

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

11/2009	Ph.D.	Toronto School of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Administered by Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Area of Study: Homiletics, Supervisor Paul Scott Wilson
5/2004	M.Div.	Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
12/1997	B.A.	Goshen College, Goshen, IN Area of Study: Communications

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1/2024-		Butler Chair in Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC
5/2022-12/2023		Professor of Homiletics with tenure, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH
5/2017-5/2022		Associate Professor of Homiletics with tenure, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH
1/2014-5/2017		Assistant Professor of Homiletics, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH
7/2010-12/2013		Assistant Professor of Preaching and Practical Theology, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA
8/2009-6/2010		Postdoctoral Fellow in Practical Theology and Religious Practices, Candler School of Theology and Emory University, Atlanta, GA

## ORDINATION

January 17, 2010      Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Central District Conference, Mennonite Church USA

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Getting to God: Preaching Good News in a Troubled World.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2023.  
(co-authored with Luke Powery and John Rottman)

*All Our Grievs to Bear: Responding with Resilience After Collective Trauma.* Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2022.

*Words that Heal: Preaching Hope to Wounded Souls.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019.

*Stumbling Over the Cross: Preaching the Cross and Resurrection Today.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2016.

*New Proclamation: Year C 2013, Advent through Holy Week.* co-author Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012. (co-authored)

### Articles and Book Chapters

“Our Beautiful Fragility,” *Perspectives: Contemporary Theological Education*, issue 80 (Winter 2023).

“Between Text and Sermon, Gal 6:9-18” in *Interpretation*, vol. 76 no. 1 (2022).

“Generous Community at TST” *Toronto Journal of Theology*, vol. 37 no. 1(2021): 105.

“Reign of Christ-Advent Three” *Abingdon Preaching Annual 2019.* Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2018.

“When Our Words Fail Us: Preaching Gospel to Trauma Survivors.” *Theologies of the Gospel in Context.* Ed. David Schnasa Jacobsen. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2017.

“Propers 23-28.” *Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary Year B.* Nashville: Abingdon, 2014.

“Proper 11, years A, B, and C.” *Preaching Social Justice and Transformation: A Lectionary Commentary, Year A, Year B, and Year C.* Eds. Ronald J. Allen, Dale P. Andrews, and Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

“Dawbarn, Elizabeth (early 19th cent.)” *Biographical History of Women Biblical Interpreters*. Ed. Marion Taylor. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.

“Deverell, Mary (18th cent.)” *Biographical History of Women Biblical Interpreters*. Ed. Marion Taylor. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.

“Calling Forth More Witnesses: Claiming the Voices of Preachers Silenced by History.” *Toronto Journal of Theology*, vol. 26, no. 1(2010): 47-58.

### **Other Publications**

“Practicing Hope,” *Ministry Matters*, March 28, 2022. Digital resource, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/11203/practicing-hope>.

“Scripture and Trauma,” *Ministry Matters*, August 2, 2021. Digital resource, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/10883/scripture-and-trauma>.

“Preaching Amidst Global Trauma,” *Ministry Matters*, March 25, 2020. Digital resource, <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/10190/preaching-amidst-global-trauma>.

"Transforming the World through Worship: Reimagining Proclamation" *WorshipArts*, Sept.-Oct. 2015: 4.

"Re-formation According to the Cross" *WorshipArts*, Sept.-Oct. 2015: 6-7.

“Preaching and Disabilities” *ADNotes: Newsletter of Anabaptist Disabilities Network*, June. 2014.

“Can Anabaptist Mennonites be Involved in the State?” *The Princeton Theological Review*, Vol. 11, no. 1 (Fall 2004): 25-26.

“Encounter the Risen Christ.” *The Mennonite*, Apr. 16, 2002: 12-13.

### **Book Reviews**

*Sunday's Sermon for Monday's World*, in *Theology Today*, 78, no. 4 (2022): 431-432.

*The Beauty of Preaching in Catalyst*, (Dec. 2020.)

*The Sermon Without End: A Conversational Approach to Preaching in Encounter*, forthcoming.

*The Power of All: Building a Multivoiced Church* in *Conrad Grebel Review*, 32, no. 2 (2014): 204-206.

*Presence: Giving and Receiving God* in *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 86, (2012): 383-384.

*Jesus matters: good news for the 21st century* in *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, 84, no. 3 (2010): 470-472.

*Meeting Our Multifaith Neighbors in Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology*, 32, no. 2 (2008): 127-128.

*Preaching with All You've Got in Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology*, 32, no. 2 (2008): 128-129.

*Why Church Matters* in *Toronto Journal of Theology*, 23, no. 2 (2007): 236-237.

### **AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS**

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| 2009-2010 | Postdoctoral Fellow in Practical Theology and Religious Practices, Candler School of Theology and Emory University, Atlanta, GA |
| 2008-2009 | Bloor Lands Finishing Scholarship, Emmanuel College, Toronto, ON  |
| 2007-2008 | Marjorie Watson Powles Award, Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, ON   |
| 1994-1998 | Menno Simons Scholarship, Goshen College, Goshen, IN  |
| 1995-1998 | Franklin Kornhaus Scholarship, Goshen College, Goshen, IN   |

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“When Our Words Fail Us: Preaching Gospel to Trauma Survivors.” Paper for Academy of Homiletics. Nashville, TN, Dec. 2015.

“Women Like Ourselves: Increasing Nineteenth-century Spheres of Interpretive Influence.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. New Orleans, LA, Nov. 2009.

“Re-tuning Doctrine, Proclamation and Ethical Orientation in the Mennonite Tradition.” Paper presented at Mennonite Graduate Student Conference. Harrisonburg, VA, Aug. 2008.

“Calling Forth More Witnesses: Claiming the Voices of Preachers Silenced by History.” Paper presented at the Academy of Homiletics Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN, Nov. 2007.

## **LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Preaching and Conflict Transformation,” Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX, Apr. 16, 2024.

“Getting to God” Panel discussion and book launch event, Center for Excellence in Preaching, Calvin Seminar, Grand Rapids, MI, Feb. 29, 2024.

Somerville Lecture, “All Our Grievs to Bear: Building Resilience Through Faith Practices,” Vancouver, BC, Oct. 5-6, 2023.

Preaching Grace, Keynote lecturer and preacher, “All Our Grievs to Bear: Building Resilience,” Calgary, AB, May 5-7, 2023.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Pastors and Leaders Conference, “Reimagining Ministry,” Keynote lecturer and preacher, Elkhart, IN Feb. 13-16, 2023.

West Ohio Conference Clergy Day Apart: From Grief to Easter, Hilliard, OH, Feb. 7, 2023.

Engle Institute of Preaching, “All Our Grievs to Bear: Preaching for Resilience After Collective Trauma” and “Making Sermons Come Alive: Igniting Voice and Passion,” Engle Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, June 12-17, 2022.

Keynote Lecturer Lower Susquehanna Synod ELCA Bishop’s Convocation, York, PA, Oct. 21, 2021. Online instructor of continuing education certificate in preaching and trauma, 2021-22.

Engle Institute of Preaching, “Words that Heal: Preaching Hope in the Wake of Trauma” Engle Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary, (Online) June 21-24, 2021.

Panelist, “Preaching and Singing the Resurrection,” Calvin Symposium of Worship, (Online) Jan. 2021.

Respondent to Shelly Rambo Lecture, “Memory Work and the Task of Preaching,” Academy of Homiletics, (Online) Dec. 5, 2020.

Preaching and Trauma Workshop Leader, Central District Conference Mennonite Church USA Retreat (Online) Oct. 1, 2020.

Workshop, “Words that Heal: Trauma-aware Preaching,” Ohio River Valley District Training Day, Armstrong Chapel United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, OH, Jan. 25, 2020.

Keynote lecturer, preacher, and workshop leader, Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship, Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Toronto, ON, Oct. 27-29, 2019.

Keynote lecturer, preacher, What's New in Preaching Conference, Emmanuel College, Toronto, ON. March 11-12, 2019

Panelist, "Emerging Issues in Homiletical Research," Academy of Homiletics, Dallas, TX, Dec. 7, 2017.

"Preaching the Cross," Holy Week Lecture Series, Epiphany United Methodist Church, Loveland, OH, Mar. 30, 2015.

"Preaching the Cross," Seminar, Mennonite Church USA General Assembly, Phoenix, AZ, July 5, 2013.

Workshop, "Christian Education Leadership," Lindale Mennonite Church, Linville, VA, Dec. 10, 2011.

Panelist, "Missional Leadership," Virginia Mennonite Conference Summer Assembly, Harrisonburg, VA, July 2, 2011.

Workshop, "Preaching and the Cross," Refresh! Conference, Wycliffe College, May 8, 2009, Toronto, ON.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Vancouver School of Theology**

Preaching Parables (face-to-face, virtual)	2024-Present
Spirituality of Christian Worship (face-to-face, virtual)	2024-Present

### **United Theological Seminary**

Preparing to Preach (face-to-face, virtual, intensive, online)	2014-2023
Preaching Parables (online, cross listed bible)	2022
Preaching and Trauma (online, cross listed pastoral care)	2020-2023
Advanced Preaching (intensive)	2014
Preaching Across the Bible (online, cross listed bible)	2018-2021
Preaching Seminar (Hybrid)	2018-2023
Work of Worship (face-to-face, virtual)	2017-2022

### **Eastern Mennonite Seminary**

Foundations of Christian Preaching (face-to-face)	2010-2013
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Preaching and the Christian Year (face-to-face)	2012
Advanced Options in Preaching (face-to-face)	2011
Formation One (face-to-face, team-taught)	2010, 2011, 2013
The Christian Tradition I and II (face-to-face, team-taught)	2010-2013
Education for the Whole Body of Christ (face-to-face)	2010-2013
Sacred Worship Events (intensive)	2011
Foundations for Public Worship (face-to-face)	2011
United Methodist Worship/Liturgy (face-to-face)	2012
Formation 3 (face-to-face team-taught)	2012-2013
Interpreting the Biblical Text (online)	2012

### **Candler School of Theology**

Preaching and the Cross (face-to-face)	2010
Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Preaching (face-to-face)	2009

### **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary**

Foundations of Worship and Preaching (intensive)	2010
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### **Emmanuel College**

Course Assistant, Introduction to Preaching	2009
Teaching Assistant, Faith Formation/Intro to Christian Ed.	2005-2008
Teaching Assistant, Learning Communities/History of Ed.	2007

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE**

2022-2023	Academy of Homiletics Executive Committee, Treasurer
2018-2023	Coordinator of United Theological Seminary Annual Preaching Seminar, Dayton, OH
2014-2023	DMin Faculty Consultant, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH
2016	MTS Thesis Supervision, Homiletics, Zeppelin Canlas, United Theological Seminary, Dayton OH
2012-2013	Director, Preaching Institute, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA
2011-2012	Associate Director, Preaching Institute, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA
2012	Coordinator of Worship, School for Leadership Training, Eastern

Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA

2010-2011            Coordinator of Formation, Eastern Mennonite Seminary,  
Harrisonburg, VA

### **RECENT INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

2021-                Faculty Search Committee, United Theological Seminary, Dayton,  
OH

2021-                ThD Exploratory Degree Development Committee, United  
Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH

2019-                Institutional Review Board, United Theological Seminary, Dayton,  
OH

2017-                Faculty Development Committee, Chair 2020-present,  
United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH

2018-2020           Faculty Marshal, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH

2019                 Internal Trustee, Faculty Representative Board of Trustees, United  
Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH

2018-2019           Chair of Masters Studies Committee, United Theological Seminary,  
Dayton, OH

2015-2016           Secretary and Vice Chair, Doctoral Studies Committee, United  
Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH

2014-2016           Worship and Spiritual Life Committee, United Theological  
Seminary, Dayton, OH

### **PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS AND CHURCH SERVICE**

2022-Present        Sacred Listening Team, Central District Conference, Mennonite Church  
USA

2022-Present        Parish Associate Fairmont Presbyterian Church, Kettering, OH

2009-Present        Visiting preacher in congregations of varying sizes and affiliation

2020                 Leader, preaching tune-up cohort Miami Valley Presbytery (online)



2015	Preaching Instructor, United Methodist Church, West Ohio Conference Licensing School, Maria Stein, OH
2012-2013	Leadership Team, The Table Mennonite Fellowship, Harrisonburg, VA
2006-2009	Vocal soloist, musician, preacher, and worship leader for Hope Rising group, Hamilton, ON
2006-2008	Christian Education Committee, Hamilton Mennonite Church, Hamilton, ON
2004-2005	Interim Solo Pastor, Germantown Mennonite Church, Philadelphia, PA
2003	Pastoral Intern, St. James United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO
2002-2003	Pastoral Intern, Perkasio Mennonite Church, Perkasio, PA
2001	Writer and Marketing Assistant, Mennonite Board of Missions, Elkhart, IN
1999-2001	Associate Pastor of Youth, Sunnyside Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN
1999	Summer Program Director, Amigo Center, Sturgis, MI
1998-1999	Mennonite Voluntary Service, Richmond, VA

## **RELEVANT TRAINING**

2021	Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) Level 2 training, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University, Online format.
2017	Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) Level 1 training, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA.
2014	Online Teaching and Learning Certificate (OTLC,) United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH.
2012	Scriptural Reasoning Training, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

2007-Present      Member, Academy of Homiletics (Executive Committee, Treasurer  
2022-2023)