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## **EDUCATION**

**M.S.** Virginia Commonwealth University (Patient Counseling), 2014

**Ph.D.** Union Presbyterian Seminary (Church History), 2012

**Th.M.** Western Theological Seminary (Theology), 2006

**Th.M.** Princeton Theological Seminary (Church History), 2003

**M.Th.** United Theological College, India (Church History), 1998

**M.Div.**, United Theological College, India, 1994

**B.Th.** Serampore College, India, 1992

## **ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION/TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Director of Ministry and Context/Associate Professor, Interdenominational Theological Center, 2017-2018

Adjunct Professor, North Carolina Wesleyan College, 2012-2017

Adjunct Professor, Mount Olive University, 2013-2017

Visiting Lecturer, Mennonite Brethren College, India, 2003-2017

Adjunct Professor, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, 2016

Adjunct Professor, Campbell University Divinity School, 2013

Teaching Assistant, Union Presbyterian Seminary, 2008 - 2010

Junior Lecturer, Serampore College, India, 1998 – 2002

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion  
American Society of Church History/Research & Prizes Committee  
American Society of Missiology

## ECCLESIASTICAL AFFILIATION

Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (United States of America)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- **Caste, Gender, and Christianity in Colonial India: Telugu Women in Mission** (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013)
- **History of the Telugu Christians: A Bibliography** (Lanham: Scarecrow Press, 2011)

### Articles in Journals/Chapters in Books/Encyclopedia Entries

- “Romans 12:1-8” in **Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology** 74:1 (January 2020): 74-76.
- “Evangelicalism and Bhakti Tradition among Telugu Baptists” in **American Baptist Quarterly** 38:2 (Summer 2019): 146-160.
- “Liberation Theology in World Christianity” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, Volume XVI, 2018: 458-459.
- “Blurring the Boundaries: Telugu Biblewomen, Itinerancy, and Social Mobility,” in *Mission At and From the Margins: Patterns, Protagonists, and Perspectives*. Edited by Peniel Rajkumar and et al. (Oxford: Regnum, 2014): 127-141.
- “Reconfiguring Home: Telugu Biblewomen, Protestant Missionaries, and Christian Marriage.” **International Bulletin of Missionary Research** 35:1 (January 2011): 30-36.
- “The Beginnings of Christianity among the Telugus.” **Indian Church History Review** 43:2 (December 2008): 118-134.
- “Canadian Baptist Missionaries and the British Raj.” **American Baptist Quarterly** 42:6 (April 2008): 422-435.
- “Gandhi and Protestant Missionaries in the 1930s: Portraits of Gandhi in Missionary Literature.” **Bangalore Theological Forum** 39:2 (December 2007): 110-124.
- “Dalit Conversions to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Karnataka.” **Methodist History** 45:4 (July 2007): 204-213.
- “Christian Mission and Inter-faith Dialogue: A Dalit Christian’s Reflections” **Indian Journal of Theology** 49:1 (2007): 74-84.

### Book Reviews

- *Jesus in Asia*, by R.S. Sugirtharajah. **Missiology: An International Review** 48:2 (April 2020): 215.

- *Engaging Globalization: The Poor, Christian Mission, and Our Hyperconnected World*, by Bryant L. Myers. **Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology** 73:4 (October 2019): 419-420.
- *Protestant Christianity in the Indian Diaspora: Abjected Identities, Evangelical Relations and Pentecostal Vision*, by Robbie B. H. Goh. **Review & Expositor** 116:3 (August 2019):378-379.
- *Traveling in Time with Pioneers of our Faith*, by Narola Ao McFayden. **Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology** 73:2 (April 2019): 222-223.
- *Missionary Christianity and Local Religion: American Evangelicalism in North India, 1836-1870*, by Arun Jones. **Review & Expositor** 115:2 (May 2018): 305.
- *The Past, Present, and Future of Theologies of Interreligious Dialogue*, by Merrigan. **Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies** 30:1 (2018):134-135.
- *The Bible Cause: A History of the American Bible Society*, by John Fea. **Review & Expositor** 114:4 (May 2017): 609-610.
- *Christian Faith: Dogmatics in Outline*, by Brian A. Gerrish. **Review & Expositor** 114:3 (May 2017): 315-316.
- *Bearing the Unbearable: Trauma, Gospel, and Pastoral Care*, by Deborah van Deusen Hunsinger. **Review and Expositor** 114:2 (May 2017): 317-318.
- *Establishing Religious Freedom: Jefferson's Statute in Virginia*, by Thomas E. Buckley. **Review & Expositor** 114:3 (May 2017): 316-317.
- *To Be Cared For: The Power of Conversion and Foreignness of Belonging in an Indian Slum*, Nate Robert. **Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies** 30:1 (2017): 129-131.
- *The Globalization of Christianity: Implication for Christian Ministry and Theology*, edited Gordon Heath. **Review & Expositor** 113:4 (November 2016): 566-567.
- *Political History of the Bible in America*, by Paul Hansen. **Review & Expositor** 113:4 (November 2016): 570-771.
- *Theology from the Trenches: Reflections on Urban Ministry*, by Roger Gench. **Missiology: An International Review** 44 (October 2016): 496.
- *Shared Stories and Rival Tellings: Early Encounters of Jews, Christians and Muslims*, by Robert C. Gregg. **Missiology: An International Review** 44 (October 2016): 504-505.
- *Jesus without Borders: Christology in the Majority World*, edited by Gene L. Green and et al. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 43:3 (July 2016): 39.
- *Becoming the Gospel: Paul, Participation, and Mission*, by Michael J. Gorman. **Mission Studies** 33:1 (2016): 105-106.
- *The Story That Chooses Us: A Tapestry of Missional Vision*, by George Hunsberger. **Mission Studies** 33:1 (2016): 105-106.
- *World Religions and Contemporary Issues: How Evolving Views on Ecology, Peace, and Women are Impacting Faith Today*, by Brennan Hill. **Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology** 70:2 (April 2016): 237-238.
- *Christianity and Religious Diversity: Clarifying Christian Commitments in a Globalizing Age*, by Harold A. Netland. **Theology Today** 73:1 (April 2016): 83-84.
- *Solidarity Ethics: Transformation in a Globalized World*, by Rebecca Todd Peters. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 43:2 (April 2016): 29.
- *Women's Socioeconomic Status and Religious Leadership in Asia Minor in the First Two Centuries C.E.*, by Katherine Bain. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 43:2 (April 2016): 29.

- *Seventy Images of Grace in the Epistles that All the Difference Daily Life*, by Norma Cook Everist. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 43:2 (April 2016): 32.
- *Called to Witness: Doing Missional Theology*, by Darrell L. Guder. **Review & Expositor** 113:1 (February 2016): 131-132.
- *To All Nations from All Nations: A History of the Christian Missionary Movement*, by Carlos F. Cardoza-Orlandi & Justo L. Gonzalez. **Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology** 71:1 (Jan 2016): 118-119.
- *The Spirit Moves West: Korean Missionaries in America*, by Rebeca Y. Kim. **Mission Studies** 32:3 (Fall 2015): 452-453.
- *Ecclesial Identities in a Multi-faith Context: Jesus Truth-Gatherings (Yesu Satsangs) among Hindus and Sikhs in Northwest India*, by Darren Todd Duerksen. **Mission Studies** 32:3 (Fall 2015): 443-444.
- *Pope Francis: Untying the Knots*, by Paul Vallely. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 42:4 (October 2015):310-311.
- *Pentecostals, Proselytization, and Anti-Christian Violence in Contemporary India*, by Chad M. Bauman. **Review & Expositor** 112:3 (August 2015): 485-486.
- *Christians in South Indian Villages, 1959-2009*, by John B. Carman and Chilkuri Vasanth Rao. **Review & Expositor** 112:3 (August 2015): 486-487.
- *Hospital Chaplaincy in the Twenty-First Century: The Crisis of Spiritual Care on the NHS*, by Christopher Swift. **Review & Expositor** 112:3 (August 2015): 499-500.
- *Into the Pulpit: Southern Baptist Women and Power since the World War II*, by Elizabeth H. Flowers. **Review & Expositor** 112:2 (May 2015): 349-350.
- *Missional Worship and Worshipful Mission: Gathering as God's People, Going Out in God's Name*, by Ruth A. Meyers. **Mission Studies** 32:2 (Summer 2015):323-324.
- *From Enemy to Friend: Jewish Wisdom and the Pursuit of Peace*, by Rabbi Amy Eilberg. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 42:2 (April 2015): 146-147.
- *Suffering and the Search for Meaning: Contemporary Responses to the Problem of Pain*, by Richard Rice. **Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling** 69:1 (March 2015):51.
- *The Pariah Problem: Caste, Religion and the Social in Modern India*, by Rupa Viswanath. **Mission Studies** 32:1 (Spring 2015):165-166.
- *Sent Forth: African Missionary Work in the West*, by Harvey C. Kwiyani. **Mission Studies** 32:1 (Spring 2015):171-172.
- *Mighty England Do Good: Culture, Faith, Empire, and World in the Foreign Missions of the Church of England, 1850-1915*, by Steven S. Maughan. **Mission Studies** 32:1 (Spring 2015):167-168.
- *The Cambridge Companion to Pentecostalism*, edited by Cecil M. Robeck Jr. and Amos Yong. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 42:1 (January/February 2015): 64-65.
- *Women Deacons: Past, Present, Future*, by Gary Macy, William T. Ditewig, and Phyllis Zagano. **Review & Expositor** 112:1 (February 2015): 178-179.
- *Empowering Couples: A Narrative Approach to Spiritual Care*, by Duane Bidwell. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 41:6 (December 2014): 418-419.
- *What Christians can learn from Other Religions*, by Phillip Wogaman. **Review & Expositor** 111:4 (November 2014): 432-433.
- *Understanding Christian Mission: Participation in Suffering and Glory*, by Scott W. Sunquist. **Mission Studies** 31:3 (Fall 2014): 471.
- *Summoned from the Margin: Homecoming of an African*, by Lamin Sanneh. **Mission Studies**

- 31:3 (Fall 2014): 450-451.
- *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?: Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World*, by Brian D. McLaren. **Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology** 68:3 (July 2014): 326-327.
  - *To the Ends of the Earth: Pentecostalism and the Transformation of World Christianity*, by Allan Anderson. **Mission Studies** 31:2 (Spring 2014): 308-309.
  - *Intercultural Theology: Approaches and Themes*, edited by Marl J. Cartledge and David Cheetham. **Mission Studies** 31:2 (Spring 2014): 285-286.
  - *Changing Horizons: Explorations in Feminist Interpretation*, by Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 41:2 (April 2014): 133.
  - *Introducing World Christianity*, edited by Charles E. Farhadian. **Mission Studies** 30:2 (Spring 2013): 255-256.
  - *Missional Preaching: Engage, Embrace, Transition*, by Al Tizon. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 40:5 (October 2013): 360.
  - *The Hermeneutical Self and the Divine Difference: Intercivilizational Engagement*, by Paul S. Chung. **Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology** 67:4 (October 2013): 446-447.
  - *The Vitality of Liberation Theology*, by Craig L. Nesson. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 40:3 (June 2013): 209-210.
  - *News of Boundless Riches: Interrogating, Comparing and Reconstructing Mission in Global Era*, edited by Max Stackhouse and Lalsangkima Pachu. **The Bulletin of the Institute of Reformed Theology** 9:2 (Winter 2011): 11.
  - *The Study of Evangelism: Exploring a Missional Practice of the Church*, edited by Paul W. Chilcote and Lacey C. Warner. **Reformed Review** 62:2 (Spring 2009): 114.
  - *Fortress Introduction to the History of Christianity in the United States*, by Nancy Koester. **Currents in Theology and Mission** 36:2 (April 2009): 142-143.
  - *History of Christianity in Asia, Vol.II, 1500-1900*, by Samuel Moffett. **Reformed Review** 61:3 (Fall 2008): 153-154.
  - *The Missional Church in Context: Helping Congregations Develop Contextual Ministry*, edited by Craig Van Gelden. **Reformed Review** 61:1 (Winter 2007/2008): 32-33.
  - *Growing Healthy Asian American Churches*, edited by Pater Cha & et al. **Reformed Review** 60:2 (Spring 2007): 106-107.
  - *Lesslie Newbigin: Missionary Theologian -A Reader*, edited by Paul Weston. **Reformed Review** 60:2 (Spring 2007): 109-110.

## LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- “Missionaries in the Movies: A Panel Discussion” at the Eastern Fellowship of Professors of Mission Annual Meeting, November, 2020.
- “Spirit at the Edges: Sanskritization of Telugu Pentecostals” at Annual Dawe Lecture, Union Presbyterian Seminary, March, 2019.
- “Teaching History of Christianity in Asia,” Myanmar Association of Theological Education, December, 2018.
- “Underlining the Untouched Religions of India,” the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity Annual Meeting, Yale Divinity School, June, 2015.
- “Female Deities and Women Priests: The Matangi Tradition of South India,” American

- Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November, 2014.
- “Attitudes of Magisterial Reformers to Armed Conflict,” the Board of Theological Education of the Senate of Serampore College, Mennonite Brethren Centenary Bible College, India, September, 2014.
  - “A Book-talk on Caste, Gender, and Christianity in Colonial India: Telugu Women in Mission,” Department of Patient Counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University, July, 2014.
  - “The World Their Classroom: Theological Education of Women in Colonial India,” the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity Annual Meeting, Yale Divinity School, July, 2011.
  - “‘Women with Bibles’: Origins and Development of the Office of Biblewomen in South India,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, October, 2010.
  - “In the Women’s Compartment: Reflections of a Man in Women’s Studies” at Graduate Student Association Colloquy, Union Presbyterian Seminary, February, 2008.
  - “Madiga Christians and the Subversive Gospel,” the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity Annual Meeting, Yale Divinity School, June, 2007.
  - “Encounter between Protestant and Telugu Women’s Paradigms of Scripture” at Engaging Particularities Conference, Boston College, March, 2007.

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Transitional Aftercare Network Coordinator**, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Raleigh, 2016-2017

**Associate Chaplain**, Wayne-University of North Carolina Hospital, Goldsboro, 2014-2016

**Chaplain Resident**, Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, 2013-2014

**Pulpit Supply**, Brown’s Presbyterian Church, Farmville, VA, May-August, 2014

**Chaplain Intern**, WakeMed Health System, Raleigh, NC, 2013

**Pulpit Supply**, Wylliesburg Presbyterian Church, June-August, 2012

**Pastor**, Mulapeta Baptist Church, Mulapeta, India, 1994-1996

**Seminary Intern**, Bethesda Baptist Church, Bangalore, India, 1992-1994

**Associate Pastor**, Bethel Baptist Church, Uppada, India, 1991-1992