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Historical Studies

Affiliation: American Baptist
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Education

Graduate Theological Union, PhD in History, 2002
Fuller Theological Seminary, Master of Arts in Theology, 1991
Sonoma State University, Teaching Credential (K-12), 1978
University of California at Davis, Bachelor of Arts in Music, 1976

Fellowship and Awards

Honors Club Alumni Doctorate, Continentals of Omega Boys & Girls Club, 2003
Dissertation Fellow, The Fund for Theological Education, Inc. Atlanta GA, 2001
American Baptist Doctoral Grant for scholarship, 1999-2000
Henry Newhall Fellowship Grant for Teaching, Graduate Theological Union, 1999

Comprehensive Examination Areas

Renaissance /Reformation / Early Modern Church History
Modern European & Non European Christianity
Early Church History with emphasis on North African Christianity

Areas of Teaching Interest

Survey of Church History, first century to the present
Tertullian, St. Cyprian and St. Augustine
Augustine and the Donatists, Augustine and Pelagius
Theology of the Early Church in the first four Ecumenical Councils
Renaissance / Reformation Church History
Black Baptist in America, Baptist History and Polity
The Civil Rights Movement as it relates to the theology of justice and love

Current research interest:

Augustine and his influence on the Reformers

Teaching Experience:

Associate Professor, *American Baptist Seminary of the West*, 2010 - current
Assistant Professor, *American Baptist Seminary of the West*, 2007-2010
Assistant Professor, *Notre Dame de Namur University*, 2002 - 2007
Adjunct Professor: *American Baptist Seminary of the West*, Berkeley CA, 2001
Adjunct Professor: *Graduate Theological Union* (Newhall), 1999
Teaching Assistant, *Church Divinity School of the Pacific*, 1997-1999
Adjunct Professor: *Patten College* (now Patten University), 1991-1993
Taught in three Penal Institutions for Patten College, 1991-1993

Taught in the Public School System, K-12, 1978-1989

Publications

“Another Look at the Good Samaritan: Luke 10: 25-37,” *Review & Expositor*, August 2017.

Wisdom from Africa: Theological Reflections on the Confessions of St. Augustine, Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2016.

Where is the Church? Martyrdom, Persecution, and Baptism in North Africa from the Second to the Fifth Century, Resource Publications, 2012.

Promotions

Promoted to Associate Professor of Church History at the *American Baptist Seminary of the West*, spring 2010.

Promoted to the *Core Doctoral Faculty* at the *Graduate Theological Union* in Berkeley California, 2012.

Scholarly Societies

The Journal of Early Christian Studies

American Society of Church History/ American Catholic Historical Association

References

J. Rebecca Lyman, Garret Professor of Church History, emeritae at the *Church Divinity School of the Pacific* (650) 363-9113

Arthur G. Holder, PhD, Professor of Christian Spirituality, *Graduate Theological Union*, 510 679-7894