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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Kent State University, Kent, Ohio
Educational Psychology, 1987
- M.S.** George Williams College, Downers Grove, Illinois
(Now part of Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois)
Administration and Organizational Behavior, May, 1974
- M.S.** George Williams College, Downers Grove, Illinois
(Now part of Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois)
Counseling Psychology, December, 1974
- B.A.** Evangel College (University), Springfield, Missouri
Religion and Philosophy, 1967

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 1995–Present Professor, Christian Counseling
Coordinator, Graduate Programs in Counseling
Oral Roberts University School of Theology & Missions
- 1988–1994 Associate Professor, Christian Counseling
Graduate Programs in Counseling
(Became Coordinator of Graduate Programs in 1990)
Oral Roberts University School of Theology and Missions
- 1987–1988 Academic Dean
Valley Forge Christian College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1975–1987 Adjunct Professor of Counseling
Ashland Theological Seminary
Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 2011 Tenured
- 2006 Outstanding Faculty Member in the School of Theology
- 2003 Outstanding Service Award—ORU School of Life Long Education
- 2002 Outstanding Service Award—ORU School of Theology and Missions
- 2001 Outstanding Faculty Member in the School of Theology
- 2000 Dean's Award for Professionalism in the Classroom
- 1998 Who's Who Among America's Teachers
- 1996 Who's Who Among America's Teachers
- 1990 Outstanding Service Award ORU School of Theology and Missions

PASTORAL MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

1995–2009 Director of Pastoral Care and Counseling
Fellowship Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Tulsa, Oklahoma

February–June 2001

October–January 2000

Interim Pastor
Fellowship Lutheran Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

1992–1993 Adult Christian Education Director
Christian Chapel (Assemblies of God)
Tulsa, Oklahoma

1970–1972 Associate Pastor
Waipahu Assembly of God Church
Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii

1967–1972 Assistant Pastor
Wahiawa Assembly of God Church
Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

1990–Present President, Counseling Care Associates, Tulsa, OK
Private Counseling Practice

1975–1987 Vice President
Emerge Ministries
Akron, Ohio

1974–1975 Psychologist
Supervisor, LaSalle-Peru Office
Ottawa County Mental Health Center
State Department of Public Health, Ottawa, Illinois

1967–1972 Program Director, Nuuanu YMCA,
YMCA of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii

Consultation

1998–2000 Stepping Stones Mental Health Center,
Boley, Oklahoma
Staff Training and Development

1996 United States Army Chaplains
Solution-Focused Marriage Counseling
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

1994	The Salvation Army Team Building Tulsa, Oklahoma
1989	Set Free Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center Testing and Assessment Tulsa, OK

PROFESSIONAL STATUS

Licensure	Licensed Professional Counselor Oklahoma License 1129 Approved Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor
	Licensed Marital and Family Therapist Oklahoma License 321 Approved Marital and Family Therapy Supervisor
Affiliations	Oklahoma Counseling Association American Counseling Association International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling American Association for Marital and Family Therapy

SERVICE

Oral Roberts University, School of Theology and Missions

2012 – Present	Exploration of On-line Journal from ORU COTM
2009- Present	PhD Feasibility Committee Co-Chair,
2006–Present	Faculty Search Committee, Co-Chair
2005–2007	ATS Accreditation Self-Study, Resource person
2000–2005	Twenty-first Century Theological Education Committee, Chair
2000–Present	Doctor of Ministry Committee Coordinator, Pastoral Care and Counseling Track (since 2009)
1990–Present	Curriculum Committee
1997–1998	ATS Accreditation Self-Study Committee

Oral Roberts University

2008 – Present	Faculty Senate, President Elect
1997–2002	Faculty Enrichment Committee Chair 2000–2002
1990–Present	Institutional Review Board

Professional

2009 – Present	American Scientific Affiliation
2005–2010	Editorial Board— <i>Counseling and Values</i>
2000–2006	Practical Theology Interest Group, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Chair
1981–2006	Christian Association of Psychological Studies Board President 2001, 2002, 1990

Community

1998–2000	Fellowship Lutheran Church, Church Council
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1997 Fellowship Lutheran Church
Assistant Pastor Search Committee, Chair

1988–1991 McCaghren Associates
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Patient Ethics Consultant

ON-LINE CLASSES DEVELOPED

School of Life-Long Learning

Christian Caregiving and Counseling Track
Christian Approaches to Counseling
Introduction to Substance Abuse Disorders
Introduction to Personality
Practicum/Internship

Doctor of Ministry

Pastoral Care and Counseling Track
Research in Pastoral Care and Counseling

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Vining, J.K. & Decker, E.E., Jr. (1996). *Soul care: Pentecostal Perspectives*. East Rutherford, NJ: Cummins & Hathaway.

Chapters

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2009). "Meaning-Making and Religious Experience: A Cognitive Appraisal Model of Pentecostal Experiences of the Holy Spirit." In Yong, Amos (ed.), *The Spirit renews the face of the earth*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications.

Decker, E. E. Jr. (2005). "Holy Spirit empowerment in ministry." In Eim, Yeol Soo, (ed.), *Church, Education, and Ministry* (pp. 211–228). Taejon, Korea: Gospel Seminary Publications.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1997). "Hermeneutics: A Pentecostal Option." In J.K. Vining (ed.), *The Spirit of the Lord Is upon Me: Essential Papers for Pentecostal/Charismatic Counseling & Caregiving* (pp. 67–81). East Rutherford, NJ: Cummins & Hathaway.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1995). "A Pentecostal Theology of Suffering." In J.K. Vining (ed.), *Anointed to Heal* (pp. 51–65). East Rutherford, NJ: Cummins & Hathaway.

Paloma, M. & Decker, E.E., Jr. (1985). "Variant Sexuality." In DeSanto & M. Paloma (eds.), *Social problems: Christian Perspectives*. Winston-Salem, NC: Hunter Textbooks, Inc.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Decker, E.E. Jr. (2002). "The Holy Spirit in Counseling: A Review of Journal Articles 1985–2000." *The Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, 21, (pp.21–28).

Decker, E. E. Jr. (2002). "Praying Through: A Pentecostal Approach to Pastoral Care." *The Journal of Psychology and Christianity*, 20, (pp. 370–377).

Decker, E.E. Jr. (2001). "Teaching Couples to Pray: An Intervention Consistent with Social Exchange Theory." *Marriage and Family: A Christian Journal*, 4, (pp. 131–137).

Other Scholarly Publications

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2010). "The Divine/Human Encounter." *The Spirit and the Church*.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2010). "New Aspects of Counseling Psychology—Pentecostal Perspectives." *The Spirit and Church*.

Decker, E.E. Jr. (2003). "Teaching Students How to Experience Holy Spirit Empowerment in Counseling." *Christian Counseling Connection*, 3, (pp. 12–13).

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1997). "Clinical Pastoral Education." In D. Benner & P. Hill (eds.), *Baker's Encyclopedia of Psychology* (pp. 209–210). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

Articles for Public Ministry

Decker, E.E. Jr. (2004, September/October). "A Time to Heal: Pastoral Care of the Divorcing." *Ministries Today*, 64–68.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1979, December). "Coping with Depression." *Catholic Digest*.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1979). "Depression." *New Covenant*, 9, 2.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1976). "Coping with Adolescent Rebellion." *New Covenant*, 7, 5.

On-line Publications

Decker, E.E., Jr. (In Press). Using "Lost in Translation" to prepare students for the physical, emotional, and spiritual realities of international business: A critique and Some suggestions. (http://www.sotl_ched.oru.edu)

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2002). *Praying Through: A Pentecostal Approach to Pastoral Care*. Asbury Online Institute (<http://www.aoi.edu>)

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2002). *Teaching Couples to Pray Together*. Asbury Online Institute (<http://www.aoi.edu>)

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1998). *Does the Holy Spirit Really Make a Difference in Therapy?* Fellowship of Pentecostal/Charismatic Caregivers Website Symposium (<http://hometown.aol.com/JKVin2460/fpcewss.htm>)

Unpublished Works

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1991). *Educational Psychology: A Western Perspective*. Unpublished manuscript.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1987). *The Relationship of Evangelical Christian Beliefs and Demographic and Socioeconomic Variables to Ratings for the Causes of Success and Failure*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1975). *Using the FIRO-B to Assess Change in an Intermediate School*. Unpublished master's thesis, George Williams College, Downers Grove, Illinois. (Now, Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois).

GRANTS RECEIVED

2006 ORU Faculty Research Grant

The Theology and Psychology of Holy Spirit Empowerment

1997 ORU Faculty Research Grant

An Assessment of Student Spirituality

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Christians' perception of the term "spirituality:" Spirituality in Christian Counseling (with Nicole Duncan, student).

The Psychology of Holy Spirit Empowerment: Brain function, Personality, and Meaning-Making.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2008, March). *Non-conscious and Conscious Processing: The Biology of Holy Spirit Baptism*. Paper presented at the 37th Annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Durham, North Carolina.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2007, March). *A Discussion of Mark J. Cartledge's Practical Theology, Charismatic and Empirical Perspectives*. Paper presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2007), March). *Toward a Psychological Understanding of Pentecostal Experience*. A paper presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2007, March). *The Biology of Holy Spirit Empowerment: Meaning-Making and Religious Experience*. A paper presented at the 36th annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Cleveland, Tennessee. **(Funding provided for this research by a faculty intramural grant from Oral Roberts University)**

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2006, May). *Is This the New Priest? How Physicians have Replaced Clergy as Today's Healers*. A response to Jerry B. Vannatta, M.D. at the Oklahoma Health Center Clinical Pastoral Education Annual Clergy Conference.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2006, March). *Get Out in Jesus Name: Reflections on Problems in Pentecostal Theology with Regards to the Ministry of Deliverance*. A response to

Jacques Theron, Ph.D. at the 35th annual meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Pasadena, California.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2005, March). *Revisioning Pentecostal Theological Education for the 21st Century*. A presentation at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2002, March). *What Do You Do with What You Know? Ethical Implications of Holy Spirit Empowerment*. A paper presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Lakeland, Florida.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2001, June). *The Holy Spirit in Counseling: Hearing the Voice of God: A Report on Ethnographic Research*. A Paper presented at the Quarterly Meeting of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1998, August). *Personality Correlates of Student Spirituality: A Correlational Analysis*. Poster session presented at the National Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, California. **(Funding provided for this research by a Faculty Intramural Grant from Oral Roberts University)**

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1996, November). *Distinctives of Pentecostal/Charismatic Caregivers*. A paper presented at the National Conference of the Fellowship of Pentecostal/Charismatic Caregivers, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1995, March). *Ministering to the Single Soul*. A paper presented at the International Conference of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1995, March). *Hearing the Voice of God in Counseling*. A paper presented at the International Conference of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1995, June). *Spiritual Issues in DID Treatment*. A paper presented to the Oklahoma Society for the Study of Dissociative Disorders Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1995, June). *Deliverance in DID: A Report on Research in Progress*. A paper presented to the Oklahoma Society for the Study of Dissociative Disorders, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1994, October). *Holy Spirit Empowerment in Counseling: A Pneumatological Perspective*. A paper presented to the Regional Conference of the American Association of Christian Counselors, Dallas, Texas.

Decker, E.E., JR. (1994, October). *Deliverance in Counseling*. A paper presented to the International Conference of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, San Antonio, Texas.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1994, June). *Prayer and Scripture in Counseling: Current Perspectives*. A paper presented to the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1992, August). *A Theology of Empowerment*. A paper presented to the annual meeting of the International Christian Counselors Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1987, September). *Re-Creation Therapy: A Biblical Approach to Counseling*. A workshop provided for the Texas Christian Counselors Association, San Antonio, Texas.

Community Decker, E.E., Jr. (2011). *Working with Religious and Spiritual Issues in Therapy*. A presentation given as part of the Continuing Education Series at St. John Behavioral Health

Decker, E.E., Jr. (2003). *The Ethical Treatment of Religious Issues in Therapy*. A presentation given as part of the Continuing Education Series at Brookhaven Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Decker, E. E., Jr. (1995). *Spirituality and Counseling*. A presentation given as part of a Community Education Series, Claremore Regional Hospital, Claremore, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1994). *The Results of Christian Spirituality in Counseling*. A presentation given as part of the Continuing Education Series at Brookhaven Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1993). *Religion and Personality: Correlates of a Healthy Christian Faith*. A presentation to the Washington County Mental Health Association, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1993). *The Importance of Faith, Hope and Love in Therapy*. A presentation given as part of a Community Education Series at Doctors Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Decker, E.E., Jr. (1992). *The Use of Prayer and Scripture in Counseling*. A presentation given as part of the Continuing Education Series at Brookhaven Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Guest Lecturer

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New Perspectives of Counseling Psychology: Pentecostal Perspectives
Kuhn-Seen Theological Forum
Asia Life University

- 2000, 2001 *Treating Religious and Spiritual Issues in Therapy.*
Summer Visiting Professor, Pittsburgh State University, Pittsburgh,
Kansas.
- 1999, 2000 *Religious Issues in Therapy.*
The Ethical Treatment of Religious Issues in Therapy.
Northeastern Oklahoma Psychology Internship Program Tulsa,
Oklahoma.
- 1996 *Christian Approaches to Counseling.*
Introduction to Marriage and the Family.
Gospel Theological Seminary,
Taejon, South Korea
- 1995, 1997, 2000
 Spirituality in Counseling.
In His Image, Family Practice Residency, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 1991 *Educational Psychology: A Western Perspective.*
School of Philology and Pedagogy,
University of Tirana, Tirana, Albania