

CURRICULUM VITAE

Phil C. Zylla, D.Th.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Current Employment: Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology
McMaster Divinity College
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Hamilton, Ontario
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Hobbies and Interests: squash, soccer, poetry

Family: Wife, Melodie – Mel is the Worship Director at Kingsway Baptist Church in Toronto, Ontario. We have been married for 29 years.

Children: Amanda (and Kevin) Birnie; Chelsey Zylla Amanda is a kindergarten teacher and is married to Kevin who is a youth pastor in White Rock, British Columbia. Chelsey lives at home is in preparing for a career in baking.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION:

<u>University/College</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Degree</u>
University of South Africa (UNISA) Pretoria, South Africa	1995-99	D.Th. Practical Theology
Promoter: Prof. J T de Jongh van Arkel Professor of Practical Theology University of South Africa		
Joint Promoter: Dr. Donald E. Capps William Harte Felmeth Professor of Pastoral Theology [Emeritus] Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey		
Graduation: May 20, 1999		
Thesis Title: <i>Virtue as Consent to Being: A Pastoral Theological Perspective on Jonathan Edwards' Construct of Virtue</i>		
Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, New Jersey	1989-90	Th.M. Pastoral Theology
Advisor: Dr. Donald E. Capps William Harte Felmeth Professor of Pastoral Theology [Emeritus]		
Robert Wood Johnston Memorial Newark, New Jersey	1989-90	CPE Extended Unit
North American Baptist Seminary Sioux Falls, South Dakota	1981-84	M.Div.
Taylor University College Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	1977-81	B.A. Religion Double Major: bible, psychology
University of Alberta	1979-81	coursework: psychology

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Academic Dean

McMaster Divinity College 2007 – present

As Chief Academic Officer the primary responsibilities include working with the President's Cabinet for strategic planning, oversight of academic administration and budget, faculty development, program and course planning. In addition to academic administration I have teaching responsibilities in pastoral theology at both the professional (MDiv, MTS) and advanced (MA, PhD) levels. I am currently first reader for seven doctoral students in the Ministry Studies division of the College.

Some highlights of my work at the College in these five years includes:

- *Successful ATS Accreditation visit in Fall 2009 with ten year renewal of accreditation to 2019.
- *Development of innovations in the PhD program including the Colloquy on Teaching and the Colloquy on Research and Dissertation writing.
- *Faculty development – the College has adapted to the growing needs of the curriculum and have expanded in the areas of Ministry Studies, and New Testament and Linguistics.
- *Development of Pacific Rim Strategic partnerships
- *Linking with strategic denominational groups in the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Canada, The Canadian Christian Reformed Denomination, and Associated Gospel Churches of Canada.

Principal

Associated Canadian Theological Schools of Trinity Western University 2001-2007

As the Senior Administrative Officer (Principal) of the Associated Canadian Theological Schools of Trinity Western University from October 2001- June 2007 I was involved in every area of academic administration at Trinity Western University. ACTS Seminaries is a consortium of six seminaries which also functions as the Graduate School of Theology for Trinity Western University. During this period ACTS had twenty-three fulltime faculty and twenty-five administrative staff. Some highlights of my work in these six years included:

- *ATS Accreditation visit Spring 2002 with a 10 year renewal of ACTS Seminaries accreditation to 2012.
- *Integration of Canadian Pentecostal Seminary as the sixth member school in the Associated Canadian Theological Schools of Trinity Western University. This involved a two year negotiation process with the six boards of ACTS and the denominational leaders of these six constituencies.
- *Oversight of an annual conference of denominational leaders in our six member school constituencies: Mennonite Brethren of Canada; Christian and Missionary Alliance; Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada; Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists of Canada; Evangelical Free Church of Canada; Canadian Baptists of Canada.
- *Growth in seminary student population from 400-600 students
- *Managing the Consortium Budget of 2.9 million dollars
- *Oversight of Administrative Cabinet

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:
McMaster Divinity College

CHTH G105 MS6ZP6 *The Pastoral Theology of Henri Nouwen* Winter 2012
Advanced MA/PhD Seminar

MS 3KE3/6XE6 *Spiritual Formation in the Church* Fall 2011, Winter 2009

MS 2K03 *Pastoral Care in the Church* Fall 2010; Winter 2010; Fall 2008; Fall 2007

CHTH G115 MS6ZC6 *Current Perspectives in Practical Theology* Fall 2009
Advanced MA/PhD Seminar

MS 3X13/6X16 *Theology of Suffering* Winter 2008

Associated Canadian Theological Schools of Trinity Western University
Langley, B.C.

THS 631 *Theology of Suffering* Spring 2002, Spring 2003, Spring 2005

THS 630 *Theology of Pastoral Care* Spring 2004, Spring 2006

DMN 912 *Spiritual Formation and Discipleship in the Church* Fall 2003, Fall 2004,
Fall 2005

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Langley, B.C.

DMN 856X *Spiritual Formation and Discipleship in the Church* Fall 2003

George Fox Evangelical Seminary
Portland, Oregon

DMN 542 *Spiritual Formation and Discipleship in the Church* June 2001

DMN 531 *Developing a Healthy Church* January 2002

Regent College

Vancouver, B.C.

THEO 618 *Theological Reflection in Ministry* Year-long course 1999-2000

Taylor Seminary

Edmonton, Alberta

TH 542 *Theology of Suffering* Spring 2000, Summer 2003

TH 523 *Christian Ethics* Fall 2006

St. Stephen's College

Edmonton, Alberta

TH 553V *Encounters with Suffering: Quest for Moral Vision* Fall 1996

TH 5118 *Theology of Suffering* Winter 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000

Taylor University College

Edmonton, Alberta

CM 302 *Christian Leadership* Fall 1995

TEACHING ASSISTANT:

North American Baptist Seminary 1982-83 New Testament - Dr. Hulitt Gloer

DIRECTED STUDY COURSES:**Advanced MA Courses - McMaster Divinity College**

Fall 2007 Advanced Readings in Pastoral Theology: Pastoral Care in the Church

Fall 2010 Advanced Readings in Pastoral Care

PhD Directed Studies – McMaster Divinity College

Winter 2009 Critical Elements in Pastoral Theology D. Hunse

Fall 2009 The Trinity and Pastoral Theology J. Horthuis

Winter 2010 Readings at the Intersection of Theology and Practice J. DeVries

Winter 2010 Pastoral Theology of Hope L. Adnams

Fall 2010 Advanced Readings in Pastoral Care S. Kim

Fall 2011 Current Research in Neuroscience and Pastoral Theology B. DeJong

Fall 2011 Current Perspectives in Practical Theology S. Kim

READING COURSES:**M.Div. Courses – McMaster Divinity College**

Fall 2009 Pastoral Care in the Church

Winter 2009 Advanced Readings in Pastoral Theology

Fall 2007 Leadership and Spiritual Formation

M.Div. Courses – ACTS Seminaries

Fall 2005 Theology of Suffering

THESIS AND DISSERTATION SUPERVISION**Master of Arts in Christian Studies**

Karen Harding "Narratives of Exclusion: Toward a Pastoral Theology of Community"

McMaster Divinity College, 2010

Doctor of Ministry

Daniel Beutler "Theology of Suffering and the Church" ACTS Seminaries 2004

Steve Shaw "Hospitality in Christian Theology" ACTS Seminaries 2005

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Completed:

Jean-Paul Gedeon, McMaster Divinity College: “Toward an Ontology of Meaning-Making” First Supervisor May 2009-
Comprehensive Exams (Falls 2009); Dissertation Proposal (Feb. 2010);
Graduated May 2011

In Progress:

Louise Adnams, McMaster Divinity College: “The Abandonment of Christ: Epicentre of a Theology of Suffering for the Church” First Supervisor, September 2008-
Comprehensive Exams (Fall 2010)
French Modern Language Exam (Winter 2010)

Joan DeVries, McMaster Divinity College First Supervisor September 2008-
Reading Course: *Practices of Ministry Spring 2010*
Comprehensive Exams (Fall 2010)
German Modern Language Exam (Fall 2011)
Currently writing dissertation proposal

Jim Horthuis, McMaster Divinity College “The Practice of Perichoresis: Christian Doctrine in Pastoral Theological Perspective” First Supervisor September 2008-
Comprehensive Exams (Fall 2010)
German Modern Language Exam (Winter 2011)

Dorothy Hunse, McMaster Divinity College First Supervisor October 2008 –
Comprehensive Exams (Winter 2010)
French Modern Language exam (Fall 2009)
Working on dissertation proposal

Bill DeJong - September 2010 First Supervisor
Course work phase, year 2
German Modern Language Exam (Fall 2011)

Sung Ho Lee - September 2010 First Supervisor
Course work phase, year 2
German Modern Language Exam (Winter 2012)

Master of Theological Studies

Donald Corry “Organic Ministry: Early Church Practices of Mentoring and Mission”
McMaster Divinity College, 2008.

Master of Divinity

Rachel Baker *Women and Body Image* McMaster Divinity College, 2010 First Reader
Josephine Braun *Theology of Community* 2010 Second Reader
Andrew Mills *Analysis of Emerging Church* 2010 Second Reader

URBAN PASTORAL EDUCATION:

In 1996 I joined the inner city ministry of the Mustard Seed Street Church in Edmonton, Alberta – a multi-faceted ministry to the urban poor in Edmonton. While there I developed and became the founding Director for an urban chaplaincy training program – Urban Pastoral Education (UPE). The model included three key components of training: theological reflection, moral formation and urban ministry skills. We worked with various agencies in the inner city to provide placements for seminary students who wished to enroll in this one-year extended training program. Students would work 8-10 hours/wk. in an inner city ministry/agency and would spend one morning a week in specialized training. We were able to bring three of the key seminaries in Edmonton into this graduate chaplaincy training program: Edmonton Baptist Seminary; St. Stephen's College; and Neuman Theological College.

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS:

- *Pastoral Theology
- *Spiritual Formation in the Church
- *Theology of Community
- *Theology of Suffering
- *Spirituality and Ministry
- *Pastoral Care

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

The Roots of Sorrow: A Pastoral Theology of Suffering. Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press. Pending release, October 2012.

Virtue as Consent to Being: A Pastoral Theological Perspective on Jonathan Edward's Construct of Virtue. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock Publishers with McMaster Divinity College Press, 2011.

Self-published book:

Merging Streams: Prayers and Poems for a Broken World. 2005.

Published Articles:

"Virtue and the Hermeneutics of Culture". *Jian Dao - Journal of Bible and Theology*, Alliance Bible Seminary, Hong Kong, July 2010.

"Suffering". Article in *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, Glen Scorgie et. al. eds, Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Press, 2010.

“What Language Can I Borrow?: Theopoetic Renewal in Pastoral Theology”.
McMaster Divinity College Journal of Ministry 2008.

“Contours of the Paradigmatic in Henri Nouwen’s Pastoral Theology”. In *Turning the Wheel: Henri Nouwen and our Search for God*, 2007. Jonathan Bengston and Gabrielle Earnshaw, eds. Toronto: Orbis Books.

Case Study – Mustard Seed Street Church: Ministry in Edmonton’s Inner City.
Urban Mission, Volume 15, No. 1, September 1997, pp. 36-46.

“The Church’s Response to the Suffering of Children” in *Baptist Faith and Witness*
Brackney/Cupit eds. Birmingham, Alabama: Samford University Press, 1995.

“Agonizing with God” in *The Baptist Herald* Chicago: October 1994.

“Ministry to the Family of a Handicapped Child” in *The Baptist Herald*, Chicago:
December 1994.

Works in Progress:

Books:

Essentials of Teaching Theology: From Graduate Student to Professor Co-edited
volume with Dr. Stanley E. Porter. (pending with Wipf and Stock, McMaster Divinity
College Press).

Spiritual Formation of the Congregation. Research leave project 2011. McMaster
Divinity College. Expected Spring 2013.

Challenges of Christian Ministry in Canada. Research project co-authored with Dr.
Stanley E. Porter.

Book Chapter:

“*Spirituality for Teaching and Theological Integration*” in *Essentials of Teaching
Theology: From Graduate Student to Professor.* Stanley E. Porter and Phil C. Zylla,
editors. (Unpublished Manuscript)

ACADEMIC PAPERS

“*Academic Leadership and the Varieties of Theological Schools: Developing Vision and
Serving Mission – a Canadian Perspective*” Presentation for: Chief Academic Officers
Society of the Association of Theological Schools, June 22, 2010.

Virtue and the Hermeneutics of Culture, October 2009 Alliance Bible Seminary, Hong
Kong

The Spiritual Task of Practical Theology British and Irish Association of Practical Theology Conference July 15, 2009 - Durham, England.

Seeking God in the Dark May 9, 2009 McMaster Divinity College Theology Conference. Theme: *Dark Night of the Soul*

PUBLIC SEMINARS

Spiritual Formation in Diverse Congregations Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec Annual Conference, June 12, 2010

God and Suffering March 18, 2010 McMaster Christian Medical Association.

Spirituality of Teaching and Theological Integration. McMaster Divinity College PhD Teaching Colloquy, January 30, 2010.

Preaching as Poetry October 30, 2009. McMaster Divinity College Gladstone Festival of Preaching Conference. Theme: *Transformational Preaching*

Ministry Formation Seminars McMaster Divinity College
Cultivating an Anointed Ministry January 2009
Self-Care in the Ministry January 2008, Oct 2009, Oct 2010, Oct 2011
Contours of Soul Care and Authenticity September 2007

From the Roots of Sorrow: A Journey to Hope
Baptist General Conference of British Columbia February 2006

The Task of Spiritual Formation in the Church
Evangelical Free Church Alberta Association October 2004

God and the Experience of Suffering
Trinity Western University Counseling Conference July 2004

From the Roots of Sorrow: A Journey to Hope
Cascade Counseling Annual General Meeting May 2004

When Bad Things Happen to Good People: A Christian Perspective on Suffering
Evangelical Free Church Regional Conference October 2003

SEMINAR PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

From the Roots of Sorrow West Highland Baptist Church August 16, 2009

Practices for Postmodern Ministry
Hamilton Ministerial Association – sponsored by Mitchell Books June 2008

Soul Care: Spiritual Renewal and Strategies for Overcoming Stress in the Ministry
Christian and Missionary Alliance Pacific District Conference January 2006

Cultivating Virtue in the Congregation
ACTS Pastors and Mentors Day October 2005

Baptist Spirituality in Pluralist Context
Northwest Baptist Conference on Pluralism, March 2005

Living the Scriptures: Transformational Reading for the Spiritual Journey
Trinity Baptist Church Kelowna, B.C. November 2004

Sustaining Moral Vision in a Changing World. July 2001 Baptist World Alliance
General Council, Prince Edward Island; Spring 2002 Northwest Baptist Seminary
Baptist Heritage Conference

AWARDS:

Church Ministry Award 1984 North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD

Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities 1983-84 North American Baptist
Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD

EDITORIAL:

Journal of Theological Education Editorial Board 2008-2010
2010-2012

BOARD APPOINTMENT:

McMaster University Senate 2010-2011; 2011-12
McMaster Divinity College Senate 2007-08; 2008-09; 2011-12
Association of Theological Schools Board of Commissioners 2010-2016

BOOK ENDORSEMENTS:

Capps, Donald with Carlin, Nathan
Living in Limbo: Life in the Midst of Uncertainty. Eugene, Oregon:
Wipf and Stock, 2010.

Capps, Donald
*Understanding Psychosis: Issues, Treatments, and Challenges for Sufferers and
Their Families.* Lanham, Maryland: Rowan and Littlefield Publishers, 2010.

Helland, Roger
Magnificent Surrender. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2012.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Position</u>
Sunshine Ridge Baptist Church Surrey, British Columbia	1996-2001	Senior Pastor
Mustard Seed Street Church Edmonton, Alberta	1995-96	Director of Urban Pastoral Education
Greenfield Baptist Church Edmonton, Alberta	1990-95	Senior Pastor
First Baptist Church Arnprior, Ontario	1984-89	Senior Pastor

STUDENT MINISTRIES:

1983-84	Youth Pastor	Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD
1982-83	Preaching Pastor	First Baptist Church, Platte, SD
1981-82	Field Education Placement	Central Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD
Summer 1981	Church Planting	Faith Comm. Baptist Church, Airdrie, AB
Summer 1980	Summer Youth Pastor	Grace Baptist Church, Calgary, AB
1978- 80	Youth Pastor	Evangelical Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Ordination *May 20, 1984*
Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec

Society of Pastoral Theology 2001-

British and Irish Association of Practical Theology 2007-

Evangelical Theology Society 2007-

Canadian Evangelical Theological Association 2007-

Society of Biblical Literature 2010 -
Consultation: Bible and Pastoral Theology

Baptist World Aid Committee

Appointed Member 2000- present

Baptist World Alliance Study and Research Executive Committee 2000-2005

Baptist World Alliance Study Commission on Christian Ethics

Appointed Vice-Chair 2000-2005

Member 1995-2000

Member 1990-1995

REFERENCES:

*references provided on request