

Curriculum Vita

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TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Interests include facilitating the holistic development of men and women into mature disciples of Jesus Christ. Areas of research and teaching interest include Personal and Interpersonal Development, Group Theory and Dynamics, Intercultural Studies, Character Formation, Theology of Sanctification, and the larger discipline of Spiritual Formation.

EDUCATION

- Ph. D. 2003 Educational Studies, Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA
- Emphasis: Christian Spirituality and Educational Foundations
- Dissertation: *The Role of Attachment Styles in Relationship with God among Evangelicals in Southern California*
- Committee: Dr. Klaus Issler, chair; Dr. Judy TenElshof; Dr. Michael Wilkins.
- Awards: Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges (2002-2003)
Bill Bynum Memorial Award (2001-2002)
Graduated *magna cum laude*
- Leadership: Ph. D. Task Force (1997-2003)
Talbot Associated Student Board, Women's Ministry Chairperson (1999-2000)
- M.A. 1996 Christian Education, Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA
- Emphasis: General Christian Education including Teen, Family and Counseling Ministry in the Church
- Awards: NAPCE Graduate Scholastic Recognition Award (1995-1996)
Kenneth D. Archinal Award in Christian Education (1994-1995)
Graduated *magna cum laude*
- Leadership: Talbot Associated Student Board, Social Chairperson (1994-1995)

Study abroad: Talbot Israel—studied biblical theology in the geography of the Holy Lands (December 26, 1995- January 20, 1996)

B.A. 1992 Christian Education, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Emphasis: Church Ministry and Intercultural Studies

Awards: NAPCE Undergraduate Scholastic Recognition Award (1991-1992)
Graduated *magna cum laude*

Leadership: Gospel Choir, Secretary (1989-1990)
Navigators, Bible Study Leader (1989-1990)
Student Missionary Project (January 1991- August 1991)
China Prayer Group, Co-leader (1991-1992)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION:

Professor of Spiritual Formation and Women's Ministry
Grace College and Theological Seminary, School of Ministry Studies
Winona Lake, IN

Fall 2006 to Present

Courses taught include:

Continuing Education Classes for Women's Leadership Certificate:

Biblical Foundations of Leadership
Effective Bible Study and Teaching Methods
Soul Care and Leadership
Spiritual Formation
Women and Scripture
Teaching for Transformation
Equipping Others for Ministry
Facilitator Training Module

Undergraduate:

Scripture and Interpretation—3 units

Responsible for course design and training of other faculty in 1st year
experience sections during Spring B (2011-2012)

Summer online design and teaching 2010, 2 sections 2011

Foundations of Ministry Leadership—3 units

Foundations of Educational Ministries—3 units

Relational Skills for Ministry—3 units

Senior Seminar—3 units

Cross-Listed Course for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Seminary with same course title:

Women and Scripture—3 units

Studies in Spiritual Formation—3 units

Graduate:

Interpersonal Communication and Conflict Management—3 units
Bible Exposition—3 units
Biblical Foundations of Leadership (part of Women's Leadership Concentration)—3 units taught as a Private Tutorial
Soul Care in Leadership (part of Women's Leadership Concentration)—3 units taught as Private Tutorial
Equipping Others for Ministry (part of Women's Leadership Concentration)—3 units taught as Private Tutorial
Studies in Spiritual Formation [Online] includes design and teaching—3 units

Adjunct Professor

1999 to 2010

Departments of Christian Education, Biblical Studies, Christian Ministry and Leadership, and Ph.D. in Educational Studies

Biola University and Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

Courses taught include:

Undergraduate:

Inductive Bible Study—3 units (Fall and Spring 2000-2006—total of 10 times)
Foundations of Interpersonal Relationships (Spring and Fall 2005)
Authentic Womanhood—3 units (Fall 1999)
Foundations of Development—3 units (Fall 1999)

Graduate:

Personal and Interpersonal Development—3 units (Spring 1999, 2004-2006)
Personal Foundations of Ministry—2 units (Fall 2004)

Doctoral:

Friendship and Community: Contexts for Spiritual Growth—3 units (Fall 2005, October 2007-February 2008)
Selected Topics in Spiritual Formation (co-taught with Dr. John Coe, Director of the Institute of Spiritual Formation at Biola University)—3 units (October 2009-February 2010)

Instructor

Summer 2007

Institute of Biblical Studies, Campus Crusade for Christ
Fort Collins, CO

Courses taught:

Graduate:

Biblical Interpretation and Communication—3 units

Teaching Assistant

1995 to 2004

Departments of Christian Education, Christian Ministry and Leadership
and the Institute for Spiritual Formation

Biola University and Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

Assisted Dr. Judy TenElshof in teaching and grading responsibilities. Primary duties included grading student papers, formatting computer generated handouts, calculating final grades and occasionally teaching class sessions.

Undergraduate Courses:

Foundations of Development, Foundations for Counseling Ministry

Graduate Courses:

Lifespan Development in Ministry, Personal Foundations of Ministry,
Foundations of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Advanced Pastoral Care and
Counseling, Counseling Troubled Families, Women and Men in Ministry

Research Assistant

1995 to 2004

Departments of Christian Education, Christian Ministry and Leadership
and the Institute for Spiritual Formation

Biola University and Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

Assisted Dr. Judy TenElshof in writing responsibilities. Duties included researching topics for written publication, formatting computer generated graphics and materials for presentations on and off campus, and editing papers submitted for publication. Assisted in the following written publications:

Saucy, R. & TenElshof, J. (Eds.). (2001). Women and Men in Ministry: A complementary perspective. Chicago: Moody Press.

TenElshof, J. (2001). Discipline; Family Morality; Models of Parenting; Extended Family. In Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education. Grand Rapids: Baker Books.

TenElshof, J. (2001). Family life education. In M. Anthony (Ed.), Introducing Christian education: Foundations for the twenty-first century. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic Press.

Focus Group Research Team Member

Spring semester 2000

Ph.D. Department of Educational Studies

Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

Arranged and led gatherings of Talbot alumni to generate qualitative data focused on evaluating various master degree programs at Talbot. Analyzed data and synthesized feedback into key areas of strengths and weaknesses. Research team led by Dr. Kevin Lawson.

Program Review Committee Member:
Graduate Department of Christian Education
Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

Fall semester 2001

Committee led by Dr. Richard Leyda developed systematic inventory of program objectives for Talbot's Master of Arts in Christian Education based on robust survey of other schools and ATS criteria. Created student survey to evaluate Talbot's performance in meeting program goals.

Academic Advisor/Proctor
Office of Graduate Admissions
Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

1997 to 2002

Met with incoming Talbot students to guide scheduling of new classes. Assessed particular needs and goals for the program and advised appropriate classes. Proctored and graded the Talbot Writing Proficiency Exam, screening new students for graduate level composition skills.

PUBLIC EDUCATION:

Teacher

1996 to 1999

Sylvan Learning Centers, Brea, CA

Provided targeted curriculum support for students in a 1:3 learning ratio in subjects such as language arts, math, social studies and science. Taught K-12 students, ranging from beginning readers to advanced placement high school students. Required an ability to develop interpersonal relationships with students and motivate learners struggling in traditional school settings.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP:

Women's Ministry Assistant (Part-time)

2000 to 2006

First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, Fullerton, CA

Provided leadership for various programs facilitating spiritual growth of women in church setting. Responsibilities included equipping small group Bible study leaders, coordinating large group teachers, leading worship, overseeing volunteers in plaza ministry, and being the staff liaison to the planning committee for a large outreach event. Developed Bible study curriculum for use with the book of Revelation and a new believer's Bible study on the book of Colossians. Ministry skills include team development, interpersonal communication, public speaking, organizational leadership and administration, creation of new ministry programs, and casting vision for worship.

Jr. High School Ministry Assistant (Part-time)

June 1994 to June 1996

First Baptist Church of Lakewood, Lakewood, CA

Worked on multi-gendered leadership team to provide meaningful context for jr. high students to come to a saving knowledge of Christ and be disciplined in their growing walk with God. Led weekly discipleship group and taught Sunday School for female jr. high students. Taught large group of mixed students on occasion and helped lead outreach events on regular basis. Coordinated "Club Jr. High," a summer day camp program for students to build relationship with God, leaders, and one other.

Group Workcamp Crew Leader

Summer 1990

Group Publishing, Loveland, CO

Organized hundreds of high schoolers to serve impoverished communities through Group Workcamps in West Virginia and Michigan. Responsibilities required assigning crews to sites, troubleshooting at home improvement locations and running an evening program which challenged students spiritually.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:

Missionary

June 1992 to August 1993

Christ For Children International, Fresno, Mexico

Ministered with the charter team of Wheaton students to reach unchurched children and parents with the Gospel. Provided tangible evidence of God's love by meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Responsibilities included assessing community needs, designing and implementing appropriate ministry programs, and training national leaders in service projects. Started children's ministry programs such as Vacation Bible School and Kid's Clubs, served on youth ministry leadership team and sang with the worship team at the Vineyard Church. Completed Latin American Mission's summer training program, "Spearhead," emphasizing relevant cultural and ministerial skills in Mexico City.

Student Missionary Project

January 1991 to August 1991

Child Evangelism Fellowship, Island of Mauritius

Received extensive cross-cultural training through Wheaton College's student missionary project during Spring semester of 1991. Completed two-week missionary training session with Child Evangelism Fellowship and spent summer (six-weeks) teaching Good News Clubs for children, leading Bible studies for youth and adults, and being mentored by the CEF director for the Island of Mauritius.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles:

- “Preaching for Spiritual Formation,” co-written with Kenneth Bickel, Presented and Published in Evangelical Homiletics Society Papers, 2008
- “Sacred Companions,” *Christian Reflection: A series in Faith and Ethics* 27 (2008), 84-88.
- “The Role of Friendship in Spiritual Formation,” *Christian Education Journal* 4 NS/1 (Fall 2000), 45-62.

Book Reviews:

Heart-deep teaching: Engaging students for transformed lives. By Gary Newton. Nashville, TN: Broadman and Holman. 2012. 212 pp. Appears in *Christian Education Journal* 10 (Spring 2013), 200-202.

Contributor:

- “Aelred of Rievaulx” *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, 2015, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Press.
- “Dark Night of the Soul” *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, 2015, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Press.
- “St John of the Cross” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, to be published in 2014, Scarecrow Press.
- “Theology of Suffering” in *Worldview Study Bible*, Holman Christian Standard Bible, 2013, Lifeway.
- “Promoting Piety: Historical Perspectives on Grace Seminary and its Pursuit of Holistic Education” Norris and Burkholder (Ed.). (2015). *Becoming Grace: 75 Years on the Landscape of Christian Higher Education in America*, Winona Lake, IN: Brethren Missionary Herald.
- Robinson, B. (Ed.). (2004). *Women’s Ministry in the 21st Century*. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing.
- Lawson, K. (Ed.). (2002). *Theology and Christian Education: An annotated bibliography*. La Mirada, CA: NAPCE funded publication.

Dissertation:

The Role of Attachment Styles in Relationship with God among Evangelical Christians in Southern California. (Doctoral Dissertation, Biola University, 2003). Dissertation Abstracts International, 64, (University Microfilms No. AA130-88095).

Magazine Article:

Community: Why we need relationships for personal growth in *Women's Spectrum*, 2007-2008 edition.

Saving Grace vs. Common Grace in *Women's Spectrum*; 2011-2012 edition.

Unpublished Bible Study Materials designed for Church Ministry Context:

Walking Through Colossians: A new believer's study on the Book of Colossians

Back to the Future: A study of the Book of Revelation

Genesis: The Book of Beginnings (co-written)

Matthew: God with Us

PRESENTATIONS

"Treasured Pearls of Grace: Living as Daughters of the King" Crossroads Women's Retreat, presented in Shipshewana, IN, September 2014.

"Orphans or Daughters of God?" Brookside Women's Event, presented in Fort Wayne, IN, October 2013.

"Spiritual Formation Practices" Brethren World Assembly, presented in Brookville, OH, July 2013.

"Embossed" Women's Ministry Retreat Speaker, presented in Anchorage, AK, Fall 2012.

"Dealing with Annoying People" First Sunday Learning Community, presented in Winona Lake, IN, Fall 2011.

"Trusting in El Shaddai: Sarah's Journey of Faith" Grace College Chapel, presented in Winona Lake, IN, Fall 2011.

"Gamechanger" series of messages for Fellowship of Christian Athletes Girls' Basketball Camp, Winona Lake, IN Summer 2011.

"Spiritual Formation for Women," Four-day class, Equip Conference, Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches National Conference, Worthington, OH July 2009.

"On the Journey," Women's Ministry Retreat Speaker, presented in Shipshewana, IN 2007; Murietta Springs, CA 2007; Delaware, OH, November 2008; Leesburg, IN April 2009; Anchorage, AK September 2010.

"Spiritual Formation for Women," Two-day class, Equip Conference, Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches National Conference, Winona Lake, IN July 2007.

“Contemporary Issues for Women’s Ministry,” Two-day class, Equip Conference, Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Winona Lake, IN 2007.

“Brokenness, Vulnerability and Leadership” Workshop, Leading While Bleeding Ministry Leader Conference, Fort Wayne, IN 2007.

“Spiritual Formation and Emotional Health” and “Leading with a Sense of Self-Awareness” Workshops, Celebrate 2006 National Conference of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches (FGBC), Palm Springs, CA, July 2006.

“Developing a Tender and Open Heart for God” Retreat Speaker, Talbot School of Theology Doctoral Student Retreat, Idyllwild, CA, May 2006.

“Skills for Developing Intimacy with God and Others” Speaker, First Evangelical Free Church Singles Event, Fullerton, CA 2006.

“How to Develop Your Own Bible Study Materials” Workshop, Christian Ministries Training Association (CMTA/GLASS) Convention, Pasadena, CA 2005.

“How Self-Awareness Helps You Lead” Workshop, presented at Korean-American Sunday School Conference (KASSCON), Los Angeles, CA 2005; FGBC Women’s Leadership Summit, Reading, PA, October 2007.

“The Role of Adult Attachment Styles in Relationship with God Among Evangelical Christians in Southern California” Current Research Seminar, North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE) Conference, Quincy, MA, October 2003.

“The Role of Friendship in Spiritual Formation,” Pre-NAPCE meeting of Ph.D. students from Talbot and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, San Diego, CA, October 1999.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

North American Professors of Christian Education/Society of Professors in CE 1999 to Present
Board Member and Secretary October 2008-January 2013

Consultant for FGBC ministry leaders of Serving My Master 2006 to Present
(National Girl’s discipleship program) & Women of Grace USA

Director of Seminary Accreditation and Assessment
Grace Theological Seminary 2015 to Present

Advisory Board Member 2008 to 2010
Christian Education Journal (Guild journal affiliated with NAPCE/SPCE) 2017 to Present

Adult Learning Team Coordinator Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church	2015 to 2018
Member and Leader on Teaching Team of People Seeking Christ ABF Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church	2013 to Present
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee Grace College and Seminary	2013 to 2015
Advanced Research Class through Seminars at Calvin Seminary Leadership and Formation in the Early Church	Summer 2014
Member of Equipping Team Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church	2008 to 2014
Co-Leader of Serve Team Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church	2012 to 2014
Member Christian Education Core Curriculum Task Force NAPCE affiliated research group delineating the academic parameters of Christian Education Programs in Bible Colleges, Christian Higher Education and Seminaries	2012 to 2013
Christian Higher Education Referee Member of the peer review process for article submitted to <i>Christian Higher Education: An International Journal of Research, Theory and Practice</i>	2012

GRACE COLLEGE LEADERSHIP ROLES

Seminary Mentor Group Leader	2008 to Present
Member of Academic Affairs Committee Appointed chair October 2013	2011 to 2015
Advisor to Seminary Wives in Fellowship and Training	2007 to Present
Academic Advisor for ICS students and Internship Placement	2010 to Present
Member and Secretary of Assessment Committee	2008 to 2011
Advisor with Student Affairs Undergraduate Chapel and Women's Ministry	2008-2009

