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Columbia Theological Seminary
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Highly effective executive leader in theological education with demonstrated success in organizational administration and leadership. Broad experience in the field of educational leadership. Adept at creating cultures of change and innovation in theological education and non-profit organizations. Recognized leadership in higher education, non-profit organizations, and leadership development.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, Ed.D., 1987
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity, Theology Major, 1981
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Master of Religious Education, 1979
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Literature, 1977
Northeastern College

Related Studies: The Bowen Center, The Bowen Theory Education Center, University of New Orleans; Harvard Graduate School of Education—WIDE World Initiative Program; Clinical Pastoral Training at Southeast Louisiana Hospital

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

■ Columbia Theological Seminary (2013 to present)

Associate Dean for Lifelong Learning

Director of Online Education (2017-2018)

Responsible for oversight and administration of the Center for Lifelong Learning and directing online education initiatives. Director of the Pastoral Excellence Program. Project director of the Thriving in Ministry and Thriving Congregations Lilly Endowment grants.

■ Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (1999 to 2013)

Dean and Professor of Christian Formation and Leadership. Tenured.

Responsible for directing the curricular degree programs and supervising faculty activity and staff. Teaching in the areas of education, formation, leadership studies, and congregational studies.

■ **Vienna Baptist Church, Vienna, Virginia (1993-1999)**

Pastoral Associate for Christian Education. Served in the role of resident educator for this 800 member suburban church (ABC/USA).

■ **VITAS Innovative Hospice Care, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (1991-1993).**

Chaplain. Provided pastoral care and counseling to terminally ill patients and their families. Served as part of a professional interdisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, social workers, case workers, and other health care professionals. Member of the Speaker's Bureau and the IDG Committee (quality assurance). Provided training for volunteers and staff development. Led on-going bereavement support groups at two hospital hospice centers.

■ **Horeb Christian School, Hialeah, Florida (1987-1991)**

Principal-Administrator: Responsible for all aspects of the operation and administration of this private school of over 745 students and 70 employees with a yearly budget of over one million dollars. Duties included: providing leadership in educational administration of all academic aspects of the school, long and short-range planning, budgeting and financial operations, supervision of faculty and staff (office, maintenance, kitchen, day care, nursery, custodial), curriculum development and assessment, supervision of physical plant, hiring of school personnel, parent and community public relations, counseling with students, families, and parents.

■ **Adjunct Professor with the following schools:**

- Fuller Theological Seminary, Phoenix AZ campus
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Boyce Bible School seminary extension
- Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Miami Center
- Florida Baptist Theological College, Miami

■ **Faculty:** Leadership In Ministry Workshops (1996 to present).

Director of the program since 2014. A clergy leadership training program for ministers and organizational leaders based on Bowen Family Systems theory with centers in Virginia, Boston, Portland, Atlanta, and Kansas City.

■ **Executive Director:** *Educational Consultants, Inc.* Provided consultation, projects management and supervision, training and seminars to private and public schools, businesses, corporations, and educational organizations.

ADDITIONAL

- Ordained: ABC/USA.
- Consultant with the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
- Contributor to various blogs, including the Wabash Center's blog for theological school deans
- Teacher and faculty development seminars, educational seminars on national, state, associational judicatory, graduate schools, and local organizational levels.
- Certified Laubach Literacy International tutor.
- Certified Trained Scorer, *Florida Beginning Teacher Program*, Florida Department of Education.

PUBLICATIONS
(selected list)

"Sustainable Financial Models: Analysis and Advocacy" in forthcoming volume *Sustaining Ministry Education: Cultivating the Ecotone of Lifelong Learning* (ATLA Open Books)

Lifelong Learning Matters: Essential Concepts for Dynamic Teaching and Learning in Lifelong Learning (Didache Press 2025)

60 Leadership Concepts: Practical Wisdom for Adaptive Leadership in Anxious Times (Didache Press 2025)

Leadership Pitfalls: The Most Common Leadership Pitfalls and How to Avoid Them (Didache Press 2025)

The Virtuous Leader: Lessons from the Stoics and Bowen Systems Theory (Didache Press, 2025)

Case Studies in Pastoral Leadership: Practical Case Studies for Navigating Complex Ministry Challenges (Didache Press 2025)

Academic Leadership: Practical Wisdom for Deans and Administrators (Didache Press, 2020)

"What Clergy Need to Thrive in Ministry," *In Trust*, Summer 2020.

The Sense of Things (Didache Press, 2018)

Awake of the River of Dreams (Didache Press, 2018)

The Lines on the Palms of Your Hands (Didache Press, 2017)

Leadership in Ministry: Bowen Theory in the Congregational Context (Didache Press, 2017)

101 Systems Theory Quotes (Didache Press, 2016)

You Should Have Been There: More tales from the front lines of ministry (Didache Press, 2016)

You Could Have Been There: Even more tales from the front lines of ministry (Didache Press, 2016)

You Had to Be There: Tales from the front lines of ministry (Didache Press, 2016)

Theories of Learning: Approaches to teaching and learning for Christian educators and theological faculty (Didache Press, 2015)

Seeking the Holy: The History and Practice of Spiritual Direction. (Educational Consultants, 2015)

Stories of the Desert Fathers: Ancient Wit and Wisdom for Today's Bewildering Times (Educational Consultants, 2015)

Mastering the Art of Instruction: The 9 Essential Skills Every Teacher Must Master (Educational Consultants, 2015)

A Guide to Course Design and Assessment of Student Learning (BTSR, 2009)

Perspectives on Congregational Leadership (Educational Consultants, 2009)

The Hidden Lives of Congregations (Alban Institute, 2004). Named one of the "Ten Best Books of 2005" by the Academy of Parish Clergy

A Family Genogram Workbook (Educational Consultants 2006)

How To Be the Best Christian Study Group Leader (Judson Press 2006)

The Craft of Christian Teaching (Judson Press, 1998)

Let Us Pray (Judson Press, 1999)

The Bible Live! Experience-Centered Activities for Children (Judson Press, 1999)

The Tree of All Hearts: Modern Parables for Teaching Faith (Smyth & Helwys, 2001)

A Christian Educator's Book of Lists (Smyth & Helwys, 2002)

El Arte de la Enseñanza Cristiana (Judson Press, 2002)

10 Best Parenting Ways to Ruin Your Child (Educational Consultants Publishing, 2001)

Myths: Fact and Fiction about Teaching and Learning (Educational Consultants, 2005)

10 Best Parenting Ways to Ruin Your Teenager (Educational Consultants, 2005)

Editor for *Review & Expositor* journal issue vol. 103, no. 3.

"Spiritual Direction and Pastoral Care," in *Spiritual Direction and the Care of*

Souls, Moon and Benner, eds. (Intervarsity Press 2004)
 "Methods of Christian Education Toward Christian Spiritual Formation,"
Review & Expositor (Fall 2001)
 "Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Direction: Addressing the Needs of the
 Spirit," *Journal of Pastoral Care* (Winter, 1997)
 "The Developmental Spiritual Needs of Adults in Mid-life," *Search Journal*.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- *The Hidden Lives of Congregations* (Alban) named as one of the "Ten Best Books of 2005" by the Academy of Parish Clergy
 - St. Gaudins Medal Award by the Student Art Guild of New York City, Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1972
- Excellence in Administration Award, 1988
- Dissertation included in Northern Arizona State University's Center for Excellence in Education.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Advisory Committee, The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
 Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education
 Religious Education Association
 Association of Leaders in Lifelong Learning for Ministry