

NANCY LAMMERS GROSS
Curriculum Vitae

Arthur Sarrell Rudd Associate Professor of Speech Communication in Ministry

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Brief Biographical Summary

1974 Graduate from San Mateo High School; San Mateo, CA
1978 Graduate from Willamette University; Salem, OR
1981 Graduate with M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary
1981-1985 Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame, CA
1985-1992 Ph.D. Student at Princeton Theological Seminary during which time I was pastor at
 three churches, got married, had a baby, and taught
1991-2001 Assistant, then Associate Professor at EBTS – Now Palmer Seminary
2001- 2018 Assoc. Prof., (and dean of student life for 5 ½ yrs., 06-12), Princeton Seminary
2018 Promoted to Full Professor

EDUCATION HISTORY

Ph.D. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1992
 (Practical Theology Department, Theology and Communication in Preaching)
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1981
 (Christian Education Theory)
B.S. Willamette University (Salem, Oregon), 1978
 (Political Science/History of Political Philosophy and Rhetoric)
Independent Study: Private Training in Vocal Pedagogy and Performance, 98-99
Studied at Linklater Center for Voice and Language in New York City, NY 2003-2005

DISSERTATION

A Re-Examination of Recent Homiletical Theories in Light of the Hermeneutical Theory of Paul Ricoeur

HONORS

Chosen for “Women in Leadership Conference,” sponsored by ATS, March 2000
Princeton Theological Seminary: Friar Club Award, 1981
Princeton Theological Seminary: Second Mary Long Greir Prize in Speech, 1979

GRANTS AWARDED

Dec. 2017 – \$187,000 Sustainability Grant from the Lilly Foundation, Inc. for the below mentioned initiative, *Strengthening Preaching through Peer Learning*

2015-2017: Director of \$405,000 grant from the Lilly Foundation on *Strengthening Preaching through Peer Learning*

Oct. 2000: \$49,365 grant from The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning
Re-Modeling Our Teaching: A New Model for a New Curriculum
Nancy Lammers Gross and Elouise Renich Fraser, Project Co-Directors

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic

Professor of Speech Communication in Ministry, 2018-present

Associate Professor of Speech Communication in Ministry, 2001 - 2018; PTS

Named to Arthur Sarell Rudd chair in Fall 2002

Dean of Student Life; February, 2006 – August, 2011, PTS

- Six direct reports; department of 17: Admissions and Financial Aid; Student Relations and Senior Placement; Chapel Offices (Minister of the Chapel, Director of Music, Director of Student Counseling); Multicultural Relations
- Leadership in establishing the Office of Multicultural Relations
- Leadership in major transitions in partially self-funded student medical program when PU excused us from participation in McCosh Health Center, a subsequent RFP process and renegotiating the Student Health Benefit Plan, working with student health consultant vendors and contracts;
- Chair, Decennial Institutional Self-Study for Accreditation;
- Co-Pilot with Darrell Guder on Curriculum Review and Revision;
- Leadership in first major revision of Seminary Handbook in 25 years;
- Seminary Handbook responsibilities for all matters pertaining to students that did not involve the formal curriculum, or tuition, room and board;
- Team member for development of new student housing;
- Teaching 4 ½ years during my deanship

Associate Professor of Homiletics; 1998-2001 Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary; (EBTS)

Assistant Professor of Homiletics; 1991-1998, EBTS

Visiting Lecturer in Speech Communication in Ministry; 1994-2001, PTS

Visiting Lecturer in Christian Education; Spring 1998, PTS

Visiting Lecturer in Preaching; 1991-1992, PTS

Examples of Other Service to the Academy

2023-Present; Director of the Engle Institute for Preaching, PTS annual conference

2002-Present; Faculty for the Engle Institute of Preaching, PTS annual conference

Sept. 4, 2019 – Opening Convocation Address, PTS, “The Vocation of Voice.” (An opening convocation version of inaugural paper for full professor.)

2006-2008; Chair, Decennial Accreditation Review/Report for MSCHE and ATS

2002-2008; Numerous conferences and training workshops for directing accreditation projects

2004-2006; Team member for *Seminary as Teaching Apostolate* grant program, aimed at envisioning how seminaries can better serve the church of tomorrow; PTS

2003-2005; Member of faculty team for *Lexington Seminar*, a Lilly funded program for peer schools to meet and work to improve teaching-learning; PTS

July 2004; Faculty for PTS D. Min. program and subsequent work on student projects

July, 2003; Faculty at McCormack Theological Seminary D. Min. program
2002-2003; Chair, Periodic Review Report, the five year accreditation report for MSCHE, PTS
1998-2001; Co-pilot with Elouise Renich Fraser on new curriculum development, EBTS
1999-2001; Development of Speech component in new curriculum, including faculty development; EBTS
1999-2000; Team member for *Lexington Seminar* grant program, aimed at envisioning how seminaries can better serve the church of tomorrow; EBTS

Ecclesiastical

2011 – present: Active at Nassau Presbyterian Church: confirmation mentor, liturgist, storyteller, adult education teacher (occasional), 2-year-old and middle school Sunday school teacher; littles' choir Gramie;
1999-2011; Active at First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck: music leadership, preaching, liturgist, intergenerational education events;
October 1994 – June, 1999; Parish Associate, First Presbyterian Church of Plainsboro, NJ
Preached, taught, led children and youth activities, reimagined an evening VBC
1/93-5/93 and 6/91-8/91; Stated Supply Preacher, Hillsborough Presbyterian Church; Hillsborough, NJ (total of 8 months)
9/89-6/90; Interim Pastor (half-time), West Trenton Presbyterian Church; Trenton, NJ
1/88-8/88; Interim Pastor (half-time), First Presbyterian Church of Plainsboro, NJ
1981-1985; Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Burlingame, CA;
Christian Education and Youth Ministry
At Burlingame I wrote my first curriculum under the tutelage of my 7th grade home room teacher who had an ED.D. from Stanford University.

Examples of Other Service to the Church

2002-Present; Mentor to Company of New Pastors, a Lilly funded, then PCUSA funded, then PTS supported mentoring group for students headed towards ordination in the PCUSA.
2024-Present: Mentor of Presbyterian Lunch Group, a PTS supported group for students early in the ordination process or investigating ordination in the PCUSA.
2018-2019: Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry
1999-2003, and 1992-1997 (10 years); Committee on Preparation for Ministry, New Brunswick Presbytery. Co-moderator April 1999-June 2003
1986 – present; Speaker/Leader/Consultant at Preaching/CE workshops, church retreats and Presbytery events unnamed in the CV;

Examples of Lectures Given and Conference Preaching Assignments

October 2017, Speaker at Annual Retreat for FPC Burlingame and Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, CA. Mt. Hermon, CA
February 2014; Palmquist Lectures, North Park Theological Seminary
November 2011; Weekend Renewal Conference Speaker and Preacher; St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Denton, TX;
November 2009; Panel Participation on *Preaching from Paul*; Combined meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature and the Academy of Homiletics;
June 2009; Preacher, *Leadership Conference*; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
April 2009; Leader/Preacher for Preacher Renewal/Continuing Education Conference; Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX; Dr. George Mason, Pastor and Host;

April 2004; Four lectures/sermons at the *Spring Renewal Conference*; Dubuque Seminary;
April, 2003; Preacher, *We Believe in One God; A Theology Convocation for the Whole Church*;
Pittsburgh, PA; a PCUSA conference;

AREAS OF TEACHING INTEREST

Speech Communication, Preaching, Worship, Homiletical Theory

Courses Most Frequently Taught

Speech Communication in Ministry I
Speech Communication in Ministry II
Word and Act; Service of the Lord's Day
Word and Act; Sacraments, Weddings and Funerals
Preaching From Paul
Homiletical Theory (Ph.D. Seminar)\
Preaching the Sermon

AFFILIATIONS

Ordained by the Presbytery of San Francisco, UPC(USA); October 11, 1981
1981-1988; Member, Presbytery of San Francisco
1988-present; Member, Presbytery of New Brunswick,
now Presbytery of the Coastlands, PC(USA)
Member, National Communication Association
Member, Religious Communication Association
Member, Academy of Homiletics
1993-1996; Member, Governing Council of Academy of Preachers
(Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Women's Voices and the Practice of Preaching, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2017.
If You Cannot Preach Like Paul . . . Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2002.

Chapter in Book

"The Shepherd's Song: a Sermon" in *Lament: Reclaiming Practices in Pulpit, Pew and Public Square*, Ed. by Sally A. Brown and Patrick D. Miller, Westminster John Knox Press, 2005

Lectionary-Based Preaching Resources

Forthcoming on *Working Preacher* WorkingPreacher.org

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	(Ord.23)	Romans 13:8-14;	Sept. 6, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	(Ord. 22)	Romans 12:9-21;	Aug. 30, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	(Ord. 21)	Romans 12:1-8;	Aug. 23, 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	(Ord. 20)	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;	Aug. 16, 2026

WorkingPreacher.org

Second Sunday after Epiphany	(Ord. 2)	1 Corinthians 1:1-9;	Jan. 15, 2023
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	(Ord. 4)	1 Corinthians 1:18-31;	Jan. 29, 2023
Third Sunday after Epiphany	(Ord. 3)	1 Corinthians 1:10-18;	Jan. 22, 2023
Second Sunday after Epiphany	(Ord. 2)	1 Corinthians 1:1-9;	Jan. 15, 2023

“Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, Mark 1:21-28.” In *Lectionary Homiletics*, February/March, 2015

“Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Mark 1:29-39.” In *Lectionary Homiletics*, February/March, 2015

“Transfiguration Sunday, Mark 9:2-9.” In *Lectionary Homiletics*, February/March, 2015

“First Sunday in Lent, Mark 1:9-15.” In *Lectionary Homiletics*, February/March, 2015

Feasting on the Gospels, Luke Vol. 2. Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson, ed. Westminster/John Knox Press, 2014 (three articles).

Luke 21:29-38

Luke 22:1-6

Luke 22:7-13

“Third Sunday in Lent.” In *The Abingdon Women’s Preaching Annual; Series 2, Year A*, ed. L.T. Tisdale. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2001. Pp. 83-88.

“Ascension of the Lord.” In *The Abingdon Women’s Preaching Annual; Series 2, Year A*, ed. L.T. Tisdale. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2001. Pp. 149-153.

“Easter 5” in *Word and Witness*. Edited by Paul Scott Wilson; May 10, 1998.

Articles

“Reinventing our Teaching: A New Model for a New Curriculum,” in *Ministry; Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary*, Autumn 2000. Co-author with Elouise Renich Fraser

“The Feminization of the Pulpit; or, of Oprah and Bob, Elizabeth and Al,” *Academy Accents*, the Newsletter of the Academy of Preachers, Volume 12, No. 3, Fall 1996.

"Richard Baxter," *The Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*. Edited by Richard Lischer and William H. Willimon, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1995.

"A 'Time' For Preaching," *KOINONIA* 1:2, Fall, 1989.

Sermon

“E-Z Pass.” *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*; Volume XXIV:I, New Series 2003, pp. 10-15.

Book Reviews

Dan R. Stiver, *Theology After Ricoeur*. *Theology Today* 59 (October, 2002): 521.

James W. Thompson. *Preaching Like Paul: Homiletical Wisdom for Today*. *Theology Today* 58, No. 3 (October, 2001) 495.

McClure, John. *The Roundtable Pulpit; Where Leadership and Preaching Meet*. *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, Vol. 18.2, 1997.

Bruggemann, Walter. *The Threat of Life; Sermons on Pain, Power and Weakness*. *Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, Vol. 18.3, 1997.

Quarterly Book Reviews for Academy Accents, the Newsletter of the Academy of Preachers, 1993-1997:

Forbes, James. *The Holy Spirit and Preaching*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1989.
Volume 9, No. 1 Spring 1993

- Allen, Ronald J. *Preaching the Topical Sermon*. Louisville: W/JKP, 1992.
Volume 9, No. 2 Summer 1993
- Soards, Marion; Dozeman, Thomas and McCabe, Kendall. *Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary; Year B; Advent/Christmas/Epiphany*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.
Volume 9, No. 3 Fall 1993
- Goeman, Daniel; Kaufman, Paul; and Ray, Michael. *The Creative Spirit*. New York: The Penguin Group, 1992.
Volume 9, No. 4 Winter 1994
- Kysar, Robert D. *Called to Care: Biblical Images for Social Ministry*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991.
Volume 10, No. 1 Spring 1994
- Schaper, Donna. *Hard Times: Sermons on Hope*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993.
Volume 10, No. 2 Summer 1994
- Taylor, Barbara Brown. *The Preaching Life*. Cambridge: Cowley Publications, 1993.
Volume 10, No. 3 Fall 1994
- Willimon, William H. and Hauerwas, Stanley. *Preaching to Strangers: Evangelism in Today's World*. Louisville: W/JKP, 1992.
Volume 10, No. 4 Winter 1995
- "What I Wish My Pastor Were Reading."
Volume 11, No. 1 Spring 1995
- Williams, Michael E., Ed. *The Storyteller's Companion to the Bible; Volume Five, Old Testament Wisdom*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1994.
Volume 11, No. 2 Summer 1995
- McCurley, Foster R. *Wrestling with the Word: Christian Preaching from the Hebrew Bible*. (Forthcoming at the time – no publication details)
Volume 11, No. 3 Fall 1995
- Shepherd, J. Barrie. *Faces at the Cross (A Lent and Easter Collection of Prose and Poetry)*. Nashville: Upper Room Books, 1995.
Volume 11, No. 4 Winter 1996
- Hopewell, Fames F., (Edited posthumously by Barbara G. Wheeler). *Congregations: Stories and Structures*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987.
Volume 12, No. 1 Spring 1996
- Dawn, Marva J. *Sexual Character: Beyond Technique to Intimacy*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1993.
Volume 12, No. 2 Summer 1996.
- Childers, Jana L. and Rose, Lucy A., Editors. *Abingdon Women's Preaching Annual; Series 1, Year B*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996.
Volume 12, No. 3 Fall 1996
- Mitchell, Ella Pearson, Ed. *Those Preaching Women: African American Preachers Tackle Tough Questions, Volume Three*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1996
Volume 12, No. 4 Winter 1997
- Bate, Barbara. *Freedom in the Pulpit; A Vision for Growth in Preaching*. Nashville, TN: Disciples Resources, 1996.
Volume 13, No. 3 Fall 1997

PTS Committee Assignments

2001-2002

Admissions Committee
Chair, Periodic Review Report Committee

2002-2003

Admissions Committee
Chair, Periodic Review Report Committee

2004-2005

Ph.D. Studies Committee

2005-2006 – Appointed Dean, 2.1.2006

Faculty Marshal
Curriculum Review Committee
Chair, Institutional Self-Study
(Beginning February 1, 2006)

2006-2007

Faculty Marshal
Chair, Institutional Self-Study
Admissions Committee
Student and Academic Affairs Committee
Women in Church and Ministry Council
Curriculum Review and Revision

2007-2008

Faculty Marshal
Chair, Institutional Self-Study
Admissions Committee
Masters' Studies Committee
Student and Academic Affairs Committee
Women in Church and Ministry

2008-2009

Faculty Marshal
Chair, Self-Study Steering Committee
Admissions Committee
Dean's Advisory Group
Masters' Studies Committee
Student and Academic Affairs Committee
Blackboard Course Evaluation Program
(Faculty Group)

2009-2010

Faculty Marshal
Admissions Committee
Dean's Advisory Group
Masters' Studies Committee
Student and Academic Affairs Committee
Blackboard Course Evaluation Program
(Faculty Group)

2010-2011

Faculty Marshal
Admissions Committee
Dean's Advisory Group
Masters' Studies Committee
Student and Academic Affairs Committee
Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity

Academic Year 2011-2012

(On Leave, left Dean's office at end of AY)
Faculty Marshal

Academic Year 2012-2013

Faculty Marshal
International Admissions Sub-Committee
Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity
Faculty Panel on Student Review

Academic Year 2013-2014

Faculty Marshal
International Admissions Sub-Committee
Faculty Planning Committee

Academic Year 2014-2015

Faculty Marshal
Faculty Planning Committee
Congregational Studies Search Committee

Academic Year 2015-2016

(On leave spring 2016)
Faculty Marshal
Congregational Studies Search Committee
Faculty Panel on Student Review

Academic Year 2016-2017

Faculty Marshal
Admissions Committee
MSW Admissions Committee
Faculty Planning Committee

Academic Year 2017-2018

Faculty Marshal
 Admissions Committee
 MSW Admissions Committee
 Faculty Planning Committee

Academic Year 2018-2019

Faculty Marshal
 Admissions Committee

Academic Year 2019-2020

Faculty Marshal
 Admissions Committee

Academic Year 2020-2021

Faculty Marshal
 Masters Studies Committee

Academic Year 2021-2023

On Sabbatical

Academic Year 2023-2024

Faculty Marshal
 Chair, Admissions Committee
 NT Search Committee

Academic Year 2024-2025

Faculty Marshal
 Chair, Admissions Committee

Academic Year 2025-2026

Faculty Marshal
 Chair, Admissions Committee
 Chair, Preaching Search Committee

PERSONAL

Daughters: Anna Catherine Johnson (née Gross, b. 1-23-90)
 ICU Nurse, Capital Health Medical Center, Hopewell, NJ
 March, 2017, BS in Nursing from Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA
 May 2012, BA from Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, NY;

Abigail Louise (b. 11-1-93)
 May 2016, BS from United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
 Currently Naval Flight Officer on the E-2D Hawkeye