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Educational Preparation

EdD, 1999. Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of
Christian Education, Richmond, VA
MTS, 1986. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
University of Zagreb, Croatia. Croatian language studies, 1977-78
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. Studies toward an MAT, 1975-77
BA English Education 1975. Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, VA
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. Studies toward a BA, 1973

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

2010 fall— President

Eastern Mennonite University/ Seminary Institutional Involvements

2010	Interim Seminary Dean
2000-09	Seminary Associate Dean
2007-10	Associate Professor of Christian Practices
2009-10	EMU Publishing Committee
2008-09	ATS Self-Study Editor and Sub-Committee Chair
2008-09	SACs Reaccreditation Committee
2007-09	Seminary Curriculum Design
2005-10	Seminary Academic Committee, Chair
2004-10	Clinical Pastoral Education Advisory Committee
2000-2007	University Lilly Vocational Grant Steering Committee
1999-2007	Associate Professor of Christian Education (1995-99, Assistant)
1997-2010	University Institutional Effectiveness Committee
1999-00,04-06	University Graduate Council
1995-99	Assistant Seminary Dean

Publications

Books

2014 *Meditations for New Parents* (revised edition) Herald Press; co-authored with N. Gerald Shenk
2005 *Thank You for Asking: Conversing with Young Adults about the Future Church*, Herald Press, Scottsdale, PA.

- 2003 *Anabaptist Ways of Knowing: A Conversation about Tradition-Based Critical Education*, Cascadia Publishing House, Telford, PA
- 1998 *Toward An Anabaptist Educational Theory*, a dissertation presented to the faculty of Union Theological Seminary and The Presbyterian School of Christian Education, VA, August 1998. Approved, December 1998
- 1996 *Meditations for New Parents*, Herald Press; co-authored with N. Gerald Shenk
- 1992 *Coming Home: a thoughtful resource for fathers, mothers, and the rebirth of the family*. Good Books. The book interweaves the dynamics of everyday life with theological reflection on the crisis in the family, changing family patterns, passing on the faith, mother-father God, and practical spirituality.
- 1987 *Why Not Celebrate!* Good Books. In addition to theological reflection, the book includes a collection of celebrations useful for families, small groups and retreats.
- 1985 *And Then There Were Three: An Ode to Parenthood*. Herald Press. Republished by Hodder & Stoughton, London, 1989. Also published in adapted version, in Croatian, by Izvori (Osijek, Croatia), 1990. The book combines theological reflection with what it means to be man/woman and parents.

Chapters and Selected Articles

- 2013- Practicing Reconciliation blog: <https://www.ambs.edu/publishing/blog>
- 2015 “A Mennonite View of Life and Learning: Practicing the Way of Jesus”, chapter in *Liberal Learning and the Great Christian Traditions*, edited by Jenkins and Yonan, Pickwick Publications, an imprint of Wipf and Stock.
- 2015 “The Role of Theological Education in Developing Missional Consciousness”, chapter with David Miller in *fully engaged: Missional Church in an Anabaptist Voice*, edited by Green and Krabill, Herald Press
- 2014 “Leading in Anxious Times”, *The Mennonite*, December 2014
- 2013 “Why we need seminaries reimagined”, *The Mennonite*, January 2013
- 2013 Foreword for *Discerning God’s Will together: Biblical Interpretation in the Free Church Tradition*, by Ervin Stutzman, Cascadia Publishing House
- 2012 Afterword for *The Activist Impulse: essays on the intersection of Evangelicalism and Anabaptism*, Wipf and Stock.
- 2011 “Tell me about your call” in *Vision: a Journal for Church & Theology* on Baptism
- 2011 Foreword, *Youth Ministry at a Crossroads: tending to the faith formation of Mennonite Youth*, eds. Andy Brubacher Kaethler and Bob Yoder, Herald Press
- 2005-10 Real Families column, *The Mennonite*
- 2008 “Cohabitation: What is at Stake?” *Vision: a Journal for Church & Theology*, Sexuality
- 2008 “No more church as usual: a different way, with Gerald Shenk, *The Mennonite*
- 2007 The Lexington Seminar Final Report, project supported by Lilly Endowment Inc.
- 2005 “Sabbath at Home: A Practice for Opening the Gift of Time.” *Leader Magazine*
- 2002 “Anabaptist Ways of Knowing—a proposal for tradition-based, critical education” published in APRRE conference *Proceedings*
- 2000 “Daily Resurrections of Hope” *Sojourners*, book review of Jonathan Kozol’s *Ordinary Resurrections: Children in the Years of Hope*
- 1999 “Ten Years Later—Reflections on Revisiting Ex-Yugoslavia, June 1999” with N. Gerald Shenk in *Religion in Eastern Europe: Christians Associated for Relations With Eastern Europe*, Vol. XIX, No. 6, December 1999

- 1996 “Where Love is Lodged” chapter in Ted Koontz ed., *Godward: Personal Stories of Grace*, Herald Press
- 1995 Foreword, *Bridging the Generations*, by Katie Funk Wiebe, Herald Press
- 1995 “Remember Who You Are” John Roth ed., *Refocusing a Vision: Shaping Anabaptist Character in the 21st Century*, Mennonite Historical Society

Public and Scholarly Presentations, selected

- Jan 2018 Council of International Anabaptist Ministries, panel presentation on theological education and global partnerships
- Sept 2017 Believers Church conference, introduction of Miroslav Volf and panel Presentation: “Can these bones live”
- Jan 2017 ATS women presidents conference, Sunday morning homily, San Antonio, Texas
- Jan 2017 “Structural evil, individual harm and institutional responsibility” Society of Christian Ethics, New Orleans, LA; panel presentation
- Mar 2016 “Does theological identity matter (for church planting)” SENT 2016, MC USA & MMN church planting event, New Orleans, LA
- Oct 2016 “Women changing the world,” plenary speaker, MEDA annual convention
- Oct 2015,16 “Centering Leadership on Jesus and Anabaptist Stories” at Values Based Leadership Program, Laurelville, PA
- Oct 2015 “Leaves of the tree healing the nations,” Mennonite Education—Past, Present and Future plenary address, Bluffton, Ohio
- July 2015 “Risking Everything to Plant Trees”, plenary address at MWC Global Education Conference, Christopher Dock High School, Lansdale PA
- July 2015 “Discipling the Mind—intellectual power within the community of faith,” seminar with David Miller at MC USA Convention, Kansas City MO
- July 2015 “Confronting sexual abuse: the case of theologian John Howard Yoder”, seminar with Rachel Waltner Goossen and Ervin Stutzman, MC USA Convention, Kansas City MO
- Mar 2015 Services of Lament, Confession and Commitment, sermon, AMBS
- Jan, 2015 “Vocation of the President” address, Association of Theological Schools Presidential Leadership Intensive, San Antonio, TX
- Oct 2014 “My story, within God’s Story, within the Anabaptist story” and “Disciplines that center leadership and self-care”, presentations at the Values-Based Leadership Program, Laurelville, PA. Also in 2012, 2013
- Sept 2014 “Sow your storied word among us”, address for Malone University community worship, Canton, Ohio
- Mar 2013 “Changed Perspective Leads to Wisdom: where were you when the morning stars sang together,” Kansas Life Enrichment address, Newton
- July 2013 MWC Global Anabaptist Profile research associate consultation meditation, Goshen College
- Oct 2013 “The Joy of Educating for the Common Good”, panel presentation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
- Oct 2012 Lecture: “A Mennonite view of life and learning,” Templeton Honors College, Eastern University, Philadelphia, PA

- April 2012 Lecture: “Theological imagination—it’s a yeasty time” Goshen College retired faculty luncheon: Goshen, IN
- Mar 2012 Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary chapel, Evanston, Illinois
- Jan 2012 Council of International Anabaptist Ministries, Chicago; plenary address
- Jan 2011 “The inconceivable surprise of the good news” AMBS Pastors Week
- Nov 2010 No more church as usual! No! More church as usual: Young adults and the Church, AMBS CLC Webinar
- Oct 2010 AMBS Inauguration Address, Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, Elkhart, IN
- Oct 2010 AMBS Theological Center Guest: (chapel) Surprised by the Call; (evening lecture) Theological Imagination: making a home in the world; (forum) Practical Theology and the Revitalization of Anabaptist Seminary Education
- Spr 2008 “For Such a Time (and Place) as This,” Eastern Mennonite Seminary curriculum concept paper, presented to faculty; approved ‘09
- Jan 2008 “Arise my love, my fair one and come away,” EMS School for Leadership Training
- Oct 2007 “What are Mennonite young people saying about the church? Implications for EMU” EMU Faculty Luncheon
- Feb/May 2007 “Anabaptist Ways of Knowing,” two-part presentation to EMU new faculty and mentors.
- Feb 2007 “The Power of Dialogue: what our students are saying,” seminary faculty luncheon
- Jan 2007 “Young Adults on Mennonite Practices,” workshop at School for Leadership Training, EMS
- Dec 2006 “What Young Adults Envision for the Church,” addresses to pastors, teachers and leaders jointly sponsored by Atlantic Coast Conference, Lancaster Conference, and Lancaster Mennonite Schools, Lancaster, PA
- Nov 2006 “Circles of Dialogue,” presenting *Thank You for Asking* as one of six featured books at the Annual Religious Education Association’s Forum on Religious Education in Academic Disciplines and Institutions, Atlanta, GA
- Oct 2006 Respondent to Dr. Walter Howard Smith lecture, “Bowen Theory: A Natural Systems Understanding of the Family.” Shenandoah Anabaptist Scientific Society public lecture, EMU
- June 2006 Anabaptist Learning Institute: Understanding Roots of Community, a project for Mennonite elementary and secondary school teachers sponsored by MBE—five lectures, Lancaster Mennonite School, PA
- Mar 2006 “Young Adults & the Future Church—Thank You for Asking,” two workshops at Lancaster Mennonite Conference annual meeting, Lancaster, PA, with Gerald Shenk
- Jan 2006 “Ministering to Families in a Culture of Busyness,” two lectures for Pastors, Deacons, Elders, Chaplains Annual Meeting, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Toronto, Canada
- Nov 2005 Respondent to David Wilcox lecture “Human Origins: Biogenetic and Theological Issues.” Shenandoah Anabaptist Scientific Society Forum

- Nov 2005 "Remembering Who We Are from Generation to Generation." Valley Brethren-Mennonite Crossroads Lecture, Dayton Church of the Brethren, Dayton, VA
- Sept 2005 "Practices for Nurturing Children in Faith." Workshop for Mennonite Educators Conference, Chevy Chase, MD
- July 2005 "What Young Adults Say About Faith and the Future Church," seminars at Mennonite Church USA General Assembly, Charlotte, NC
- Mar 2005 Pearl Toon Smith Lectures, Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana. Co-presenter with N. Gerald Shenk
- Feb 2005 Workshops at Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering, Pittsburgh, PA: "Revitalizing an Anabaptist-Mennonite Identity in Our Schools;" "Our Children—Formative Faith Narratives and Practices"
- Jan 2004 EMS School for Leadership Training seminar: "The Power of Dialogue When Teaching Adults"
- June 2003 MCC East and West Europe Summer Retreat (with N. Gerald Shenk), Crikvenica, Croatia
- Nov 2002 "Anabaptist Ways of Knowing—a proposal for tradition-based, critical education," paper presented to Research Interest Group of the Association of Professors and Researchers of Religion Education, Philadelphia, PA
- Jan 2002 Plenary addresses Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Pastors' Week—*Family, Culture and the Household of God*: 1) Family & Church Cultural Earthquakes; 2) A Biblical Vision for Households; 3) A Redefined Vision of Culture, Elkhart, IN
- Nov 2001 "Gifts of the Heart: the Importance of Traditions," Central Valley Counselors Association, Staunton, VA
- June 2001 "The Whole World Sparks and Flames," commencement address, Lancaster Mennonite High School
- June 2001 "A Word on Fire," commencement address, Eastern Mennonite High School
- Oct 2000 "Nurturing Faith in Children" and "Nurturing Faith in Adolescents," two workshops at Mennonite Elementary and Secondary Education conference called "Joining Hands in Mennonite Education: Strengthening the School-Family Partnership," Laurelville, PA
- Oct 1999 "Revitalizing a Family Culture," seminar at conference, "Mennonites and the Family: Vision and Reality," Goshen, IN
- Jan 1998 "The Future of Christian Education in the New Denomination," Mennonite Publishing House sponsored gathering of representatives from 12 area conferences, Pittsburgh, PA
- Nov 1998 "Theological Perspectives on Women in Leadership," seminar for Intercollegiate Women's Conference at EMU
- Oct 1998 "Toward an Anabaptist Educational Theory," workshop at a conference for Boards, Administrators, and Church Leaders sponsored by MBE for MSEC and MEEC called *Joining Hands in Mennonite Education*, at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, PA.
- Aug 1998 "Becoming a Christian University of Distinction," address at Fall Faculty Conference, EMU

- Feb 1996 “Well Fed But Hungry for Meaning” and “All Grown Up With No Where to Grow,” weekend for Christian Educators called *Who Cares About Adult Education in the Church?* Pasadena, CA
- Nov 1995 “Nurturing Faith Development from Womb to Tomb,” keynote address at Lancaster Conference’s 10th Annual Christian Education Conference. Also two workshops entitled, “Faith Development from Womb to Junior High” and “Faith Development from Teen to Tomb,” Mellingers Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA
- June 1994 Respondent to Stanley Hauerwas’s keynote address, “Whither the Anabaptist Vision? New Directions for a New Century,” conference at Young Center for Study of Anabaptist and Pietist Groups, Elizabethtown, PA. Chair, Listening Committee

Community, Church and other Professional Service—selected

- 2011-8/2018 Sermons in some 75 Mennonite congregations in Canada and USA
- Feb 2018 Pastors & Leaders 2018, worship leadership with colleague
- Dec 2017 ATS presidential leadership intensive, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017-18 MC Canada Executive Staff Group (ESG) and higher ed presidents
- June 2017 MC Alberta women’s retreat on Wisdom: Our Legacy, Alberta
- 2017-18 MEA Higher Ed Future Church School Relations Committee
- Jan 2017 Consultation of MEA higher ed presidents, MEA and MCUSA leaders
- 2016-18 ATS Research Advisory Committee, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2016-17 ATS Governance Project with AMBS board reps, Pittsburgh, PA
- Jun 2016 MC Canada education strategy meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Jan 2016 Encountering Egypt, AMBS tour, co-leader with Safwat Marzouk
- July 2015 Mennonite World Conference, Harrisburg, PA
- Oct 2014 Entrepreneurial, missional, multi-vocational leadership consultation, Chicago, IL
- June 2013 AMBS Biblical Mediterranean Cruisetour, co-leader with Loren Johns
- 2013-15 Co-led MC USA JHYoder discernment group—with E Stutzman
- Nov 2012-16 MC Canada presidents Leadership Commission meetings
- Sept 2012 NAACP honorary chair, Elkhart chapter annual awards banquet
- May 2012 MWC consultation on education summit, Bienenberg, Switzerland
- May 2012 Elkhart Rotary: “Being a good neighbor; your local seminary” w/ R Ringenberg
- Mar 2012 Alberta annual MCA Assembly keynote speaker, Calgary, Alberta
- Nov 2011 Indiana Michigan Pastoral Leadership Team speaker: “An encounter with the holy”
- Oct 2011 Indiana Michigan Women’s Retreat speaker: “The tables of our lives”
- July 2011 Western District Conference, keynote speaker; Bethel College Mennonite Church, morning sermon
- April 2011 Elkhart Rotary, with Ron Ringenberg, “Community Value of AMBS”
- 2009-11 MC USA Bi-national Worship Council
- 2007-10 Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leadership Council, Virginia Conference
- 2006-10 Design Team convener and Teaching Elder, The Table—an emerging Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA

2006-07 Hospice Volunteer—in training at Rockingham Memorial Hospice
2005-08 Bible Department Advisory Council, Eastern Mennonite High School
2004-09 Editorial Advisory Council for *Concise Encyclopedia of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites and Mennonites*, Johns Hopkins University Press
2004-10 Board Member of NGO, Nurturing and Encouraging Women (NEW)
2002-04 Congregational Life Committee, Office of Congregational Life, Mennonite Church USA
2002-03 Leadership Development Initiative Team, Office of Ministerial Leadership, Mennonite Church USA
Aug 2001 Missional Church Project Team Planning Meeting, Kansas City, MO
Aug 2001 Samuel Project Phase II Implementation Planning Meeting, Kansas City, MO
April 2002 Leadership Development Consultation, Kansas City, MO
1993-2001 Member-at-large, Faith & Life Commission of VA Mennonite Conference
1996-2000 Eastern Mennonite High School Board of Directors
1998 Harrisonburg District Churches Overseer Taskforce
1997-98 Herald Press consultant and contributor for development of video teaching resource, “Teaching for Life”
1991-99 Immanuel Mennonite Church pastor (91-95), associate pastor (95-96), elder (96-98), minister of worship (98-99)
1990-91 Broad Street Mennonite Church, co-pastor
1977-83, Eastern Mennonite Missions and Mennonite Central Committee
86-89 Study/Service appointment to the former Yugoslavia.

Grants/Honors

2008 Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Renewal Grant, awarded to The Table: an emerging Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA
2007 Wabash Center Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Grant for EMS faculty workshop in integrated pedagogies, awarded to EMS
Nov 2006 One of six selected authors to present at “Circles of Dialogue” during plenary session of Religious Education Association/Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education, Atlanta, Georgia
2003 Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith Research Grant: *Young Adults Practice Faith in a Changing World*

Professional Society Membership

Member of:

2005-2012 American Academy of Religion (Practical Theology Group)
1995-2007 Association of Professors and Researchers of Religious Education
1995-2007 Religious Education Association
1995-2005 Anabaptist Mennonite Scholars Network

Conference Participation, selected

June 2018 ATS biennial, Denver, CO

July 2017 MC USA Convention, Orlando, Florida; MEA church/school committee,
Future Church Summit

Mar 2017 ELG/MHS meeting, Jacksonville, FL; MEA meeting with board
Representatives and presidents

Feb 2017 Hope for the Future gathering in Hampton, VA.

June 2014 ATS Biennial, Pittsburgh, PA

2012-14 Association of Theological Schools Economic Equilibrium project

2010-15 MEDA meetings in Calgary Alberta, Lancaster PA, Niagara ON, Wichita
KS, Winnipeg Manitoba, Richmond VA

2011, 12, 14 ATS Presidential Leadership Intensive, Santa Fe and San Antonio TX

Nov 2012 American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature
(AAR/SBL), Chicago, IL

June 2012 Association of Theological Schools (ATS) biennial, Minneapolis,
Minnesota

Nov 2006, 11 AAR/SBL Washington, DC and San Francisco, CA

Mar 2011 Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) Missional Church Consultation

Jan 2011 ATS New Presidents Seminar, San Antonio, Texas

Nov 2010 AAR, Atlanta, Georgia

Oct 2010 MEA Learning Network Consultation, Middlebury, IN

June 2008 Calvin Institute of Christian Worship Renewal Grants Colloquium, Grand
Rapids, Michigan

June 2008 Association of Theological Schools Chief Academic Officers Conference
and Biennial Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia

Feb 2008 Association of Theological Schools Self-Study Workshop, Pittsburgh, PA

Oct 2007 Lexington Seminar Final Consultation, Bar Harbor, Maine

April 2007 Wabash Seminar Faculty Workshop, Staunton, VA

Mar 2007 Association of Theological Schools M Div Curriculum Revisioning
Consultation, Pittsburgh, PA

Jan 2007 Calvin Worship Symposium, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Nov 2006 Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education,
Atlanta, Georgia

March 2006 Wabash Conference on Educating Clergy, Chicago, IL

June 2005 Lexington Seminar, Northeast Harbor, Maine

Sept 2005 Mennonite Educators Conference, "Faith-Infused Opportunities," Chevy
Case, MD

Nov 2005 American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, PA

Feb 2005 Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering, Pittsburgh, PA

June 2004 "Hearing the Congregation's Voice in Evaluating & Revising M Div
Curriculum," Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa