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*James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor Emeritus of Preaching
Duke Divinity School*

Personal Information:

Born: St. Louis, MO

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Educational History:

Concordia Junior College, Milwaukee, WI	1961 - 1963
Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN	B.A., 1965 (highest distinction)
Washington University, St. Louis, MO (English)	M.A., 1967
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO	B.D., 1969
University of London, King's College, (Theology)	Ph.D., 1972
Chief professor and dissertation director, E.L. Mascall	

Significant Professional Positions:

Pastor, Emmaus Lutheran Church, Dorsey, IL, 1972-74
Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1973, Seminex, St. Louis, 1974
Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach, VA, 1974-79
Duke University Divinity School, 1979- Assistant Professor, Associate Professor,
Professor, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Professor of Preaching (2000-)
Professor, Graduate Faculty of Religion, Duke University, 1997-
Associate Dean for Faculty Development, 2011-2013
Visiting Professor, Princeton Theological Seminary, Spring 2017; Visiting Scholar, May 2018,
October-November 2020

Major Fellowships and Grants:

Lutheran World Federation Scholarship--Doctoral research, travel, tuition, stipend 1969-71
Major Grant, Research Council, Duke University, 1981-82
Association of Theological Schools' Younger Scholar Award, 1983-84
Lutheran Brotherhood Sabbatical Grant, 1986-87
Major Grant, Research Council, Duke University, 1987-88
Association of Theological Schools, 1988-89
Lilly Endowment Faculty Development Grant, 1989-90
Association of Theological Schools, 1993

Lilly Endowment Faculty Fellow, 1999 – 2000
Louisville Institute Summer Stipend, 2001
Faith and Life Grant, Louisville Institute, 2006-07
Major Grant, Institute on Care at the End of Life, 2007-08
Seminar leader: “The Life of Faith” (on religious autobiography), a monthly seminar, Lilly Endowment, 2002-03
Henry Luce III Theological Fellowship, 2012-13

Representative University Responsibilities:

Frequent preacher, Duke University Chapel (approx. x60)
Preacher, Inauguration of Richard Brodhead as President of Duke University 2004
University Distinguished Professors Committee, 2007-2010
Provost’s Search Committee, Director, Duke Press
Member, 13-member University Appointments, Promotion, Tenure Committee, 5 years
Chair, Dean of Duke Chapel Search Committee, 2011-2012
Divinity representative, University Academic Council, 4 years

Professional Societies and Professional Responsibilities:

Academy of Homiletics, Executive Committee, 1995-97; President, 1997-98; Lifetime Achievement Award 2007
Societas Homiletica (Berlin & Durham), founding member, Board of Directors, 1992-1997
Advisory Council, *Interpretation* (Richmond VA), 1991-1996
Advisory Council, *Word & World* (St. Paul, MN), 1992-1998
Advisory Council, *Praktisk Teologi* [Practical Theology] (Oslo), 1994-2000
Consultant (unpaid), Odyssey Television Channel 1997-2001
Consultant (unpaid): *Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project*, University of California Press, Stanford University, Vol. 6, 2003 -2005
Tenure evaluator—numerous divinity schools and seminaries
External evaluator (on team of 3), Boston University School of Theology, 2013

Examples of Divinity Courses Taught:

Introduction to Christian Preaching
Parables and Preaching, (Duke and Princeton Theological Seminary)
Twentieth-century Theology and Preaching
Introduction to Christian Ministry (co-taught)
Introductory Th.D. seminar (co-taught)
From Text to Sermon (co-taught)
The Life and Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.
The Life of Faith (religious autobiography and memoir)
Women’s Narratives of Faith
Instructor, Project TURN, Duke Divinity School Prison Academic Outreach: “Martin Luther King, Jr.” Durham Correctional Center, Spring Term, 2011; “The Life of Faith” (spiritual autobiography and memoir), Women’s Prison, Raleigh, 2015

Publishing Awards:

Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching selected as Book of the Year for 1995 by the journal *Preaching*
The Preacher King: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Word that Moved America named Outstanding Book 1995-1996 by the Religious Speech Communication Association
Publications anthologized, *The Best Christian Writing 2002; 2006*

The Company of Preachers, Best Book on Ministry/Leadership 2003, *Christianity Today*
Award of Merit, Associated Church Press, for “Odd Job”; “Stripped Bare” in *Christian Century*, 2004, 2012

Church Relationship:

Clergy Member, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, on call from the North Carolina Synod
Member, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Durham, NC

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Marx and Teilhard: Two Ways to the New Humanity (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1979).

A Theology of Preaching: The Dynamics of the Gospel (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1981). 2nd, revised edition (Durham: The Labyrinth Press, 1992 [Baker Books]) Korean translation, 1990, Japanese translation, 2004

Speaking of Jesus: Finding the Words for Witness (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1982).

Theories of Preaching: Selected Readings in the Homiletical Tradition (Durham, NC: Labyrinth 1987 [Baker Books]). Korean translation, 2004

The Preacher King. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Word that Moved America (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995). Paperback edition, 1997. Japanese translation, 2012

2nd, updated edition, January 2020. New Introduction: “The Preacher King: Past is Prologue”

Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching, co-editor with William H. Willimon (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 1995). Japanese Translation 1998. Paperback edition, 2004

‘Blessed are the Debonair’: James Cleland as Preacher and Homiletician (Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, Durham, NC, 2000)

Open Secrets. A Spiritual Journey Through a Country Church (New York: Doubleday, May 2001)
Paperback edition, *Open Secrets. A Memoir of Faith and Discovery* (New York: Broadway Books, 2002). Korean translation 2012

The Company of Preachers. Wisdom on Preaching from Augustine to the Present, ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2002). Japanese translation 2009.

The End of Words: The Language of Reconciliation in a Culture of Violence [Lyman Beecher Lectures] (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2005, paperback edition, 2008).

The Eloquence of Grace: Joseph Sittler and the Preaching Life, ed., (with James M. Childs), Eugene Oregon: Cascade Books, 2012)

Stations of the Heart: Parting with a Son (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013)

Paperback edition, Vintage Books [Penguin Random House, 2015)

Reading the Parables: Interpretation Resources, Patrick Miller, general ed.,
(Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014)

(about) *Preaching Gospel: Essays in Honor of Richard Lischer*, ed. Charles Campbell
et al., Cascade Books, 2016.

Just Tell the Truth: A Call to Faith, Hope, and Courage, Eerdmans Publishing, 2021.

Our Hearts Are Restless: The Art of Spiritual Memoir, Oxford University Press, November 2022.

Selected Journal Articles:

"Humanism: A Basis for Marxist-Christian Dialogue?" *Listening*, Vol. IV, No. 2 (Spring 1969), 132-141.

"Karl Marx and the Christian Faith: Persecution or Dialogue?" *The Irish Theological Quarterly*, Vol. 37,
No. 3 (July 1970), 223-234.

"The Lutheran Shape of Marxian Evil," *Religion in Life*, Vol. 42, No. 4 (Winter 1973), 549-558.

"An Old/New Theology of History," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 91, No. 10 (March 13, 1974), 288-290.

"From Earth to Heaven: Teilhard's Politics and Eschatology," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 92, No. 13
(April 9, 1975), 352-357.

"The Current Challenge to Lutheran Renewal," *Currents in Theology and Mission* Vol. 4, No. 3 (June
1977), 132-142.

"Resurrexit: Something to Preach," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 97, No. 12 (April 2, 1980), 371-374.

"Preaching as Theology," *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (April 1981), 86-98.

"Predigt als Theologie," *Verkündigung und Forschung*, Heft 2, 1981, 58-72 (German translation of
above).

"Luther and Contemporary Preaching: Narrative and Anthropology," *Scottish Journal of Theology*, Vol.
36 (Fall 1983), 487-504.

"'Story' in Luthers Predigten: Ein Beitrag zur Beziehung zwischen Rhetorik und Anthropologie,"
Evangelische Theologie, 43:6 (November-December 1983), 526-547 (a translation of an
expanded version of the above).

Included also in in *Homiletischen Lesebuch*, Tübingen: Katzmann Verlag, 1986.

"Zu wem spricht Luther?" *Evangelische Theologie*, 43:6 (November- December 1983), 504-512.

"The Limits of Story," *Interpretation*, Vol. 38, No. 1 (January 1984), 26-38. Reprinted in a slightly abridged form in *International Christian Digest*, Vol. 1, No. 5 (June 1997), 10-13.

"Preparation for Preaching: A German Model," *Homiletic* (June 1984), pp. 1-4.

"Luther's Anthropology in Dialogue," *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol. 11, No. 5 (October 1984), 279-284.

"Theology for Ministry: A Conversation with Edward Farley's *Theologia*," *Encounter*, Vol. 46, No. 2 (Spring 1985), 102-115.

"Imagining a Sermon," *Word and World*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (Summer 1985), 238-247. (Anthologized in *A Reader on Preaching* (Ashgate Publishing, UK, forthcoming 2005)

"The Pulpit's Promising Tradition," *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (April 1987), 127-132.

"The Sermon on the Mount as Radical Pastoral Care," *Interpretation*, Vol. 41, No. 2 (April 1987), 157-169 (reprinted in *The Theological Interpretation of Scripture*, ed. Stephen E. Fowl, Blackwell, 1997), pp. 294-306.

"What Language Shall I Borrow?' The Role of Metaphor in Proclamation," *Dialog*, Vol. 26 (Fall 1987), 281-286.

"Preaching and the Rhetoric of Promise," *Word and World*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Winter 1988), 66-79.

"The Word that Moves: The Preaching of Martin Luther King, Jr.," *Theology Today*, Vol. 46, No. 2 (July 1989), 169-182.

"Martin Luther King, Jr. und die Vollmacht der Predigt," (a translation of the above), *Glaube und Lernen*, 5:1 (June 1990), 52-71.

"Before Technique: Preaching and Personal Formation," *Dialog*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (Summer 1990), 178-182.

"Other Voices in Homiletics," *Homiletic*, Vol. 16, No. 1 (Summer 1991), 1-4.

"Martin Luther King, Jr.: forkynnelse som 'fremførelse,'" *Halvårsskrift for Praktisk Teologi*, Heft 2 (1993), 3-12, a translation of "Martin Luther King: 'Performing' the Scriptures," in *Papers of the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Homiletics*, Washington, D.C., 1993, pp. 58-68.

"Embarrassed by God's Wrath," *Dialog*, Vol. 33, No.4 (Fall 1994), 259-62.

"Martin Luther King Jr.: Performing the Scriptures," *Anglican Theological Review*, Vol. 77, No. 2 (Spring 1995), 160-72.

"Performing' the Scriptures: Die Schrift 'darstellend,'" *Pastoral-Theologie*, 84, Heft 4 (April 1995), 136-49.

"Jasper, John," *Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*, ed. Richard Lischer and William Willimon (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1995), 277-79.

- "King, Martin Luther, Jr.," *Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*, 288-90.
- "Taylor, Gardner C.," *Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*, 465-69.
- "The Interrupted Sermon," *Interpretation* Vol. 50, No. 2 (April 1996), 169-181.
- "How the Preacher King Borrowed Sermons," *The Christian Ministry*, Vol. 28, No. 1 (January-February 1997), 9-21.
- "Martin Luther King, Jr.," *Dixionario di Omiletica*, ed. Manlio Sodi and Achille Triacca (Turin: Elle Di Ci, 1998), 740-42.
- "Preaching/Homiletics," *The Oxford Companion to Christian Thought*, Oxford University Press, 1999.
- "Why I Am Not Persuasive", *Homiletic* (Fall 1999), 13-16.
- "Cross and Craft," *Concordia Journal* (Spring 1999).
- 'Blessed are the Debonair': James Cleland as Preacher and Homiletician. An Inaugural Lecture by Richard Lischer*, 31 pp., Mary Duke Biddle Foundation, 2000.
- "A Week of Signs," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 118, No. 15 (May 9, 2001), 14-17.
- "How Do You Read?" *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, Vol. 22, No. 2 (Summer 2001), 172-84.
- "Repeat Performance: Making Preaching Come Alive," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 119, No. 18 (August 28-September 10, 2002), 22-25.
- "Sermon Analysis" (on Pentecost sermon by Barbara Brown Taylor) in *Preaching: Creating Perspective*, *Studia Homiletica* 4, n.d., eds. Gerrit Immink and Ciska Stark (Utrecht, The Netherlands), 139-147 (including Taylor).
- "Our Greatest Speech," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 120, No. 17 (August 23, 2003), 8-9.
- "Odd Job: The Secret Gift of Ministry," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 121, No. 7 (April 6, 2004), 24-25.
- "The Called Life: An Essay on the Pastoral Vocation," *Interpretation*, Vol. 59, No. 2 (April 2005), 166-75.
- "The Ultimate Vocation," *Circuit Rider* (January/February 2006), 4-6.
- "Stick with the Story," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 122, No. 15 (July 26, 2005), 10-11.
- "Stripped Bare," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 129, No. 6 (March 21, 2012), 11-12.
- "A Look Back at the Preacher, Martin Luther King, Jr.," *Sermon Meditations: Alethia* (Tokyo: United Church of Christ in Japan, June 2012), includes "Letter to Japanese Preachers."
- "A Book's Life," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 130, No. 9 (May 1, 2013), 10-11.

- “The Shape of Ashes,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 132, No. 4 (February 18, 2015), 10-11.
- “The Message and Movement of Martin Luther King—Then and Now,” *Divinity*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (Spring 2015), 14-17.
- “Writing the Christian Life,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 132, No. 18 (September 2, 2015), 22-27.
- “Waiting for Good News: Holy Saturday in a Time of Plague,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 137 (April 8, 2020), 12-13.
- “The Righteousness of the Prude and the Righteousness of the Lover,” *The Christian Century* (February 23, 2021).
- “A Season of Sighs,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 137 (December 16, 2020), 10-11.
- “Stunned Observers” (Conversation with Will Willimon), *The Christian Century* (March 15, 2021).

Chapters in Books:

- "Die Funktion des Narrativen in Luthers Predigt. Der Zusammenhang von Rhetorik und Anthropologie," trans. Albrecht Haizmann (a retranslation of the original English version). In *Homiletisches Lesebuch*, ed. Albrecht Beutel, Volker Drehsen, and Hans Martin Muller (Tuebingen: Katzmann Verlag, 1986), pp. 308-329.
- "Die Homiletik in der Wissenschaftskrise der Theologie," *Die Predigtanalyse als Weg zur Predigt*, ed. Rudolf Bohren and Klaus-Peter Joerns (Tuebingen: A. Franke Verlag, 1989), pp. 33-51.
- "Preaching About Race Relations--The Hope of Reconciliation." In *Preaching In and Out of Season*, eds. Thomas G. Long and Neely Dixon McCarter (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990, pp. 17-27).
- "Preaching as the Church's Language." In *Listening to the Word. Studies in Honor of Fred B. Craddock* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993), pp. 113-130.
- "The Sermon on the Mount as Radical Pastoral Care." In *The Theological Interpretation of Scripture*, ed. Stephen E. Fowl, (Oxford: Blackwell, 1997), pp. 294-306.
- "What Language Shall I Borrow?"; "Before Technique"; "Embarrassed by God's Wrath." In *Preaching*, issued by *Dialog*, 3.5 high-density disk.
- "The Music of Martin Luther King, Jr." In *This Is How We Flow: Rhythm in Black Cultures*, Angela M. S. Nelson, ed. (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1998), pp. 54-62.
- "Resurrection and Rhetoric." In *Marks of the Body of Christ*, ed. Carl Braaten and Robert W. Jensen (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1999), pp. 13-24.
- Preface (approx. 22 pp.) to *Faith and Freedom: An Invitation to the Writings of Martin Luther*, *Vintage Classics of Spirituality*, ed. John F. Thornton and Susan Varne (New York: Vintage Press [Random House], 2002)

“A Week of Signs” from *Open Secrets: A Memoir of Faith and Discovery* anthologized in *Best Christian Writing 2002*, ed. John Wilson (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2003).

Introduction, *Preaching for Adult Conversion* by Frank Honeycutt (Nashville: Abingdon, 2003).

“Help Me, Jesus” from *Open Secrets* anthologized in *Pastor: A Reader for Ordained Ministry*, ed. William Willimon (Nashville: Abingdon, 2002), 151-56.

“The Ebenezer Gospel” from *The Preacher King* anthologized in *Pastor*, 46-69.

“God Has Gone Up with a Shout!” *Exploring and Proclaiming the Apostles’ Creed*, ed. Roger E. Van Harn (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans), 2004, 173-77.

"Imagining a Sermon" in *A Reader on Preaching*, ed. David Day, *et al* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2005), pp. 179-84.

"Martin Luther King, Jr. as Preaching as a Resource for Preachers, *A Reader on Preaching*, 146-50. England

"Odd Job," *The Best Christian Writing 2006*, ed. John Wilson (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2005), pp. 59-62.

"I Have Seen the Future," *Sermons from Duke Chapel*, ed. William H. Willimon (Durham: Duke University Press, 2005), pp. 288-92.

Foreword, *Healthy Churches, Faithful Pastors* by David Keck (Washington, DC: Alban Institute, 2013), 4 pp.

“Lessons from the Letters” (Bonhoeffer), “Now and Then” *Christian Century Blog*, 2013

“Prophecy to the Bones,” in *Questions Preachers Ask: Essays in Honor of Thomas G. Long*, (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, forthcoming 2016)

“‘My Dear Fellow Clergymen’: Reading Other People’s Mail,” *Prophet with a Pencil* (on “Letter from Birmingham City Jail,” Cascade, 2020)

Foreword, *The Art of Eloquence: The Sacred Rhetoric of Gardner C. Taylor* by Joseph Evans (Valley Forge, Pa: Judson Press, 2020).

Foreword, *Preaching by Heart* by Ryan Tinetti (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2021).

Selected Sermons, Homiletical Studies, Occasional Pieces

"Homiletical Study for Pentecost XII," *Preaching Helps, Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (September 1974), 3.

"Our Uncommon Theology in Common," Pastors and Teachers Conference, Southeastern District, Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, October 1975, printed in *The Conference of the Common Ministry*, *Papers*, Washington, DC, pp. 17-22.

- "The Dark Side of Epiphany," *Augsburg Sermons* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1975), pp. 49-52
- "Gospel and Scripture," *Report of the Advisory Committee on Doctrine and Conciliation*, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1976), pp. 36-42.
- "Time as Decision," *Your Church*, Vol. 26, No. 1 (January-February 1980), 16-18.
- "The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost," *Word and Witness*, Vol. 4, No. 6 (July 13, 1980), 1-4.
- "Orientation for Ministry," *The Duke Divinity School Review*, Vol. 45, No. 3, (Fall 1980), 60-63.
- "On Temptation," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 97, No. 7 (March 4, 1981), 231-234.
- "Redeem the Time," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 98, No. 43 (December 30, 1981), 1374-1375. Also printed in *The Minister's Manual*, ed. James W. Cox (San Francisco: Harper and Row, 1987), pp. 330-332.
- "Altar or Table?" *The Christian Century*, Vol. 99, No. 12 (April 7, 1982), 410-411.
- "Then Comes the End," *Dialog*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (Spring 1982), 144-146.
- "Cruciform Kingship," *Augsburg Sermons II* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1982), pp. 266-270.
- "Money Makes the World Go Around," *The Concordia Pulpit* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1983), pp. 237-241.
- "The Lazarus at Our Gate," *The Concordia Pulpit* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1983), pp. 241-245.
- "To A Sleeping God," *Augsburg Sermons II* (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1984), pp. 173-177.
- "No Handicapped Ministers Need Apply" (with Tracy Kenyon Lischer) *The Christian Century* (July 14-20, 1985), 670-71.
- "Authors' Response" (with Tracy Kenyon Lischer), *The Christian Century*, Vol. 102, No. 28 (Sept. 25, 1985), 836-38.
- "Acknowledgement," *Best Sermons* ed. James Cox (San Francisco: Harper Collins: 1992), pp. 16-21.
- "How Law and Gospel Work in Preaching," *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, Vol. 3, No. 3 (June-Sept. 1993), 5-7.
- "What Shall I Borrow? Is It Tradition or Plagiarism?" *Circuit Rider* 17, no. 8 (October 1993), 7-8.
- "After Babel," *Journal for Preachers*, Vol. 17, No. 4 (Pentecost 1995), 7-9.
- "Response" (to Scott Black Johnston, "Who Listens to Stories?") in *Insights*, Vol. III, No. 2 (Spring 1996), 28-29.

"The Great Chain of Preaching," Vol. 12, No. 5 *Preaching* (March-April 1997), 40-42.

"The Word is Near You': Homiletics as a Vocation," *Journal for Preachers*, Vol. 21, No. 2 (Lent 1998), 31-34.

"Living by the Word" (a series of 6 columns on the appointed lessons for Lent, *The Christian Century*).

"The Journey Begins," *The Christian Century*, "Living by the Word" series, 116:4 (February 3-10, 1999), 109.

"Pick It Up, Read It!" *The Christian Century*, "Living by the Word" series, 116:5 (February 17, 1999), 179.

"Strangers in the Night," *The Christian Century*, "Living by the Word" series, 116:6 (February 24, 1999), 213.

"Acknowledgement," *The Christian Century*, "Living by the Word" series, Vol. 116: No. 7 (March 3, 1999), 245.

"A Sense of Ending," *The Christian Century*, "Living by the Word" series, Vol. 116: No 8 (March 10, 1999), 277.

"We Have Seen the Lord," *The Christian Century*, "Living by the Word" series, 116: 9 (March 17, 1999), 307.

"The Seven Gifts of Preaching," *Circuit Rider* (September-October 2001), 8-11.

"Open Secrets" excerpted in *Leadership* (Fall 2001), 108-13.

"The Company of Pilgrims" (sermon on 75th Anniversary of Duke Divinity School), *Divinity News and Notes*, 17:2 (Winter 2002), 28-32.

"The Heart of a Heartless World," *The Minister's Manual* 2006, ed. James W. Cox (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2005), 132-134.

"The River. In Memory of Flannery O'Connor," *The Minister's Manual* 2006, pp. 404-07.

"Our Thesis Statement," in *Preaching the Fear of God*, Proceedings of the conference of *Societas Homiletica*, Duke University, 2018.

Many others . . .

Recent Book Reviews and Review Essays:

"People as Property" (review essay), *Books & Culture* (July/August 2002), 28.

"Peculiar People," *The Christian Century*, Vol. 120, No. 20 (October 4, 2003), 28.

"New Rules" (review essay), *Books & Culture* (May/June 2006), 40.

"The New Measures" (review essay), *The Christian Century*, Vol. 125, No. 11 (June 3, 2008), 36-41.

- “Five Books for the Minister,” (review essay) *The Christian Century* (May 4, 2010)
- “Legends of the Game” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 130, No. 15 (July 24, 2013), 32-33.
- “Following Martin,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 131, No. 19 (September 17, 2014), 30-33.
- “Another Grief Observed” (review essay, Julian Barnes, C.S. Lewis), *The Christian Century*, February 17, 2014.
- “Into the Dark with Dante,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 133, No. 3 (February 3, 2016), 34-36.
- “Poetry that Bids Us Welcome,” *The Christian Century* (October 6, 2016)
- “A Pursued Justice,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 134, No. 10 (May 10, 2017)
- “Inside Dorothy Day’s Long Loneliness,” (review essay) *The Christian Century*, Vol. 134, No. 26 (December 20, 2017)
- “Among the Ashes,” *The Christian Century*, Vol. 135, No. 13 (June 20, 2018)
- “A Chaplain, his Cerebral Palsy, and the Philosophy that Guides Him,” *The Christian Century* (May 7, 2019)
- “Pointless Suffering,” *The Christian Century* (December 6, 2019)
- “Has the Pulpit Failed America?” *The Christian Century* (November 24, 2021)
- “Heading South” *The Christian Century* (Fall, 2022)

Selected, Representative Lectures:

Lyman Beecher Lectures (Yale Divinity School)
 MacLeod Lectures (Princeton Theological Seminary)
 Festival of Faith and Writing Lecture/Sermon (Grand Rapids, MI)
 Africa University Lecture (Mutare, Zimbabwe)
 Sprunt Lectures (Union Theological Seminary, Richmond)
 All-Nordic Graduate Seminars in Homiletics (Oslo, Norway)
 Bishop’s Lectures, Diocese of Chester (Chester, England)
 Wenshel Lecture (Concordia, St. Louis)
 Finch-Hunt Lectures, United Methodist Church (Shelby, NC)
 Graduate Theological Union lectures (Berkeley, CA)
 Belmont Abbey Lectures, Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte (Belmont Abbey, NC)
 Sprinkle Lectures (Barton College, Wilson, NC)
 Yost Lectures (Lutheran Southern Seminary, Columbia, SC);
 Lilly Lectures, Transition to Ministry Conference (Indianapolis, IN)
 Commencement Address (Lutheran Southern Seminary)
 Presidential Inaugural Lecture (Lutheran Southern Seminary)
 Methodist Larger Churches Seminar (St. Simons Island, GA)

Lutheran Larger Churches Seminar (Sedona, AZ)
 Gray Lectures (Duke Divinity School)
Christian Century Lectures (Chicago)
 Morgan Lecture (Lutheran Southern Seminary, Columbia SC)
 Inaugural Bracke Lecture (Eden Seminary, St. Louis)
 Speaker/lecturer, Beth El Synagogue (Durham, NC)
 Keynote address, Symposium in Homiletics, 600th Anniversary, Heidelberg University
 Bonn-Duke Lecture, 450th Anniversary of Luther's Birth (Bonn, Germany)
 Lecture, Societas Homiletica (Oslo, Norway)
 Lecture, Epiphany Convocation, Luther Seminary (St. Paul, MN)
 Lectures, Kanuga Retreat Center (Hendersonville, NC)
 Holden Village Lectures (Holden Village, WA)
 Regional Council, Lutheran Council USA (Washington, DC)
 Sermon, Valparaiso University, 400th Anniversary of Formula of Concord
 Sermon, Bonn-Duke Exchange, Kreuzkirche, (Bonn)
 Bishop's Seminar on Ministry, North Carolina Conference, UMC (Raleigh, NC)
 Lectures and Sermons, Atlantic Seminar in Theology (Truro, Nova Scotia)
 Lectures, Pastors' School, Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC)
 Lectures, chaplains of all branches, ELCA Federal Chaplaincies Office, Norfolk Naval Base
 (Norfolk, VA)
 Lectures, Navy Chaplains School (Newport, RI)
 Lectures, seminars (with William Willimon)—4 years, College of Preachers, National Cathedral,
 (Washington, DC)
 Lectures, seminar, sermon, 40th Anniversary of Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
 National Cathedral (Washington, DC)
 Sermons, Theology and Music Conference, St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN)
 Lectures, New Jersey District Pastors Conference, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod,
 (Princeton, NJ)
 Lectures, Institute of Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary
 Lectures, Holston Ministers Convocation (Lake Junaluska, NC)
 Lecture, Lutheran Theological Seminary (Gettysburg, PA)
 Lecture, Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology (Lancaster, PA)
 Inaugural Lecture, James T. and Alice Mead Cleland Chair in Preaching, Duke Divinity School
 Lecture/ Sermon, "Reclaiming the Text" Conference (Montreat, NC)
 Teacher, *Societas Homiletica*, University of Utrecht
 Preacher, Joint celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Greensboro College/ Bennett College,
 (Greensboro, NC)
 Lecture, Durham-Chapel Hill Jewish Federation (Durham, NC)
 Lecture/presentations, Topic "1968" The Hill School (Pottstown, PA)
 Speaker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Civic Prayer Breakfast (Wilson, NC)
 Lectures, Forum on Faith, Duke Divinity School (Sea Island, GA)
 Lectures/Sermon, Calvin College (Grand Rapids, MI)
 Lecture, Friends of the Library (Chapel Hill, NC)
 Lecture, Association of Theological Schools, Henry Luce III Grantees Conference
 (Pittsburgh, PA)
 Community Lecture, St. Paul Lutheran Church (Davenport, IA)
 Community Lectures, First Presbyterian Church (Roanoke, VA)
 Preacher/ Teacher, Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance, Christ Church (New York City)
 Sermon and Lecture, Memorial Church, Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)
 Week-long seminars/lectures (2 summers), Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research
 St. John's University (Collegeville, MN)

“Leading from the Soul” integrating faith and secular callings, main presenter, Duke University
 Lecture, Baptist Conference on Hope, Duke Divinity School
 2016 Presidential Leadership Intensive Conference (seminary presidents), Association of
 Theological Schools (San Antonio)
 Public Lecture “Reformation 500” (Lenoir-Rhyne University, Hickory, NC)
 Preacher and Presenter, Bach Cantata Series, Grace Lutheran Church (Chicago, IL)
 Introductory lecture before theatrical production of Katori Hall, “Mountaintop” St. Francis of
 Assisi Catholic Church (Raleigh, NC)
 Public Lecture (Luther), Roanoke College (Roanoke, VA)
 Three Good Friday sermons, Trinity Church, (Boston, MA)
 Sermon, Palm Sunday, First Baptist Church, Asheville, NC (cancelled)
 “Preaching the Parables of Jesus,” 5 class sessions, Vancouver School of Theology, BC (cancelled)
 Public Lecture, Augustine and Merton as Autobiographers, Vancouver School of Theology (forthcoming)
 Lecture, “Open Secrets” (cancelled)
 Lecture, “The Life of Faith” (Glenaire Center, Cary, NC)
 Lecture, Conference on Catholic Preaching, Notre Dame University, June 2023.

“A Vocation to Preach” Day of Reflection on Preaching, observing Lischer retirement,
 September 19, 2016. Duke Divinity School

Miscellaneous and Media:

“A Duke Conversation” (with Richard Brodhead) Georgia Aquarium (Atlanta, GA)
 “Duke Office Hours” Mediacast with NC NAACP President William Barber
 Interview BBC Documentary “In Search of Martin Luther King,” (Ebenezer Church, Atlanta)
 Interview, Tavis Smiley Show (radio)
 Interview, “The Connection with Dick Gordon” (radio)
 Interview PBS Religion and Ethics Weekly
 Symposium on *The Preacher King; Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Word that Moved America*, Duke
 Divinity School.
 Interview PBS Documentary “God in America”
 Seminar presentation, Renaissance Weekend, Charleston, SC,
 Reading from *Open Secrets*, “New Morning” Hallmark Television Channel
 The Art of Preaching, " participant and co-producer, "The State of Things" WUNC
 Sermon in "Great Preachers" series, Odyssey Television Channel.
 On-stage Interview of Marilynne Robinson, Duke Divinity Fall Convocation
 “What to Say” (on death and dying) Interdisciplinary Panel Presentation,
 Duke University Chapel
 Interview at National Cathedral, Martin Luther King anniversary, Washington D.C. TV
 Interview WRAL TV “On the Record with David Crabtree” (Raleigh, NC)
 Video Interview, Word and Work, Concordia Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis
 CBS News Radio, Nina Turner Program, January 2022
 “For People” radio interview with Bishop Rob Wright, January 2022

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122, No. 4 (February 22, 2005), 35-37.

Interview with Richard Lischer, *Biographile* (Random House website)

Feature article: "Reveling in the Word, Richard Lischer: Preacher Teacher," *Duke Magazine*, (May-June 1995), 8-12.

Preaching Gospel: Essays in Honor of Richard Lischer, ed., Charles Campbell et al, Cascade Books, 2016.

"Six Questions with Richard Lischer," EerdWord (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company) website

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"Ministering Angels" *Wall Street Journal* (April 25, 2008)

"Above All a Christian Witness," *Raleigh News and Observer* (April 4, 2008) based on sermon given at Washington National Cathedral

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