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PERSONAL

U.S. Citizen; Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
 Married (Julie), with three children (Sam, Joe, and Emily).

EDUCATION

Biola University, Talbot Theological Seminary, Ph.D., Education, 2006
 Syracuse University, course work completed and comprehensive exam passed toward a
 Ph.D. in Child & Family Studies, 1991-1997
 Villanova University, M.S., Counseling and Human Relations, 1990
 Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 36 credit hours toward Master of Divinity, 1985-1986
 Grove City College, B.A., Double Major: Religion and Psychology, 1985

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Professors of Christian Education, 1997 to present.
Association of Youth Ministry Educators, 1997 to present.
 Ordained, *Christian & Missionary Alliance*, Syracuse, NY, 1994
 Licensed Official Worker, *Christian & Missionary Alliance*, Syracuse, NY, 1992

EXPERIENCE**Academic**

Professor, Dept. of Youth and Family Studies, *Nyack College*, Nyack, NY, 1997 to present;
 Department Chair over Rockland and Manhattan campuses, 2011-present.
 Develop program and concentrations and teach undergraduate courses. Assist
 Sociology, Psychology, & Bible programs with courses (*Understanding New Atheism*,
Human Sexuality, *American Youth Culture*, *At-Risk Youth*, *Adolescent Social Welfare*, etc.).
 Additional responsibilities include advising and mentoring students; committee
 representation, and, active involvement in community youth-work.

Campus Community

Chapel Speaker, F1998-present
 Nyack Scholars Symposium, Sp.2010; F2010; F2012
 Faculty Affairs Committee, F2002-F2004; F2007-F2011 (Secretary, 08; Chair, 09)
 Middle States, Sub-committee on Faculty, F2008-Sp2009
 Committees: Nominations, Sp2004; Campus Community, F1998-Sp2002
 Athletic-Team-Chaplain Mentor, F2005-Sp2006
 "Noon-ball", F1997-2009

Adjunct Professor, *Nyack College: Seminary, Graduate School, and Adult Degree Completion Program*, Nyack, NY, 1998 to present; Develop and teach graduate courses in Counseling, Marriage & Family Therapy, Education and Ministry programs (*Marriage & Family Research Methods, The Character of Education, Models of Youth Ministry & Blended Families*).

Editing,

Association of Christian Schools International, Bible Curriculums, 2010-present
Peer Reviewer, *Christian Education Journal & The Journal of Youth Ministry*,
2006-present
Praxis Editor, (1999-2001), E-journal, *The Journal of Youth Ministry*

Teaching Assistant, *Syracuse University*, Syracuse, NY, 1991-1993

Independently developed curriculum for and taught *Human Ecology, Interpersonal Dynamics, Introduction to Family and Community Services, and Observation Skills*. Shared in lecturing and grading responsibilities for *Family Development and Child Development*.

Instructor, *The Restaurant School*, Phil., PA, 1990-1991

Taught "Stress Management" and "Communication" courses and study skills workshops.

Graduate Assistant *Villanova University*, PA, 1988-1989

Research in education; available to all department professors for miscellaneous needs; Aided a dying professor in the presentation of his course.

Grants

Group Publishing Research Grant, F2005, \$3,000.

Clinical

Therapist, Independent, Milford, PA, 2010-present

Therapist, *Crossway Life Center*, Syracuse, NY, 1994-1995

Conducted individual, marriage, family, and child/adolescent therapy.

Student Counselor, *The Restaurant School*, Phil., PA, 1990-1991

Counseled students regarding personal, academic, and/or social difficulties; liaison between students and administration.

Therapist, *Family and Psychological Services*, Cherry Hill, NJ, 1990-1991

Conducted individual, marriage, family, and child/adolescent therapy.

Administrative Director/Therapist, *Christian Family Services*, C.H., NJ, 1990-1991

Marketed CFS; organized and led community workshops and retreats; marriage, family and child/adolescent therapy.

Extended Employee Program Mgr./Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor,

Goodwill Industries, Camden, NJ, 1987-1988

Supervised counselors of sheltered clients; counseled clients concerning various personal/vocation issues; coordinated efforts with local social service agencies.

Board Leadership

Association of Youth Ministry Educators, F2012-present

Tri-State Young Life, Committee (founding member, 2001-2010)

Vice Chair, 2004-2006; Chair, 2007-2010; Golf Tournament Chair, 2006-2010

Cross and Crown Foundation, Board Consultant, 2008-2011

School Board of Directors, Goshen Christian School, 1999-2002

Board of Directors, Birthright, Syracuse, NY, 1993-1995

Ministry

Preaching

Chinnor Congregational Church, Chinnor, Oxfordshire, U.K., 3/2010

Sussex Reformed Church, Sussex, NJ- F/2004-present

Long Meadow Chapel, CMA, Milford, PA- 2003-present

Milford Bible Church, Milford, PA, 2004-present

Goshen Christian Reformed Church, Goshen, NY-1998-2008

Church of Living Grace, Livingston, NJ- 2/2007

Chinnor Congregational Church, Chinnor, Oxfordshire, U.K., 3/2007

First Presbyterian Church, Milford, PA, F 2004

New Bremen Mennonite Church, New Bremen, NY, 12/2003

Grace Fellowship Chapel, Bedminster, NJ, 5/2003-7/2003

Christ Community Church, Sparta, NJ, 2000-2002

Immanuel Bible Church, Campbell Hall, NY, 6/99-10/99

Cold Spring Baptist Church, Cold Spring, NY, 8/99,

Calvary Gospel Church, E. Brunswick, NJ, 7/99

Grace Alliance Church, Piscataway, NJ, 2/99

Various other churches/denominations, 1986-1999

Preaching Pastor, *Goshen Christian Reformed Church, Goshen, NY, 2005-2008*

Interim Pastor, *Christ Community Church, Sparta, NJ, 1999-2002*

Pastor a church in which the NE District Superintendent of the CMA obtained the resignations of the Sr. Pastor, all Elders and Deacons. The charge was to bring healing and to rebuild; it was fulfilled. The church was a vibrant, growing church in 2002.

Assistant Pastor, *Syracuse Alliance Church, Syracuse, NY, 1991-1996*

Developed, led, and supervised the Alliance Youth Fellowship; taught adult Christian Education classes; counseled families; preached; visited those in the hospital; participated on Elder/Governing boards and Christian Education/Youth Ministry Committees; and, various other miscellaneous responsibilities.

Youth Pastor/Christian Education Director, *Cherry Hill Alliance Church*,
Cherry Hill, NJ, 1989-1991

Developed, led, and supervised the Alliance Youth Fellowship; administrated and taught within the Christian Education program.

Youth Director, *First Presbyterian Church*, Haddonfield, NJ, 1986-1987

Developed and led weekly Sr. High and Jr. High Fellowships as well as social and service ministries of the youth program.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Academic

Belsterling, R. (2009). Adolescent attachment, Christian youth workers, and frequency of Bible study. *Christian Education Journal*, 6, 337-352.

Belsterling, R. (2006). The mentoring approach of Jesus as demonstrated in John 13. *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 5(1), 77-92.

Trade

Belsterling, R. (1999). Attachment to Parents and Youth Leaders. *Lifeway Christian Resources*, 9(8), 2.

Dissertation

Belsterling, R. (2006). *Adolescent attachment with Christian youth workers and psychosocial adjustment among North East Christian college students* (Doctoral dissertation).

Book Reviews

Belsterling, R. (Sp., 2009). [Review of the book: *Straight talk on spiritual power*, by Bill Hull]. *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 7(2), 115-119.

Belsterling, R. (F., 2008). [Review of the book: *The Truth about Tolerance: Pluralism, Diversity, and the Culture Wars*, by B. Stetson & J.G. Conti]. *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 7(1), 115-119.

Belsterling, R. (F., 2004). [Review of the book: *Shaping the spiritual life of students*, by R. Dunn]. *Christian Education Journal*, 3, 1 (3).

Belsterling, R. (Spring, 2004). [Review of the book: *Power Failure: Christianity in the culture of technology*, by A. Borgmann]. *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 2(2), 114-118.

PRESENTATIONS

Professional (Educators/Youth-workers/Church Leadership)

Belsterling, R. (Oct. 2012). *Keys to Marital Stability & Satisfaction*. Nyack College Scholars' Symposium, Nyack, NY.

Belsterling, R. (March, 2012). *Intentional Relationships in Youthwork*. CMA Youthworker, SYM Pre-Conference. Louisville, KY.

Belsterling, R. (October, 2010). *Core-Four: Need Based Relational Ministry*. Paper presented at the annual Association of Youth Ministry Educators conference, Louisville, KY.

Belsterling, R. (Oct., 2010). *Four Varying Relational Needs of Adolescents*. Nyack College Scholars' Symposium, Nyack, NY.

Belsterling, R. (April, 2010). *Youthworkers' Relationships with youth*. Nyack College Scholars' Symposium, Nyack, NY.

Belsterling, R. (March, 2010). *Youth ministry in the U.S.; Youthworks*, Oxford, U.K.; *Church Leadership*, Chinnor Congregational Church, Oxfordshire, U.K.

Belsterling, R. (October, 2009). *Keynote Speaker: Mentoring Adolescents and Discipleship Strategies*. CMA, Northeastern District, Children's & Youth Worker Training Conference, Albany, NY.

Belsterling, R. (November, 2008). *Listening to Teenagers and Counseling Adolescents*. CMA, Metropolitan District, Youthworker's Training Seminar. Glen Spey, NY.

Belsterling, R. (November, 2007). *Adolescent Relational Needs*. Faculty Scholarly Dialogue, Nyack, NY.

Belsterling, R. (February, 2007). *Incomparable Education*. Keynote Speaker. Sussex Christian School, Sussex, NJ.

Belsterling, R. (October, 2006). *A Youthworker's Mentoring Approach Impacts Attachment Relationship Potential with Adolescents*. Paper presented at the annual Association of Youth Ministry Educators conference, Denver, CO.

Belsterling, R. (October, 2006). *How often a Youth-worker teaches about Jesus through Bible Study and its relationship to Adolescent Attachment*. Paper presented at the annual National Association of Professors of Christian Education conference, Denver, CO.

Belsterling, R. (March, 2004). Guest Lecturer, one week-theme: *Relational Youthwork in the United States*. Papers presented at University of Gloucestershire: Moorlands College, Christchurch, England, United Kingdom.

Belsterling, R. (June, 2004). *Special Issues in Counseling Teenagers on Retreat*. Youth-worker Training Workshop, Olivet Gospel Church, Bronx, NY.

Belsterling, R. (June, 2003). *Counseling Teenagers in Camp Settings*. Youth-worker Training Workshop, Olivet Gospel Church, Bronx, NY.

Belsterling, R. (F2002). Key Note Speaker: *Teaching with the attitude of Jesus Christ*. ACSI Conference, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Belsterling, R. (February, 1998). *Guiding Adolescents and Why Youth Ministry*. Youth worker Training Workshops, Metropolitan Baptist Youth Convention, Stroudsburg, PA.

Belsterling, R. (1998). *Attachment: Its critical relevance to youth ministry in the 21st Century*. Paper presented at the annual Association of Youth Ministry Educators conference, Nashville, TN.

Youth/Marriage/Family Conferences/Retreats

Belsterling, R. (June, 2012). *The Heart of God*. Tuscarora Retreat Ctr., Mt. Bethel, PA.

Belsterling, R. (July, 2011). *Jesus' Last Words*. Mahaffey Camp & Conference Ctr., PA.

Belsterling, R. (February, 2011). *Trusting God*. Camp of the Woods, Speculator, NY.

Belsterling, R. (July, 2010). *A Heart for God*. Hope Evangelical Free, Wilton, CT.

Belsterling, R. (July, 2009). *Under God's Authority*. Hope Evangelical Free, Wilton, CT.

Belsterling, R. (October, 2008). *Holy Marriage*. Trinity Lutheran Church, Walden, NY.

Belsterling, R. (May, 2008). *The Disciplines of a Disciple*. Church of Living Grace, Livingston, NJ, Annual conference at Stroudsburg University, PA.

Belsterling, R. (June, 2006). *Unveiling The Davinci Code*. Tri-State Young Life, Campaigners, Milford, PA.

Belsterling, R. (April, 2005). *Loving God through your Marriage*. Long Meadow Chapel, Eastern Pennsylvania District of the CMA, Milford, PA.

Belsterling, R. (July, 2004). *Fruits of the Spirit*. Family Camp Keynote Speaker, Beaver Camp & Retreat Center, Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association, Lowville, NY.

Belsterling, R. (May, 2004). *American Youth Culture*. Pike County Rotary, Milford, PA.

Belsterling, R. (July, 2003). *The Spiritual Formation of the Soul*. Family Camp, Keynote Speaker, Sequanota Conference Center, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Jennerstown, PA

Belsterling, R. (June, 2003). *God's Grace*. Sr. High Speaker, Beaver Camp & Retreat Center, Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association, Lowville, NY.

Belsterling, R. (December, 2002). *Student Leadership*. Sr. High Meeting, Park Street Brethren Church, Ashland, OH.

Belsterling, R. (December, 2002). *Peer Evangelism*. Sr. High Meeting, North Woodbury Alliance Church, CMA, Lexington, OH

Belsterling, R. (July, 2001). *The Love of God*. Sr. High Speaker, Beaver Camp & Retreat Center, Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association, Lowville, NY.

Belsterling, R. (June, 2001). *God loves you*. Sr. High Meeting, North Woodbury Alliance Church, CMA, Lexington, OH

Belsterling, R. (August 2000). *Loving God*. Youth Week Keynote Speaker, Northport Baptist Church, Long Island, NY.

Belsterling, R. (June, 2000). *Trusting God*. Sr. High Speaker, Beaver Camp & Retreat Center, Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association, Lowville, NY.

Belsterling, R. (November, 1999). *Leadership 101*. Goshen Christian Leadership Society, Goshen Christian School, Goshen, NY.

Belsterling, R. (October, 1999). *Youth Outreach*. Christian Education Commission of the Diocese of Newark, Episcopal Diocese of Newark, Summit, NJ.

Belsterling, R. (July, 1999). *Living in Truth..* Sr. High Speaker, Beaver Camp & Retreat Center, Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association, Lowville, NY.

Belsterling, R. (July, 1999). *God Loves You*. Youth Week Keynote Speaker, Northport Baptist Church, Long Island, NY.

Belsterling, R. (April, 1999). *Peer Evangelism*. Sr. High Speaker, Northport Baptist Church, Long Island, NY.

Belsterling, R. (February, 1998). *Knowing God*. Keynote Speaker, Metropolitan Baptist Youth Convention, Stroudsburg, PA.

Belsterling, R. (May, 1997). *Single Minded Love*. Beaver Camp & Retreat Center, Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association, District Singles' Retreat, Keynote Speaker, Lowville, NY.

HONORS/RECOGNITION

Full Professor, Nyack College, 2009

Tenure Awarded, Nyack College, 2008

Talbot School of Theology Scholarships, Biola University, La Mirada, CA,
2004-2006

Associate Professor, Nyack College, 2005

Who's Who among Teachers (student nominated).

Assistant Professor, Nyack College, 2002

Full Scholarship, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 1991-1993

Teaching Assistantship, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 1991-1993; Only one assistant in the College of Human Development was chosen each year to independently develop and teach courses in their second year of an assistantship; I was awarded that assistantship in F1992-Sp1993.

College of Human Development Fellowship, Syracuse University, summer 1992

Graduate Assistantship, Villanova University, 1988

Pittsburgh Presbyterian Scholarship, 1981

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pastoral Mentor/Coach, C&MA/Metropolitan District, 2000-present

Upward Basketball Referee/Coach, Milford Bible Church, 2006 to present

Delaware Valley School District Volunteer, 2001 to present

Delaware Valley *Cal Ripken Baseball League*, Coach, 2001-2005

Volunteer Youth Leader, Goshen CRC, 1997-2001

Goshen Community *Little League*, Coach, 1998-2000

Middle School Basketball Coach, *Goshen Christian School*, 2000-2002

Soccer Coach, Goshen Community Recreational League, 1998-2001

Apple Valley *Little League*, Coach, 1995

REFERENCES

Available upon request.