

## Curriculum Vitae

Kenneth Pieter Minkema

### *Education*

Eastern Christian Schools (Christian Reformed Church), North Haledon, New Jersey, 1963-76.

B.A.: Calvin College, 1980, History.

M.A.: Bowling Green State University, 1983, United States History. Thesis: "The Myth of Puritan Declension: An Historiographical Essay."

Ph.D.: The University of Connecticut, Storrs, 1988, United States History. Dissertation: "The Edwardses: A Ministerial Family in Eighteenth-Century New England." Directors: Harry S. Stout and Richard D. Brown.

### *Professional Positions*

Executive Director, *Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale*, 2004-present.

Executive Editor, *Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Yale University, 1994-present.

Assistant Adjunct Professor, Yale Divinity School, 2004-present.

Executive Secretary, American Society of Church History, 2004-2009.

Lecturer in American Religious History, Yale Divinity School, 1996-2004.

Administrator, Center for Religion and American Life at Yale, 2002-2003.

Administrative Director, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale, 1998-2002.

Oversight Administrator, Pew Program in Religion and American History, Yale University, 1996-2000.

Associate Research Editor, *Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Yale University, 1989-1994.

Adjunct Lecturer in United States History, The University of Hartford, 1988-1989.

Lecturer in Western Civilization and United States History, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, 1988-1989.

### *Teaching Fields*

United States History with specialties in Colonial, Revolutionary, religious, intellectual, and social history; Historical editing; Life and Thought of Jonathan Edwards; American Revivalism; Western and World Civilizations, 1500 to present.

Seminars taught: Religions and Societies in Colonized North America  
Life and Thought of Jonathan Edwards  
Religion in American Life, 1865-2000  
Race and Religion in America from Revolution to the Civil War  
American Modernist Theology, 1875-1945

### *Publications and Papers*

#### Books:

(with Wilson H. Kinnach and Caleb J.D. Maskell) *'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God': A Casebook for Understanding Jonathan Edwards and His Famous Sermon* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, forthcoming 2010).

(ed. with James F. Cooper, Jr.) *The Colonial Church Records of the First Church of Wakefield (Reading) and the First Church of Rumney Marsh (Revere), Massachusetts* (Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2006).

(ed. with Harry S. Stout and Caleb J.D. Maskell) *Jonathan Edwards at 300: Essays on the Tercentenary of His Birth* (Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 2005).

(ed. with Wilson H. Kinnach and Douglas A. Sweeney) *The Sermons of Jonathan Edwards : A Reader* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 1999).

(ed.) *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, 14, Sermons and Discourses, 1723-1729* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 1997).

(ed. with John E. Smith and Harry S. Stout) *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 1995; rev. ed., 2003).

(ed. with James F. Cooper, Jr.) *The Sermon Notebook of Samuel Parris, 1689-1694* (Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1994).

Articles, Book Chapters, and Other Publications:

"'Flee From Idols': Cotton Mather and the Historical Books," in *Cotton Mather's "Biblia Americana": Historical and Intellectual Contexts in Transatlantic Perspective*, ed. Reiner Smolinski and Jan Stievermann (Mohr-Siebeck, forthcoming 2010).

"Community Structures in the Atlantic World, 1692-1802," in *Religion in American History*, ed. Amanda Porterfield and John Corrigan (Blackwell, forthcoming 2009).

"The Age of Awakenings," in *Converging Worlds: Communities and Cultures in Colonial America*, ed. Louise Breen (Routledge, forthcoming 2009).

"Jonathan Edwards élete és pályája: az egyén és a társadalom," in *Amerika Teológusa: Bevezetés Jonathan Edwards, 1703-1758 Gondolkodásába* (Budapest, Hermeneutikai Kutatóközpont, 2008), 11-22; printed in English as "Jonathan Edwards's Life and Career: Society and Self," in *Understanding Jonathan Edwards: An Introduction to America's Theologian*, ed. Gerald R. McDermott (Oxford Univ. Press, 2008).

"The Private Edwards: Jonathan Edwards's Personal Writings," in *The Cambridge Companion to Jonathan Edwards*, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2007), 39-60.

(with Harry S. Stout) "The Edwardsean Tradition and the Antislavery Debate, 1740-1865," *Journal of American History* 92 (June 2005), 1-28.

"Jonathan Edwards: A Theological Life," in *The Princeton Companion to Jonathan Edwards* (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2005), 1-15.

"Jonathan Edwards in the Twentieth Century," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 47 (Dec. 2004), 659-87.

(with George Levesque) *A Jonathan Edwards Tercentennial Exhibition: Selected Objects from the Yale Collections, 1703-2003* (New Haven, Yale University, 2003).

"Jonathan Edwards's Defense of Slavery," *Massachusetts Historical Review* 4 (2002), 23-59.

"Popular Theodicies: The Colonial Period," *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures*, ed. Gary Laderman and Luis Leon (3 vols., Santa Barbara, California, 2003), 2:473-76.

"Old Age and Religion in the Writings and Life of Jonathan Edwards," *Church History* 70 (Dec. 2001), 674-704.

"Possession, Witchcraft, and the Demonic in Puritan Religious Culture" and "The Spiritual Meanings of Illness in 18th-Century New England," in Colleen McDannell, ed., *Religions of the United States in Practice* (Princeton, Princeton Univ. Press, 2001), vol. 1.

"Witchcraft and Gender Studies in the 1990s," *Religious Studies Review* 26 (Jan. 2000), 13-19.

(with Richard A. Bailey) "Reason, Revelation, and Preaching: An Unpublished Ordination Sermon by Jonathan Edwards," *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 3 (Summer 1999), 16-33.

"'The Devil Will Roar in Me Anon': The Possession of Martha Roberson, Boston, 1741," in *Spellbound: Women and Witchcraft in America*, ed. Elizabeth S. Reis (Wilmington, Del.: Scholarly Resources, 1998), 99-119.

"Jonathan Edwards on Slavery and the Slave Trade," *William and Mary Quarterly* LIV (Oct. 1997), 823-34.

"Jonathan Edwards, Messianic Prophecy, and the Other Unfinished 'Great Work': 'The Harmony of the Old and New Testaments,'" in *Jonathan Edwards's Writings: Text, Context, Interpretation*, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Bloomington: Indiana Univ. Press, 1996), pp. 52-65.

"The Lynn End 'Earthquake' Narratives of 1727," *New England Quarterly* LXIX (Sept. 1996), 473-99.

"The Diary of Ambrose Edson," *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 16 (1995), 65-79.

"Hannah and Her Sisters: Sisterhood, Courtship, and Marriage in the Edwards Family in the Early Eighteenth Century," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* CXLVI (Jan. 1992), 35-56.

"The Authorship of 'The Soul,'" *Yale University Library Bulletin* 65 (Oct. 1990), 26-32.

"A Great Awakening Conversion: The Relation of Samuel Belcher," *William and Mary Quarterly* 44 (Jan. 1987), 121-126.

"The East Windsor Conversion Narratives, 1700-1725," *Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin* 51 (Winter 1986), 5-63.

#### Selected Conference Presentations and Lectures:

"John Calvin and His Theology in Reformed Orthodoxy," Dordrecht, The Netherlands, June 2009.

"Cotton Mather's 'Biblia Americana': Historical and Intellectual Contexts in Transatlantic Perspective," University of Tübingen, Germany, Oct. 2008

Draper National Graduate Student Conference on Early American Studies, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Sept. 2008  
(commentator)

Association for Documentary Editing, Quincy, Mass., Oct. 2006

Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Conference, Quebec, Canada, April 2006

American Society of Church History Conference, Seattle, Wa., Jan. 2005

Evangelical Theological Society Conference, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2003.

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., Sept. 2003.

Yale, New Haven, and American Slavery Conference, Yale U., Sept. 2002.

American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, Jan. 2003.

New Frontiers in Early American Literature Conference, U. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Aug. 2002.

Society of Early Americanists Conference, Norfolk, Va., March 2001.

Organization of American Historians Conference, St. Louis, March 2000.

Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, June 1996.

American Academy of Religion Conference, San Francisco, December 1997.

American Historical Association Conference, Seattle, January 1998.

Yale University Art Gallery, April 1996.

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Austin, Texas, March 1996.

Salem Conference on Witchcraft, Salem State College, Salem, Massachusetts, June 1992.

Young Scholars' Conference on Jonathan Edwards, Princeton University, March 1989.

Association for the Study of Connecticut History, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, May 1987.

#### Other Professional Activities:

Advisory Board, Yale Indian Papers Project, 2008-present

Publications Committee, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2007-present

Advisory Board, Massachusetts Congregational Church Records Project (Congregational Library, Boston), 2008-present

Advisory Board, George Whitefield Letters Project, 2008-present

Juror, American Antiquarian Society 2008-9 Fellowship Competition

Prize Committee, American Society of Church History, 2004-present

#### Organizing Committee Member for following conferences:

"Jonathan Edwards and Scotland," Glasgow, Scotland, March 2009

"Religion and Violence in Early America," Omohundro Institute Annual Conference, Yale University, April 2008

Northeast Regional Annual Conference on Religion and American History, 1996-2003

Spring Fellows Annual Conference on Religion and American History, 1996-2003.

*Works of Jonathan Edwards* conferences, 1996, 2000, 2003, 2007

American Society of Church History annual and spring conferences, 2004-2008

Book Reviews in: *Journal of Presbyterian History*, *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *The William and Mary Quarterly*, *Fides et Historia*, *The Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *The Journal of American History*, *The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography*, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Theological Studies*, *Church History*, *Religious Studies Review*, *New England Quarterly*, *Cross Currents*, *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Books and Culture: A Christian Review*, *Connecticut History*, *Christian Century*.

Contributor: *Oxford Companion to United States History*, *American National Biography*, *Dictionary of Christianity in America*, *Encyclopedia of Colonial and Revolutionary America*, *Encyclopedia of the Reformed Faith*, *Dictionary of National Biography*, *Dictionary of Christian Missions*, *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America*.

Work in Progress:

Volume editor, Cotton Mather's "Biblia Americana" (10 vols., to be published by Mohr-Siebeck), vol. 3, Joshua-II Chronicles.

"Edwardsean Education: Edwards's Students and Their Schools," in Douglas Sweeney and Oliver Crisp, eds., *After Edwards: The Courses of the New England Theology* (Oxford, forthcoming).

#### *Languages*

French and German

#### *Awards and Honors*

Mark Friedlaender Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical society, 2007-8  
McManis Lecturer, Wheaton College (Ill.), September 2003  
Faculty Fellow, Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University, 1998 to present  
Member, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1994 to present  
University of Connecticut Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1987  
Albert Van Duzen Award for Academic Excellence, 1986  
University of Connecticut Predoctoral Fellowships, 1983-1986

#### *Professional and Civic Affiliations*

American Subcommittee of the International Commission for  
Comparative Church History, 2004-9  
Conference of Administrative Officers, American Council of Learned Societies, 2004-9  
American Historical Association  
American Society of Church History  
Society for Documentary Editing  
Society of Early Americanists  
Digital Americanists  
Associate, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture  
Sustaining Member, Colonial Williamsburg  
Board of Directors, Hamden (Conn.) Historical Society  
Chair, Hamden Historic Properties Commission