

# KENDA CREASY DEAN

## Some representative links:

[Convocation Address](#), Opening Convocation, Princeton Theological Seminary – Title: “Seminary Finances” (September 18, 2011)

[“Faith—Nice and Easy,”](#) *The Christian Century* (August 10, 2010)

[“Ascension Deficit Disorder: Youth Ministry as a Laboratory for Hope,”](#) 2010 Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture (April 2010)

[Interview](#) with David Crumm, *Read the Spirit* (September 12, 2010)

[Interview](#) with Deborah Arca Mooney, *Patheos* (June 22, 2010)

[Interview](#) with Anna Krishnan, *Faith and Leadership* (Fall 2009)

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## Curriculum Vita

### Degrees Earned:

Ph.D., 1997 Princeton Theological Seminary

M.Div., 1988 Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

M.A., 1982 Miami University, Oxford, OH

B.A., 1981 Miami University, Oxford, OH

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### Areas of Specialization:

Christian education; adolescent spiritual formation; youth, church and culture; practical theology and contemporary discipleship

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### Professional Experience:

*Ordained elder*, Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, United Methodist Church.

Professor of Youth, Church and Culture, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1997 -

Director, Tennent School of Christian Education, 2001-2008

Director, Princeton Theological Seminary Institute for Youth Ministry, 1995-1998

Associate pastor, University United Methodist Church (College Park, MD), 1988-1991

Campus minister (Director, Wesley Foundation, University of Maryland – College Park), 1988-1991

Assistant minister, Walker Chapel United Methodist Church (Arlington, VA), 1987-1988

Junior high minister, Rockville Christian Church (Rockville, MD), 1987

Instructor of Speech Communication, Ball State University (Muncie, IN), 1982-1985

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### Professional Memberships:

American Academy of Religion

International Academy of Practical Theology

International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry

Association of Practical Theology

Association of Youth Ministry Education

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### Honors, Awards, and Grants:

2011 *Christianity Today* Book Award (top book in Church/Pastoral Leadership) for *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling the American Church* (Oxford, 2010)

Academy of Parish Clergy’s Top Ten Books of 2004 for *Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church* (Eerdmans, 2004)

Stellenbosch University, named *Professor Extraordinary*, Disciplinary Group in Practical Theology and Missiology, 2011-2014 (Cape Town, South Africa)

Study Leave Grant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (\$69,590), 2008-2009  
"Faithful Practices Project" grant, co-director, Lilly Endowment (\$750,000), 2004-2007  
*Hall of Fame*, National Forensics Association, 2003  
Dissertation Research Award (Louisville Institute, \$10,000), 2001  
Dissertation Research Grant, Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith Grant (\$10,000), 1999  
"A Matter of Time" research grant (Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development, \$8000), 1989-1991  
*John Wesley Fellow*, 1990-1995

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**Books:**

*The Theological Turn in Youth Ministry* with Andrew Root (*InterVarsity Press*, 2011); *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church* (Oxford, 2010); *OMG: A Youth Ministry Handbook*, editor/co-author (Abingdon, 2010); *The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul-Tending for Youth Ministry* with Ron Foster (*Upper Room*, revised ed. 2010; first ed. 1998; Korean translation 2006; Chinese translation 2001); *Youth, Religion and Globalization: New Research in Practical Theology*, ed. with Richard R. Osmer (LIT Verlag, 2007); *Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church* (Eerdmans, 2004); *Starting Right: Thinking Theologically about Youth Ministry*, ed. with Chap Clark and Dave Rahn (*Youth Specialties Academic*, 1999); *Covenant Discipleship on Campus* with Kim Hauenstein-Mallet (*Discipleship Resources*, 1991).

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**Editorial boards (current):**

*Praktiese Teologie in Suid-Afrika*, *Journal of Youth and Theology*, *Immerse Journal*

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**Representative Journal Articles, Book Chapters and Published Lectures:**

"Ascension Deficit Disorder: Youth Ministry as a Laboratory for Hope," *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton Theological Seminary), 2010 (in press).  
"We Will Find the Answers As We Go" *Journal of Youth Ministry* (Fall 2008).  
"God versus Glitz: Globalization, Youth and Religion in the U.S." In *Youth, Religion and Globalization, New Research in Practical Theology*, eds. Richard R. Osmer and Kenda Creasy Dean (Zurich: LIT Verlag GmbH Co.), 2007.

- Revised chapter reprinted in Terence Linhart and David Livermore, *A World of Youth Ministry* (Zondervan/Youth Specialties Academic, 2010).

"Ambivalences and Ambiguities." 2<sup>nd</sup> author with Tony Jones. In *Youth, Religion and Globalization, New Research in Practical Theology*, eds. Richard R. Osmer and Kenda Creasy Dean (Zurich: LIT Verlag GmbH Co.), 2007.  
["The Problem with Passion—Or, Why the Church of Mel Gibson Is Doing Just Fine."](#) *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton Theological Seminary), 2004. ["Somebody Save Me: Passion, Salvation, and the Smallville Effect."](#) *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton Theological Seminary), 2004.  
"Moshing for Jesus: Adolescence as a Cultural Context for Worship." In *Making Room at the Table: An Invitation to Multicultural Worship*, eds. B. Blount and L. Tisdale (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox), 2000.

- Reprinted in *More Than a Worship Band: A Reader for Multidimensional Contemporary Worship*, eds. T. Dearborn and S.H. Coyle (Grand Rapids: Baker Books), 2003.

["Holding on to Our Kisses: The Hormonal Theology of Adolescence."](#) *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton Theological Seminary), 2000.  
["The Sacrament of One Another: Recovering a Theology of Desire for the Twenty-First Century Church."](#) *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton Theological Seminary), 2000.  
"Passion: A Theological Starting Point for Youth Ministry." In *Youth Ministry: The Basics and Beyond Youth Specialists Explore the Challenges of Youth Ministry in the 21st Century*, ed. D. Kitching and D. Robbins. Cape Town: Youth Specialties-South Africa, 1997, 13-26.  
"The New Rhetoric of Youth Ministry," *Quarterly Review* 23 (Fall 2002), 317-327.

- Reprinted in *Journal of Youth and Theology* 2:2 (November 2003), 8-18.

"X-Files and Unknown Gods: The Search for Truth in Postmodern Adolescents," *American Baptist Quarterly* 19 (Mar. 2000), 3-21.

"Proclaiming Salvation: Youth Ministry in the Twenty-First Century," *Theology Today* 56 (Jan. 2000), 524-539.

"Approaching Youth Ministry as Practical Theology," *Catalyst* 26 (February 2000), 1-3.

"Practical Theology and Adolescence in America: Research Report," *International Journal of Practical Theology* 2, (Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter, 1998), 132-154.

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## **Representative Professional Presentations:**

### **International:**

Named lectureships and lecture series:

- "Going Viral for Jesus: Youth Ministry as Missional Theology." *Convocation Lecture, Trinity Theological College, Singapore* (July, 2008).
- "Somebody Save Me: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church." *Alumni Lectures, Queen's Theological College, Kingston, Ontario, Canada* (October 2005).
- "Roaming Charges and God's Mission to Move Us," *Eliza Ferrie Lecture, United Theological College, North Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia* (June 2005).
- "The Godbearing Ministry," *Det Teologiske Menighetsfakultet (Department Praktisk-teologisk). Lecture series, Oslo, Norway* (September 2001).
- "The Globalization of Adolescence." *Lecture series, University of South Africa*, delivered in Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, and Pretoria, Spring 2000.
- "Youth Development in Congregations." *Faculty Lecture. Huguenot College, Faculty of Youth Ministry and Social Work, Wellington, South Africa*, March 19, 1997.
- "Unlearning Youth Ministry for the Twenty-First Century." *Faculty Lecture. Africa University, Faculty of Theology, Mutare, Zimbabwe*, March 12, 1997.

Other international lectures/paper presentations:

- "Youth Ministry as Ecclesial Laboratory," paper/panel, *International Academy of Practical Theology, Amsterdam, Netherlands* (July 2011).
- "Big Ideas in Pedagogy: A Teaching Colloquium", *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, Pretoria, South Africa* (January 2011).
- "Teaching Future Scholars in Youth and Young Adult Ministry as a Model for Theological Education," *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, Cambridge, England* (January 2009).
- Respondent, "Youth Ministry in a World of Diversity: The International Research Project on Youth Spirituality," by Dr. Paul McQuillan, Australian Catholic University. *International Assn. for the Study of Youth Ministry, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge Univ., Cambridge* (January 2007).
- "Passion, Paideia and Practical Theology." *Research day, Kings' College, London* (May 2006).
- "Canadian Responses to the National Study of Youth and Religion in the U.S." *Youth ministry symposium, Presbyterian Church of Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada* (October 2005).
- "Numb and Numb-er: Youth and the Church of Benign Whatever-ism." Keynote lecture, *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, London, England* (January 2005).
- "Where R U? The Cellular Theology of Adolescents." *Youth Ministry and Education Seminar Week, United Theological College, North Parramatta, New South Wales, Australia* (June 2005).
- "X-Files and Unknown Gods: The Search for Truth of Postmodern Adolescents." *International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry, Oxford, England, Jan. 1999*.
- "The Passion of Adolescence: Getting It Out of the Car and Into Christian Education." Academic paper/lecture. *Univ. of Stellenbosch, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch, S. Africa, Mar. 21, 1997*.
- "Adolescents as Symptoms of American Culture." *Academic paper. St. Tikhon Orthodox Theological Seminary, Moscow, Russia, October 1995*.

### **United States:**

Named lectureships and lecture series:

- *World Christian Lecture Series*, Hope College, scheduled for September 2014.
- *United Theological Seminary Lectures*, scheduled for October 2013.
- *Inaugural Lecture*, "Ecclesiology of Hope: Lessons from a Young Church," Princeton Theological Seminary, scheduled for Fall 2012.
- "[What the Faith of Our Teenagers Is Telling Parents](#)," *Wilson-Addis Lecture*, *Truett Theological Seminary*, *Baylor University* (Waco, TX), February 2011.
- "Practicing Passion" and "The Spirituality of Emerging Adulthood," *May Lecture Series*, *Seattle Pacific University* (Seattle, WA), May 2010.
- "Hoping Mechanisms: Prayers for an Anxious Church" and "Ascension Deficit Disorder," *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture*, *Princeton Theological Seminary* (Princeton, NJ), October 2010 and April, 2011.
- "[Faith and Hope in the Age of Obama](#)," *Aus Lectures*, *Luther Theological Seminary* (St. Paul, MN), March 2010
- "Rediscovering Sacrifice: Why Generation OMG Is the Theological Stimulus Package We Need," *Hickman Lectures*, *Duke Div. School Convocation/Pastors' School* (Durham, NC), Oct. 2009.
- "Going Viral for Jesus: How Youth Ministry Helps the Church Reclaim a Missional Mindset," *Alumni Lectures*, *Gordon College*, Gordon, Massachusetts (November 2007).
- *Warren Lectures*, *Dubuque Theological Seminary*, Dubuque, Iowa (November 2007).
- "Missional Youth Ministry," *Jones Lectures on Christian Education*, *Austin Presbyterian Seminary* (Austin, TX), February 2007.
- "A Case for Doubt," *Freitas Lectures*, *Asbury Theological Seminary* (Wilmore, KY), March 2006.
- "Somebody Save Me: Passion in an MTD World," *Discipleship Lectures*, *Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary* (Elkhart, IN), March 2006.
- "Meaning and Christian Vocation." *Vocation Lecture*, *Mt. St. Mary's Univ.* (Emmitsburg, MD), April 2005.
- "Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church." *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture*, *Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry*, *Princeton Theological Seminary* (Princeton, NJ), April 2004.
- "Somebody Save Me: Addressing God-Haunted Youth in a Soul-Numbing Culture." *Lecture series*, *Maryville College* (Maryville, TN), February 2004.
- "Holding on to Our Kisses: The Hormonal Theology of Adolescence" and "The Sacrament of One Another: Recovering a Theology of Desire through Youth Ministry for the Twenty-First Century Church." *Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church and Culture* (*St. Simon's Island, GA*), January 1999.

Other U.S. guild or higher education presentations:

- "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism in Theological Education," *National Association for Professors of Christian Education* (Fort Worth, TX), scheduled October, 2013.
- "Seminary for Beginners," *John Wesley Fellows Christmas Conference* (Houston, TX), scheduled January 6-10, 2012.
- "The Impact of *Almost Christian* on Western Missionary Societies," *Mission Leadership Forum*, *Overseas Mission Study Center* (New Haven, CT), scheduled December 2-3, 2011.
- "Passion as Vocation," *Foundation for Theological Education* (Atlanta), keynote, Oct 2008.
- "What Is Required for a Spiritually Mature Youth (Ministry)?" *Association for Youth Ministry Educators* (Atlanta, GA), keynote speaker, October 2008.
- "The God-Barren Life." Lecture, *Methodist Theological School in Ohio*, "Seeking the Sacred Conference" (Delaware, Ohio), October 2004.
- "The Adolescent Hermeneutic," *Luther Theological Seminary*, Consultation on Theology and Youth Ministry (Minneapolis, MN), plenary speaker, June 2004.

- “Ten Year Assessment of the Lilly Endowment’s Youth Ministry Initiatives for High School Students in ATS Seminaries.” Featured lecture, *Lilly Endowment* meeting of seminary presidents and program administrators (Indianapolis, IN), January 2004.
- “A Critique of Globalization Theory from the Perspective of Adolescents,” Abraham Kuyper Consultation, Princeton Theological Seminary, response to Max Stackhouse, March 2003.
- “What Theological Education Can Learn from the Youth Theology Institute.” Lecture, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (Atlanta, GA), Sept. 2002.
- “We Aren’t the World: The Effects of Globalization on American Adolescents.” Lecture, Pennsylvania State Universities’ Honors Program/International Program (South Africa), West Chester University (West Chester, PA), May 2001.
- “Preparing Leaders for Higher Education in a Global Context.” Lecture, Kellogg Leadership Seminar for Academic Leadership in Higher Education (West Chester, PA), July 2000.
- “Youth Ministry at the Millenium: Themes and Trends in Mainline Churches.” Lecture. Garrett-Medill Center for Religion and the News Media, Northwestern University, “Religion in an Age of ‘Whatever’: Reporting on Children, Youth and Young Adults” (conference for twenty leading religion reporters in the U.S.). November 1998.
- World Vision/Princeton Theological Seminary Globalization Conference. Respondent to David Tracy, “Fundamental Theology, Hope, and Mass Media,” October 1998.
- “Religious Communities’ Role with At-Risk Youth.” Religious Education Assn., Fall 1994.
- “Practical Theology as the Basis for Ministry.” Presented *in abstentia* to the Council of Bishops’ Task Force on Ministry (United Methodist Church), Summer 1994.
- “The Bus to Detroit: Reconceiving Youth Ministry as Practical Theology.” Academic paper. Professors of Religious Education of the Eastern Seaboard, Spring 1994.
- “Practical Theology and Ministry with Adolescents.” Academic paper. A Foundation for Theological Education, December 1993.
- “Policy Recommendations for Positive Adolescent Development and Religious Youth Organizations.” Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development, Spring 1990.

#### Commencement speeches:

- Wesley Theological Seminary (National Cathedral, Washington, DC), May 2011.
- Western Theological Seminary (Holland, MI), May 2009.

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#### Encyclopedia Entrees

“Youth,” in *The New Interpreter’s Bible Dictionary*, vol. 5, S-Z, eds. Katharine Sakenfeld *et al.*, (Abingdon), 2009.

“Preaching to Youth,” in *The New Interpreter’s Bible Handbook for Preaching*, eds. Cleophus LaRue and Jana Childers (Nashville: Abingdon Press), 2008.

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#### Book Reviews:

“[Growing Youth](#),” *Greenhouses of Hope* by D. G. Baker, *The Christian Century* (May 10, 2011)

“[After Youth Group](#),” review of *Souls in Transition*, by C. Smith, *The Christian Century* (February 9, 2010)  
*After the Baby Boomers: How Twenty- and Thirty-Somethings Are Shaping the Future of American Religion*, by R. Wuthnow, *Theology Today* 65:2 (July 2008), 256-262.

*Branded: Adolescents Converting from Consumer Faith*, by K. Turpin, *Theology Today* (Fall 2007), 403-406.

*Youth Ministry in Modern America, 1930 to the Present*, by J. Pahl, *Theology Today* (Summer 2001), 628-631.

*Reshaping Religious Education: Conversations on Contemporary Practice*, by M. Harris and G. Moran, *Princeton Seminary Bulletin* (Summer 1999).

*The Dirt on Learning*, by Thom and Joani Schultz, *Group Magazine* (March 1999).

*Teaming Up: Shared Leadership in Youth Ministry*, by G. W. Holderness, with R. Hay. *Princeton Seminary Bulletin* (Fall 1998).

*Crucified Love: The Practice of Christian Perfection*, by R. Maas. *The Living Light* 26 (Spring 1990), 284-285.

*Theological Themes of Youth Ministry*, by W. Myers; *A Teen's Guide to Ministry: You Can Make It Happen*, by J. Moore; *Letters with Teens: Hopeful Words From an Archbishop*, by R. Weakland. *The Living Light* 25 (October 1988).

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#### **Representative interviews and podcasts:**

David Crumm, "[Read the Spirit](#)" (September 12, 2010).  
Neels Jackson, [Verslaggerwen Beeld](#) (Pretoria, South Africa) September 7, 2010.  
Aaron Ironside, [Rhema Broadcasting Group](#) (Auckland, New Zealand), September 21, 2010.  
Jennifer Bradbury, "[Called but Not Committed](#)," *Youthworker Journal* (July 2010).  
Deborah Arca Mooney, "[Almost Christian: An Interview with Kenda Creasy Dean](#)," *Patheos*, (June 22, 2010).  
Anna Krishnan, "[Not Kid Stuff](#)," *Faith and Leadership* (Duke University), 2009.  
Rick Lawrence, "The State of Youth Ministry," *Group* (January 2009).  
Institute for Youth Ministry, "[Youth Ministry and the Missional Church](#)," (Princeton Theological Seminary, October 2008).  
Mark V. Purushotham, "[Opening Ourselves to Grace](#)," DVD (Discipleship Resources), 2007. M. V. Purushotham, Mercy Pictures, Producer.  
"Getting Out of God's Way: Freeing Your Inner Theologian," *Youthworker Journal* (February 2004), 26-35.

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#### **Courses Taught, Princeton Theological Seminary**

##### Ph.D. seminars:

Coming of Age in a Culture of Creativity: The Role of Popular Culture in Christian Formation  
Practical Theology, Popular Culture and Adolescence  
Theories of Teaching in America, 1850-present  
Practices of Christian Education in Congregations  
Models of Adolescent Formation in Contemporary Christianity  
Graduate Teaching Colloquium

##### M.Div./M.A. courses:

Introduction to Christian Education  
Incarnational Pedagogy  
Advanced Studies in Youth, Church and Culture  
Communicating the Gospel with Children and Youth  
Cross-Cultural Research in Youth Ministry (travel course to South Africa)  
Readings in Theology and Adolescence  
Sex and Teenagers: Teaching from Christian Perspective  
Teaching the Gospel to Adolescents  
Theological Foundations of Youth Ministry  
Youth Ministry Forum Course  
Faith, Film and Spiritual Formation of Young Adults  
Models of Ministry with College Students and Young Adults  
Christian Spirituality and Small Groups  
Interfaith Leadership (co-taught with Dr. Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core)  
Leading Change through Discipleship Formation  
Toward a Theology of Church Leadership  
Introduction to Speech Communication  
Sermon Delivery Workshop

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#### **Courses taught, other seminaries**

Adolescent World (Wesley Theological Seminary)  
Faith and Film (Drew Theological Seminary)  
Multiple speech communication courses (Ball State University, Miami University)

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#### **Doctoral Students**

*Dissertations chaired:*

Drew Dyson, "Mending the Nets: Towards a Wesleyan Missional Ecclesiology as a Faithful Response to Emerging Adult Faith Drift" (completed 2011)  
Anthony Jones, "The Relational Ecclesiology of the Emerging Church Movement in Practical Theological Perspective" (completed 2011)  
Jana Strukova, "Confirmation Practices in the Lutheran Church of Slovakia" (completed 2005)  
Andrew Root, "Revisiting Relational Youth Ministry: Bonhoeffer's Place-Sharing as a Model for Practice" (completed 2004)  
Andrew Zirschky, "Connection versus Communion: The Role of Technology and Young People's Need to Belong" (in progress)  
Stephen Cady, "Young People and the Creative Encounter: United Methodist Worship and Howard Thurman's Theology of Religious Experience" (in progress)  
Nathan Stucky, "Sabbath, Music and the Rest: The Role of Sabbath in Christian Formation" (proposal stage)

*Dissertation committees, completed:*

Jessica Duckworth (dissertation committee), Michael Langford (dissertation committee), Theresa Latini (dissertation committee), Ajit Prasad (dissertation committee), Thomas Hastings (dissertation committee), Shin-Guen Jang (dissertation committee), Hyun-Sook Kim (dissertation committee), Kil Jae Park (dissertation committee), Lisa Hess (dissertation committee), Renee House (dissertation committee), Sandra Kunz (dissertation committee).

*Committees, in progress:*

Marcus Hong (residence committee), Christiane Lang Hearlson (residence committee), Nathan Stucky (residence committee), Amanda Drury (dissertation committee), Blair Bertrand (dissertation committee), Jason Santos (dissertation committee), Katherine Douglass (dissertation committee), Jin Park (dissertation committee), Yunsoo Joo (dissertation committee).

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## **Service to the Church**

### The United Methodist Church

*Program Mentor, Timothy Scholars Program (2005-present).*

*Missouri Annual Conference and Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, keynote speaker, scheduled May/June 2012.*

*Mission to Ministers Conference, Western North Carolina Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC, keynote speaker, scheduled for February 2012.*

*Minnesota Annual Conference, keynote/plenary leader, June 2011.*

*Great Rivers Annual Conference (Illinois), keynote/plenary leader, June 2011.*

*Bishop's Convocation, Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, keynote, Jan. 2011.*

*Congress of Evangelism, The United Methodist Church (New Orleans, LA), keynote (Jan. 2010).*

*Greater New Jersey Annual Conference District Leadership Day, The United Methodist Church (Somerset, NJ), keynote speaker (November 2009).*

*North Alabama Annual Conference Youth Academy, Florence, AL (February 2008), keynote.*

*United Methodist Conference Directors of Connectional Ministries meeting, Tampa, FL (Jan. 2008), keynote.*

*Pfeiffer College/South Carolina Annual Conference "Inter-Connect," keynote speaker (Myrtle Beach, SC), keynote speaker; February 2004.*

*Perkins School of Theology/North Texas Annual Conference, United Methodist Church (Dallas, TX), keynote speaker, Perkins School of Youth Ministry, January 2004.*

*New Jersey Annual Conference Youth Convention, Ocean City, NJ, keynote speaker (September 2003).*

*Drew Theological Seminary/Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, "Bible Hour" speaker, Drew Week (Ocean Grove, NJ), July 2003.*

*National Urban Convocation, General Board of Global Ministries/United Methodist Church and National Urban Strategy Council, Minneapolis, workshop leader (November 2005).*

*Garrett-Evangelical School of Theology (Chicago, IL), keynote speaker and preacher, "Soul Tending for Youth Ministry," November 2002. Symposium based on my co-edited book *Starting Right: Thinking Theologically about Youth Ministry*.*

*Connection 2002 (Tampa, FL), national youth worker's convocation, The United Methodist Church, January 2002, keynote speaker, "The God-Barren Life."*

*Wesley Theological Seminary* (Washington, DC), September 2001, youth ministry and partnership churches convocation, keynote speaker.

*East Ohio Conference "Youth Annual Conference,"* Lakeside, OH, June 2000, keynote.

*Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference Youth Worker's Equipping Conference,* "The Godbearing Life," September 1999, keynote speaker.

*United Methodist Theological Schools consultation on teaching youth ministry,* Atlanta (Oct. 1999), moderator.

*Forum for United Methodist Youth Workers* (Tampa, FL), January 1998, conference Bible study leader.

*General Board of Discipleship, Shared Mission Focus on Youth/Professors of Youth Ministry* (1999).

*Lake Junaluska Association,* Lake Junaluska, NC (1997), United Methodist Church training for annual conference youth staff

Wesley Theological Seminary/Washington Theological Consortium (1988-1990). Conference director, "Youth and the Evangelization of American Culture," funded through the Lilly Endowment "Youth Ministry and Theological Education" project.

#### Other ecumenical/national presentations:

*Murdoch Trust,* "Biblical Literacy for Leaders of NonProfits," training for nonprofit CEOs, scheduled for November 2012.

*C3 Conference, Nashville,* keynote, St. George's Episcopal Church, scheduled March 2012.

*Salvation Army Youth Workers' Conference,* keynote, Suffern, New York, sched. Feb. 2012.

*Mullens Lectures, First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, NC,* scheduled for February 2012.

*Youth Specialties National Convention,* Atlanta/San Diego, general session speaker, Sept./Nov. 2011.

*Episcopal Diocese of Trenton,* "Almost Christian," keynote, February 2011.

*Washington Island Forum, The Christian Century/Wisconsin Council on Churches* (Washington Island, WI), keynote speaker, June 2010.

*Covenant Network National Gathering,* Presbyterian Church (USA) (Cleveland), keynote (November 2009).

*"Journey" Youth Workers' Conference, Western Theological Seminary* (Holland, MI), keynote (May 2009).

*Ohio Conference WeCare for Students* (Upper Sandusky, OH), keynote (April 2009).

*National Conference for Catholic Youth Ministry,* Cleveland (Dec. 2008), keynoter.

*LOGOS national meeting,* St. Louis, MO (February 2008), keynote speaker.

*Confirmation Conference, Episcopal Diocese of New York,* New York, (Oct. 2007), keynote.

*Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association Youth Ministry,* Ocean Grove, NJ (August 2007), workshop leader.

*Youth Specialties National Convention,* Anaheim, CA and Charlotte, NC (November and December 2006), general session speaker.

*Eastern Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators,* Princeton, NJ (May 2006), workshop leader.

*Evangelical Lutheran Church of America Youth Ministry "Extravaganza,"* Phoenix (February 2006), keynote.

*Menonite Youth Ministers, Mid-Atlantic Conference,* Camp Hebron, PA, keynote (March 2003).

*National Conference for Directors of Camps and Conference Centers* (United Methodist Church), YMCA of the Rockies, CO (January 2001), keynote.

*Presbyterian Youth Worker's National Conference,* Phoenix, January 2000, keynote.

*Diocese of Richmond* (Episcopal) youth worker's conf., Richmond, Jan. 2000, keynote.

*Youth Specialties National Convention,* Cincinnati/San Diego, Oct/Nov. 1999, speaker.

*Lutheran Theological Seminary Magnet Church Conference,* "Strengthening Youth Ministry in Large Congregations," Philadelphia, March 1999, speaker.

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#### **Other Service Activities**

##### Boards of Directors/Trustees/Advisors:

*Urban Promise – Trenton* (founding advisory group, 2011 – present)

*Institute for Youth Ministry Advisory Council,* Princeton Theological Seminary (1997-present)

*Faith That Lasts* project (Barna Research Group, 2008-2010).

*Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association* (elected position, Ocean Grove, NJ, 2006-2010)

*Bound to Overcome* (juvenile offenders program, Camden, NJ, 2003-2004)

*Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence* (Search Institute, 2006-2009)

*United Methodist Youth Worker Movement* (2006-present)

*CollegeUnion.Org* (United Methodist campus ministries, 2006-2009)

*Kuyper Institute for Theology,* Princeton Theological Seminary (2002-2005)

*Crossings Project on Christian Vocation*, University of Indianapolis (2002-2006)  
*Lanz Ecumenical Center for Christian Vocations*, University of Indianapolis, (1998-2000).  
National Advisory Boards: *National Center for Youth and Family Ministry Development* (South Africa, 2000 – 2001), *Search Institute*, Minneapolis, MN (1994 -- 1997)

Ministry consultations:

*Michigan Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry* (January 2011); *Lilly Endowment Youth Ministry "Think Tank"* (2008 – present); *Worlds Apart: A Survey of Multicultural Evangelical Youth Ministry*, Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University (August 2001); *World Vision*, Seattle (1998); *Carnegie Corporation*, New York (1991); *Louisville Institute for the Study of Protestantism and American Culture* "Youth Ministry and Youth Culture in America" project (1995); *Boys Town*, Boys Town, NE, "Center for Spiritual Development" project (1995)

Volunteer/active member:

Kingston United Methodist Church (2009-present; advisor to conference young adult initiative); Nassau Presbyterian Church (2004-2009; eighth grade Sunday School teacher, adult education, youth mission trip volunteer); Assistant leader, Brownie/Girl Scout Troop #1281 (2000-04); West Chester University forensics coach (1991-98); West Chester UMC and Hopewell UMC (1992-2004; youth choir director, junior high teacher, youth ministry consultant).

Frequent preaching engagements at conferences, churches, and local events.

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**Princeton Theological Service Activities**

Convocation address, Opening Convocation, September 2011.  
School of Vocation and Mission Family/Intergenerational Ministry Conference, Oct. 2011  
Princeton Forums on Youth Ministry, numerous seminars and preaching, 1996-present.  
L.I.V.E. Multicultural Symposium, "Spirituality, Theology and Culture," October 2009.  
Board of Trustees presentation, "Adolescents and Spirituality," May 2003.  
Abraham Kuyper Consultation, respondent, March 2003.  
Institute of Theology, keynote speaker, June 2002.  
National Coalition for Christians and Jews/Princeton Theological Seminary Center for Continuing Education, "Understanding and Preventing Anti-Social Behavior in Youth" (*videotaping*).  
Panelist, responding to Dr. David Elkind for broadcast to New Jersey educators and public servants, February 2001.  
John Templeton Foundation and Princeton Theological Seminary, "Exploring Prayer and Spiritual Formation during Adolescence," March 2002.  
Young Adult Conference, "The Spirituality of Young Adults," keynote, March 1998.  
Rian Alumni Lectures, May 1998

Committees: (repeated membership) Faculty Planning; Ph.D. Studies; Admissions; Student and Academic Affairs; Chapel; numerous search committees and task forces. Have chaired Faculty Planning and Admissions.