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Education

Ph.D. Caspersen School of Graduate Studies. Drew University, 2003
M.Phil., with distinction. Drew University, 1998
B.A., History, with Music minor, cum laude. Houghton College, 1991

Academic Employment

2011-2015, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Drew University Theological School
2009-present, Associate Professor, History of Christianity and Wesleyan/Methodist Studies,
Drew Theological School
2003-2009, Assistant Professor, History of Christianity and Wesleyan/Methodist Studies, Drew
Theological School
2002, Adjunct Instructor at Ball State University, World Religions
2002, Adjunct Instructor at Indiana Wesleyan University, Introduction to Christian Theology
2000-2002, Adjunct Instructor at Huntington College, World Religions
1997-1999, Adjunct Instructor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, CORE curriculum
1998-1999: Project Archivist at the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH) of the
United Methodist Church.

Selected University Service

- Drew2017 Steering Committee, 2013-2014
- Drew University Organizational Review, Academic Programs Committee, 2011-1012
- Elected Committee on Faculty
- Elected Deans' Council
- Multiple search committees
- University Compensation Monitoring Committee
- Chair, Academic Affairs Committee
- Chair, Degree Programs Committee

Publications

The Methodist Unification: Christianity and the Politics of Race in the Jim Crow Era. New York University Press, 2008.

“Methodism and the Primacy of Unity,” in *Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness.* United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 2017.

“Methodism: Consolidation and Reunion, 1865-1939,” chapter in *The Ashgate Research Companion to World Methodism.* Peter Forsaith, William Gibson, Martin Wellings, editors. Ashgate Publishing, 2013.

“Methodism and Race,” chapter in *The Cambridge Companion to American Methodism.* Jason Vickers, editor. Cambridge University Press, 2013.

“Henry and Ella Appenzeller and the American Missionary Movement in the 19th Century,” conference publication: First Methodist Church of Seoul, 2012

“Early Twentieth Century U.S. Methodist Missions Photography: The Problems of ‘Home’.” *Methodist Review*, Vol. 2 (2010), 33-67. <http://www.methodistreview.org/index.php/mr>

“Methodism and Ecumenical Dialogue,” interview in *One in Christ: 40 Years of Christian Dialogue* [DVD video-recording], Pastoral Communications, Diocese of Brooklyn, NY, 2007.

“Colleen McDannell’s ‘Picturing Faith: Religious America in U.S. Government Photography, 1935-1943.’” Exhibition review in *Journal of American History*, December, 2001.

“From the Gospel Circuit to the War Circuit: Bishop Matthew Simpson and Upwardly Mobile Methodism.” *Methodist History*, v. 37 no. 3 (April, 2000), 199-209.

Book Reviews

“Richey, Rowe, and Schmidt’s *The Methodist Experience in America.*” in *Wesley and Methodist Studies*, vol. 4, 2012.

“Hudnut-Beumler’s *In Pursuit of the Almighty’s Dollar: A History of Money and American Protestantism.*” In *Enterprise and Society: The International Journal of Business History*, Spring, 2008.

“Bennett’s *Religion and the Rise of Jim Crow* and Kirk’s *Desegregation of Methodist Polity.*” In *Methodist History*, December 2005.

“Blumhofer, Spittler, Wacker, eds., *Pentecostal Currents in American Protestantism.*” In *Methodist History*, April 2000.

“Ellen Eslinger’s *Citizen’s of Zion: The Social Origins of Camp Meeting Revivalism.*” In *Methodist History*, October, 2000.

“Paul Harvey’s *Redeeming the South: Religious Cultures and Racial Identities Among Southern Baptists, 1865-1925.*” In *The North Star*, Vol. 2, no. 2, Spring, 1999. Online peer-reviewed journal at: <http://northstarjournal.org/>

Works in Progress

“Dissolution of the Central Jurisdiction as the Third Methodist Unification.” Invited lecture at the Merging the Streams conference at United Theological Seminary, July, 2018.

“The Ledger of the Prodigal Children: Anxiety and Judgment in 19th-century American Christian Missions,” article length manuscript.

Seeing Need, Spreading Christian Civilization: Photography and North American Missions, 1880-1940, draft book manuscript.

Recent Interviews

From United Methodist News Service:

- “*Missio Dei*” Proves Challenging Colloquy Topic.” Sam Hodges, Nov. 20, 2017
- “One Faith, Different Understandings.” Cecille Holmes, May-June, 2017
- “Scholars Raise Doubts about Church’s future.” Heather Hahn, March 14, 2017
- “What John Wesley Teaches about Church Unity.” Heather Hahn, Dec. 7, 2016
- “Early Methodist Mission Photos Wow Scholars.” Sam Hodges, July 13, 2015

CGN-TV (South Korea), interview for documentary on women missionaries to Korea, August 2015.

Korean Broadcasting Service (KBS), interview with John Linton for documentary on Oliver R. Adison, missionary to Korea, September, 2015.

Selected Professional Presentations and Speaking Engagements

“Tom Oden, Drew Theological School, and the Question of Theology.” Inaugural Lecture for the “Contested Legacies” lecture series, February 22, 2018.

“A Century of Activism in the Methodist Theological Tradition,” response to panel, American Society for Church History Winter Meeting, January 6, 2018.

“Church History and the Discernment of *Missio Dei*,” invited presentation at the Colloquy *Missio Dei* and the United States.” Boston, MA, November 13-15, 2017.

“The Role of Physical Archives and Libraries in the Digital Age,” invited lecture at the annual meeting of the General Commission on Archives and History of the UMC, October 15, 2017.

“The Methodist Church and the Primacy of Unity,” invited presentation at the Colloquy on the Unity of the church and Human Sexuality.” Candler School of Theology, March 9-12, 2017.

“Introduction to Christianity,” invited seminar lecture for the Religious Worlds of New York Summer Institute: Teaching the Everyday life of American Religious Diversity. National Endowment for the Humanities and the Interfaith Center of new York, July, 2016 and 2017.

“Changing their Minds: Methodist Theologians and Modernity.” Carlton Mabee Lecture Series, New Paltz, UMC. New Paltz, NY, March, 2016.

“Henry and Ella Appenzeller: Mission, Christianity, Exchange.” Plenary lecture, 2015 Tipple-Vosburgh Lectures, Drew Theological School.

“Methodism, Missions, and Photography 1890-1940,” plenary lecture at “An Ever-widening Horizon” Mission Photograph Album Workshop. June 10-12, 2015, Methodist Library and Archives, Drew University, Madison, NJ.

“Beyond the Binary: Fostering Institutional Thinking from the Dean’s Office,” panel presentation at ATS Chief Academic Society Conference. March 20, 2015, Chicago, IL.

“Liberal Protestantism Saved My Life, but it May be the Death of Me Yet.” Invited lecture, Drew Theological School Spring Matriculation Service. February, 2015.

“Recent Historical Writing on American Methodism,” invited Respondent to Christopher H. Evans, national AAR conference, November, 2015.

Invited speaker, and leader of instructor’s seminar on teaching Methodist History for “The UMC After Tampa: Where do we go from Here? A United Methodist Faculty Consultation,” Candler School of Theology, April 2013.

“Methodism in the American Civil War,” invited respondent to panel, national AAR conference, November 23, 2013. Joint session Wesleyan Studies and History of Christianity groups.

“Henry and Ella Appenzeller and the American Missionary Movement in the 19th Century,” invited lecture at the First Appenzeller International Academic Conference, Seoul, South Korea, June 8-10, 2012.

Invited panelist, “Race and American Methodism,” Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Nashville, TN. March 3, 2012.

“Response to Ted Campbell and Hendrik Pieterse on Denominationalism and Connectionalism,” The Methodist Experience in America conference, invited respondent. Candler School of Theology, Emory University, March, 2011.

“J. Kameron Carter’s *Race: A Theological Account*.” Invited panel response to author, Annual Meeting of the AAR, Montreal, Canada, 2009.

“Looking Abroad for the Villain at Home: American Missions Photography as Cultural Mirror.” Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, August 2008.

“Seeing Need and Defining ‘Christian Civilization:’ American Methodist Missionaries and the use of Photography.” Oxford Institute for Methodist Studies, Oxford, England, August, 2007.

Moderator at World Methodist Historical Society meeting, at World Methodist Council, Seoul, South Korea, August 2006.

“Pan-Methodist Union and the Demands of ‘American Christian Civilization:’ An Early 20th-Century Attempt.” National AAR Annual Meeting, November, 2005.

“‘A Perfect Fraternal Intimacy:’ Methodists and the Language of Race in WWI America.” Columbia University Seminar on American Religion, September, 2004.

“Racism, American Religion, and the Wesleyan Holiness Movement.” Invited Lecture, Drew at Ocean Grove Program, July, 2004.

“(Race) History as a Bearer of Denominational Identity: Reconsidering Russell Richey’s Methodist Case Study.” Mid-Atlantic Regional AAR, March, 2004.

“America – Over Here and Over There.” Race, Religion, and Reconciliation Conference, Emory University, April, 2001.

“Colleen McDannell’s ‘Picturing Faith:’ A Visual Essay on U.S. History, Religion, and Aesthetics.” Invited Lecture, the Robert Wilson Gallery, Merrillat Centre, Huntington College, Huntington, IN. September, 2000.

“Benjamin Franklin, Dissimulation, and Pedagogical Aesthetic.” Craft, Critique, Culture: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Writing and the Academy. University of Iowa, September, 2000.

“The Color of Power: Race, Region, and Reunion in 20th Century Methodism.” Annual National Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Orlando, Florida, November, 1998.

“H. C. Morrison and Social Class Consciousness: Formations of a Holiness Theology and Ideology.” Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion, March, 1998.

Selected Public Presentations and Essays

- “Brief History of Protestant Missions,” invited lectures at Morristown First Presbyterian Church, three part series Fall, 2012.
- “Henry Emerson Fosdick and Christian Liberalism,” invited series at Morristown First Presbyterian, two part series, November 2011.
- “Methodist Missions Photography,” presentation at Demarest UMC, November 2010.
- “Before and After,” Spring Matriculation Address, Drew Theological School, Fall 2009. Also printed in the *Theo Spirit*, Vol. 8, no. 1, 2010 (<http://www.drew.edu/uploadedFiles/Theo/Spirit/TS8-1.pdf>).
- "Skeletons in the Closet: Religious History We'd Rather Forget but Need to Remember," Abraham's Table Dialogue Luncheon, Calvary Episcopal, Summit, NJ, February 2008.
- “Race and Methodism,” Demarest UMC, October 2007.
- "Learning Christian History: A Path to Humility," Fall Matriculation address, Drew Theological School, 2006. Also printed in *Theo Spirit*, Vol. 6, no. 1, Fall 2007 (<http://www.drew.edu/uploadedFiles/Theo/Spirit/TS6-1.pdf>).
- “Methodism and War,” presentation at Union Village UMC, February 2006.
- “Racism, American Religion, and the Wesleyan Holiness Movement.” Invited Lecture, Drew at Ocean Grove Program, July 2004.

Recent Honors and Awards

- Wabash Center grant recipient, “Beyond the Binary: Fostering Institutional Thinking from the Dean’s Office, 2015.
- Selected participant for the Wabash Center’s 2013-2014 Dean’s Colloquy.
- Fellow of the Center for Christianities in Global Contexts, 2011
- Scholar in Residence, Burke Library at Union Theological School, 2010-11
- Presidential Initiatives Grant, Drew University, 2006
- Leonard Hastings Schoff Publication Grant from Columbia University, 2005
- Selected participant in the Summer Wesley Seminar at Duke University, Summer 2004

Professional Associations

- American Academy of Religion
- American Society of Church History
- Chief Academic Officers Society of the Association of Theological Schools
- University Seminar on Religion in America, Columbia University

Other Professional Activities

- Current Member editorial boards of *Methodist History* and *Methodist Review*
- Past program committee for American Society of Church History
- Special Committee on Finance for American Society of Church History

- Advisory Board for African American Methodist Heritage Center