

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**TITLE** Associate Professor (Adjunct) Methodist Studies

### **EDUCATION**

1973 Ph.D. Duke University  
1968 B.D. Drew University (Magna Cum Laude)  
1966 M.Ed. University of Sydney  
1963 B.A. University of Sydney

### **HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIP**

1973 Phi Beta Kappa,  
Duke University  
1972 Dempster Graduate Fellow,  
Duke University  
1969-71 University Scholar,  
Duke University  
1968 William S. Pilling Fellow,  
Drew University

### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

1984 Associate Professor (Adj.) Methodist Studies,  
Yale University Divinity School  
1983-84 Visiting Associate Professor of United Methodist Studies,  
Yale University Divinity School  
1981-82 Lecturer in United Methodist History and Polity,  
Yale University Divinity School  
1978-80 Associate Professor of Historical and Practical  
Theology and Director of United Methodist Studies,

- Theological Seminary, Phillips University, OK
- 1971-73 Teaching Asst. in Church History, Duke Divinity School
- 1969-73 Assistant (part-time) to the Textual Editor, Oxford University Press Edition of John Wesley's Works

## **ECCLESIASTICAL**

- 2001-04 Senior Pastor, Jesse Lee United Methodist Church, Easton, CT
- 1993-2001 Superintendent, Connecticut Central District, New York Annual Conference, United Methodist Church
- 1998 & 1999 Dean of the Cabinet, New York Annual Conference, United Methodist Church.
- 1984-93 Senior Pastor, Stratford United Methodist Church, Stratford, CT.
- 1980-84 Pastor United Methodist Church, Darien, CT.
- 1973-78 Pastor, First United Methodist Church, West Haven, CT.
- 1968-69 Pastor, East Village United Methodist Church, Monroe, CT.

## **CHURCH RELATIONS**

Ordained Deacon 1968; Elder 1970 (United Methodist)

Conference: Director, United Methodist Homes of Connecticut (1993-2001); Director, West Haven Home Board (1993-2001); Chair, New York Conference Sessions Committee (1998-2000); Member, Board of Ordained Ministry, New York Conference (1976-78 & 1984-92) (1994-01); New York Conference Episcopacy Committee (1982-88).

General Church: Member, World Methodist Council 2001-06; Delegate to World Methodist Conference (2001); Delegate to Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference UMC (1996 & 2000); Member, Committee on Investigation for Northeastern Jurisdiction UMC (1996-2004).

Ecumenical: Member, Episcopal/United Methodist Dialog, New York Area, 2008 - ; Director, Chriscon, 1993-2001; President, West Haven Clergy Association 1976-78; Member of the Connecticut Committee for United Ministries in Higher Education, 1976-78; President, Stratford Clergy Association, 1987-89.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“The Eighteenth Century English Evangelical Revival Under Attack: Pamphlet Opposition to the Rise of Methodism.” Ph.D. Dissertation, 1973

“John Wesley’s Calm Address: The Response of the Critics”, *Methodist History*, XIV, October, 1975, pp. 13-23.

Book note, *English Congregational Hymns in the Eighteenth Century*, by Madeleine F. Marshall and Janet Todd in *Church History*, Vol. 53, No. 3, September, 1984, pp. 4430-444.

Book Review, *The Primitive Methodist Connexion*, by Julia Stewart Werner in *Church History*, Vol. 55, No. 1, March, 1986, pp. 123-124.

Book Review, *Mantle of Christ: A History of the Sydney Central Methodist Mission*, by Don Wright, in *Church History*, Vol., 55, No. 3, September, 1986, p. 390.

Book Review, *Evangelical Protestantism in Ulster, 1740-1890*, by David Hempton and Myrtle Hill, in *Church History*, Vol. 63, No. 2, June, 1994, pp. 305-6.

“A Short History of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church”, *Commemorative Pictorial Journal of the New York Annual Conference*, 2000, pp. 4-11.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES**

Respondent to Dr. Colin Williams’ lectures at the Wesley Theological Institute, 1974, Chicago, Illinois.

Guest Lecturer, Seminar Series, Yale University Institute of Sacred Music, 1975. Topic: “The Development of Early Methodist Worship.”

Lecturer, Minister’s Week, Oklahoma U.M. Annual Conference, 1979. Topic: “The Real John Wesley”

Guest Lecturer, Colloquium, Yale University Institute of Sacred Music, 1985. Topic: “Singing the Methodist Faith”.

Featured Speaker, Bicentennial of Methodism in Stamford, Connecticut, 1988. Topic: “Grassroots Methodism – The Role of the Laity.”

Featured Speaker, Bicentennial of Methodism in Ridgefield, Connecticut, 1989.  
Topic: "Jesse Lee – Apostle of New England Methodism."

Lecturer on "John Wesley" at UMC Cooperative School of Christian Mission, New York, 1996.

Lecturer, "The Means of Grace", Bishop's Clergy retreats, New York Conference, United Methodist Church, Fall 1998.

Preacher, Clergy Session of New York Annual Conference, UMC, May, 2000

Preacher, Opening Memorial Service, New York Annual Conference, UMC, June 2005