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PRESENT POSITION

Professor of Mission and Theology

Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary

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EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham, NC

1996

Ph.D. in Theology and Ethics

Minors: New Testament, Cultural Anthropology

Dissertation: "Freedom from Legalism and Freedom for Community: A Hermeneutical Case Study of Reading Galatians in a Tegucigalpa Barrio"

New College for Advanced Christian Studies, Berkeley, CA

1990

M.A. in Biblical Studies, with academic excellence

Thesis: "Responding to the Powers: Learning from Paul and Jesus"

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

1979

B.A., majors in Christian Education and Social Science, with honors

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARDS

ATS/Lilly Research Expense Grant, Contextualizing Galatians in Peru, 2010-11

Licensed Minister of the U. S. Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, 2000

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Dissertation year support), Duke/UNC Program in Latin America Studies, 1994-95

Field Research Travel Grant (For travel to Honduras), Tinker Foundation, 1994

New College Distinguished Student Award, Outstanding Academic Achievement, 1990

Teacher Certification, by the State of Illinois, 1979

Student Government President, Wheaton College, 1978-79

THEOLOGICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Faculty-

Professor of Mission and Theology, Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary (formerly Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary) 1999- Present

(Promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate 2004; Promoted to full Professor 2014)

- Global Christian Theologies
- Discipleship and Ethics
- Missionary Anthropology
- Galatians
- Christian Thought (in Spanish, Bogota, Columbia)
- Contemporary Theology
- Cross-Cultural Encounter (in Honduras)
- Theological Understandings of Jesus
- Short Term Missions
- Biblical Theology for Integration (for counseling students)
- Biblical Theology of Mission and Evangelism
- Senior Seminar
- Issues and Theologies in Mission

Independent Study Advisor

Bakke Graduate University 2010

- Non-Western and Western Church Partnerships (D.Min course)

Adjunct Faculty –

SEMILLA (Latin American Anabaptist Seminary) 1997-98, 2008

- Teología Bíblica (Biblical Theology)
- Introducción a la Teología (Introduction to Theology)
- La Conversión Cristiana (Christian Conversion)
- Ministerio a la Comunidad (Ministry to the Community)
- Gálatas (Galatians)

Visiting Faculty –

Seminario Bíblico Menonita de Colombia 2016

- Gálatas (Galatians)

IBA, Facultad de Teología, Universidad Evangélica del Paraguay 2004

- La Obra Redentora de Cristo (The Atonement)

Seminario Teológico Bautista de Honduras 1997

- Teología Bíblica de las Misiones (Biblical Theology of Missions)

Calvin College, Development Studies in Honduras Program 1996

- Honduran Culture and Religious Heritage: Their Impact on Development and People's Concept of God

Instructor –

Instituto Bíblico de la Iglesia Santidad de Honduras (Bible Institute of the Honduran Holiness Church) 1990 - 1992

- Teologías Contemporáneas (Contemporary Theologies)
- Historia de la Iglesias (Church History)
- Evangelios Sinópticos (Synoptic Gospels)
- Literatura Apocalíptica (Apocalyptic Literature)

Teaching Assistant –

Divinity School of Duke University 1993 - 1996

- Church History: Early and Medieval Christianity
- Church History: Modern and European Christianity
- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Spirituality of Liberation

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Jail Ministry, lead a weekly Bible study at the Fresno County Jail, 2008 – present

Missionary in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Eastern Mennonite Missions, 1996-1999

Project Assistant, Leadership Development Seminar for Religious Researchers, J.M. Ormond Center for Research and Development, Divinity School of Duke University, 1993-95

Missionary in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Responsibilities included: Campus minister with Honduran InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, part-time faculty at a Bible institute, advising and facilitating community development projects, forming a chapter of the Latin American Theological Fraternity, preaching and teaching in local churches, setting up a one year training curriculum for house church leaders, administering a revolving loan fund, 1989-92

Campus Minister, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Syracuse University and Cornell University. In addition to on campus work, responsibilities included organizing, promoting, and running a summer cross-cultural education program in Honduras, 1984-87

High School Teacher (Social Studies and Bible) and **Christian Education Director**, Academia Los Pinares, Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Responsibilities included: developing a discipleship program and a Friday evening youth-group type ministry, supervising weekly chapel services, leading Bible studies, and organizing weekend retreats, 1979-83

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

- *Ministering in Honor-Shame Cultures: Biblical Foundations and Practical Essentials*, co-author with Jayson Georges (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2016).
- *Gálatas*, Comentario Bíblico Iberoamericano (Buenos Aires: Ediciones Kairós, 2014).
- *Centrado en Jesús* (Lima: Ediciones Shalom and Guatemala: Ediciones Semilla, 2013).
- *Freedom Gospel* (in Amharic), co-author with Kefalew Eticha (Addis Ababa: Baranna, 2011).
- *Recovering the Scandal of the Cross: Atonement in New Testament & Contemporary Contexts*, revised ed., co-author with Joel B. Green (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2011).
 - Korean language edition: Seoul: Joy Mission Press, 2014.
- *Proclaiming the Scandal of the Cross: Contemporary Images of Atonement*, editor (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006).
- *iBasta de religión!: Cómo construir comunidades de gracia y libertad* (Buenos Aires: Ediciones Kairós, 2005).
- *Recovering the Scandal of the Cross: Atonement in New Testament & Contemporary Contexts*, co-author with Joel B. Green (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2000).
 - British Edition: Carlisle: Paternoster, 2003.
- *¿Dios de ira o Dios de amor?: Cómo superar la inseguridad y ser libres para servir* (Buenos Aires: Ediciones Kairós, 2000, 2nd edition 2007).
- *Religious No More: Building Communities of Grace and Freedom* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1999).

PUBLICATIONS: CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- "My Conversion to Christian Pacifism: Reading Jacques Ellul in War-Ravaged Central America" in *Jacques Ellul on Violence, Resistance, and War*, eds. Jeffrey M. Shaw and Timothy J. Demy (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2016) 145-158.
- "Learning from Paul: Centered Ethics that Avoid Legalistic Judgmentalism and Moral Relativism" in *Ecclesia and Ethics: Moral Formation and the Church*, eds. E. Allen Jones III, et. al (London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark, 2016) 55-67.
- "Forward" in *Atonement at Ground Zero: Revisiting the Epicenter of Salvation* by Michael McNichols (Eugene OR: Resource Publications, 2012) ix-xi.
- "Freed to be Human and Restored to Family: Saving Significance of the Cross in a Honduran Barrio" in *Stricken by God?: NonViolent Identification & The Victory of Christ*, eds. Brad Jersak, & Michael Hardin (Abbotsford, B.C.: Fresh Wind Press; and Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007) 288-314.
- "Contextualizing the Scandal of the Cross" in *Proclaiming the Scandal of the Cross: Contemporary Images of Atonement*, ed. Mark D. Baker (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006) 13-36.
- "Atonement: A Beach Parable for Youth" in *Proclaiming the Scandal of the Cross: Contemporary Images of Atonement*, ed. Mark D. Baker (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006) 84-95.
- "Embracing a Wider Cross: Contextualizing the Atonement" in *Out of the Strange Silence*, ed. Brad Thiessen (Hillsboro, KS: Kindred, 2005) 29-47.
- "The Righteousness of God and Hurricane Mitch: Reading Romans in Hurricane-Devastated Honduras" co-author with J. Ross Wagner in *Navigating Romans Through Cultures*, ed. Khiok-hng (K.K.) Yeo (New York, NY: T & T Clark, 2004), 95-132.

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL EDITING

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- Guest Editor: *The Ellul Forum* 46 (Fall 2010), theme: "Technique, Ellul and the Food Industry."
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PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES & CONTRIBUTIONS TO REFERENCE WORKS

- "Global Theology" in *T&T Clark Companion to Atonement*, ed. Adam J. Johnson (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017) 509-514.
- "Bringing Ellul to the City Council: A Council Member Reflects on how Ellul has Guided his Work," interview of Robb Davis, *The Ellul Forum* 58 (Fall 2016): 1-8.
<https://journals.wheaton.edu/index.php/ellul/issue/view/85/showToc>
- "Which Courtroom and What Narrative Shapes Your Atonement Theology?" *Direction: A Mennonite Brethren Forum* 41, no. 1 (Spring 2012): 97-110.
- "Atonement," in *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, ed. Joel B. Green (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011) 81-84.
- "Salvation," lead author with C.C. Le Bruyns, in *Global Dictionary of Theology*, ed. William A. Dyrness, and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008) 778-789.
- "Systematic Theology," in *Global Dictionary of Theology*, ed. William A. Dyrness, and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008) 864-866.
- "Two Foundational Stories of the Cross: How They Affect Evangelism," *Mission Focus: Annual Review* 15, (2007) 26-38. Published in Spanish: "Dos narrativas fundacionales de la cruz," *Lupa Protestante*, March 10, 2008, <http://www.lupaprotestante.es/lpn/>
- "How the Cross Saves," *Direction: A Mennonite Brethren Forum* 36, 1 (Spring 2007) 43-57.
- "Saving Significance of the Cross in a Honduran Barrio," *Mission Focus: Annual Review* 14 (2006) 59-81. Published in Spanish: "Salvación por la cruz: imágenes para hoy," *Lupa Protestante*, May 4, 2007, <http://www.lupaprotestante.es/lpn/>
- "Reading Romans in Hurricane-Ravaged Honduras: A Model of Intercultural and Interdisciplinary Conversation," co-author with J. Ross Wagner *Missiology* 32 (3, July 2004) 367-383.
- "Is This the Gospel?: An Evaluation of the Legalism Present in Churches in a Tegucigalpa Barrio," *Missiology* 25 (4, Oct. 1997) 406-418.
- "El concepto de Dios en América Latina," *Boletín Teológico: Revista de la Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana* Año 28 (61, 1996) 39-55. Re-published in the *Lupa Protestante*, March 9, 2007, <http://www.lupaprotestante.es/lpn/>
- "Jesus: Satisfying an Angry God?," *The Crucible: A Journal for Christian Graduate Students* 3 (3, 1995) 3-8.
- *Evangelical Churches in a Tegucigalpa Barrio, Do They Fit the Escapist and Legalistic Stereotype?: An Ethnographic Investigation*, Duke-University of North Carolina Program in Latin American Studies Working Paper Series, no. 16 (February 1995).
- "El Patetismo de Dios y el Patetismo de los Profetas," *Boletín Teológico: Revista de la Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana* Año 25, (49, 1993) 53-64.
- "Suffering and Leadership," *Inter-View: Inter-Cultural Journal of Christian Leadership* 4 (1, 1992) 11-16

PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

- "Costly Love: The Story of a Sinner, an Insult, and Jesus," *Christian Leader* 80 (1, Jan./Feb. 2017) 15-16.
- "Reflections on Jacques Ellul on the Centenary of his Birth: Ellul Challenges and Illuminates," *The Ellul Forum* 50 (Fall 2012) 3.
- "Going to Jail," *Christian Leader* 73 (7, Dec. 2010/Jan. 2011) 4.
- "More Jesus: Declaring the Significance of the Cross," *Christian Leader* 72 (4, April/May 2009) 6.
- "Bounded or Centered?: The Book of Galatians," *In Touch* (Fall/Winter 2009) 6-7.
- "A Honduran Mayor's Experience of Ellul's Political Illusion," *The Ellul Forum* 40 (Fall 2007) 15-17.

- "Librada de vergüenza e integrada a la comunidad: Una lección sobre la sanidad integral según Marcos 5:21-34," *Lupa Protestante* (www.lupaprotestante.com), Nov., 2007.
- "The Changing Face of Global Missions," co-author with Martin Hartwig Eitzen *Christian Leader* 70 (2, Feb. 2007) 9-11.
- "Relating as Siblings," *Mennonite Brethren Herald* 44 (July 1, 2005) 4-5.
- "Embracing a Wider Cross: There are Many Life-Changing Ways to Understand Christ's Death and Resurrection," *In Touch* (Sept. 2004) 6-8.
- "Miremos a Jesus, Dios encarnado: una imagen de Dios sin distorsiones," (interview) *Panorama* (June, 2004) 27.
- "Would Menno Simons Watch TV?," *Mennonite Brethren Herald* 41 (Feb. 8, 2002) 27.
- translated and republished: "Würde Menno Simons fernsehen?" *Mennoblatt* (April, 2002) 7-8.
- "The Line Between Knowing and Doing: What is the Best Training? Why Theology? How do Study and Action Integrate?," *MBMS International Witness* (May-June 2000) 8-9.
- "Test-Driving the American Gospel in Honduras: The Distortions of Individualism Become Clear in Less Affluent Settings," *Prism* 6 (4&5, July/Oct. 1999) 17-19.
- "Hurricane Mitch: God's Punishment?," *Tierra Nueva-New Earth News* 4 (9, Spring 1999) 5, 11.
- "Mitch ¿Castigo de Dios?," *La Tribuna* (Tegucigalpa, Honduras), 28 November, 1998, 27.
- "Materialism/Possessions" and "Power/Principalities," in *The Everyday Study Bible*, eds. Joel B. Green and Tremper Longman III (Waco, TX: Word, 1996) 946, 1285.
- "Freedom From the Grasp of Money," *Prism* 3 (6, Sept./Oct. 1996) 26-28.
- "Jesus Touches Our Shame," *The Mennonite* 109 (13, July 12, 1994) 11.
- "The Prodigal Embrace," *The Other Side* 30 (2, 1994) 12-15.

PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS

- J. Kevin Livingston, *A Missiology of the Road: Early Perspectives in David Bosch's Theology of Mission and Evangelism*, Pickwick, 2013 (*The Conrad Grebel Review* 32 [3, Fall 2014] 300-01).
- Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, Penguin Books, 2006, & *In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto*, Penguin Books, 2008 (*The Ellul Forum* 46 [Fall 2010] 22-23).
- James Beilby & Paul R. Eddy, *The Nature of the Atonement: Four Views*, IVP Academic, 2006 (*Religious Studies Review* 36 [1, 2010] 55-56).
- Andrew F. Walls & Cathy Ross, *Mission in the Twenty-first Century: Exploring the Five Marks of Global Mission*, Orbis, 2008 (*International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 33 [2, April 2009] 97-98).
- John Rowell, *To Give or Not to Give? Rethinking Dependency, Restoring Generosity, and Redefining Sustainability*, Authentic, 2007 (*Direction* 37 [1, 2008] 149-150).
- Peter F. Penner, ed. *Theological Education as Mission*, Neufeld Verlag, 2005 (*Mission Focus: Annual Review* 14 [2006] 234-35).
- Jacques Ellul, *Violence: Reflections from a Christian Perspective*, Seabury, 1969 (*The Ellul Forum* 32 [Fall 2003] 20-21).
- John Howard Yoder, *Preface to Theology: Christology and Theological Method*, Brazos, 2002 (*Direction* 32 [1, 2003] 131-32).
- Anthony W. Bartlett, *Cross Purposes: The Violent Grammar of Christian Atonement*, Trinity Press Int., 2001 (*Interpretation* 56 [2, 2002] 222-23).
- Robert Banks, *Going to Church in the First Century*, Seedsowers, 1990 & Gerd Theissen *The Shadow of the Galilean*, Fortress, 1987 (*The Crucible* 3 [3, 1995] 29-30).
- Jacques Ellul, *La Razon de Ser: Meditaciones Sobre Ecclesiastes*, Herder, 1989 (*Iglesia y Misión* 12 [2, 1993] 30).
- Jacques Ellul, *Reason for Being: A Meditation on Ecclesiastes*, Eerdmans, 1990 (*The Crucible: A Journal for Christian Graduate Students* 2 [4, 1992] 31-32).

- Karl Barth, *Al Servicio de la Palabra, Sígueme*, 1985 (*Iglesia y Misión* 10 [3, 1991] 43).

PAPERS PRESENTED

- "Taking Ellul's Ideas into the Mayor's Office and City Council," interview of Robb Davis, plenary session at International Jacques Ellul Society Conference, July 7, 2016.
- "The Church and Electronic Media--Foundational Issues: Our Addiction to Efficiency and the Myth of Neutrality," plenary presentation at the Ecclesia and Ethics II Online Conference: Gospel Community and Virtual Existence, March 8, 2014.
- "Learning from Paul: Centered Ethics that Avoid Legalistic Judgmentalism and Moral Relativism," Ecclesia and Ethics Online Biblical Studies and Theology Conference, May 18, 2013.
- "Authentic Christianity and its Distortions: Communicating Jacques Ellul's Thought Using Paul Hiebert's Bounded and Centered Set Categories," Prophet in the Technological Wilderness: A Centenary Celebration & Critical Review of Jacques Ellul, Wheaton College, July 9, 2012.
- "Two Foundational Stories of the Cross: How They Affect Evangelism," Association of Anabaptist Missiologists, Winnipeg, Oct. 12, 2007.
- "Proclaiming the Scandal of the Cross: Contemporary Images of Atonement," Nonviolent Atonement Conference, sponsored by PreachingPeace.org and Every Church a Peace Church, Akron, PA, Jan. 23, 2007.
- "Los escritos de Pablo: ¿Una barrera o una ayuda a un evangelio integral?" Asunción chapter of the Latin American Theological Fraternity and the faculty and students of the Facultad de Teología of the Universidad Evangélica del Paraguay, May 8, 2004.
- "'The Righteousness of God' and Hurricane Mitch: Reading Romans in Hurricane Devastated Honduras," co-authored with J. Ross Wagner, Romans Through History and Culture Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 19, 2000.
- "Libertad del Legalismo, Libertad Para la Comunidad: Una Relectura de Gálatas," Tegucigalpa chapter of the Latin American Theological Fraternity, April 7, 1997.
- "Is This the Gospel?: An Evaluation of the Legalism Present in Churches in a Tegucigalpa Barrio," Evangelical Missiological Society, Annual Meeting, November 17, 1995.
- "Se percibe a Dios como un Dios de Amor?: El impacto de la herencia católica española romana, el machismo, y la experiencia de autoridad en el concepto que tienen de Dios los latino americanos," Tegucigalpa chapter of the Latin American Theological Fraternity, July 14, 1995.
- "Is God Perceived as a God of Love?: The Impact of Spanish Roman Catholic Heritage, Machismo, and Experience of Authority on Latin Americans' Concept of God," Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, November 20, 1993.
- "Las Autoridades Hondureñas y Nuestra Concepción de Dios: ¿Un Dios de Amor o Un Dios de Acusación?" ("Honduran Authority Figures and Our Concept of God: A God of love or a God of Accusation?") Tegucigalpa chapter of the Latin American Theological Fraternity, May 25, 1992.
- "El Patetismo de Dios y el Patetismo de los Profetas" ("The Pathos of God and the Pathos of the Prophets"), Tegucigalpa chapter of the Latin American Theological Fraternity, March 8, 1991.

LECTURESHIPS

- La mesa compartida entre Pablo y Pedro: Una nueva perspectiva de la epístola a los Gálatas, Facultad de Teología y Religión, Lima, Perú, June 26 & 27, 2014
- Viewing the Atonement Through a New Lens, Student Seminars on World Mission, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, CT, Jan. 11-15, 2010
- A Forum on the Atonement, Canadian Baptist Seminary/ACTS, Langley, BC, Canada, March 6-7, 2009
- Summer Preacher Series, Marsh Chapel, Boston University, (lecture and sermon) Aug. 6 & 10, 2008
- Harrison-Shaw Preaching Mission, Trinity United Methodist Church, Asheville, NC, Oct. 17-19, 2004
- Vivian Harrison Memorial Lectures, Mt. Olive College, Mt. Olive, NC, Feb. 19, 2002

MEMBERSHIPS

Anabaptist Scholars Network 2000 -
Association of Anabaptist Missiologists 2000 -
International Jacques Ellul Society 2003 – Present
Member of the Board of Directors 2006 - Present
Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana (Latin American Theological Fraternity) 1991 -
Member of the coordinating committee of the Tegucigalpa chapter 1991-92

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL & MINISTRY

Ministry in Honduras, 2017
Taught a one-week course, and gave workshops in Bogota, Colombia, 2016
Gave seminars, lectures and preached, and strategized with mission partners, Peru, 2014
Gave Seminars and preached, Ethiopia, 2012
Field Research and ministry, Peru, 2011
Ministry in Honduras (one to two weeks), 2000 -2010, 2013
Gave seminars and worked at establishing grassroots mission partnerships, Peru, 2007
Gave seminars, preached, Colombia, 2007
Gave seminars, preached and gave lectures, Argentina, Paraguay, and Chile, 2005
Gave seminars, preached and gave lectures, Manila, Philippines, 2004
Taught a one-week course in Asunción, Paraguay, 2004
Taught a one-week course in Bogota, Colombia, 2002
Lived in Honduras, taught in Guatemala and Panama, 1996-98
Spent one month in Honduras, 1995
Spent six weeks in Honduras, 1994
Spent one month in Honduras, 1993
Lived in Honduras, visited Guatemala, 1989-92
Spent two months each year leading a study program in Honduras, 1985-87
Visited Honduras and El Salvador, 1984
Lived in Honduras, traveled extensively within Honduras, and visited El Salvador, 1979-83
International Study Program of Wheaton College, spent six weeks in The Netherlands, toured ten other European countries in four weeks, 1977

PERSONAL

Born: Nov. 8, 1957, Johnstown, PA
Family: Married in 1984 to Lynn Marie Miller of Peace Dale, RI. Two children: Julia Lynn (b. 1989) and Christie Mae (b. 1991)

Member of College Community Church Mennonite Brethren, Clovis CA