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SUMMARY

Educator with passion for student learning and success

- Provides leadership for academic programs and faculty
- Oversees program review process, especially assessing and improving student learning
- Teaches well-received courses to traditional and non-traditional students

Administrator with passion to see organizations effectively fulfill their mission and serve people well

- Provides leadership for strategic planning and implementation
- Designs, diagnoses, and strengthens organizational systems to improve performance
- Manages schedules, curricular requirements, policies, and procedures
- Works collaboratively with faculty and other administrators to fulfill the school's mission
- Maintains institutional accreditation

EDUCATION AND ORDINATION

Ph.D. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri (2005)
(exegetical theology major with New Testament emphasis, systematic theology minor)
Dissertation: *The Gentile Mission in Old Testament Citations in Acts: Text, Hermeneutic and Purpose* (Dr. Jeffrey A. Gibbs, advisor)

Th.M. Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (New Testament, 1981)
Thesis: *Toward a Biblical Typology* (Dr. Richard B. Gaffin, advisor)

M.Div. Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1976)

B.A. Rice University, Houston, Texas (English, 1972)

Ordained Teaching Elder, Presbyterian Church in America (1981)

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Dean of the Seminary and Associate Professor of New Testament (2012–2014)

Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, South Carolina

Provided leadership for the academic program, faculty, and external relations of the seminary under the authority of Erskine College's Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

- Provided leadership for the seminary's academic programs including admission standards, curriculum, library, continuing education, distance education, and off-campus programs
- Provided leadership for the seminary's strategic planning under the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and the institution's strategic plan
- Provided leadership for the faculty, their work, and their professional development
- Provided leadership for assessment of student learning and institutional effectiveness
- Managed and simplified administrative procedures and policies
- Addressed student requests and administered student discipline
- Developed data summaries and analyses to support planning and assessment
- Managed the seminary's budget
- Maintained the seminary's accreditation

Assistant to the President for Planning and Assessment (2006–2011)

Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania

Provided leadership for strategic planning, enrollment management, accreditation, assessment of student learning and institutional effectiveness; coordinated reporting to state system; supervised institutional research office; served as member of President's Senior Staff

- Provided leadership and support for assessing student learning in programs and general education; initiated and served on implementation team for school's first assessment management software
- Maintained institutional accreditation and served as co-chair of institutional self-study
- Developed data resources to inform strategic planning and program review
- Coordinated process for annual review of academic units, including assessment of student learning
- Prepared reports and analyses for internal and external constituencies
- Chaired enrollment management steering committee and served on committees including strategic planning, assessment, strategic planning, enrollment management, website, and facilities

Independent Consultant (2003–2006)

Self-Employed, St. Louis, Missouri and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

- Assisted schools with developing learning outcomes, curriculum review, and assessment plans
- Developed online list of assessment resources for the Association of Theological Schools

Associate Dean for Academics and Dean of Academic Administration (1990–2003)

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

Provided leadership for academic program under the Dean/Vice President for Academics (including three semesters as interim dean); assisted President with planning, publications, and governance; served as member of President's Cabinet

- Provided leadership, planning, and coordination for academic programs serving 900 students, coordinated work of 50 full- and part-time faculty and staff, and managed \$2 million budget
- Developed school's first plan for assessing student learning and institutional effectiveness
- Developed, published and administered academic policies and academic student discipline; prepared academic portions of catalog/viewbook
- Assisted in recruiting, orienting, and evaluating faculty; revised and administered faculty personnel policies; instituted computer upgrade program for faculty and support staff (hardware and software)
- Maintained institutional accreditation and chaired successful institutional self-study
- Implemented, customized, and managed student records and degree audit modules in school's first administrative software system; oversaw migration to new system
- Supervised Registrar's Office; evaluated requests for transfer credit and advanced standing; coordinated registration and graduation
- Prepared reports, analyses, and projections for internal and external (e.g., IPEDS) audiences
- Assisted president with strategic planning; trustee recruitment and development; contributed to revision of institution's bylaws; reviewed and approved all institutional publications and mailings
- Redesigned and tripled size of institution's website, adding ecommerce capability
- Wrote successful grant applications and managed funded projects
- Committee service included curriculum, admissions, financial aid, student grievances, distance education, technology, communications, and oversight of several degree programs

ACCREDITATION AND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

- Middle States Commission on Higher Education, annual conference (2007–2010)
- Member of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) on-site review committee (2010)
- Member of ATS visiting accreditation teams (1997–2003), including joint visits with the Higher Learning Commission (North Central) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

- Invited consultant for the Character and Assessment of Learning for Religious Vocation Project, Association of Theological Schools (2004–06)
- Association of Theological Schools (ATS) biennial meeting (1992–2006)
- Higher Learning Commission (North Central) annual meeting (1991–2002)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Completed Stage I of the Planning Institute of the Society for College and University Planning (2007)
- Invited member of Church Leaders Group of Pulpit & Pew, a research project on pastoral leadership funded by the Lilly Endowment (2000-04)
- Evangelical Seminary Deans' Council (1993–98)

TEACHING

Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington, DC (August 2004)

As *Adjunct Professor*, developed and taught one-week course on *Acts and Pauline Epistles*

Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri (1990–2003)

As *Assistant Professor of Bible* (1995–2003) and *Adjunct Professor* (1991–1994), developed and taught courses to classes of up to 75 traditional and non-traditional students

- *Bible Content Overview* (1992–2002): developed and taught course on basic Bible knowledge; syllabus used by former students in churches, schools, and other seminaries
- *Preparing for Licensure and Ordination Exams* (1992–2002): co-developed course and co-authored published study guide to prepare students for ecclesiastical exams
- *Beginning Greek* (Summer 1998, 1999): taught intensive six-week language course
- *Communicating the Gospel* (1993, 1994, 1996): developed and taught course on interpreting and communicating the Bible's message, with in-class practice in these skills
- *Christ-Centered Preaching* (Fall 1992): taught section of second-year preaching practicum
- *New Testament Theology* (Spring and Fall 1991): developed and taught survey course

Lecturer (Spring 1986)

University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette), Lafayette, Louisiana
Developed and taught undergraduate elective in *New Testament Survey*

Teaching Assistant (Fall 1976)

Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Led *Introduction to Theology and Apologetics* discussion section and tutored *Beginning Greek* students

TEACHING INTERESTS

- New Testament language, theology and literature (survey, Gospels, Acts, Pauline letters, Greek)
- Hermeneutics, Bible study methods
- Biblical theology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- The Old Testament in the New (including the Mosaic law)
- The “nations” and the Gentile mission in biblical theology
- The covenant promise “I will be your God and you will be my people”

LANGUAGES

- Reading knowledge of New Testament Greek, Biblical Hebrew, German, and French

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Evangelical Theological Society (1999–present)
- Member, Society of Biblical Literature (2000–present)
- Fellow, Institute for Biblical Research (2008–present)

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

The Gentile Mission in Old Testament Citations in Acts: Text, Hermeneutic and Purpose. Library of New Testament Studies, 385. New York: T&T Clark, 2009.

“The Riches of His Inheritance.” *Presbyterion* 28 (2002): 34–46.

(www.onegreatstory.com/articles/MeekJA-Riches.pdf)

“The New Perspective on Paul: An Introduction for the Uninitiated.” *Concordia Journal* 27 (2001): 208–233. (www.onegreatstory.com/articles/MeekJA-NPPIntro.pdf)

Preparing for Licensure and Ordination Exams (with Bryan Chapell). Atlanta: Christian Education and Publications (PCA), 1995, 2003.

Bible Content Overview: Course Syllabus. St. Louis: Covenant Theological Seminary, 1992–2003 (annual editions).

A Guide to Commentaries and Other Exegetical Aids (with Steven M. Schlei). Philadelphia: The Campus Bookstore, 1977.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“The Sad Reality of Divorce: Second Thoughts on Grounds.” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2015. Atlanta, Georgia.

“The Apostolic Decree of Acts 15: Some Unexpected Antecedents.” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2013. Baltimore, Maryland.

“Justification and the Works of the Law: The Evidence from the Gospels.” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2010, Atlanta, Georgia.

“The Fear of the Lord Is the Beginning of Ethics.” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Getting It Right: Righteousness and Law in the Old Testament and in Paul.” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2008, Providence, Rhode Island.

“Character Matters: Character and Leadership in the Pastorals and Hellenistic Society.” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2006, Washington, D.C.

“Listening to Luke: Luke on the Old Testament in Luke-Acts.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2006, Washington, D.C.

“Gentiles in Joel? Joel 3:1-5 MT in Acts 2:16-21.” Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Regional Meeting, March 2006, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

“Who Is the ‘Light to the Nations’? (Isaiah 49:6 in Acts 13:47).” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2003, Atlanta, Georgia.

“The Messiah and the Gentiles: David’s Fallen Tent and Gentile Mission (Acts 15).” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2002, Toronto, Ontario.

“The Kingdom of God in the Reformed Tradition.” Day of Theological Conversation, February 2002, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

“Ask the Author: Luke on the Old Testament in Luke-Acts,” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2001, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

REVIEWS

G. K. Beale and D. K. Carson, *Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*. *JETS* 52 (2009): 368-370.

Guy Waters, *Justification and the New Perspectives on Paul: A Review and A Response*. *JETS* 48 (2005): 653-55.

Geerhardus Vos, *The Eschatology of the Old Testament*. *Presbyterion* 29 (2003): 114-115.

Seyoon Kim, *Paul and the New Perspective: Second Thoughts on the Origin of Paul's Gospel*. *JETS* 46 (2003): 131-133.

J. A. O. Preus, *Just Words*. *Presbyterion* 27 (2001): 153-155.

Charles Drew, *The Ancient Love Song: Finding Christ in the Old Testament*. *Presbyterion* 27 (2001): 155-156.

Bruce Milne, *Know the Truth*. *Presbyterion* 26 (2000): 37-38.

F. F. Bruce (rev. David F. Payne), *Israel and the Nations: The History of Israel from the Exodus to the Fall of the Second Temple*. *Presbyterion* 25 (1999): 126.

David W. Hall and Joseph H. Hall, *Paradigms in Polity: Classic Readings in Reformed and Presbyterian Church Government*. *Presbyterion* 25 (1999): 127.

Walter E. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough, *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey and Readings from the First-Century World: Primary Sources for New Testament Study*. *Presbyterion* 25 (1999): 59-62.

Doug Sherman, *Keeping Your Head Up When Your Job's Got You Down*. *Presbyterion* 17 (1991): 133-135.

Judith A. Lunsford, *Test Your Christian Literacy*. *Presbyterion* 17 (1991): 141.

PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES

“Connecting Faith and Vocational Discipleship at Covenant Theological Seminary” (with Donald C. Guthrie). *Theological Education* 38 (2001): 73-81
(www.ats.edu/Resources/PublicationsPresentations/Documents/TE/2001TE38-1.pdf).

“Evaluation: Context, Lessons, Methods.” *Theological Education* 35 (1998): 13-28
(www.ats.edu/Resources/PublicationsPresentations/Documents/TE/1998TE35-1.pdf).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

In-service presentations at University Days, Lock Haven University

- “Annual Reports and Program Reviews” (August 2010, August 2009, January 2009, August 2008, August 2007)
- “Assessing Student Learning” (August 2010, August 2009, August 2008, January 2008, August 2007, January 2007)

“Assessing Student Learning.” Faculties of Winebrenner Theological Seminary (June 2006), Ashland Theological Seminary (November 2005), Talbot School of Theology (March 2005), Trinity School for Ministry (November 2004), and North Park Seminary (October 2003)

CAMS Degree Audit (CAMS academic management software), CAMS Users Group, June 2000, St. Louis, Missouri (invited presentation).

“Pilot Schools Project Report: Covenant Theological Seminary” (invited presentation on assessment). Association of Theological Schools Biennial Meeting, June 1998, Baltimore, Maryland.

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

“Like a City without Walls: Self-Control and the Fruit of the Spirit.” *Covenant*, vol. 17, no. 1 (Feb/Mar 2002): 4–7. (www.onegreatstory.com/articles/MeekJA-LikeACity.pdf)

Twelve small group discussion guides for ministry to unchurched men in *Men’s Life/Discover Life* series. Grand Rapids: Church Development Resources (Christian Reformed Church), 1988–1996.

Jesus: His Triumph Over Death, 1996

Jesus: His Powerful Life, 1996

Evil Seeds, Deadly Fruit (the seven deadly sins), 1994

Did Jesus Say That?, 1993

Ecclesiastes: Finding Meaning in Life, 1992

Spiritual Fitness: Exercise for the Soul (1 John), 1991

A New Kind of Life (1 and 2 Peter), 1990

Steps to Success (character studies based on qualities in 2 Peter 1:5–8), 1990

Growing Together (corporate disciplines for spiritual growth), 1990

Climbing Higher (personal disciplines for spiritual growth), 1989

Peter: The Making of A Disciple, 1988

Proverbs: Wisdom for Living, 1988

Daily Bible Reading Plan, 1983–present (annual editions, www.onegreatstory.com/reading.html).

Weekly column in the Lafayette, Louisiana *Daily Advertiser*, 1984–1989.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Occasional Ministry (2012–present)

Anderson, South Carolina

- Occasional preaching (audio at www.onegreatstory.com/sermons.html)
- Occasional teaching in church educational program

Occasional Ministry (2006–2012)

Lock Haven, Pennsylvania

- Occasional preaching (audio at www.onegreatstory.com/sermons.html)
- Occasional teaching in church educational program
- Led small group for Big Woods Bible Church, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania (2010–2012)
- Volunteer leadership for New Life campus ministry, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania (2007–2010)
- Member Susquehanna Valley Presbytery’s Administration & Stewardship Committee (2010–2012)

Church Planter (1981–1982) and **Pastor** (1982–1990)

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, Louisiana

- Recruited core group, provided leadership, and trained leaders for new church
- Preached, planned and led worship, organized and led small group Bible studies for couples and men from the church and community, taught classes, and provided pastoral care

OTHER MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- *Volunteer Teacher, Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri* (1996–2003)
Taught classes of up to 100 adults in church’s Christian education program
- *Stated Clerk, Louisiana Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America* (1989–1990)
Led Administrative Committee in reducing daylong meetings by two hours, cleaned up two-year backlog of confused minutes, and prepared revision of standing rules
- *Summer Staff, Boardwalk Chapel, Wildwood, New Jersey* (1975)
Preached, evangelized, supervised and disciplined college student staff

- *Ruling Elder* (1978–1981) and *Student Intern* (1974–1976)
Christ Reformed Presbyterian Church, Oreland, Pennsylvania
Directed small group program, led high school youth group (two years), taught Sunday School (adult and high school), occasionally preached, and served (one year) as clerk of session
- *Volunteer* (1972–1977) and *student leader* (1969–1972), *Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship*
Taught, led small groups, and disciplined students and leaders

OTHER EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- *Priority Two*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (2005–2006)
Volunteer leader and instructor in organization supporting professionals in job transition: assisted in development of curriculum and learning strategies for new training program
- *Pennsylvania Professional Employment Network (PAPEN)*, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (2005–1006)
Volunteer leader in organization supporting professionals in job transition
- *Businesspersons Between Jobs*, St. Louis, Missouri (2003–2004)
Volunteer leader and instructor in organization supporting professionals in job transition

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Purchasing Agent (1978–1981)

Atlantic Spring & Manufacturing Co., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

As company's first dedicated purchasing agent, systematized ordering, and accounts payable controls (\$1 million annually), and improved management of \$200,000 materials inventory

Manager (1976–1978)

The Campus Bookstore, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Increased sales and customer satisfaction by expanding and improving inventory through implementation of the store's first inventory control system

SKILLS

Proficient in Microsoft Office and database management.