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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Boston College, Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. Dissertation entitled, "Teaching Them to Observe All Things: A Practical Rationale for Teaching Scripture in Evangelical Colleges." 1994.

Selected Courses & Professors

- Shared Christian Praxis (Thomas Groome, author of *Sharing Faith*)
 - Contemplation and Action (Parker Palmer, author of *Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life; To Know as We are Known: Education as Spiritual Journey, The Heart of Higher Education: A Call to Renewal*)
 - Theology of Liberation (Gustavo Gutierrez, father of Liberation Theology, author of *A Theology of Liberation*)
 - Social Ethics (Max Stackhouse, Andover Newton)
 - Benedictine Spirituality (Joan Chittister, author of dozens of books on spirituality)
 - Educating in Faith (Mary Boys, Dean of Academic Affairs, Union Theological Seminary, NY)
 - History and Philosophy of Christian Education (Robert Pazmiño, Andover Newton Seminary, author of numerous books on Christian Education)
 - Stages of Faith and Public Church (James Fowler, Emory, author of *Stages of Faith*)
- Masters of Divinity (90 hours). Harding Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, TN, 1984.
 - Bachelor of Arts, Bible, Harding University, 1979.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Professor of Bible and Ministry, Harding University (1986 --- 2024; Professor since 2007)
- Courses taught:
 - Theology of Ministry (Master of Ministry Program)
 - New Testament Church (BDOC 3010)
 - Ministries of the Word (BMIN 3030)
 - Christian Teaching (BFAM 3000)
 - The Life and Teachings of Jesus (HNRS 2020)
 - The Gospel of John (BNEW 3070)
 - Hebrews
 - Vocational Ministry (capstone course for the Vocational Ministry major)
 - Old and New Testament Survey (including sections for Honors Scholars; transfers)
 - Small Group Bible Study Leadership
- Adjunct, Abilene Christian University, Christian Spiritual Formation (D.Min. course)
- Adjunct, Harding School of Theology, Christian Spiritual Formation; Transformational Teaching

AWARDS

- Distinguished Teacher Award, Harding University (1999, 2006)
- Alpha Chi Faculty Scholar Award (2000)

PUBLICATIONS

- *Not Off Limits: Questions You Wish You Could Ask at Church*. ACU Press. Forthcoming June 2014.
- "Teaching Scripture for Scholarship and Discipleship: Uniting Academic and Pastoral Concerns in Christian College Pedagogy." *Christian Education Journal*, Spring 2012. Special Edition.
- "It's All in Your Mind: Pedagogical Content Knowledge and the Contributions of Lee Shulman to Teacher Thinking." *Christian Education Journal*, Volume 2, No. 2, Fall, 1998, pages 77--89.
- "Do We Really Need the Church," in *Theology Matters: Answers for the Church Today*. In Honor of Harold Hazelp. Pages 169--182. Edited by Gary Holloway, Randall J. Harris, and Mark C. Black. Joplin, MO: College Press Publishing Co., 1998.
- "Walking Above the Clouds," *Harding University Magazine*. Fall 1998. Pages 14--17.
- "Keys to Building Lasting Relationships." *Church and Family Magazine*. Published by the Harding University Institute for Church and Family. Fall 1998. Pages 30--31.
- "Galatians" and "Titus." Chapters in *New Testament Survey: An Introduction and Survey of the New Testament* by the Faculty of the Harding University College of Bible and Religion. Edited by Don Shackelford. Searcy, AR: Resource Publications, 1987. "Galatians," pages 299--315. "Titus," pages 378--385.
- "Why Marriage in a Co-habiting World." *Church and Family Magazine*. Published by the Harding University Institute for Church and Family. Summer 2004. Pages 2--3.
- "Luke: The Gospel for the Underdog." In *Touched by the Master: Luke Portrays Jesus* (Harding University Lectureship book). 1995.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Director, Camp Tahkodah, Floral, AR (2004 – 2011)
 - Nine--week camp for 850--900 students per summer. Owned by Harding University. I reported to HU's VP for Finance.
 - Responsible for administration and programming, day--to--day oversight of total camp operations, budget, purchasing, staff recruiting, selection and supervision, camper recruitment, programming, theme selection, and Bible lessons development.
- Chair, Curriculum Revision Committee, College of Bible and Ministry (2004 – 2013). Led creation and implementation of CoBaM mission statement and curriculum.

HONORS COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

- Taught HNRS 2020 sections for many years.
- Have interacted with many Honors Symposium participants. Their testimonies convict me of the multiple values it brings to students and the University.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Freshman Bible Peer Mentoring Pilot Program (Fall 2013)
- International Programs Faculty
 - Harding University, Greece (Fall 2004)
 - Harding in Zambia (Fall 2009)
 - Harding University, Florence, Italy (Fall 2010)
 - Harding University, England (Spring 2019)
- Chair, Curriculum Revision Committee, College of Bible and Ministry (2006 – 2013)
- University Liberal Arts Committee (2010 – present)
- Faculty Welfare Committee (2013 – present)
- Sponsor, Alpha Chi National Honor Society
- Chapel appearances at Harding University (average two per year)
- Primary Advisor for the Vocational Ministry Major (1994 – 2009)
- Visiting Committee for ACU's Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry (2003 – 2005)
- Student Affairs Appeals Committee (2000 – 2005)
- Lectureship Committee (2003 – 2013)
- Chapel Program Committee (1994 – 1997; 2013 – present)
- Sponsor, Campaigns Northwest (1987 – 1990, 1994 – 1997)
- Christian School Administrators Conference (keynote speaker, two years)

CHURCH & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), White County, AR chapter. Board member (2016 – present)
- Midnight Oil Coffee House, an outpost of the Kibo Group. Board member (presently active)
- Tri-S Foundation Grant Committee Member (2022 – present)
- Host and leader, Wednesday night Home Bible study for college students
- Elder, Downtown Church of Christ, Searcy, AR (2007 – 2021)
- Assoc. Minister, Downtown Church of Christ, Searcy, AR (1994 – 2004)
- Pulpit Minister, Natick Church of Christ, Natick, MA (1990 – 1993)
- Assoc. Minister, Holmes Road Church of Christ (1984 – 1986)
- Member, Limerick, Ireland Mission Team (1979 – 1980)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences

- National Association for Professors of Christian Education (4 years; most recent Fall 2011; presently inactive)
- Christian Education Association (1997 – 2006; elected to board 1998, and again in 2005; presently inactive)

Speaking Engagements

- Church contexts; 2--3 per year (preaching; retreats; Bible teacher training workshops)

PERSONAL

- Born (1957) and reared in Hobbs, NM.
- Married to Stephanie Howell (January 2022)
- Three children: Chris (b. 1985, and Caroline); Allen (b. 1988); Hannah (b. 1993).
- Two step-daughters: Katherine (b. 1995, and Addison); Emma (b. 1998, and William)