

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Yale University (1982-87): M.A., M.Phil., Ph.D.
Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (1975-80): D.Min.
Lewis and Clark College (1971-75): B.A.

Professional Experience

Union Presbyterian Seminary (formerly Union-PSCE)

F.S. Royster Professor of Christian Missions (2006-present)
Academic Dean, Richmond (2010-2015)
Professor of Christian Missions (2002-2006)
Associate Professor of Christian Missions (1997-2002)

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (1989-1997; 1977-1979)

Professor of Church History: as mission co-worker appointed by the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Instructor in Greek and Theological English (1977-1979)
Missionary in Residence – Synod of Lincoln Trails (1995-96)

College of Idaho (1987-89)

Assistant Professor of Religion

College of Idaho (1985-87)

College Chaplain / Instructor in Religion
Director of Church Relations / Foreign Student Advisor

Yale University (1982-85)

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Church History I & II -- Yale Divinity School
The Religion of Islam & Islamic Mysticism: Sufism -- Yale College
Assistant to the Director, Committee on Middle East Studies

Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (1980-82)

Director of Admissions

Publications

Books: *Comprehending Mission: The Questions, Methods, Themes, Problems, and Prospects of Missiology*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2012. First book to receive the American Society of Missiology's annual Book Award for Excellence in Missiology.

Picturing Christian Witness: New Testament Images of Disciples in Mission.
Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006

Fundamentals of New Testament Greek. Cairo: Bible Society of Egypt, 1995.
(A textbook and reference grammar; in Arabic)

Articles and chapters in books

"Historical Consciousness: Remembering James H. Smylie," *Sharon and Brook* (Summer 2019)

"Samuel Habib." *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* (online reference source; posted January 2018))

"An Inadvertent Missiologist: Edward Gibbon and the Science of Mission," *Missiology* 44 (2016): 20-32

"Meeting the Challenge: New Curriculum to Debut in Fall 2013," *Focus* 24/1 (2012): 16-18

"Missiology and the *IRM* over a Century," *International Review of Mission* 100 (2011): 160-180

"Copts, Coptic Church." *New Westminster Dictionary of Church History*. Vol. 1. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

"American Presbyterians and the Middle East," a chapter in *A History of Presbyterian Missions, 1944-2007*, ed. Scott W. Sunquist and Caroline N. Becker. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2008.

"History." *Encyclopedia of Mission and Missionaries*. New York: Routledge, 2007.

"Thinking Missiologically about the History of Mission," *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 31 (2007): 59-65.

"Christianity and Other Religions," guest editorial in *Interpretation* 61 (2007): 3-5

"Configuring Missiology: Reading Classified Bibliographies as Disciplinary Maps,"

Mission Studies 23 (2006): 171-201.

“Mission, Theology of.” *Encyclopedia of Christianity*. Vol. 3: 557-564. Leiden/Grand Rapids: Brill/Eerdmans, 2003.

“Doctoral Dissertations on Mission: Ten-Year Update, 1992-2001,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 27 (2003): 98-133.

“The Gospel in Context,” guest editorial in *Interpretation* 55 (2001): 351-353.

“Among the Believers: Muslims and Christians in the *Dar al-Islam*,” a chapter in *Presbyterian Mission for a New Millennium*, ed. Bonnie Sue Lewis and Tricia Lloyd-Sidle. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2001.

“The Mission of a Changing Church in a Changed World: Shifting Western Perceptions of the Church’s Task,” a chapter in *Preparing for Witness in Context: 1998 Cook Theological Seminar*, ed. Jean S. Stoner. Louisville: Office of Global Education and International Leadership Development (Presbyterian Church [USA]), 1999.

“Impending Transformation: Mission Structures for a New Century,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 23 (1999): 2-6. Reprinted in *Mission at the Dawn of the 21st Century: A Vision for the Church*, ed. Paul Varo Martinson. Minneapolis: Kirk House Publishers, 1999.

“Networking, Civil Society and the NGO: A New Model for Ecumenical Mission,” *Missiology* 25 (1997): 307-319. Reprinted in *New Wineskins: Faithful Mission in the 21st Century*, ed. Rena M. Yocum. New York: General Board of Global Ministries (United Methodist Church), 1999.

“Emerging Trends in a Shifting Global Context: Mission in the New World Order,” *Theology Today* 54 (1997): 150-164

“Sailors and Fishermen: The Evangelical Theological Seminary in the 19th Century,” *Awraq* 1 (1997): 34-36 [in Arabic]

“The Empty Basket of Presbyterian Mission: Limits and Possibilities of Partnership,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 19 (1995): 98-104

“The American Presbyterian Mission in Egypt: Significant Factors in Its Establishment,” *American Presbyterians* 64 (1986): 83-95

Book reviews

Roberta R. King and Willaim A. Dyrness, eds., *The Arts as Witness in Multifaith Contexts* in *International Bulletin of Mission Studies* (forthcoming)

- Dana L. Robert, *Faithful Friendships: Embracing Diversity in Christian Community in Interpretation* (forthcoming)
- Deanna Ferree Womack, *Protestants, Gender and the Arab Renaissance in Late Modern Syria* in *Mission Studies* 37 (2020): 152-154.
- David A. Hollinger, *Protestants Abroad: How Missionaries Tried to Change the World but Changed America* in *Interpretation* 73 (2019): 60-61.
- Chloë Starr, *Chinese Theology: Text and Context* in *Interpretation* 72 (2018): 462-463.
- John Corrie and Cathy Ross, eds., *Mission in Context: Explorations Inspired by J. Andrew Kirk* in *Ecclesiology* 10 (2014): 387-390.
- Hilde Nielssen, Inger Marie Okkenhaug and Karina Hestad Skeie, eds., *Protestant Missions and Local Encounters in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries: Unto the Ends of the World* (Leiden: Brill, 2011) in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 36 (2012): 172.
- David A. Kerr and Kenneth R. Ross, eds., *Edinburgh 2010: Mission Then and Now* (Oxford: Regnum, 2009) in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 34 (2010): 122.
- Harvey Cox, *The Future of Faith* (New York: HarperOne, 2009) in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 34 (2010): 52-53
- Heather J. Sharkey, *American Evangelicals in Egypt: Missionary Encounters in an Age of Empire* (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2008) in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 33 (2009): 159-160. Reprinted in *Cairo Journal of Theology* 1 (2014): 49-50.
- Sidney H. Griffith, *The Church in the Shadow of the Mosque: Christians and Muslims in the World of Islam* (Princeton and Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2008) in *Interpretation* 63 (2009): 209-210
- W. Eugene March, *God's Land on Loan: Israel, Palestine, and the World* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2007) in *Theology Today* 65 (2009): 546-547
- Robert G. Tuttle, Jr., *The Story of Evangelism: A History of the Witness to the Gospel* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2006) in *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 31 (2007): 47
- Jamie G. Scott and Gareth Griffiths, eds., *Mixed Messages: Materiality, Textuality, Missions* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005) in *Missiology* 34 (2006): 419-420

Stephen B. Bevans and Roger P. Schroeder, *Constants in Context: A Theology of Mission for Today* (Maryknoll: Orbis, 2004) in *Interpretation* 60 (2006): 118, 120

Lamin Sanneh, *Whose Religion is Christianity? Christianity beyond the West* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003) in *Presbyterian Outlook* 187: 27 (August 29, 2005): 20, 27

Asma Gull Hasan, *American Muslims: The New Generation* (New York: Continuum, 2000) in *Missiology* 30 (2002): 545-546

John Witte and Richard C. Martin, eds., *Sharing the Book: Religious Perspectives on the Rights and Wrongs of Proselytism* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1999) in *Interpretation* 55 (2001): 220-222

Marinus de Jonge, *God's Final Envoy: Early Christology and Jesus' Own View of His Mission* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998) in *Missiology* 28 (2000): 123-124

Peter Partner, *God of Battles: Holy Wars of Christianity and Islam* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1998) and James Turner Johnson, *The Holy War Idea in Western and Islamic Traditions* (University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997) in *Interpretation* 53 (1999): 416-418

Dissertation

“The Greeks in Medieval Islamic Egypt: A Melkite Dhimmi Community under the Patriarch of Alexandria (640-1095)” -- under the direction of Professor Deno Geanakoplos, Yale University

Lectures and Presentations (a selection of engagements)

Presenter, Seminary for a Day at Union Presbyterian Seminary: “Mission and Missionaries in Film and Fiction” (September 28, 2019)

Presenter, Association of Professors of Mission Annual Meeting, “Teaching Missiology through Film and Fiction (June 13, 2019)

Presenter, Korean Lay Leadership Seminar at Union Presbyterian Seminary: “The Enlightenment and (Western) Christianity” (October 9, 2018)

Presenter, Korean Lay Leadership Seminar at Union Presbyterian Seminary: “The Protestant Reformation” (December 5, 2017)

Panelist, “The Reformation after 500 Years.” Trinity United Methodist Church, Richmond (October 1, 2017)

Presenter, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, VA: “The Global Church and Theological Education” (June 11, 2017)

Presenter, Korean Lay Leadership Seminar at Union Presbyterian Seminary: “Picturing Christian Witness” (October 10, 2016)

ASM Presidential address: “Edward Gibbon and the Science of Mission.” American Society of Missiology Annual Meeting (June 20, 2015)

Presenter, Bon Air Presbyterian Church, Richmond: “Christianity in the Qur’an” (February 15, 2015)

Presenter, Union on the Move, Norfolk, VA: “What is Missiology?” (October 18, 2014)

Response to Mary E. Hess, “Adult Learning in a World Leaning into God’s Mission” Association of Professors of Mission annual meeting (June 19, 2014)

Presenter, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Richmond: “Mission and Evangelism in the Twenty-first Century” (October 20, 2013)

Presenter, Seminary for a Day at Union Presbyterian Seminary: “Who Studies Christian Mission and Why?” (September 28, 2013)

Presenter, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC: “Egypt after the Arab Spring” (April 14, 2013)

Inaugural lecturer, Thomas White Currie, Jr., Mission Lectureship, Union Presbyterian Seminary at Charlotte. “What’s New in World Mission? Implications for Congregations” (February 8, 2010).

Presenter, “Getting to Know the New Neighbors: Medieval Christians within the World of Islam.” Society for Patristic and Medieval Studies, Union Presbyterian Seminary (September 30, 2008).

Presenter, “Islam Today.” Adult Forum, Southminster Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (January 27, 2008).

Lecturer, “The Mission of Missiology: Critical Reflection on Christian Words and Deeds,” conference for seminarians, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, CT (January 17, 2008).

Panelist, “Christianity and Islam: Conflict, Co-existence and Common Roots.” Hampden-Sydney College, Summer Alumni College (June 8, 2007).

Inaugural lecture: “Thinking Missiologically about the History of Mission.” Watts Chapel, Union Presbyterian Seminary (September 21, 2006).

Presenter, “Should Seminarians Study Islam? World Religions and Theological

Education.” Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (January 4, 2006).

Presenter, “Islam Today and Christian Mission,” Global Mission Conference, Worldwide Ministries Division, PCUSA (with Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship and Outreach Foundation), at Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA (October 21, 2005).

Presenter, “Configuring Missiology: The Changing Shape of an Emerging Discipline.” Richmond Forum on Mission and Missiology (September 16, 2005).

Presenter, “New Testament Images of Mission.” Institute for Christian Studies, National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC (April 30, 2005).

Moderator, Hoover Lectures, Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond (March 2005).

Presenter, “A Presbyterian Perspective on the Middle East.” First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (January 30, 2005).

Leader, “The Missional Church.” Vestry retreat for St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA (October 16, 2004).

Presenter, “New Testament Images of Mission.” St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (4 sessions; Sept/Oct 2004).

Presenter, “The Modern Protestant Missionary Movement.” Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (August 15, 2004).

Lecturer, “Christian-Muslim Encounters: Past, Present, and Future.” The Patton Lectures, First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA (October 24-26, 2003).

Presenter, “On Being Christian in the Middle East,” Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Richmond Virginia (January 26, 2003).

Lecturer, “Irenic Witness: Christian Mission in a World of Competing Religions,” conference for seminarians, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, CT (January 16, 2003).

Lecturer, “Where to Begin? Starting Points for the Theology of Mission,” conference for seminarians, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, CT (January 16, 2002).

Presenter, “Christian Approaches to Islam,” First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (November 14, 2001).

Presenter, “Revisiting the Middle East: What’s the Same and What’s Different after

9/11?," Aubrey Brown Peace Forum, Ginter Park Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA (November 11, 2001).

Presenter, "Morphing Mission: The Changing Shape of Christian Mission," Global Mission Pre-conference, Worldwide Ministries Division, PCUSA, Cherry Hill, NJ (October 11, 2001).

Lecturer, "The Unchanged Mandate: Mission in the New Millennium," conference for seminarians, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, CT (January 2, 2001).

Presenter, "Christian Mission and the New Testament," annual congregational Bible study at White Memorial Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC (February 26-27, 2000).

Presenter, "The Witness of the Church in the Middle East," annual mission conference at Davidson College Presbyterian Church, Davidson, NC (February 12-13, 2000).

Awards

American Society of Missiology Book Award for Excellence in Missiology (2013; for *Comprehending Mission: The Questions, Methods, Themes, Problems and Prospects of Missiology*)

University Fellowship, Yale University (1982-87)

Walter W. Moore Fellowship for further graduate study, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (awarded 1980; used at Yale University)

Friends of the Seminary First Year Fellowship, Union Seminary in Virginia (1975-76)

Primary Teaching Competencies

History and Theology of Christian Mission; Missiology

Orthodox Christian Tradition (History and Theology)

History of Christianity

Islamic Religion

Hellenistic Greek

Language Abilities

Reading Knowledge of:

Arabic

Hellenistic Greek

French

Limited Reading Knowledge of:

Farsi (Persian)

German

Hebrew

Speaking Knowledge of Arabic

Professional Affiliations

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Missiology
 President (2014-2015)
 Board of Directors (2006-2009; 2012-2016)
 ASM-East President (2003-2004; 2018-2019)
Association of Professors of Mission
 President (2005-2006)
International Association of Mission Studies
Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World
 Christianity
Ordained Minister, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Other Experience

2005-10 Co-founder and co-director, Richmond Forum on Mission and Missiology

1993-97 Honorary member of pastoral staff, All Saints Episcopal Cathedral (Cairo, Egypt)

1986-89 Founder and director, College of Idaho Amnesty International campus group

1977-79 Instructor at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt --
This position was funded by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at a subsistence level and included some opportunities for study of Coptic language, Islamic religion, Orthodox Church history, and Arabic.

1973-74 Study at the former "Pahlavi" University in Shiraz, Iran for six months with a group of students from Lewis and Clark College. Subjects included: Farsi, Iranian history and culture, Islamic religion.