

# David W. Boshart

## EDUCATION

Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI

PhD, Leadership Studies, School of Education, 2009

Dissertation: *Planting Missional Mennonite Churches in Complex Social Contexts as the Denomination Undergoes a Paradigm Shift in Ecclesiology: A Multiple Case Study*

Published as: *Becoming Missional: Denominations and New Congregations in Complex Social Contexts*. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2010.

Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA

MAR, 1987

Major: New Testament Theology

Thesis: *Mark 16:1-8: An Interpretation of Mark's Story of the Resurrection*

Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, VA

BA, 1986

Major: Biblical Studies and Theology

Minors: Psychology; Peace and Justice

## NON-DEGREE EDUCATION

The Sloan Consortium, 2014

*Online Faculty Development Strategies  
Constructing the Flipped Classroom*

Andrews University, 2012

*Active Online Teaching*, 3 Quarter Credits

University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, 1995

Clinical Pastoral Education; Basic Unit

Iowa Mediation Service, 1994-95

Mediation Training; 50 hours

## EXPERIENCE

Central Plains Mennonite Conference. 2010-2019.

Executive Conference Minister. Serve as the Chief Executive Officer for Central Plains Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA. Also carry the portfolio of Conference Minister for Witness and Mission Partnerships.

West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, IA. 1996-2010

Pastor. Carried out the duties of preaching, worship planning, administration, and general pastoral care in a congregation of 250 members.

Pleasant View Mennonite Church, Mt. Pleasant, IA. 1989-1996.

Pastor. Carried out the duties of preaching, worship planning, administration, and general pastoral care in a congregation of 115 members.

Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA. 1986-1989.

Pastoral Team Member. Christian Education coordinator, Life Planning coordinator, general pastoral care. Worked on a staff of three part-time pastors.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA. 1987-1989.

Residence Director. Supervised resident assistants, planned educational programming for residents and resident assistants, provided academic and personal adjustment counseling, supervised building maintenance, taught freshman level Biblical Studies course.

Sojourners Housing Ministry, Washington, D.C. 1983-1984.

Community Organizer Intern. Assisted staff in landlord-tenant negotiations by conducting investigative research, producing quarterly promotional newsletter, and lobbying city council for tenants' rights.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Andrews University, School of Education, Berrien Springs, MI. 2009-Present.

Appointed Associate Professor

Courses taught:

- *Issues in Leadership Foundations*

Dissertations: Committee member for Jason Harrison Dissertation.

*Narratives of the Leadership Development of Adults who Served as Summer Camp Staff in the Mennonite Setting: A Multiple Case Study*. Successfully defended: 2013.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN. 2014-2015.

Adjunct Faculty.

Courses taught online:

- *Introduction to Theological Studies* (Hmong cohort pilot program)
- *Mennonite Polity* (noncredit short course)

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA. 2010-2015.

Adjunct Faculty. Courses taught online:

- *Mennonite Faith and Polity*
- *Leadership and Administration*
- *The Church and Contextual Witness*

Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona, IA. 1999-2000.

Bible Teacher. Taught Church History and Old Testament while IMS conducted search for a full-time instructor.

## ACTIVITIES

Moderator. Mennonite Church USA, 2017-2019.

Executive Board Member, Mennonite Church USA, 2007-2019.

Moderator-Elect. Mennonite Church USA, 2015-2017.

Executive Committee Member, 2008-2019.  
Chair of the Future Church Committee, 2008-2011.  
Mennonite Higher Education Task Force Member, 2017-2018.  
Created the Mennonite Higher Education Association (MHEA).  
Advisory Panel. *Journal for Applied Christian Leadership*, 2009-present.  
Trainer for Life Innovations, *Prepare/Enrich Marriage Counseling Inventory*, 2003-2012.  
Chair of the Pastoral Leadership Committee. Central Plains Mennonite Conference, 2003- 2006.  
Member of the committee, 2001-2006.  
President of the Board of Trustees. Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2003-2005.  
Member of the Board, 1999-2007.  
Volunteer Staff. Office of Congregational and Ministerial Leadership, Mennonite Church USA, 2002. Conducted research on a denominational leadership development initiative as part of a sabbatical project.  
Co-Chair of the Faith, Life and Procedures Task Group of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. 2001-2002  
Member of the Theological Education Committee of Southeast Iowa. 2000-2008.  
Moderator of the Iowa-Nebraska Conference of the Mennonite Church. 1997-1999.  
Moderator-elect 1995-1997.  
Member of Operating Board of Iowa Mennonite School, 1995-1998.  
President of the Congregational Ministries Board of the Iowa-Nebraska Conference of the Mennonite Church, 1991-1994.  
Co-Founder and Board Member of the Henry County Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, 1993-1996.  
Member of the Henry County Foster Care Review Board, 1992-1994  
Member of the Church-wide Stewardship Council of the Mennonite Church, 1991-1994.

## **SPEAKING AND CONSULTING ACTIVITIES**

### Selected Speaking Assignments:

Plenary Speaker, *Promises and Practices: A Hopeful Path for Mennonite Church USA*, Franconia Mennonite Conference Pastors Gathering, September 2016.  
Plenary Speaker, *Ordinary People with an Extraordinary Purpose*, New York Mennonite Conference, September 2016.  
Plenary Speaker, *A Year of Covenant*, Ohio Mennonite Conference Pastors Gathering, May 2016  
Plenary Speaker, *Small Church, Big Impact*, Virginia Mennonite Conference, April, 2016  
Co-Presenter, *Bone and Flesh: Grace and Truth*, Fourth Pastoral Leadership Consultation, Virginia Mennonite Conference.” (Presented with Shana Peachey Boshart) May, 2015  
Speaker, North Central Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, 2011  
Speaker, Central Plains Mennonite Conference, Annual Meeting, Summer, 2010  
Baccalaureate Speaker, Iowa Mennonite School, 2009  
Vision Banquet Speaker, Atlantic Coast Conference, 2008  
Keynote Speaker, School for Leadership Training, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, 2008  
Panelist, Wilbert Shenk Lecture Series, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2007  
Spiritual Emphasis Speaker, Iowa Mennonite School, April 2006  
Preacher, Pastors Week, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, January 2003  
Field Team Retreat Speaker, Gospel Missionary Union, Ecuador, November 2002  
Resource Speaker, Quito Mennonite Church, Ecuador, November 2002

### Selected Consulting and Training Assignments:

Teacher, Constituency Leaders Council, Mennonite Polity. 2018  
Strategic Planning Process Facilitator, Mennonite Education Agency, 2018.  
Missional Leadership Development Teacher, New York Mennonite Conference, February 2010  
Leadership Development Teacher, Quito Mennonite Church, Ecuador, 2008  
Pastor-in-Residence, Hesston College, Spring, 2005  
Pastor-in-Residence, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Fall 2004  
Strategic Planning Consultant, Crooked Creek Christian Camp, Spring, 2005  
Faculty In-service Lectures, Iowa Mennonite School, 2001-2002 (quarterly).  
Teacher, Ohio Conference, Workshop on Power and Authority, 2001  
Teacher, Illinois Mennonite Conference, Workshop on Power and Authority, 1999

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Peer Reviewed:*

- “Developing a Missional Culture in the Church.” *Fully Engaged: Missional Church in an Anabaptist Voice*. Edited by Stanley Green and James Krabill. Harrisonburg: Herald Press, 2015. Chapter 9.
- “Vital witness on the rural frontier: Six handles for contextual theology.” *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*. Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies. Spring, 2013, 46-54.
- “Revisioning mission in postchristendom: Story, hospitality and new humanity.” *The Journal of Applied Christian Leadership*. Berrien Springs, MI: Christian Leadership Center, Andrews University. 4(2), 16-31
- “Renarrating the gospel of sex.” *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*. Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies. 9(2), 6-12.

### *Popular Publications:*

- “La question du mariage homosexuel divise les Mennonites Americains,” *Christ Seul*, March 2017.
- “Yieldedness is the way forward.” *The Mennonite*. Elkhart, IN: The Mennonite, Inc. April, 2016.
- “30 good seconds on Saturday.” *The Mennonite*. Scottdale, PA: The Mennonite, Inc., August 18, 2009.
- “Sent for the sake of the world, *The Mennonite*, Scottdale, PA: The Mennonite, Inc. August 19, 2008.
- “Thriving by our wits.” *The Mennonite*. Scottdale, PA: The Mennonite, Inc. July 5, 2005.
- “Creating a place of safety.” *Fanning the Flame: Notes from Pastors to Pastors*. Goshen, IN: Mennonite Mutual Aid Association, 2004.
- “The cosmic oratorio.” *The Mennonite*. Scottdale, PA: The Mennonite, Inc. December 21, 2004.
- “Arrested transformation.” *The Mennonite*. Scottdale, PA: The Mennonite, Inc. March 2, 2004.
- Sex and faith: Celebrating God’s gifts*. Closer than a Brother Series. Scottdale, PA: Faith and Life Resources. 2003.

### *Policy Documents:*

- “Being God’s faithful community: A covenant of spiritual practices for Central Plains Mennonite Conference.” A policy document adopted by Central Plains Mennonite Conference, 2016.
- “Becoming a united church in a world of division: A biblical view of Christian unity.” A study and policy document presented to and published by Central Plains Mennonite Conference, 2011.
- “Congregations at variance: A missional approach.” Policy document presented to and published

by the Central Plains Mennonite Conference, 2002.

*Book Reviews*

Freeman, C.W. (2016). *Contesting Catholicity: Theology for other Baptists*. Waco: Baylor. In *Anabaptist Witness*. 3(2), 142-144.

Huebner, H. (2005). *Echoes of the word: Theological ethics as rhetorical practice*. Kitchener, ON: Pandora Press. In *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*. 8(2), 91-92

Murray, S. (2010). *Planting churches in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: A guide for those who want fresh perspectives and new ideas for creating congregations*. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press. In *Mission Focus*. 18(1).

Kreider, A. (2005). *A culture of peace: God's vision for the church*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books. In *Mission Focus*. 15(1), 233-235

**AWARDS**

Eastern Mennonite University

*2012 Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award*

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request.