

## **ALAN KREIDER**

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### **Born**

Goshen, Indiana, November 8, 1941

### **Married**

Eleanor Graber Nase Kreider; son, Andrew Kreider, married Katie Fairfield; three grandchildren

### **Education**

Harvard University, A.M., 1965; Ph.D., 1971 (seminars at London University, 1966-1968); Heidelberg University, 1963-1964; Princeton University, 1962-1963; Goshen College, B.A., 1962

### **Academic Awards**

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship, 1972-1974; Harvard Travelling Fellowship, 1966- 1967; Danforth Fellowship, 1962-1968

### **Employment: current**

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary: Associate Professor of Church History and Mission, 2004-; Adjunct Faculty in Church History and Evangelism, 1999-2004: courses on “History of Christianity I,” “The Early Church,” “Evangelism in the Early Church,” “Mission and Peace,” “Worship and Mission.”

Mennonite Missions Network: Mission Educator (traveling within North America and inter-continently): recent teaching trips were to Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, England)

### **Employment: history**

Mennonite Board of Missions: Missionary in England: 1974-2000

Anabaptist Network: Roving Teacher and Group Facilitator: 1991-2000 ; Book Review Editor, *Anabaptism Today*, 1993-2000.

Itinerant Preacher, Teacher, Speaker: 1974-2000 (often with Eleanor Kreider)

Regent’s Park College, Oxford University: Director, Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture, 1995-2000; gave director’s lectures on “Conversion and Culture in Early Christianity”; “Christ, Culture and Truth-telling”; “Celts and Anabaptists: Wisdom from the Margins for Tomorrow’s Church?” Also teaching on “Handling Conflict in the Church.”

Oxford University: Member of Theological Faculty and Occasional Lecturer in Church History, 1995-2000: tutorials, and lectures on the Early Church, Anabaptists, Quakers, Hermeneutical Issues in the War/Peace Debate, John H. Yoder

University of Manchester: Adjunct Lecturer in Church History, 1991-1995: course, "The Life, Worship and Witness of the Early Church"

Bible College of New Zealand: Visiting lecturer, 1993: "Life and Witness of the Early church"

Eastern Mennonite Seminary: Visiting lecturer, 1991: course on "The Early Church"

Workshop: a leadership and discipleship training course in England, 1987- 2001: teacher (with Eleanor Kreider) on "Worship" and "Women and Men"

Northern Baptist College, Manchester: Theologian in Residence, 1991-1995: courses, "Life and Witness of the Early Church"; "Peace and Peacemaking"; "Worship Resources" (the latter two with Eleanor Kreider)

London Bible College: Adjunct Lecturer in Church History, London Bible College, 1979-1983: course on Reformation History

London Mennonite Centre: Warden and Director (with Eleanor Kreider): 1974-1991

Wood Green Mennonite Church, London: Elder, 1975-1991

Goshen College, Assistant and Associate Professor of History: 1968-1983: courses on "Comparative Revolutions", "English Reformation History", "History of Western Civilization", "Colonial American History"

### **Major Speaking Assignments**

Debate on "The Arms Race" with Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Neil Cameron, London Lectures on Contemporary Christianity, All Souls Church, Langham Place, London, 1982; Debate with Lord Trefgarne, Edward Leigh MP, Paul Oestreicher, in Cambridge University Union Society, 1983; Baptist Mainstream Conference, 1984; Bible Lectures, Baptist Union Assembly 1987 (with Eleanor Kreider); Lightfoot Society, University of Durham, 1988; Worship Leading and Speaking, Oregon 91 Assembly of the Mennonite Church; sermon, Mennonite World Conference, Calcutta Assembly, 1997; Baptist Union Regional Conferences, South, Home Counties, North (twice); Joint Liturgical Group, Salisbury, 1999; College of Preachers, Canterbury, 2000; Mennonite Church in Japan, Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations, three main speeches, 2001; School for Pastors, Whitley College, University of Melbourne, Australia, 2005; Annual Lecture, Macquarie Christian Studies Unit, Sydney, Australia, 2005 (from 1991 most of AK's major speeches have been with Eleanor Kreider).

### **Teaching and Preaching**

Varied assignments in United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Scotland, France, Netherlands, Japan, Indonesia, as well as England; also teaching for the Reconciliation Walk in Turkey and Israel, 1998-1999

### **Projects and Tasks**

Shaftesbury Project on Christian Involvement in Society, 1978-1983; Evangelical Peacemakers, 1983-1992; Anabaptist Network Steering Group, 1991-2000; Missiology of Western Culture Project: Member of History Group, 1992-1997; Mennonite/Roman Catholic International Dialogue, third session, 2000; Mennonite World Conference, team preparing statement on peace for Bulawayo Assembly, 2002

### **Lectureships**

The Staley Lectures, Goshen College, Indiana, USA (1987, 2001, the latter with Eleanor Kreider); the Laing Lecture, London Bible College, Northwood, Middx (1994); the Tyndale Christian Doctrine Lecture, Tyndale Fellowship, Cambridge (1996); the Schrag Lectures, Messiah College, Pennsylvania, USA (2001), with Eleanor Kreider; the Menno Simons Lectures, Bethel College, KS, USA (2001); the Believers Church Lectures, Fresno Pacific University, California, USA (2002), with Eleanor Kreider; Annual Lecture, Macquarie Christian Studies Institute, Sydney, Australia, 2005, with Eleanor Kreider.

### **Publications**

*Worship and Evangelism in Pre-Christendom*, Joint Liturgical Studies 32 (Cambridge, Grove Books, 1995)

*Journey Towards Holiness: A Way of Living for God's People* (Basingstoke, Hampshire, Marshall Pickering, 1986; Scottdale, PA, Herald Press, 1987)(*The Other Side Magazine*, Book of the Year, 1987; Silver Angel Award, Religion in Media); translation into Japanese (2001)

Jean-Michel Hornus, *It is Not Lawful for Me to Fight: Early Christian Attitudes to War, Violence and the State* (Herald Press, 1980), translator and editor, with Oliver Coburn

*English Chantries: The Road to Dissolution* (Cambridge, Harvard University Press, 1979)(North American Conference on British Studies, Jon Ben Snow Prize, Honorable Mention, 1980)

*Handling Problems of Peace and War: An Evangelical Debate* (with John Stott and Jerram Barrs, ed. J. Andrew Kirk)(Basingstoke, Marshall Pickering, 1988)

*Culture and the Nonconformist Tradition* (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 1999). co-edited with Jane Shaw

*The Change of Conversion and the Origin of Christendom*. Christian Mission and Modern Culture, Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 1999

*Becoming a Peace Church* (London: New Ground, 2000), with Eleanor Kreider; translation into Korean (2003)

*Coming Home: Stories of Anabaptists in Britain and Ireland* (Waterloo, Ont.: Pandora Press, 2000), co-edited with Stuart Murray

*Christianity and the Culture of Economics* (Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2001), co-edited with Donald Hay

*The Origins of Christendom in the West* (New York, Continuum, 2001), editor and author

*Composing Music for Worship*, co-edited with Stephen Darlington (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2003)

“Military Service in the Church Orders”, *Journal of Religious Ethics* 31 (2003), 415-442.

“Peacemaking in Worship in the Syrian Church Orders”, *Studia Liturgica* 34 (2004), 177-190.

*A Culture of Peace: God’s Vision for the Church* (Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 2005), with Eleanor Kreider and Paulus Widjaja.

### **Memberships**

Conference on Faith and History; Tyndale Fellowship; American Society of Missiology; Association of Anabaptist Missiology

### **Church Membership**

Prairie Street Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Indiana; baptized, College Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN 1951; ordained, London Mennonite Fellowship, London, England, 1975; recognized minister, Indiana-Michigan Conference of the Mennonite Church USA

### **Hobbies**

Listening to classical music, with special affinities for Bach, Shostakovich, James MacMillan, and contemporary choral music; photography; walking; art; reading; table tennis