

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

Ordained to Christian ministry, Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, Kan., Jan. 20, 1985  
Credentials registered with Western District Conference, Mennonite Church USA

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in historical theology, Graduate School, The Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio; Oct., 1992.  
Dissertation title: "Wreath of Glory: The Prophetic Visions of Ursula Jost in the Context of Reformation and Revolt in Southwestern Germany, 1524-1530."  
Attended Wichita State University, fall, 1985  
M.Div., Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., May, 1983  
Attended Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Tex., fall, 1970  
B.A. with highest honors, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., June, 1969; major in psychology, minor in German

### EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY

Director, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary—Great Plains Extension, North Newton, Kan., and assistant/associate professor of theology and Anabaptist studies, part-time, July 1, 2002, to present; continuing employment status granted, 2007  
Audit research manager, The Gospel and Our Culture Network, part-time, Oct. 1, 2002, to Sept. 30, 2005  
Congregational and organizational consultant, Church Innovations Institute, St. Paul, Minn., part-time, Jan., 2002, to present  
Executive secretary, Commission on Home Ministries, General Conference Mennonite Church, central offices in Newton, Kan., Aug. 1, 1992, to Jan. 31, 2002  
Pastor, Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, Kan., with emphasis in teaching and worship, part-time, July, 1983, to June, 1992  
Instructor, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary summer school, Elkhart, Ind., summer, 1999  
Instructor, Great Plains Seminary Education Program, North Newton, Kan., spring, 1985; spring, 1990; spring, 1992; spring, 1996; fall, 1998  
Scholar in residence, Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, Man., Oct., 1992  
Free-lance writer, 1977 to present  
Hebrew language assistant, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Elkhart, Ind., spring, 1982  
Editor, *The House Church* newsletter, 1978-80, 1983-85  
Lecturer in communications, Department of English, Bethel College, North Newton, Kan., 1979-80  
Writer and researcher for history of General Conference Mennonite Church Commission on Home Ministries, 1977-79  
Associate editor, *The Mennonite*, and news service director, General Conference Mennonite Church, Newton, Kan., 1971-77  
Health education clerk, Wichita-Sedgwick County Community Health Department, Wichita, Kan., 1971  
Youth minister, South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth, Tex., 1970

News reporter, *The Wichita Eagle*, Wichita, Kan., 1969-70

Summer program staff, Claver Community Center, Wichita, Kan. (through Mennonite Voluntary Service), 1969

Copy editor, *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*, Corpus Christi, Tex., summer, 1968

Managing editor, *Oklahoma Daily*, University of Oklahoma, Norman, spring, 1968

### **ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

“The Gospel and Western Culture,” summer 2007, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

“Historical Theology I,” spring, 2006, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension, North Newton, Kan.

“Systematic Theology in Believers Church Perspective,” fall, 2004, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension

“History of Christian Spirituality,” fall, 2003, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension

Faculty supervisor for Congregationally Supervised Pastoral Education for Great Plains students, 2003 to present

“Communicating the Gospel in Our Culture,” summer, 1999, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.; co-instructor with Wilbert Shenk

“Theology of the Church,” fall, 1998, Great Plains Seminary Education Program, North Newton, Kan., and spring, 2004, and spring 2008, AMBS–Great Plains Extension

“Anabaptist History and Theology,” spring, 1996, Great Plains Seminary Education Program, North Newton, Kan.; interterm 2003 and interterm 2005, AMBS, Elkhart, Ind.; spring 2007, AMBS–Great Plains

“Mission and Peace,” fall, 1995, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.; co-instructor with Gerald Schlabach; fall 2005, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary–Great Plains Extension

Scholar in residence, Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, Man., Oct., 1992

“The Church: Dissent and Reform, 1100-1600,” spring, 1992, Great Plains Seminary Education Program, North Newton, Kan.

“Women and Men: History and Vision,” spring, 1990, Great Plains Seminary Education Program

“Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace, and Revolution,” co-instructor, spring, 1985, Great Plains Seminary Education Program, with John Howard Yoder

Substitute lecturer, Bible and Religion Department, Goshen College, Goshen, Ind., spring, 1983

Language assistant, “Hebrew Language and Culture,” spring, 1982, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Elkhart, Ind.

“News Reporting and Editing,” spring, 1980, Bethel College, North Newton, Kan.

“Introduction to Mass Media,” fall, 1979, Bethel College

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Missional ecclesiology, Anabaptist history and theology, late medieval and sixteenth-century religious and cultural history, women's history, historical theology, systematic theology, spirituality, spirituality and ethics, house churches, peace theology and ethics, social movements, sociology of religion, social theory.

### **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

National Merit Scholar, 1965

Presidential Scholar, 1965

Mortar Board, senior women's honor society, University of Oklahoma, 1968

Editor's Award, *The Oklahoma Daily*, 1969

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Oklahoma chapter, 1969

American Bible Society Award, Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 1983

**PAPERS READ**

- “Visions of a New Earth; Socioeconomic Aspects of the Ghost Dance among the Southern Arapaho, 1890-1893”; winner of state graduate competition, Kansas History Teachers Association, spring, 1986, Pittsburgh, Kan.
- “Women’s History—Women’s Theology: Theological and Methodological Issues in the Writing of the History of Anabaptist-Mennonite Women,” presented at the conference “In a Mennonite Voice: Women Doing Theology” in Waterloo, Ont., April 30-May 2, 1992
- “The Anabaptist Vision and Modern Mission,” presented at Bridgewater College conference, Bridgewater, Va., Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1993
- “The Anabaptist Vision and Mission to the Dominant Culture,” presented at conference on the Anabaptist Vision, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa., June, 1994
- “Anabaptist Women in Strasbourg,” at Mennonite Women’s History Conference, Millersville, Pa., June, 1995
- “The Fragmentation of the Church and Its Unity in Peacemaking: A Mennonite Perspective,” Faith and Order conference, University of Notre Dame, Ind., June, 1995
- “Spirituality and Discernment, or How Do You Know If This Spirituality Is Christian?” Conference on “The Holy Spirit and the Gathered Community,” Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va., Sept., 1995
- “Anabaptism as ‘Extramodern,’” Gordon Kaufman Symposium, Bethel College, North Newton, Kan., Nov., 1996
- “Anabaptist Evangelism in the Context of Modernity and Postmodernity,” Anabaptist Evangelism Council, Elgin, Ill., Feb., 1998
- “Ecclesiology and National Identity,” Ecclesiology Conference, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Sept., 1998
- “Marks of the Faithful Church—Marks of the Successful Church; A Response to Natural Church Development from a Missiological and Ecclesiological Perspective,” Anabaptist Evangelism Council, Elgin, Ill., Feb., 1999
- “Rethinking Anabaptist Apocalypticism,” Believers Church Conference on Apocalypticism and Millennialism, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, Aug., 1999
- “The Social Setting of Anabaptist Groups in Strasbourg, 1525-1537,” Pilgram Marpeck Conference, New York City, June, 2002
- “Theology in Public,” American Society of Missiology, Techny, Ill., June, 2005
- “Resources and Support for the Missional Church in Anabaptist History and Tradition,” Mennonite Historical Society, Elkhart, Ind., Nov., 2005
- “Tradition and Innovation; Theological Continuity and Disjuncture in the Writing of the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*,” Elkhart, Ind., June, 2006

**CHURCHWIDE, CONFERENCE, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS**

- Member, Interchurch Relations Committee, Mennonite Church USA, 2003 to present
- Chair, Institute of Christian Studies board, Wichita, Kansas, 2003 to 2007
- Member, research team, Developing Congregational Models, Gospel and Our Culture Network, 1997 to 2001
- Member, coordinating team, Gospel and Our Culture Network, 1996 to 2007
- Member, research team, Ecclesiology Project, Gospel and Our Culture Network, 1994 to 1997
- At-large member, board of Great Plains Seminary Education Program, North Newton, Kan., 1990 to 2002
- Member, Executive Council, Institute of Mennonite Studies, Elkhart, Ind., 1983 to 1997; Advisory Council, 1998 to 2001
- Writer and member, Inter-Mennonite Confession of Faith Committee, 1988 to 1995

Member, Ecumenical Peace Theology Working Group, Mennonite Central Committee Peace Committee, 1988-91  
 Member, editorial committee, *Mennonite Encyclopedia V*, 1985-87  
 Steering committee member and/or convener, Churches United for Peacemaking, Wichita, Kan., 1984-90  
 Chairperson, Resolutions Committee, Western District Mennonite Conference, 1983-89  
 Chairperson, Seminary Cooperative Nursery, Elkhart, Ind., 1981-83  
 At-large member, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Peace Section, 1980-83  
 President, Midtown Citizens Association, Wichita, Kan., 1978-79  
 General Conference Mennonite representative on the Central Planning Committee, New Call to Peacemaking, 1977-80  
 Elected member, Area L council, Citizens Participation Organization, City of Wichita, 1977-80  
 Member, Fairview Mennonite House (voluntary service unit and intentional community), Wichita, Kan., 1971-78  
 Volunteer, Mennonite Voluntary Service, Wichita, Kan., unit, 1969-70

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
 American Society of Church History  
 American Society of Missiology

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### ***Journal Articles:***

“Politics That Unite and Divide; Magnets and Fences.” *Without Spot or Wrinkle; Reflecting Theologically on the Nature of the Church. Occasional Papers* 21 (2000):112-20.  
 “Asking a Question of the Past,” *Conrad Grebel Review* 15 (1-2, Winter-Spring, 1997):82-86.  
 “North American Mission and the ‘Ethnic’ Church. *Mission Focus: An Annual Review*, 1993.  
 “Women’s History/Women’s Theology: Theological and Methodological Issues in the Writing of the History of Anabaptist-Mennonite Women.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 10 (2, Winter, 1992):1-16  
 “Multiple Ways of Learning,” Response to “Alternative Models of Mennonite Pastoral Formation.” *Occasional Papers* 15:93-97. Elkhart, Ind.: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 1992.  
 “This Bag Is Filled with Dynamite: The Story of Elizabeth Foth, Home Missionary.” *Mission Focus* 14 (June, 1986):22-23.  
 “Mennonite Women and Home Missions.” *Mission Focus* 14 (June, 1986):21-22.  
 “How Does an Ethnic Church Do Home Missions? The Experience of the General Conference Mennonite Church.” *Mission Focus* 10 (Sept., 1982):33-36.

#### ***Books:***

With Darrell Guder, Walter Hobbs, George Hunsberger, Linford Stutzman, and Dale Ziemer. *Treasure in Clay Jars; Patterns in Missional Faithfulness*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2004.  
 With Darrell Guder, Inagrace Dietterich, George Hunsberger, Alan Roxburgh, and Craig Van Gelder, *Missional Church; A Vision for the Sending of the Church in North America*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 1998.  
*Doing What Is Right; What the Bible Says About Covenant and Justice*. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1989.  
 With John Stoner, *Letters to American Christians*. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1989.  
*The Way God Fights; War and Peace in the Old Testament*. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1987.  
*Building the House Church*. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1986.  
*The Vision and the Reality; The Story of Home Missions in the General Conference Mennonite Church*. Newton, Kan.: Faith and Life Press, 1983.

**Pamphlet series:**

*Questions About Peace.* Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1987.

1. "Peace Through Strength?"
2. "Do You Feel Secure in North America?"
3. "Must We Live in Fear?"
4. "Have You Heard the Whole Story About Jesus?"
5. "Does God Love the Russians?"
6. "What Church Doesn't Bless War?"
7. "How Do You Keep Going When Peace Doesn't Come?"

**Sunday school lessons:**

Intergenerational worship and study, Obadiah, Jonah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Zechariah, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, *Builder*, April, 1992.

Gospel of John, *Adult Bible Study Guide*, Dec., 1989-April, 1990, Mennonite Publishing House and Faith and Life Press.

Gospel of Matthew, *Adult Bible Study Guide*, Dec., 1987-April, 1988, Mennonite Publishing House and Faith and Life Press.

Young adult teacher's guide, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel, *Builder*, June-Aug., 1986.

**Study guides:**

*Mission-Centered Congregations.* Editor. Newton, Kan., and Scottdale, Pa.: Faith and Life Resources, 2002.

*Envisioning a New Mennonite Church.* Elkhart, Newton, and Winnipeg: General Boards of the Mennonite Church, General Conference Mennonite Church, and Conference of Mennonites in Canada, 1999.

*Praying the Beatitudes of Jesus; A Guide for Leading Five Prayer Meetings.* Winnipeg: Conference of Mennonites in Canada Resources Commission, 1998.

*And No One Shall Make Them Afraid; A Study-Action Guide for a Mennonite Statement on Violence.* Newton, Kan.: Faith and Life Press, 1998.

*Women of Faith.* Study Guide for Women in Mission and Women's Missionary and Service Commission, 1992-93.

**Encyclopedia articles:**

Thirteen articles in *Mennonite Encyclopedia V* (Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1990). "House Churches," "Urban Church," "Daniel Schirmer," "Amy Talesnemptewa Schirmer," "Bertha Kinsinger Petter," "Marie Gerber Petter," "Emma King (Hasseoveo)," "Harvey Whiteshield," "Mary Denlinger," "Homer Hart," "Milton Whiteman," "Catherine Niswander," "K.T. Johnson (Tuwaletstewa)"

**Chapters in books:**

"Defining Missional Church," in *Evangelical, Ecumenical and Anabaptist Missiologies in Conversation* (*Festschrift* for Wilbert Shenk). James R. Krabill, Walter Sawatsky, and Charles Van Engen, eds. Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 2006.

"The Fragmentation of the Church and Its Unity in Peacemaking; A Mennonite Perspective." Pp. 166-83 in *The Fragmentation of the Church and Its Unity in Peacemaking*. Edited by Jeffrey Gros and John D. Rempel. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2001.

"Rethinking Anabaptist Apocalypticism." Pp. 158-72 in *Apocalypticism and Millennialism; Shaping a Believers Church Eschatology for the Twenty-First Century*. Edited by Loren L. Johns. Kitchener, Ont.: Pandora Press, 2000.

- “Politics That Unite and Divide; Magnets and Fences.” Pp. 112-20 in *Without Spot or Wrinkle; Reflecting Theologically on the Nature of the Church*. Edited by Karl Koop and Mary H. Schertz. Occasional Papers 21. Elkhart, Ind.: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 2000.
- “Nudged by God.” Pp. 40-46 in *She Has Done a Good Thing; Mennonite Women Leaders Tell Their Stories*. Edited by Mary Swartley and Rhoda Keener. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1999
- “Spirituality and Discernment, or How Do You Know If This Spirituality Is Christian?” Pp. 173-81 in *The Dilemma of Anabaptist Piety: Strengthening or Straining the Bonds of Community?* Edited by Stephen L. Longenecker. Bridgewater, Va.: Penobscot Press, 1997.
- “Ursula Jost and Barbara Rebstock of Strasbourg.” Pp. 273-87 in *Profiles of Anabaptist Women: Sixteenth-Century Reforming Pioneers*. Edited by C. Arnold Snyder and Linda A. Huebert Hecht. Waterloo, Ont.: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1996.
- “The Anabaptist Vision and Modern Mission.” Pp. 303-10 in *Anabaptist Currents; History in Conversation with the Present*. Edited by Carl F. Bowman and Stephen L. Longenecker. Bridgewater, Va.: Penobscot Press, 1995. Reprinted in *Old Order Notes*, fall, 1996, pp. 55-60.
- “Flowing Like a River.” Pp. 18-24 in *Why I Am a Mennonite: Essays on Mennonite Identity*. Edited by Harry Loewen. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1988.
- “Confident Because of the Call: Florence Coopridier Friesen.” Pp. 82-87 in *Full Circle: Stories of Mennonite Women*. Edited by Mary Lou Cummings. Newton, Kans.: Faith and Life Press, 1978. Also printed in *Christian Living*, May, 1975, pp. 12-14.
- “City Mission Worker: Catherine Niswander.” Pp. 176-84 in *Full Circle: Stories of Mennonite Women*. Edited by Mary Lou Cummings. Newton, Kan.: Faith and Life Press, 1978.

**Articles in periodicals (partial listing):**

- “Hospitality.” *Leader*, summer, 2006
- “The Holy Nation.” *Lion and Lamb*, fall, 1998
- “A Holy Nation; The Church as Apostle to the World, Part 2.” *The Mennonite*, Oct. 27, 1998, pp. 6-7.
- “In But Not of the World; The Church as Apostle to the World, Part 1.” *The Mennonite*, Oct. 20, 1998, pp. 4-5.
- “Fear God; The First Step in the Spiritual Life.” *The Mennonite*, March 17, 1998, pp. 10-11.
- “Anabaptist Evangelism in the Context of Modernity and Postmodernity.” *Mennonite Life*, Sept., 1997 (53), pp. 32-37.
- “Sharing the Gospel from Our Strength; Four Images of the Church.” *Builder*, Aug., 1997, pp. 10-13.
- “The Way of the Prince of Peace,” three-part series. *Gospel Herald*, March 18, March 25, and April 1, 1997.
- “A Hike Through the Wilderness.” *The Mennonite*, May 27, 1997, pp. 10-11.
- “Let’s Get Beyond Pitting Grace Against Works.” *The Mennonite*, June 22, 1993, p. 9.
- “We Are Witnesses.” *The Mennonite*, Sept. 27, 1988, pp. 430-31.
- “The Gospel of Peace.” *Peace Section Newsletter*, March-April, 1988, pp. 1-8.
- “Biblical Justice and the Mission of the Church.” Study paper written for Mennonite Board of Missions, Elkhart, Ind., Oct. 19, 1987.
- “The Christmas Card I’d Like To Send.” *Gospel Herald*, Dec. 25, 1984, pp. 893-984.
- “Quiet in the Land.” *Gospel Herald*, Nov. 27, 1984, pp. 829-30.
- “Single Women in the Cities.” *The Mennonite*, June 19, 1984, pp. 290-91.
- “Making Time To Answer Questions: How Mennonite Families Live.” *Christian Living*, June, 1984, p. 43.
- “Mission Ties That Bind.” *The Mennonite*, June 8, 1982, p. 273.
- “The Boyfriend Was Gone: The Story of an Unwed Mother.” *With*, March, 1982, pp. 11-13.
- “Crossing the Desert: A Growing-Up Pilgrimage.” *With*, April, 1981, pp. 33-35.
- “Stand for What You Believe.” *With*, Oct., 1980, pp. 14-15.
- “On Becoming a Teacher.” *The Mennonite*, Feb. 19, 1980, p. 132.

- “When Your Child Is a Stepchild.” *Christian Living*, March 1979, pp. 4-6. Reprinted in *Family Life Today*, May 1980, pp. 6-7.
- “Practicing Peace Cooperatively.” *The Mennonite*, March 7, 1978, p. 164.
- “How Do You Know When Your Child Needs Psychiatric Help?” *Christian Living*, Sept., 1977, pp. 8-10.
- “Make Your Labor Christian.” *The Other Side*, March-April, 1976, pp. 52-57.
- “Women in the Anabaptist Movement.” Pp. 33-38 in *Study Guide*. Newton, Kan.: Faith and Life Press, 1975.
- “A Personal Report on the War That Never Ends.” With Gene Stoltzfus. *Post American*, April, 1975, pp. 18-23.
- “Central Graphics: Where Everybody Minds the Store.” *Faith at Work*, Feb., 1975, pp. 14-15.
- “Mennonite Women: Three Portraits.” *The Mennonite*, March 20, 1973.
- “We Live Together by Choice.” *Purpose*, Aug. 13, 1972, pp. 6-9.

**Song:**

- “The Banquet.” In *Songs of Shalom*, supplement to *Builder*, Dec., 1979, p. 18.

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