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 Columbia Theological Seminary
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Education

- 2000 Ph.D., Homiletics
 Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
 Dissertation: "Preaching as Testimony: "Towards a Women's Preaching Tradition and
 New Homiletical Models"
 Advisors: Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, Thomas G. Long
- 1988 M.Div., New Testament Emphasis
 Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- 1984 B.A., History with Theater Studies
 Yale University, New Haven, CT

Academic Appointments

- 2016- Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching
 Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- 2008-2016 Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching
 Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- 2006-2008 Associate Professor of Preaching
 Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- 2000-2006 Assistant Professor of Preaching
 Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- 1998-2000 Instructor in Preaching
 Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

Church Appointments

- 1988-1995 Associate Pastor for Youth and Young Adults
 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN
- 1988 Ordination to Minister of Word and Sacrament, Presbyterian Church (USA)
 Presbytery of the Twin Cities
- 1998- Member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Books

Preaching as Testimony. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2007.

Inscribing the Word: Sermons and Prayers of Walter Brueggemann. Edited Volume. Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MN, 2004.

eBook

Preaching Year A with Anna Carter Florence, edited by Karoline M. Lewis, from 52 weekly “Preaching the Text” Commentaries for Year A, originally published in *Lectionary Homiletics* in 2006-7. Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

Works in Progress

Come Back When You’ve Found Something True: Reading Scripture Together in the Repertory Church. Under contract with William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI.

A is for Alabaster: A Preacher’s Alphabet. Under contract with Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY.

Chapters

“Mixing It Up in Athens: How to Proclaim Good News to Young Adults Who Are Waiting for the Next Thing,” in *Questions Preachers Ask: A Festschrift in Honor of Thomas G. Long*, edited by Leonora Tubbs Tisdale, Scott Black Johnston, and Ted A. Smith. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2016.

“Ruth and Naomi in the House of Bread,” in *What We Have Seen and Heard: Fostering Baptismal Witness in the World*, edited by Michael E. Connors, C.S.C. Pickwick Publications, Eugene, OR, 2016.

“Preaching IS Personal,” in *Preaching and the Personal*, edited by J. Dwayne Howell. Wipf and Stock Publishers, Eugene, OR, 2013.

“Preacher as One ‘Out of Your Mind,’” in *Slow of Speech and Unclean Lips*, edited by Robert Stephen Reid. Wipf and Stock Publishers, Eugene, OR, 2010.

“Who do you say that I am? Luke 9:18-27,” in *Preaching the Incarnation*, edited by Peter K. Stevenson. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2010.

“The Preaching Imagination,” in *Teaching Preaching as a Christian Practice: A New Approach to Homiletical Pedagogy*, edited by Thomas G. Long and Leonora Tubbs Tisdale. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2008.

“Put Away Your Sword! Taking the Torture out of the Sermon,” in *What’s the Matter with Preaching Today?* edited by Mike Graves. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2004.

“The Voice You Find May Be Your Own,” in *Get Up Off Your Knees! Preaching the U2 Catalogue*,

edited by Raewynne J. Whitely. Cowley Publications, Cambridge, MA, 2003.

“Mud and Meeting People,” in *Renewing the Vision: Reformed Faith for the 21st Century*, edited by Cynthia M. Campbell. Geneva Press, Louisville, KY, 2000.

“Fourth Sunday of Advent,” in *The Abingdon Women’s Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year B*, edited by Leonora Tubbs Tisdale. Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 1999.

“Second Sunday of Easter,” in *The Abingdon Women’s Preaching Annual, Series 2, Year B*, edited by Leonora Tubbs Tisdale. Abingdon Press, Nashville, TN, 1999.

“The River’s Edge,” in *A Chorus of Witnesses: Model Sermons for Today’s Preacher*, edited by Thomas G. Long and Cornelius Plantinga. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI, 1994.

“The River’s Edge,” in *Sacred Strands*, edited by Barbara Mraz. Lone Oak Press, 1991.

Articles

“A Parable Universe,” in *Journal for Preachers* (Lent, 2015).

“Homiletical Perspective: John 3:1-17,” in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Vol. 2 (X)*, edited by David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2011.

“Homiletical Perspective: John 4:5-42,” in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Vol. 2 (X)*, edited by David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2011.

“Homiletical Perspective: John 9:1-41,” in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Vol. 2 (X)*, edited by David Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor. Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, KY, 2011.

“Seven Essential Books for Preaching,” in *The Christian Century*, Oct. 20, 2009.

“A Prodigal Preaching Story: Paul, Eutychus, and Bored-to-Death Youth,” in *Theology Today*, 64.2, 2007.

“You Are Out of Your Mind,” in *Journal for Preachers* (Advent, 2004).

“Smashing Beauty,” in *Journal for Preachers* (Pentecost, 2004).

“Blessing the Way: Birth, Infinity and Beyond,” in *Journal for Preachers* (Advent, 2003).

“The Liquid Church: Before the Flood,” in *Journal for Preachers* (Advent, 2002).

“The Liquid Church: After the Flood,” in *Journal for Preachers* (Advent, 2002).

“Bread on the Water,” in *Cloud of Witnesses, Vol. I: An Audio Journal on Youth, Church and Culture*. The Institute for Youth Ministry, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2000.

“Preaching to the Exiles Who Live at Home: Youth, Testimony, and a Homiletic of ‘True Speech’” in *Journal for Preachers* (Advent, 2000).

“The Woman Who Just Said No,” in *Journal for Preachers* (Advent, 1999).

“The Voice You Find May Be Your Own,” in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, December 1996.

Academic Lectureships

The Schooler Institute Preaching Lectures, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, OH, 2017.

The John S. Marten Lecture in Preaching, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, OH, 2017.

The Staley Lecture, Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 2016.

The William L. Self Preaching Lectures, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA, 2015.

The Bast Preaching Lectures, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, 2015.

Women’s Ordination Anniversary Lecture, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland, 2014.

The Berger Lectures in Preaching, Dubuque University Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, 2013.

The Lyman Beecher Lectures in Preaching, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT, 2012.

The Don. M. Wardlaw Lectures in Preaching, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, IL, 2012.

The Mair Lectures in Preaching, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland, 2012.

Academic Teaching and Preaching (selected from the past 5 years)

Preaching Days, Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, 2017.

The Pastoral Institute, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, Sweden, 2016, 2013.

Luther Seminary Craft of Preaching Conference, 2016.

Duke University Chapel Preacher, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2015, 2012.

The Marten Program in Homiletics and Liturgics, Notre Dame, IN, 2015.

The Wake Forest Preaching Consultation, Wake Forest Divinity School, Winston-Salem, NC, 2013.

The Lipscomb Preaching Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, 2013.

Colgate-Rochester Preaching Conference, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, NY, 2013.

Luther Seminary Biblical Preaching Conference, 2013.

Convocation Preacher, Eden Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 2013.

Church Events and Conferences (selected from the past 5 years)

ELCA Bishops Theology Conference, Fort Collins, CO

Stetson University Florida Winter Pastor’s School, Deland, FL

Festival of Preaching Northwest, Seattle, WA

Festival of Homiletics, Atlanta, GA

Mo-Ranch Women's Conference, Mo-Ranch Retreat Center, Hunt, TX
 National Convention of American Guild of Organists, Nashville, TN
 U.S. Chaplains Preaching Conference, Heidelberg, Germany
 Britt Lectures, Hawaii UMC, Honolulu, HI
 Festival of Homiletics, Nashville, TN
 Berwick Camp Evangelist, Berwick, Nova Scotia
 Preaching Lectures, Synod of SW Ontario, Presbyterian Church of Canada
 Byberg Preaching Workshop, ELCA, Cannon Beach, OR
 Festival of Preaching NW, Seattle, WA
 Festival of Homiletics, Minneapolis, MN
 Church of the Resurrection UMC, Kansas City, KS
 Bishop's Conference, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
 Church of Christ Preaching Event, Dallas, TX
 Parramore Series, First (Scots) Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC
 Festival of Homiletics, Denver, CO
 Copenhagen Festival of Homiletics, Copenhagen, Denmark
 Samuel Proctor Institute, Haley Farm, Clinton, TN
 Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, NY
 Epiphany Explorations, Victoria, BC, Canada
 Festival of Homiletics, Atlanta, GA
 David R. Freeman Lecture Series, Oxford Presbyterian Church, Oxford, MS
 The Craft of Preaching, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN
 College of Preachers, Anglican Church of Canada, Toronto
 Maurice Boyd Preacher, Metropolitan United Church, London, Ontario
 Grace Presbyterian Church Preaching Event, Calgary, Alberta
 Festival of Homiletics, San Antonio, TX
 Bay View Association Preacher and Lecturer, Bay View, MI

Courses Taught

Introduction to Preaching and Proclamation (M.Div., MAPT)
 Scripture Reading Practicum (M.Div., MAPT)
 The Preacher and the Poet (M.Div., D.Min.)
 Preaching and Worship through the Christian Year (M.Div.)
 Back to the Text: The Gospel of Mark (M.Div.)
 Back to the Text: The Book of Esther (M.Div.)
 Back to the Text: I Timothy (M.Div., MAPT)
 Back to the Text: The Book of Daniel (M.Div., MAPT)
 Back to the Text: Luke's Parables (M.Div., MAPT)
 Back to the Text: The Book of Exodus (M.Div., MAPT)
 Back to the Text: The Gospel of John (M.Div., MAPT)
 Back to the Text: The Book of Job
 Preaching into New Spaces: The Book of Acts (M.Div., D.Min.)
 The Theatre in the Text: The Book of Exodus (M.Div.)
 Preaching and Youth (M.Div.)
 Preaching Jesus, Being Feminist, Staying Reformed (M.Div.)
 The Testimony of Preaching Women in America (M.Div., D.Min.)
 Preaching and the Culture of Travail (D. Min.)
 The Artist's Hand, The Preacher's Way (M.Div.)
 Preaching as Lived Experience (D.Min.)

Preaching Workshop (M.Div.)
Advanced Scripture Reading (M.Div.)

Personal

Married to the Rev. David Carter Florence. We are parents of two adult sons, Caleb and Jonah, both of whom played lacrosse at Kenyon College in Ohio. We also have two dogs, a cat, a flock of chickens, and way too much knitting yarn.

Interests and hobbies include reading, film, theater, poetry, knitting, listening to music and books, traveling, and walking—and wandering—in the city, the mountains, or on rocky northern coastlines, in every season.