

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

- 1992                      Ph.D. Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA  
In co-operation with University of California, Berkeley  
Comprehensive Exams passed *with Distinction*  
Homiletics
- 1982                      M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, New Jersey
- 1976                      B.A. Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois  
Graduated with honors. Speech Communication.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2002-2009,  
2013-present              Dean of the Seminary and Vice President for Academic Affairs,  
San Francisco Theological Seminary
- 1999-present              Professor of Homiletics and Speech-Communication,  
San Francisco Theological Seminary  
**Courses taught include:**
- Introduction to Homiletics
  - Performance Studies and Preaching
  - Preaching the Gospel of Mark
  - Advanced Homiletical Theory
  - Reformed Worship
  - Preaching as Theatre
  - Fundamentals of Speech
  - Oral Interpretation
- 1993-1999                      Associate Professor, Homiletics and Speech-Communication  
San Francisco Theological Seminary
- 1993-1994                      Acting Dean and Associate Professor, Homiletics and Speech-  
Communication, San Francisco Theological Seminary.
- 1987 - 1993                      Assistant Professor, Speech-Communication and Homiletics,  
San Francisco Theological Seminary.
- 1985-1987                      Instructor in Speech and Homiletics, San Francisco Theological Seminary.

1982-1985            Assistant Pastor, Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, Pluckemin, NJ

1982-1985            Adjunct Faculty in Speech and Preaching  
Princeton Theological Seminary

1981                    Intern Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas

1978-1979            Director of Concerts, Three J's East Management, Princeton, NJ

1977-1978            Director of Public Affairs, WPOW Radio, New York, NY

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**ORDINATION**

Ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, June 4, 1982  
Elizabeth Presbytery, The United Presbyterian Church

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**PUBLICATIONS*****Books Authored and Edited***

*New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching*, Associate Editor. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008

*Performance in Preaching: Bringing the Sermon to Life*, Co-editor with Clay Schmit. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2008

*Purpose of Preaching*, Editor. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2004

*Birthing the Sermon: Women Preachers on Creative Process*, Editor. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2001

*Performing the Word: Preaching as Theatre*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998

*Women's Preaching Annual Series I, Volume 3*, Co-editor with Lucy Rose. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998

*Women's Preaching Annual Series I, Volume 2*, Co-editor with Lucy Rose. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1997

*Women's Preaching Annual Series I, Volume 1*, Co-editor with Lucy Rose. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996

*Articles, Chapters, and Sermons*

- Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Proper 4 and Proper 5, Essays and resources on lectionary texts, with Gregory Anderson Love in *Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary: Preaching Year A*. Paul Scott Wilson, ed. Nashville: Abingdon, 2013.
- “Fins on the Left, Fins on the right: Reading Context in Seminaries” in *C(H)AOS THEORY: A Handbook for Chief Academic Officers*. Kadi Billman and Bruce Birch, eds. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011).
- “It Takes A Cloud” in *Reclaiming the Imagination: The Exodus as Paradigmatic Narrative for Preaching*. David Flerer and Dave Bland, eds. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2009)
- “Finding the Power to Preach When You’re Exhausted” in *Best Advice for Pastors and Preachers*. William J. Carl III, ed. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2009).
- “Introduction to Part 6: The Preacher’s Performance”; “The Preacher’s Creative Process”; “The Use of the Pulpit”; and “Weekly Sermon Preparation Using the Handbook of Preaching” in *New Interpreter’s Bible Handbook of Preaching*. Paul Scott Wilson, ed. (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008).
- “The Preacher’s Creative Process: Reaching the Well” in *Performance in Preaching: Bringing the Sermon to Life*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2008). Jana Childers and Clayton Schmit, eds
- “Seeing Jesus: Preaching as Incarnational Act” in *Purposes of Preaching*. Jana Childers, ed. (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2004).
- “Preaching as Incarnational Act,” *The Pastor’s Guide to Effective Preaching*, (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill, 2003) 133-143.
- “Wanting the Best: Wayne Shaw and the Academy of Homiletics,” *Preaching Through Tears: Essays in Honor of Wayne Shaw*, ed. John D. Webb and Joseph D. Grana II, (Lincoln, IL: Lincoln Christian College, 2000) 19-23.
- “Lectionary Messages,” *The Minister’s Manual 2001*, ed. James W. Cox (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2000.) 185-187, 191-192, 196-198, 201-203,
- “With Both Ears Tingling,” *Patterns of Preaching: A Sermon Sampler*, ed. Ronald J. Allen (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1998) 117-123.
- “The Future of the Church,” *The American Organist*, Vol 29, No.10, Oct.1995, 38-42.
- “P.T. Forsyth,” *The Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*, ed. Richard Lischer and William Willimon (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.)
- “One Stone Upon Another,” *Blessed Is She: Sermons by Women*. ed. David Farmer and Edwina Hunter (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1990)

***Selected Articles on Lectionary Texts***

*Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Volume 3*, David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, eds. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox 2010)  
 Homiletical Perspective, Day of Pentecost  
 Homiletical Perspective, Trinity Sunday  
 Homiletical Perspective, Proper 3

*Lectionary Homiletic*, David Howell, ed. (Midlothian, VA)  
 Preaching the Lesson, Sundays in February, 2011  
 Preaching the Lesson, Sundays in June, 2003  
 Preaching the Lesson, Sundays in February, 2001.  
 Preaching the Lesson, Sundays in October, 2000.  
 Preaching the Lesson, Sundays in February, 2000.  
 Preaching the Lesson, Sundays in May, 1999.  
 Preaching the Lesson, Sundays in August, 1996.

*Word and Witness*, Paul Scott Wilson, ed. (New Berlin, WI: Liturgical Press)  
 Lectionary Passages, December 21, 1997  
 Lectionary Passages, July 1, 1991  
 Lectionary Passages, January 14, 1990  
 Lectionary Passages, November 11, 1990  
 Lectionary Passages, July 6, 1986

***Selected Church Magazine Articles***

Regular Commentator *Outlook* magazine's "Benedictory" column 2008-present  
 Associated Church Press Awards, Honorable Mention 2012

"Our Best Thoughts" *Outlook* (Vol. 192, No.8) September 6, 2010  
 "Clumsiness" *Outlook* (Vol. 192, No. 7) April 5, 2010  
 "From Med School Atheism to Faith" *Outlook* (Vol. 191, No.38) November 16, 2009  
 "Beloved Browne Barr," *Outlook* (Vol. 191, No.28) August 17/24, 2009  
 "Anomie," *Outlook* (Vol. 191, No. 17) May 18, 2009  
 "Of Weather and Worship," *Outlook* (Vol. 191, No.6) February 23, 2009  
 "Gratitude and Attitude," *Outlook* (Vol. 190, No.39) November 24, 2008  
 "Finding the Preacher's Voice," *Outlook* (Vol.190, No.28) September 1, 2008  
 "A Guiding Hand," *Outlook* (Vol. 190, No.17) May 19, 2008  
 "Getting Too Far from Luke" *Outlook* (Vol. 190, No.6) February 25, 2008  
 "Prayer Changes Things," *Thirty Good Minutes Program Guide*, September, 2003, 1-2.  
 "It Doth Not Yet Appear," *Covenant Connection*, Vol. 5, No. 1, April, 2002, 6-7.  
 "The City" *The Living Pulpit*, Vol. II, No. 2, April-June, 2002, 37.

***Television Performances***

“The Kyphotic Woman,” A Sermon preached on *Thirty Good Minutes* (The Chicago Sunday Evening Club, Chicago, IL) WTTW, Channel 11, February, 2005.

"Simplicity," Three Meditations on *America at Worship*, (Faith and Values Media, *The Hallmark Channel*, December 2002

"Saying Grace," A Sermon preached on *Thirty Good Minutes* (The Chicago Sunday Evening Club, Chicago, IL) *The Odyssey Channel*, March 1, 2001.

“With Both Ears Tingling,” A Sermon preached on *Great Preachers* (Odyssey Productions and the National Interfaith Cable Coalition, co-producers) *The Odyssey Channel*, April 11, 2000.

“A Shameless Path”, A Sermon preached on *Thirty Good Minutes* (The Chicago Sunday Evening Club: Chicago, IL) *The Odyssey Channel*, 1999.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

1985-present            Academy of Homiletics  
   President 2010-2011  
   Executive Committee 1993-2007; 2008-2013  
   Treasurer 1993-2007

1985-present            Society of Biblical Literature  
   Member

1997- 2002              Associate Editor, *Journal of Communication and Religion*  
   Publication of the Religious Speech Communication Association

2000- 2003              Editorial Board, *Word and Witness*  
   Published by Liturgical Press (New Berlin: Wisconsin)

1985-present            Religious Communication Association.  
   Chairperson: Oral Interpretation and Theater 1990-1992  
   Vice-Chairperson: Oral Interpretation and Theater 1989-1990

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1996-2002              Co-host, “Mosaic” television program, KPIX-TV, San Francisco.

1994-present            Co-host, Marin Women’s Hall of Fame broadcast, Marin Access Cable TV.

1995-1997              Marin Abused Women's Services, Public Relations.

**SELECTED LECTURES**

- 2015 Preacher, Riverside Drive Church, NY, NY
- 2015 The Big Tent, National PC(USA) Conference
- 2014 Silliman University Chapel, Dumaguete, Philippines, Preacher
- 2014 Florida Winter Pastors' School, Keynote Speaker  
Stetson University, DeLand, FL
- 2013 Toronto Festival of Preaching, Preacher and Keynote Speaker
- 2013 Chinese Church Pastors Fellowship of San Diego, Retreat Speaker
- 2013 United Church of Canada, Annual Conference on Worship  
Saskatoon, Canada, Keynote Speaker
- 2011 Annual Lectures in Preaching, Presbyterian Theological College and Seminary,  
Seoul , Korea
- 2011 Keynote speaker, Western National Leadership Training, Jackson Hole, WY
- 2011 Berger Lectures in Preaching, Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
- 2011 Kaleidoscope Conference on Stewardship, Keynote Speaker  
Phoenix, Arizona
- 2010 Bast Lectures in Preaching, Western Theological Seminary, Holland MI
- 2010 Proclaiming the Text Conference Preacher, Montreat Conference Center,  
North Carolina
- 2009 Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts (FUMMWA)  
Annual Conference Preacher
- 2009 Wardlaw Lectures in Preaching, Association of Chicago Theological Schools
- 2009 Han Yang University, Seoul, Korea  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, Keynote Speaker "Love in Truth and in Deed"
- 2008 University of Auckland, New Zealand  
School of Theology, Lecture "The Preacher's Creative Process"
- 2008 Hanshin Presbyterian Church Conference for Pastors, Keynote Speaker  
Three lectures on hermeneutics and preaching

- 2008 Sydney, Australia, Education for Life and Ministry Center Conference, Keynote Speaker; Two lectures on preaching and performance
- 2008 Melbourne, Australia, Centre for Theology and Ministry Conference Keynote Speaker; Three lectures on women in ministry
- 2006 The Donald Macleod Lectures in Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2006 Ocean Grove Association, The Great Auditorium, Preacher.  
Ocean Grove, New Jersey.
- 2006 Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX Conference on Preaching, Keynote Speaker.
- 2005 The T.J. and Inez Raney Preaching Series, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2005 Exodus or Exile Conference on Preaching, Salt Lake City, Keynote Speaker.
- 2004 The Leslie R. Smith Lectures in Preaching, Lexington Theological Seminary  
Lexington, Kentucky.
- 2004 Center of Theological Inquiry, Cape Town, South Africa
- 2003 Barton College, Wilson, NC, Sprinkle Lectures in Preaching, Keynote Speaker
- 2003 Festival of Homiletics, Atlanta, GA, Keynote Speaker and Preacher
- 2002 The Goodson Academy of Preaching, Blackstone, VA, Conference of United Methodists, Keynote Speaker
- 2002 Ocean Grove Association, The Great Auditorium, Preacher.  
Ocean Grove, New Jersey
- 2002 Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, NY. Preacher
- 2001 Princeton Theological Seminary, Conference on Preaching, Preacher and Speaker
- 2001 Phillips Theological Seminary, Annual Pastors' Conference, Keynote Speaker and Preacher.
- 2001 Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center, Bangor, PA. Conference Keynote Speaker
- 2001 Festival of Homiletics, Washington, D.C. Keynote Speaker and Preacher
- 2000 Western National Leadership Conference, Jackson Hole, WY, Preacher

The above is a brief sample of recent lectures and presentations.  
A complete list is available in the Dean's Office, San Francisco Theological Seminary.

