Harris, Daniel E., *We speak the Word of the Lord: A Practical Plan for More Effective Preaching*, Homiletic XXVI, 2, 2002, pp. 30-31.
- Craddock, Fred B., *The Cherry Log Sermons*, for an upcoming edition of *Homiletic*. Homiletic XXVI, 2, 2002, pp. 31-32.
- Allen, O. Wesley Jr., *Preaching Resurrection* Homiletic XXVII, 1, 2002, pp.34-35.
- Craddock, Fred B., *As One Without Authority*, Revised Edition, Homiletic XXVII, 1, 2002, pp.35-36.
- Thurston, Bonnie Bowman, *Preaching Mark*, Homiletic XXVII, 1, 2002, pp. 36-37.
- Riegert, Eduard, *Hear Then a Story: Plot Possibilities for Story Sermons*, Homiletic XXVII, 2, 2002 pp. 18-19.
- Allen, Ronald J., *Preaching: An Essential Guide*, Homiletic XXVIII, 2, 2003, pp. 37-38.
- Aden, Leroy, & Hughes, Robert, *Preaching God's Compassion*, Homiletic XXVIII, 2, 2003, pp. 38-39.

Papers Presented

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- “A Brief Consideration of Baptism in Romans 6.3-4” to the Faith and Order Commission of the Canadian Council of Churches, April 1987.
- “Should Ruling Elders Moderate Church Courts? Yes!” to the Church Doctrine Committee of the PCC, March 1988.
- “The New Testament, the Holy and Reformed Identity” to the Theological Commission of the Caribbean and North American Area Council (CANAAC) of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), November 1990, revised January 1993.
- “Towards a Common Understanding of the Church: The Reformed-Roman Catholic Dialogue” CANAAC Theological Commission, November 1991.
- “The Lukan Canticles: The Appropriation of a Biblical Tradition” to the H. H. Bingham Colloquium in New Testament, McMaster University Divinity School, 1999.
- “When in Romans: Preaching on Romans Chapter 5”, the Rochester College (MI) Colloquium on Preaching.
- “Clothed and in his Right Mind: A Homiletical Exegesis of Luke 8:26-39,” Vancouver Biblical Colloquium, 2010

Invited Lectures and Some Noteworthy Preaching

- “The Text of Luke 2:14” to the Queen’s University Classical Department, 1984.
- “The Lord’s Supper, Consecration or Blessing?” Knox College Annual Ministers Conference, 1984.
- “Preaching from the Gospel of Luke”, Presbyterian College, Montreal, 1985.
- “The Meaning of ‘Anamnesis’”, Inaugural Lecture, 1986.
- “New Testament Worship and Our Own”, Knox College Max Bell Continuing Education Seminars at Atlantic School of Theology, 1987.
- “The Role of the Minister Today”, Knox College Annual Ministers Conference, 1987.
- “Preaching as Cause and Effect of the Reformation”, Brock University Campus Ministries Reformation Day Lecture, 1991.
- “Luke’s Parables: Stories for the Journey”, The Thornwell Lectures, Lancaster Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, S. C., 1994.
- “How the Church Changed Its Mind: Capital Punishment” Pre-Assembly Workshops, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1994.
- Preacher to the General Assembly, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1994.
- “The History of Knox College”, Elderhostel, Knox College, 1994.
- Chaplain and Preacher, The Chautauqua Institution, 1995.
- “Preaching Reformed Doctrine”, The Renewal Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, 1996.
- “Break the Chains of Injustice: A Study of Isaiah 58” the annual meeting of the Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1996.
- “Preaching for a Troubled Church: I Corinthians and Churches in Conflict” Knox College Asian Center, 1998.

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- “In the Beginning was the Sermon” The Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship Lecture, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto, 1998.
- “Preaching for a Church in Conflict” Presbyterian College, Montreal, 2000.
- “Preaching Grace”, The Nicholson Lectures, the Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, 2000.
- “Preaching that Matters”, The Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, 2000.
- Preacher to the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting 2001.
- “Preaching for a Church in Conflict”, John N. Gladstone Festival Preaching. McMaster University Divinity College, 2002.
- “On the New Homiletic”, Presbyterian Seminary and Theological College, Seoul, Korea, 2002.
- “And Then There is Grace” The Blackwell Lectures, First United Methodist Church, Bryant, Texas, 2003.
- “On the Outside of the Door” 200th Anniversary Celebrations, The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal, Quebec, 2003.
- “Maintaining Civil Discourse” Panelist, The Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Division Conference, 2005.
- “The Theology of Preaching” DMin course, Ashland Theological Seminary, Canterbury College, University of Windsor, 2005.
- “Holding Open the Word: Changing the World through Bible Study” Public Lecture to Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Disciple Bible Study programme in Canada, Vancouver School of Theology, 2005.
- “Variety: The Spice of Preaching Life,” a course at the Sorrento Center of the Anglican Church, 2006
- “Preaching I Corinthians” Presbyterian College, Montreal, Continuing Education Programme, 2007
- “On Looking At, Looking Through and Being Looked At: The Use of Scripture in Preaching” Alumni Lecture, Presbyterian College, Montreal, 2007, published online at www.standrews.edu
- “On Finding a Father” Convocation Address, Presbyterian College, Montreal, 2007
- “The Theology of Preaching” DMin course, Ashland Theological Seminary, Canterbury College, University of Windsor, 2007.
- “Preaching and Conflict” University of Kwa Zulu-Natal Theological Café, 2009
- “John Calvin and the Preaching of the Lively Word” Calvin@500 Conference, St. Andrew’s Hall, Vancouver, 2009, also at Presbyterian College, Montreal, 2009
- “Why Buildings Do Matter: A Sermon on Haggai,” The service of dedication of the Centre, St. Andrew’s Hall, October 29, 2012.
- “Preaching Easter,” Webinar for the Elder’s Institute, March 2013
- “Preaching Pentecost,” Webinar for the Elder’s Institute, April 2013

Other Teaching

- Regular guest preacher for Anniversary Sundays and during pulpit vacancies.
- Frequent lecturer and workshop leader in Churches, Ministerial Associations, Church Judicatories and Lay

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Schools of Theology.

Work in Progress

The Innkeeper's Table, a manuscript on stories and the art of storytelling, nearing completion
Two articles for the *Presbyterian Record* on preaching and the sacraments respectively

NOTEWORTHY ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

College, University & Professional

- Knox College, Director of Advanced Degree Studies, 1988-1998.
- Toronto School of Theology, Chair of the Advanced Degree Council, 1991-1993.
- Toronto School of Theology, Pastoral Department Executive, 1987-1990, 1998-1999.
- Toronto Journal of Theology Editorial Board, 1996-2003.
- Chair of the Organizing Committee, 33rd Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, 1998.
- Book Review Editor, Preaching Section, Homiletic, 1999-2004.
- Member, Senate of the University of British Columbia, 2007-08, 2009-2013
- St. Andrew's Hall Property Development Committee, 2007- Planned, obtained official permission for and supervised construction of the Centre, a new building for ministry at St. Andrew's Hall.

Ecumenical

- Faith and Order Commission, (renamed Faith and Witness Commission, 1989) Canadian Council of Churches 1987-1990.
- World Alliance of Reformed Churches, Caribbean and North American Area Council Theological Committee, 1989-1997.
- PCC representative to Seoul General Council, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1989.
- World Alliance of Reformed Churches Executive Committee 1989-1997.
- Preparatory Committee, Worship Committee, Debrecen General Council, World Alliance of Reformed Churches, 1997.
- Drafting Committee, The Declaration of Debrecen, 1997.
- Negotiator, Repudiation of Apartheid by and Lifting of Suspension of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa ((with Dr. C. Kirkpatrick) 1997.
- Member, World Alliance of Reformed Church delegation to South Africa, 2009

Denominational

- Convenor, Committee on Human Sexuality, Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) 1987-1991.
- Church Doctrine Committee, PCC 1982-1988.
Note: During this period the Church Doctrine Committee produced *Living Faith*, a new confession of faith for the PCC, made a subordinate standard of the PCC, 1998.

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— Convenor, Ministry Committee, Kingston Presbytery, 1983-1986.

— Moderator, Presbytery of Pickering, 1998-1999.

Community

— Member, Board of Directors of Neighbours, Inc., a home for physically and mentally challenged youth, Kingston, ON, 1983-1985.

— Member, Board of Directors of the Kingston, ON, YMCA, 1984-1986.

— Member Board of Directors of the Scott Mission, Toronto, 1989-2003, Vice-Chair, 1996-2003.

— Various community activities including high school basketball coach and assistant cubmaster