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Objective:

To serve in a teaching position in higher education that is suited to my experience in undergraduate and graduate teaching, spiritual gifts of teaching and pastoral leadership, and research interests in Christian history and theology.

Statement of Faith:

I am a charismatic evangelical Christian who believes that the only way to be saved is through faith in Jesus Christ. I believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are normal manifestations of Christian spirituality. I believe that in essential matters we must not compromise biblical truth, but in nonessential matters we are free to hold differing convictions based on our understanding of the Scriptures. My personal conviction is that believer's baptism is biblically normative.

Skills:

- Creative teacher
- Servant leader
- Caring pastor
- Effective administrator

Work Experience:

2011—current Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK

Associate Professor of Theological and Historical Studies

- Teaching undergraduate classes: Systematic Theology 1 & 2, Charismatic Theology, Israel in Christian Theology, the Bible and the Qur'an, Early Church History, Medieval Church History, Reformation & Modern Church History, American Christianity, and World Christianity.
- Teaching masters level classes (as adjunct for Regent University): Pastoral Care, Counseling and Conflict, Christian Leadership Development, Contemporary Evangelism, Managing Church Conflict, Holiness-Pentecostal Movements, Church History and Renewal 1 & 2, Patristics Seminar, and Eastern Christianity.

2010—2011 Regent University Divinity School Virginia Beach, VA

Instructor of Christian History and Practical Theology

- Taught masters level classes: Church History and Renewal 1 & 2; Patristics Seminar, Pastoral Care, Counseling and Conflict; Pastoral Theology; Christian Leadership Development; and Strategies for Managing Church Conflict
- Participating in the Teacher Scholar Program on the elements of an academic portfolio

2008-2010 Alphacrucis (Southern Cross) College Chester Hill, NSW, AU

Senior Lecturer, Head of Pastoral Theology

- Updated and reorganized the curriculum of the pastoral theology department of the School of Christian Studies
- Hired and mentored faculty
- Taught bachelor's and master's level courses in Christian spirituality, evangelism, healing ministry, leadership, pastoral theology, and ministry internship
- Supervised the ministry internship program
- Directed the research of graduate students through the Sydney College of Divinity

2004-2008 Regent University School of Divinity Virginia Beach, VA

Ph.D. Program Coordinator, Teaching Fellow, Adjunct Instructor

- Taught masters level classes: Pastoral Care, Counseling and Conflict, Pastoral Theology, Pulpit Ministry, and Strategies for Managing Church Conflict
- Provided administrative coordination for the Ph.D. Program in Renewal Studies
- Did research on historical pneumatology for Dr. Stanley M. Burgess, Distinguished Professor of Christian History
- Designed syllabi for doctoral courses in Patristics, Eastern Christianity, Historiography, and Charismatic Renewal History
- Graded research papers and final examinations for masters and doctoral classes
- Managed Blackboard components of 7 doctoral courses
- Served on Ph.D. Committee and Curriculum Committee

1994—2004 Mercer Island Covenant Church Mercer Island, WA

Senior Pastor

- Led the staff, board and congregation through an interactive process for formulating a church vision statement
- Affiliated the church with the Willow Creek Association and accompanied staff, board members and ministry leaders to training conferences at Willow Creek
- Established a small groups ministry by recruiting a leadership team, training small group leaders and supervising a pastor of small groups

- Guided the congregation in expanding its priority on missions and developed partnerships with a number of cross cultural ministries in Seattle and beyond
- Introduced the Alpha Course which has been used of God to bring many seekers to Christ and baptized by the Holy Spirit
- Chaired the ethics committee of the ministerium of the Evangelical Covenant Church

1988—1994 First Covenant Church San Francisco, CA

Senior Pastor

- Led the process of developing a church vision statement
- Introduced annual leadership retreats
- Established a seekers small group as a prototype for training the congregation to reach the unchurched
- Led the congregation in establishing a ministry to people dealing with HIV/AIDS and a hospice for family members
- Chaired a ministry plan committee that restructured the boards of the Pacific Southwest regional conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church
- Chaired the executive board of the Pacific Southwest Conference and the Urban and Ethnic Ministries Commission of the Evangelical Covenant Church

1981—1988 Bridgemont High School San Francisco, California

Chaplain/Teacher/Academic Dean

- Taught U.S. History; Gospel of Luke; Constructive Theology; and Global Studies
- Chaired the Bible Department
- Directed the Chapel Program
- Served on the administrative council
- Participated in the hiring team for all staff and faculty positions
- Served as the Academic Dean for one year

Education:

University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

- B.A. History

North Park Theological Seminary

Chicago, Illinois

- M.Div

Pacific School of Religion

Berkeley, California

- M.A. Historical Studies

University of San Francisco

San Francisco, California

- Educational Leadership

Graduate Theological Union

Berkeley, California

- Historical Studies

Regent University Divinity School

Virginia Beach, VA

- Ph.D. in Renewal Studies

Publications in 2011-12:

- Book

The Pentecostal Mission in Palestine: The Legacy of Pentecostal Zionism (Portland: Wipf & Stock, 2012).

- Book Reviews

The Bible and Zionism: Invented Traditions, Archaeology, and Post-Colonialism in Israel-Palestine by Nur Masahla (London: Zed Books, 2007) in *Religious Studies Review* 37, 2 (June 2012): 118.

God's Strange Work: William Miller and the End of the World by David Rowe (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008) in *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 15, 1 (August 2011): 127-129.

The Dynamics of Christian Mission: History through a Missiological Perspective by Paul Pierson (Pasadena: William Carey Library, 2009) in *Pneuma* 33, 3 (2011): 449-450.

- Conference Presentations

"Representations of the Holy Spirit in Eastern Christian Iconography," Renewal Studies Ph.D. Symposium, Regent University, February 24, 2011.

"Pentecostals and Peace in the Holy Land," Paper Presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Memphis, TN, March 8, 2011.

"Ecumenical Significance of Icons of the Spirit," Paper Presented at the 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Virginia Beach, VA, March ?, 2012.

"Early Pentecostal Missionary Call Narratives," Paper forthcoming at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Seattle, WA, March 21, 2013

- Journal Articles

"Said's Orientalism and Pentecostal Views of Islam in Palestine," *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 36, 4 (October 2012):196-199.

"The Palestine Missionary Band and the Azusa-Jerusalem Connection," *Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association* 31, 1 (2011): 81-92.

"Pentecostals and Peace in Israel/Palestine," *Australasian Pentecostal Studies* 13 (August 2011), <http://webjournals.alphacrucis.edu.au/journals/aps/issue-13/>.

"Edward Said and the Interfaith Attitudes of Christian Missionaries," *The Expository Times* 122, 12 (2011): 582-590.

Denominational Service (Evangelical Covenant Church):

- Board of Camping, North (PSW Conf.) Secretary
1981-1987
- Ministry Plan Committee (PSW Conf.) Secretary, Chairperson
1986-1988
- Executive Board (PSW Conf.) Chairperson
1989-1994
- Urban & Ethnic Ministries Commission Chairperson
1990-1994
- City Consultation Steering Committee Secretary
1990-1991
- Ministerium Ethics Committee Chairperson
1994-1998
- Covenant Shores Advisory Management Committee
1997-2002
- Ministerial Association (NP Conf.) Vice Chairperson
2002-2004
- Advisory Team for Covenant Merge Ministries
2003-current

Community Service:

- Volunteer Chaplain Hennepin County Med. Ctr., MN
- Prison Ministry Stillwater State Prison, MN
- Heart to Heart AIDS Ministry San Francisco, CA
- University Mound Retirement Home San Francisco, CA
- Fire/Police Chaplain Mercer Island, WA
- International Students Inc. Council Seattle, WA
- Rotary Club Mercer Island, WA

Ecumenical Involvement:

- National Association of Evangelicals San Francisco
- National Council of Churches San Francisco & Seattle
- Chair, Inter-Faith Clergy Assoc. Mercer Island

Professional Associations:

- American Academy of Religion
- American Society of Church History
- Society for Pentecostal Studies

References:

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