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Personal

Born 30 August 1952, Sheffield, Alabama
Married 29 December 1979
Spouse: Mary Linda Grissom
Children: Mary Elizabeth Riedel (29); Mark (24)

Education

Vanderbilt University, 1980-1986. Ph.D.
Major: Church History. Minor: American History.
Dissertation: "The Struggle for Unity During the Period of Division of the Restoration Movement, 1875-1900."
Scarritt College, 1977-1980. M.A. With Distinction.
Major: Theology. Minor: Classical Hebrew.
Thesis: "The Theological Impact of the Restoration Movement on American Methodism."
Harding Graduate School of Religion, 1974, 1976.
David Lipscomb University, 1970-1974. B.A. Magna Cum Laude.
Major: Spanish, Education. Minor: Religion.

Employment History

Abilene Christian University
Professor of Church History, Director Center for Restoration Studies, 2008-
Associate Dean Graduate School of Theology, Professor of Church History, Director Center for Restoration Studies, 2006-2008
Professor of Church History, Director Center for Restoration Studies, 2001-2006.
Associate Professor of Church History and Director of the Center for Restoration Studies, 1994-2001.
Assistant Professor of Church History, Assistant Director of the Center for Restoration Studies, 1991-1994.
David Lipscomb University
Assistant Professor of History, 1987-1991.
Instructor in Church History and American History and Assistant Director of Student Retention, 1985-1987.
Gospel Advocate Company, Archivist, 1988-1991.
Jackson Park Church of Christ, Associate Minister, Nashville, TN, 1974-1983.

Professional Memberships

American Society of Church History
Society of Biblical Literature
Disciples of Christ Historical Society
North American Academy of Ecumenists

Academic Activity

Co-editor and writer for new global history of the Stone-Campbell Movement. Chalice Press, 2012. See <http://www.stonecampbellhistory.com/home>

Research and writing for biography of Alexander Campbell to be published in the Eerdmans series "Library of Religious Biography."

Co-editor of two volumes of essays and studies on the concept of "Full Communion," forthcoming from National Council of Churches of Christ USA, 2012.

Co-Editor and contributor to ***One Church: A Bicentennial Celebration of Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address***, ACU Press, 2008.

Cullen Grant for Summer 2005 to research the problem of white privilege as a barrier to racial reconciliation, and to write a curriculum for raising consciousness of white privilege among students, faculty and administrators at Abilene Christian University.

Serve as team leader for scholars from Churches of Christ in the Stone-Campbell Dialogue, 1999-present.

Key Teacher for Churches of Christ in the national Cooperative Congregational Studies Project funded by the Lilly Endowment and directed by Carl Dudley and David Roizen of Hartford Seminary, 1997-2003.

Associate Editor, ***Stone-Campbell Journal***, 1997-present.

Member of the Study group examining World Council of Churches document "The Nature and Mission of the Church," Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, 2009-2012.

Co-Convener for the Ecclesiology Study of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, 2003-2008.

Co-convener of the Restoration Theological Research Fellowship at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 1995-2007.

One of three General Editors of the ***Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement***, 1994-2005.

On Editorial Board for ***Discipliana***, Journal of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, 1995-present.

Organizer of the Southern Baptist-Churches of Christ Conversation, now the Baptist-Churches of Christ Dialogue in Texas, 1991-present.

Publications: Books and Articles

Renewing Christian Unity: A Concise History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (with Gary Holloway and Mark Toulouse), ACU Press, 2011.

One Church: A Bicentennial Celebration of Thomas Campbell's Declaration and Address. Abilene: ACU Press, 2008.

Will the Cycle Be Unbroken? Churches of Christ Face the Twenty-first Century, revised edition. Abilene: ACU Press, 2007.

Renewing God's People: A Concise History of Churches of Christ, revised edition with Study Guide. Abilene: ACU Press, 2006.

"The Nature of the Apostolicity of the Church: Perspectives from Churches of Christ," in ***American Faith and American-Born Churches: Dialogues Between Christian Traditions***. New York: Paulist Press, 2006.

Seeking a Lasting City: The Church's Journey in the Story of God. ACU Press, 2005.

The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2005.

"Feminism vs. Feminization: The Case of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions," ***Discipliana*** 64 (Spring 2004):17-30.

"Effective Peer Evaluation in Learning Teams," in ***To Improve the Academy: Resources for Faculty, Instructional, and Organizational Development***, vol 22, 2004.

“Justice, Racism, and Churches of Christ,” in ***Unfinished Reconciliation: Justice, Racism & Churches of Christ***. Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 2003.

“Efforts at Repairing the Breach: Twentieth-Century Dialogues of the Churches of the Stone-Campbell Movement with Baptists and Presbyterians,” ***Discipliana*** 63 (Winter 2003):99-111.

Publications: Reviews in:

Catholic Historical Review

Christian Chronicle

Leaven Journal

Lexington Theological Quarterly

The Oral History Review

Fides et Historia

Religious Studies Review

Restoration Quarterly

Stone-Campbell Journal

Tennessee Historical Quarterly

Scholarly Presentations

“Alexander Campbell’s Understanding of Human Agency.” Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, June 7, 2012.

“African Americans in the Stone-Campbell Movement.” Plenary presentation, Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Lincoln Christian University, April 13, 2012.

“Seminar on Stone-Campbell History.” Graduate Class for Commissioned Ministers in the Southwestern Region, Central Area of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Oct. 9, 2010, January 22, 2011, April 9, 2011.

“A History of Scholarship in the Stone-Campbell Movement and its Effect on Unity Among the Separated Streams.” Pepperdine Lectures, May 3-6, 2011.

“Core identity of the Stone-Campbell Movement and its Relevance for the 21st Century Church.” Seminar for the Emmanuel Institutes, Emmanuel School of Religion, Johnson City, TN, November 9, 2010.

“The Role of Churches of Christ in the Twenty-First Century.” Presented at the 50th Anniversary of Korea Christian University, Seoul, Korea, April 18, 2008.

“The Campbells in Ireland: The Religious and Philosophical Formation of Two Reformers.” Stone-Campbell Journal Lecture, World Convention of Churches of Christ, Nashville, TN, August 1, 2008.

“Ecumenical Leadership in a Postmodern and Post-Christian Age: The Potential for the Churches of the Stone-Campbell Movement.” Dean E. Walker Lecture, European Evangelistic Society, July 5, 2007.

“The Concept and Implementation of Christian Unity.” Annual Webb Lectures on Christian Unity, Emmanuel School of Religion, March 27-29, 2007.

“The 1906 Census of Religious Bodies and Division in the Stone-Campbell Movement: A Closer Look.” Kirkpatrick Historians Seminar of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, June 2006.

“The Last Will and Testament of the Springfield Presbytery: Beacon of Unity and Identity.” Presented at the Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Cincinnati Bible College and Seminary, March 26, 2004.

Awards

Sabbatical for calendar year 2010. Writing and collaboratively-written World History of the Stone-Campbell Movement. Serve as co-General Editor.

Allen and Mildred Lee Award, World Convention of Churches of Christ, for contributions to the cause of unity of the church, Nashville, TN, July, 2008.

Honor Roll of Christian Unity, Restoration Forum, Joplin, MO, September 2007.

Professional Service in last five years

University Committee Service

A. Departmental: Associate Dean of Graduate School of Theology 2006-8

B. College CBS Academic Council

C. University 1) ACU Lectureship Planning Committee
2) Graduate Council

Courses Taught

Graduate: History of American Christianity
Advanced Restoration History
History of Christianity II
Ecumenical Ecclesiology

Undergraduate: Survey of Church History
Restoration History

Course Development

BIBD 661 Ecumenical Ecclesiology. First taught Spring 2006.

BIBH 652 History of Christianity II. Significant revision to include new units on Africa and Latin America. A unit on Asia is now being developed.

Other Service

Taught Stone-Campbell History at South Pacific Bible College, Tauranga, New Zealand. July 27-August 8, 2011.

Stone-Campbell History Seminar, Johnson Street Church of Christ, San Angelo, TX, April 30-May 1, 2011.

Served as ecumenical member of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Meetings on April 17-20, and February 26-March 1, 2011, Indianapolis, IN.

Served as a Vice-President of the World Convention of Churches of Christ. Annual meeting April 15-17, 2010, Nashville, TN. Convention July 2012, Goiania, Brazil.

Stone-Campbell History Seminar/ History of Churches of Christ in Asia for Churches of Christ in Singapore, hosted by the Moulmein Road Church of Christ; and in Malaysia, hosted by the Petaling Jaya Church of Christ, September 25-October 6, 2010.

Stone-Campbell History seminar for Lamar Avenue Church of Christ, in Paris, Texas, January 22-24, 2010.

Stone-Campbell History classes at South 11th and Willis Church of Christ, Abilene, TX, February 14 and 21, 2010.

Stone-Campbell History seminar for the Graham Street Church of Christ, Stephenville, TX, July 10-11, 2010.

Taught Restoration History at Africa Christian College, Manzini, Swaziland, June 2011, July, 2008, and Church History, July 2009.

Taught class on three decisive dates in Stone-Campbell history—1809, 1909, 2009, at Pepperdine Lectures, May 2008.

Three Lectures on ***Renewing God's People*** with Gary Holloway, Pepperdine University Bible Lectures, April 2007.

Four Lectures on Christian Unity at Oregon Christian Convention, June 2007.

Taught Restoration History at South Pacific Bible College, Tauranga, New Zealand, July 2007.

Lead "United by Faith" group, ACU discussion group on racial reconciliation, 2004-present.

Director of Restoration Lectures, at ACU Bible Lectureship, 1995-present.

Member of Board of Trustees, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, 1998-2006.

Member of Board of Trustees, World Convention of Churches of Christ, 2000-present.

Member of Board of Trustees, Stone-Campbell International, 2004-present.

Chair 2009 Task Force for planning commemoration of the bicentennial of Thomas Campbell's 1809 "Declaration and Address," 2004-2009.

Co-Director of the Restoration Theological Research Fellowship, meeting at the annual meeting of the AAR/SBL, 1992-2007.

Member of the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, 1990-present.

Co-chair of "Full Communion" Study, 2004-2007.

Co-Director of the Stone-Campbell Dialogue, 2002-present.

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