



## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Engaging the Gadfly: How to Move from Reactionary to Reflective Hybrid, online, and In Person Preaching in the Digital Age.* Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock; Cascade Books, forthcoming 2024.

Contributing Editor (General Editor Mary Alice Mulligan). *The Living Pulpit: Sermons that Illustrate Preaching in the Stone-Campbell Movement 1968-2018.* St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2018.

### Journal Articles

“The Courage to Preach in the Digital Age.” For the special issue of *Religions. Preaching in the Revolutionary Era of Digital Technology and Social Media: Homiletical-Theological Assessment and Strategic Suggestions.* 14 (551) (2023) (by invitation).

“Failure to Discern the Online/Hybrid Body: A Captivity of the Eucharist.” For the special issue of *Currents in Theology and Mission: Eucharist and Online Worship: Toward Extended Theological Reflection,* vol. 50, no. 1 (2023) (by invitation).

“Blessed is the One Whose Bowels Can Move: An Essay in Praise of Lament.” For the special issue of *Religions. Contemporary Christian Worship and Praise: Liturgy, Preaching, and Music in Today’s Church,* 13 (12) (2022) (by invitation).

“Reaching Out for Community in a Digital World: Problems & Possibilities.” *Word & World: Solitude and Community,* Vol. 42, No. 2, Spring 2022 (by invitation).

“Preaching By the Rivers of Babylon: How an Exile from Pulpit and Pew Can Change White Preaching on the Other Side of Pandemic.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 75, no. 2 (2021): 123-133. (by invitation)

“Homiletical Possibilities and Challenges in Colossians.” *Review & Expositor* 116, no. 4 (2019): 458-465. (by invitation)

“Clara Babcock To Again Occupy the Pulpit: Reclaiming her voice as preacher and pioneer in Disciples of Christ history.” *Restoration Quarterly* 55.3 (2013): 169-179.

### Book Chapters

“Liturgical Authority and the Table in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).” In *Liturgical Authority in Free Church Traditions,* edited by Sarah Johnson and Andrew Wymer,

Calvin Worship and Witness Series. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock; Cascade Books, 2023. (by invitation)

“Preaching from the Perspective of Process Theology.” In *Preaching the Manifold Grace of God: Theologies of Preaching in the Early Twenty-First Century Vol. 2*, edited by Ronald J. Allen. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2022. (by invitation)

“Introduction to Sermons of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1968-2018” (with Richard Voelz) In *The Living Pulpit: Sermons that Illustrate Preaching in the Stone-Campbell Movement 1968-2018*, edited by Mary Alice Mulligan, 194-197. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2018.

### **Published Sermons**

"The Fruit of Self-Control: Sermon on Galatians 5." *Preaching to Teach: Inspire People to Think and Act*, by Richard Voelz, 72-78. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019. (by invitation)

### **Web-Based Publications**

Lectionary Commentaries on Isaiah 9:2-7, 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Isaiah 61:1-11, Joel 2:12-133, 28-29 at Working Preacher ([www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org)), December 2020. (by invitation)

Lectionary Commentaries on Isaiah 63:7-9, Isaiah 35:1-10, Isaiah 11:1-10, Isaiah 2:1-5 at Working Preacher ([www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org)), December 2019. (by invitation)

Lectionary Commentaries on Habakkuk 1:1-4, Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 33:12-22, Psalm 66:1-9 at Working Preacher ([www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org)), November-July 2019. (by invitation)

Lectionary Commentaries on Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18, Exodus 14:19-31, Exodus 12:1-14, 1 Kings 3:5-12 at Working Preacher ([www.workingpreacher.org](http://www.workingpreacher.org)), October-July 2017. (by invitation)

### **Book Reviews**

Review of *The Nones: Where They Came From, Who They Are, and Where They Are Going*, by Ryan P. Burge, *Homiletic*, forthcoming.

Review of *Curating Church: Strategies for Innovative Worship*, by Jacob D. Myers, *Encounter* 81.3 (Fall 2021)

Review of *The Holy No: Worship as a Subversive Act*, by Adam Hearlson, *Review and Expositor* 117, no. 2 (2020): 312-313.

Review of *Will Willimon's Lectionary Sermon Resource: Year B Part 1: Advent through Easter*, by Will Willimon, *Encounter* 78.1 (2018): 119-120.

Review of *Text Messages: Preaching God's Word in a Smartphone World*, by John Tucker, ed. *Homiletic* 43, no. 1 (2018): 24-25.

Review of *Justice Calls: Sermons of Welcome and Affirmation*, by Phil Snider, ed. *Encounter* 77.3 (2017): 79-80.

Review of *Christian Practical Wisdom: What It Is, Why It Matters*, by Dorothy C. Bass, Kathleen A. Cahalan, Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore, James R. Nieman, and Christian Scharen. *Review and Expositor* 114, no. 3 (2017): 508-509.

Review of *The Scandal of Having Something to Say* by Lance Pape. *Practical Matters Journal*, Issue 9 (2016): 177-178.

Review of *Distance in Preaching: Room to Speak, Space to Listen* by Michael Brothers. *Homiletic* 40, no. 1 (2015): 72-73.

Review of *Virtually Sacred: Myth and Meaning in a World of Witchcraft and Second Life*, by Robert M. Geraci. *Homiletic* 39, no. 2 (2014): 64-65.

Review of *Annie Dillard and the Word Made Flesh*, by Colleen Warren. *The Other Journal*, no. 23 (2014): 121-125.

## **VIDEOS, SOCIAL MEDIA, BLOGS and PODCASTS**

"I Thirst," Holy Week Facebook Live cast with *The Living Room Christian Fellowship Passion Week Conversations*. April 1, 2021.

<https://www.facebook.com/704876213/videos/10159334728916214/>

"Process Theology," podcast interview with *Ideas About God*, Ep. 4. November 1, 2020.

"Digital Preaching: Pandemic and Beyond," Instagram live interview for @h\_andco\_ *Quarantine Sessions*, May 20, 2020.

"e-preaching," webinar with TheoTechnics (Sam Potter and Dr. Nancy Howell), March 26, 2020.

"Preaching Across the Preaching Across the Pulpit/Pew Divide: Possibilities for Preaching in the Next 500 Years," guest blog for *Ecclesio.com: the current scene through a Gospel lens*.

October 19, 2017. <https://www.ecclesio.com/2017/10/preaching-across-pulpitpew-divide-possibilities-preaching-next-500-years-dr-casey-thornburgh-sigmon/>

“Vote for Jesus! On politics, pulpits, and public theology,” guest blog for *State of Formation: offshoot of the Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS)*, program of the Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership at Hebrew College and Boston University School of Theology. October 15, 2011.

<https://stateofformation.org/2011/10/vote-for-jesus-on-politics-pulpits-and-public-theology/>

“What We Speak Out Against/For,” guest blog for *State of Formation: offshoot of the Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS)*, program of the Betty Ann Greenbaum Miller Center for Interreligious Learning & Leadership at Hebrew College and Boston University School of Theology. October 4, 2011. <https://stateofformation.org/2011/10/what-we-speak-out-againstfor-2/>

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS and PAPERS**

“An Invitation to Dialogical Preaching and Pedagogy in the Digital Age” workshop for Transforming Lives through Theological Education at IAMSCU Conference (International Association of Methodist Schools, Colleges, and Universities). Cambridge, United Kingdom, May 2023.

“Authorized Body By Spirit: The Tradition of Co-Celebrants at the Lord’s Table in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),” presentation for the North American Academy of Liturgy, Free Church Tradition Pre-Meeting. Zoom. January 2021.

“Best Practices for Preaching in the Pandemic and Beyond” presentation for the Academy of Homiletics, Preaching, Media, & Technology Work Group. Zoom. December 2020.

“Can I Take Your Ordo? Reflections on Dinner Church Liturgies,” presentation at the North American Academy of Liturgy- Exploring Contemporary and Alternative Worship Seminar, Denver, Colorado, January 2019.

“The Courage to Preach in a Digital Age,” paper presented at the Academy of Homiletics- Preaching, Media, and Technology Workgroup, Dallas, Texas, November 2017.

“Engaging the Gadfly: Contemporary Technoculture & Contemporary Worship,” presentation at the North American Academy of Liturgy- Exploring Contemporary and Alternative Worship Seminar, Washington, D.C., January 2017.

“Pulpit and Pew: Preaching Caught in a Bin(d)nary,” paper presented at the Academy of Homiletics- Preaching, Media, and Technology Workgroup, San Antonio, Texas, November 2016.

“The Gospel According to Her: A Qualitative Study of Christian Woman and Tattoo Culture,” paper presented at Ways of Knowing- Graduate Conference on Religion, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, October 2014.

“The Weeping Witness: Preaching as Prophetic Lamentation toward the Ethical Imperative,” paper co-author Yolanda M. Norton, presented at the Academy of Homiletics- Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies Workgroup, Louisville, Kentucky, December 2013.

“The Psalms and God’s Hese: Reclaiming Mature Proximity to Presence/Absence in Public Space,” paper co-author Yolanda M. Norton, presented at the Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting- Bible and Pastoral Theology Workgroup, Chicago, Illinois, November 2012.

### **INVITED TALKS**

“Dylan’s Prophetic Lamentation,” lecture for the *Sacred and Secular Benefit Concert*. St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, October 2022.

“Medicine for Such a Time as Now,” convocation address for Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Rochester, New York, August 2021.

“Best Practices for Preaching Online and Hybrid,” guest lecturer in “Introduction to Preaching” with Dr. Leah Schade, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Kentucky, January 2021.

“Preaching in the Network,” lecture for Greater Kansas City Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) New Church Planters Cohort. April 1, 2020.

“Confronting the Choreography of Complicity in [White] Christian Liturgy,” keynote address for the Wesleyan Liturgical Society, Kansas City, Missouri, March 2020.

“Lovingly and Livingly Bound- A Process Theology Reflection on the Covenantal Language of the Preamble of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),” lecture given by invitation to the General Board Meeting of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Indianapolis, Indiana, February 2020.

“Preaching, Technology, and Social Media,” guest lecturer in “Preaching in the 21st Century” with Professor Richard W. Voelz, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, Virginia, April 2017.

“Teaching Spiritual and Community Formation in the Digital Age,” presentation for Faculty Workday at Saint Paul School of Theology, Overland Park, Kansas, August 2017.

“A Homiletic of Lament: Bringing the God-forsaken Back into the Fold of a Compassionate God,” presentation for the Danish Festival of Homiletics, Humlebaek, Denmark, May 2015.

## **WORKSHOPS and WEBINARS**

Digital Preaching Coach, The Bridge for Early Career Preachers Cohort at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA. Funded by the Lilly Compelling Preaching Initiative. 2023 (by invitation).

“Using Digital Space for Discipleship,” coach of three cohorts for the Missouri United Methodist Foundation, Online. February-May 2023 (by invitation).

“Offering the Word to a Digital World,” keynote speaker for the United Methodist Church Missouri Preaching Academy. Columbia, MO: February 15-16, 2023 (by invitation).

“Using Digital Space for Discipleship,” webinar for the Missouri United Methodist Foundation. Online. January 19, 2023 (by invitation).

“A Movement for Wholeness: Seeking Covenantal Relationships with a Living and Loving God,” session two in *Imagine God’s Limitless Love: A Covenant Conversation for Disciples of Christ*. The Governance Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). May 2021. <https://disciples.org/our-identity/covenant-conversation/>

“Cinematic Savior: A 5 Week Study of Jesus in Film,” for Vine Street Christian Church, Nashville, TN: February-March 2015.

Biblical Preaching Workshop, continuing education for clergy in the Tennessee Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Nashville, Tennessee, September 2012.

## **LITURGICAL and DEVOTIONAL CREATION**

2023 Week of Compassion Special Offering Materials for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). “Theme Scripture Exegesis & Sermon Starter; Worship & Liturgy Resources.” Spring 2023. (by invitation).

“Lent Another Way,” e-course, writer with *The Plural Guild* and *The Many*, Lent 2021. <https://www.themanyarehere.info/lentanotherway>

“Pentecost,” a Pentecost liturgy kit by *Small Batch Worship*, Summer 2018.

“Casting Shadows,” a Lenten liturgy kit by *Small Batch Worship*, Spring 2018.

## **CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP**

“Vicissitude: Navigating Call and Mission as Contextual Educators in 2020,” organizer. United Methodist Theological Field Educators. Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, KS: January 2020.

“Pedagogical Possibilities: New Paradigms in Teaching for Ministry,” steering committee. Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN: June 2015.

[https://www.vanderbilt.edu/theology-and-practice/New\\_Paradigms.php](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/theology-and-practice/New_Paradigms.php)

“Not On My Watch! Ending Violence Against Women and Children,” a Sophie’s Table, WomanPreach conference, site coordinator, Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, TN: March 2013. <https://www.womanpreach.org/sophies-table>

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Facilitating Intercultural Learning, with True North Intercultural, LLC. Spring 2023. (3.2 CEUs)

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

Peer Reviewer, *Religions*

Membership Committee, The North American Academy of Liturgy

Peer Reviewer, *Homiletic*

## **SERVICE TO SEMINARY**

Search Committee- Faculty History Search, Fall 2022

Search Committee- Faculty Practical Theology Search, Fall 2022

Curriculum Committee, Fall 2022

Faculty Personnel and Steering (elected by peers), Fall 2022

Search Committee- Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean, 2021-2022

Commencement Committee, 2021-2022

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2021-2022

Anti-Racism Task Force, 2021-2020

Assessment Committee, 2021-2022

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2020-2021

Admissions Committee, 2020-2021

Curriculum Committee, 2019-2020

Admissions Committee, 2019-2020

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Ordained Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Commission for Ministry Innovation, Greater Kansas City Region (DOC)



Member, MORE2 Kansas City  
 Member, Academy of Homiletics  
 Member, North American Academy of Liturgy  
 Member, Association for Theological Field Education  
 Member, United Methodists for Theological Field Education  
 Voice, Center for Open & Relational Theology

**GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS**

Wabash Center Fellowship: “Resisting the Plagiarized Pulpit: Helping Students (and the professor) Find and Trust Their Voice through Artistic Instructional Design”	2021-2022
Early Career Workgroup Wabash Center for Teaching	2020-2021
Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship, Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC)	2015
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Ann E. Dickerson Scholarship, Higher Education & Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (DOC)	2012
Carpenter Center Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University	2012
Program in Theology and Practice Fellow, Vanderbilt University	2011- 2017
George Tressler Scott Fellowship in Applied Christianity, McCormick Theological Seminary	2010
William H. Higgins Scholarship, McCormick Theological Seminary	2009
William H. Higgins Scholarship, McCormick Theological Seminary	2008
Jewish Women's Scholarship of Greater Kansas City	2002

**AWARDS and HONORS**

Bettye R. Ford Graduate Student Service Award, Vanderbilt University	2010
Arthur A. McKay Prize in Theology, McCormick Theological Seminary	2010
Graduation with Academic Honors, McCormick Theological Seminary	2010
Graduation with Highest Distinction, The University of Kansas	2006

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Co-founder of TheoTechnics	2020
Chapel Coordinator Kansas Campus-Saint Paul School of Theology, Leawood, KS	2018-2019
Senior Pastor-Weston Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Weston, MO	2018-2019
Co-founder of Small Batch Worship	2018
Interim Pastor- Merriam Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Merriam, KS	2017
Regional Board- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City	2017-2019
Interim Pastor- Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Springfield, TN	2014-2015
Worship Intern- Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee	2012-2013

Worship Assistant- McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois	2009-2010
Worship Intern- LaSalle Street Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois	2008-2009
Worship Coordinator- Vintage Church, Lawrence, KS	2006-2007

**COURSES TAUGHT**

**Saint Paul School of Theology** 2016-present

PRE 401/402, Introduction to Preaching  
 PRE 444, The Ministry of Preaching in a Digital Age  
 WOR 410, Introduction to Worship & Liturgy  
 WOR 415, Designing and Leading Worship  
 CHS 515, Prophetic Ministry  
 PCM 312, Dinner Church Movement  
 PCM 316, Preaching and Technology  
 PCM 357, Technology in Ministry (professor of record)

**Course of Study-Saint Paul School of Theology** 2017-present

COS 223, Worship & Sacraments  
 COS 321, Bible III: Gospels  
 COS 521, Bible V: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation  
 COS 324, Preaching

**Trevecca Nazarene University** 2014-2016

WAS 4020 01, Contextualization of Worship

**Vanderbilt Divinity School** 2012-2014

DIV 2801, Fundamentals of Preaching (Teaching Fellow for John S. McClure)  
 DIV 3032, Theology and Preaching (Teaching Fellow for John S. McClure)  
 DIV 3026, Prophetic Preaching and Social Justice Ethics (Teaching Fellow for Dale P. Andrews)  
 DIV 4011, Traversing Our National Wound: Immigration and the US/Mexico Border (Teaching Fellow for Viki Matson)