

Curriculum Vitae: Rev. Dr. Lee Beach (PhD)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Christian Ministry, Director of Ministry Formation and Garbutt F. Smith Chair in Ministry Formation McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario (July 2010- Present).

Director of Ministry Formation and Lecturer in Christian Ministry, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario (July 2005-June 2010)

Courses Taught

Ministry Formation – 2005 -present
Mission and Evangelism - 2007-12, 17, 22, 26
Theological Reflection for Ministry (with Dr. Wendy Porter) - 2009-12
Church for This Generation and the Next - 2007, '09
Disciplemaking - 2008
Re-engineering the Established Congregation - 2008, '11
Exile: A Motif for Postmodern Ministry - 2009, '15, 18, 21
Spirituality for the Ministering Person (with Rev. Dr. Dorothy Hunse) - 2010
Leadership in the 21st Century - 2010, 12
Ministry Practice and Formation - 2011, 12
Perspectives on Christian Spirituality - 2013, 2016, 19
Preaching and Preparation of Sermons - 2012
Foundations for Effective Ministry" (Team taught with various partners) (2013-14, 14-15, 15-16) Taught solo (16, 17)
Evangelism in The Fourth Gospel - 2013
Mission in Contemporary Culture (PhD seminar) - 2013
Creative Ministry - 2014, 2015
21st Century Leadership - 2014, 26
Spiritual Care of the Ministering Person - 2015
Critical Understandings in Ministry Leadership - 2016, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 25
New Movements in the Contemporary Church - 2019
Theology for Ministry Leadership (PhD seminar) - 2019
Christian Mission and Culture - 2020, 23, 25
Church Planting and Evangelism - 2020
Practice-Led Research Methods (DPT core course) - 2020, 21,22, 23,
Christian Spirituality - 2021, 24
Christian Mission in Culture - 2021, 24
Theology and Practice of Christian Leadership - 2022
Foundations for Christian Ministry - 2022, 24
Advanced Research in Practical Theology (DPT core course) - 2023
A Spirituality of Exile – 2024

Adjunct Instructor, Tyndale University-College, Toronto, Ontario (June 2005- Dec. 2010)

- Taught the course, “Pastoral Care and Procedures.” (Fall 2005, Winter 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010)

Spring/Summer School Instructor, Tyndale Seminary

- Taught the course, “Preaching with a New Voice: Using Creative Approaches to Preaching.” (Summer 2007)
- Taught the course “Emerging Trends in Postmodern Ministry.” (Summer 2009)

Adjunct Instructor, Ambrose Theological Seminary (Toronto)

- Taught the course, “Teaching and Disciple Making” (Winter 2007)

Academic Leadership

Director of the Doctor of Practical Theology Degree Program (McMaster Divinity College), 2016 - 19

Co-Director of the McMaster Center for Post-Christendom Studies, 2015-2023.

Supervision

PhD Dissertations: Primary Supervisor

- Patrick Sutherland, “The Preacher as Navigator: An Examination of Contemporary Homiletics Through the Work of Albert Borgmann” (2018)

PhD Dissertations: Second Reader

- Jonathan Boerger, “Trauma, Eucharist and the Cross: Communion with Christ in Body, Soul and Spirit. (2024)
- Cathy Chen, “Appropriating Christian Mysticism for (Mainland) Chinese Evangelical Spirituality.” (2021)
- Chris Clements, “Lift Up Your Eyes: Truth, Beauty, and the Christian Nurture of Adolescents.” (2020)

- Howard Ngan, "Caring and Identity: A Case of Young Adults in the Canadian Chinese Church." (2019)
- Jim Horsthuis, "In Cadence with God: A Perichoretic Pastoral Theology." (2013)

DPT Dissertations: First Reader

- Rob Cripps, "A Conflicted Church: Equipping Church Leaders To Identify and Address Relational Conflict in Congregations Through Conciliation." (2025)
- Doug Schonberg, "A Christian Theological Alignment with Bowen Family Systems Theory." (2025)
- Sam Chaise, "Leadership That Serves: A Cross-Cultural Investigation into Clergy Enactment of Servant Leadership." (2025)
- Dave Witt, "The Priority and Practice of Church Reconciliation: Cultivating Inter-Congregational Trust in a City Context." (2024)
- Ian Wildeboer, "Downward Mobility and the Urban Church: A Phenomenological Study on Henri Nouwen's Life and Writings." (2024)
- Charles Lee, "Reimagining Missional Small Groups Through a Missional Reading of Ephesians and in Conversation with Alan Hirsch, Tim Keller and Mike Breen." (2024)
- Andrew Rutledge, "Growing Leaders: Engaging Young Adults in Church Leadership." (2023)
- Merv Budd, "A Phenomenographic Study and Critique of Evangelistic Equipping Among Pastors Aligned with the Evangelical Church Movement." (2023)
- Greg Reader, "A Study of Christian Witness in the Practice of Transformational Development." (2021)
- Heather Card, "The Messages to the Seven Churches: A Paradigm for Organizational Evaluation for Canadian Protestant Churches." (2020)

DPT Dissertations: Second Reader

- Mandy Ralph, “We Banquet Together: Communal Spiritual Care Models in the Old Testament and Their Impact on Clergy Care In the Alliance Canada. (2026)
- Shawn Lazar, “Comforted by the Cross: A Practical Theology for Funeral Preaching.” (2025)
- Dale Sanger “Why me Lord?: A Phenomenology of Trauma Amongst Canadian Pentecostal Clergy.” (2022)

MA Thesis: Primary Supervisor

- Jeremy McClung, “Evangelism as Spiritual Direction: Implications of a Relational Paradigm of Conversion” (2017)
- Chris Clements, "New Perspectives on Faith Formation in Adolescence" (2015)
- Mike Puddicombe, "Church Amalgamation: A Theological Rationale and a Proposed Model." (2013)
- Robert Hurkmans, “Sabbath, Jubilee, and the Repair of the World” (2012)

MA Thesis: Second Reader

- Janet Howden, “Toward a Pastoral Theology of Trauma” (2015)
- Tim Clayton, "Developing an Ecclesiology Based upon Kaleidoscope Atonement Theory." (2012)

MDiv Thesis: Primary Supervisor

- Dominic Krackowski, "Reimagining Church Leadership for the Canadian Church in the 21st Century from the Doctrine of the Incarnation" (2014)
- Leslie Makins, "Facing Ageism: Toward a Christian Response" (2014)

- Erin Wildsmith, “Western Individualism and the Christian Community: Towards a Faithful Expression of Church in the West” (2012)
- Noel Walker, “Discipleship and Spiritual Formation Among Digital Natives” (2012)

MTS Thesis: Primary Supervisor

- Layton McCabe, “The Contextualization of Movement Missiology to Individualist Urban Contexts in the West.” (2024)
- Colin Nanton, "The Need for Equally Yoked Senior Leadership." (2016)
- Andrew Rutledge, "Flat Leadership and the Church: Embracing Change in Leadership Structures." (2015)
- David Wright, "A strategy for mobilizing church planters in the Free Methodist Church in Niger." (2013)

MDiv Thesis: Secondary Supervisor

- Joshua Heath, “Martin Luther’s Two Kingdoms Theology for Post-Christendom Society.” (2018).

MTS Thesis: Secondary Supervisor

- Carla Ratzlaff, “The Gift of Divine Hospitality: A Paradigm for Leading Worship in the Contemporary Evangelical Church” (2021)
- Diane McBeth, “Relational Theology and Discipleship.” (2019)
- Dudley Brown, "African-American Pastors and Their Effect on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States." (2015)
- Megan Purdy, "Mistaken Identity: Materialism and Contemporary Evangelicalism." (2014)

External Examiner

- Melodie Bissell, “The Experience of Spiritual Healing Among Adult Victim-Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse: A

Phenomenological Study.” (DMin degree, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto), 2021.

- Noel Walker, “Exile as a Paradigm for Missional Transformation within Existing Congregations.” (DMin degree, Lipscomb University and Divinity School), 2017.

Directed Studies Supervised

- Teaching the Bible in the Armenian Orthodox Church (with DPT student) Kevork Kosbakian, Winter, 2026
- Missiological Practices of the Marginalized Church (with MTS student Layton MacCabe, (Fall 2022)
- Post-Christendom in the South Korean Context (with PhD student Kwangyoung Park, Winter 2022)
- Contextualizing Christian Leadership (with DPT student Sam Chaise, Fall, 2021)
- A Theology of Place (with MTS student Sarah Robinson, Spring/Summer 2021)
- Missional Ecclesiology (with DPT student Dave Witt, Fall 2020)
- Theology of Culture (with PhD student Cathy Chen, Fall 2016)
- Perspectives on Christian Spirituality (with MDiv student Seán McGuire, Fall 2013)
- Contemporary Homiletical Methods (With PhD student Patrick Sutherland, Fall 2013)
- The Missional Church (with MDiv student Michael Bowyer, winter 2013)
- "Gospel, Culture and the Missional Church in Reformed Perspective" (with MDiv student Paul Menicanin, summer 2012)
- Identity Formation of Second Generation Chinese Christians within the Chinese Church" (with MTS student Bonnie Kung, summer 2012)
- "The Missional Church" (with MA student Chris Clements, summer 2012)
- "Leadership in the 21st Century" (with MTS student Paul Bates, summer 2011)
- Adolescence and Identity” (with MDiv student Josh Mutter, McMaster Divinity College, Fall 2010)
- “Understanding Intentional Interim Ministry” (with MDiv student Kelly Irvine, McMaster Divinity College; Summer 2009)
- “Teaching and Disciplemaking” (with MA student Sam Nasser, Ambrose Seminary; Fall 2008)
- “Ministry to the Poor in a Cross Cultural Context” (with MDiv student Linda Wolfe, McMaster Divinity College; Summer 2008)

TEACHING RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Research/Teaching Assistant to Dr. Janet Clark and Dr. Michael Knowles, McMaster Divinity College (Sept. '04 – July '05).
 - Responsibilities include assisting in the running of MacDiv's field education program, working directly with students and the ministry placement supervisors, reviewing written field Ed. Assignments and serving as a Ministry Reflection Seminar Leader.
 - Reviewing and evaluating student sermons in an introductory preaching class.
- Research Assistant for Dr. Jim Christie, Tyndale Seminary (July-Dec. '03)
 - Responsibilities included research in the area of Johannine literature, marking assignments and quizzes, developing Greek exegesis quizzes.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *The Whole Gospel for the Whole World: Experiencing the four-Fold Gospel Today.* (Co-authored with Dr. Franklin Pyles), Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2016.
- *The Church in Exile: Living in Hope After Christendom.* Downers Grove: Intervarsity, 2015.

Academic Articles

- "Surveying the Inner Landscape: Self Understanding, Supervision and Formation for Ministry" in *Reflective Practice Journal* 46:46 (2026). No Pages.
<https://reflective-practice.org/index.php/rpfs/article/view/2323/1749>
- "The Church in Exile: Lament as a Response to Church Decline" in *The McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry* (2023-25). 109-134.
<https://mcmasterdivinity.ca/mdcpress/journals/mjtm/#item-1>
- "Research as Discipleship: Spiritual Formation as the Reason for Professional Doctoral Studies" in *The Journal of Christian Ministry* (2024). No pages.
<https://journal.dmineducation.org/category/current-issue/>

- “The Language of Exile: Ministerial Formation in the Context of Post-Christendom.” in *Reflective Practice Journal* 44:44 (2024) – No pages.
<https://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/index.php/rpfs/article/view/1733>
- “The 2021 Census Panel: Reflection and Response.” *Post-Christendom Studies Journal* vol. 8, (2023-24). 93-96.
- “Flat World, Flat Leadership: The Theological and Philosophical Ideals that Form a Paradigm for Leadership in the 21st Century.” (With Andrew Rutledge) *The Journal of Religious Leadership*. Vol. 18,1 (2019), 5-24.
- “Bruce Springsteen as Post-Christian Pastor.” *BOSS: The Journal of Springsteen Studies*. Vol. 3, 1 (2018), no pages.
- “The Gospel of John and Reclaiming Conversation in 21st Century Evangelism.” (With Nicole A. Reid) *Witness: The Journal for Evangelism in Theological Education*. Vol. 31 (2017), no pages.
<http://journals.sfu.ca/witness/index.php/witness/article/view/20>
- “A Spirituality of Exile.” *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*. 10:1 (2017), 33-50.
- "The Minister as Artist: Bruce Springsteen and Ministry Formation." *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*. Volume 16 (2014-2015). 131-150.
- "Friend or Foe?: The Role of the scholar in the Emerging Church." (With Dr. Steve Studebaker) *Theological Education*, 48.2 (2014). 43-56.
- "Springing The Trap: The book of Amos as a Model for Preaching Justice and Judgment." (With Dr. Joel Barker) *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society*, 12.2 (2012). 4-10.
- "What is Emerging? A Review Essay." *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture*, 8.2 (2012). 97-108.
- "Emerging Churches in Post Christian Canada." (With Dr. Steve Studebaker), *Religions*, 3.1 (2012). 862-879. www.mdpi.com
- "Exile and Hope in Post-Christian Canada: The Hopefulness and Helpfulness of an Exilic Paradigm." *Missio Dei*. Vol. 4, 2011-12.
- “Doing Mission without Mentioning God: A Model?” *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*. Vol. 48, 3 (2012). 284-289.

- “Why I Don’t Hate School Anymore: Theological Education as Mission.” *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*. Volume 12 (2010-2011). 167-178.
- “Virtual Reflection or Virtually Reflecting?: Doing Group Theological Reflection Online.” *The Journal of Reflective Practice*. Vol. 31, (2011). 133-136.
<http://journals.sfu.ca/rpfs/>
- “Preaching Subversively: Esther as a Model for Postmodern Preaching” *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, Volume 10 (2008–09). 75-100.
<http://www.mcmaster.ca/mjtm/volume10.htm>
- “A Witness to the City: A Homiletical Theology for Urban Preaching.” *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, Spring, 2007.

Popular Articles

- “The Voice of the Holy Spirit to the Church: The Contemporary Church in a Post-Christian Era” In 미션 캐나다 (Mission Canada), issue no. 132, 6. April, 2026.
- "The Missional Nature of the Church." [Canadian Centre for Christian Charities](#) Knowledge Base. Online. Waterloo, ON. 2025. (members only)
- “Hope for the Future: The 2021 Canadian Census.” *Flourishing Congregations Institute*, April, 2025. <https://flourishingcongregations.org/hope-for-the-future-the-2021-canadian-census/>
- “Jesus Only ... In a Post-Christian World?” *Alliance Connection Magazine*, Fall (2020).
- “Key Practices for Senior Leaders.” *Faith Today Magazine*, Sept./Oct (2018).
- “Jesus our Healer” (with Dr. Franklin Pyles). *Alliance.ca Magazine*, spring/Summer (2017).
- “The Church in Exile.” *Faith Today Magazine*, Jan./Feb., 2017.
- "Cultivating Hope: Encouraging the Church." *Alliance.ca Magazine*, Fall/Winter (2015). 25-26.
- “The Church in Exile.” *Congregations Journal*, Fall 2008.
- “When you’re Critics Set the Agenda.” *Congregations Journal*, Fall 2007.
- “Revolutionize Your Congregation” (reprinted) *Virtual House*

Christianity (on-line journal of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada), Nov. 25, 2005.

- “Revolutionize Your Congregation” (Gift Based Ministry) *Christian Week*, Sept. 16, 2005.
- “Preaching and Perseverance” *Christian Week*, Jan 21, 2005.
- “Pain and Calling” *Christian Week*, Oct.15, 2004.
- “Let People Dance” *Toronto Star*, Oct. 8, 1994.
- “I Am Rich” *Alliance Life Magazine*, Mar. 1992.

Book Chapters

- “The Church in Canada: Responding to Post-Christendom.” In *History Matters: A Festschrift in Honor of Stuart McDonald*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2026.
- “The Artist as Pastor: Bruce Springsteen and Darkness on the Edge of Town.” In *The Arts and the Bible*, edited by Stanley Porter and Wendy Porter. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2024, 335-354.
- “It seemed Good to the Spirit: Culture, Context and the Authority of the Holy Spirit in the Mission of the C&MA.” In *Advancing the Vision: The Four-Fold Gospel in Contemporary and Global Contexts*. Edited by Bernie Van De Walle, et. al. 201-18. Eugene, OR. Pickwick, 2023.
- “A Gospel People will Read.” In *On Mission: Why We Go*. Edited by Ron Brown and Mabiala J.R. Kenzo. 37-48. Cochrane, AB: Global Vault, 2022.
- “Foreword.” In *Quit Pastoring Your Church: The Story of a Small Church Making Jesus Their Pastor*. By Aaron Gerrard. 11-15. Saskatoon: New Leaf, 2020.
- “Can I Get a Witness? Proclaiming the Gospel in a Post-Everything World.” (With Nicole A. Reid). In *Is the Gospel Good News?* Edited by Stanley E. Porter and Hughson T. Ong. 245-63. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019.
- “From Monks to Punks: Emerging Christianity in Canada.” (With Steven Studebaker). In *Millennials, The Emerging Church and Religion*. Edited by G. Michael Zbaraschuk. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2019.

- “The Minister as Artist: Bruce Springsteen and Ministry Formation.” In *Inaugurations: Inaugural Lectures Delivered at McMaster Divinity College*, edited by Stanley E. Porter. 74-90. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2017.
- "Foreword." In *We Lost, Now What? Practical Counsel from the Book of Daniel*, by Wayne Baxter. xi-xiv. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2015.
- “New Models of Ministry: The Emerging Church in Canada as a Response to the Realities of Western Christianity in Decline.” In *The Globalization of Christianity: Contexts and Consequences for Christian Life and Ministry*, ed. Steve Studebaker and Gord Heath. 31-51. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2015.
- “Sculpting a Lesson.” In *Let Those who Can, Teach*. ed. Stanley E. Porter, 107–122. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2013.
- “The Local Church: Postmodern Possibilities.” In *The Church Then and Now*. ed. Stanley E. Porter and Cynthia Long-Westfall, 134–150. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2012.

Dictionary Articles

- “Esther,” “Esther: Versions of,” “Mordecai,” and “Exile.” In *The Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012.

Book Reviews

- After Lament: Psalms for Learning to Trust Again. Glenn Pemberton. *Canadian American Theological Review*, 5:1 (2016).
- Biblical Preaching for the Contemporary Church Series. James, Philippians and the Life of Jacob. Donald R. Sunukjian. (with Patrick Sutherland and Chris Walker). *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, vol. 16 (2014-15).
- A Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Homosexual Christians in the Church. Wendy Vanderwal-Gritter. *Cultural Encounters Journal*, vol.11, 1 (2015).
- Apostles of Reason: The Crises of Authority in American Evangelicalism. Molly Worthen, *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, vol. 51, 2 (2015).
- A Peaceable Hope: Contesting Violent Eschatology in New Testament Narratives. David J. Neville. *Cultural Encounters Journal*, vol. 10.1 (2014).
- Green Shoots Out of Dry Ground: Growing a New Future for the Church in Canada. John Bowen (editor). *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, vol. 15 (2013-14).

- Paul's Missionary Methods: In His Time and Ours. Robert L. Plummer and John Mark Terry, (editors). *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, vol. 14 (2012-13).
- Four Views on Christian Spirituality, Bruce Demarest, Bradley Nassif, Scott Hahn, Joseph Driskill, Evan Howard. *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, vol.14 (2012-13).
- Cultivating Sent Communities: Missional Spiritual Formation, Dwight J. Zscheile (editor). *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, vol. 49, 1 (2013), 118-120.
- The Missionary Letters of Vincent Donovan: 1957-1973, by John Bowen (editor). *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, vol. 13 (2011-12).
- Secret Faith in the Public Square: An Argument for the Concealment of Christian Identity, by Jonathan Malesic. *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture*, Vol.7.1 (2011)
- SimChurch: Being the Church in the Virtual World, by Doug Estes. *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture*, Vol.7.1 (2011)
- After McDonaldization: Mission, Ministry, and Christian Discipleship in an Age of Uncertainty, by John Drane. *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture*, Vol.6.1 (2010)
- Voices of Marginality: Exile and Return in Second Isaiah 40-55 and the Mexican Immigrant Experience, by Gregory Lee Cueller. *Journal of Hebrew Scripture*, Volume 10. 4 (2009).
- Linking Arms, Linking Lives: How Urban-suburban Partnerships Can Transform Communities Ron Sider, John Perkins, Wayne Gordon, F. Albert Tizon (editors) - *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture*, Summer 2009.
- I Am Not a Social Activist, by Ron Sider. *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry*, 2008-09.
- The Missional Church in Context: Helping Congregations Develop Contextual Ministry, Craig Van Gelder (editor). *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Fall 2008.
- An Emergent Theology for Emerging Churches, by Ray S. Anderson. *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture*, Summer 2008.
- Who's Afraid of Postmodernism: Taking Derrida, Lyotard and Foucault to Church, by James K.A. Smith. *Canadian Evangelical Review*, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

- Evangelism After Christendom: The Theology and Practice of Christian Witness, by Bryan Stone. *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Jan. '08
- How to Think Theologically (2nd edition), by Howard W. Stone and James O. Duke. *Princeton Theological Review*, Spring '07.
- Out of Egypt: Biblical Theology and Biblical Interpretation, Craig Bartholomew, Mary Healy, Karl Moller, Robin Perry (ed.'s). *Canadian Evangelical Review*, Fall '06.
- Preaching Effective First Person Sermons, by Kent Edwards. *Review and Expositor*, Summer '06.
- Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire, by Brian Walsh and Sylvia Keesmaat. *Trinity Journal*, Spring 2006
- Acts: A Shorter Commentary, by C.K. Barrett. *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism*, Fall 2005.
- A Biblical Theology of Exile, by Daniel Christopher Smith. *Canadian Evangelical Review*, Spring 2005.

Editing

Co-Editor, *The Journal for Post-Christendom Studies*. 2015 – present.

ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- *A Man in Harlem: How Dietrich Bonhoeffer became a Practical Theologian*. Life Together Amidst the Cost of Discipleship Conference, McMaster Divinity College, Mar. 15, 2026.
- *Surveying the Inner Landscape: Self-Understanding and Formation for Ministry*. Association of Theological Field Education, St. Louis, MS, Jan. 22-24, 2025.
- *Theological Reflection and Congregational Discernment: A Pneumatological Approach to Practical Theology*. Canadian American Theological Association conference, The Presbyterian College, McGill University, Montreal, QC, June 15, 2024.
- *Non-Traumatic Evangelism: Learning from John Ames' Ministry in Gilead*. The Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education conference, St. Mary's College, South Bend, Ind. June 13, 2024.
- *Learning the Language of Exile: Forming Congregations for Mission in Post-Christendom*. Alliance World Fellowship Theological Symposium, Toulouse, France, June 28, 2023.

- *Learning the Language of Exile: Forming Congregations for Mission in Post-Christendom*, Canadian American Theological Association conference, York University, Toronto, ON, May 28, 2023.
- *The Language of Lament: Forming Congregations for Life in Post-Christendom*. Canadian American Theological Association conference, University of Regina, Regina SK, May 27, 2018.
- *Darkness on the Edge of Town as a Turn to the Pastoral*. Darkness on the Edge of Town: A Symposium on Bruce Springsteen and his Music, Monmouth University, Long Branch, New Jersey, Apr. 14, 2018.
- *Emerging Theology and its Impact of the Contemporary Church* (with Dr. Steven Studebaker). Canadian American Theological Association conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON, May 28, 2017.
- *Culture, Context and Constructing Theology for a Post-Christendom Context*. Canadian Evangelical Theological Association Conference, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, May 29, 2016.
- *It Seems Good to the Spirit: The Authority of the Holy Spirit in the Mission of the Church*. Participating in God's Mission Conference, North Eastern Seminary, Rochester, N.Y., Mar. 19, 2016.
- *From Punks to Monks: Emerging Christianity in Canada* (With Dr. Steven Studebaker). American Academy of Religion Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 23, 2015.
- *Emerging Christianity and its Influence on Evangelical Theology* (with Dr. Steven Studebaker). Evangelical Theological Society Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 17, 2015.
- *Flat World, Flat Leadership: An Evangelical Theology of Leadership for the 21st Century*. Canadian Evangelical Theological Association Conference, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, ON, Oct. 3, 2015.
- *Can I Get A Witness: Proclaiming the Good News in a Post-Everything Culture*. The Bingham Colloquium, McMaster Divinity College, June 5, 2015
- *Field Education as Mission; Forming Leaders for the Post-Christian Church* - Association of Theological Field Educators, Williamsburg, VA, Jan. 26, 2013.
- *New Church Movements in Canada*- Conference at ACTS seminary, Langley B.C., Nov. 2, 2012.

- *A Spirituality of Exile: Giving Testimony from the Margins* - The International Association of Mission Studies, Wycliffe College (University of Toronto), Aug. 18, 2012.
- *Friend or Foe: The Role of the Scholar in the Emerging Church* (with Dr. Steven Studebaker) – The Canadian Evangelical Theological Association, Wilfred Laurier University, May 27, 2012
- *The Local Church: Postmodern Possibilities*- The Bingham Colloquium, McMaster Divinity College, June 7, 2008.
- *Preaching Subversively: The Book of Esther as a Homiletical Model* – Theological Research Seminar (McMaster Divinity College), Mar. 25, 2008.
- *Comprehending the Incomprehensible: Mark 8:22-26 as the Key to Understanding Mark's Theology of Discipleship*. – Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Conference, York University, May 29, 2006
- *A Witness to the City: A Homiletical Theology For Urban Preaching*. – Theological Research Seminar (McMaster Divinity College), Feb 14, 2006.
- *A Hopeful Demise: The Marginalization of the Church and the Potential of a Biblical Theology of Exile for Today*. - Theological Research Seminar (McMaster Divinity College), Jan. 2005.

Grants Received

- 2012 Arts and Research Board Grant, McMaster University.
- 2011-12 Lilly Foundation Collaborators Grant (with Dr. Steven Studebaker) for the project, “The Emerging Church in Canada.”

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- The Association of Theological Field Education (ATFE)
- The Canadian American Theological Association (CATA)
- Academy of Evangelism in Theological Education (AETE)

EDUCATION

- PhD, McMaster Divinity College; 2011.
- Master of Divinity, Tyndale Seminary (Biblical Studies); 2004
- Bachelor of Religious Education, Canadian Bible College; 1988.
- Under graduate studies: Trent University, University of San Carlos (Philippines).

DOCTORAL EMPHASIS

- My dissertation is entitled: *A Hopeful Demise: A Biblical and Practical Theology of Exile for the Canadian Church Today*. It is an exploration of exile as a motif for the self understanding of the church in contemporary Canadian society. It encompasses areas of exile in the Old Testament, New Testament and Intertestamental literature, as well as issues pertaining to Ecclesiology, Postmodern Culture, church leadership, homiletics and ministry in a contemporary Canadian context.
- Comprehensive Areas:
 - The Church in Postmodern Culture
 - Contemporary Homiletical Theory
 - Exile in the Bible and Intertestamental literature

AWARDS

- The John Billes Scholarship for Ministry Studies, McMaster Divinity College; 2007, 2008.
- Alvah Sargeant Morse Scholarship award for post-graduate studies in the area of Evangelism and Outreach, Tyndale Seminary, 2004.

PASTORAL/MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Minister at Large with the Christian & Missionary Alliance (Jan. 2006 – 2024)

Associate Teaching Pastor (Part time); Valleyview Alliance Church (July 2006 - Sept. 2010)

Associate Teaching Pastor; Scarborough Center Alliance Church (Feb. 2004 - December 2005)

Senior Pastor; Cobourg Alliance Church, Cobourg, Ontario (Dec. 1993-June 2003)

Youth/Associate Pastor, Immanuel Alliance Church, Peterborough, Ontario (August 1988-November 1993)

SELECT CONFERENCE, RETREAT and VARIOUS PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker, Armenian Apostolic Church (Orthodox), The Church in Culture Forum, Montreal, QC, Mar. 21, 2025.
- Speaker at the Burlington Evangelical Ministerial Meeting, Feb. 20, 2025 on the Topic “Deconstructing Faith and Ministry Today.”
- Panel Member at “The Future of the Church” hosted by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Oct. 23, 2024.
- Panelist, “The Church and Mission, Post-COVID.” CBOQ webinar, Oct. 13, 2022.
- Seminar presenter, “What is the Answer?: Leading your congregation in Theological Reflection.” General Assembly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, July 6, 2022.
- Plenary Session contributor, “Shifting, Sifting and Trusting.” Western Canadian District Conference (CMA, Canada), May. 2021.
- Panelist and mentor, “Envision: A conference for Emerging Leaders.” Montreal, QC, Apr. 30-May 2, 2019.
- Presented the talk “The Future of Religion in Canada” at the Third Level Learning Group, Guelph, ON, Mar. 6, 2019.
- Panelist, New Waters Podcast Series (6 episodes). A roundtable discussion on issues facing the church in Canada today. <https://tunein.com/podcasts/Religion--Spirituality-Podcas/New-Waters-p1160590/>
- Plenary Speaker, “Thriving in Babylon Conference” (hosted by PSALT), Apr. 20, 2018.
- Speaker, Niagara Christian School annual ministry leaders Breakfast, Oct. 18, 2017.
- Plenary Speaker Canadian Council of Christian Charities National Conference, May 5, 2017.
- Key note Address, “The Church in Exile,” Presidents Day Conference (hosted by the EFC), Nov. 2016.
- Keynote Speaker “The Church in Exile” Conference, Sudbury, ON. Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2016.
- Panelist, “The Future of Evangelicalism” at the EFC forum “The Future of Evangelicalism.” June, 2016.
- Presented the Workshop "Leadership in the Missional Church" at the General Assembly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, Calgary, AB, June 2, 2016.
- Presented the workshop "Preaching with Uncertainty: The Preacher as Spiritual Pilgrim" at the *Partners in the Spirit* Conference. Jointly sponsored by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and McMaster Divinity College. McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON, Jan. 29, 2016.
- Speaker at the young adult Retreat of Lethbridge Evangelical Free Church, Jan. 22-24, 2016.

- Presented the workshop "Spiritual Formation in the Seminary" to the faculty of the Canadian Reformed Church Seminary, Hamilton, ON, Sept. 2, 2015.
- Presented the Plenary Address "Emerging Christianity in Canada and its Impact on Student Formation," at the Christian Higher Education Conference, Winnipeg, MN, May 27, 2015.
- Presented the Workshop "So What? The Importance of Reflection in Student Formation," at the Christian Higher Education Conference, Winnipeg, MN, May 27, 2015.
- Presented workshop on local church leadership to the elders and staff of Paramount Drive Alliance Church, Hamilton, May 2, 2015.
- Presented a workshop on "The Preacher as Artist" to the CRC "Preaching in the 21st century study group." Nov. 17, 2014.
- Speaker at the summer camp of the Toronto Chinese Alliance Church (Redeemer University), Aug. 2-4, 2014.
- Presented a workshop on "Exile as a motif for post-Christendom Ministry" at the General Assembly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada (Ottawa), July 2014.
- Speaker at the Chinese Baptist Leadership of Canada and the United States Conference, Toronto, ON. June 14, 2014. Topic: The church in Canada: Where are we and Where are we Going?
- Speaker at the Eastern Canadian District (C&MA) Youth workers retreat, May 26-28, 2014. Topic: Spiritual Formation and Personal Care in Ministry.
- Speaker at the CBOQ Trent Valley Association Spring Rally, Apr. 12, 2014.
- Presented the Workshop, "Sculpting a Lesson: The Art of preparing a classroom learning experience" at the McMaster Divinity College PhD teaching Colloquy, Jan 31, 2014.
- Presented the Workshop, "New Innovations in the Canadian Church" at a meeting of the Waterdown, Ontario Ministerial Association, Oct. 3, 2013.
- Presented the Workshop, "Practicing Flat Leadership" at the Canadian Council of Christian Charities Conference, Sept. 24, 2013.
- Presented the Seminar, "Ancient Faith in a Postmodern World" at the Ravi Zacharias International Ministries apologetics conference, Hamilton, ON, July 12, 2013.
- Speaker at the Summer Conference for North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, London, ON, June 29-July 1, 2013.
- Consultation Workshop with Elders Board of Estevan Alliance Church, Estevan, SK. June 22, 2013.
- Presented the Workshop (with Dr. Steve Studebaker), "New Innovations in the Canadian Church." at the Annual Assembly of the CBOQ, June 14, 2013.
- Plenary Speaker, Tri-District Conference of the C&MA in Canada, May. 29, 2013.
- Presented a workshop on new innovations in the Canadian church to a group of PAOC Church Planters at ACTS seminary, Langley, B.C. Nov. 1, 2012.

- Presented the Workshop, "Justice: An Essential of Christian Faith," at the Bi-Annual Assembly of the C&MA in Canada, Winnipeg, MN. July 5, 2012.
- Speaker, "Good Friday Youth Rally," Sr. High Youth Event of the Eastern District of the C&MA in Canada, Apr. 6, 2012.
- Workshop Presenter, "Retreat, Rest and Solitude," at *Fluid* young adults conference, Mississauga, Ont. Mar. 3, 2012.
- Speaker, "Deeper Life Summit," Sr. High retreat of the Central Canadian District of the C&MA in Canada, Windsor, Ontario. Feb. 17-19, 2012.
- Panel Participant, "Working with Multicultural Issues," at the McMaster Divinity College PhD Teaching Colloquy, Feb. 4, 2012.
- Presented the Workshop, "Sculpting a Lesson: The Art of preparing a classroom learning experience" at the McMaster Divinity College PhD teaching Colloquy, Feb. 3, 2012.
- Panel Participant, "Preaching for a Change," Gladstone Festival of Preaching, McMaster Divinity College, Oct. 30, 2011.
- Presented the Workshop, "Navigating the Culture: The Church in Canada Today and in the Future," at First Nazarene Church, Hamilton, ON. Mar. 26, 2011.
- Speaker, Quinte Alliance Church (Bellville, ON) Deeper Life and Missions Conference, Nov. 5-7, 2010.
- Session Speaker, "Re-Ignite;" CBOQ Pastors retreat, Oct. 28, 2010.
- Speaker (English Congregation), Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church Summer Retreat, July 30–Aug.2, 2010.
- Presented the workshop, "Preaching as Pastoral care" at the Gladstone Festival of Preaching, McMaster Divinity College, Sept. 30, 2009.
- Presented the workshops "The Language of Post-Christendom" and "Developing a Grace Filled Church" at the General Assembly of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, June 13, 2009.
- Plenary Speaker and Workshop Leader; District Conference of the Eastern Canadian District (C&MA), May 27, 2009.
- Speaker, Quinte Alliance Church (Bellville, ON) Deeper Life and Missions Conference, Oct.24-26, 2008.
- Presenter; Eastern District (C&MA) Theological 2 Day (on the topic of scripture: Inspiration and Infallibility), Feb. 11, 2008.
- Featured Speaker and Seminar Leader, *Submerge*, Eastern Ontario District (C&MA) Sr. High youth conference- Sept. 14-15, 2007.
- Speaker, Eastern Ontario District (C&MA) Vietnamese Young Professionals Retreat, May 19-21, 2007.
- Speaker, Quinte Alliance Church (Belleville, ON) Deeper Life Conference, Nov. 23-25, 2006.
- Presenter, Truro (NS) Alliance Church Marriage Enrichment Retreat, Oct. 19-21, 2006.

OTHER INVOLVEMENTS

- President of the Canadian American Theological Association (2018- 2021)

- Vice-President of the Canadian American Theological Association (2017-18)
- Vice-Chair of “Church Ministries Committee” for the Canadian Central District’s District Conference, May 2017.
- Member of the Association of Theological Field Education Executive (2015-19).
- Divinity College Representative on McMaster University Senate (2015-18)
- Member of McMaster University Research Ethics Board (2014-20)
- Member of Leadership Team, Ancaster Village Church (2013-19)
- Chair of study group on educational requirements for people seeking a license with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. (Jan-Mar. 2011)
- Member of Hamilton Health Sciences Spiritual & Religious Care Advisory Committee (2007 - 2013)
- Member of the Interdisciplinary Field Education Workshop Group at McMaster University (2006- 09)
- Member of the Poverty and Social Justice Think Tank for the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada (Feb. 2006)
- Member of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec Credentials Committee (2005-10), served as McMaster Divinity College Representative
- Eastern District (C&MA) Executive Committee Secretary (1999-2003)
- Canadian Theological Seminary East Steering/Advisory committee member (1998-2005)
- Member of Spiritual Care Committee Northumberland Health Care Center (1994-2003)
– Committee Chairman 1996-2003.
- Chair of Cobourg and District Ministerial Association (1997-98).
- Intern Youth Pastor, Fort Saskatchewan Alliance church (June 1986-June 1987)
- University campus ministries, University of San Carlos, Cebu City, Philippines (June 1984-April 1985). Engaged in Evangelism and discipleship ministry on campus and in the community.

PERSONAL

- Married with two grown Children and two grandchildren.
- Hobbies and Interests: Movies, Sports, Reading, Music, cooking and eating good food.