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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### A. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

#### 1. **PERSONAL**

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Citizenship: Canadian

#### 2. **DEGREES**

PhD (awarded with distinction) 1985 University of Chicago  
"The Eclipse of Revivalist Spirituality: The Transformation of Canadian  
Methodist Piety, 1884-1925"  
Committee: Jerald C. Brauer (supervisor), Martin E. Marty, Arthur Mann

MA 1980 University of Chicago

BA 1977 University of Manitoba

#### 3. **EMPLOYMENT** (current)

Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto  
Professor 2014—  
Director of M.Div. Program 2014—  
Acting Principal July 1-December 31 2014  
Associate Professor of the History of Christianity 1990-2014  
Acting Principal July 1-December 31 2008  
Acting Director of Basic Degree Studies July 1- December 31 2007  
Director of Advanced Degree Studies 1997-02  
Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity January 1985-90

Department for the Study of Religion (cross-appointed) 1994—  
School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto

Toronto School of Theology Advanced Degree Faculty 1990—

School District 15 1972-75  
Moncton, New Brunswick

#### 4. **HONOURS**

Victoria University Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1991  
Davidson Trust Award for Teaching and Scholarship in Theological Education,  
United Church of Canada, 2002

## 5. **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

- 1998-2007 International Editorial Board, *Anglican and Episcopal History*  
 1995-2000 Board of Directors, Paul Wattson Lecture  
 1995-97 Executive Council, American Society of Church History  
 1993-98 Steering Committee, Evangelical Theology Group, AAR  
 1993 Advisory Committee, Conference on Women and Religion, Pew Charitable Trusts  
 1992-94 Advisory Committee, Research Grants for Programs in Theology, Pew Charitable Trusts  
 1992-2000 Membership Committee, American Society of Church History  
 1992-2002 Co-editor, *Toronto Journal of Theology* (managing editor 2001-02)  
 1991-2000 Advisory Board, Acadia Centre for Baptist and Anabaptist Studies  
 1991-94 Editorial Advisory Board, *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses*  
 1988-89 President, Canadian Society of Church History  
 1987-97 Book Review Editor (History), *Toronto Journal of Theology*  
 1987-88 Vice-President and Program Coordinator, Canadian Society of Church History  
 1986-2000 Editorial Board, *Touchstone*  
 1986-87 Program Committee, American Society of Church History  
 1986-87 Executive, Canadian Society of Church History  
 1986-87 Program Coordinator, Canadian Methodist Historical Society  
 1985-87 Executive Council, Canadian Methodist Historical Society

## 6. **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

French (reading)

## B. **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

### **RESEARCH ENDEAVOURS**

Religion in North America; United Church of Canada; religion and public life; history of Christian spirituality

## C. **COURSES AND OTHER TEACHING**

### **1. Basic Degree courses**

- EMH 1001 Early Church to 600  
 EMH 1010 History of Christianity I  
 EMH 2003 Early Modern Christianity, 1450-1750  
 EMH 2010 History of Christianity II  
 EMH 2652 Religion in Canada: The Post-Confederation Period  
 EMH 3373 Studies in Modern Christianity  
 EMH 3570 Issues in United Church of Canada History  
 EMH 3573 Mainstream Protestantism in North America  
 EMP 3602 Looking Forward to Ministry (with Gary Redcliffe)

EMH 3757	Christian Spirituality: Classical and Contemporary Perspectives
TSH 3212	Traditions of Christian Spirituality (with Alan Hayes and Brian Hogan)
EMH 3671	Women and Religion in North American
EMH 3710	Christianity and Social Thought
TXH 3805	Transitions in Canadian Protestantism (with Alan Hayes and Stuart Macdonald)
TXH 3806	Calvin, Wesley, and Canada (with Stuart Macdonald)

## **2. Graduate/Advanced Degree courses**

EMH 5372	Religion and Public Life in Canada (cross-listed as RLG 3257) (revised and taught with Mark Toulouse in 2012)
EMH 5801	Christianity and Crisis in North America (cross-listed as RLG 3270)
EMH 5371	Varieties of North American Christianity (cross-listed as RLG 3275)
EMH 6373	Studies in Modern Christianity
EMH 6573	Mainstream Protestantism in North America
EMH 6671	Women and Religion in North American
EMH 6710	Christianity and Social Thought

## **3. Advanced degree/graduate theses supervised**

### MA theses

James D. Craig, “‘Out and Out for the Lord’: James Eustace Purdie, An Early Anglican Pentecostal,” St. Michael’s College, 1995.

William Haughton, "The Experience of Church Union Among the Presbyterians of Galt, Ontario," Emmanuel College, 2007.

Janice Meighan, “Canada’s Ecumenist in Residence: Lois M. Wilson in the Religious and Public Spheres,” Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, 2009.

### PhD/ThD dissertations

Sandra Beardsall, “Methodist Religious Practices in Outport Newfoundland,” Emmanuel College, 1996 (co-directed with Gary Redcliffe).

Ian Manson, “‘Fighting the Good Fight’: Salvation, Service, and Social Reform in the Board of the Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada, 1925-1945,” Emmanuel College, 1999.

Ji-il Tark, “Establishing the Kingdom of God on Earth: Transitions in the Family-Centred Beliefs and Practices of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Unification Church,” St. Michael’s College, 2002.

Gordon Heath, “A War with a Silver Lining: Canadian Protestant Churches and the South African War, 1899-1902.” St. Michael’s College, 2004.

### **In process**

Philip Gardner, “‘A Holy or a Broken Hallelujah’: The United Church of Canada in the 1960s Decade of Ferment,” Th.D. dissertation, Emmanuel College.

Don Goertz, “Redefining Religion: Baptists in an Age of Transition—A Case Study of Walmer Road Baptist Church, 1889-1932,” Th.D. dissertation, Wycliffe College.

Alex MacLean, “Expanding Campus Ministry: A History of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Canada, 1929-75”

Joan Wyatt, “Transformation Spoken and Observed: A Critical Examination of Inclusive Language in the United Church of Canada,” Th.D dissertation, Emmanuel College.

### **4. Advanced degree or graduate theses reader/examiner**

#### MA/ThM theses

Allan Kenneth Miller, “The Roots of Black Methodism in Ontario and the Rise of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada West, 1830-1870,” Th.M. thesis, Emmanuel College, 1985.

Carol Penner, “The Theology of Nellie McClung,” M.A. thesis, St. Michael’s College, 1987.

Rachel Hilty Friesen, “A History of the Spiritual Healing Church in Botswana,” Th. M. thesis, Knox College, 1990.

Rebecca McKenna, “The Antigonish Movement and *To Establish a Kingdom of Justice: Two Moments in an Atlantic Canadian Option for the Poor*,” M.A. thesis, St. Michael’s College, 1990.

John Stephenson, “The Centrality of a Common Interpretation of History to the Self-Definition of the Early Pentecostals,” Th. M. thesis, Wycliffe College, 1990.

George M. John, “The Kerala Christian Groups in Toronto, 1968-1988,” Th. M. thesis, Emmanuel College, 1991.

Mfinyi Kitoko, “The Strategy of Liberation of the Antigonish Movement and Its World Outlook,” Th. M. thesis, Regis College, 1994.

Joshua Chee-Ning Lam, “The Development of the Notion of the Kingdom of God in Walter Rauschenbusch,” Th. M. thesis, 1994.

Keith Robert Maddock, "Douglas Van Steere (1901-1996) as a Spiritual Guide: The Influence of Baron Friedrich von Huelgel (1852-1925)," Th.M. thesis, Emmanuel College, 1998.

Festus Alomaja, "Religious Change in Colonial West Africa in the Works of Adrian Hastings, Elizabeth Isichel and Ogbu U. Kalu," M.A. thesis, St. Michael's College, 1999.

Brian Cooper, "Neither Sociology nor Socialism: The Evangelical Social Agenda of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, 1900-1945," Th.M. thesis, Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology, 2000.

Scott Nelson Kindred-Barnes, "'Until the Harvest': The Use of the Bible in Roger Williams' Arguments for Religious Toleration," Th.M. thesis, St. Michael's College, 2004.

Luke Stocking, "When the Irish Were Irish: Peter Maurin and the Green Revolution," M.A. thesis, St. Michael's College, 2007.

Norman Tobias, "The Influence of Jules Isaac on Roman Catholic Teaching about Jews and Judaism," M.A. thesis, St. Michael's College, 2008.

Milton Remedios, "Honour and Friendship in the Writings of Saint Teresa of Avila," Th.M. thesis, Regis College, 2008.

Jin Woo Lee, "The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Mission Work for Koreans in Japan 1927-1934: The Beginning of Partnership Mission," ThM thesis, Knox College, 2012.

#### PhD/ThD/EdD/DMin dissertations

William Lindsey, "Shailer Mathews' Lives of Jesus: The Search for an Adequate Theological Foundation for the Social Gospel," Ph.D. dissertation, St. Michael's College, 1986.

Thomas Harding, "The Development of Liturgical Resources in the United Church of Canada, 1930-1986," Th.D. dissertation, Trinity College, 1990.

J.F. Paul Laverdure, "Canada on Sunday: The Decline of the Sabbath, 1900-1950," Ph.D. dissertation, University of Toronto (History), 1990.

Francis Dean Mercer, "The Liturgical and Sacramental Development of the Free Methodist Church in Canada, with Special Attention to the Rituals of Baptism and the Lord's Supper," Th.D. dissertation, Trinity College, 1991.

I. Ross Bartlett, "The Comfort of the Meek: John Foxe as Popular Hagiographer in the Marian Section of the Acts and Monuments," Th.D. dissertation, Emmanuel College, 1992.

Wendy L. Fletcher, "Beyond the Walled Garden: Women and the Priesthood in Anglicanism, Canada and England, 1920-1978," Ph.D. dissertation, St. Michael's College, 1993.

Mary Eileen McEachern, "*Celebrate Women 1991: Education in Peer Ministry*," D. Min. thesis, Regis College, 1993.

Johanna Selles Roney, "'A Realm of Pure Delight': Methodists and Women's Education in Ontario, 1836-1925," Ed.D. dissertation, Ontario Institute for the Study of Education, 1993.

C. Walker Gollar, "John Lancaster Spalding's Religious Anthropology: An American Catholic Understanding of the Human Person," Ph.D. dissertation, St. Michael's College, 1994.

William S. Kervin, "The Language of Baptism: A Study of the Authorized Baptismal Liturgies of the United Church of Canada," Th.D. dissertation, Emmanuel College, 1994.

Craig Cameron, "The Free Will Baptist Experience in Lower and Upper Canada, 1800-1900: Crosscurrents of Canadian-American Life," Th.D. dissertation, Wycliffe College, 1995.

Brook Thelander, "On the Healing of the Soul: Therapeutic Paradigms for Salvation in John Wesley and Contemporary Homiletics," Th.D. dissertation, Knox College, 1996.

Kate Galea, "'I Desyred to Haue All Maner of Paynes': A Study of the Function of Pain in *The Showings* of Julian of Norwich," Ph. D. dissertation, St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology, 1997.

Cathy James, "Gender, Class and Ethnicity in the Organization of Neighbourhood and Nation: The Role of the Settlement House in the Formation of the Canadian State, 1902-1914," Ph.D. dissertation, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 1997.

Frank W. Lockhart, "The Theological Significance of the Episcopacy in Ecumenical Discussions in This Century," Th.D. dissertation, Emmanuel College, 1997.

Bruce Harding, "Change and Continuity: The Development of Tune Repertoire for Congregational Singing in The United Church of Canada," Ph.D. dissertation (Music), University of Toronto, 1998.

Keith Haartman, "'Watching and Praying': The Psychology of Sanctification in John Wesley and British Methodism," Ph.D. dissertation, University of Toronto (Religion), 2000.

John Stephenson, "Primitive Methodists, Paulists and Pentecostals: Toward a Historical Typology of 'Declines' and 'Decline' of Movements of 'Revival.'" Th.D. dissertation, Wycliffe College, 2001.

Beth Profit, "'That Better Country': Nationalism and the Social Gospel in the Thought of J.S. Woodsworth, Nellie McClung and T.C. Douglas," Ph.D. dissertation, University of Chicago, 2001 (invited to join the committee after the death of Jerald C. Brauer)

Thomas Hamilton, "Padres under Fire: A Study of the Canadian Chaplain Services (Protestant and Roman Catholic) in the Second World War," Ph.D. dissertation, University of Toronto (History), 2003.

Mark Chapman, "No Longer Crying in the Wilderness: Canadian Evangelical Organizations and Their Networks," University of Toronto (Religion), 2004.

Brenda Ihssen, "They Who Give from Evil: The Response of the Eastern Church to Money-Lending in the Early Christian Era," Ph.D. dissertation, Michael's College, 2004.

Mark Mealey, "Taste and See that the Lord Is Good: John Wesley in the Christian Tradition of Spiritual Sensation," Ph.D. dissertation, St. Michael's College, 2006.

Kerry Fast, "'But What a Strange Connixture Am I': Borders of Self and Religion in the Making of Women's Lives," University of Toronto (Religion), 2008.

Todd Lex McDonald, "The Story of 'Planting God's Mission': Practices of Leadership for the Discovery of a Faithful New Future," D.Min. dissertation, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology, 2011.

Peter Baltutis, "Forging the Link between Faith and Development: The History of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, 1967-1982," Ph. D. dissertation, St. Michael's College, 2012.

Barbara Greenberg, "Kleinian Reparation: A Psychoanalytic Exploration of Residential School Apology in Canada," Ph. D. dissertation, University of Toronto (Religion), 2012

Rebekka King, "The New Heretics" Popular Theology, Progressive Christianity and Protestant Language Ideologies," Ph. D. dissertation, University of Toronto (Religion), 2012

Jodie Boyer Hatlem, "Sin and Sanity in Nineteenth-Century America," Ph. D. dissertation, University of Toronto (Religion), 2013

## 5. Basic degree projects

### MDiv and MTS theses (supervisor)

Lesley Barclay-Johnston, "Wheels within Wheels: A History of Chaplaincy in Ontario, 1949-1989," MDiv thesis, Wycliffe College, 1989.

Arthur Smith, "The Relationship of Missionary to Native Material Culture: The Role of the Reverend Dr. Joseph Annand in the Collection of Native Artifacts of Vanuatu," MTS thesis, Atlantic School of Theology, 1996.

Ross A. Lockhart, "The Efficiency of John Wesley's Ecclesiology: Sanctifying Faith through Accountable Discipleship," MDiv thesis, Emmanuel College, 2003.

Stephanie Klaassen, "The Influence of Late Medieval Christian and Jewish Mysticism on Hans Denck and John of the Cross," MTS thesis, Emmanuel College, 2005.

Jennifer Garbin, "Unity and Community: The Impact of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Canada Religious Periodicals on the Growth and Development of Denominational Identity, 1833-1930," MDiv thesis, Emmanuel College, 2006.

Daniel Benson, "Beyond Paley's Watch: Reconstructing a Horological History of the Church," MTS thesis, Emmanuel College, 2009.

Susan Beaver, "Lament and Praise," [formation of the All Native Circle Conference, 1980-88], MDiv thesis, Emmanuel College, 2014.

### MDiv and MTS theses (reader)

M. Elizabeth Mackenzie, "Seeing through Our Tears: A Theology of Forgiveness and the United Church of Canada's Legacy of Involvement in Indian Residential Schools," MDiv thesis, Emmanuel College, 2003.

Kari Reed, "The King's Good Servant, but God's First: An Analysis of Sir Thomas More's Relationship with Henry VIII from More's Perspective," MTS thesis, Wycliffe College, 2006.

Christopher Worrell, "Receiving Madame Guyon: A Journey from French Catholic Aristocrat to Protestant Mystic," MTS thesis, St. Michael's College, 2010.



## 6. External Examiner

Georgina Fitzgerald, “Ordained Ministry in the United Church of Canada: An Analysis of the Documents on the Ordained Ministry Commissioned by the General Council of the United Church of Canada between 1925 and 1980,” Ph.D. dissertation, St. Paul University, 1992.

Susan Ann Lukey, “Precious Jewels: A Study of the Baptismal and ‘For Little Children’ Hymns of The Hymnary (1930) of the United Church of Canada,” Th.M. thesis, Vancouver School of Theology, 1995.

David Plaxton, “A Whole Gospel for a Whole Nation: The Cultures of Tradition and Change in the United Church of Canada, 1900-1960,” Ph.D. dissertation, Queen’s University, 1997.

Sherry-Lynne McConnell, “Canadian Deaconess and Missionary Education for Women: Training for the Social Gospel—Training to Live the Social Gospel: The Methodist National Training School and the Presbyterian Deaconess and Missionary Training Home, 1893-1926,” M.A. in Theology thesis, University of Winnipeg, 2003.

Caryn Douglas, “A Story of Lost Opportunity: The Apology to the Disjoined Deaconesses in The United Church of Canada,” D. Min. dissertation, St. Stephen’s College, 2009.

Bruce Michael Douville, “The Uncomfortable Pew: Christianity, the New Left, and the Hip Counterculture in Toronto, 1965-1975,” Ph.D. dissertation, York University, 2011.

## D. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

(member unless otherwise indicated)

### 1. Positions held and service on committees and organizations within TST or University of Toronto

#### Emmanuel College

1989-90, 2011—	Executive Committee, Emmanuel College Council
2001-05, 07-14	Academic Initiatives Committee
1993-94, 95-98, 99-2002, 05-12	Faculty Executive
2009-11	ATS Self-Study Steering Committee
2009-11	ATS Self-Study Subcommittee on Faculty
2008-09	Search Committee, Congregational Leadership position
2008-09	Search Committee, Contextual Education position
2007-08	Johanna Selles Tenure Review Committee
2007 (fall)	Basic Degree Financial Aid
2007 (fall)	Basic Degree Committee (chair)

2007-09	Curriculum Implementation and Assessment Design
2006-10	Lexington Seminar (Emmanuel coordinator)
2006-07	Thomas Reynolds Tenure Review (teaching evaluation committee)
2005-06	Michael Bourgeois Tenure Review Committee
2004-05	Search Committee, Old Testament position
2004	William Kervin Tenure Review Committee
2003	Abigail Johnson Review Committee (chair)
2002-06	Nominating Committee, Emmanuel College Council
2000-01	Search Committee, Theology position
1999-2000	Taskforce on Church Music
1998	Search Committee, Worship position
1994-95	Search Committee, Christian Education position
1991-2002, 04-05	Advanced Degree Committee (chair, 1997-02)
1989-90	Basic Degree Sub-committee, ATS Self-Study (chair)
1988-90	Basic Degree Committee
1986-2010	Administrative Committee, Centre for the Study of Religion in Canada (formerly Centre for the Study of Religion in Canada)
1985-96, 2007 (fall)	Curriculum Committee (chair, 1992-93)
1985-88	Social Committee

#### Victoria University

\*\*Excludes *ex officio* appointments to committees as Acting Principal, July 1 to December 31, 2008.

2014—	Victoria University Review Committee
2013-14	Victoria University Grants Committee
2012-13	Senate Nominating Committee
2011-12	Senate Review Committee
2007-12	Senate Research Committee
2008-09	Senate Awards Committee
2007-08	Search Committee for Principal of Emmanuel College
2007-08	Emmanuel College Review Committee
2003-04	Search Committee, Chancellor
2001-02	Teaching Award Committee
2000-01	Taskforce on Funding Priorities 2001-2004
1999-2000	Nominating Committee, Board of Regents
1997-98	Advisory Committee on the Presidency
1997-98	Taskforce on Funding Priorities 1998-2001
1995-98; 99-00	Academic Priorities Committee (chair, 1996-98; 1999-2000)
1994-98	Executive Committee, Board of Regents
1994-95	Search Committee for Registrar
1993-98; 2013 (fall)	Committee on Development and External Relations, Board of Regents
1993-2000, 02-04	Honorary Degrees Committee
1992-2000, 09-10, 2013 (fall)	Board of Regents

1992-94	Sexual Harassment Policy Committee
1991-92	Board of Regents' Committee on Archives Relocation
1990-91	Search Committee for Principal of Victoria College
1990-91	Victoria College Review Committee
1988-90	President's Committee on Sexual Harassment Policy
1987-92, 97-01	United Church/Victoria University Archives Management Committee
1987-88	Research and Publication Committee
1985, 87-92	Committee on Archives and History, Victoria University and United Church of Canada (chair 1990-92)
1985-90	Library Committee

#### Toronto School of Theology

2013-14	Search Committee, Director of Graduate Centre
2010-14	Basic and Advanced Degree Appeals Committee (chair 2013-14)
2007-0	Status Committee
2007-08	Basic Degree Council
2004-06	Strategic Planning Committee
2002	Search Committee, Director of the Toronto School of Theology
2001-04	Library Committee (Historical department representative)
2000-02, 09 (fall)	Executive Committee, Board of Trustees
2000-02; 09 (fall)	Board of Trustees
1999-2000; 01 (fall)	Search Committee, Spirituality position, Regis College
1999-2000	Search Committee, History position, St. Augustine's College
1997-8	Search Committee, History position, St. Michael's College
1996-98, 99-00	Chair, Historical Department
1996-2002	Advanced Degree Council
1993-94	Search Committee, Doctor of Ministry Program Director
1991-92	TST-ATS Accreditation Review Committee
1985-86	Basic Degree Council
1985-86	Sub-committee on Curriculum, Basic Degree Council

#### Other university committees

2007-08	Advisory Committee, Centre for the Study of Religion
2003-13	Trinity College, Grievance Review Panel for Academic Staff
1996-98	Advisory Council, Department/Centre for the Study of Religion

## 2. Other positions held and service on committees and organizations

#### Theological Education

2014	Nominating Committee, Association of Theological Schools
2008	Lexington Seminar: Theological Teaching for the Church's Ministries (participant and respondent at concluding conference, June 2008)
2006-07	Lexington Seminar: Theological Teaching for the Church's Ministries Consultation for University Divinity Schools (member of Emmanuel College team)

- 2002-03 Wabash Center Consultation on Vocation: “A Career in Theological Education”
- 2000-02 Leadership Education Sub-committee (chair), Executive of the Association of Theological Schools
- 1998-02 Public Character of Theological Education Taskforce, Association of Theological Schools
- 1996-02 Executive Council, Association of Theological Schools
- 1996-2000 Faculty Resource Center Advisory Committee, Association of Theological Schools (chair, 1998-2000)
- 1993-96 Executive Council, Churches’ Council on Theological Education
- 1993-95 Evaluation Coordinator, Hartford Leadership Education Program for Church and Ecumenical Executives, Lilly Endowment
- 1990-98 Committee on Theological Education, Churches’ Council on Theological Education
- 1990-98 Board, Churches’ Council on Theological Education

#### National and International Church/Ecumenical

- 2003— Making Room for Women at the Archives, United Church of Canada
- 1998-2000 Cooperation and Witness, World Alliance of Reformed Churches Executive
- 1998-2000 Membership Sub-committee, World Alliance of Reformed Churches Executive
- 1997-04 Executive, World Alliance of Reformed Churches
- 1997 Delegate (United Church of Canada), General Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches (Debrecen, Hungary)
- 1996-2000 Administrative Committee, Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches
- 1994-2000 Committee on Theology, Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches
- 1994-2000 Caribbean and North American Area Council of the World Alliance
- 1986-2005 Committee on Graduate Awards to Women, United Church of Canada
- 1985, 87-92 Committee on Archives and History, United Church of Canada (chair 1990-92)

#### Congregational (since moving to Toronto)

- 2012— Worship Committee, St. Andrew’s United Church
- 1996 Coordinator, Royal York Road Fundraising Drive for *Voices United*
- 1994-2000 Executive Council, Royal York Road United Church
- 2003-08
- 1992-97 Division of Worship, Royal York Road United Church (vice-chair, 1993-94; chair, 1994-97)
- 1992-2008 Elder and member of the Official Board, Royal York Road United Church

E. **SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK**

1. **a. Books (authored)**

*A Church with the Soul of a Nation: Making and Remaking the United Church of Canada.*  
Montreal and Kingston, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2014, xx + 440 pp.

*Serving the Present Age: Revivalism, Progressivism, and the Methodist Tradition in Canada.*  
Montreal and Kingston, McGill-Queen's University Press, 1992, x + 218 pp.

**b. Books (edited)**

Phyllis D. Airhart, Marilyn J. Legge, and Gary L. Redcliffe, *Doing Ethics in a Pluralistic World: Essays in Honour of Roger C. Hutchinson.* Waterloo, ON, Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2002, vii + 259 pp.

Phyllis D. Airhart and Margaret Lamberts Bendroth. *Faith Traditions and the Family.* Louisville, KY, Westminster John Knox Press, 1996, xii + 172 pp.

2. **Articles in peer-reviewed journals**

“‘What Must I Do to Be Saved?’: Two Paths to Evangelical Conversion in Late Victorian Canada,” *Church History* 59/3 (1990): 372-85.

“Christianizing the Social Order and Founding Myths—Double Vision?” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 12/2 (1996): 169-78.

Thomas Massaro, Phyllis Airhart, Barbara Brown Zikmund, and Raymond Williams, “The Teacher’s Career and Life,” *Teaching in Theology and Religion* (October 2004): 181-200.

3. **Chapters in multi-authored volumes and other articles**

**a. Chapters in books:**

“Ecumenical Theological Education and Denominational Relationships: The Emmanuel College Case, 1960-1985,” in *Theological Education in Canada*, ed. Graham Brown, Toronto, United Church Publishing House, 1998, 11-27.

“‘As Canadian as Possible under the Circumstances’: Reflections on the Study of North American Protestantism,” in *New Directions in American Religious History*, eds. Harry Stout and D.G. Hart, New York, Oxford University Press, 1997, 116-37.

“Condensation and Heart Religion: Canadian Methodists as Evangelicals, 1884-1925,” in *Aspects of the Canadian Evangelical Experience*, ed. G.A. Rawlyk, Kingston and Montreal, McGill-Queen's University Press, 1997, 90-105.

“Ordering a New Nation and Reordering Protestantism, 1867-1914,” in *The Canadian Protestant Experience, 1760-1990*, ed. G.A. Rawlyk, Burlington, ON, G.R. Welch Co., 1990; reissued Montreal and Kingston, McGill-Queen’s University Press, 1993, pp. 98-138.

“Christian Socialism and the Legacy of Revivalism in the 1930s,” in *A Long and Faithful March: ‘Towards the Christian Revolution,’ 1930s/1980s*, eds. Harold Wells and Roger Hutchinson, Toronto, United Church Publishing House, 1989, 30-40.

#### **b. Articles in non-refereed publications**

“The End of Christian Canada and the Remaking of the United Church,” *Journal of the Alberta and Northwest Conference of the United Church of Canada Historical Society* 24 (May 2011): 4-8.

“Who Are We for God’s Sake?” *Touchstone: Theology Shaping Witness* 28/2 (May 2010): 10-27.

“The Elusive Wesleyan Heritage in Canada,” *Touchstone: Heritage and Theology in a New Age* 22/3 (September 2004): 22-34. (Reprinted in *Papers of the Canadian Methodist Historical Society* 14, 2002-2004.)

“Responsibility, Repentance, and Right Relations,” (co-author Roger Hutchinson) *Theological Education* 38/1 (2001): 83-90.

“A ‘Review’ of the United Church’s 75 Years,” *Touchstone: Heritage and Theology in a New Age* 18/3 (2000): 19-31.

“Sweeter Manners, Purer Laws: Women as Temperance Reformers in Late-Victorian Canada,” *Touchstone: Heritage and Theology in a New Age* 9 (1991): 21-31.

“Sobriety, Sentimentality and Science: The WCTU and the Reconstruction of Christian Womanhood,” *Papers*, Canadian Methodist Historical Society (1988 and 1990).

Phyllis D. Airhart, *Touchstone: Heritage and Theology in a New Age* 5 (1987):30-37.

“R. Edis Fairbairn: Christian Socialist and Kingdom of God Evangelist,” *Papers*, Canadian Society of Church History (1986):123-43.

### c. Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Reports and Other Publications

“The United Church of Canada,” in *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices* (2nd edition), vol. 6, eds. J. Gordon Melton and Martin Bauman. ABC-CLIO, 2010, 2964-65.

“The United Church of Canada,” in *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart* (4th ed.), vol. 8, eds. Hans Dieter Betz et al., J.C.B Mohr, 1998-2005, 762-3.

“Women in the United Church of Canada,” in *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America*, vol. 1, eds. Rosemary Skinner Keller and Rosemary Radforth Ruether, Indiana University Press, 2006, 361-68.

“The United Church of Canada,” in *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, vol. 4, ed. Hans Hillerbrand, Routledge Press, 2004, 1930-3.

“Evaluation Report: United Methodism and American Culture.” Prepared for Duke University and the Lilly Endowment, 1998.

“Evaluation Report: Hartford Leadership Education Program for Church and Ecumenical Leaders.” Prepared for the Lilly Endowment, 1995.

Marion Best and Friends [Phyllis Airhart, Alan Barss, Pamela Brown, Roland Kawano, Marion Pardy, Ed Searcy, Jim Sinclair, Mardi Tindal, Faye Wakeling], *Will Our Church Disappear? Strategies for Renewal of the United Church of Canada*, Winfield, BC: Wood Lake Books, 1994.

Contributor to *Dictionary of Christianity in America*, eds. Daniel Reid et al. (12 articles), InterVarsity Press, 1990.

### 4. Book Reviews

Daniel C. Goodwin, *In Deep Waters: Evangelical Spirituality and Maritime Calvinistic Baptist Ministers, 1790-1855* in *Canadian Historical Review* 92/4 (2011): 730-32.

Marguerite Van Die, *Religion, Family, and Community in Victorian Canada: The Colbys of Carrollcroft* in *Touchstone* 26/1 (2008): 61-2.

Christopher H. Evans, *The Kingdom Is Always but Coming: A Life of Walter Rauschenbusch* in *Toronto Journal of Theology* 23/2 (2007): 212-13.

A. Donald MacLeod, *W. Stanford Reid: An Evangelical Calvinist in the Academy* in *Canadian Historical Review* (March 2006): 133-34.

William Westfall, *The Founding Moment: Church, Society, and the Construction of Trinity College in Anglican and Episcopal History* 73/2 (June 2004): 239-40.

Margaret Lamberts Bendroth, *Growing Up Protestant: Parents, Children, and Mainline Churches in Touchstone* 22/1 (2004): 52-53.

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A. Gregory Schneider, *The Way of the Cross Leads Home: The Domestication of American Methodism in Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society* 37/1 (1995).

Charles H.H. Scobie and John Webster Grant, eds., *The Contribution of Methodism to Atlantic Canada in Church History* 64/1 (1995).



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Mark A. Noll, *A History of Christianity in the United States and Canada* in *Anglican and Episcopal History* 69/1 (1995).

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Michael Gauvreau, *The Evangelical Century: College and Creed in English Canada from the Great Revival to the Great Depression* in *Studies in Religion* 21/3 (1992).

George M. Marsden, *Understanding Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism* in *Church History* 61 (1992).

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Jerald C. Brauer, ed., *The Lively Experiment Continued* in *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society* (October 1991).

E. Morris Sider, *The Brethren in Christ in Canada: Two Hundred Years of Tradition and Change* in *Church History* (March 1992).

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Marguerite Van Die, *An Evangelical Mind: Nathanael Burwash and the Methodist Tradition in Canada, 1839-1918* in *Church History* (December 1991).

Glyn Redworth, *In Defence of the Church Catholic: The Life of Stephen Gardiner in America* (14 September 1991).

William Westfall, *Two Worlds: The Protestant Culture of Nineteenth-Century Ontario* in *Studies in Religion* 19/4 (1990).

Mary Hayter, *The New Eve in Christ: The Use and Abuse of the Bible in the Debate about Women in the Church* in *Consensus* 15/2 (1989).

David R. Elliot and Iris Miller, *Bible Bill: A Biography of William Aberhart* in *Studies in Religion* 17/4 (1988).

G.A. Rawlyk, ed., *The Sermons of Henry Alline* and D.G. Bell, ed., *Newlight Baptist Journals of James Manning and James Innis* in *Church History* (December 1987).

Carol Hancock, *No Small Legacy in Touchstone* (January 1987).

N.K. Clifford, *The Resistance to Church Union in Canada* in *The Ecumenist* (November-December, 1986).

William Westfall et al., eds., *Religion/Culture: Comparative Canadian Studies* in *Studies in Religion* (15/2 1986).

Dennis L. Butcher et al. eds., *Prairie Spirit: Perspectives on the Heritage of the United Church of Canada in the West* in *Touchstone* (January 1986).

G.A. Rawlyk, *Ravished by the Spirit: Religious Revivals, Baptists, and Henry Alline* in *Church History* (December 1985).

John Reid, *Mount Allison University: A History* in *Church History* (September 1985).

## **5. Papers presented at meetings and symposia.**

American Society of Church History, April 2009

“The Other ‘Quiet Revolution’: The End of Christian Canada and the Remaking of the United Church”

Emmanuel College, Conference on Rediscovering Calvin: Resources for Renewal Today, June 2009

“Does Calvin Matter Anymore to the Reformed Churches?” (Panel Presentation)

Canadian Historical Association and Canadian Society of Church History (joint session) May 2002

Response to session on “Religious Geographies: Communities and Culture in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century Canada”

American Society of Church History, January 2002

“International Ecumenism and National Identity: The United Church of Canada, 1925-1950”

Association of Theological Schools, Conference for Newly Appointed Theological School Faculty, October, 1999

“On Becoming a Teacher in a Theological School”

Association of Theological Schools, Conference for Newly Appointed Theological School Faculty, December 1995

“Developing Your Role as a Scholar”

Queen’s University, The Canadian Evangelical Experience Conference, April 1995

“Condensation and Heart Religion: Canadian Methodists as Evangelicals, 1884-1925”

New Directions in American Religious History Conference (Wingspread Center, Racine, Wisconsin), October 1993

“‘As Canadian as Possible under the Circumstances’: Reflections on the Study of North Protestantism”

Trinity College, Divinity 150 Project Conference, April 1993

“Ecumenical Education and Denominational Education: The Emmanuel College Case”

Emmanuel College, Conference on Christianizing the Social Order: A Founding Vision of the United Church of Canada, March 1992

“Christianizing the Social Order and Founding Myths—Double Vision?”

Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals (Wheaton, Illinois), Conference on Evangelicals, Voluntary Associations and American Public Life, June 1991

“‘Sweeter Manners, Purer Laws’: Temperance Societies and the Renovation of Public and Private Morals in Late Victorian Canada”

Canadian Methodist Historical Society, June 1990

“Sobriety, Sentimentality and Science: The WCTU and the Reconstruction of Christian Womanhood”

American Society of Church History, December 1989

Response to “The Migration of the Peace People to Ontario, 1786-1812”

Canadian Society of Church History, June 1986

“R. Edis Fairbairn: Christian Socialist and Kingdom of God Evangelist”

American Society of Church History, April 1985

“Revivalism and the Social Gospel in Urban Canada”

Wabash Center for Teaching in Religion and Theology, Consultation on Vocation: “A Career in Theological Education,” June 2003

“Mid-career Movement: Chasing the Wind or Following the Gleam?”

## **6. Invited Lectures**

United Church of Canada Congregational, Educational, and Community Ministries Unit and Emmanuel College Continuing Education: More Franchises than Tim Hortons? Vital Ministry in the Canadian Context, June 2008

“Who Are We for God’s Sake?: Building on the Past”

Emmanuel College, Memory and Mission: John Wesley at 300, October 2003

“The Elusive Wesleyan Heritage in Canada”

St. Andrew's College, Winter Fresher Lecture Series, February 2000

“Creating Identity: The Founding Vision of the United Church of Canada”

“Investing Identity: Risks and Rewards of Our Past Experience”

“Taking Stock: Our Current ‘Identity Crisis’”

Vancouver School of Theology, G. Peter Kaye Lecture Series, February 1997

“‘In Friendly Service to the Nation’: Mainstream Protestantism and Public Life in Canada”

“Looking for a Home in Babylon: The Exile of Mainstream Protestantism”

“Soul and Society: Christian Vocation and Civic Life”

Victoria University Public Lecture, February 1995

“From Gospel to Social Gospel: Victoria’s Methodist Heritage”

## **7. Other Public Presentations and Conference Participation**

Toronto Southeast Presbytery, United Church of Canada, September 2013

“Decisions That Shape Us: Controversy and Identity”

Epiphany Explorations, Victoria First United Church, January 2013

“The Priesthood of All Seekers and the New Reformation”

Hymn Society of Southern Ontario, Humbercrest United Church Hymn Festival, October 2012

“A History of the United Church in Song”

Association of Theological Schools Consultation Pre-seminar for Women Faculty on “The Changing Character of Faculty Work,” Pittsburgh, 11 March 2011

Presentation for panel on “Looking Back, Looking Forward”

Advanced Degree Students Association, Toronto School of Theology, March 2009

Presentation for Professional Development Seminar on Effective Teaching

Halton Presbytery, November 2007

“Come, Imagine a New Heaven and a New Earth” (session leader)

Arnprior Assembly on Ministry, November 2005

“Kindling for the Fire of Dialogue: Letter to the Arnprior Assembly” (audiotape)

Wabash Center for Teaching in Religion and Theology, June 2003

Consultation on Vocation: “A Career in Theological Education”

“Mid-career Movement: Chasing the Wind or Following the Gleam?”

Jane Austen Society (Toronto), June 2003

“Jane Austen’s Religious World Comes to Canada”

Manitou Conference (Sudbury), May 2003

“God’s Mission People” (3 presentations as Conference speaker)

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (Toronto) Post-Easter Supper Seminars: “Feasting on the Wisdom of Saints, Mystics and Calvin,” April 2002 (3 presentations)

“Augustine and the Wisdom of Mediocrity”

“The Practical Wisdom of Mystics: Teresa of Avila and Evelyn Underhill”

“The Worldly Wisdom of John Calvin”

Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church (Toronto) Prayer Breakfast, March 2002

“Lent and Spiritual Performance Anxieties”

Jubilee United Church (Toronto) Membership Seminar, February 2002

“An Introduction to the United Church of Canada”

Hebron United Church, Critical Issues Workshop, October 2000

“Seventy-Five Years Later: Taking Stock of Our Denominational Identity”

*Touchstone* Conference, Nanaimo, BC, June 2000

“Review of the United Church’s 75 Years”

Association of Theological Schools, Conference for Newly Appointed Theological School Faculty, October, 1999

“On Becoming a Teacher in a Theological School”

Westminster United Church (Whitby) Lenten Study, March 1998

“The Resurrection of Jesus in Historical Context”

Fairlawn United Church (Toronto), April 1998

“The Resurrection: What Does the Christian Church Believe?”

Association of Theological Schools, December 1995

“Developing Your Role as a Scholar” (Workshop for New Theological School Faculty)

West Hill United Church (Scarborough), March 1995

“Can Protestants Be ‘Spiritual’?”

Victoria University Public Lecture, February 1995

“From Gospel to Social Gospel: Victoria’s Methodist Heritage”

Emmanuel College, Field Education Ministry Reflection Committees, February 1995

“Vocation and Spirituality: Reflections on the Ministry of the Laity”

Kingsview United Church (Oshawa) Fall Lecture Series, October-November 1994

“Exploring Our Heritage”

“The Founding Vision”

“Our Distinctive Identity”

Dufferin-Peel Presbytery, March 1993

“Spokes in a Wheel: Historical Perspectives on Spirituality in the United Church of Canada”

East Plains United Church (Burlington), February 1993

“Methodism in Nineteenth-Century Canada”

Islington United and Royal York Road United Church (Toronto) Study Session, Oct.-Nov. 1992

“The Roots, Formation, and Evolving Ethos of the United Church of Canada” (four presentations)

Toronto United Church Council Centennial Address, June 1992

“Serving the Present Age as ‘Stewards of the Future’”

Toronto School of Theology Advanced Degree Students’ Association, April 1992

“Teaching Students Preparing for Ministry”

Gibson House (Toronto), April 1992

“The Religious World of the Gibson Family: Christianity and Culture in Nineteenth-Century Ontario”

Caledon East United Church, April 1989

“A Celebration of Our Methodist Heritage” and “A Celebration of Our Congregationalist Heritage” (two presentations)

York University Religious Studies Students Association, November 1988

“Misbegotten Male, She-Man, Subversive: Changing Perceptions of Women in Sixteenth Century Europe”

Ontario Theological Seminary, October 1988, February 1990 and February 1992

“Women and Ministry in Historical Perspective” (2 lectures each year)

St. Jerome's College, Institute for Studies in Theological Renewal, July 1986, 1987, 1988

“The Reformation and the Status of Women”

Toronto School of Theology Continuing Education Programme, May 1986

“Social Evangelism and the Conditions of Religious Renewal”

Toronto School of Theology Advanced Degree Seminar, February 1986

“Changing Patterns of Protestant Piety: From Revivalism to the Social Gospel”

The Anglican Church of St. Timothy, February 1985

“The Reformation: A Protestant View” (2 lectures)

## E. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

### 1. Grants

Emmanuel College Research Grant, 2013

\$1800

Canadian Federation for the Humanities (ASPP), 2012

\$8000

Lexington Seminar (project leader for curriculum implementation grant), 2008-10

\$20,000 (USD)

Victoria University Grant (Hutchinson festschrift, internal SSHRC), 2000-01

\$9,000

Association of Theological Schools, Public Character of Theological Education project, 2000-01

\$15,000 (USD)

Association of Theological Schools, Theological Research Grant, 1998-99

\$3,800 (USD)

Lilly Endowment Project Grant (co-director with Roger Hutchinson), 1991-95

\$195,500 (USD)

Victoria University Grant (internal)

\$900

Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals Research Grant, 1988

\$4500 (USD)

Association of Theological Schools Scholarship and Research Grant, 1988

\$6500 (USD)

### 2. Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion

American Society of Church History

Canadian Catholic Historical Society

Canadian Historical Society

Canadian Society of Church History

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

### 3. Recent Volunteer and Community Involvement

2006-2008 Volunteer, Princess Margaret Hospital

2002-2005 Volunteer, Recording Studio, Canadian National Institute for the Blind  
(reader and technician producing materials for the visually-impaired)

2004— Chorister, Toronto Classical Singers

### 4. Personal

Born: 24 June 1953, Moncton, New Brunswick

Marital Status: Married to Matthew Airhart (2 June 1979)

Religious Affiliation: United Church of Canada (St. Andrew's)