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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Ph.D., **Princeton Theological Seminary.** September 1985 - June 1990
Area: Pastoral Theology.
Dissertation: "Even Youths Shall Faint: A Pastoral Theological Investigation of Self Disorders in Adolescents, Based on Works of Jürgen Moltmann, Heinz Kohut, James F. Masterson, and Robert Jay Lifton."
- Master of Divinity, **Princeton Theological Seminary.** September 1979 - June 1982
Concentration: Biblical Studies.
- Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, **Whitworth University**, Spokane, WA. September 1975 - May 1979
Major: Psychology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Princeton, NJ July 1997 - Present
Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Pastoral Theology.
Teaching responsibilities for pastoral theology courses in M.Div., M.A.T.S., Th.M., and Ph.D. degree programs.
Chair, Department of Practical Theology, 2013-2014, 2017-2020, 2023-2024.
- THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Dubuque, IA September 1991 - June 1997
Assistant/Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Congregational Care.
Teaching responsibilities for M.Div.-level courses in pastoral theology; administration of Clinical Pastoral Education program; director of the Native American program. Tenure, 1996.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Jackson, MN April 1991 - August 1991
Interim Pastor.
Solo pastoral responsibilities at a 400-member church in a small-town setting, including weekly preaching and worship leadership, celebration of the sacraments, weddings, funerals, administration, pastoral care and counseling, and visitation.
- THE MEDICAL CENTER AT PRINCETON, Princeton, NJ June 1986 - April 1991
Chaplain (part-time).
Full range of chaplaincy duties at a 350-bed teaching hospital, including crisis intervention, worship leadership, pastoral care and counseling, on-call coverage, and staff education.
- TRINITY COUNSELING SERVICE, Princeton, NJ September 1986 - February 1989
Staff Associate Counselor (part-time).
Short- and long-term individual, marriage, and family counseling at a private pastoral counseling center.
- PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Princeton, NJ September 1986 - May 1988
Teaching Fellow (part-time).
Teaching assistant for four M.Div.-level courses in pastoral theology.
- NORTHWESTERN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Chicago, IL September 1984 - June 1985
Chaplain Resident (Clinical Pastoral Education).
Pastoral care and counseling of patients, families, and staff primarily on spinal cord intensive care, adolescent psychiatry, and general medical units of a 750-bed tertiary-care hospital.
- SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Bloomington, IL July 1982 - September 1984
Assistant Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries.
Pastoral teaching, administrative, and counseling duties for a youth and family program of a 2500-member congregation.

RELIGIOUS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Presbyterian Church (USA); Ordained into Ministry, June 1982.

Society for Pastoral Theology.

Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology (co-organizer), 2008–Present.

Philadelphia Group for Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men (co-organizer), 2016–Present.

American Academy of Religion.

Working Group on Practical Theology and Christian Ministry of the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People of Faith (A Lilly Foundation Project), February 2004–October 2006.

Westminster Foundation/Princeton Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Princeton University (Board of Directors), 2018–2021.

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Professional Journals:

Pastoral Psychology

HTS Theological Studies (South Africa)

AWARDS

Helen Flanders Dunbar Award for Contributions to Clinical Pastoral Training, The College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, 2005.

Alfred P. Klausler Sermon Award, First Place, 1999; *The Christian Century* Foundation.

John T. Galloway Prize in Expository Preaching, 1982; Princeton Theological Seminary.

Alumni/ae Ideals Award, 1979; Whitworth University.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Valor and Vulnerability: Pastoral Explorations of Intimacy, Grief, and Resilience among Boys and Men (co-editor with Ryan LaMothe). Eugene: Pickwick, 2025.

Finding Ourselves Lost: Ministry in the Age of Overwhelm. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2018.

The Faith and Friendships of Teenage Boys (co-author with Allan H. Cole Jr. and Donald Capps). Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.

Losers, Loners, and Rebels: The Spiritual Struggles of Boys (co-author with Allan H. Cole Jr. and Donald Capps). Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.

Images of Pastoral Care: Classic Readings. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2005.

Discovering A Sermon: Personal Pastoral Preaching. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2001.

Counseling Troubled Youth. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1997.

Articles:

“Is Life (Still) Worth Living?” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11089-025-01249-9>.

“Guardians of Childhood, Sentinels of Soul,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 71 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11089-022-01008-0>.

“The Unedited Self: Fostering Subversive Imagination in Ministry with Boys and Men,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 69 (2020), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11089-020-00929-y>.

- “Therapeutic Imagination and the Mystical Moment: Transforming Entrenched Boyhood Grief,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 69 (2020).
- “Special Issue on the Life and Work of Donald Capps (1939–2015)” (with Nathan Carlin), *RELIGION AND HEALTH* 57/2 (April 2018): 433–436.
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin): Special Issue on the Life and Work of Donald Capps (1939–2015), *RELIGION AND HEALTH* 57/2 (April 2018): 433–582.
- “Preface: Tears, Terror, and Wonder” (with Nathan Carlin), *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 67/2 (April 2018): 113–114.
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin): Special Issue: Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology: Tears, Terror, and Wonder, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 67/2 (April 2018): 113–194.
- “The Sacredness of Individuality: Introspection for Refuting States of Total Conviction in Boys and Men,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 66/6 (December 2017): 779–798.
- Co-guest editor (with Ryan LaMothe and Nathan Carlin): Special Section: Caring for Boys and Men, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 66/6 (December 2017): 757–854.
- “Special Issue on the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology: In Memory of Donald Capps (1939–2015), Part Two,” with Nathan Carlin, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 65/6 (December 2016): 723–725.
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin): Special Issue: Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology: In Memory of Donald Capps (1939–2015), Part Two, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 65/6 (December 2016).
- “Meet the Terrible Resistance: Childhood Suffering and the Christian Body,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 65/5 (October 2016): 657–668.
- “Books and Articles by Donald Capps, 2009–2016” (with Nathan Carlin), *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 65/5 (October 2016): 717–727.
- “At Home in the World: A Memorial Tribute to Donald Capps (1939–2015),” with Nathan Carlin, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 65/5 (October 2016): 571–586.
- “Special Issue on the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology: In Memory of Donald Capps (1939–2015), Part One,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 65/5 (October 2016): 569–570.
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin): Special Issue: Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology: In Memory of Donald Capps (1939–2015), Part One, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 65/5 (October 2016).
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin and Donald Capps) of conference papers from the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology meetings held in Princeton, New Jersey, in May 2014 and October 2014, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 64/5 (October 2015).
- “Finding Language for What Matters Most: Hosting Conversations about Sexuality in Pastoral Counseling,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 64/5 (October 2015).
- “Living Stories of Resilience, Resistance, and Resourcefulness” (with Nathan Carlin and Donald Capps), *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 64/5 (October 2015): 549–552.
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin and Donald Capps), Special Issue: Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology: Living Stories of Resilience, Resistance, and Resourcefulness, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 64/5 (October 2015).
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin and Donald Capps) of conference papers from the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology meetings held in Princeton, NJ, May 2013 and October 2013, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 63/5-6 (December 2014).
- “Zombie Alleluias: Learning to Live in the Space Between Worlds,” *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 63/5-6 (December 2014): 611–624.
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin and Donald Capps) of conference papers from the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology meeting held in Princeton, NJ, October 2012, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 62/5 (October 2013).

- "Ministry with Adolescents: Tending Boundaries, Telling Truths," *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 62/5 (October 2013): 639-648.
- "Ministry with Adolescents: Tending Boundaries, Telling Truths," chapter in *Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach*. Stephens, D. W., and Jung, P. B. (Eds.). Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.
- "Unrepressing the Kingdom: Pastoral Theology as Aesthetic Imagination," *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 61/4 (August 2012): 391-409.
- Co-guest editor (with Nathan Carlin and Donald Capps) of conference papers from the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology meeting held in Richmond, October 2011, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 61/4 (August 2012).
- Co-guest editor (with Donald Capps) of conference papers from the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology meeting held in Richmond, October 2010, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 60/3 (June 2011).
- "The Gospel of Kindness," *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 60/3 (June 2011): 399ff.
- Co-guest-editor (with Donald Capps) of conference papers from the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology meeting held in Richmond, October 2009, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 59/6 (December 2010).
- "Finding Ourselves Lost," *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 59/6 (December 2010).
- "Finding Ourselves Lost," *PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* (2011).
- "A Judicious Frame of Mind: A Tribute to Donald Capps," *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 58/5-6 (December 2009): 447-450.
- "Subversive Friendship," *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 58/5-6 (December 2009): 579-601.
- Co-guest-editor (with Allan Hugh Cole Jr.) of a double-edition *festschrift* honoring Donald Capps, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 58/5-6 (December 2009): 445-693.
- "How might we respond in debates among Christians on homosexuality when told to 'love the sinner but hate the sin'?" Essay in *Frequently Asked Questions About Sexuality, the Bible, & the Church*, Ted A. Smith, ed. (San Francisco: Covenant Network of Presbyterians, 2006): 99-101.
- "Rending the Curtain: Lament as an Act of Vulnerable Aggression," chapter in *Lament: Reclaiming Practices in Pulpit, Pew, and Public Square*, Patrick Miller and Sally Ann Brown, eds. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2005): 59-69.
- "Out of One's Depth: Seeking Soul in Solitude" and "Out of One's Depth: Finding Faith on the Fringe," *The 2003 Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture* (Princeton: Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, 2003): 1-28.
- Co-guest-editor (with Donald Capps) of a double-edition *festschrift* honoring James E. Dittes, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 52/1-2 (November 2003): 1-189.
- "Maturing into Boyhood: James E. Dittes on Men and Meaning," *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 52/1-2 (November 2003): 111-121.
- "Sleep," in *The New Dictionary of Pastoral Studies*, Wesley Carr, ed. (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2002): 343-44.
- "To Be Boring or to Be Bored: That is the Question," *inSpire* 5/2 (Winter 2001): 18-19.
- "Wedding of the Waters: Pastoral Theological Reflections on the Self," *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY* 3/2 (1999): 251-268.
- "Unrealistic to the Core" (Sermon), *THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY* (September/October 1999): 14-17.
- "The Unreality of God" (Sermon), *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XX/2 (July 1999): 183-88.
- "Intimate Strangers: The Role of the Hospital Chaplain in Situations of Sudden Traumatic Loss," *THE JOURNAL OF PASTORAL CARE* XLIV/2 (Summer 1990): 139-52.

Book Reviews:

- Honoring the Body: Meditations on a Christian Practice*, by Stephanie Paulsell, *FAMILY MINISTRY* 18/2 (Summer 2004): 110-111.
- Preaching God's Compassion: Comforting Those Who Suffer*, by LeRoy H. Aden and Robert G. Hughes, *FAMILY MINISTRY* 17/1 (Spring 2003): 83-84.
- Freud and Freudians on Religion: A Reader*, by Donald Capps, *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XXIII/3 (November 2002): 355-56.
- Counseling People with Cancer*, by Jann Aldredge-Clanton, *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XXI/2 (July 2000): 267-69.
- The Care of Men*, ed. by Christie Cozad Neuger and James Newton Poling, *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 46/4 (March 1998): 299-301.
- Redeeming Men: Religion and Masculinities*, ed. by Stephen B. Boyd, W. Merle Longwood, and Mark W. Muesse, *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XIX/1 (February 1998): 69-71
- Driven by Hope: Men and Meaning*, by James E. Dittes. *THE JOURNAL OF PASTORAL CARE* 51/4 (Winter 1997): 473-75.
- Psychotherapy and the Sacred: Religious Experience and Religious Resources in Psychotherapy*, by C. Michael Smith. *PASTORAL PSYCHOLOGY* 45/5 (May 1997): 414-416.
- Hope in Pastoral Care and Counseling*, by Andrew D. Lester. *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XVIII/1 (February 1997): 101-103.
- The Poet's Gift: Toward the Renewal of Pastoral Care*, by Donald Capps. *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XV/3 (November 1994): 290-292.
- The Creative Pastoral Care and Counseling Series*, ed. by Howard W. Stone and Howard Clinebell. *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XV/2 (July 1994): 234-37.
- Short-Term Pastoral Counseling: A Guide*, by Brian H. Childs. *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XIII/3 (November 1992): 368-69.
- Services for Occasions of Pastoral Care: The Worship of God*, by the Ministry Unit on Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (USA). *THE PRINCETON SEMINARY BULLETIN* XII/3 (November 1991): 369-70.
- Pastoral Care and Hermeneutics*, by Donald Capps. *KOINONIA* I.1 (Spring 1989): 82-85.

PAPERS READ AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- "All the Truths We Cannot Say," Keynote Lecture, Annual National Conference of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, Dallas, Texas, March 23, 2026.
- "Is Life (Still) Worth Living?" Paper read at the annual conference of the Philadelphia Group for Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 20, 2025.
- "A Vision for Life (Part II): Thomas Eakins for Incarnating Ministry with Boys and Young Men." Paper read at the annual conference of the Philadelphia Group for Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 31, 2023.
- "Pastoral Aesthetics: The Arts of Ministry with Medical Professionals." Keynote Lecture, National Clinical Training Seminar West, College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, Malibu, California, September 18-19, 2022.
- "A Vision for Life: Incarnating Truth and Tenderness in Ministry with Boys and Young Men." Paper read at the annual conference of the Philadelphia Group for Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 1, 2022.
- "20/20: Revisioning the Apparatus of the Soul," Keynote Lecture, Annual National Conference of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, New York, New York, March 1, 2020.

- “Pastoral Aesthetics: Ministry as Subversive Imagination in the Age of Overwhelm.” Keynote Lecture, National Clinical Training Seminar East, College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, Morristown, New Jersey, November 4, 2019.
- “Therapeutic Imagination and the Mystical Moment: Transforming Entrenched Boyhood Grief.” Paper Read at the annual conference of the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, September 2019.
- “The Unedited Self: Spontaneous Self-Expression for Healing Body and Soul in Boys and Men.” The Philadelphia Group for Pastoral Theology with Boys and Men, Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2018.
- “Therapeutic Imagination and the Mystical Moment: Transforming Entrenched Boyhood Grief” and “The Unedited Self: Spontaneous Self-Expression for Healing Body and Soul in Boys and Men.” Lectures/Workshops at the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton, New Jersey, April 24–27, 2018.
- “Meet the Terrible Resistance: Childhood Suffering and the Christian Body.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2015.
- “Finding Language for What Matters Most: Hosting Conversations about Sexuality in Pastoral Counseling.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2014.
- “Finding Language for What Matters Most: Hosting Conversations about Sexuality in Pastoral Counseling.” Keynote Address and Workshop for the Annual Conference of the Midwest Region of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Dayton, OH, September 2014.
- “Zombie Alleluias: Learning to Live in the Space Between Worlds.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2014.
- “Learning to Live in the Space Between Worlds: Healing David Small.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2013.
- “Ministry with Adolescents: Tending Boundaries, Telling Truths.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2012.
- “Images of Spiritual Care in Contemporary Contexts.” A Daylong Symposium Co-hosted by the Pastoral Theology Faculty of Rijksuniversiteit and the Protestant Theological University of the Netherlands, Groningen, September 2012.
- “Unrepressing the Kingdom: Pastoral Theology as Aesthetic Imagination.” Keynote Address to the Association for Practical Theology Biennial Conference and Inaugural Address as the Charlotte W. Newcombe Professor of Pastoral Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2012.
- “Unrepressing the Kingdom: Pastoral Theology as Aesthetic Imagination.” Paper presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology Annual Conference, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, October 2011.
- “Pastoral Theology as Aesthetic Imagination: Integrating Psychology and Pastoral Theology,” Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, March 2011.
- “Pastoral Theology as Aesthetic Imagination.” Lecture and Workshop for Pastoral Counselors and Clergy, Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, February 2011.
- “On Reclaiming Our Creative Selves.” Address to Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisors and Students, Ropers Saint Francis Hospital System, Charleston, South Carolina, January 2011.
- “On Reclaiming Our Creative Selves.” Address and Workshop Leader for a Gathering of Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisors and Area Clergy, SelfRegional Healthcare System, Greenwood, South Carolina, January 2011.
- “The Gospel of Kindness.” Keynote Address to the National Gathering of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, Houston, November 2010.
- “On Reclaiming Our Creative Selves.” Keynote Address and Workshop Leader for the Annual Clinical Conference of the Northwest Arkansas Clinical Pastoral Education Institute, Springdale, Arkansas, October 2010.

“Friendly Fire.” A Paper Presented to the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, October 2010.

“Finding Ourselves Lost.” A Paper Presented at the Organizing Gathering of the Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Union Theological Seminary/Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, October 2009.

“Boys Learning to Love.” 3 Lectures Presented as Theologian-in-Residence, Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton, NJ, April 2009.

“Subversive Friendship.” Keynote Address for the Youth in Mission Conference, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, April 2009.

“The Subversive Compassion of Friendship.” Keynote Presentation at the Joint Meeting of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy and the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Denver, November 2008.

Respondent to Panel on *Losers, Loners, and Rebels: The Spiritual Struggles of Boys*, by Dykstra, Cole, and Capps. Men’s Studies Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2007.

“Loser as Guide: The Spiritual Quest of Boys.” The 2007 Robert and Barbara Tollefson Lectures, Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa, October 2007.

“Loser as Guide: The Spiritual Quest of Early Adolescent Boys.” The 7th Annual Helen Flanders Dunbar Lecture, New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, New York City, February 2006.

“Who We Shall Be: The Future of Pastoral Theology.” Keynote Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, Columbus, April 2005.

“Minimalism, Pluralism, and Individualism in Pastoral Theology.” Seminar on Practical Theology and Christian Ministry of the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People of Faith, Indianapolis, October 2004.

“Pastoral Theological Approaches to Emotional Diversity.” Panel Member, Theological Anthropology Working Group of the Society for Pastoral Theology, Denver, June 1999.

“The Traumatized Self: Victimized Daughters and the Politics of Therapy.” Workshop Presentation, Society for Pastoral Theology, Denver, June 1996.

“The Self Beneath the Symptoms of Adolescent Despair.” Theological Anthropology Working Group of the Society for Pastoral Theology, Chicago, June 1995.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Therapy Dogs.” A Sermon Preached at the Seminary Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 20, 2024.

“From *Images of Pastoral Care* to *Finding Ourselves Lost*: Healing Ministry in the Age of Overwhelm,” Workshop for the Annual National Conference of the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy, New York, New York, February 28, 2020.

“Off to the Potlatch.” A Sermon Preached at the First Presbyterian Church, Dubuque, Iowa, June 11, 2019.

“Finding Ourselves Lost.” A Lecture for Students at the McGovern Medical School/University of Texas, Houston, February 2019.

“*Finding Ourselves Lost* for Hospital Chaplaincy,” A Lecture for Tri-State Regional ACPE Supervisors and Students, Penn Medical Center/Princeton Hospital, Princeton, New Jersey, December 18, 2019.

“Uses of the Self in Pastoral Leadership and Ministry,” Lecture for Adult Education Class, The Brick Presbyterian Church, New York New York, November 17, 2019.

“A Conversation with CPE Students on *Images of Pastoral Care*,” BaylorScott&White Health, Dallas, Texas, July 10, 2017.

“Talking with Teens and Children about Sex,” A Workshop for Adults at Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville, New

Jersey, November 2015.

“Pastoral Care and Counseling for Hope and Solutions.” A Six-week Course held conjointly at Princeton Theological Seminary for Online Students and at the Garden State Youth Correctional Center, Yardville, New Jersey, September/October 2015.

“The Little Ways that Encourage Good Fortune.” A Lecture Series Delivered at the St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, August 2015.

“Morsels of Hope.” A Sermon Preached at the St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, August 2015.

“Second Wind.” A Sermon Preached at Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, New Jersey, July 2015.

“The Simple Power of Presence.” A Sermon Preached at The Riverside Church in the City of New York, April 2015.

“Zombie Alleluias.” A Sermon Preached at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Trenton, New Jersey, November 2014.

“Zombie Alleluias.” A Sermon Preached at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2014.

“Uncovering Paths to the Kingdom of God.” A Sermon and Two Lectures Delivered at the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, Overland Park, KS, November 2013.

“Zombie Alleluias: Learning to Live in the Space Between Worlds.” A Lecture for the Princeton Seminary Alumni/ae Conferences, Princeton, October 2013, and Dallas, February 2014.

“May We Talk? Conversing with Adolescents about Sex.” An Online Continuing Education Course for Professional Youth Ministers (four sessions), Princeton Seminary, September 2013.

“Pastoral Care and Social Leadership.” A One-Day Workshop at the Continuing Education Center, Princeton Theological Seminary, September 2013.

“Zombie Alleluias.” A Sermon Preached at the St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, August 2013.

“Finding Ourselves Lost: Lessons from Luke on the Pastoral Life.” Two Lectures for the Princeton Seminary Alumni/ae Conferences, Atlanta, April 2013.

“Discipleship as Friendship: The Struggle for Faith among Teenage Boys.” An Elective at the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton, April 2013.

“Unrepressing the Kingdom: Children’s Intuitions of the Divine.” A Lecture at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Tacoma, Washington, January 2013.

“Surprising Paths to the Kingdom of God.” Two Lectures and a Sermon in the Meekhof Lecture Series, Newport Presbyterian Church, Bellevue, Washington, January 2013.

“Counseling for Hope and Solutions.” A One-Week Seminar for Professional Clergy and Counselors at the India Sunday School Union Conference Center, Coonoor, TamilNadu, India, June 2012.

“Border Crossings.” A Sermon Preached at the First Congregational Church, Westfield, NJ, for the Ordination into Gospel Ministry of Hannah Burke, March 2012.

“The Spiritual Struggles of Boys” and “Friendly Fire: Boys’ Quest for Faith and Friendship,” Two Lectures for Parents at the Reformed Church, Bronxville, New York, April 2011.

“Young Adult Fiction for Understanding Your Children,” Adult Education for Fathers, Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, April 2011.

“Losers, Loners, and Rebels: The Spiritual Struggles of Boys” and “Subversive Friendship.” Lectures Delivered at the Annual Conference of the International Council of Christian Churches, Indianapolis, July 2010.

Consultant for and Writer of the Annotated Bibliographic Resources Section of the *Believe Out Loud* Website,

www.believeoutloud.com, January 2010.

“Keeping Hope Alive.” A Seminar for Stephen Ministers, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, January 2010.

“Finding Ourselves Lost.” Opening Convocation Address for the 198th Academic Year of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, September 2009.

“Doing Little for God.” A sermon preached at the Youth in Mission Conference, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, April 2009.

“Young Adult Fiction for Pastoral Care.” A Seminar Offered at the Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton, NJ, April 2009.

“The Long Loneliness.” A sermon preached at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, February 2008.

“The Long Loneliness.” A sermon preached at the First Presbyterian Church, St. Helena, CA, June 2007.

“Loser as Guide: The Spiritual Quest of Early Adolescent Boys.” Four Lectures as Theologian-in-Residence, Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry, Nashville, TN, January 2007, and Princeton, NJ, May 2007.

“Gay Gifts.” Keynote Address to the Young Adult Gathering of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians National Conference, Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH, November 2006.

“Playing Witness to Life: The Person of the Preacher in Preaching.” A Three-day Continuing Education Program for Ministers, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA, October 2006.

“Embodying Sabbath.” Five Lectures for a three-day Retreat for Ministers in the Lilly-sponsored Sabbath Renewal Project, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, October 2006.

“Border Crossings.” A sermon preached at the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MN, September 2006.

“Stealth Christians.” A sermon preached at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, May 2006.

“In the Neighborhood” and “Grateful Disobedience.” Sermons preached at the Princeton Seminary Alumni/ae Gathering, Princeton, NJ, May 2006.

“Solution Talk for Parents of Teens.” Two-week Adult Education Forum, Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, April 2006.

“Pastoral Care with GLBT Persons.” Noontime Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, March 2006.

“Playing Witness to Life: Pastoral Preaching of the Lectionary.” Wilmington Area Clergy Workshop, Wilmington, DE, October 2005.

“Night Vision: Sleep, Surrender, and the Sabbath.” An address for the “Challenge Weekend” banquet, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE, October 2005.

“Night Vision.” A sermon preached at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE, October 2005.

“Troubled By Grace.” A sermon preached at the Amwell First Presbyterian Church, Reaville, NJ, September 2005.

“A Ministry of Hope, Respect, and Laughter: Solution-Focused Approaches to Pastoral Care.” Pennsylvania Society of Chaplains Spring Retreat, Carlisle, PA, May 2005.

“Stealth Christians.” A sermon preached at the First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, MI, February 2005.

“Grateful Disobedience.” A sermon preached at the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, WI, October 2004.

“In the Neighborhood.” A sermon preached at the North Rose United Methodist Church, North Rose, NY, May 2004.

“Wasting Your Life on Jesus.” A sermon preached at Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary, for the EQUALITY alumni/ae conference, April 2004.

“A Place at the Table: Pastoral Care with LGBT People and Families.” Center of Continuing Education, Princeton Theological Seminary,

April 2004.

“Wasting Your Life on Jesus.” A sermon preached at the Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale, NY, March 2004.

“Beginning at the End (of the Beginning).” A sermon preached at the Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, NJ, November 2003.

“Out of One’s Depth: Seeking Soul in Solitude” and “Out of One’s Depth: Finding Faith on the Fringe.” Keynote Lectures, Princeton Forums on Youth, Church and Culture; Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2003.

“God’s.” A sermon preached for *A Cloud of Witnesses*, @ Vol. 5 (compact disc), Princeton Institute for Youth Ministry, 2003.

“Sermon Camp.” Center of Continuing Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, January 2003.

“Ordinary Miracles.” Adult Education Forum, Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale, NY, December 2002.

“God’s.” A Sermon Preached at the First Presbyterian Church, St. Helena, CA, October 2002.

“Wet Dreams: Solution-Focused Counseling for Adolescent Sexual Concerns.” Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry (Four Lectures), Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2002.

“James E. Dittes on Men and Meaning.” A lecture at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, April 10, 2002.

“Sleepy Teens.” Presentations to Jr. and Sr. High Youth Fellowships, First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, Princeton Junction, NJ, March 2002.

“This Mystery in Me: The Bodies of Youth as the Body of Christ.” R. A. Goodling Lectures in Pastoral Care (Two Lectures), Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, November 2001.

“Sleep, Surrender, and the Sabbath.” Center of Continuing Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2001.

“The Play of Preaching.” St. Mary’s School of Theology (Four Lectures), St. Andrew’s University, St. Andrews, Scotland, August 2001.

“Practicing Our Faith.” Eight-week Adult Sunday School Class, First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, Princeton Junction, NJ, January-March 2000.

Senior High Sunday School Teacher. First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, Princeton Junction, NJ, September 1999-May 2000.

“From Text to Life: Pastoral Preaching of the Lectionary.” Center of Continuing Education, Toronto School of Theology, Toronto, ON, November 1999.

“The Unreality of God” (Sermon). Odyssey Network Cable/Chicago PBS Television Program *30 Good Minutes*, October 1999.

“Industrial Light and Magic: Uniting Body and Soul in Pastoral Ministry.” Edwin Rian Lecture, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 1999.

“Sleuths of Hope Among Hopeless Youth.” Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, April 1999.

“From Text to Life: Pastoral Preaching of the Lectionary.” Center of Continuing Education, Princeton Theological Seminary, October 1998.

“The Sabbath and the Politics of Boredom.” Festival of Faith, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, VA, September 1998.

“Understanding Today’s Youth.” Seven-week Adult Sunday School Class, First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, Princeton Junction, NJ, September-November 1998.

“Theology in the Midst.” Four-day Elective, Institute of Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, June/July 1998.

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Chapel Committee. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1997-98.
Admissions Committee. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1999-2001, 2025-2026.
International Admissions Committee, Chair. Princeton Theological Seminary, 2000-2001.
Doctor of Ministry Committee. Princeton Theological Seminary, 2001-2003.
Student and Academic Affairs Committee. Princeton Theological Seminary, 1998-1999; 2003-2005. Chair, 2006-2007.
Ph.D. Studies Committee. Princeton Theological Seminary, 2008-Present.
Seminary Council on Institutional Diversity, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2011-2013.
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