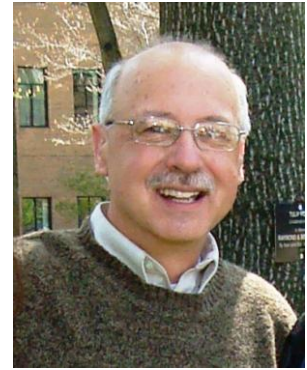




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EDUCATION

- Richwoods High School Peoria, Illinois 1969-1973
Graduate (College Preparation)
- Huntington University Huntington, Indiana 1973-1977
Bachelor of Arts (Christian Education; Bible & Religion)
- Wheaton Graduate School Wheaton, Illinois 1978-1980
Master of Arts (Christian Education & Bible, *High Honors*)
- Evangelical Theological Seminary Myerstown, Pennsylvania 1980-1982
Master of Divinity (Church History, *High Honors*)
- Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, New Jersey 1982-1983
Master of Theology (Christian Education, *Honors*)
- Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan 1983-1986
Doctor of Philosophy (Curriculum and Instruction, *Highest Honors*)
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Dissertation: "Student-Faculty Informal Interaction and Its Effect on College Student Outcomes." Advisor: Dr. Ted W. Ward.

EXPERIENCE

- *Part-time, onsite undergraduate classroom professor*
 - Belfast Bible College (Dunmurry, Northern Ireland) 2009-present
 - Queens University (Belfast, Northern Ireland) 2009-present
- *Online graduate school professor*
 - Liberty University (Lynchburg, Virginia) 2006-present
 - Trinity Theological Seminary (Newburg, Indiana) 2008-present
 - University of Wales (Cardiff) 2008-present
- *Theological education consultant/course designer*
 - Greater Europe Mission, European Headquarters (Kandern, Germany) 2008-2009
 - Institute of Theological Studies (Grand Rapids, Michigan) 2006-2007
- *Ongoing international classroom teaching*
 - Professor of Educational Ministries, Instituto Biblico Portugues (Lisbon, Portugal) 2005-present
 - Professor of Practical Theology, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (Brussels, Belgium) 2004-present

- Professor of Practical Theology, Tyndale Theological Seminary
(Amsterdam, The Netherlands) 1996-2008
- Professor of Educational Ministries & Assistant to the Dean,
Grand Rapids Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Tenure (2003). 2000-2006
- Professor of Educational Ministries, Huntington University &
Co-Director, Link Institute, Huntington, Indiana. 1994-2000
- Professor of Youth Ministries, Gordon College, Wenham, Massachusetts.
Assistant Professor (1985-1988); Associate Professor (1988-1994);
Tenure (1992); Professor (1994). Department Chair (1985-1994). 1985-1994
- Adjunct Professor of Bible and Educational Ministries, Gordon-
Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass. 1987-1994
- Assistant Professor of Christian Education and Bible, Spring Arbor
University, Spring Arbor, Michigan. 1983-1985
- Instructor of Christian Education, Evangelical Theological Seminary,
Myerstown, Pennsylvania. 1982-1983
- Pastor, Free Methodist Church, Corunna, Michigan. 1983-1985
- Pastor, Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church, Reading, Penn. 1982-1983
- Minister of Christian Education,
Heart O' the Lakes Church, Brooklyn, Michigan. 1977-1980

CHURCH AFFILIATION

- RiverTree Community Church, Byron Center, Michigan.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Professor of the Year, Gordon College, 1991.
- Recipient of \$173,000 Research Grant from Lilly Endowment, 1995.
- Teacher of the Year, Huntington University, Final Four: 1996, 1997, 1998.
- Who's Who Among American Teachers, 1998.

INTERNATIONAL LECTURES

- Sierra Leone Bible College (Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa) 1990
- Daystar University (Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa) 1990
- Faith Baptist Church (Accra, Ghana, West Africa) 1991
- Saint Paul's Bible College (Kenya, East Africa) 1991
- Oxford University (Mansfield College, Oxford, England) 1995, 1997
- Ridley Hall (Melbourne, New South Wales, Australia) 1996
- Church of Scotland (Edinburg, Scotland) 1996
- Church of Wales (Caerphilly, Wales) 1996
- Young Life (Berlin, Germany) 1997
- Scottish Baptist College (Paisley), Kirkintilloch Baptist Church
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- Free Baptist Churches in Drachten, Sneek, Groeningen, The Netherlands 2005

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING

- Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology (Kenya, East Africa) 1990
- Tyndale Theological Seminary (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) 1996-2008
- Alliance Biblical Seminary (Manila, The Philippines) 1997
- Evangelische Theologische Faculteit (Leuven, Belgium) 2004-
- Instituto Biblico Portugues (Lisbon, Portugal) 2005-

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- National Association of Professors of Christian Education Board of Directors (1988-1992); Secretary (1991-1992) 1985-2000
- Association of Youth Ministry Educators Board of Directors (1996-1999); President (1997-1998) 1994-2000
- Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education 1995-1998
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