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## **Education**

Ph. D. Duke University (Theology and Ethics; 1993)  
S.T.M. Yale University Divinity School (Ethics; 1982)  
D. Min. Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (1981)  
B. A. Hendrix College (1976)

*Dissertation:* "Preaching Jesus: Hans Frei's Theology and the Contours of a Postliberal Homiletic" (Duke University, 1993; advisor: Stanley Hauerwas)

## **Academic Appointments**

Extraordinary Professor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa (2012-present)  
Professor of Homiletics, Duke Divinity School (2009-present)  
Peter Marshall Professor of Homiletics, Columbia Theological Seminary (2004-2008)  
Instructor, Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor of Homiletics, Columbia Theological Seminary (1991-2004)

## **Publications**

### ***Books***

*Preaching Jesus: New Directions for Homiletics in Hans Frei's Postliberal Theology.* Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1997.  
Reprint, Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2006.  
Korean Translation. Translated by Seung-Jin Lee. Seoul, South Korea: Christian Literature Crusade, 2001.

*The Word on the Street: Performing the Scriptures in the Urban Context.* With Stanley P. Saunders. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2000.  
Reprint, Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2006.

*The Word Before the Powers: An Ethic of Preaching.* Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2002.  
Korean Translation. Translated by Unyong Kim. Seoul: WPA, 2014.

*Preaching Fools: The Gospel as a Rhetoric of Folly.* With Johan H. Cilliers. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2012.

Korean Translation. Translated by Daejin Kim. Seoul, South Korea: Christian Literature Crusade, 2014.

German Translation. Translated by Dietrich Eichenberg. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt GmbH, 2015.

### ***Edited Books***

Walter Brueggemann, *The Threat of Life: Sermons on Pain, Power, and Weakness.* Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1996. Also wrote "Foreword."

*Preaching Gospel: Essays in Honor of Richard Lischer*, co-edited with Clayton J. Schmit, Mary Hinkle Shore, Jennifer E. Copeland. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2016.

### ***Articles in Journals and Books***

"Living Faith: Luther, Preaching, and Ethics." *Word and World* 10 (Fall 1990): 374-79.

"More Than Quandaries: Character Ethics and Preaching." *Journal for Preachers* 16 (Pentecost 1993): 31-37.

"Preaching the Lesson" (Romans 13: 8-14; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 20: 1-16; Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32). *Lectionary Homiletics* 4 (September 1993): 6-7, 17-18, 26-27, 34-35.

"Performing the Scriptures: Preaching and Jesus' Third Way." *Journal for Preachers* 17 (Lent 1994): 18-24.

"A Not-So-Distant Mirror: Nineteenth Century Popular Fiction and Pulpit Storytelling." *Theology Today* 51 (January 1995): 574-82.

"Fred Craddock." *Encyclopedia of Preaching.* Edited by William H. Willimon and Richard Lischer. Westminster/John Knox Press: 1995, pp. 93-95.

"Inductive Preaching." *Encyclopedia of Preaching.* Edited by William H. Willimon and Richard Lischer. Westminster/John Knox Press: 1995, pp. 270-72.

"Literary Criticism." *Encyclopedia of Preaching.* Edited by William H. Willimon and Richard Lischer. Westminster/John Knox Press: 1995, pp. 309-11.

"Anything but Ordinary: Worship and Preaching in Ordinary Time." *Journal for Preachers* 18 (Pentecost 1995): 25-31. With Stanley P. Saunders.

"Between Text and Sermon: John 1: 1-14." *Interpretation* 49 (October 1995): 394-98.

"Foreword." *Journal for Preachers* 19 (Easter 1996): 1-2.

- “‘What Does This Mean?’ ‘What Shall We Do?’ Pentecost, Practices, and Preaching.” *Journal for Preachers* 19 (Pentecost 1996): 3-9. With Stanley P. Saunders.
- “Hans W. Frei.” In *A New Handbook of Christian Theologians*. Edited by Donald W. Musser and Joseph L. Price. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996, pp. 151-57.
- Epiphany 2. *Word and Witness*, January 19, 1997.
- “Principalities, Powers, and Preaching: Learning from William Stringfellow.” *Interpretation* 51 (October 1997): 384-401.
- Easter 6. *Word and Witness*, May 17, 1998, 117-20.
- “Moments of Inspiration: Preaching, Jazz Improvisation, and the Work of the Spirit.” *Journal for Preachers* 21 (Pentecost 1998): 30-36. With Clayton H. Hulet.
- “The Word on the Streets.” *The Journal for Preachers* 22 (Pentecost 1999): 22-28.
- “Both-And? A Conversation With Mary Catherine Hilker's *Naming Grace*.” In *Preaching Grace in the Human Condition*. *Studia Homiletica* 3. Edited by Judith M. McDaniel. Papers of *Societas Homiletica*, 1999, pp. 29-37.
- “Preaching the Lesson” (John 6: 24-35; Ephesians 4: 25-5: 2; John 6: 51-58; John 6: 56-69). *Lectionary Homiletics* 12 (August 2000): 5, 12, 19, 25.
- “Learning to Blush: The Emotional Formation of the Preacher.” *Journal for Preachers* 24 (Pentecost 2001): 48-51.
- “Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); “Mark 5:21-43”; “Mark 16:1-8”; “Luke 4:1-13”; “John 1:29-42,” in *The Lectionary Commentary: Theological Exegesis for Sunday's Texts*, 3 vols. Edited by Roger E. Van Harn. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2001, I, 559-62; III, 209-12; III, 282-85; III, 318-21; III, 482-85.
- “Lent: Forty Days of Detox (Mark 8:27-38).” In *A Work of Hospitality: The Open Door Reader, 1982-2002*. Edited by Peter R. Gathje. Atlanta: Open Door Community, 2002, pp. 222-26.
- “Building Up the Church.” In *The Company of Preachers: An Anthology of Wisdom on Christian Preaching from Augustine to the Present*. Edited by Richard Lischer. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2002, pp. 459-67.
- “From Narrative Text to Discursive Sermon: The Challenge of Hebrews.” In *Preaching Hebrews*. Edited by David Fler and Dave Bland. Rochester College Lectures on Preaching. Vol. 4. Abilene, Texas: ACU Press, 2003, pp. 29-43.
- “Apocalypse Now: Preaching Revelation as Narrative.” In *Narrative Reading, Narrative Preaching: Reuniting Narrative Interpretation and Proclamation*. Edited by Joel B. Green and Michael Pasquarello III. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2003,

pp. 151-75.

“Resisting the Powers.” In *Purposes of Preaching*. Edited by Jana Childers. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2004, pp. 23-38.

“Speaking the Truth in Love.” *Journal for Preachers* 28 (Lent 2005): 10-18.

“The Folly of the Sermon on the Mount.” In *Preaching the Sermon on the Mount: The World it Imagines*. Edited by David Fler and Dave Bland. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2007, pp. 59-68.

“Imagine” (sermon on Matthew 5:38-42). In *Preaching the Sermon on the Mount: The World it Imagines*. Edited by David Fler and Dave Bland. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2007, pp. 126-31.

“Preaching in an Election Year.” *Clergy Journal* 54 (October 2007): 5-7.

“Holy Fools and Homiletics.” *The Preacher* (July, 2008): 10-12.

“Part 3 Ethics. Introduction: Ethics and Preaching.” In *New Interpreter’s Bible Handbook of Preaching*. Edited by Paul Scott Wilson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008, 115-17.

“Preaching, Ethics of.” In *New Interpreter’s Bible Handbook of Preaching*. Edited by Paul Scott Wilson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2008, pp. 131-33.

“Principalities, Powers, and Fools: Does Preaching Make an Ethical Difference?” *Homiletic* 33 #2 (2008).

“Im Fokus: Charles L Campbell, Apg 9,1-9(10-20), 12.Sonntag nach Trinitatis, 22.8.2010.” Translated by Alexander Deeg. In *Pastoral-Theologie: Monatschrift für Wissenschaft und Praxis in Kirche and Gesellschaft; Göttinger Predigtmeditationen* (Mai, 2010), 357-363.

“Preacher as Ridiculous Person: Naked Street Preaching and Homiletical Foolishness,” in *Slow of Speech and Unclean Lips: Contemporary Images of Preaching Identity*. Edited by Robert Stephen Reid. Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2010, pp. 89-108.

“Principalities, Powers, and Fools: Does Preaching Make an Ethical Difference?” in *Preaching: Does It Make a Difference?* Edited by Mogens Lindhardt and Henning Thomsen. *Studia Homiiletica* 7. Copenhagen: Aros Publishing, pp. 23-31.

Numerous entries in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*. Edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008-2010.

Three entries in *Preaching Social Justice in the Lectionary*. Edited by Ronald J. Allen, Dawn Ottoni Welhelm, and Dale Andrews. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.

“Der Prediger als lächerlicher Mensch: Nackte Strassenprediger und homilietische Torheit.” Trans. Alexander Deeg. *EKD: Themenheft zum Reformationstag* 2011, 16-19; a longer version of this article appeared in *Evangelische Predigtkultur: Zur Erneuerung der Kanzelrede*. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2011, 49-68.

“Predigt, die die Welt verändert!?” trans. Alexander Deeg, in *Evangelische Predigtkultur: Zur Erneuerung der Kanzelrede*. Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2011, 69-88.

“Lachen auf der Kanzel.” Co-authored with Johan Cilliers. Trans. Alexander Deeg. In *Predigtmeditationen im christlich-jüdischen Kontext*. Zur Perikopenreihe V. Plus: Biblisches Lachen, ed. by “Studium in Israel,” Wernsbach 2012, xv-xviii.

“Called to Build an Odd Building,” 1 Kor 3, 9-17, 12. Sonntag nach Trinitatis, in *Göttinger Predigtmeditationen 2*. Vierteljahresheft 2014, 68. Jahrgang Heft 3, pp. 399-405.

“Ministry with a Laugh,” *Interpretation* 69, April 2015, pp. 196-208.

“Vom Jazz lernen,” trans. Peter Meyer, in *Predigen lehren: Methoden für die homiletische Aus- und Weiterbildung* (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2015), 353-360.

“Preaching Gospel: Four Theological Tones,” in *Preaching Gospel: Essays in Honor of Richard Lischer*, ed. Charles L. Campbell et. al. (Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2016)

### **Book Reviews**

*Preaching About Family Relationships*, by Elizabeth Achtemeier; *Preaching About Conflict in the Local Church*, by William H. Willimon; and *Preaching About Life in a Threatening World*, by Ronald J. Sider and Michael A. King. *Interpretation* 43 (April 1989): 213-14.

*The Four Codes of Preaching: Rhetorical Strategies*, by John S. McClure. *Journal for Preachers* 15 (Easter 1992): 37-39.

*Theology and Narrative: Selected Essays*, by Hans Frei. Edited by George Hunsinger and William Placher. *Modern Theology* 10, no. 4 (October 1994): 425-27.

*A Captive Voice: The Liberation of Preaching*, by David Buttrick. *Theology Today* 52 (April 1995): 168.

*Psalms*, by James L. Mays. *Interpretation* 50 (April 1996): 183-85.

*A Chorus of Witnesses: Model Sermons for Today's Preachers*. Edited by Thomas G. Long

and Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. *Princeton Seminary Review* 16, no. 2, 1995, 244-46.

*While We Run This Race: Confronting the Power of Racism in a Southern Congregation*, by Nibs Stroupe and Inez Fleming. *Homiletic* 20 (Winter 1995), 51.

*Christian Preaching: A Trinitarian Theology of Proclamation*, by Michael Pasquarello III. *Homiletix e-Forum*, Spring 2007.

*Conversations with Barth on Preaching*, by William H. Willimon. *Homiletix e-Forum*, Fall 2007.

*Thinking Theologically: The Preacher as Theologian*, by Ronald J. Allen. *Interpretation* 63 (April 2009), 211-212.

*Preaching from Memory to Hope*, by Thomas G. Long. *Interpretation* 63 (October 2009), pp. 414-416.

*I Believe I'll Testify: The Art of African American Preaching*, by Cleophus J. LaRue. *Theology Today* 69 (October 2012), 49-51.

*Preaching Creation: The Environment and the Pulpit*, by John C. Holbert. *Homiletic* 37, no. 2 (2012), 39-40.

*The Scandal of Having Something to Say*, by Lance Pape. *Interpretation* 68 (July 2014), 347.

### ***Selected Other Writings***

"Boys II Men in Atlanta." *Hospitality* 15 (May 1996): 2.

"Doughnuts, Coffee, and Communion." *Hospitality* 15 (June 1996): 1-2.

"Sin, Grace, and the Basement Door." *Hospitality* 15 (July 1996): 8.

"Discipleship of the Body." *Hospitality* 15 (August 1996): 5.

"Again. . . And Again. . . And Again." *Hospitality* 15 (October 1996): 4.

"Scapegoating the Homeless." *Hospitality* 16 (February 1997): 4.

"It's a Zoo Out There?" *Hospitality* 16 (April 1997): 9.

"Sweet Security." *Hospitality* 16 (July 1997): 3.

"Unmasked." *Hospitality* 17 (May 1998): 1.

“Keepers of the Word: The Folly and Promise of Preaching,” in *Divinity Magazine* (Spring, 2016).

### **Lectureships and Addresses**

Jameson Jones Lectures in Preaching, Duke Divinity School, March 3-4, 1998.

Somerville Lecture in Preaching, Luther Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, June 12, 2000.

Steel Hendrix Lecture, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, February 19, 2001.

Foote Lectures, First Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Georgia, March 17-18, 2001.

Cotham Lectures, Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, March 3-5, 2002.

Palm Sunday Peace and Justice Lecture, Montview Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colorado, March 24, 2002.

“The Preacher as Ridiculous Person: Naked Street Preaching and Homiletical Foolishness.”  
Inaugural Address, Peter Marshall Chair of Homiletics, Columbia Theological Seminary, March 29, 2005.

Taeyoung Homiletical Lectures, Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Seoul, South Korea, October 17-19, 2005.

Lecture on Preaching, Hanil University and Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Junjoo, South Korea, October 20, 2005.

Sprinkle Lectures, Barton College, Wilson, North Carolina, March 6-7, 2006.

Rochester College Lectures on Preaching, Rochester, Michigan, May 22-24, 2006.

Keynote Speaker, Sekkeo Juku (“School for Preachers”) Symposium on Preaching, Tokyo, Japan, November 23-26, 2006.

Percy Institute Lectures, First Methodist Church, Pensacola, Florida, January 27-28, 2007.

Taeyoung Homiletical Lectures, Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Seoul, South Korea, October 10-12, 2007.

“Theology and Culture” Series Lecture, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, October 10, 2007.

Lecture on Preaching, Seoul Theological University, Bucheon, South Korea, October 12, 2007.

Cotham Lectures, Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas (October 5-7, 2008)

Keynote Speaker, 2009 School for Ministers, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (February 17-19, 2009).

Keynote Speaker, Proclaiming the Text Conference, Montreat, North Carolina (June 3, 2009)

Lectures at the Zentrum für evangelische Predigtkultur, Wittenberg, Germany (June 17-19, 2010)

Lectured for pastors on “Preaching During Lent and Easter” at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, February 2011.

Lectured at the School of Theology at the University of Copenhagen, and participated in a colloquium with Danish pastors, April, 2012

Lectured and preached at a conference in Berlin sponsored by the Zentrum für Evangelische Predigtkultur, June, 2012.

Marten Lecture, “Preaching and Apocalyptic Imagination.” Saint Meinrad Theological Seminary, October 1, 2013.

Conrad Lecture, Lancaster Theological Seminary, March. 24, 2014.

### **Academic Papers/Presentations**

Respondent to paper by David Buttrick, Plenary Session, annual meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, December 1, 1994.

“Both-And? A Conversation with Mary Catherine Hilbert’s *Naming Grace*.” Plenary address, International Conference of *Societas Homiletica*, Alexandria, Virginia, March 1, 1999.

Panel Presentation, Special Session: Dislocating/Relocating Biblical Studies: Atlanta as a Test Case, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 23, 2003.

“Dislocated Exegesis.” Paper presented for the Biblical Interpretation Work Group at the annual meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, December 1, 2006.

“The Preacher as Ridiculous Person: Naked Street Preaching and Homiletical Foolishness.” Paper presented for the Rhetoric Work Group at the annual meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, November 30, 2007.

“Keepers of the Word.” Sermon preached at the annual meeting of the Academy of Homiletics, December 1, 2007. (“Inaugural sermon” preached by the incoming President.)



“Principalities, Powers, and Fools: Does Preaching Make an Ethical Difference?” Keynote Address, International Conference of *Societas Homiletica*, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 21, 2008.

Panel Presentation on the work of Will D. Campbell, Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, June 4, 2010.

### **Professional Activities**

Editorial Board, *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2005-2010

As a member of the Editorial Board, I helped envision, design, and plan this twelve-volume resource for preachers. I also edited 192 essays.

Associate Editor, *Journal for Preachers*, 1996-2008

Advisory Council, *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, 1994-2001; 2012-present

Editorial Board, *Practical Theology in South Africa*, 2012-present

Editorial Board, *International Journal of Homiletics*, 2013-present

### **Professional Associations**

The Academy of Homiletics

Served as President in 2008

Societas Homiletica