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Educational Background

Degree	Year	University	Major	Dissertation/Thesis
Ph.D.	2012	B. H. Carroll Theological Institute	Practical Theology: Ethics, Missiology, Ecclesiology, and the Postmodern Hermeneutic	<i>The Necessity of Social Justice as Ecclesial Praxis in a Postmodern Context</i>
M.Div.	2007	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Religious Studies	<i>Pauline Theology for 21st Century Women</i>
C.P.E.	2006	Ecumenical Center of San Antonio	Clinical Pastoral Education	
M.A.T.S.	2005	Austin Graduate School of Theology	Biblical Studies	<i>Transformation Development: Education and Empowerment for Mission in Developing Countries</i>
B.A.	2004	Skidmore College	Communications	<i>Art Ethics</i>
I.S.J.	1978	Defense Information School	Information Specialist: Journalist (U.S. Navy)	

Professional Experience

Position	Entity	Dates
Online Adjunct for Religious Studies	University of St Mary Leavenworth, KS	2015-present
Online Adjunct for Religious Studies	University of the Southwest Hobbs, NM	2015-present
Volunteer Chaplain	Geo Karnes County (Immigrant) Residential Center	2015-present
Organizing/Senior Pastor PC(USA) Ordained Teaching Elder	Community Fellowship Presbyterian Church-New Braunfels, TX	2007-2015
Co-owner; photographer; artist; Author/professional speaker- keynote speaker at professional photography conferences	Boursier Photography-Falmouth, MA	1982-2003
Journalist Third Class	U.S. Navy	1978-1980

Teaching Experience

Course	Entity	Dates
Mission in Healthcare: A Theological Perspective (Pastoral Care for Nursing Students)	University of St Mary Leavenworth, KS	Spring I 2016
Introduction to World Religions; Survey of the Old Testament	University of the Southwest Hobbs, NM	Summer B 2015
Artsy Theology: Mixing Art & Theology for Ministry, Mission, Worship & Christian Education	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary [Guest Lecturer- Education Beyond the Walls]	September 2013
Christian Theology III	BH Carroll Theological Institute-Arlington, TX [Ph.D. student teacher]	Fall 2011
Ministry 4350: Christian Mission	Austin Graduate School of Theology-Austin, TX [Guest Lecturer]	Spring 2007
Cross Cultural Leadership Training	Booth Centre for Continuing Education; Justo Mwale Theological College-Lusaka, Zambia [Guest Lecturer; 40-hour seminar]	June 2006
Professional Photography 40-hour workshops: Marketing, Sales, Public Relations, Mixed	Professional Photographers of Kansas, Florida, Georgia, and Texas	1985-2000

Media Art, and Photographic Technique	[Guest Lecturer; 40-hour seminar]	
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Courses Prepared and Taught

- Mission in Healthcare: A Theological Perspective [online]
- Survey of the Old Testament [online]
- Introduction to World Religions [online]
- Christian Theology III: Faith and Heritage (Ecclesiology, New Paradigm Church, Christian life, Eschatology) [online]
- The (Mixed Media) Art of Theological Reflection (workshops)
- The Postmodern Hermeneutic (workshops)
- Postmodern Ecclesia—New Paradigms for Church (workshops)
- Systematic Theology—An Introduction to Christianity 101
- Ecclesiastes
- The Minor Prophets
- Cross-Cultural Mission (40-hour seminar)

Academic Course Possibilities: Courses Prepared for On-Line Instruction

- Principles and Practices of (Mixed Media) Art: Visual Learning in Diverse Contexts
- Evangelism as Mission; Mission as Evangelism—A Practical Theology for a (Postmodern) Church
- Postmodern Ecclesia—New Paradigms for Church
- Introduction to Practical Theology—A Postmodern Perspective

Languages Greek and Hebrew: basic skills in reading and translating. Qualitative research. Polite conversational Spanish.

Continuing Education: Seminars and Conferences

Topic	Entity	Dates
The Power of Hope: Art (Therapy) for Immigrants inside a Detention Center	Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC) National Retreat [presenter] Malibu, CA	September 2015
Conversation on Immigration with Congressman Joaquin Castro, et al	St. Mary's University School of Law San Antonio, TX	June 2015
Annual Conference—five days of seminars: OT, NT, mission, philosophy, hermeneutics, theology, religion, and online pedagogy.	American Academy of Religion	November 2014

A Conversation with N. T. Wright	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	March 2014
Southwest Regional Meeting; papers & presentations NT; OT; Arts, Literature, & Religion	Southwest Commission on Religious Studies	March 2014
Women, Voice, and Preaching	Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary Education Beyond the Walls	May 2013
Reading the Book of the Twelve as One Book: A Survey of the Discussion and Defense of Its Validity	BH Carroll Theological Institute	May 2013
Sexual Abuse Awareness Training: Creating a Safe Campus for Young People; and Sexual Harassment: Higher Education Version	In2Vate on-line course via Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary	May 2013
Grace, Grace, and More Grace	Wichita, KS; Renovaré	September 2012
The Jesus Way Seminar Series	San Antonio, TX; Renovaré	June 2009
Church History Oxford, England Study Trip	Oxford, UK via BH Carroll Theological Institute	March 2008
Exponential New Church Development	Exponential	April 2007, 2006

Honors, Awards, and Grants

- May 2014 \$50,000 Sam and Helen Walton Award for excellence in a PC (USA) new church development at Community Fellowship Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels, TX.
- November 2013 Organizing Pastor; Community Fellowship Presbyterian Church (NCD) chartered and recognized as a new church in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) November 17, 2013.
- 2009-2015 \$300,000 New Church Development Grant: \$100,000 “matching funds” grant funded over seven years, Office of Mission Program Grants, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Church (USA), 2009-2015; \$100,000 matching funds contributed by Mission Presbytery; additional \$100,000 matching funds contributed by First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio 2009-2012.
- 2007 W. P. Newell Fellowship, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
- 1998 Professional Photographers of America Master of Photography Degree.
- 1997 Professional Photographers of Massachusetts Photographic Excellence Degree.
- 1996 American Society of Photographers Associate Degree—youngest ever to be awarded the degree.
- 1998 Fuji Masterpiece Award for Photographic Excellence.
- 1996, 1991 Eastman Kodak Gallery Award for Photographic Excellence.
- 1990 Professional Photographers of America Photographic Craftsman Degree.

Publications: Books

- Photographers and Their Studios: Creating an Efficient and Profitable Workspace.* Buffalo, NY: Amherst Media, 2001.
- Watercolor Portrait Photography: The Art of Polaroid SX-70 Manipulation.* Buffalo, NY: Amherst Media, 2000.
- Ideas That Work, Vol. V.* Rochester, NY: Eastman Kodak, 2000.
- Marketing and Selling Black and White Portrait Photography.* Buffalo, NY: Amherst Media, 2000.

Photographing Children in Black and White. Buffalo, NY: Amherst Media, 2000.

Family Portrait Photography: Professional Techniques and Images. Buffalo, NY: Amherst Media, 1999.

Ideas That Work, Vol. IV. Rochester, NY: Eastman Kodak, 1999.

Black and White Portrait Photography. Buffalo, NY: Amherst Media, 1998.

Cringe-Free Evangelism: Finding A Way to Witness That is Right For You. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1996.

Tell It With Style: Evangelism for Every Personality Type. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

Marketing Madness: Power Marketing for Portrait-Wedding Photographers. Soulsbyville, CA: Studio Press, 1992.

The Modern (selectively tinted) B&W Portrait. Soulsbyville, CA: Studio Press, 1991.

The Studio Sales Manual: How to Triple Your Sales (Without Raising Prices). Soulsbyville, CA: Studio Press, 1990.

Publications: Academic Journals

“The Necessity of Social Just-Ness as Ecclesial Praxis in a Postmodern Context.” *Theology Today*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2015.

“Using Art in Theological Reflection.” *Communitas—Journal of Education Beyond the Walls*. Vol. 11. Austin, TX: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2014.

“Moral Issues: Layers of Learning Embedding in PhD Dissertation.” *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary*. Fall 2013. Austin, TX: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2013.

“Worshipping on Holy Ground.” *Windows*, Winter 2006. Austin, TX: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2006.

Publications: Popular/Lay Ministry

“Family-Tree Christmas Collage: A Christmas and Advent Art Project for your Congregation’s Children.” *Presbyterians Today*. December 2013. Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Church (USA).

“How Small Churches can use the Arts in Ministry.” *Presbyterians Today*. April 2013. Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Church (USA).

Publications: Professional Trade/Art Journals

“Photographing on Location—How to Work with What You’ve Got.” *The Rangefinder*, April 2000. New York: Wedding Photographers International.

“Looking for Light—Available Light Portraits on Location.” *The Rangefinder*, October 1999. New York: Wedding Photographers International.

“Jumping on the Digital Bandwagon—When you Don’t know the First thing about Computers.” *Professional Photographer*, March 1997. Atlanta, GA: Professional Photographers of America.

“Hand Coloring: Adding Pizazz to Black and White Prints.” *The Rangefinder*, April 1996. New York: Wedding Photographers International.

“Black & White: Back in Vogue.” *The Rangefinder*, July 1994. New York: Wedding Photographers International.

Academic Works not in Print—book length manuscripts

The Necessity of Social Justice as Ecclesial Praxis in a Postmodern Context; Ph.D. dissertation; BH Carroll Theological Institute, 2012.

Transformation Development: Education and Empowerment for Mission in Developing Countries; directed study; Austin Graduate School of Theology, 2006.

Pauline Theology for 21st Century Women; M.Div. directed study; Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2005.

Academic Works not in Print—work submitted and/or work in progress

October 2015. *The Power of Hope: Art Inside an Immigrant Family Detention Center*. [Journal article under review.]

May 2015. *Faithful Doxology—The Necessity of Social Justice as Ecclesial Praxis in a Postmodern Context*. [Book manuscript under review.]

Academic Works not in Print—papers presented at professional meetings

“A Practical Theology Theodicy of Response.” Spring 2008 B.H. Carroll Theological Institute travel seminar: Oxford, England.

“The Theological in-attention to Social Justice—A Survey through the Centuries.” Spring 2007 Colloquy, BH Carroll Theological Institute, Arlington, TX.

Creative Work Published: Art/Photography

Six photographs included in a collage on the cover and also as article heading inserts. *Windows*. Spring 2013. Austin, TX: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, 2013.

Cover photograph, *2013-2014 Presbyterian Planning Calendar*. Louisville, KY: Office of the General Assembly, 2013.

Appointments/Offices Held

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| 2015 | Chair, Mission Outreach and Justice Committee of Mission Presbytery (PC-USA), TX. |
| 2014-2015 | Member, Immigration Task Force of Mission Presbytery (PC-USA), TX. |
| 2014-2015 | Member, Interfaith Hospitality Coalition for Immigrants Seeking Asylum. |
| 2014-2015 | Member, General Council of Mission Presbytery (PC-USA), TX. |
| 2014 | Chair, Church Development and Evangelism, Mission Presbytery (PC-USA), TX. |
| 2012 - 2014 | Coach and consultant in church planting, Shepherd of the Pines (NCD), Bastrop, TX. |
| 2009 - 2014 | Member, Church Development and Evangelism Division, Mission Presbytery, TX. |
| 2006 - 2013 | Member, New Church Development Committee, Mission Presbytery, TX. |
| 2012 | Board of Directors as immediate past president, New Braunfels Women’s Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels, TX. |
| 2010 & 2011 | President, New Braunfels Women’s Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels, TX. |
| June 29, 2008 | Ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church-U.S.A. |
| 2005 | Organizing co-chair of the Mission Presbytery (PC-USA) regional disaster response task force: helped organize churches and train leaders in disaster response procedures. |
| 2004 - 2005 | Vice president of student body government. Austin Graduate School of Theology. |
| 1994 - 1999 | Mentor and Small Business Consultant. Eastman Kodak’s Promise of Excellence Advisory Board. |

- 1996 & 1997 President. Professional Photographers of Massachusetts.
- 1996 Massachusetts Representative to Professional Photographers of New England.

Service

- 2015 Volunteer chaplain and lead artist: *Art as a Ministry of Presence for Immigrant Women and Children Seeking Asylum*, Geo Karnes City (Immigrant) Detention Center (2-3 times monthly).
- 2012-2015 Annual nine-day mission trip—team leader to work in the barrios of Los Cabos, Mexico. Taught cottage industry skills for women; art as mission; and served in soup kitchens. Gave an “art therapy” workshop at Palabra de Vida, a residential 12-step treatment center for men.
- August 2014 Participant, *Arte de Lágrimas* (Art of Tears) mission project at the Catholic Charities immigrant relief center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, McAllen; project coordinator Dr. Gregory Cuéllar, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX.
- Fall 2013 Chairperson, New Braunfels C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk; Church World Service.
- Summer 2013 Provided supervisory oversight for a Supervised Practice of Ministry summer intern in the Master of Divinity program of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.
- March 2012 Border mission trip to Progreso Nuevo, Mexico to work with development ministries for women and children.
- July 2009 Eight-day mission trip to Guatemala with the Guatemala Partnership of Mission Presbytery; began the physical structure of building a new church. Also preached and led worship with the indigenous host congregation.
- 2006-2007 Volunteer chaplain, Hays County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, San Marcos, TX.
- June 2006 Thirty-day mission trip to Lusaka, Zambia. Worked at an HIV/AIDS orphanage; taught lay leadership at Justo Mwale Theological Institute; preached for the seminary congregation; and prepared audio-visual marketing materials for Justo Mwale Theological Institute.
- July 2005 Ten-day mission trip to the Dominican Republic with Food for the Hungry and First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio.

Professional Organizations

American Academy of Religion
 Gospel in our Culture Network
 Society of Arts & Theological Studies

References

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