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**The School of Theology
University of the South
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CURRENT POSITION

Dean, Professor of Liturgy, and Charles Todd Quintard Professor of Theology
The School of Theology
The University of the South

PREVIOUS POSITION

Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, 2001-2012

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Doctor of Theology, 1993

concentration in liturgics

Dissertation: *Aspects of Liturgical Time in Byzantine Jerusalem.*

Supervisors: Thomas J. Talley, Aidan Kavanagh, Boyce M. Bennett, Harry Boone Porter

The General Theological Seminary

New York, New York

Master of Divinity, 1980

concentration in liturgics and homiletics

Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Columbia, South Carolina

Master of Music, 1979

concentration in organ performance and choral conducting

University of South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina

Bachelor of Arts, 1976

concentration in music

Moravian College

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Diploma, 1972

concentration in organ performance

University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

HONORARY DEGREES

Doctor of Divinity, 2001 (*honoris causa*)

The General Theological Seminary

New York, New York

Doctor of Divinity 2002 (*honoris causa*)
The University of the South
Sewanee, Tennessee

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor of Anglican Studies and Liturgics, 2004-2012 (part-time)
Candler School of Theology
Emory University

Norma and Olan Mills Professor of Divinity: Liturgics and Homiletics, 1997-2001 (tenured)
The School of Theology
University of the South
Sewanee, Tennessee

Adjunct Professor, Ph.D. Program in Liturgical Studies, 1992-2003
The Caspersen School of Graduate Studies
Drew University
Madison, New Jersey

Trinity Church Professor: Liturgics and Preaching, 1990 – 1997 (tenured)
The General Theological Seminary
New York, New York

Assistant Professor of Preaching, Director of the Chapel, 1987-1990
The General Theological Seminary

Visiting Lecturer in the History of Worship and Liturgics, 1987-1988
Yale Divinity School
Berkeley Divinity School at Yale
New Haven, Connecticut

Lecturer in Pastoral Theology: Liturgics and Spirituality
Dean of Keffer Memorial Chapel, 1984-1987
Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
Wilfrid Laurier University
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Visiting Instructor in Liturgics and Church Music, 1983
School of Theology
University of the South

ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

Member
North American Academy of Liturgy

Member
Societas Liturgica

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, ASSISTANTSHIPS

Sabbatical Grant Recipient, 1992-1993, 1997-98
Conant Fund
Board for Theological Education
The Episcopal Church

Doctoral Teaching Fellowship, 1982-1984; 1987-1989
The General Theological Seminary

Charles Schribben Scholarship, 1979-1980
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

Thursby Scholarship in Music, 1974-1976
Moravian College

Teaching Assistant in Church Music and Liturgics, 1979-1980
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary

SELECTED LECTURES, CONFERENCES, AND PUBLIC ADDRESSES

Jacob L. Morgan Endowed Lectureship, "The Liturgical Implications of *Called to Common Mission*"
Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
Columbia, South Carolina
November 2000

Speaker/Presenter for Clergy Events in the Episcopal Dioceses of West Virginia (2), Southeast Florida, Mississippi (3), Nebraska, New Jersey (2), Connecticut, and Upper South Carolina, Utah, Maryland, Central Gulf Coast,

Chaplain and Lecturer in Liturgics
Forty Eighth Annual Sewanee Church Music Conference
July 1998

Major Presenter and Conference Preacher - "Exploring the Incarnation Cycle"
The 1998 Mississippi Conference on Liturgy and Church Music
Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Keynote Address: "Souls, Saints and Services": A Symposium Celebrating the Twentieth Anniversary of the Doctoral Program in Liturgical Studies
The Graduate School
Drew University
Madison, New Jersey
October 1997

Keynote Lectures: "The Integrity of Advent"
Annual Symposium of the Institute of Sacred Music
Yale Divinity School
New Haven, Connecticut

February 1997

Lecture: "With Eloquence of Speech and Song: Anglican Reflections
on the Eucharistic Hymns of John and Charles Wesley"
The Charles Wesley Society
Duke Divinity School
Durham, North Carolina
November 1995

Lectures and Workshop: "The Role of Preaching in the Ministry of a Deacon"
National Conference
North American Association for the Diaconate
Des Moines, Iowa
June 1995

Major Presenter: "Can These Bones Live? Rite and Ritual as Holy Hospitality"
1993 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Diocesan Liturgy and Music
Commissions of the Episcopal Church
Jackson, Mississippi

Conference Faculty: (with Professor William Hethcock) "Fiction and Film in Communicating the Word of
God"
The College of Preachers
Washington, D.C.
February 28-March 4, 1994

Major Presenter: "Living Tradition: Worshipping God in a Season of Change"
The 1994 Mississippi Conference on Liturgy and Church Music
Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Major Conference Address: "Individualism and the Corporate Life of the Body of Christ"
1987 Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Professors of Liturgics
Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Columbus, Ohio

Member of the Task Force for the Revision of the Common Lectionary, 1986-87
Consultation on Common Texts
English Language Liturgical Consultation

Keynoter and Theological Presenter
"Word in Motion; Spirit in Touch: The 1986 International Lutheran Conference on Worship"
Vancouver School of Theology
University of British Columbia

Major Conference Address: "Spirituality and the Mission of the Church"
1986 Annual Meeting of the Consulting Committee on Cooperative Projects in Congregational
Life of the American Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church -
Missouri Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada.

Preacher and Theological Presenter
1985 Bishop's Conference
Eastern Canada Synod
Lutheran Church in America

Preacher and Theological Presenter

1986 Bishop's Conference
North Carolina Synod
Lutheran Church in America

Public Lecture: "Calendars, Cycles, Catechesis: Perspectives on Sacred Time"
Westminster College
University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario, Canada

Major Convention Plenary Address: "Liturgical Models of Spiritual Formation"
1987 National Convention
Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada

SELECTED PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta, 2001-2012

Priest-In-Charge, 1997 - 2001
St. Agnes Episcopal Church
Cowan, Tennessee

Director of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, 1987 - 1997
The General Theological Seminary

Priest Associate, 1988-1992
All Saints Church (Episcopal)
New York, New York

Ordained Priest, November 1988
Diocese of New Jersey
Episcopal Church

Ordained Deacon, June 1988
Diocese of New Jersey
Episcopal Church

Chaplain and Dean of Chapel, 1984-1987
Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Parish Pastor, 1980-1982
Faith Lutheran Church
Murray Hill, New Jersey

Ordained, 1980
North Carolina Synod
Lutheran Church in America

Vicar, 1978-1979
St. David's Lutheran Church
West Columbia, South Carolina

Clinical Pastoral Education, Summer 1977
Richland Memorial Hospital
Columbia, South Carolina

SELECTED ECCLESIASTICAL APPOINTMENTS

President of the Board and Member of the Faculty, 2004-present
The College for Bishops
The Episcopal Church

Member of the Board, current chair (two terms),
The Archives of The Episcopal Church
Austin, Texas

Chair of the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music of the Episcopal Church, 2003 – 2009

Board of Trustees (elected by The General Convention), 2002 – 2009)
The General Theological Seminary
New York, New York

Board of Directors, Church Publishing Incorporated, 2004 - 2012
Church Pension Group
New York, New York

Canon Theologian, 1996- 2001
Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Faculty Member and Chaplain, 1987-1997
Preaching Excellence Conference
Episcopal Evangelism Foundation

Board of Trustees, 1988-1998
Episcopal Evangelism Foundation

Deacon-in-Training Mentor, 1988-1991
Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut

Ordination Examining Committee, 1984-1987
Eastern Canada Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada

Denominational Representative, Treasurer, and Member of the Executive Committee, 1986-1987
Consultation on Common Texts
English Language Liturgical Consultation

Sub-Committee on Liturgy and Music, 1986-1987
Division for Parish Life
Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada

Secretary, Task Force on Forms of Ministry, 1986-1987
Division for Theological Education and Ministry
Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada

PUBLICATIONS

- 1982-1983 Series of four articles on the development of the liturgical year with particular attention to the needs of church musicians. *Journal of Church Music*, June 1982, December 1982, February 1983, March 1983.
- 1983 "Luther's Reform of the Daily Office," *Worship*, Vol. 57, No. 4.
- 1986 "Christians and the Fear of AIDS," *Canada Lutheran*, Vol 1, No. 3.
- Book Review: *Baptism and Church: A Believer's Church Vision*. Edited by M. D. Strege (Grand Rapids: Sagamore Books, 1986) *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*.
- 1988 Contributor to *Intercessions for the Christian People*. ed. Gail Ramshaw. (New York: Pueblo, 1988.
- 1990 "A Call to Adventure: Seven Propositions on Ministry," in Donald S. Armentrout, *This Sacred History: Anglican Reflections for John Booty*. (Cambridge: Cowley).
- "Revisioning Participation: The Search for Balance," *Liturgy*, (The Journal of the Liturgical Conference, Volume 9, Number 4)
- Time and Community*. (ed.) Essays in honor of Thomas J. Talley. NPM Studies in Church Music and Liturgy. (Washington: The Pastoral Press)
- In Time and Community: Individualism and the Body of Christ," in *Time and Community*.
- 1992 Sermon: "Keep Death Daily Before Your Eyes," in *More Sermons that Work*. (Cincinnati: Forward Movement)
- 1993 Series of articles on the origin and development of the liturgical year for the *Topical Encyclopedia of Christian Worship*.
- Waiting for the Coming: The Liturgical Meaning of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany* (Washington: The Pastoral Press).
- Sermon: "For the Feast of Corpus Christi," in *Sermons that Work III* (Forward Movement)
- 1994 Book Review: *Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology*, by Gordon Lathrop (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993) in *Anglican Theological Review* LXXVI:4 (1994) 540-541.
- Book Review: *Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology*, by Gordon Lathrop (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1993) in *Sewanee Theological Review* 37:4 (1994) 423-424.

- Sermon: "For All Baptized Christians," in *Sermons that Work IV* (Forward Movement)
- 1995 "With Eloquence in Speech and Song: Anglican Reflections on the Eucharistic Hymns (1745) of John and Charles Wesley," in *Proceedings of the Charles Wesley Society II* (1995) 35-50.
- Book Review: *Eucharist: Christ's Feast with the Church*, by Laurence Hull Stookey (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1993) in *Sewanee Theological Review* 38:1 (1995) 75-76.
- Sermon: "Living in the Middle of the Story: A Homily for the Eve of Pentecost," in *Sermons that Work V* (Forward Movement)
- 1996 "A Sacred Time in Tension," *Liturgy: Advent IV* (Journal of the Liturgical Conference, Volume 13, Number 3) 5-10.
- "Christian Initiation: Ritual Patterns and the Future Shape of Revision," *A Prayer Book for the 21st Century* (Liturgical Studies Three, ed. Ruth A. Meyers). (New York: Church Hymnal) 18-32.
- Book Review: *Worship as Theology: Foretaste of Glory Divine*, by Don E. Saliers (Nashville: Abingdon, 1994) in *Sewanee Theological Review* 39:3 (Pentecost 1996) 327-328.
- Book Review: *The Anglican Collect: Texts and Sources 1549-1989*, by Martin R. Dudley (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1994) in *Worship* 70:4 (July 1996) 349-350.
- 1997 "Embrace the Happy Occasion: Prayer Book Revision in Light of 'Yesterday's Principles, Today's Questions, and Tomorrow's Possibilities in *Leaps and Boundaries: The Prayer Book in the 21st Century*, ed. P.V. Marshall and L.A. Northup (Harrisburg: Morehouse) 177-190.
- Book Review: *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*, by Laurence Hull Stookey (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996) in *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin XVIII.3* (1997) 350-351.
- Book Review: *The Sermon: Dancing at the Edge of Mystery*, by Eugene Lowry (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1997) in the *Sewanee Theological Review* 41:1 (Christmas 1997) 83-84.
- 1998 "Rejoice in the Glorious Company of the Saints," *Liturgy: Souls, Saints and Services*. (Journal of the Liturgical Conference, Volume 14 , Number 3) 1-15.
- "Stick It In Your Ear: Preaching as an Oral-Aural Transaction, in *Preaching as Image, Story, and Idea: Sermons that Work VII*, ed. Roger Alling and David Schlafer (Harrisburg: Morehouse) 35-40.
- Sermon: "Comfort, Credibility, and Credentials," in *Preaching as Image, Story, and Idea: Sermons that Work VII*, ed. Roger Alling and David Schlafer (Harrisburg: Morehouse) 32-34.
- Book Review: *Rule of Prayer, Rule of Faith: Essays in Honor of Aidan Kavanagh*. ed. John Baldwin, S.J. and Nathan Mitchell. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1996) in the *Anglican Theological Review LXXX, No 3*. (Summer 1998) 454-456.

- Exegetical Resource: "Preaching in Advent: Year A, Advent 1." in *Australian Ministry Digest* (Vol. 5, No. 4) 38-39.
- 1999 *With Ever Joyful Hearts: Essays on Liturgy and Music in Honor of Marion J. Hatchett*, (ed.) (New York: Church Publishing).
- "Known By the Calendars We Keep," in *Pastoral Music* 23:2.
- "Embracing the Elusive: Capturing Mystery in Liturgical History," in *Liturgical Ministry* 8 (Summer 1999).
- 2004 *This Far By Grace: A Bishop's Journey with Questions About Homosexuality*. (Cambridge: Cowley).
- "Comment Une Vie de Fidélité à L'Évangile Est-Elle Inséparable de L'Euchariste? (Église Anglicane," in *Eucharistia: Encyclopedie de l'Eucharistie*. ed. Maurice Brouard (Paris:Les Éditions du Cerf).
- 2006 "The Protagonist Corner: No News Is Not Good News," in *Journal for Preachers* XXIX:9 (Easter 2006) 57-59.
- Address for the Nottingham Presentation of *To Set Our Hope On Christ*, in *Living Communion: Anglican Consultative Council XIII, Nottingham*. James M. Rosenthal and Susan T. Erdey, eds). New York: Church Publishing.
- "The Shape of the Classical Book of Common Prayer," in *Oxford Guide to the Book of Common Prayer: A Worldwide Survey*. Ed. Charles Hefling and Cynthia Shattuck. (New York: Oxford University Press (64-72)).
- 2009 Hagiographical Editor for *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*. (The sanctoral calendar of The Episcopal Church.
- 2010 "Under the Mercy: Liturgical Patterns of Reconciliation through the Centuries," in *Ambassadors for God: Envisioning Reconciliation Rites for the 21st Century*, (Liturgical Studies V), ed. J.M. Phillips. (New York, Church Publishing), 1-15.
- "Deeply Rooted, Provokingly Thoughtful, Richly Practical: A Tribute to the Scholarship of Marion Josiah Hatchett," *The Sewanee Theological Review* (April 2010).
- 2013 "Practical Ecclesiology," in *Drenched in Grace: Essays in Baptismal Ecclesiology*. ed. L.L. Miller and W. Knowles. (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick), 196-207.
- 2014 *Celebrating Liturgical Time: Days, Weeks, and Seasons*. (New York: Church Publishing).