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EDUCATION

Biola University, 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 M.Div., 1985-1986

Grove City College, B.A., Double Major: Religion and Psychology, 1985

EXPERIENCE

Professor, Dept. of Youth Ministry and Christian Education, *Nyack College*,
Nyack, NY, 1997 to present

Develop and teach undergraduate courses. Assist teaching courses in Sociology, Psychology, & Bible programs (Understanding Contemporary Atheism, Human Sexuality, Adolescent Social Welfare, etc.). Developed Recreation Concentration within the YM major. Additional responsibilities include advising and mentoring students; committee representation (Faculty Affairs, Nominating, Campus Life); and, active involvement in community and local youth ministry.

Adjunct Professor, *Nyack College: Seminary, Graduate School, and Adult Degree Completion Program*, Nyack, NY, 1998 to present

Develop and teach graduate courses in Counseling, Ministry, and Education programs.

Preaching Pastor, *Goshen Christian Reformed Church*, Goshen, NY, 2005 to present

Interim Pastor, *Christ Community Church*, Sparta, NJ, 11/1999-8/2002

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

Assistant Pastor, *Syracuse Alliance Church*, Syracuse, NY, 11/1991-8/1996

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.

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

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

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*. Advised students.

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.

Therapist, *Family and Psychological Services*, Cherry Hill, NJ, 1989-1991

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

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

Taught "Stress Management" and "Communication" courses and study skills workshops; counseled students regarding personal, academic, and/or social difficulties; liaison between students and administration.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Ordained, *Christian & Missionary Alliance, Syracuse, NY, 1994*

National Association of Professors of Christian Education, 1997 to present.

Association of Youth Ministry Educators, 1997 to present.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Publications

(2009). Adolescent Attachment, Christian Youth Workers, and Frequency of Bible Study, *Christian Education Journal*, 6 (2).

(2006). The Mentoring Approach of Jesus as Demonstrated in John 13, *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 5(1), 77-92.

(2006). Dissertation: *Adolescent Attachment with Christian Youth Workers and Psychosocial Adjustment Among North East Christian College Students*

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

Book Reviews

(2009) Hull, *Straight Talk on Spiritual Power*, Baker Books, 2002. *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 7 (2).

(2008) Stetson & Conti, *The Truth about Tolerance: Pluralism, Diversity, and the Culture Wars*, Intersivity Press, 2005. *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 7(2).

(2004) Dunn, *Shaping the Spiritual Life of Students*, Intersivity Press, 2001. *Christian Education Journal*, 3, 1 (3).

(2004) Borgmann, *Power Failure: Christianity in the Culture of Technology*, Brazos Press, 2003. *The Journal of Youth Ministry*, 2(2).

Grants

Nyack College Research Grant, F2006, \$4,000.
Group Publishing Research Grant, F2005, \$3,000.

Visiting Professor

University of Gloucestershire: Moorlands College, Christchurch, England,
United Kingdom, 3/15 - 3/19, 2004

Campus Community

Faculty Affairs Committee, F2007-present (Secretary, 08; Chair, 09)
Middle States, Sub-committee on Faculty, F2008-Sp2009
Faculty Affairs Committee, F2002-Sp2004
Nominations Committee, Sp2004
Athletic-Team-Chaplain Mentor, F2005-Sp2006
Campus Community Committee, F1998-Sp2000
"Noon-ball", F1997-F2008
Chapel Speaker, F1998-present

Consultant

Cross and Crown Foundation, 2008 to present

Praxis Editor

E-Journal of Youth Ministry, 1999-2001

Peer Reviewer, *Christian Education Journal*, 2009

Academic Presentations

Faculty Scholarly Dialogue, Nyack, NY, Oct. 2007
Adolescent Relational Needs

Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Denver, CO, Oct. 2006
*A Youthworker's Mentoring Approach Impacts Attachment Relationship
Potential with Adolescents*

National Association of Professors of Christian Education, Denver, CO,
Oct. 2006,
*How often a Youthworker teaches about Jesus through Bible
Study and its relationship to Adolescent Attachment*

Association of Youth Ministry Educators, Nashville, TN, Oct. 1998,
Attachment: Its critical relevance to youth ministry in the 21st Century

Professional Service

Frequent workshop, seminar, and retreat speaker; and pulpit supply.

Speaking

CMA, Northeastern District, Children's & Youth Worker Training Conference, Keynote Speaker, 10/24/2009

Evangelical Free, Wilton, CT, 7/20-24/2009, Youth Retreat: *Under God's Authority*

CMA, Metropolitan District, Glen Spay, NY, 11/15/2008, Youth Worker's Retreat: *Listening to Teenagers*, and; *Counseling Adolescents*.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Walden, NY, 10/24-26/2008, Marriage Retreat: *Holy Marriage*

Church of Living Grace, Livingston, NJ, 5/25-27/2007, Annual Retreat: *The Disciplines of a Disciple*/E. Stroudsburg University

Tri-State Young Life, Milford, PA, 6/2006, Campaigners, *The Davinci Code*.

Long Meadow Chapel, Milford, PA, 4/2-4/4/05, Marriage Retreat Featured Speaker, *Loving God through your Marriage*

Beaver Camp & Retreat Center, Lowville, NY (Mennonite); Middle and High School Youth Camp Speaker multiple times, 1996-present: "God's Grace", "The Love of God", "Trusting God", "Living in Truth"; Family Camp Speaker, 7/2004, "Fruits of the Spirit"; Single's Retreat Speaker, 5/1997, "Single Minded Love"

Olivet Gospel Church, Bronx, NY, Denominational Retreat, 6/04, "Special Issues in the Counseling of Teenagers on Retreat"; 6/03, "Counseling teenagers to a saving knowledge of Christ"

Pike County Rotary, Milford, PA, 5/04, "American Youth Culture"

Sequanota Conference Center, (Lutheran) Jennerstown, PA, 7/03, Family Camp Speaker, "The Spiritual Formation of the Soul"

Park Street Brethren Church, Ashland, OH, 12/02, Youth Meeting: "Student Leadership"

North Woodbury Alliance Church, Lexington, OH, 12/02, Youth Meeting: "Peer Evangelism"; 6/01, "God loves you"

ACSI Conference, Poughkipsee, NY, 11/5/02, Key Note Speaker: "Teaching with the Attitude of Jesus Christ"

Goshen Christian Leadership Society, Goshen, NY, 11/99, "Leading 101"

Christian Education Commission of the Diocese of Newark, 10/99, "Youth Outreach", Summit, NJ.

Northport Baptist Church, Long Island, NY, 4/99- 8/2000, High School Speaker "God loves youth", "Loving God"; 7/99, Youth Week Speaker, "Peer Evangelism"

Metropolitan Baptist Youth Convention, 3/98, Speaker, "Knowing God",
Stroudsburg, PA
Various places/denominations, 1986- present

Preaching

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
First Presbyterian Church, Milford, PA, F 2004
New Breman Mennonite Church, New Breman, 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
Church Plant, Summit, NJ, 9/99
Cold Spring Baptist Church, Coldspring, NY, 8/99,
Calvary Gospel Church, E. Brunswick, NJ, 7/99
Grace Alliance Church, Piscataway, NJ, 2/99
Various other churches/denominations, 1986-1998

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 in 2005 (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 Teaching 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

Tri-State *Young Life* Committee (founding member, Chair 2007-present), 2001 to present

Delaware Valley School District volunteer, 2001 to present

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

Small Group Leader, Milford Bible Church, 2009

Pastoral Mentor, C&MA/Metropolitan District, 2000-2007

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

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

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

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

Apple Valley Little League, Coach, 1995

REFERENCES and more information regarding COURSES TAUGHT

Available upon request