

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

M. A. in Intercultural Studies

GPA: 3.8

May 2011

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Department of Teaching and Leadership

Ph. D., Foundations of Education

GPA: 3.85

September 1998 – August 2001 (defended dissertation on May 11, 2001)

"An Educational Biography of H. Orton Wiley (1877-1961)" Advisor: H. Ray Hiner

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

M. Div. (emphasis in religious education)

GPA: 3.8

September 1994-May 1997

Mount Vernon Nazarene College (now MVNU), Mount Vernon, Ohio

B.A. in Religion

Minor: Biblical Languages and Philosophy

GPA: 3.6

August 1990-May 1994

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri

Certificate in Cross-Cultural Ministry

September 2002 to December 2002

Centre d'Enseignement Français , Albertville, France

Diplôme, Level 4 (French language study)

September 2003 – June 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Christian Education, School of Theology and Philosophy, Mount Vernon Nazarene University (2009-present)

- Department Chair, Christian Ministry Department
- Courses: Historical and Faith of the Biblical Communities, Christian Beliefs (online), Cultural Anthropology (gen ed), Discipleship of the Christian Mind (gen ed), Evangelism and Church Growth (hybrid), Evangelism and Discipleship, Missional Strategies in Youth Ministry (team-taught), Pastoral Care and Discipleship of Youth, Evangelism of Youth (online), Foundations of Mission, History of World Christian Movements (online/f2f), Global Diversity and Intercultural Understanding (travel), Gospel and Culture, Practice of Mission (online), Family Ministries in the Church (team-taught), Missional Strategies for Adult Ministries, The Missional Church (capstone for majors)
- Committee Assignments: General Education Committee (2009-2014), Online and Technology Committee, Assessment Committee, General Education Task Force (gen ed revision proposal), President's Vision Task Force, Discipleship of

the Mind Course Development, Teachnology Ed Tech Boot Camp.

Coordinator, International Board of Education (June 2008 to present)

- Coordinate quality review teams, write evaluations, and suggest follow-up on campus-based and decentralized colleges and universities in 57 locations around the world for the Church of the Nazarene
- Consult and advocate for educational projects between various entities, including grant proposals, student development, faculty development, and research in education.
- Co-edit an on-line journal for religious educators entitled *Didache*, sponsored by IBOE and Nazarene Theological Seminary.
- Plan and organize large event for educational leadership convention in Orlando, Florida in June 2009.
- Co-organize the development of a French language curriculum for ministerial education for use in north America, Caribbean, Quebec, Europe, and Africa.

Global Missionary Assignment, Church of the Nazarene (February 2006-June 2008)

- Field Education Coordinator, Africa West Field: developing curriculum and coordinating projects and training teachers and leaders in ten countries throughout West Africa.
- Director, Institute Théologique Nazaréen, with teaching centers throughout West Africa and Equatorial Africa.
- Director, Seminario Nazareno de Cabo Verde, Mindelo, Cape Verde Islands
- Coordinating volunteers for Work and Witness, JESUS Film and Joining Hands (MVNU), and Mission Corps.
- Administration of ministries in Benin and Togo, including compassionate ministry projects, Youth in Mission teams, and JESUS Film showings.

Missionary Intern, Church of the Nazarene (August 2002-February 2006)

Educational missionary assignment to Francophone Africa.

Responsibilities included:

- Assisted in the development of course of study for Francophone Africa.
- Made research trips to Swaziland and Mozambique.
- Proofed and edited the Africa Regional Handbook for Course of Study guidelines.
- Proofed and edited *From JESUS Film to Local Church*, a new textbook for the Africa Region written by John and Margaret Scott et al.
- Wrote youth discipleship materials for JESUS Film follow-up.
- Preached in local churches in Jo-burg area.
- Studied the French language and lived in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire; Johannesburg, South Africa; and Albertville, France.
- District Superintendent, Benin-Togo District: supervision of pastors, district activities, Alabaster construction, JESUS Film projections, church plants, and pastor formation in the Course of Study, hosting mission teams from local churches, Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Youth in Mission
- Development of the Course of Study materials for Anglophone West Africa and Francophone Africa

Curriculum Editor, Sunday School Ministries, International Center Church of the Nazarene June 1998-July 2002

- Assistant Editor (1998-1999), Preteen Editor (1999-2000) and Young Teen Editor (2000-2002)

- Responsibilities include writing and editing curriculum and programming resources.
- Edit for youth devotional magazine *WordAction's YouthWalk*.
- Training Sunday School workers for children and youth in workshops for TEACH 2000 Conferences in USA/Canada (400 in average attendance at each conference).
- Assisting and planning major events for all ages (General Convention 2001 (1,000 est. attendance), Millennial Celebration 1999 (5,000 est. attendance)
- Developing new programming for the millennial generation (ages 10-20)

Pastor, Oakland United Methodist Church, Buckner, Missouri

January 2001-June 2002

- Part-time responsibilities included planning and preparing for Sunday school, morning worship service, preaching, and administering the sacraments. When available, home and hospital visits were done. Rev. Amos Browne, District Superintendent (retired)

Interim Pastor, Odessa United Methodist Church, Odessa, Missouri

December 2000

- Responsibilities included preaching, planning worship services, and administering sacraments. Rev. Amos Browne, District Superintendent.

Associate Pastor, Nall Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Prairie Village, Kansas

January 1995-May 1998

- Responsibilities included planning with volunteers and guiding teenagers and their families at the local and district level in weekly, monthly, and annual ministries. Specifically, weekly worship and Bible study in large and small groups, summer service projects, and personalized mentoring.
- Also worked with adult Sunday School and small groups, and children's Vacation Bible School.

Other paid and volunteer ministry experience

- Winter Sanctuary, Mt Vernon homeless shelter (2011-present)
- Bible study and youth leader, Cotonou, Benin (multiple times between Sept 2004-2008)
- Leader, Bilingual Worship Service, Albertville, France (Jan-July 2004)
- Preteen & Adult Sunday School teacher, Shawnee (KS) Church of the Nazarene (1998-2000)
- Youth in Mission Summer Intern, Nazarene Youth International, Kansas City, MO (1994)
- Youth Pastor, Delaware (OH) Church of the Nazarene (1993-1994)
- Chaplain's Assistant in Mission and Ministry, Mount Vernon Nazarene College (OH) (1992-1994)
- Youth Ministry Intern, Westerville (OH) Church of the Nazarene (Summer 1991)

PUBLICATIONS

Academic

- "Liberal Arts and the Priorities of Nazarene Higher Education," *Didache*

Journal of Faith Teaching (on-line journal), Volume 2, Number 1 (Summer 2002)

- "Why Experience Matters: What Pragmatists Teach Wesleyans about Educational Experience," *Didache Journal of Faith Teaching* (on-line journal), Volume 2, Number 2 (Winter 2003)
- "The Future Reach of Africa's Missionary Pastors" in *Africa Speaks: An Anthology of the African Nazarene Theology Conference 2003*. Edited by Linda Braaten. Johannesburg: Africa Nazarene Publications, 2004. Pp. 199-202.
- "H. Orton Wiley—Dominant Images from the Life of a Holiness Educator," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Fall 2004)
- "The Influence of Personalism on the Theology and Education of H. Orton Wiley," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (Fall 2006), pp. 142-160.
- "Popular Notions of the Missionary Task in a Post-Missionary Era: A Hopeful Response to the Image of Missionaries Depicted in 20th Century Novels," *Missiology: An International Review* (April 2008 vol. 36 no. 2), pp. 245-256
- Book Reviews for the Wesleyan Theological Journal (forthcoming)
- "Undergraduate Perceptions of Vocational Calling into Missions and Ministry." *Missiology: An International Journal*. 41(1) January 2013: 87-96.
- "Ordination and Power Relations: A Cultural Analysis from the Ritual Theory of Practice." *Wesleyan Theological Journal*. Fall 2014.

Professional

- "My First Job: Steps for Surviving the First Year." *Youthworker Journal* (1996)
- "Does the Story Method Still Work for Kids?" *Evangelizing Today's Child* (2000)
- Numerous articles for *YouthWalk* and Curriculum Resources while I was an editor (September 2000-August 2002)
- *101 Tips for Teachers—Timesaving Ideas for Children's Workers*, co-written with Donna Fillmore, Virginia Folsom, Kathy Hughes. NPH, 2000.
- "Choosing the Right Vocation," *YouthWalk* (September 2003)
- "Dry Wisdom from the Desert Fathers" *YouthWalk* (January 2004)
- *WordAction Faith Connections Youth Curriculum*, "Dating, Love, and Sex" (September/October/November 2004)
- *WordAction Faith Connections Youth Curriculum*, "A Christian Look at Other Religions" (2005)
- *Wordaction Faith Connections Youth Curriculum*, "Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John" (March/April/May 2005)
- *WordAction Faith Connections Youth Curriculum*, "God's Will" (June/July/August 2005)
- *WordAction Faith Connections Youth Curriculum*, "Paul's Letters to the Corinthians," (June/July/August 2005)
- *WordAction Faith Connections Youth Curriculum*, "The Last Days," (December/January/February 2006)
- Starting Sunday School in the Local Church, Francophone Literature, African Region (2005)
- *Escape!* (About evacuation from Cote d'Ivoire) (NPH/NMI/Children's Ministries, 2005)
- *Out on a Limb* (About two boys in a village in northern Benin) (NPH/NMI/Children's Ministries, 2006)
- *We Teach Holiness: The life and work of H. Orton Wiley* (on-line publication) The Wesley Center at Northwest Nazarene University.
- *A Monkey Ate My Homework* (About three Third Culture Kids living in urban Cotonou, Benin) (NPH/NMI/Children's Ministries, 2007)
- Africa West Field Certificate Program for Course of Study Toward Ordination (January 2007)
- *The Secret of High Horse Castle* (About Christian kids living in southeastern

- France) (NPH/NMI/Children's Ministries, 2009)
- "Going Global with God: A 25,000 Mile Journey" *Credo* devotional magazine for youth, Barefoot Publishing, WordAction, NPH, June 2008.
- Price, J.M., Borbe, B., Eby, C.A., Eby, W., Pottenger, G. & Rudeen, A. (2010). *KIDZ Passport to Missions: 2010-11 Children's Mission Education (Lessons and Game Design)*. Nazarene Missions International (NMI). Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press. (2010).
- *The Mystery of the Ancient Anchor*. Children's Mission Book. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press. (2010).
- *Lucas' Living Water Adventure*. Children's Mission Book. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press. (2012)
- *Suit Up: Putting on the Full Armor of God*. Dialog series. WordAction Publishing. Forthcoming Spring 2014.
- "Encounters with God." Resource article. Adult *Faith Connections* Leader's Guide. WordAction, June/July/August 2014.

Presentations

- Crossing the Preteen Divide, children's ministry workshop, General Sunday School Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana (July 2001)
- A Christian Understanding of Islam, workshop for laity, Shawnee KS Church of the Nazarene (January 2002)
- Holiness Theology Workshops, missionary intern preparation, World Mission Department, Church of the Nazarene (Fall 2003)
- Why Experience Matters: What Pragmatists Teach Wesleyans about Educational Experience, Wesleyan Theological Society (March 2003)
- Francophone Education in Africa, Association of Nazarene Educators and Schools in Africa (September 2005)
- Curriculum Development in West Africa, Africa West Field Conference (November 2006)
- Bleeding Hearts and Bean Counters Working Together—Another Look at the Debate(s) about Holistic Mission and Managerial Missiology (March 2007)
- What is Wesleyan Theological Education? position paper for panel discussion, Global Theology Conference (April 2007)
- Organizer and Lead Presenter, Africa West Educational Leaders, Tsevie, Togo (May 2007)
- Theological Issues in West Africa (Predestination: Yes or No? A Response from John Wesley / Teaching on the Trinity / Mistakes, Failures, and Human Weakness in the Holy Life), Africa West Field Conference, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (November 2007)
- One-on-One: The Ideal Teaching Relationship, Africa West Field Conference, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (November 2007)
- Cross-cultural Teaching, Wesleyan Theological Society, Practical Theology section, paper, March 2008
- Communicating to Post-modern Youth, PALCON, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, July 7-10, 2010
- Price, J.M. (2011). Ministering to Muslims in Our Neighborhood. Mission 2011 Presentation (M11: USA/Canada Region's mid-quadrennial conference on mission and evangelism).
- Price, J.M. (2010-11) Five Thresholds of Postmodern Evangelism. East Ohio District Sunday School Training Day Presentation.
- Communicating to Post-modern Youth, East Ohio District Sunday School, January 2011.
- Youth and Culture, East Ohio District NYI BLAST Big Room Presentation, January 2012.
- Vocational Calling as Participation: Undergraduate Perceptions about How God Guides in Missions and Ministry . Youth and Missions Symposium. American Missiological Society. Chicago, Illinois. June 15, 2012.

- Ordination and Power Relations: A Cultural Analysis from the Ritual Theory of Practice. Wesleyan Theological Society. March 16, 2013.

**COURSES
TAUGHT**

- Shaping the American Dream: Literature and Religion in American History, course # ISRS-A 326C, co-instructor, Avila Advantage Program, Avila University, Kansas City, Missouri (Fall 2001)
- Introduction to the New Testament, RS-A 113C-20, adjunct instructor, Avila Advantage Program, Avila University, Kansas City, Missouri (Spring 2002)
- Doctrine of Holiness, co-instructor, diploma level course, Benin-Togo Dist. (August 2004)
- Christian Theology 1: diploma level, Lagos District, Lagos, Nigeria (December 2005)
- Holiness Lectures Series, Cape Verde District, Praia, Cape Verde (August 2006)
- Biblical Holiness, one-day seminar, Dakar, Senegal (August 2006)
- Biblical Basis for Church Multiplication, one-day seminar, Dakar, Senegal (August 2006)
- Christian Theology 1: diploma of theology level, Ghana Districts , Accra, Ghana (Nov 2007)
- Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Multiple Courses in General Education, Christian Education (Youth), Christian Ministry, and Intercultural Studies.

**ACHIEVEMENTS
& ASSOCIATIONS**

Current member of:

- American Society of Missiology
- Association of Youth Ministry Educators
- NAPCE (North American Professors of Christian Education)

Promotion to Associate Professor Rank (2013)

Alumni Medallion Award—Clergy recipient (2008)

Pi Lambda Theta (2000)

Wesleyan Theologians in Dialogue, participant (1999)

Ordained as Elder, Kansas City District, Church of the Nazarene (1998)

Magna Cum Laude, Nazarene Theological Seminary (1997)

Cum Laude, Mount Vernon Nazarene College (1994)

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges; 1994

Department and Division Assistant, Division of Religion and Philosophy, (1992-1994)

Greek Tutor, Mount Vernon Nazarene College (1992-1994)

President, Mandate, missions student group, Mount Vernon Nazarene College (1991-1994)

Speaker, Living Witness Drama and Singing Group, Mount Vernon Nazarene College (1990-1991; 1993-1994)

Freshman Religion Major of the Year (1991)